



# Clairton Elementary School Paper Bears

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## Angela Brownfield: Animal Hero!

by Onnesti Simmons

Angela Brownfield is a student at Clairton High School. She got involved with volunteering at an animal shelter because of the love she has for animals. Red is a playful dog that was found in December. She weighed only 20 pounds and was neglected and malnourished. After 3 months, Red was much better and is being trained to be a detection dog.

O.S. How did you know Red was special?

A.B. Every dog is special in many different ways.

O.S. How did you get Red's weight up?

A.B. Red was put on a regular diet of healthy foods.

O.S. Where was Red found?

A.B. She was found at Century Town Homes. Red had 7 litter mates and a dad. Her mom was not there.

O.S. When Red was found, did you think her life was at risk?

A.B. Yes.

Red is now in the state of Washington in a program that trains dogs to detect either drugs or bombs by using their strong sense of smell.

## Keeping Kids Warm by Martin Lawrence

Brandon Ziats, Director of Youth Opportunities Development worked with the high school leadership team to sponsor a project providing students in second grade with winter coats. Last winter, students in first grade missed a lot of school because of the cold weather. Some of these students walk to school with no coats or hoodies.

The money was raised by having an online funding site through another non-profit organization, Operation Warm, who gave us the coats. Other private individuals such as the City of Clairton and Lions Club helped raise money as well. They raised \$1400.

Plans were designed by high school leadership students and staff, and the coats were distributed in December. In the future, they will look to do other projects to help the students and residents of Clairton, "We felt good about doing a special project."



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Trubiani

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March

- 12 Daylight Savings Time!
- 14 Kindergarten Registration  
5:00 - 7:00
- 16 Grading Period Ends
- 17 No School for Students
- 23 Early Release (11:30)  
Student Conferences  
12:15 - 3:30
- 24 Report Cards Issued

#### April

- 3 PSSA Testing Begins
- 12 Spring Break Begins
- 20 Kindergarten Registration  
5:00 - 7:00

Sunday, March 12  
Turn your clocks ahead!



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## Historical Clairton By Martin Lawrence

The City of Clairton is a small city in Allegheny County located along the **Monogahela River**. The population is **6,700**. It's nickname is **The City of Prayer**.

Clairton is the home of Clairton Works, which is the largest coke manufacturing facility in the United States.

The city was founded just after the turn of the 20th century when the Crucible Steel Company acquired a large tract of land along the west side of the Monogahela River about 13 miles south of Pittsburgh.



Today, Clairton boasts the Clairton Bears and its championship football teams. A recent Clairton High School graduate, Tyler Boyd, now plays for the Cincinnati Bengals.

## Celebrating Dr. Seuss By Javian Kesner

Around March 2, people in schools all over the United States celebrate the birth of Dr. Seuss, who was an author of many books including *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, *The Lorax*, and many more!

He wrote over 100 children's books and received numerous awards for his work. He started a company called Beginner Books that focused mainly on beginning readers. Both children and adults love his books because they are funny and easy to read. Sadly, Dr. Seuss passed away on September 24, 1991, at the age of 87.

Some facts you might not know about Dr. Seuss:

**Dr. Seuss' real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel.**

**He isn't really a doctor, but it's part of his name because his dad always wanted him to be a doctor.**



## Kindergarten Registration

Clairton Elementary School has scheduled two evenings for Kindergarten Registration for students who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017. Families may take advantage of either Tuesday, March 14 or Thursday, April 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Elementary Multipurpose Room.

Families are asked to bring the **parent/guardian's photo identification** and two documents as proof of residency such as a utility bill or rental agreement, etc. **Also required is the child's birth certificate** and medical records for immunizations, physical exam, and dental exam.

Questions? Please call 412.233.9200 x1350.



## Shopping for a Cause

By Angelina Sacunas

The fourth grade has come up with a good way to raise money. They are sponsoring a school store selling different school supplies. Some of the items for sale are pencils, pens, and erasers. All items are reasonably priced for students.



The money raised will be used to pay for transportation for a Grade 4 field trip scheduled for the end of the school year.

The school store is set up before school in the Elementary Lobby. Stop by on Tuesday or Thursday mornings if you need any supplies and thank you for your support!

# Black History Heroes

## Ruby Bridges

by Onnesti Simmons

Ruby Bridges was born September 8, 1958, to Abon and Lucille Bridges. She is now 62 years old. **Her husband's name is Malcolm Hall, and** she has three children: Craig, Sean, and Christopher Hall. She is also an author, but she is best known for being the first African-American student to attend an all white elementary school in the south.



## Rosa Parks

by Che Hawkins



Rosa Parks was in jail in 1933 all because of a seat. She was born on February 4, 1913, and because she would not give up her bus seat in the segregated south, she is considered the First Lady of Civil Rights and the Mother of the Freedom Movement. While staying seated got her arrested, it also began a boycott of public transportation that eventually lead to the end of segregation on buses. One of her most famous quotes is, **"The only tired I am is tired of giving in."**

## Box Tops helps schools

By Moylana Turner

Clairton Elementary school participates in the Box Tops for Education Program sponsored by General Mills.

Box tops are found on many General Mills products and by collecting and turning in box tops, our school can get supplies. The more box tops we can collect, the more supplies we can earn for the school and students. Teachers and staff are grateful for families who send them to school.

Keep on sending in Box Tops! Students can give box tops to their homeroom teachers.

Thank you!



## Barack Obama

by Moylana Turner



Barack Obama was the first African American President. He was born August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, HI. He became President in 2009 and left office in 2017. Obama married his wife, Michelle, October 3, 1992. He went to Harvard University Law School. His father was born in Africa, and his mother was born in Hawaii. His mother died two days before he was elected. In his youth, he was a fan of the Steelers!

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Brian Arias



Dr. King was born in Georgia on January 15, 1929. He did not believe in segregation and wanted people to be treated the same. As a minister, he read about strong, peaceful people who made changes. He was married to Coretta Scott and moved to Alabama, where he lead a church. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his peaceful work. He died on April 4, 1968. **Today we celebrate Dr. King's life and work every January.**

## Book Nook by Anthony Janetka



Hello Readers! Welcome to my corner of Book Nook! The latest book I read is called *Making Bombs for Hitler*.

The book is about a girl named Lida who is separated from her beloved sister, Larrissa. She then ends up in a labor camp where she meets some friends.

The tide turns when Lida has to make bombs for Hitler. **She can't bear the thought of helping the enemy.** Then, she gets an idea. Can she and her friends sabotage the bombs and defeat Hitler?

This is a thrilling book packed full of suspense! Enjoy!

by Alex Spence

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