

Paw Prints

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CCMS Academic Team Wins 6th Grade Showcase

The Clinton County Middle School 6th Grade Academic Team competed in the Section 22 6th Grade Showcase held at Science Hill Elementary School on Saturday, December 3, 2016. There were six school districts represented in the competition. The team placed first in

overall points standings, taking the championship trophy. The team also placed first in Quick Recall, ending the day undefeated. Several students placed in individual Written Assessment. Those students were as follows: Sami Criswell (4th in Arts & Humanities and 3rd in

Mathematics), Ashton Daniels (5th in Language Arts and 6th in Composition), Evan Little (1st in Science and 1st in Arts & Humanities), Loren Little (1st in Language Arts and 1st in Composition), Sadie Moons (4th in Language Arts), and Emma

Tompkins (1st in Science). It is also worth noting that Evan Little scored the 5th highest score in the entire state on Kentucky in the Arts & Humanities Written Assessment.

The 6th Grade Showcase Team is coached by Mrs. Danielle Hicks. A special thanks to Dr. Paula Little and Mrs. Ashley Braswell-Shelton for serving as Clinton County's Quick Recall Officials during the competition, and to all the wonderfully supportive parents of these phenomenal students.



Pictured above is the CCMS 6th Grade Academic Team, with their championship trophy. Left to right: Sami Criswell, Ashton Daniels, Sadie Moons, Emma Tompkins, Alex Duvall, Rachel Antle, Evan Little, Ryan Bair, Adam Whittenburg, and Loren Little.

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AES Teams Blast Off at STEMShot!

Albany Elementary School 4th grade students competed on Saturday, October 15, 2016 in the third annual STEMShot rocket competition at Western Kentucky University's Center for Research & Development. During this year's competition, 50 plastic cups were arranged in the shape of a square at a distance of 70 feet from the rocket launcher. The teams were challenged with firing their paper rockets at the cups and knocking down as many as they could. The students had three chances to adjust

their angle and direction and score as many points as possible. Eleven teams from three school districts participated, including six teams from AES. Albany Elementary science teacher Mr. Terry Shelly has attended this competition with teams of students from AES for the past three years. Commenting on how the students enjoy this hands-on experience, Mr. Shelley said, "They have fun with it and it's much better than worksheets." The strategy for AES for this year included attaching larger fins to the

rockets. Mr. Shelley explained, "With those larger fins, we were just trying to take up as much space as possible." Albany Elementary won big this year, taking home awards for the top three teams. The Diamond Dawgs knocked down 26 cups and won the competition. Congratulations to the AES teams for all the hard work, great sportsmanship, and setting the standard so high for next year!



Diamond Dawgs, above left, placed 1st overall and included Caleb Thrasher, Zander Bell, and Clint Moreland. *Savage Dawgs*, above center, placed 2nd overall and included Grason Storie, Emily Savage, and D.J. Shelton. *Awesome Rockets*, above right, placed 3rd overall and included Jackie Bowlin, Briseida Mazariegos, and Noah Brumley. The *Power!* team included Mya Richardson, Yamilet Lopez-Juanta, and Kelsi Conner. The *Nuclear Raptors* team included Charla Shelley, Roni Xol, and Drew Davis. The *Jumping Donuts* team included Emily Sawyers, Payton Smith, and Sawyer Tallent.



Migrant Featured in State Magazine

The local Migrant Education Program was featured in the December 2016 issue of Migrant Magazine, the state publication of the Kentucky Migrant Education Program. Included in the issue was an article about the Clinton County Summer Migrant Program. An article about the annual Migrant

Education awards also included CCMS teacher Danielle Hicks, who received the Exceptional Summer Staff Award. For more information about the Clinton County Migrant Program, contact Migrant Program Director Wayne Hughes at 606-387-6272.



Clinton County Summer Program

By Ammie Marcum, community education director, and Wayne Hughes, Clinton County migrant advocate

Forty-five students from preschool through high school participated in the 2016 Migrant Summer Program. The program included activities for migrant students of all ages. Participants had the opportunity to attend summer camps and programs, including 4-H Camp, Salvation Army Camp Paradise Valley, Camp Earl Wallace, Trooper Island Camp, Christian Walk Day Camp, ROTC Camp, Healthy Kids Camp, 21st Century Summer Camp and the Library Summer Reading Program. Home visits were made during the months of June and July to preschool students and other students who did not attend summer camps or programs. Forty-two parents and students also enjoyed a field trip to Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green. Has your family has moved from one town or school district within the past three years? Did you move seeking agricultural work (this includes working at Equity Group)? If so, you may qualify for the Migrant Education Program. For more information, contact Migrant Program Director Wayne Hughes at (606) 387-6272.



