

- Academics Soar—Mathematics
- Academics Soar—Reading
- Safety Patrol Learns Sacrifice
- Sixth Grade has a new look!
- Summer Lunch Program
- Preschool & Lunch Info

May 30—

August 3



# Clinton City Chronicles

## Academics Soar at CCS

Clinton City Schools is pleased to report students' national comparisons on the *i-Ready* assessments for reading and mathematics. *i-Ready* is an assessment that students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade take three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring. The purpose of this test is to identify each student's strengths and areas to improve to help teachers plan for individualized instruction. This information is also used to measure how much students progress from the fall to the spring, and it identifies if students are above grade level, on grade level, or below grade level. All of this is helpful information in adjusting instruction to meet each student's academic needs.

Clinton City Schools purchased the *i-Ready* program in the fall of 2015. The program contains the testing component, as well as, an online instructional component and a teacher resource toolbox. This is the district's second full year implementing the program. The 2015-2016 school year showed impressive gains and improvements across the school, but the data from the 2016-2017 school year was phenomenal. *i-Ready* is a rigorous assessment and has been compared to national assessments such as PARCC and Smarter Balance. Director of Schools, Kelly Johnson, says that she is thrilled with the performance of CCS students when

compared nationally and hopes that this data is consistent with the state TN Ready data that will be released in the fall.

In both reading and mathematics, CCS students scored above the national average in terms of being considered proficient on both reading and mathematics across all seven grade levels. For example, in sixth grade reading, CCS students performed 17% better than the national average. In fourth grade mathematics, CCS students performed 15% better than the national average. Clearly, the staff at CCS is very proud of the students' hard work and performance.

Knowing that student growth each year leads to higher levels of achievement, the school district is thrilled with the growth data nationally. One year's growth is considered 100% on the *i-Ready* assessment. All seven grade levels in both reading and math scored better than 100% growth in both reading and math with 11 of the 14 grade levels combined earning more than 120% growth. Sixth grade students performed exceptionally well growing more than 227% in math (more than two year's growth) and 170% in reading (more than a year and a half growth).

Obviously, all of the Clinton City Schools stakeholders are excited about this data and hope that it is consistent with the TN Ready data.

*Graphs Continued on Page 2*

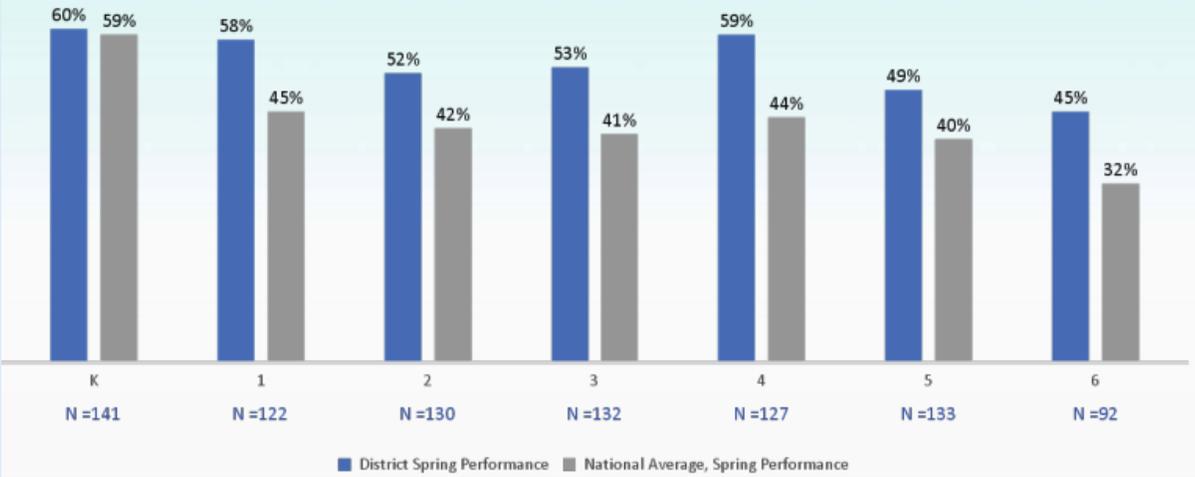
## Mathematics

This graph represents Math achievement. The blue line is CCS, and the gray line is the national average. CCS is above national proficiency averages in all grade levels.

