



Clairton Elementary School Paper Bears

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Katy's Kids by Che' Hawkins and Alex Spence



Photo courtesy of Ms. Schiata

Katy's Kids is a program from Duquesne University Pharmacy students. On September 27 and 29, they visited with students in Grades 1 and 2.

We saw the presentation given by Kelsey, Cassandra, Evan, and Alexandra, and they talked about how to take medicine safely and that there are different kinds of medicine. They also explained why we get a lot of shots and why we **take medicine. It's all to keep us healthy or to make us better.**



Some medicines look like candy, so always have an adult help.

The Pharmacy students we saw have all been at Duquesne University for 5 years.

Eat Healthier! By Journei Williams

J.W. What is the Food and Vegetable Program?
Mrs. Gaynor It's about getting our students to try different fruits and veggies. Some of our students have never tasted some of the produce we receive.

J. W. When did it start?
Mrs. Gaynor It started 5 years ago.

J. W. How does the program work?
Mrs. Gaynor I (the Food Service Director) order all of our fruits and vegetables for Grades K-5. I email the handouts to whomever is in charge to make copies for our students and teachers pass them out to each student. During down time, the students receive their fruit or vegetable.



J. W. Where do you get your produce (fruits and vegetables)?
Mrs. Gaynor We receive our produce from Monteverde's.

J. W. What seems to be the favorite fruits and vegetables?
Mrs. Gaynor Pineapples, watermelon, grapes and cherries are the favorite fruits. Cucumber, broccoli, and baby carrots seem to be the favorite vegetables.

J. W. What is your favorite fruit or vegetable?
Mrs. Gaynor Miss Jackie likes mainly all fruits and vegetables!

UPCOMING EVENTS and INFORMATION

October

- 10 Fire Prevention Week
- 13 Donuts with Dad
- 14 No School for Students
- 26 Family Advisory Meeting
6:00 Secondary Library
- 26 Student of the Month
Recognition
7:00 Board Meeting

November

- 2 Early Release - 11:30
Conferences (6-12)
1:30-8:00
 - 3 Early Release - 11:30
Conferences (K-5)
1:30-8:00
 - 11 No school for students
- Breakfast is served daily
7:30-7:50
- Afternoon meal is served
Monday-Thursday
2:45-3:00

Paper Bears Staff

- Brian Arias
- Eboni Dean
- Antonia Goodrum
- Che' Hawkins**
- Paris Jackson
- Anthony Janetka
- Martin Lawrence
- Alex Spence
- Moylana Turner
- Journei Williams

Paper Bears Advisor
Patti Detwiler

Nice Teacher!

By Paris Jackson



Mrs. Muraco is a new teacher at Clairton Elementary School. She teaches third grade in Room 8B.

P.J. How long have you been a teacher?

Mrs. Muraco This is my 4th year teaching.

P.J. Where did you teach before?

Mrs. Muraco I taught at LaFayette Upper Elementary School in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

P.J. What is the best thing about teaching?

Mrs. Muraco Watching my students learn and grow :)

P.J. What is your favorite subject?

Mrs. Muraco Math. I LOVE Math

P.J. What do you do outside of school?

Mrs. Muraco I coach volleyball.



Welcome back Mrs. Pytash!

By Antonio Goodrum

Clairton Elementary School welcomes back Mrs. Pytash who has returned from maternity leave.

A.G. How does it feel to be back?

Mrs. Pytash I am very excited to be back!

A.G. What is it like to be a mom?

Mrs. Pytash It is the most important job. I am happy how I created someone.

A.G. What are some of your favorite things?

Mrs. Pytash I love to read, shop, and be with my family.

A.G. What do you like about your job here at Clairton?

Mrs. Pytash I love working with the kids, and I want them to grow up successfully.

A.G. What is your favorite kind of food?

Mrs. Pytash I love Chinese food.

A.G. Did you participate in any sports?

Mrs. Pytash I ran track.

A.G. How did you spend your summer other than being with your new daughter?

Mrs. Pytash We moved into a new home.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Pytash

A.R. By Moylana Turner

Clairton Elementary School participates in the Accelerated Reader program, run by Mrs. Pecora. It is offered to students in Grades 2-5.

Students read books, take tests, and earn points to reach their goal. Reading books not only help students reach their goals, they also teach new words, which increases their vocabulary.

September's top A.R. classes:

Grade 2—Mrs. Englert
69.8 points

Grade 3—Ms. Bellon
106 points

Grade 4—Mrs. Parsons
49.7 points

Grade 5—Mrs. Baur
46.3 points

Read a lot of books to help your class to be the next A.R. Top Readers!