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Thompson is Finalist for Math Award



The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching is a prestigious award that recognizes outstanding contributions of teachers of mathematics and science. Albany Elementary School Math Recovery Teacher Tonda Thompson was honored at the Ann Booth Memorial Awards

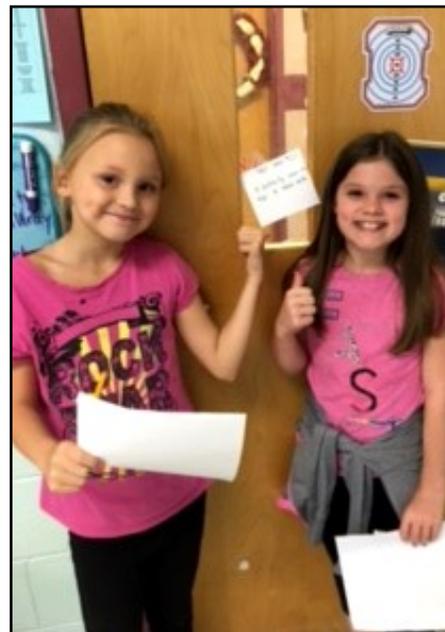
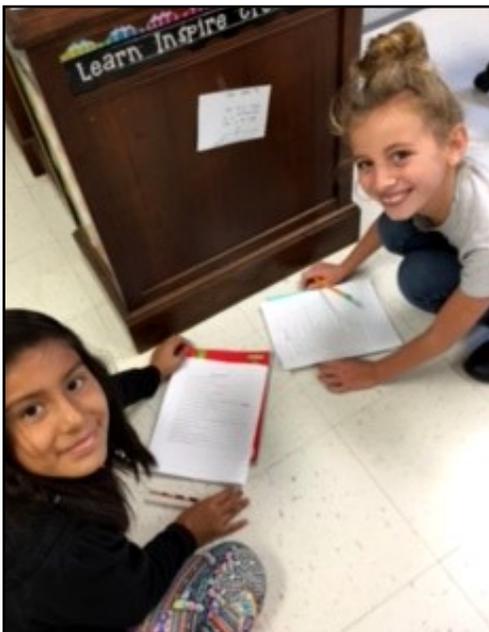
Banquet in Louisville on November 4, 2016 as a Kentucky finalist for this award in grades K - 6. The award winner for Kentucky will be announced in the spring / summer of 2017. Congratulations to Ms. Tonda on this wonderful achievement!



Learning is Fun at AES!

Count Pumpkin Seeds!

Students in Ms. Rachel McFall's first grade class at AES enjoyed their math lesson with a hands on approach. Gutting the pumpkins was ooey, gooey fun as the students practiced a variety of math skills. Students measured the pumpkins using unifix cubes, counted the seeds grouping into 5's and 10's and practicing estimation, experimented and discussed sink/float properties, and reviewed their predictions upon returning to class. There were lots of giggles and fun learning for all.



Search for Butterflies!

Students in Mrs. Samantha Blackaby's and Mrs Jona Guffey's third grade classes learned about butterflies and their life cycles by completing a scavenger hunt.



Preschool Partnership Grant

The Clinton County School District has been awarded a \$150,000 Preschool Partnership Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education. The grant will make it possible to extend preschool to a full-day program for CCAP-eligible families. In addition to a new preschool classroom at ECC, the grant will fund preschool teachers to provide educational services to students at Lake Cumberland Head Start and Mig's Place daycare for ten hours each

week. Families who participate in the new program can take advantage of a number of exciting opportunities for their children, including a two-week Jump Start Summer Academy, after-school programming until 5:30 PM daily, and multiple family engagement activities. Recruitment for preschool-age children to participate in the new program began in November and the new classroom opened on January 4, 2017. If anyone has any questions about the program or would like to

find out how their children can participate, please contact Assistant Superintendent Paula Little at 606-387-6480 or Family Advocate / Recruiter Marissa Irwin at 606-387-4283.



Breakfast with Princesses

On November 21, 2016, the Clinton County High School varsity cheerleaders hosted their annual "Breakfast with Princesses" fundraiser at ECC. Each cheerleader dressed as a Disney Princess. Twenty-eight young girls attended the event. Santa Claus also made an appearance and brought each girl a gift.



Christmas is for Giving

Christmas is for Giving! Two students at AES, 1st grader Cameron Gilbert and 3rd grader Lexus Gilbert, saved their allowances

and purchased two bikes to be given away at Christmas time. The boy winner was 2nd grader Ezra Bulubenchi and the girl winner was

1st grader Addyson Brumley. The students were thrilled with their new bicycles. Many thanks to the Gilbert family!



AES Related Arts November Showcase

The second Related Arts Showcase of the year at Albany Elementary School was held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 in the AES gymnasium. The students at Albany Elementary School who had drama, music, and art for related arts classes during the second six weeks of school demonstrated their skills in the arts by performing plays, singing, dancing, and exhibiting art projects for parents, peers, and

staff. Students performed before large audiences in the gymnasium. Classes from each grade level rehearse and present a drama performance during each grading period. The drama performance is complimented with musical selections, as well as dance routines and artwork showcase. The student performances were directed by AES drama teacher Patty Crouch and music teacher Teresa

Williams. The students who had Mr. Eric Mercer for computer applications class designed and distributed programs for the event. During the showcase, student artwork was displayed in the lobby for viewing. The artwork was created by the students who had art for related arts class with Mr. Scott Gregory during the second six weeks of school.



The 1st grade classes of Ms. Kasey Conner and Ms. Rachel McFall, above left, presented a performance entitled "Baby Beluga." The 2nd grade classes of Ms. Christina Stearns and Ms. Laura England, above right, presented a performance entitled "Make It Healthy." The 3rd grade classes of Ms. Samantha Blackaby and Mr. Nate Pennycuff, below left, presented a performance entitled "Feelin' Good." The 4th grade classes of Ms. Angie Marcum and Ms. Jamie Reagan, below right, presented a performance entitled "Healthy: A Celebration of Feeling Good." Artwork was displayed by the classes of Ms. Wendy McWhorter, Ms. Chasity Starns, Ms. Reda Thurmna, & Ms. Shanon Shearer.



