

# THE ANDERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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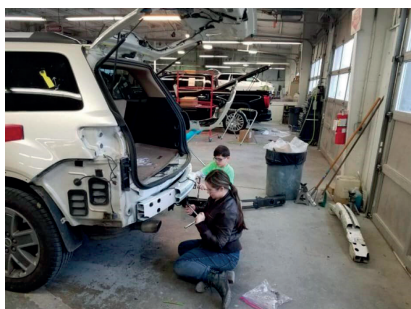
Anderson County Schools  
Every Student, Every Day

## ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Get Hired & Job Shadow Day

On February 1, 2019, Anderson County Schools had Get Hired Day! Every 8th grade student, on this day, participated in a mock job interview where they were graded by a professional on their resume, manner of dress, elevator pitch, and job interview performance. After the student was finished, they were coached on how they could have improved on their performance. The students had prepared for weeks; creating resumes and discussing with their teachers what is proper etiquette when interviewing for a job. The goal, when this project was conceptualized, was to place the student in as close to a real-life interview as possible to help them be better prepared in the future for a real job interview. While this amazing event took place, all students in the 4th-7th and 9th-12th grades were out in the real world with working professions in our Annual Ground Hog Job Shadowing Day. Students shadowed jobs from Mechanics to Funeral Home Directors. According to one student, "It was the best day he had ever had!" When asked why the student responded, "Because I got to see what it is like to be what I want to be when I grow up." (Continued on page 5)

## GROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY



## Shelter Dogs Visit Basketball Game

Clinton High School's B.A.R.K. Club recently did a food drive for the Anderson County Animal Shelter. The B.A.R.K. club set up at the Clinton versus Oak Ridge basketball game to help promote animal adoption. Daisy, a former shelter doggie, joined them and was a huge hit and helped the Animal Shelter to get the word about who they are and what they do in Anderson County.



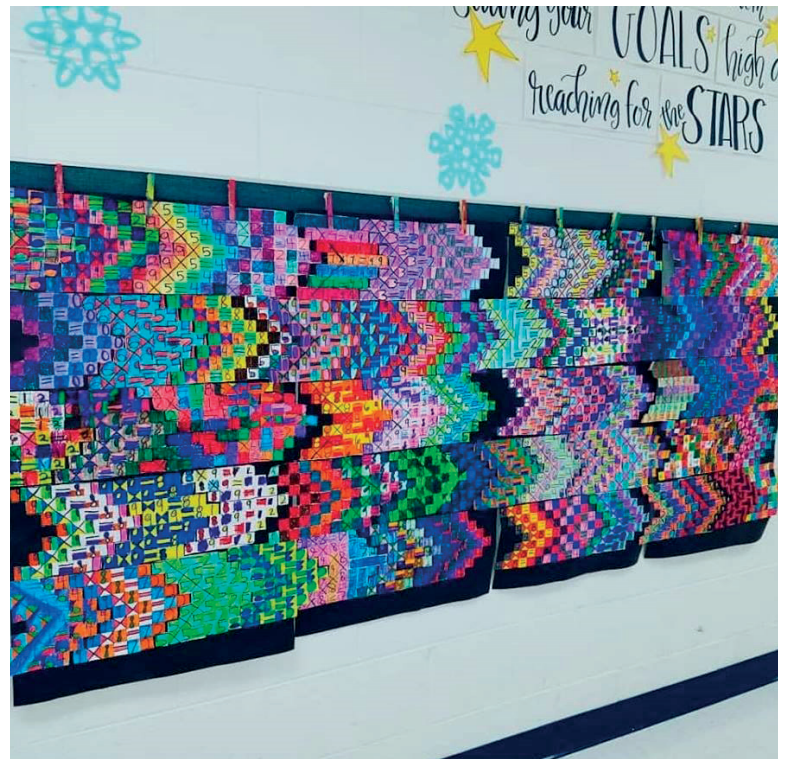
## 30+ and Elite 100

Clinton High was honored to recognize their ACT 30+, Elite 100, and Ready Graduates at a Dragon Home Basketball game. Currently 90+ Clinton High School students have achieved academic distinctions.



