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Clinton City Chronicles

CCS Takes on BizTown

Clinton City Schools has had a long-standing partnership with Junior Achievement for many years. Due to the generosity of community and business leaders, each class across the district participates in Junior Achievement classes. These classes teach real-life skills in personal finance, economy, marketing, public speaking, teamwork, and much more!

One of the highlights of this program is the 5th grade trip to BizTown, which is a miniature city within the walls of the East TN



Junior Achievement Building. Students participate in lessons prior to attending BizTown Day in their classrooms. The lessons focus on managing a personal checkbook, marketing a

business, using the law of supply/demand, setting price structures to create a profit, learning about donating/philanthropy, and several other concepts. The purpose of BizTown is to allow students to put their learning into an authentic experience as they maneuver a day in the life of a working adult!

Students spend time in the city of BizTown both as a consumer and worker. Each student is given a specific job, check book, debit card, and savings account. They take their jobs very seriously as they earn wages which can be spent during their time as a consumer. During their short lunch break, they must eat, go to the post office, and open up at savings account at the bank. Quickly,



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students feel the stress of managing both professional and personal business in such a short time frame! In addition, they are asked to manage cash and pay taxes. City meetings are held during the day where the mayor (a student) addresses the city members on pressing issues.

When walking into BizTown, visitors see



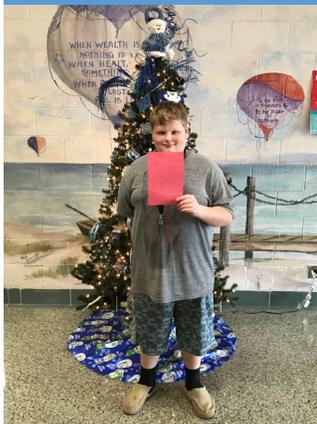
students hustling and bustling! There is no time for rest because there is much to be done!

Through this simulation, students experience the perfect blending of classroom academic standards and

real-life situations. Upon exiting the bus, one student reported, "I am exhausted! This working business is tiring!" The BizTown experience is one that students will remember for many years to come. It requires a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication on the part of each teacher and parent volunteers. However, seeing students take their role as a community member so seriously as they apply all their learning makes it worth it. This is one of the many programs implemented in CCS as part of the focus in developing well-rounded students.



Sixth Grade Students at CES Bring Christmas Joy to Local Soldier



The Clinton Strong Project is a lasting legacy project that gives each 6th grade student the opportunity to do something they've never done before, explore new interests, make positive changes, and lead the

of encouragement to local graduate Dalton Boatman. Boatman, a 2011 graduate of Clinton High School, is in training as an Army National Guardsman in Fort Benning, Georgia. Page hopes that these



letters will bring comfort to Boatman and other soldiers during this time of year when it's especially hard to be away from their families while serving our country.

way for future 6th graders. Sixth grade students at CES are using the skills they have learned in the classroom to bring joy to a local soldier and his company during the holidays. Student Eric Page thought it would be meaningful to write letters of encouragement to a local soldier as his Clinton Strong Project. Page, along with his classmates, wrote letters



CCS Honors Military in Chamber Christmas Parade

If you were brave enough to come out on a cold Saturday afternoon to see the Clinton Christmas Parade, you saw the “All Hearts Come Home for Christmas” CCS float. This float was designed and decorated by the 6th grade Hangout Club at NCES. Students created the decorations that went on the float and wrote the narration for the float which was read aloud by the Chamber as the float passed their office.



On one side of a Christmas tree was a mother reading a letter from her military son. On the other side of the tree, observers saw her military son reading a letter in his bunker.

Although they may be separated physically, Christmas still brings them together in spirit. The narration encouraged family members to still save a seat for those who are serving their country at the holiday table. After all, all hearts come home for Christmas.



CCS wants to thank all the men and women in our military who make, and have made, personal sacrifices to ensure the safety and security of our country. Our hearts are with you, and we wish you a Happy Holiday season.