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The 1st grade classes of Ms. Sherry Johnson and Ms. Wendy McWhorter, above left, presented a performance entitled "A Season of Fun." The 2nd grade classes of Ms. Carolyn Guffey and Ms. Chasity Starns, above right, presented a performance entitled "The Elves' Impersonator." The 3rd grade classes of Ms. Reda Thurman and Ms. Jona Guffey, below left, presented a performance entitled "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders." The 4th grade classes of Ms. Shannon Shearer and Ms. Crystal Marcum, below right, presented a performance entitled "All Time Christmas Favorites." Artwork was displayed by the classes of Ms. Tammie Conner, Ms. Carolyn Brown, Ms. Kim Dicken, & Mr. Adam Davidson.



Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle Projects

Students in Mrs. Lora Grant's second 9-weeks 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade practical living & career studies classes at CCMS were asked to generate examples of how they could reuse varied items that would normally be



Reduce



Reuse



Recycle

thrown away. Students brought several examples to class and explained to the class how to reuse the items which would help take care of the earth, instead of throwing them out.

Pictured below left are the 5th grade class projects. Pictured below right are the 6th grade class projects. Pictured at bottom left are the 7th grade class projects. Pictured at bottom right are the 8th grade class projects.



Silly Sock Hop at CCMS

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, the Clinton County Middle School KUNA Club

sponsored a Silly Sock Hop fundraiser event. Students paid \$3.00 for admission and

all proceeds benefit KUNA Club activities at CCMS.



Students Sally-Down-the-Alley

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, the Clinton County Extension Office and CCHS student 4-H counselors joined together to bring the "Sally Dance" to Clinton County Middle School. Sally-Down-the-Alley is a longtime

4-H camp tradition with only one rule - you can't say no to any offer to Sally. Boys stand in the inner circle and girls in the outer circle. When Sally is called, you ask someone to dance - and they can't say no. You and your partner

skip while holding hands around the two groups and then back to your spot. CCHS student leaders and CCMS students did many dances during P.E. time for a great workout!



GEAR UP Week

Students at CCMS and CCHS celebrated college and career readiness during GEAR UP Week! GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Week at Clinton County Middle School and Clinton County High School was September 19 - 23, 2016. The week was kicked off with Rock Your

College Shirt Day on Monday. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to wear their college colors to school that day. On Post Your Dream Day, students wrote down their future ambitions on Post-It notes and placed them on a bulletin board. On Dress for Your Career Day, students came to school in the clothing or

uniform that reflected their career aspirations. College banners were hung up around the school at CCHS and students participated in a scavenger hunt at CCMS on Friday. Prizes were also awarded at both schools to students who were present the entire week and participated in the week's activities.



8th Graders Attend CCR Seminar



On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Forward in the Fifth sponsored a College and Career Readiness Seminar at the Center for Rural Development

in Somerset for the 8th grade students at Clinton County Middle School. The students had the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions on topics including college registration, available scholarships, leadership, and motivation.



Career Day at CCMS

Students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Clinton County Middle School were introduced to real jobs by community volunteers at Career Day on Friday, November 4, 2016. Career Day offers solid, practical information from real people about careers. Students can discover why people they know choose certain careers, hear what they like and dislike about

their jobs, and learn about the skills needed to perform their jobs. The goals of Career Day are to show the relationship between school and work, encourage continuing education, and motivate students without overwhelming them. Thanks to the following Career Day speakers: Matt Aaron, Richard Armstrong, Jamie Brumley, Cumberland Family Medical

Center staff, Mike Davis, Jeremy Ferguson, Dennis Flowers, Billie Frye, Steve Guinn, Crystal Irwin, Mitch Latham, Christy Matthews, Dwana Myers, Morgan Pence, Ricky Pickens, Somerset Humane Society staff, John Thomure, Chris Thrasher, and Joni Upchurch.



Tall Tales from Humble Heroes

Each year during the Missoula Children's Theatre residency week, the tour actor and director offer a variety of workshops that can be scheduled at the schools throughout the week. On Monday, November 7, 2016, MCT Tour Actor Jenn Jensen and Director Matthew Hogan conducted a workshop entitled "*Tall Tales from*

Humble Heroes" at Clinton County Middle School. Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox—famous names from some of the tallest tales. However there are even more legends to explore and enjoy! Participants were entertained as Jenn and Matthew spun a yarn about some of the humbler

heroes from North American history. From the mighty swings of John Henry and the bravery and daring of Molly Pitcher and Kate Shelly, to the big Canadian legend of Joe Mufferaw—these accounts delighted students with their exaggerations and helped them to discover the truth behind these tall tales.



Daniel Boone—The First Kentuckian

Kevin Hardesty of Kentucky Chautauqua portrayed frontiersman Daniel Boone at Clinton County Middle School in "The First Kentuckian" on Monday, November 21, 2016. Students in grades 5 and 8 at Clinton County Middle School were invited to watch and listen as frontiersman Daniel Boone

reflected on his famous career - blazing the trails that would become the map of Kentucky through courage, a love of the newfound beauty and abundance of the region, and his cunning facility with the land and its native peoples. Kentucky Chautauqua is a statewide service of the Kentucky Humanities Council. This

presentation was part of the council's mission of Telling Kentucky's Story. The interactive presentation addressed learning standards in history, economics, geography, government, civics, and culture.



