



# Paw Prints

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## 5th Grade Wins Middle School Challenge

One hundred sixty students at Clinton County Middle School recently took part in a schoolwide competition called the Middle School Challenge, hosted by South Central Kentucky GEAR UP. In preparation for the event, students received study guides every week for ten weeks. The study guides included a wide range of categories, including American History since 1865, American History to 1865, Geography, Government, Social Studies, Science, Literary Terms, Math Terms, Arts &

Humanities, and Practical Living & Vocational Studies. Questions from each category reflect the Kentucky Department of Education's Core Content for Assessment for Middle Schools, which in turn assist the students in studying for the CATS test (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System).

Students in every grade 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> at Clinton County Middle School participated in the qualification test and teams of forty students were formed for each grade. The final event

took place on February 25<sup>th</sup> in the CCMS gymnasium. Each game consisted of ten rounds, with four students from each grade competing head to head with a buzzer system for five minutes in a quick recall format. The rounds were moderated by GEAR UP Assistant Director Allen Burchett. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team defeated the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team in the first round, 144 to 132. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team defeated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team in the second round, 137 to 122. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team defeated the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team in the finals, 128 to 118, to become the 2011 Middle School Challenge

champions. Ms. Kim Stonecipher and Mr. Tim Duvall were the coaches of the winning 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Mr. Duvall said that he was "tickled to death for his students with their win."

Ms. Valarie Flanagan and Ms. Holly Pierce were the coaches of the runner-up 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. Ms. Flanagan said she was "extremely pleased with the performance of her team." The winning 5<sup>th</sup> grade team from

Clinton County Middle School will play the winning 8<sup>th</sup> grade team from Wayne County Middle School at the Clinton County Learning Center this spring in the Middle School Challenge Multi-County Championship.

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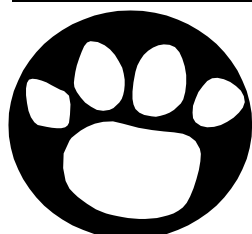
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# ECC Students Celebrate Presidents Day

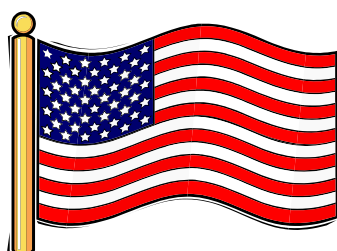


To celebrate President's Day at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center, the Preschool students made Lincoln log cabins from milk cartons, cake icing, and pretzel sticks.

Pictured at top are Ms. Lorie Dalton's morning and afternoon Preschool classes.

Pictured in the middle are Ms. Jamie Cooksey's morning and afternoon Preschool classes.

Pictured at bottom are Ms. Lezlee Young's morning and afternoon Preschool classes.





# Students TAKE 10! at ECC



As a part of the new PEP (Physical Education Program) grant in Clinton County Schools, the Early Childhood Center has implemented the TAKE 10!® Curriculum. In addition to classroom implementation, students are also participating in TAKE 10!® in the morning before going to their classrooms. ECC Counselor Melissa Campbell says that the students are loving the lessons and the "fun" movement, and that she is loving it too because she gets her exercise in!



- TAKE 10!® is a classroom-based physical activity program for kindergarten to fifth grade students.
- TAKE 10!® is a curriculum tool created by teachers for teachers and students.
- TAKE 10!® integrates academic learning objectives (in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science and Health) with movement.
- TAKE 10!® materials contain safe and age-appropriate 10-minute physical activities.





# Middle School Governor's Cup



The Clinton County Middle School Academic Team participated in district Governor's Cup on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The Quick Recall Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and advanced to regional competition on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Several students also placed in individual written assessment, including: Frank Zheng (2<sup>nd</sup> in mathematics), Alexander Beaty (2<sup>nd</sup> in social studies & 2<sup>nd</sup> in science), Levi Neathery (4<sup>th</sup> in social studies), Takota Dalton (tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in science), Zack Garmon (tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in science & 4<sup>th</sup> in arts & humanities) and Chandra Tallent (2<sup>nd</sup> in arts & humanities). The team is coached by Mrs. Danielle Hicks and Mr. Doug Spears.