MATHEMATICS

### Spring Performance, National Comparison

Percentage of students reaching proficiency (mid on-level placement or higher) on the spring Diagnostic assessment, with national comparison.



Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
District Spring Performance, Early On-Level Placement or Higher	82%	75%	75%	77%	83%	75%	76%
National Spring Performance, Early On-Level Placement or Higher	74%	63%	58%	61%	64%	61%	56%

MATHEMATICS

### Growth by Grade

Median percent of target growth achieved at 30 weeks.



Population	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
District	109%	130%	124%	126%	150%	125%	227%
National	97%	93%	93%	93%	100%	85%	92%

This graph represents student academic growth in Math. The line represents one year growth. The blue bar represents CCS growth. CCS students achieved significantly higher gains than the national average.

Reading Continued on Page 3

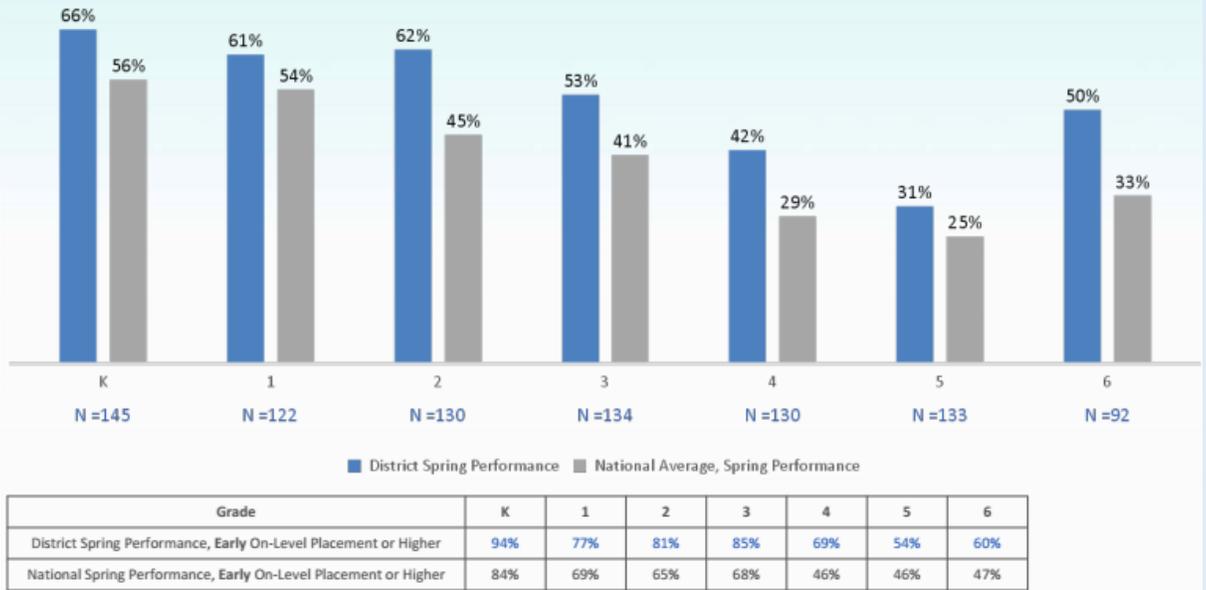


## Reading

This graph represents Reading achievement. The blue line is CCS, and the gray line is the national average. CCS was above the national average in proficiency in all grade levels.

