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CCS Receives Grant Funding For STEM

Clinton City Schools received notification on February 1, 2019 that we had received a Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant from the Tennessee State Department of Education in the amount of \$30,000. The purpose of the SSAE Program is to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of districts to provide students with access to a well-rounded education, improve conditions for student learning, and improve the use of technology to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy for all students.

The Tennessee Department of Education received 80 district applications requesting over two million dollars in funding. Only twenty of those applications were chosen to receive grants totaling approximately \$530,000. Clinton City Schools is thrilled to have received 30,000.00 from the award total.

Clinton City Schools has formed an official partnership with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to assist in creating a 4-day STEM Camp for 3rd-5th grade students during the summers of 2019 and 20. ORAU Master Teachers will lead during the first summer as CCS teachers support and learn. The second year CCS teachers will assume the lead role with the ongoing support of ORAU. The grant will be used to purchase supplies and materials such as

3D printers, electrical circuitry, robotics, and unplugged items. Students will participate in various STEM activities such as coding and engineering. Funds will also be used to stipend teachers to oversee the educational experiences. Students will be able to attend these enrichment activities at no cost. Director Kelly Johnson stated, "ORAU was a key partner in helping us secure the funding for this project. We look forward to building a strong partnership with them and utilizing their content expertise to develop and

build quality STEM programs for our students. We want to keep students engaged after school and during school breaks. This grant will serve as the foundation needed to build strong camp experiences for

students. The money will be available to us on February 15, and we intend to put it to good use immediately." The STEM Summer Camp is scheduled to be held at Clinton Elementary School May 28-31. Parent information will be sent home soon.

CCS teachers, along with ORAU Master Teachers, will plan and teach collaboratively. This collaboration will bring the finest, most innovative opportunities in STEM education for CCS students and teachers. We look forward to a long-standing relationship with ORAU. We are grateful for their commitment to this community and our students.



Virtual Reality Arrives at all CCS Schools

In today's digital society, our students have the world at their fingertips. Virtual reality has made its way into all Clinton City Schools. Each school now has a traveling class set of virtual reality (VR) sets!



So how does it work? Students put an iPod into the front of the VR goggles. There are a variety of apps that can be accessed that allows students to navigate through experiences as if they were actually in that location! Participants can do things such as:

- ▶ Travel to and explore places around the world without ever leaving the classroom.
- ▶ Develop empathy for communities in crisis by stepping into their shoes.
- ▶ Experience different careers first hand.
- ▶ Time travel to key events and places from the past.
- ▶ Explore within the human body.
- ▶ Explore the depths of the ocean and the vastness of space.
- ▶ Create individual VR material to share with other students.
- ▶ Promote curiosity and wonder!

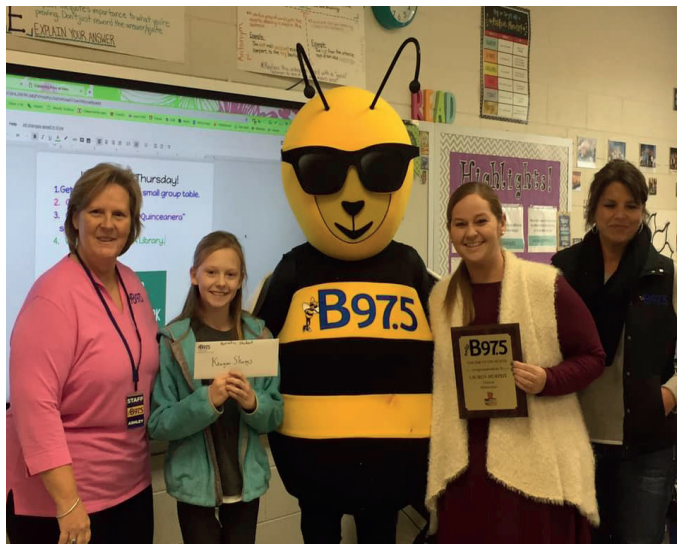


This project was made possible by a grant from 3M and general purpose funds. Each school will have a class set of VR goggles and iPods that can easily wheel from room to room to enhance the learning experience of students. The mobile carts will be ready to go in just a few short weeks in all three schools! Oh, the places we will go!!!