VSA Traveling Art Exhibit at CCMS

VSA Kentucky is a non-profit organization that promotes arts, education, and creative expression for all. The VSA Kentucky Student Traveling Art Exhibit, “A Matter of

Perspective” is an annual exhibit comprised of original artwork created by students from across Kentucky. The exhibit was on display in the Clinton County Middle School Library Media

Center during the month of November. Students are pictured here viewing and responding to the artwork.



CCMS Receives Arts Inclusion Award

Clinton County Middle School has received an Arts Inclusion award in the amount of \$1,300.00, funded by VSA Kentucky, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities in the arts for children and adults with disabilities. This award will fund a week-long program at Clinton County Middle School with Burkesville teaching artist Patricia Ritter. During the project, Mrs. Ritter will work with

the entire 8th grade class on a project called *Promoting DAWGS Through Art*. Together with Mrs. Ritter, students will be designing and painting artistic murals of the acronym DAWGS – Determination + Attitude + Willingness + Goals = Success! The murals will appear in both the boys and girls locker rooms. The VSA project at CCMS is scheduled for March 20 – 24, 2017.

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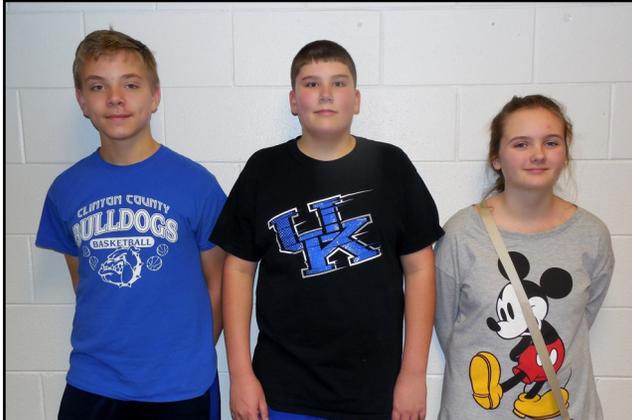
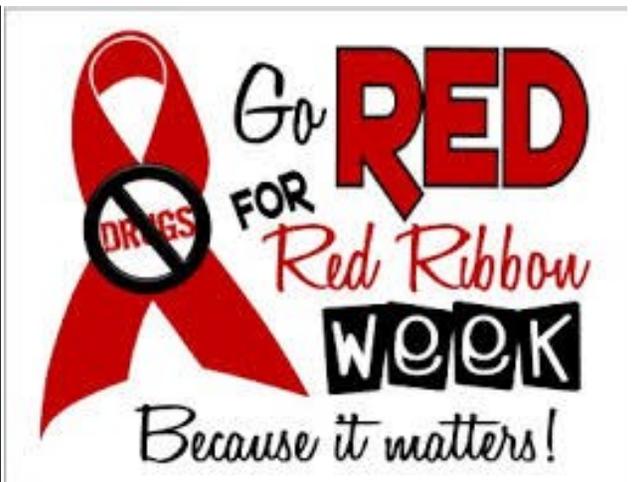


Red Ribbon Week Winners

CCMS Youth Services Center Director Kim Craig would like to congratulate all of the winners and thank every adult and student who participated in Red Ribbon Week activities in any way. All of the winners were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut. Below left are the 5th grade poster contest winners: Saylor Burchett (1st place), Akira Nagel (2nd place), Cameron Harmon (tie—3rd place), and Maddie McFall (tie—3rd place). Below center are the 6th grade poster contest winners: Megan Neal (1st place), Alex Duvall (2nd place), Stacy Pascual (tie—

3rd place), and Jillian Perdue (tie—3rd place). Below right are the 7th grade poster contest winners: Ben Tallent (1st place), Christian Derryberry (2nd place), Delaney Chilton (tie—3rd place), and Jimmy Mazariegos (tie—3rd place). Below center left are the 8th grade poster contest winners: Jameson Johnson (1st place—not pictured), Courtney Tuggle (2nd place), and Gavin Melton (3rd place—not pictured). Below center right are the 5th grade attendance winners: Chesney Harlan and Dylan Conner (Walker Casada—not pictured). At

bottom left are the 6th grade attendance winners: Keara Lowe, Sadie Moons, and McKenna Moons (Ashton Daniels & Ben Latham—not pictured). At bottom center are the 7th grade attendance winners: Blake Harlan, Evan Claborn, and Sydney Chamberlain (Dane Harlan—not pictured). At bottom right are the 8th grade attendance winners: Ryan Irwin, Hunter Elmore, Shawna Conatser, and Sidney Alexander (Haleigh Irwin—not pictured).



