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Anderson County Community Connections

ACT PREP WORKSHOP

Twenty-one Clinton High seniors and teacher John Robinson joined students from five other East Tennessee Gear Up high schools on September 12th for an ACT Prep Workshop hosted by Walters State in Claiborne

County. The event was organized by Danny Satterfield of Union County High School as an effort to prepare students academically and mentally for the October 3rd senior ACT retake. "This was a great opportunity for our students to see that other seniors around the state are working hard on ACT and feeling the same pressure they are to raise their scores. Being college ready takes a lot of effort and we want to encourage our kids every way we can," said Anderson County GEAR UP site coordinator Hoppy

Merryman. Students had the opportunity to attend workshops for each ACT subtest



as well as sessions on goal setting and keeping their emotions in check in response to scores and expectations. Andrew Akens said he left inspired realizing "when trying to reach success you have go further and punch through the goal. Success isn't a destination, it's a process." "It's the process that's gonna get you there", added CHS student Emma Solomon. Free tutoring is available to all seniors at CHS and ACHS to prepare to make their best scores on October 3rd.



ACHS PREPARES FOR THE ACT

Anderson County High School held a pep rally where students held signs with ACT quotes on one side and pictures of football players on the other.



Improving ACT Scores

- ◆ 9 week ACT prep class for juniors (in personal finance course).
- ◆ ACT prep class during flex-block for students scoring 19-20.
- ◆ Subject specific ACT prep classes during flex-blocks (i.e. math).
- ◆ Saturday ACT practice tests.
- ◆ Before and After school ACT tutoring.
- ◆ Posted signs in all buildings (i.e. 22 = 21).
- ◆ Mav-opoly and college-opoly games for students/parents.
- ◆ New celebration boards (Elite 100, Hope eligible, open lunch, 30+).
- ◆ All teachers have "adopted" 5-6 students each to work one-on-one with.
- ◆ Math revised curriculum standards that correspond to the ACT benchmarks.
- ◆ Student specific work with Special Ed and Connect Academy students.
- ◆ Teachers v. students ACT competitions.
- ◆ Timed ACT practice tests at ACCTC, ACHS and CHS twice a month.
- ◆ Expert ACT speaker coming to ACS on November 20th.
- ◆ Recognition of Elite 100 students at athletic events; "purchase of fatheads."
- ◆ Additional 4 hour, timed, ACT (practice test) for juniors in the Fall (October 3rd)

GEAR UP East Tennessee Regional Kick-off

Six buses loaded with 300 seniors and teachers from across Anderson County traveled to Lincoln Memorial University September 8th for the GEAR UP East Tennessee Regional Kick-off. US Paralympic Track and Field Champion Blake Leeper served as guest speaker encouraging students to set goals and commit to the work required to reach them. "I don't have legs but I am a champion runner", said Leeper, "because I refuse to define myself by what people say I cannot do". Leeper cited teammates as crucial in his winning a gold medal and encouraged students to partner with their support teams in their schools and communities to find success in their college going efforts. The 1000 member audience was greeted by Dr. Jody Goins, a CHS alumnus who serves as LMU's vice-president of enrollment. A welcome was also given by Mike Kraus, executive director of

the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Students enjoyed the rest of the day interacting with LMU staff and ambassadors.

Pictured: Lexi Newton, Elizabeth Knight, Paralympic Gold Medalist Blake Leeper, Amaya Whitt, and Heather Jordan



INNOVATION ACADEMY

ORAU awarded 38 teachers from 14 East Tennessee schools more than \$36,000 on September 11 at the 16th annual ORAU Education Grants ceremony.

The Innovation Academy is proud to announce that math teacher Ginger Sills and English teacher Krista Petrick received 10 Texas Instrument TI-83PLUS Graphing Calculators which will be used by our students. These calculators are valued at \$1,200.00.

This is the second year Ms. Sills and Mrs. Petrick received an education grant from ORAU. Last year they, along with counselor Sheila Skeans, received 5 Chromebooks from ORAU. The Innovation Academy staff appreciates ORAU's support of our students and help in obtaining technology for their use.



FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY FALL CARNIVAL

FES will be having their annual Fall Carnival on Friday, Oct. 20. FES PTO sponsors this event each year. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church provides all the food and workers for the Chili Supper which includes Petros, hot dogs, homemade desserts, drinks, etc.



The Chili Supper is 5:30-8:00. Carnival activities include games such as Plinko, Bingo, inflatables, hayride, face painting, cupcake walk, and lots more. Carnival activities will be from 6:00-7:30. A basket auction will take place at 7:45. Themes for the baskets include U.T., Family Fun Night, Camping, and much more!

EXPLORE TO SOAR -- NEW AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT CMS

CMS is launching a new program called Explore to Soar on our quest to make CMS an extended learning center. This amazing program offers enrichment opportunities for our students after school every day, excluding Wednesday, from 3:40-5:30 and in the morning before school 7:45-8:20. In the afternoon, students will have a free snack and time to do homework with teachers available to help.

After homework time, students will have “clubs time” with enrichment activity clubs. The morning sessions are all enrichment club time only.