CES Teacher Wins B97.5 Teacher of Month

Congratulations to Lauren Murphy who teaches sixth grade at Clinton Elementary School. One of her students, Keegan Skaggs, nominated her to be the B97.5 Teacher of the Month. While busy teaching one morning, the “Bee”, Michelle, Mark, and Kim (radio personalities) showed up at her classroom door. They informed her of winning the award and presented her with prizes including a \$100 gift card, Ripley’s attraction passes, \$25 Pilot gift card, Famous Dave’s gift certificate, and an oil change! All the students in her class also received Ripley’s passes, as well as some other goodies.

Lauren is in her sixth year teaching at Clinton Elementary School. She has taught both fifth and sixth grades. She is known for her ability to develop relationships with students



while holding high expectations for academic achievement. Congratulations, Mrs. Murphy! We are proud of you!

Empty Bowls - February 21, 2019

It's empty bowl time across Clinton City Schools! Staff and students have been busy creating, firing, and painting bowls for Empty Bowls Night on February 21, 2019! Each student has created his/her own bowl, with each grade level having a different focus for the style of bowl they have created. Staff members have created a bowl using the design of their choice to contribute to the special night.



Parents and family members may pre-purchase their child's bowl prior to the Empty Bowl night or they can purchase it at the event for \$5. Staff bowls will be auctioned off throughout the night with the highest bidder winning the bowl. Last year, some of the staff bowls sold for as much as \$100 a bowl!!! While there, families can enjoy a bowl of Stone Soup in the cafeteria at each school.

All of the proceeds from this event go to Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest supports our student backpack program throughout the year, providing weekend food to needy students across the system. Last year, Clinton City Schools donated over \$7,000 to Second Harvest from this event, and we hope to increase the amount this year! This is a wonderful way for students to use their time and talents to contribute back to the community. Come join the fun on February 21 at each school! The pride in the students is overwhelming as they watch their handiwork help others! It is a great night made possible by our two art teachers - Allison Swanner and Ashley Webb.



Clinton Elementary School - 4:30-6:30 p.m.
North Clinton Elementary Schools - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
South Clinton Elementary - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Teacher Supply Depot

The Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools is in the 2nd year of sponsoring a Teacher Supply Depot for teachers across both districts. The Teacher Supply Depot provides free instructional materials to teachers on four occasions throughout the school year. At each opening, you can find teachers eager to grab the quality items that are provided for their classrooms.

The depot is housed at the Anderson County Career Technical Center. Community members and businesses can either give a monetary donation or bring extra supplies/materials to the depot. The Education Foundation can also make arrangements to come pick up any items that you have for donation! This is one of the many programs that is supported through the Education Foundation that benefits both school systems in our community. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Teacher Supply Depot, please contact Scott Bacon at tnpieconsulting@gmail.com. He would love to help you receive your tax deducted donation ready to help educators across Anderson County!



NCES iReady Royalty

NCES has caught the royal fever!

Students have been using a program called iReady to practice skills in reading and math for several years. A diagnostic test is given in August, followed by subsequent assessments in December and May. The iReady program sets students on an individual learning path to fill gaps in learning and advance them forward throughout the year. Teachers turn in two names each week for students who have really worked hard in iReady. Some students may have the highest average for the week, most minutes spent working, or most improved average. These students then become our crown-wearing iReady Royalty! Hard work pays off at NCES!



Blaze to Begin New Teams

Academics remain the priority focus of Clinton City Schools. However, we know that students who feel connected and involved in school do better in the classroom. Over the past two years, Clinton City Schools has begun offering several well-rounded activities for students to explore and develop individual talents and interests. After successful seasons of Cross Country, Swimming, Basketball, STEM, and Reader's Society, Blaze will be expanding into two new student opportunities this spring.