FBLA Students are Santa's Helpers

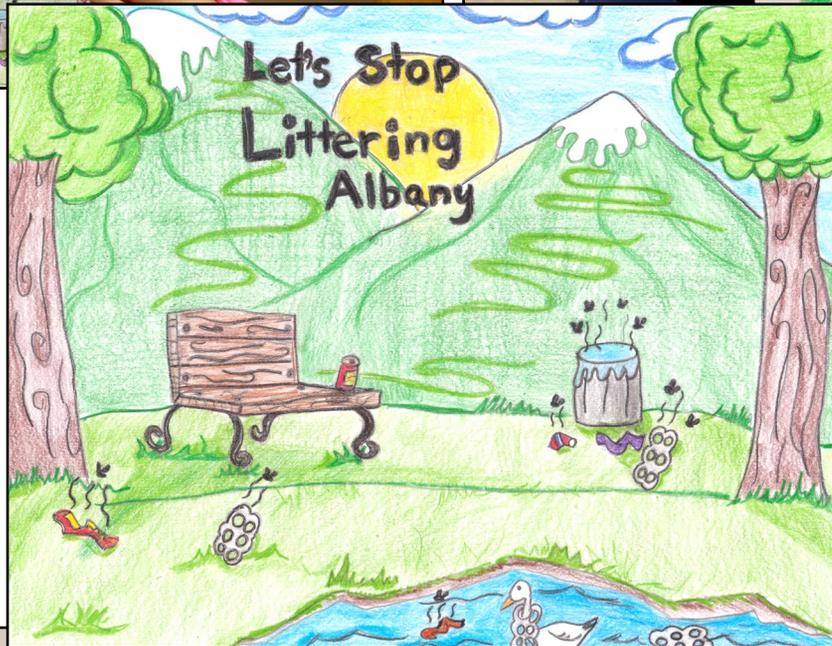
FBLA student volunteers helped out at the Christmas Program at the Clinton County Public Library on Saturday, December 10, 2016. The students were also Santa's helpers at the annual Christmas Village on Monday,

December 12, 2016 at the Clinton County Early Childhood Center. The Christmas Village, sponsored each year by the Clinton County Homemakers, features lots of crafts and gifts available for purchase to children in the

community. FBLA students assisted these young shoppers with their purchases for family and friends at the annual event.



Stop Littering Poster Contest Winners



All students from all schools were given the opportunity to enter a picture with a slogan in the Stop Littering Albany Poster Contest.



Tressay Stinson, above left, was the 4th grade winner, AES school winner, and overall district winner of the contest. Her poster is pictured at left. Chayse Perdue, above right, was the 2nd grade winner. Brandon Hall, below left, was the 3rd grade winner. Abby Scheffler, below right, was the 10th grade winner and the CCHS winner.



Students “Deck the Halls” at CCHS

Students at Clinton County High school really did "Deck the Halls" this year. Up and down the halls at CCHS, classroom doors were adorned with beautiful Christmas decorations. The students in Mrs. Amber Poore's classes and the students in Mrs. Kayla Mora's classes decorated their doors, pictured below. The students in Mrs. Kathy Hunter's Principles of Teaching class at CCHS decorated the remaining teachers' doors as a class project. Here are some of the comments from the students who participated in this activity.

"My experience with making the door was amazing. It got me very excited to proceed to my career in Elementary Education. It taught me to bond with other peers."
 ~ Katie Duvall

"My experience with decorating the doors was very good. I learned how to work well with others. It also showed how giving instead of receiving makes you feel more "Christmas-y"!"
 ~ James Smith

"Decorating the doors gave a chance for us to work together, learn time management, and responsibility."
 ~ Keistan Brown

"This project really made me appreciate all the effort teachers put into all they do."
 ~ Masie Collins



Spooky Story Night



FBLA students volunteered at Spooky Story Night at the Clinton County Public Library on October 25, 2016.

CCATC Students Pack Shoeboxes

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members at the Clinton County Area Technology Center, along with their Instructors/Advisors Billie Frye, RN, Cindy Albertson, RN, and Mrs. Holly Claborn, collected items for Operation Christmas Child.

The donated items brought in by the students included: school supplies, personal hygiene items, candy, and toys. The students collected enough supplies to fill thirty-one Operation Christmas Child boxes. The boxes are sent to needy children all over the world. A special thank you goes out to all the students and their

families who took the time to purchase and prepare the items, donate money to help with the shipping cost, as well as Cave Springs Baptist Church who took the donated boxes to the appropriate location.

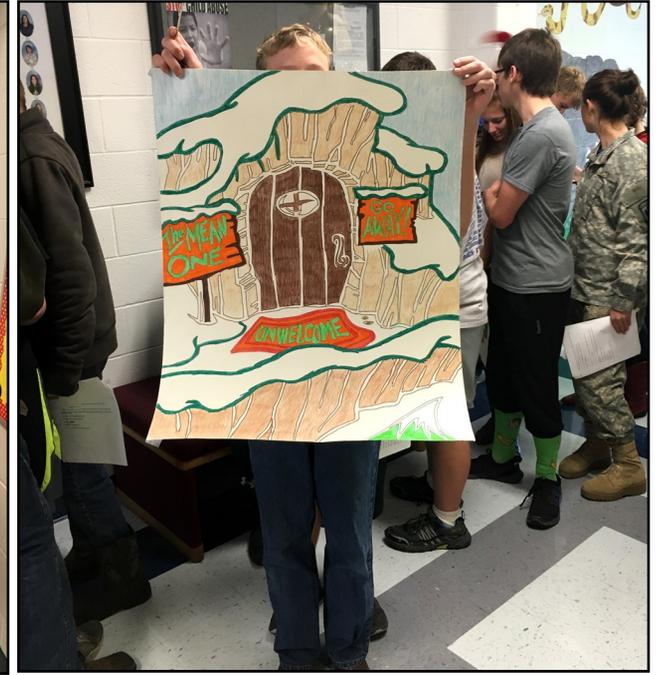
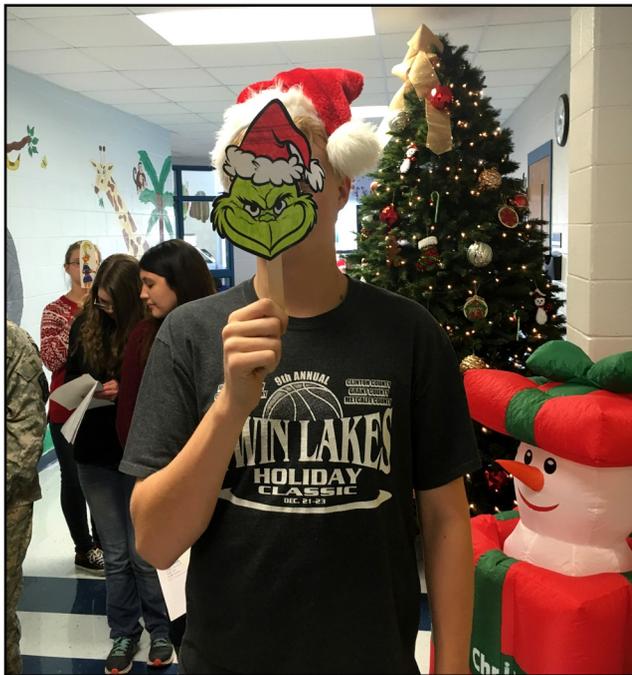