The program will begin the week of September 11th. Here are a few of the awesome and exciting enrichment clubs we will be offering: Cooking, Fitness, Nutrition-Fuel Up to Play 60, Book Clubs, Gaming, World Explorers, Crafting, Sewing, School Beautification, STEM/Robotics, Community Outreach, Scrapbooking, Cosmetology, Astronomy, Calligraphy, Music, and much more!

READING ROCKS! – THE 40 BOOK CHALLENGE RETURNS

Last year, our ELA Department raised the stakes for promoting literacy at CMS with “The 40 Book Challenge.” It was a smashing success! We read over 9,000 books as school.

This year, it continues with a pretty rockin’ theme...Reading Rocks! All of our students in all three grade levels have been given a challenge: to rock as many books as they can during the 2017-2018 school year. Our goal this year is 9,999 books!

Each month, the ELA Department will put on an incentive in order to celebrate our readers who are staying on track for 40. The September celebration will be held during school on September 14th. Qualifying readers will spend the afternoon enjoying a movie in the auditorium...with popcorn!

Help us out by promoting the importance of reading in not only our schools but in all of our daily lives. If we all show the great kids of our community how much greater reading can make them, well, the sky’s the limit! And the world is our stage to rock!



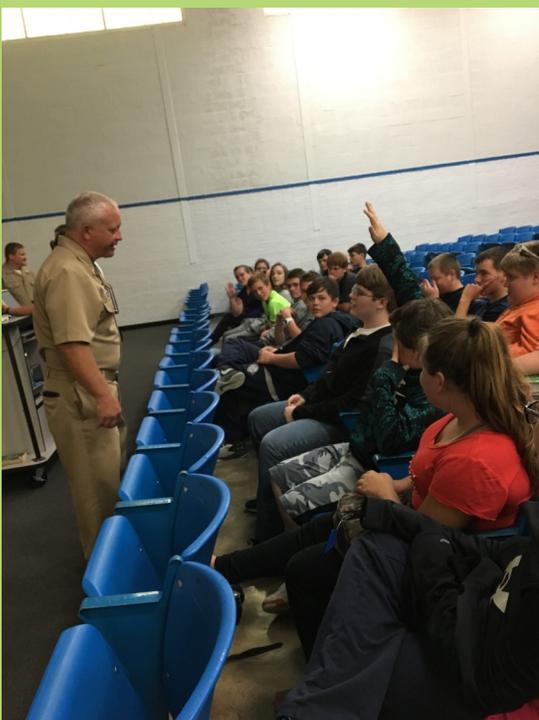
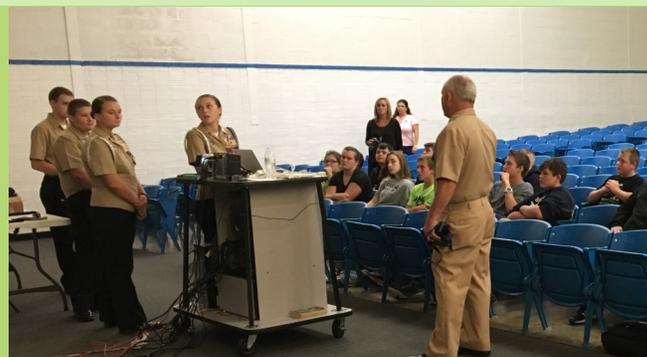
CELEBRATING UTRUST AT CMS

The UTRUST organization began in 1980 as the Tennessee School Boards Insurance Trust. Its goal was to assist local school boards with employee benefits. Since then the group's mission has expanded to include the Employee Appreciation and Recognition Program. The trustees developed eight appreciation days to recognize various groups within the school system. The UTRUST state coordinators develop a themed celebration event packet for each group recognized throughout the year. The packets are filled with a plethora of ideas for ways students can honor and celebrate the amazing people who have dedicated their lives to public education. Student leaders work with building-level UTRUST coordinators to bring those wonderful ideas to fruition within each school. The September Celebration honored our Bus Drivers and will be held on September 21st. September's theme was NASHVILLE!



ROTC PROGRAM

ACHS ROTC Chief Davis, along with student ROTC members, met with a select group of Lake City Middle School 8th graders in September. The 8th graders were given useful information about the program, including watching a slide show from field trips and learning about activities and

