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Blazin' Into Summer With Read 20 and

Sizzling Reading Society

This summer, CCS is kicking off a Read 20 Program to encourage our students to read at least 20 minutes per day. Reading 20 minutes a day can significantly increase students' academic projection! It is that easy! We are providing an abundance of opportunities to support students in achieving this goal. Students will have access to 3 electronic libraries: MyOn, Big Universe, and READS. MyOn is sponsoring prizes for students who read on the MyOn platform over the summer! The top reader on MyOn at each school will win a HD Kindle Fire. Other prizes, including gift cards, will be awarded as well for top readers.

CCS will be hosting a Blaze Sizzling Readers Society meeting for each grade level on June 22, 2018. Each student is challenged to read the assigned book and attend a follow-up society meeting. All students who come to the meeting will receive a FREE Blaze Sizzling Readers Society t-shirt!!

Here are the assigned books for each grade level. The books can be located on MyOn by using the



search function. The book needs to be read in its entirety before the meeting:

Rising 1st Graders: Maz and Zoe at the Library



Rising 2nd Graders: Scooby-Doo! A Number

Comparisons Mystery: The Case of the Lunchroom Gobbler

Rising 3rd Graders: *Sidney & Sydney: Third Grade Mix-up* (Book 1)

Rising 4th Graders: *Houdini: The Life of the Great Escape Artist*

Rising 5th Graders: *BMX Bravery* (Jake Maddox JV Sports series)

Rising 6th Graders: Escape from Alcatraz

Students will meet our 3 wonderful librarians for the Blaze Sizzling Reader Society meeting at Clinton Elementary Library on **Friday, June 22**. A pizza lunch and fun activities will be planned. All students who attend will order the size t-shirt they want!

Rising 1st - 3rd Graders: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Rising 4th-6th Graders: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Make plans to help your child read the assigned book and come be a part of the 1st Annual Blaze Sizzling Readers Society! Readers are winners!

NCES STEM and Art Night

On May 3, 2018 North Clinton Elementary held its first Fine Arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) event. All families were invited for a pizza dinner and a multitude of STEM activities led by grade level teachers. Students and families built structures, designed boats that could hold various weights of pennies, catapulted foam blocks, created "robotic" hands to pick up materials, played a quiz game on Chromebooks, assembled



tracks powered by either gravity or magnets, and solved mathematical problems by leaping across the Math and Movement Mats. Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students had a scheduled time to visit Jason Glashauser's music room and Ashley Webb's art room creating projects and showing off their musical talents. Students sang and danced to display their pitch and rhythm abilities. They also had time to draw, paint, sculpt, and make collages with their families in art.









SCES Partners with ORAU for STEAM Night

South Clinton Elementary held their annual STEAM night on Thursday, March 8th. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) came to set up a variety of hands-on activities in the gym. Students were able to build their own boat and then try to see how long it could float. Then they placed pennies to add weight to see how many pennies their boat could



hold before it sank. They also participated in an experiment that involved a two-part chemical reaction, where the reaction formed an expanding foam that they called "foam gnomes." As part of this night, students participated in robot races as well as making their own SCES bookmarks with a 3D printer. Teachers had a variety of different

activities in their classrooms for students to complete, and PTO served dinner to all who attended. Mrs. Lorrie Irwin, 1st grade teacher at SCES, planned this fun night of learning in conjunction with ORAU. It was a great night of hands on learning that forced students to think outside the box, observe, and experiment!



Allstate and Millie's Wings Supports NCES

Allstate agents and friends of Millie's Wings came together to complete a community service project at North Clinton Elementary School. A group of volunteers gathered on a hot, muggy Saturday morning to paint the exterior fence on Beets Street, giving the school an updated, fresh



look. In return, Allstate Insurance will be donating \$6,000 to Millie's Wings for the South Clinton All Inclusive Park. David Erb, from Erb's Allstate Agency in Clinton, organized the event. Other area Allstate representatives from Austin, Karen Teske, Roberts-Heidle, Hutchinson, and Keith Schnieder Agencies donated their time as well. Stephen and Christina McNally brought their two children to help complete the project. North Clinton Elementary staff, students, and community appreciate their time and efforts to help with such an important project.



UT Students Collaborate Virtually with CCS

Jason Glashauser, music teacher at North and South Clinton Elementary, has an innovative way of teaching music that has caught the attention of area teachers and preparation programs. In fact, the University of Tennessee wanted the students in the General Methods class for music education majors to learn about his approach instruction. Mr. Glashauser teaches with a strong influence of a teaching process called Orff-Schulwerk, named after the famous composer Carl Orff. This style of instruction is an engaging, active way of learning musical skills through student imitation, exploration, and improvisation.