How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Mrs. Katresa Collins' Pre-AP English I class at CCHS performed a reader's theater of

Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to the students in Mrs. Kayla Mora's class on

December 8, 2016 and for the kindergarten classes at ECC on December 9, 2016.



FBLA Fall Field Trip

Clinton County Area Technology Center FBLA students enjoyed their fall field trip to

Breakout in Lexington and a UK Gatton College of Business tour on October 20, 2016.

Two of the five groups were able to "break out" of the escape rooms in less than an hour.



CCATC Students Assist with Health Fair

The students enrolled in the Medicaid Nurse Aide Program at the Clinton County Area Technology Center, along with their Instructors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, assisted with the annual Health Fair at Dyer Drug on October 15, 2016. The event allowed the students to gain experience in measuring blood pressures, pulses, and respirations. The students also handed out information regarding

organ donation. This event allowed the students to gain real-world experience related to health care. The students and instructors would like to thank the community members for allowing the students to assess their vital signs and Dyer Drug staff for allowing the students to participate in the annual Health Fair. The students who participated include: Emily Frye, Olivia Turner, Samantha Flowers, Keisha

Garrett, Stephanie York, Brett Gibson, Mackenzie Polston, Jana Mullins, Olivia Maupin, Chloe Martin, Loran Conner, Abby Gibson, Karlee Gibson, Samantha Ravellette, Cassie Varney, Scottlyn McWhorter, McKenzie Albertson, Sholonda Ramsey, Kelsey Patrick, Sarah Albertson, Allee Hopper, Madison Adkins, and Samantha Beasley.



Medical Center Donates Hospital Bed

The Medical Center at Albany recently donated a hospital bed to the Health Sciences Program at the Clinton County Area Technology Center. The students, along with their instructors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN, are very appreciative for the donation and would like to thank all persons involved in the donation and delivery of the hospital bed to the school.



The Medical Center
Albany



Microsoft Office Specialists

Students are able to complete training and take the certification tests free of charge through the Microsoft Imagine Academy in Mrs. Holly Claborn's Digital Literacy classes at CCATC. These certifications are valuable because they help students become more

knowledgeable in using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. They also give students an advantage when seeking part-time employment while in high school and/or college. Students who earn 3 certifications (Word, Excel & PowerPoint) may be eligible to receive college

credit. Further information is available at the ACE College Credit Recommendation website: www.acenet.edu or www.certipoint.com. Clinton County Area Technology Center students earned a total of 27 MOS certifications at the end of the fall semester.



Students who passed the Microsoft Office Specialist Excel certification are Angela Davidson, Ashley Brummett, Charles Collins, Conlan Beck, Courtney Guthrie, Cydney Sampson, Isabelle Moons, Jackson Harlan, James Cecil, Jared Grant, Jessica Burton, Kaylee Stearns, Keilee Dalton, Kendra Lee, Makayla Cope, Melissa Johnson, Rhiannon Lovelace, Rosalina Perez, and Steven Grider. Students who passed the Microsoft Office Specialist Word certification are Christy Sidwell, Jessica Burton, and Keilee Dalton. Students who passed the Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint certification are Cydney Sampson, Jackson Harlan, Keilee Dalton, Kendra Lee, and Makayla Cope.



Veterans Day Programs

On Friday, November 11, 2016, Clinton County Middle School hosted a Veterans Day Program. The Presentation of Colors was performed by CCMS JROTC members Cameron Kennedy, Tanner McFall, Landyn Miller, Josh Riddle, and Levi Tallent. Jamison Milam led the Pledge of Allegiance. Elisa Shelton sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Diego Rodriguez read the history of Veterans Day. Autumn McCutchen recited a Veterans Day poem. CCMS teacher Pam Miniard read a thank you to veterans. CCMS teacher and veteran Lonnie Brown also read a poem about veterans. The U.S. flag was draped over chairs by Abbi Young, in memory of all veterans. The keynote speaker was Mr. Jeff Pharis, a veteran and former CCMS teacher. At the conclusion of the program, three veterans were honored and

received wreaths made with U.S. flags that had flown over CCMS. The veterans who were honored were Jeff Pharis, Lonnie Brown, and Glenn Tuggle, who is also an employee at CCMS. The program concluded with American flags waving and attendees singing "God Bless the USA."