Pictured above are members of the Middle School Academic Team. Front row, left to right: Haley Dicken, Addison Bernard, Matthew Hunter, Chandra Tallent, Mildred Dominguez, and Levi Neathery. Back row, left to right: Ty Sparks, Zach McFall, Frank Zheng, Takota Dalton, Zack Garmon, Jared Upchurch, Alex Beaty, and Jordan Grant.

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## Middle School Challenge

*Below left, the 5th grade team and their coaches. Below right, moderator Allen Burchett and GEAR UP Director Jeff Pharis during a match.*





# High School Governor's Cup



Pictured below are the five students who placed in written assessment at district Governor's Cup and advanced to the regional competition: Ellis Shelley (3rd in science), Jordan Vincent (4th in composition), William Cox (1st in math), Maegan Harlan (5th in language arts), and Jacob Williams (1st in science & 1st in social studies). At the regional competition on February 19, 2011, Jacob Williams placed 2nd in social studies and will advance to the state competition.



The Junior Varsity Academic Team is pictured above and is composed of David Pierce, Tiler Cross, Dustin Daley, Jennifer Covey, Emily Bertram, Jacob Williams, and Troy Butler (not pictured). The JV team traveled to Hart County on November 13, 2010 for the JV Challenge. The Clinton County Quick Recall Team placed 2nd in the competition. Individual subject winners were: Jacob Williams (2nd in social studies & 5th in science), Dustin Daley (3rd in science), and Troy Butler (4th in mathematics).





# Truth or Consequences ~ *The Choice Is Yours*



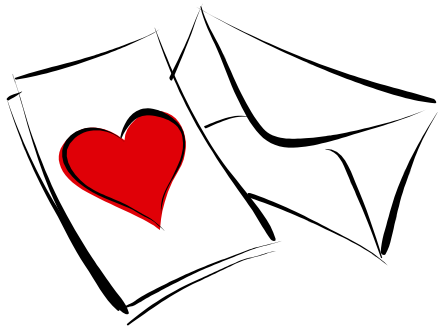
Freshmen students at Clinton County High School recently participated in the Truth or Consequences event. “*Truth & Consequences the Choice Is Yours*” is an enrichment event designed to allow students to see the

consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. During this event 123 students participated along with 84 community partners and volunteers. Students were given scenarios and then visited appropriate officials as if they had actually engaged in the behavior.

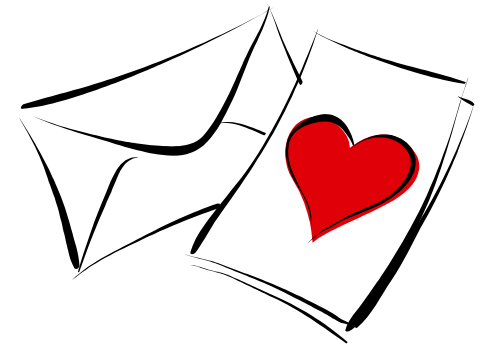
Parents and volunteers worked with the youth as they visited booths, such as court system, school administration, hospital, and law enforcement. Because of its success, the program has been published through the University of Kentucky CES and is being replicated in other communities.







# A Perfect Valentine



During the month of February, 259 students at Albany Elementary School worked hard for perfect attendance. As a reward for their hard work and perfect attendance, these students

enjoyed creating Valentine's Day cards for patients, clients, and residents at Clinton County Hospital, Horizon Adult Daycare, and Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation .





# Ms. Yvonne's Student Inventors

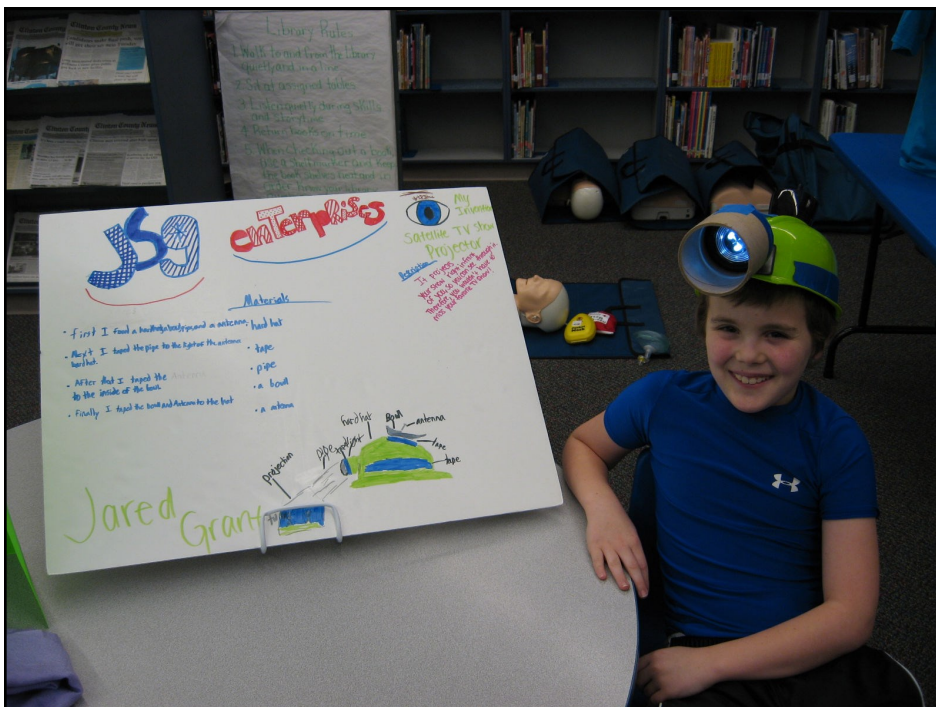
Ms. Yvonne Morgan's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class project was to create an invention. After reading the story The Kids Invention Book, the students

were asked to make an original item from things at home to bring to school. The students displayed their projects in the library and other

students at AES were able to vote on their favorite one. The students are pictured here and on Page 9 with their original inventions.

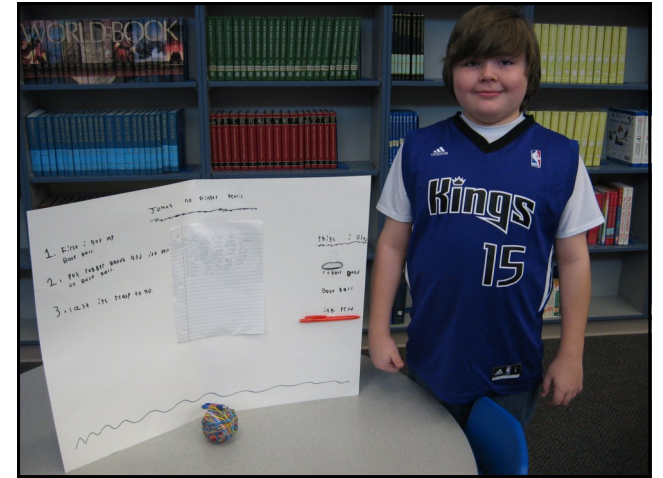
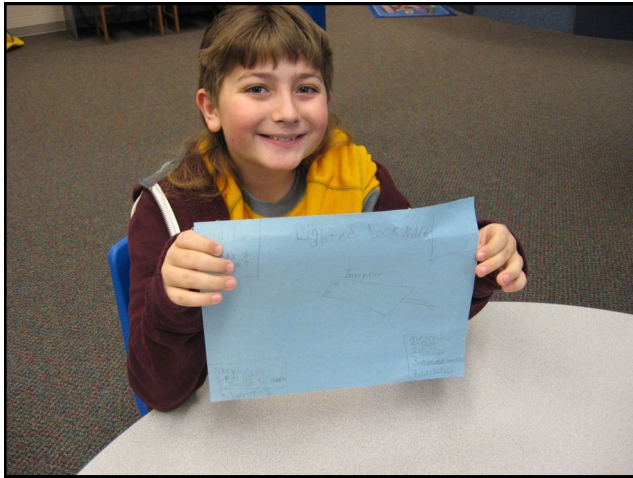


