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Anderson County Community Connections

CHS Opens The Hollingsworth Sportsplex



It was an exciting night for Clinton High School on Thursday, March 1st! To celebrate the official opening of the Hollingsworth Sportsplex, a dinner was hosted to acknowledge donors who contributed to the building funds, staff, coaches, students, and even alumni.

Due to the overwhelming response and support towards the Sportsplex, an evening dedicated to those who contributed to the project was a fantastic idea. To date, the Sportsplex has received a total donation amount of \$1.265 Million.

The Sportplex could not have been completed without the contribution of Joe Hollingsworth, Jr. and the construction team of the Hollingsworth Companies. During the event, Hollingsworth told the crowd, "This was a way to recognize my mom

and dad. They were both from Clinton. They spent their entire lives here and they always gave back to their community. On behalf of my family, I am proud to dedicate this facility in their memory."

CHS Principal Caleb Tipton also expressed his gratitude to the community and donors at the event. "The school and community have a rich tradition of embracing hard work, sacrifice, and big dreams. You dream it up and our teachers, our community will get behind and support it."



Congratulations to Clinton High School on this major milestone!

CMS Takes a Girls Trip . . . Stem Careers at Y-12



On February 22, about 50 8th grade girls at Clinton Middle School took a trip to Y-12's Introduce a Girl to Engineering program. This year's theme was "Engineers Create Things that Matter." The girls were given the opportunity to hear from local women involved in STEM related careers, as well as to explore various job opportunities in and around our community. Speakers at the event spoke on topics, such as "#GirlBoss," "Goal-Setting," and "The Importance of a Mentor." Each topic was centered around empowering the girls to pursue careers in STEM related fields and



inspiring them to design and create things that matter. Along with speakers, the girls visited various booths set up and hosted by numerous departments partnered with and within Y-12's Laboratory. Each booth highlighted STEM jobs and allowed girls a hands-on mini experience of what that job consists of and creates. Girls explored jobs involving chemistry, electricity, engineering, environmental science, robotics, coding, etc. After exploring the booths, the girls participated in a large group STEM Challenge that engaged both their creativity and their team building skills. At the completion of the trip, there was a common cry for "girl empowerment." The girls were reminded of their value and worth. They were also reminded that stereotypes can be broken and girls can be #boss. It's okay to be smart, and it's great to have confidence in yourself. The final challenge of the day was for each girl to find a mentor. "Find a mentor in your life who is going to push you out of your comfort zone, inspire you to be more than you ever dreamed, and stand by you when the times get hard."

ACS Teachers Receive Grants

Teachers from six different Anderson County Schools received grants from the Altrusa International of Oak Ridge and the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary. Schools from all grade bands received grants ranging in value from \$400 to \$1000. The grant money will go to



support a variety of literacy projects from adding high-interest books to both school and classroom libraries to buying books to support summer reading initiatives.



ACCTC Students Take On Construction Projects

Students of Anderson County Career and Technical Center have been hard at work this semester. The Construction Core and Carpentry 2 Classes taught by Phil Pyke are livening up

things around the school campus and the county. The classes have completed major projects such as building lockers for the ACHS Baseball team, building the cart for the ACCTC Culinary

Classes, building signage for H&R Block, along with building the lockers for the baseball and softball teams of Roane State Community College.



School Counselors in Today's World

Over the past 20 years the role of a School Counselor has changed from guidance and scheduling to a more holistic approach that addresses student's social,



emotional and academic needs. School Counselors are available to help your student with all student concerns as well as college and career planning. Every school in the county has at least one School Counselor and both Anderson County High and Clinton High School have 4 counselors. Counselors are available during school hours and after school by appointment. In addition to our school counseling staff our schools also partner with Cherokee Health Systems to address the therapeutic needs of students.



CHS Counselors (Left to Right): Debbie Hawk, Carrie Jenkins, Mary Tuskan, and Melissa Fey

CHS JROTC Advances to the Championship



Congratulations to the Clinton AF JROTC Academic Team! They have advanced to the Championship level event for the 2017-18 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl in Washington, DC! The team members are: Cadets Kaylee Puleo, Austin Lowe, David Goodrich and team captain Dylan Butler. Our team competed against 892 other AF JROTC High Schools from the across the world, finishing as one of the top 16 teams that will represent the USAF JROTC program against all of the Department of Defense JROTC programs. Best of luck to the Clinton AF JROTC academic team as they seek top honors in the 2018 Air Force JROTC Academic Championship

and JROTC Joint Service Academic Bowl Championship, 22-26 June in Washington DC!

Extraordinary High School Students

Anderson County High School would like to highlight an extraordinary senior, Abby List. Abby has always gone above and beyond when it comes to her academics. She has completed independent study classes that go beyond the high school curriculum. Abby recently was named a National Merit Scholar. Abby has also scored a PERFECT 36 on the ACT. She plans to attend Duke University in the fall, where she has already been accepted. Abby plans on majoring in computer science and minoring in music. Abby participated in the All-East Clinic and is also going to Nashville in April as a member of the All-State Band. She currently plays in the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra. Abby is a member of the Anderson County High School National Honor Society.



During 2017 David Goodrich worked with Kareday Assisted Living Facilities in Oak Ridge and designed and built handicapped accessible raised bed gardens for the residents. Since then his design has been copied several times and the gardens have

thrived. The residents recently invited David to attend an appreciation luncheon in his honor on February 6th. At the luncheon they presented him with a plaque of appreciation.