The Clinton County High School Bulldog Battalion Cadets and band members joined together to present the annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11, 2016 to honor past and current contributions of veterans. Over seventy-five veterans and family members of veterans from the community were in attendance. The assembly was opened with welcoming remarks by Master Sergeant John Thomure. The Presentation of Colors was performed by the JROTC Color Guard, while

the National Anthem was played by the CCHS band, under the direction of Mr. Doug Sell. Cadet Chaplain Chase Claborn offered the invocation. Master Sergeant John Thomure gave a history of Veterans Day. The posting of the U.S. service flags was performed by the CCHS JROTC, while the CCHS band played the service songs of each branch of the military. Veterans in attendance were invited to stand and be recognized as their service flag was presented. Chief Warrant Officer Ron Cook gave a POW / MIA / KIA memorial. CWO Ron Cook also performed "Go Rest High on That Mountain" and "Letters From Home." Thank-you notes were presented to veterans by students from the Early Childhood Center.



CCHS JROTC Bulldog Battalion

The Clinton County High School JROTC Bulldog Battalion Drill Team won the 24th Annual Upper Cumberland Color Guard Competition, held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at White County High School in Sparta, Tennessee. Will Blake commanded the Color Guard, below left. Individual winners were Sabrina Gray (1st Place), below center left, and Kaitlin Davis (2nd Place), below center right, in the Individual Knockout Drill event. Marksmanship was also an event during this competition, where Nick Bell won the Top Shooter award, below right. The following cadets participated in this competition: Dawson Waid, Devon Redman, Nick Bell, Shania Bagwell, Will Blake, Gabby Longwell, Jacob Stearns, Sabrina Gray, Daniel Thomas, Deon Thomas, Joe Edwards, Chandler Hall, Haley Herald, Kaitlin Davis, Renee Cash, Andrea Duvall, Alex Pierce, Jasmine Brumley, Maddie Waid, Brianna Sparks, Christina Speck, Brooklin Adkins, Vanessa Short, Gage Brumley, and Harrison Wallace.

The Bulldog Battalion Varsity Rifle Team outscored the White County High School Tennessee Rifle Team, in a Head to Head Marksmanship Competition on November 21, 2016, at Clinton County High School, with a score of 897 to 844, out of 1,000 points possible. The top three shooters were Dawson

December 10, 2016, at York Institute in Jamestown, Tennessee. The Bulldog Battalion started the day at 5:30 a.m. and returned around 9:30 p.m. They competed well in Platoon Inspection, Regulation Platoon Drill with Arms, Squad Drill with Arms, Male/Mixed Color Guard, Female Color Guard, and

Academics. The Color Guard came away with 2nd Place in the Female Color Guard category, out of 12 Color Guard Teams. Congratulations on an outstanding performance by our Bulldog Battalion Drill/Color Guard/Academics Teams. The following cadets competed: Dawson Waid, Devon Redman, Shania Bagwell, Will Blake, Nick Bell, Leo Oplinger, Renee Cash, Gabby Longwell, Kaitlin Davis, Hayley Herald, Daniel Thomas, Deon Thomas, Joe Edwards,



Waid (Clinton County) with a 246, Jared Upchurch (Clinton County) with a 233, and Damion Kelsey (White County) with a 227.

The Clinton County High School JROTC Bulldog Battalion had a great day at the Annual SGT York Drill Meet on Saturday,

Chandler Hall, Jacob Stearns, Andrea Duvall, Abby Scheffler, Abby Turner, Maddie Waid, Brooklin Adkins, Jasmine Brumley, Vanessa Short, Brianna Sparks, Harrison Wallace, and Alex Pierce.



College and Career Ready Rewards

Students at Clinton County High School who have attained the level of college and career readiness as reflected in their ACT scores, Compass scores, or vocational studies

exams are rewarded with monthly celebrations. On October 3, 2016, CCR students were treated to a fiesta at Eben-Ezer Mexican Restaurant. On October 31, 2016, CCR students enjoyed a

Halloween party at CCHS. On December 7, 2016, CCR students decorated cookies and were visited by Santa and his elves at a Christmas party at CCHS.



Students Get “Hands On” CPR

Students in Mrs. Kathy Hunter’s and Mrs. Tyonia Sinclair’s health classes at Clinton County High School are learning CPR basics.

A new Kentucky law requires high schools to demonstrate CPR to students. The district recently purchased new training manikins for

the students to use while practicing CPR and Heimlich techniques.



Cecil Attends Health Hack-a-Thon

CCHS sophomore James Cecil participated in the SOAR Appalachian Health Hack-a-Thon. The three day event was held at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky on October 6—8, 2016. The event focused on action-oriented innovation for the future of health and was modeled after MIT’s hacking medicine program, which helps develop solutions to some of the toughest problems in medicine. James is pictured at right with his team, which placed 3rd at the event. One of his teammates followed up with the message below to his guidance counselor at CCHS.

“I am Lori Lawson, POCC/ Laboratory. I work at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, Ky. I was attending the SOAR/MIT Healthcare Hack-a-Thon at the Center for Rural

Development when a student of yours became a member of my team. His name is James Cecil. He informed me that he was a sophomore at Clinton County High School. We placed 3rd with our medical innovation

regarding Childhood Obesity. He was very active and involved in our project, and was not at all intimidated by our team that was comprised of four medical professionals, and one Conservationist. He was the only High

School Student that was at the Center, although there were multiple high schools participating digitally from the Eastern Appalachian Region of Kentucky. He was our IT/Coder. Most teams had professional IT/Coders, or Graduate Students from the University of Kentucky, Berea College, and University of Louisville. James conducted an impromptu survey via text message that MIT personnel deemed brilliant. It was an honor to work with him. He was professional, polite, and well behaved. He represented Clinton County High School in a big way.”