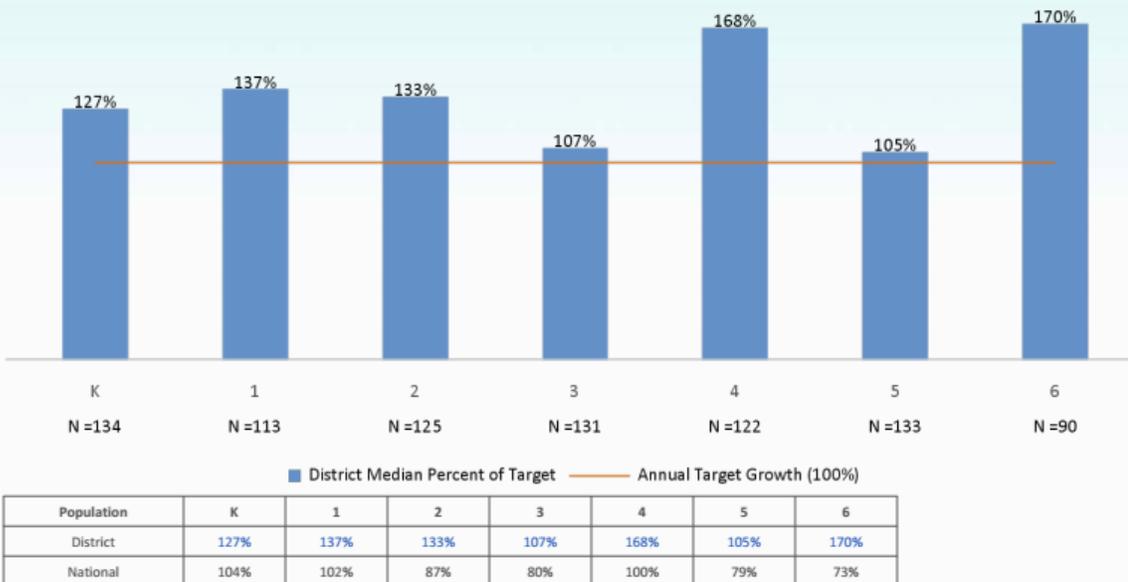
### Spring Performance, National Comparison

Percentage of students reaching proficiency (mid on-level placement or higher) on the spring Diagnostic assessment, with national comparison.



### Growth by Grade

Median percent of target growth achieved at 30 weeks.



This graph represents student academic growth in Reading. The line represents one year growth. The blue bar represents CCS growth. CCS students achieved significantly higher gains than the national average.

# Safety Patrol Students Learn About Sacrifice



On June 2, at 5:00 a.m., thirty-six fifth graders set off on a lifetime experience to Washington, D.C. for the annual Safety Patrol trip. While there, students visited many places including the White House, Capitol, National Zoo, Memorials, Smithsonian, and much more!

All of the activities on the four-day agenda had special significance in learning about what it means to be an American. However, there was one particular event that truly touched the lives of students, teachers, and the community of Clinton.

Paul Mikeal grew up in the town of Clinton, and graduated from Clinton High School in 1987. He was known for being one of the best swimmers in town. He went on to serve in the armed forces as an airplane pilot and was killed tragically in the line of duty on July 1, 2012 while flying a plane fighting wildfires in South Dakota. Paul has a memorial in the Arlington Cemetery, honoring the



ultimate sacrifice he made to protect our citizens from these devastating fires. The Aquatic Center in Clinton has since been named after Paul, honoring his sacrifice.

Ethan Yonce is his nephew who is a Safety Patrol student at Clinton Elementary School. During the trip to Washington, D.C., students visited Arlington Cemetery to see the "Changing of the Guard." Ethan downloaded an app on his phone to determine the location of his uncle's memorial. With some help from his teachers, they arranged for him to pay tribute to his Uncle Paul. One of the pictures shows him laying a poppy flower and a coin on the memorial. The poppy flowers were given to him by Arlington Cemetery. The coin represents that someone has been to visit and someone will return.

Needless to say, this was a very emotional experience for Ethan, his family, the teachers, other students, and the community members in Clinton. This experience showed students that local citizens are also heroes who make life sacrifices for the safety and security of our country. Arlington is not a place that belongs to Washington, D.C. It is a place that is part of all of us.