## Fariview's Callaborative Artwork

Fairview Elementary School's students created a truly stunning piece of artwork for their hallway. The piece was created by all 4th and 5th grade students at Fairview Elementary. Allison Greenhouse, art teacher at FES, said, "students were inspired by the artwork of Paul Klee, specifically his 1918 painting titled 'Once Emerged from the Gray of Night'." Klee uses geometric shapes, squares, straight lines and many diagonal lines/Xs in his artwork. After looking closely at Klee's work, each student came up with their own multiplication sentence. It had to have a single digit times a single digit equals a double digit number. Students were given a one inch by one inch graph paper and repeated their multiplication sentence 7 times in a specific pattern. Then students were allowed to use crayons, colored pencils, markers to add color to their piece. They could color their work any way they wanted. Some colored in a random way, and some chose to create a color pattern. Once they were finished coloring, they cut out their work and we glued them all together on black bulletin board paper to create the collaborative piece. The final result was just stunningly beautiful.





# Hungry For Knowledge?

In the abbreviated words of Mark Twain, “All ideas are second hand.” Clinton Middle School graphic arts teacher, Angela Whitley, is no stranger to scouring the internet for some of these innovative ideas. Earlier in the school year, she brought the idea of a book vending machine to academic coach, April Meyers. Knowing that the novelty of a vending machine that dispenses books would be a great addition to their literacy program, Meyers set to work on emailing vending machine companies in the East Tennessee area.

“I really didn’t have high hopes for anything spectacular. I would have been thrilled with some obsolete machine that had been sitting in a warehouse for a decade,” said Meyers.

But this isn’t what Dan Watson of Five Star Food Service had in mind. After a few emails back and forth, Meyers received an email stating that the machine was to be delivered. On Wednesday, January 30, an LED, digital vending machine was delivered and donated to Clinton Middle School.

Meyers stated, “Not only did they deliver and install it, but they spent time helping me set it up and teaching me how to work the machine so that we could keep it going for years to come.”

Right now, all of the vending machine books are being searched out from donations with the help of librarian Janine Brewer, but Meyers plans to use all the funds generated by the machine to buy more books when donations are slow. Not only will students be able to buy books for \$1, they’ll also use the machine as an incentive for the CMS Forty Book Challenge, providing dollars to students who’ve reached a reading goal so they can get their next book to read!

If you would like to donate books for the CMS Book Vending Project, please contact [ameyers@acs.ac](mailto:ameyers@acs.ac).



# Social Media Snap Shots

Kayla Watson, foreign language teacher from Anderson County High School, was awarded WBIR's Educator of the Week.



Anderson County High School's Navy Junior ROTC students presented the colors at the Tennessee vs. West Virginia game!



In effort to combat the ever growing number of suicides in our country, a group of School Counselors from our schools are receiving specializettraining from the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network on how to better identify and prevent possible suicides.



Students from Anderson County Career & Technical Center recently observed various surgeries done by UT Orthopedic Surgeons.



Did you know Lake City Elementary is getting a new playground? The PTO recently voted to use funds to construct a new playground at Lake City Elementary.





# Job Shadow Day Continued

At Andersonville Elementary School's Career Fair, students got an opportunity to meet professionals from many different careers including Firemen, Policemen, EMTs, Plumbers, Engineers, Architects, Dental Hygienists, TWRA Officers, Linemen, Pharmacists, and Nurses.

Also a group of students from Norwood Elementary School's 5th grade worked at Pizza Inn of Oak Ridge for Job Shadow Day! The students learned about food preparation, management, and customer service skills. The highlight of each students' day was when they were able to eat a pizza that they prepared with their very own hands.



## CMS Partners With SL

For the past few weeks, the ELA classes have been taking educational field trips to the SL automotive parts manufacturing plants to learn more about the career paths available there. Every class was given a standard tour.

After the tour, we asked a few students about their experience and how they liked the building. Erik Pyles said, "It was fun, and a great learning experience. It was cool to see all the experience, and the dedication of the workers to their jobs."

Ace Carroll said, "It's was beneficial to learn about the community. There was a lot of kind people. They have many opportunities for future jobs. They also plan on expanding the building."



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