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Hour of Code



Technology is increasingly shaping almost every aspect of how we live our lives. During the week of December 5-9, Computer Science Education Week, Clinton City School students received their first taste of computer coding by participating in a national hour of computer science instruction called the “Hour

of Code.” The hour was part of Computer Science Education Week. The goal was to get students to think, create, and have a blast while learning aspects of computer programming.

During the Hour of Code, students spent one hour learning computer coding during their technology curriculum class. The Hour of Code is a campaign to prove that regardless of age, race or gender, anyone can learn how to build the technologies of the future.

Clinton City Schools’



students were among the 5 million children participating in the Hour of Code across the world. This movement was organized by Code.org and supported by Apple, Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and over 100 others. It is a statement that today’s generation of students are ready to learn critical skills for 21st century success. We are

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honored that our students participated in this global event, experiencing all the amazing opportunities available to them.



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

On November 29, business and community leaders found their way into Clinton City Schools to participate in “Principal for a Day.” During the morning, E.T. Stamey, Rob Herrell, and Roger Fletcher

morning, they participated in several activities that allowed them to see the inner workings of an elementary school, including areas of strength and areas of focus. Some of the activities included welcoming students to the building, touring the school, visiting classrooms to see the Technology for Learning Program (T4L), talking with teachers, looking at test data, and observing some of the daily activities of building level administrators.



Clinton Elementary School

Monica Rael, Assistant Principal, E. T. Stamey, Coordinator –Pathways to Prosperity. and Jenna Sharp, Principal



South Clinton Elementary School

Melanie Harb, Principal and Roger Fletcher of Fox Toyota

reported for early duty at Clinton Elementary, South Clinton Elementary, and North Clinton Elementary respectively. Throughout the

All participants of “Principal for a Day” met at the Anderson County Technology Center at 11:30 a.m. for a debriefing lunch, provided by Anderson County High School’s Culinary Class. Both principals and business/community leaders communicated their experiences from this special day. Responses were charted as we gathered input on our



North Clinton Elementary School

Rob Herrell, City of Clinton, Vice-Mayor and Leighann Bonesteel, Principal

areas of strength and areas to strengthen based on

CCS Collaborates with Clinton Public Library

Clinton City Schools is excited to announce a new collaboration with the Clinton Public Library. This collaboration gives students free access to thousands of digital eBooks, audiobooks, and videos in addition to their schools' library resources.

The Tennessee Regional Ebook and Audiobook Download System (R.E.A.D.S.) allows CCS students to access, download, and stream digital resources to their computer or digital device. Students may log in, browse the collection of over 10,000 titles and check out the materials. Apps have been uploaded to

student computers within their school building, but they may also access the materials at home or on any computer.

Clinton
Public Library

Director Meg Harrison has been instrumental working with CCS staff to make this project happen. Ms. Harrison and staff managed the data upload and trained CCS librarians for the push out. Clinton City librarians will train students on how to utilize the website and send home informational fliers during the month of December.



Students are encouraged to get their library card and check out books to take home as well. Students are able to get a library card easily with a parent identification card. Ms. Harrison will be coming to schools during events to assist parents in getting this

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Did you know....

- That CCS ranks as one of the top 20 school districts in the state of Tennessee in proficiency and advanced rates?
- That CCS ranks 2nd in Achievement Levels in the 20 districts in our East Region?
- That CCS ranks in the top 10 school districts on the 2015 Writing Assessment in the state of Tennessee?
- That CCS is considered a Level 5 School based on System-Wide TCAP Composite scores (5 being the highest ranking)?
- That all 3-6 students across the district have an individual Chrome Book?



SRO's Making a Difference in Clinton City Schools

When parents drop off their children to elementary school each day, they have a few priorities. First, they want their child to be kept safe. Second, they want their child to be treated with respect and shown compassion. Finally, they expect their child to learn essential foundational information in the classrooms. Knowing that safety is a major priority for not only parents, but for school staff as well, Clinton City Schools began a partnership with the Clinton Police Department a few years ago. The City of Clinton recognized the importance of this program, and provides the funding necessary to continue this added layer of

support for our students and staff.