Students in the UT class met virtually with Mr. Glashauser to discuss his approach to teaching. In order for them to actually see this approach in action, he invited Mrs. Pack's 4th grade music class at NCES to demonstrate a couple of projects they had been working on this spring. Since then, three UT students have contacted Mr. Glashauser to come spend time in his classroom to see students learning this way first-

hand. Meanwhile, Jason has started the process of forming an area Orff-Schulwerk chapter since the three nearest chapters are three hours away. If any area teacher is interested in learning more about this local Orff Chapter, they should please email glashauserj@clintonschools.org.



Summer Lunch Program Offered for Clinton Children

Clinton City Schools is offering the Free Summer Lunch Program to all children in the Clinton community this summer! This is part of a federally funded program to ensure that students eat healthy meals over the summer.

Lunch will be served daily from 11:00-12:00 at North Clinton Elementary School. Children, ages 0-18, qualify to receive a free, hot meal every day!! This program is available to ALL children, regardless if you are a Clinton City



student. There are no income requirements in order to participate. This is a program intended to benefit the entire community.

The program will run from May 29-July 25, serving Monday through Friday. Lunch will not be served on July 4. Plan to bring your children to take advantage of this wonderful program!

CES Wax Museum

Fifth grade students at Clinton Elementary School displayed the 2nd Annual U.S. History Wax Museum on May 17. Students chose a historical figure from Pre-Civil War to modern times that made a significant contribution to American History. Students conducted research on this person, and then wrote an essay and speech about their life. Fifth grade students spent two days peer-editing each other's work and making revisions. On the day of the wax museum, students dressed up as their historical figure and lined the halls of CES with their tri-fold poster board, pictures about that person, and props that were significant to the person's life. As people walked by, they pressed the button in front of the student and they came alive to say their speech. Fifth graders worked very hard on this project and were very excited to present it to other students, teachers, and the community.







Blaze Expands Well-Rounded Opportunities

Blaze makes its way into other wellrounded areas as we close out the school year. In addition to basketball, CCS is now offering a swim team, cross country team, and dance team.

The CCS Blaze Swim Team kicked off in April with Coach Zeke Rich. There are currently 19 swimmers on the team who



practiced two times a week at the Clinton Community Center. They held an exhibition swim meet on Thursday, May 16 and did great! We have some true talent at CCS!

The CCS Cross Country Team will officially begin its activities in the fall. Any 4th, 5th, or 6th grader that wants to attend is welcome! Interested students met at the



football field for a practice one mile run last week. More information concerning this opportunity, as well as dance team specifics, will be sent home at the beginning of next year.

A Blaze Coaches Basketball Camp will be held for any interested rising 4th, 5th, and 6th grader on May 29, 30, and 31. There are still a few spaces available for interested students. Additional registration forms may be picked up at Central

Office.

Over the summer, the Blaze Sizzling Reading Society will meet on Friday, June 22. Each grade level has been assigned a book to read. At our first meeting in

June, students will do fun activities associated with the book as well as enjoy a pizza party! All students who attend will receive a free Blaze Sizzling Reader Society t-shirt!

All Blaze activities have been planned as a way to develop well-rounded students, building on current interests and talents. The more opportunities we provide students to develop growth mindset and self-confidence, the stronger our students will become academically!



CCS Takes on the Olympics

Clinton City School students attended the annual Special Olympics event at Hardin Valley High School. Students from a variety of schools participated in special activities throughout the day, showcasing their individual talents and interests. Several students brought home medals, and all students returned home with huge smiles! Way to go, CCS students!









Did You Know?

Did you know that approximately 70 students will be attending Junior Achievement BizTown Camp from June 11-14? This opportunity is being provided to students for free as part of our well-rounded focus. That CCS teachers will be attending Science training this summer in preparation for the implementation of new science standards.

The Blaze Coaches Basketball Camp is being offered on May 29, 30, 31 from 9:00-11:30 for rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Girl's camp will be at CES gym, and boy's camp will be at the Community Center. Additional registration forms can be picked up at Central Office.

That Summer Art Camp will be held at CES from June 4-8 for K-8th graders! Contact Allison Swanner at <u>swaners@clintonschools.org</u> to see if additional slots are available.

The Blaze Sizzling Readers Society will meet on June 22 to discuss summer reading books, eat pizza, and have a blast completing activities about books! This activity is open to all CCS students.

That CES gym renovations will begin on June 4. New floor, bleachers, and paint will be completed by the start of the school year.