*Pictured above left are all of the student inventors in Ms. Yvonne Morgan's 4th grade class. Pictured above right is the winner of the invention contest, Gracie Widau with her Polish pocket—an egg carton creatively transformed into a nail polish caddy. There was a tie for 2nd place. Pictured below are the 2nd place winners. Below left is Jared Grant with his Satellite TV Show Projector. Below right is Tate Ferguson with his Momory Puppy Bed.*

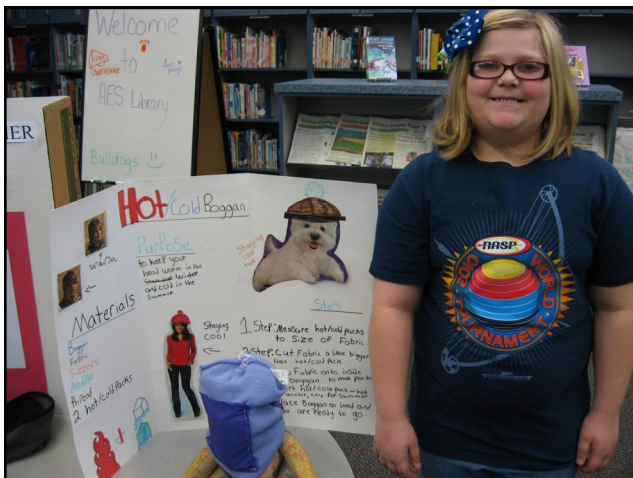




# Ms. Yvonne's Student Inventors



*Pictured above left is Benjamin Roberts with his Lighted bookmark. Pictured above center is James Cecil with his Hands On Solar System teaching gloves. Pictured above right is John Butler with his No finger pencil. Pictured below left is Emma McClellan with her Hot/cold boggon. Pictured below center is Makayla Cope with her Face warmer sweatshirt. Pictured below right is Daylyn Stearns with his bottle rocket.*





# Taking the E-Discovery Challenge

“In the business world everyone is paid in two coins: cash and experience. Take the experience first; the cash will come later,” quoted Harold Geneen. This quote describes the 8<sup>th</sup> grade E-Discovery Challenge which took place on Monday, February 14, 2011 at Clinton County Middle School. The mission of the E-Discovery Challenge is to allow students to gain an understanding of the real business world. Team collaboration, marketing, and advertising are focal points of this simulated real world experience.

A winning attitude was an essential part of our overall team collaboration process. Leaders were appointed to manage the overall team, and each team member was assigned a task to complete. During this process, the teams were responsible for making key business decisions. Teams worked together to market a product, to create, to manage their expenses to maintain a profit margin, and to create an advertising method that attracts buyers. Good teamwork was the way



to ensure a positive entrepreneurship experience.

The business term “marketing” was effectively explained to all of the teams, and our little businesses began to emerge. As entrepreneurs, we evaluated a target market by conducting research, and then we developed marketing strategies to sell our products or services. The ultimate goal was to track the

expenses and determine a reasonable profit.

Advertising was the next important step in the E-Discovery Challenge. All teams worked together to create catchy elevator pitches for advertisements. Many posters were displayed around the school as a marketing strategy to grab the customer’s attention. Competition highlights the best in products or services; therefore, our E-Discovery teams were motivated to make a good profit and satisfy the customer. Our teams learned the products or services are better sold when successfully advertised.

The Clinton County Middle School’s young entrepreneur program was again a challenging, yet rewarding experience for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This program opened up the minds of students who may want to begin their own businesses in the future. It also educated all 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the business industry. Hopefully, now that all 8<sup>th</sup> graders have had some experience the real cash will come later.

**Submitted by Amber Allen**





# Taking the E-Discovery Challenge



Pictured above are students at their vendor booths during the 8th grade E-Discovery Challenge night at CCMS. Students sold a variety of goods and services, including hot chocolate, coffee, milkshakes, cupcakes, lemonade, funnel cakes, snowcones, paper roses, popcorn, t-shirts, and face painting.