October Holidays by Brian Arias

Christopher Columbus founded the New World on October 12, 1492. He was an Italian-born explorer. There are parades and fairs where people have Italian food to celebrate their heritage.

Columbus sailed with three ships called the Nina, Pinta, and the **Santa Maria**. It's celebrated the **second Monday in October**.



Halloween is celebrated on October 31 each year. It began over 2,000 years ago in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and France. They believed the dead came back to earth.

In the United States, many people celebrate Halloween by carving pumpkins, dressing up in costumes, and trick or treating. Some people pass out candy to children.

Halloween Safety by Paris Jackson

Halloween is a fun holiday, but you have to be really careful. Here are some ways to be safe.

- ◆ Do not wear all black.
- ◆ Walk with an adult.
- ◆ **If a house is scary to you, don't go there.**
- ◆ **Don't take candy from people you don't know.**
- ◆ Carry a flashlight
- ◆ Check your candy before eating.
- ◆ Hold your bag tightly, so nobody can take it.
- ◆ Avoid eating too many sweets at one time.



Power Up by Eboni Dean



Photo courtesy of Ms. Black

Power Up is visiting Kindergarten-Grade 4 classrooms again this year.

Ms. Tracy and Ms. Brittany stopped in **Mrs. Black's room** to teach students about the five parts of the

food plate. The food plate contains fruits, vegetables, dairy, grains, and protein. They played a game to learn the foods in each category.

Power Up comes every month to teach kids about their health and their bodies. Every other month they

have a different type of food to taste. This visit, they brought homemade applesauce and graham crackers. The kids really liked them! Snacks are good if you make a healthy choice.

Attendance Matters by Martin Lawrence

It is important to have a good attendance record. If you miss too many days of school, it is called chronic absenteeism.

You should also always come to school on time. Missing too many days of school can cause problems.

If you miss a lot of days of school, you will probably fall

behind on your lessons. In Kindergarten, missing 10% of school days can make it harder to learn how to read.

Did you know absences can affect the whole classroom especially if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up?

To help prevent being late or

absent, set a regular bed time and have a morning routine.

It's a good idea to lay out your clothes and pack your backpack before going to bed. A healthy breakfast is important too. So eat a home or at school (7:30-7:50 at school).

Remember this the next time **you're late or might miss school** without being sick.

Open House By Journei Williams

Clairton Elementary School's annual fall Open House took place on September 8, 2016. There was a very good turn out of families.

Some classes made "Guess Who" papers. Students wrote clues about themselves and visitors had to guess which was their child. It was a lot of fun!

Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary School Principal said, "It was wonderful to meet with so many students and their families. Everyone seemed like they had a great time. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again."



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Trubiani

Book Nook by Anthony Janetka

Hello Students of Clairton Elementary. Have you been trying to find a good book? Well, you've come to the right place.



I give you the one and only, Percy Jackson! *The Lightning Thief*, written by Rick Riordan, is the story of Percy Jackson, who is a child of Poseidon. He gets sent to Camp Half-Blood for demigods. Percy is half mortal and half god, and his life is downright dangerous!

I hope you enjoy reading *The Lightning Thief*. If you have any suggestions for book reviews, please write it down and give it to Mrs. Detwiler.

Please stay tuned for the next Book Nook!

Kindness Counts September Celebration by Alex Spence

Friday, September 30 was the first Kindness Counts celebration of the school year. There were 36 students who participated in the K-Grade 2 session where they made Play-Dough. Another 36 students in Grades 3-5 made Slime.

Ms. Gelet answered some questions about the Kindness Counts program.

A.S. When did this program start?

Ms. Gelet Kindness Counts started during the 2014-2015 school year.

A.S. How did it start?

Ms. Gelet When I became Dean of Students, the principal and I met to discuss ways to reward students who are kind, polite, and respectful. We decided to involve the entire staff to "catch students doing the right thing" rather than calling attention to poor choices made by the students. All

elementary staff have Kindness Counts tickets. They pass out tickets to students observed helping others, using manners, or following school rules. The tickets are placed in a box in the students' homeroom. Every 6 weeks or so, 3-4 students from each homeroom are selected to participate in a fun activity.

A.S. Who makes it happen?
Ms. Gelet The entire staff help to make Kindness Counts happen by passing out tickets to deserving students. Mrs. Semian, Mrs. Recaldini, and Mrs. Yeager-Pytash come up with activities for the students. Mrs. Maurizio kindly finds the money needed to purchase necessary items for a fun time from the elementary incentive fund.



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