Welcome Bowling and Track Club! Blaze Bowling will begin in March for students in fifth and sixth grades. We will take advantage of the bowling lanes at the Clinton Community Center. Mrs. Tammy Thatcher, Blaze Bowling Coach, brings many years of experience with bowling. She competed successfully in her younger years at the state level and looks forward to working with students to develop bowling skills. The bowling season will run for approximately eight weeks. Mrs. Terri Kerley will coach the Blaze Track Team which will be offered to students in first through sixth grades. The season will begin with practices in April and May followed by four official track meets in conjunction with the Knoxville Track Club in June. The Clinton High School Track Team will provide a track clinic to the team as part of the program. Many of the cross country runners will take advantage of the track experience to improve on their running skills!

Our Blaze well-rounded opportunities would not be possible without the enormous amount of community support! Go Blaze - building that fire for future Dragons!!!

Grants from Education Foundation

Clinton City Schools is proud to announce that five teachers across all three schools have been awarded Health and Wellness Grants from the Education Foundation for Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. Staff members applied and received grants totaling approximately \$3,000 on various projects related to improving the physical and emotional needs of students.

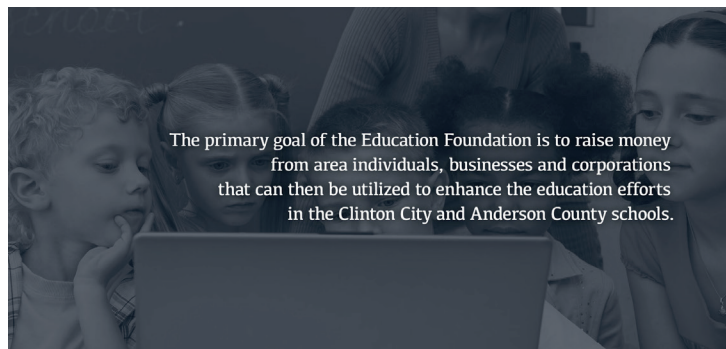
Terri Kerley, physical education teacher at Clinton Elementary School, was awarded a grant for the Ultimate Challenge Course. Clinton Elementary School has a climbing wall in the gymnasium, and these materials will make the wall more physically challenging for the students.

Three teachers at North Clinton Elementary School were awarded grants. Jyl Smithson, third grade teacher, was awarded funds to purchase mats for Math and Movement to improve math fact fluency. Lynn Neal, reading interventionist, received Hop into Literacy mats to improve students' understanding and retention of reading concepts. Guidance counselor, Amanda Patterson, earned funds to create a calming corner to support students with emotional needs.

At South Clinton Elementary School, Leslie Tumblin received the funding for Ninja Warrior 3.0. This is the third year that Ms. Tumblin has earned funding from the Foundation being used to add to the American Ninja Warrior obstacle course set that she uses in gym class.



Proceeds from the annual Clinton 5K were used towards the funding of these grants for both systems. The grant's intent is to improve the health and wellness opportunities for students across both Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. Many thanks to the Education Foundation who does so much for education in our community!



The primary goal of the Education Foundation is to raise money from area individuals, businesses and corporations that can then be utilized to enhance the education efforts in the Clinton City and Anderson County schools.

SCES is Food City School of the Month

Each school year, South Clinton Elementary partners with Clinton Food City through the School Bucks program to earn money for the school. Parents link their Food City value card to SCES. For every dollar spent, one point is earned for the school.

This year, Food City is making \$700,000 available to participating schools to invest in classrooms, equipment, technology, and supplies. The more points each school earns, the larger share of the \$700,000 the school will receive!

Each month, Food City runs a contest for “School of the Month.” The school is chosen based on nominations from parents or community members.



For the month of December, SCES was chosen as the school of the month which means they earn an additional 10,000 points! This will go towards all the points earned by parents and will lead to a bigger share of the money!

On Friday, January 25th, DJs Carina and Opie Joe from Q100.3 along with Sam Turner, manager of Food City in Clinton, awarded SCES with their School of the Month Award. SCES thanks the community, Food City in Clinton, and Q100.3 for this recognition.