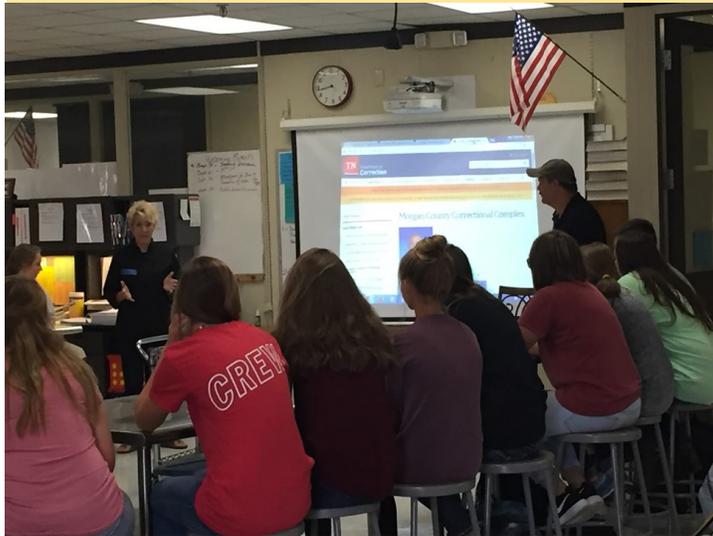
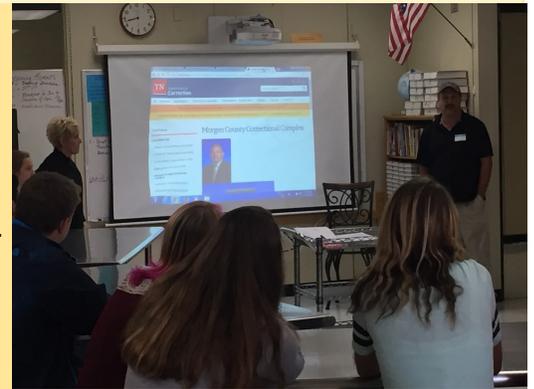


routines. Students were able to ask questions and listen to personal experiences from the ROTC members (which consisted of all former LCMS kids). The interaction ignited excitement and curiosity in the minds of the 8th graders, who are looking forward to their high school careers.



CULINARY ARTS

Mr. John Cross, Culinary Arts Instructor from the Morgan County Correctional Facility, on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, spent the day talking with students in Mrs. Pamela Wilson's Culinary Arts classes at Anderson County Career and Technical Center. While his visit was planned for exchanging teacher ideas and information with Mrs. Wilson, his experience working with prison inmates was of great value in helping the students to understand the



importance of good decision-making skills NOW, in order to avoid potential problems that lead to arrest and incarceration LATER. Underscoring ACCTC's drive to improve both attendance and ACT scores, as well as enhancing the role that personal-responsibility plays in achieving goals and success in life, were all topics of the day's discussion. Not only did Mr. Cross' visit provide great insight for us all, student engagement was intriguing and apparent.

Clinch River Community School News

Clinch River Community School, along with Anderson County High School's football team, have once again started up "Read Option Fridays." Each week, several ACHS football



players join the CRCS elementary school during lunch time for some reading. The players eat lunch and read along with the young students. This is the second year of this amazing partnership!



FFA SETS RECORD NUMBER OF WINS

The Anderson County FFA Chapter became the first ever FFA Chapter in the history of the FFA since 1928 in the nation to have five state winning teams in the same year competing at National FFA Career Development Events Competition. Those teams competing during the week of October 23rd through 28th in Indianapolis, IN are: Agronomy, Environmental and Natural Resources, Food Science and Technology, Milk Quality and Products and Poultry Production and Evaluation. These teams are coached by FFA advisor Philip Warfield.

FOOD SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Emily Sparks – 12 - ROCKY TOP
Annalyse Leach – 12 - ROCKY TOP
Gabby Hutton – 12 - ANDERSONVILLE
Emma Johnson – 10 - ANDERSONVILLE

POULTRY SCIENCE and EVALUATION

Skylar Mazingo – 11 - ROCKY TOP
Jacob Kiser – 12 - ROCKY TOP
Ethan McAnally – 11 - ANDERSONVILLE
Wesley Zemke – 11 - HEISKELL

ENVIROMENTAL and NATURAL RESOURCES

Ethan Lawson – 11 - ANDERSONVILLE
Sydney Zemke -12 - HEISKELL
Bobby Hunley -10 - ANDERSONVILLE
Jessica Kiser – 10 - ROCKY TOP

AGRONOMY

John Smiddy – 11 - ROCKY TOP
Treythan Beaty – 10 - ROCKY TOP
Nicholas Monday – 10 - HEISKELL
Dylan Hatmaker – 11 - ROCKY TOP

MILK QUALITY and PRODUCTS

Graycie Murphy -10 - ANDERSONVILLE
Tamara Health – 9 - HEISKELL
Kennedy Licata – 10 - ANDERSONVILLE
Julia Brimer – 11 – ANDERSONVILLE

The primary goal of the FFA career and leadership development events is to develop individual college and career readiness skills through personal growth and premier leadership. Individuals will be challenged to develop critical thinking skills, effective decision making skills,

foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement.



Front row Left to Right: Jessica Kiser, Skylar Mazingo, Emma Johnson, Sydney Zemke, Annalyse Leach, Graycie Murphy, Kennedy Licata, Tamara Heath, Treythan Beaty, Ethan Lawson

Back row Left to Right: Commissioner Shain Vowell, Dylan Hatmaker, Commissioner Philip Warfield, Julia Brimer, John Smiddy, Jacob Kiser, Emily Sparks, Bobby Hunley, Gabby Hutton, Wesley Zemke, Nicholas Monday, Ethan McAnally, Commissioner Steve Emert, Commissioner Tim Isbel