Innovation Academy Meets TN Legislators



On Tues., Feb. 13, two Innovation Academy students attended the second-annual Jobs for Tennessee Graduates (JTG) Day on the Hill in Nashville, TN, which invites TN high school students to meet TN legislators and other JTG students at the TN State Capitol. Innovation Academy staff and students were able to meet TN Rep. John Ragan and TN's Lt. Gov. Randy McNally (pictured). JTG is a non-profit organization that teaches professional and life skills to high school students to prepare them for the workforce and adulthood after high school while earning high school credit. JTG serves 19 high schools in 15 counties around TN with the hope to earn additional funding through the

state to increase its numbers. Currently, JTG is only conducted in Anderson County Schools through the Innovation Academy under Estle Muncy's instruction.

L-R: John Dwyer (JTG President and CEO), Estle Muncy (JTG Instructor), Randy McNally (Back - TN Lt. Governor), Dakoda Gordon (Front - JTG Student), Tamara Daugherty (JTG Student), and Krista Petrick (Innovation Academy English Teacher).

ACCTC Hosa Wins Big



In February, the HOSA Regional Competitors traveled to Carson Newman University with both Advisors, Mrs. Minarik and Mrs. Yaden. They placed and were admitted to compete at HOSA State Competition in Chattanooga, which will occur from March 25-28.

Top placers at the 2018 HOSA competition:

Samantha Mack - Dental Science - 1st Place

Madison Marsee - Veterinarian Science - 1st Place

Lexi Newton & Kinsley Williams - EMT - 1st Place

Shantelle Bailey - Clinical Nursing 2nd Place

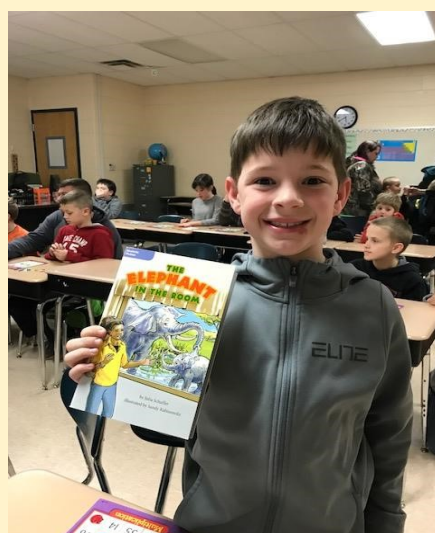
Samantha Johnson, Ciara Riedlinger, Elizabeth Knight - Health Education - 4th place

Landyn Ford - Running for State Level Officer.



AES Hosts Family Reading Celebration Night

Andersonville Elementary School hosted a Family Reading Celebration on Thursday, March 8. Students and their families enjoyed a free, fun-filled evening highlighting student reading accomplishments. Students were able to share their reading projects and work samples with their families and eat dinner at the Book Picnic. Students won books in Book Bingo and at the Book Walk. Students crafted bookmarks and even participated in a book photo booth. Students and families were also able to win wonderful door prizes, including gift cards to local businesses. Parents were able to receive information about ways to strengthen reading skills at home and to pre-order their child's Summer Bridge Book. The staff and faculty at AES would specially like to say thank you to our wonderful community who helped sponsor this event.



CMS to Become a College and Career Academy

On Monday night, March 5, 2018, the Anderson County Board of Education unanimously approved the CMS administration's plans for huge changes coming next school year. To start the 2018-19 school year, the school will become Clinton Middle School: College and Career Academy. This will serve first to create an environment of goal-attaining, resilient young people working with educators to close achievement gaps and to gain awareness of the world beyond secondary education.

Plans have been set in motion to create the following:

Advisory Programs, Grade Level College and Career Focuses, Diverse Related Arts Programs, Financial Literacy Programs, and Community Service Projects.

Each grade level will focus throughout the year on a different aspect of College and Career Readiness. Sixth

Grade will focus on Career Certifications and will take quarterly field trips to ACCTC, TCAT, and Junior Achievement. Seventh Grade will focus on 2-Year College Programs and will take quarterly field trips to Roane State, Pellissippi State, and Volunteer State Community Colleges. Finally, 8th Grade will focus on 4-Year Colleges and Universities and will take quarterly field trips to UT-Knoxville, Tennessee Tech, and other colleges of choice.

Related Arts programs, which currently include courses in the Fine Arts (Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, Visual Arts), Work Based Learning through our Teacher Assistant Program, Career and Technical Education (Teen Living, Technology, Engineering) as well as Physical Education, will be extended. There are plans to offer additional courses in Digital Arts and Coding as well as Culinary Arts.

CMS will continue to work with Junior Achievement to support a strong sense of Financial Literacy. CMS students will now follow a Course Registration Guide with plan of study, much like students will find in high school. This guide requires students be promoted to the next grade level, and eventually to Clinton High School, by meeting a specific credit system in not only academics but also Related Arts, CTE Programs, and Junior Achievement trainings. Additionally, CMS students will work to give back to the communities we all serve through Community Service Projects attached to various school, club, and athletic programs. The Middle School Staff along with Anderson County Schools cannot wait for this exciting change to begin!

Clinton Middle College and Career Academy 2018-2019 Registration Guide