Visitors to CCMS during the E-Discovery Challenge night also enjoyed Title I Reading night and the Poetry Alive presentation, pictured below. Poetry Alive presentations include two-person teams who give high-intensity poetry performances, designed to enhance reading and writing skills.





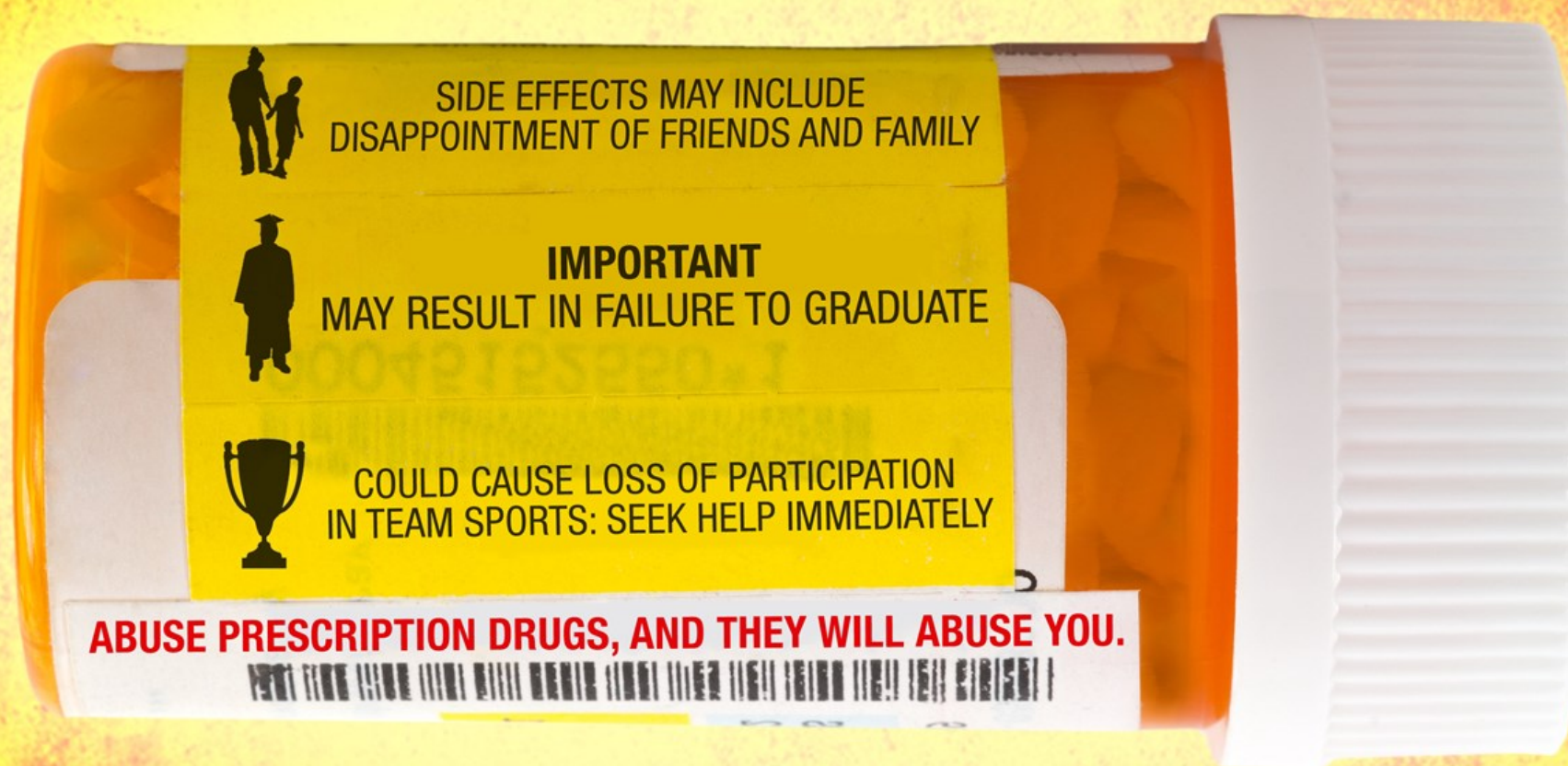
**If you or someone you know is in need of alcohol, tobacco, or other drug prevention education or counseling please feel free to contact us at the number listed below. We are here for you!**