## Sixth Grade Takes on New Look!

Clinton City Schools is a Pre-K through 6th grade system. This year, we have made some significant changes to our 6th grade program to enhance the educational experience for our students. Here is some general information regarding 6th grade at CCS:



- All students in the three schools will change classes during the day to allow for more independence and preparation for middle/high school.
- All students will have a personal locker to store personal and academic items.
- Clinton Elementary School will have a new “intermediate” hallway in the west wing to allow for a more independent environment.
- Clinton City Schools has a powerhouse 6th grade teaching team that scored significantly higher on academic achievement and growth when compared to national norms.
- All students will participate in a Career Fair Day, giving the opportunity to explore a variety of career options.
- Students will be given the opportunity to serve on the Yearbook Committee, making

them responsible for designing the system-wide yearbook.

- Students at North Clinton will be able to attend a special “6th Grade Hangout” after school on Monday through Thursday, where a variety of enrichment activities will occur.
- All students will have the opportunity to participate in band.
- All 6th grade students will be eligible to attend a 3-day environmental camp in the Spring.
- All 6th grade students will graduate from Clinton City Schools in the spring during a special ceremony at The Ritz. Students will receive an official diploma.
- Students who have attended Clinton City Schools consecutively for grades 4, 5, and 6 will take home their personal Chrome Book at the end of the year.

Clinton City Schools is registering students throughout the summer at Central Office from 8:00-3:30 daily. Call 457-0225 for more information.



## Summer Lunch Program is a Success!

Free lunch every day??  
Yes! Free lunch is being served to all students ages 0-18 at North Clinton Elementary School from 11:00 am -12:30 pm. This program is a federally funded program to ensure that nutritious meals continue to be served over the summer months. Students do not have to be a Clinton City student to participate. Anyone is welcome to come! Not only is a meal served, but a snack is also given to take home. Adults can eat for only a \$1.00.



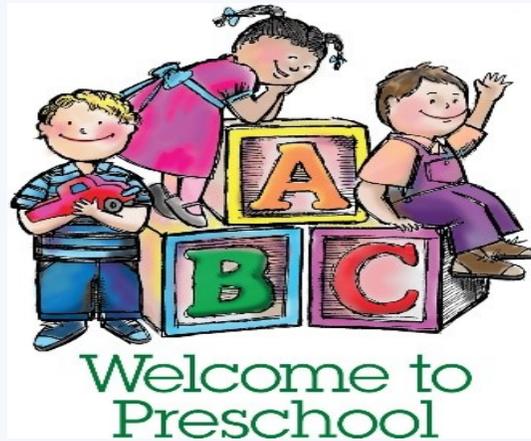
Meg Harrison, Librarian at Clinton Public Library, brings her mobile library to NCES every Tuesday for lunch! Free food and free books!

North Clinton Elementary is serving approximately 80 lunches per day. However, there is room for plenty more! Pack up your child and come eat with us! The Clinton Public Library is there every Tuesday, and students can check out books to read for FREE! Lunch will be served Monday through Friday throughout the summer, with the exception of July 4th week. See you there!



Students saying, "We love hot dogs!" on their way to eat lunch at NCES!

## Come to Voluntary Pre-K



Currently accepting applications 4 year old students

Clinton City Schools District

Must be 4 years old by August 15, 2017

Income Eligible Students Should Apply

Classroom is housed at North Clinton Elementary

Applications are available at Clinton City Schools Central Office

Contact Lori Collins @ 457-0159 with any questions.

# MEET UP and EAT UP™

**WHERE:** North Clinton Elementary  
305 Beets Street  
Clinton, TN 37716

**WHAT:** Free Healthy Lunch AND Snack

**WHO:** Everyone under age 18

**WHEN:** Mondays – Fridays  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**DATES:** June 5th – July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Closed the week of July 4th

No registration required  
Children must eat food on-site  
Contact Heather Byrd for questions 457-0159 or  
[byrdh@clintonschools.org](mailto:byrdh@clintonschools.org)