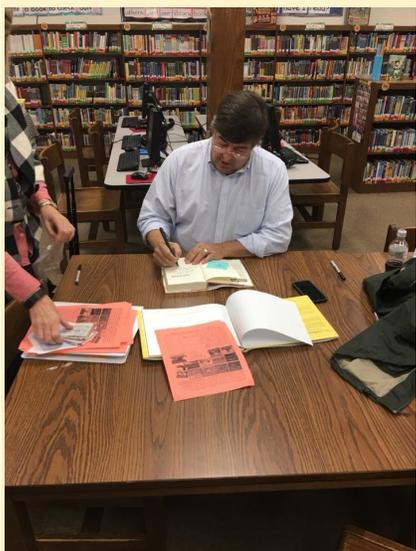
Michael Shoulders Visits SCES

Earlier this year, SCES students met their first school wide accelerated reading goal of 5,000 points. To celebrate meeting this goal, librarian



Teresa Schlandt secured a visit with author Michael Shoulders. Mr. Shoulders is the author of many different children's books, including *V is For*

Volunteer, *1 Mississippi 2 Mississippi*, *M is For Magnolia*, and many more. He is a graduate of Austin Peay State University where he graduated with his degree in education in 1976. In 1995, he attended the Governor's Academy for Teachers of



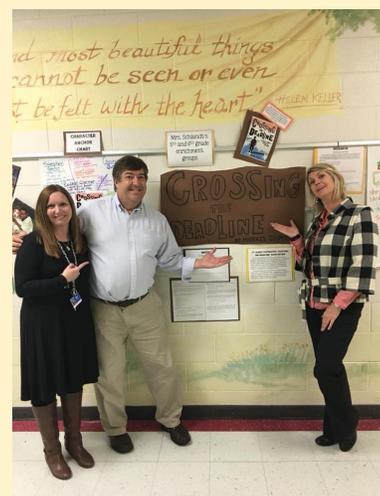
Writing and has been writing books for children and youth ever since!

Mrs. Schlandt has been working with her 5th and 6th grade enrichment groups on a book study of his historical fiction

novel *Crossing the Deadline*, the story of a young boy named Stephen and his journey through the

Civil War. The students have spent the semester in an intense study of the book, relating what they have learned about the Civil War in their social studies classes to what they are reading and applying various

literary concepts. The hallways outside the library are lined with story maps addressing the themes in the book, character maps analyzing the characters in the book, and the various themes that students found in the story.



SCES welcomed Mr. Shoulders on Tuesday, December 5th. He spoke to students in two sessions, Kindergarten through 3rd grade and 4th through 6th grade. After each session, students had the opportunity to meet him and have their books autographed. Mrs. Schlandt's 5th and 6th grade students even had the chance to sit down with Mr. Shoulders and have a question/answer session and discussion with him about *Crossing the Deadline*. This was an amazing culminating activity for the students who read the book as well as an amazing visit for all SCES students to grow in their love of reading!

A Nutty Learning Experience at NCES

So many exciting educational experiences are happening at North Clinton this year! Jyl Smithson's 3rd grade class has been receiving post cards from all the states in the union as part of their social studies class. Both our music teacher and one of our lovely cafeterias ladies have joined in the fun! Louella Green, from the cafeteria, had some cards from the west sent in to the class, while Mr. Glashauser had a friend from Hawaii send an unusual piece of mail.... an actual coconut! Yes, the address was written directly on the coconut! Now other staff and community members have joined in the fun! We can't wait to see what arrives in the mail



next! It has been a great way to bring learning to life for our NCES students!

Basketball Ends in BLAZE of Glory!

The inaugural CCS BLAZE basketball team is winding down for this school year. The basketball team was created as part of the CCS focus to develop well-rounded students who are given opportunities to not only excel in academics, but develop individual talents and interests as well.

During the course of the season, the BLAZE played several home and away ballgames, including a 2-day tournament in Coalfield. The team participated in daily practice, competed well, improved on skills, hosted a pancake breakfast, and participated in an anti-bullying session. Students had to maintain good attendance, academics, and behavior in order to remain on the team.

The CES gym will undergo renovations during Summer 2018. New bleachers will be



installed, the floor will be refinished, and new backboards will be purchased. We also hope to paint the gym to give it an updated look!

We appreciate all the local community members and businesses who helped make this year a success:

Fox Toyota

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Dr. Tim Bible

Joey Smith

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Willow Ridge Nursery Scott Morrow

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Without the vast support from the community, this would not have been possible.

Clinton City Schools Director, Kelly Johnson, states, "This program has done an excellent job of bring our three schools together and has strengthened the Clinton City Schools' community. The students have played under two quality coaches, Mrs. Terri Kerley and Mr. Jeff Little. Mr. E.T. Stamey has done a remarkable job marketing our team and building a quality program. Each home game was packed, and the students felt very supported during our shortened season. We will continue to build on this year, and make next year even better."

CCS will be offering basketball camps in the spring/summer for students who are interested in trying out for the BLAZE in the 2018-19 school year. We are also planning to host a AAU Tournament in the spring, so look out for more BLAZE announcements soon! CCS is still accepting donations for gym renovations. If you are interested, please contact us!