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**Safe Schools  
Healthy Students**



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# SAFE-T Project Tabletop Exercise

Safe Schools / Healthy Students SAFE-T Project conducted its fifth Tabletop Exercise and Advisory Council Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Clinton County Welcome Center. Facilitated by SAFE-T Project Director Charlotte Bernard, School Safety Coordinator Kevin Groce, and Emergency Services Director Lonnie Scott, participants reacted to a scenario involving an earthquake. In a Tabletop Exercise, participants have the opportunity to react and respond to a simulated emergency or crisis situation. This type of exercise allows participants to explore the available community resources, clarify roles and responsibilities of

each organization, examine existing modes of communication, reflect on strengths and weaknesses, and consider longer-range goals in a compressed timeframe. Over forty community partners participated in the Tabletop Exercise, representing the Clinton County Board of Education, Sheriff's Department, Albany City Police, State Police, Emergency

Services, Fire Department, Clinton County Hospital, City & County Government, Ministerial Association, Extension Office, and Equity Group. Thanks to all community partners who participated in the Tabletop Exercise and are working hard to keep our children safe!



## Adult Education Offers GED Help

If you or anyone you know is interested in obtaining a GED, entering college, or taking remedial classes, please contact Mitch Latham or Nicole Cross at the Clinton County Adult Education Program at (606) 387—6648.



**We can help  
and our help  
is free!!!**





# ATC December Students of the Month

The faculty and staff in the six career and technical education programs at Clinton County Area Technology Center are proud to honor “Students of the Month” for a specific character trait selected each month.

Instructors from each department have selected students who most nearly exemplified the character trait of joyfulness and who represent December’s Students of the Month. Deserving students are given a certificate of appreciation, and their photos are displayed in the school lobby during the month following their selection.

Pictured below from left to right are: Mariah Maupin with Billie Frye, Health Sciences Instructor, Amanda Shaw with Teresa Giles, Office Technology Instructor, and Ashley Flowers with Stesha Shelton, Office Technology Instructor. Pictured at bottom from

left to right are: Gavin McWhorter with Dennis Flowers, Automotive Technology Instructor, Tristen Keller with Jesse Burchett, Welding Instructor, Jordan Bowlin with Jerry Bell, Electricity Instructor, and Tyler Story with Barry Harmon, Carpentry Instructor.



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# ATC January Students of the Month

The faculty and staff in the six career and technical education programs at Clinton County Area Technology Center are proud to honor “Students of the Month” for a specific character trait selected each month.

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selected students who most nearly exemplified the character trait of punctuality and who represent January’s Students of the Month. Deserving students are given a certificate of appreciation, and their photos are displayed in the school lobby during the month following

their selection. Pictured below from left to right are: Angela Irving with Billie Frye, Health Sciences Instructor, Haleigh Cross with Teresa Giles, Office Technology Instructor, and Juliann Mullins with Stesha Shelton, Office Technology



Instructor. Pictured at bottom from left to right are: Will Parrish with Dennis Flowers, Automotive Technology instructor, Marty Melton with Jesse Burchett, Welding Instructor, Casey Long with Jerry Bell, Electricity Instructor, and Jared Wolfe with Barry Harmon, Carpentry Instructor.

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It's natural to measure your child's height and weight. But you should measure other ways your child is growing, too.

From birth to 5 years, there are milestones your child should reach in terms of how she plays, learns, speaks, and acts. A delay in any of these areas could be a sign of a developmental problem, even autism. The good news is, the earlier it's recognized the more you can do to help your child reach her full potential.

For a free developmental screening of your child, contact SAFE-T Project Early Childhood Case Worker April Speck at 606-387-3495, Ext. 205.

**It's time to change  
how we view a child's growth.**

**Learn the Signs. Act Early.**