Officer McBroom



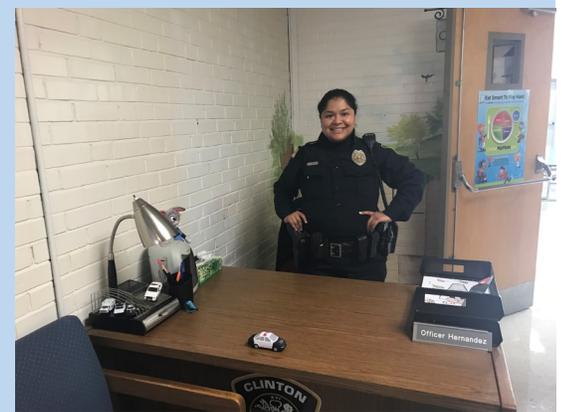
School Resource Officer (SRO) programs around the country come in a variety of frameworks. However, we are fortunate in Clinton City Schools to have a top notch program where a specific officer is assigned full-time at each school. This provides needed consistency within each building regarding safety and security. Each morning, Officer McBroom, Officer Gallops, and Officer Hernandez make their way into the school where they realize the awesome responsibility of their jobs. Each officer takes their job very seriously and collaborates well with the building level administrators and teachers to provide a safe environment for all.

Officer Gallops



The SROs have participated in specific school safety training and have a lengthy job description including activities such as collaborating with the creation and implementation of the school safety plan, assisting in drills, ensuring the welfare of all students, and maintaining a secure learning environment for students during the school day. However, there has been an unintended consequence of this program. Each SRO has developed close relationships with the students in the building, as well as many families. Students are able to participate in a positive relationship with the police officers, and they learn respect and appreciation for the important job that they do. The SRO officers call students by name, and you often see them giving high fives and fist bumps in the hallway as students walk with their class.

Officer Hernandez



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UTRUST GIVES GRANT TO CCS

CCS received a \$3,100 mini-grant from Utrust to fund a program to honor and express appreciation to our classified staff members who greatly impact the lives of students in Clinton City Schools each day. Kelly Johnson, Director of Schools, applied for the mini-grant to show in a tangible way that each classified staff member is essential to the success of the school system in providing a quality education to students in a safe and caring environment. Utrust is an organization that assists school systems in TN in managing unemployment issues and recognizing and supporting school employees.

THIRD GRADE WELCOMES DECEMBER WITH SONG

Mrs. Dungan and Mrs. Fielden's class brought in the Christmas season at The Community Bank of East Tennessee for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Networking Coffee last

Thursday, December 1st. The 3rd grade class at South Clinton Elementary School has been singing for this scheduled event each year for 10+ years.

Pictured: Kristi Coleman, UTrust Director of Finance and Administration, Kelly Johnson, Director of Schools, and Dr. Dan Tollett, UTrust Administrator



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Clinton City Schools appreciates the dedication and passion that our SROs show to our students, staff, and parents. This has been one of the most powerful programs that we have implemented, and we appreciate the level of collaboration and support by both the City of Clinton and the Clinton Police Department as we continue to provide a safe learning environment for all our students and staff members!

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additional piece.

An events calendar has been placed on the Clinton City Schools web site alerting parents and children to the variety of offerings for all age groups at the Clinton Public Library.

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observations in the schools. The responses from the participants were overwhelmingly positive, recognizing the hard work of staff members and students. Much of the feedback focused on the effective use of technology, developing critical thinking skills, solid and supportive instruction from teachers, and a child-centered environment for students.

This is the first round of the "Principal for a Day" program, which is a collaborative program between Clinton City

Schools and Anderson County Schools. The purpose of this program is to build close relationships between the schools and the community. We know that strong school systems are a product of a supportive community. Clinton City Schools is surrounded with a community of strong supporters of elementary education. We appreciate all who took time out of their busy schedules to come and learn more about Clinton City Schools. We encourage others to consider participating in this wonderful opportunity on the next

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DATES

SCES: December 13

CES: December 14

NCES: December 15

Menu

Ham Sweet Potatoes

Steamed Corn Roll

Fruit Dessert

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate!



Where Are They Now?

Highlighting Former Clinton City School Alumni

Mmeet Shannon C. Earle. Shannon is a product of Clinton City Schools where she attended Clinton Elementary School along with her brother and sister, Chip and Makenzie. Some may know her in Clinton as Albert and Carole Ann Earle's daughter. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1994. She received her Bachelor's degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College and her Masters of Liberal Arts and Sciences from the University of North Carolina Asheville. Her passion has always been helping first generation students and their families navigate the path to higher education, specifically a liberal arts education. She has accomplished

this through a variety of roles at several higher education institutions including TN Wesleyan College, Young Harris College, and University of North Carolina Asheville. Some of her roles at these institutions include Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students, Director of Residence Life, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, and Assistant Provost for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Pre-College Outreach. Most recently, she was promoted at UNC Asheville to Chief of Staff where she has been serving since June 2016. Shannon exemplifies success through her passion for higher



education, dedication to service, unshakeable ethics, and compassionate heart. We are proud that she is a product of Clinton City Schools and is using her career to instill the importance of education to others. She is a true example that hard work pays off!