CCHS & 4-H Adventure Club

Clinton County High School Youth Services Center Director Tonya Thrasher is partnering with 4-H Youth Development Agent Junior Cecil and Program Assistant Linda Bell to sponsor the Adventure Club. Students are participating in outdoor activities and in community projects to benefit others. The goal of the program is to empower the youth who are part of these adventures. On Wednesday, October 26, 2016, CCHS students in the Adventure Club went hiking and took a guided cave tour at Dale Hollow State Park.



Be Active Club Awards

Clinton County Healthy Hometown recently awarded prizes to the faculty and staff

Be Active Club members at ECC, AES, CCMS, and CCHS for the first 9-weeks. Prizes

included water bottles and umbrellas with the Healthy Hometown logo.



Lt. Governor Visits CCHS

Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton visited Clinton County High School on Thursday, October 20, 2016 to address the student body and to introduce her new initiative - the Lt. Governor's 1st Annual Entrepreneurship Challenge. After talking with students about her background and her role as Lt. Governor, she discussed the new entrepreneurship program and answered questions from the students. At the end of the assembly, the CCHS marching band assisted the Lt. Governor in checking an item off her "bucket list" as she played drums with the band. Following the assembly, she visited some classrooms at CCHS and interacted with the students. Clinton County High School was very excited to be honored with a visit from Lt. Governor Hampton.

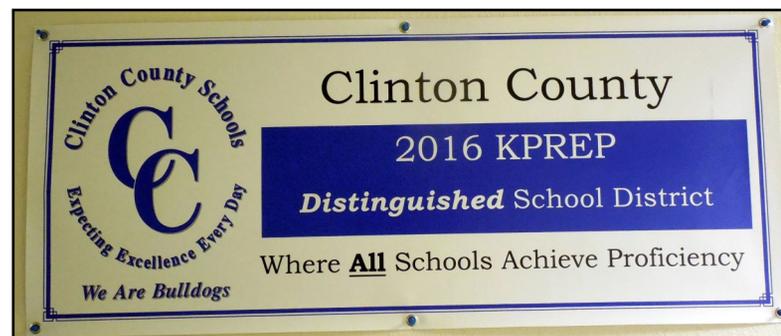


Distinguished School District

The Kentucky Department of Education has released scores from the KPREP taken back in May 2016 and it's good news for Clinton County Schools! Clinton County School District is a High Performing District on accountability performance and has earned the classification of Distinguished with an overall score of 70.5. In qualifying for this classification, the district met its current year Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), student participation

rate, and graduation rate goal. Additionally, the graduation rate has been above 80% for the past

two years, and no schools in the district are labeled as Priority or Focus schools. Albany Elementary School, Clinton County Middle School, and Clinton County High School are all classified as Proficient schools. AES had an overall score of 67.4, CCMS had an overall score of 69.4, and CCHS had an overall score of 72.4. You can visit <https://applications.education.ky.gov/src/> to explore the school and district report cards, and to learn more about the 2016 KPREP test scores.



Gifted and Talented...

On Friday, September 30, 2016, AES students in the Gifted & Talented Program were transported to Hodgenville, Kentucky to visit the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Park. Students toured the first Lincoln Memorial, which was built by the Lincoln Farm Association on the traditional site of the birthplace of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. Students also toured the symbolic birth cabin, which is enshrined within a Neo-Classical Memorial Building on the traditional site of the birthplace. Finally, students visited Sinking Spring, which was the water source for the Lincoln family and feature for which the farm received its name.

On Friday, October 7, 2016, AES students in the Gifted & Talented Program were transported Stearns, Kentucky to take a ride on the Big South Fork Scenic Railway. The train trip took the students

on a 14 mile journey down to Blue Heron, the largest interpretive collection of historic coaling mining in America. Students toured the Blue Heron facility and participated in an educational

program provided by Blue Heron Park Services.

On Friday, October 28, 2016, CCMS and CCHS students in the Gifted & Talented Program were transported to Bowling Green, Kentucky to tour the WBKO studio and learn about a variety of careers involved in television newscasts. Students were greeted by Production Manager David Hosay, who hosted the tour through the studio. Several students had the opportunity to sit at the news desk while reading from the teleprompter and others tried out giving the weather report. WBKO Weather Director Chris Allen and Midday Anchor Laura Rogers also spoke with the students prior to and during the Midday newscast. The group was featured on air during the newscast and got to meet wrestler "Hillbilly Jim," who was a guest that day.



...Enrichment Field Trips

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, CCMS and CCHS students in the Gifted & Talented Program were transported to the Tennessee Titans Learning Lab in Nashville, Tennessee. Students visited a variety of locations in the Nissan stadium, which is home to the Tennessee Titans National Football League. The tour consisted of the Titans' locker room, the playing surface, the postgame interview room, the press box, the club level, a suite, and the service level. Students received an inside look into the day-to-day operations of a National Football League. A variety of Titans employees from multiple departments of the organizations lead discussions that explained their responsibilities and provided students with information on the various careers within the organization. During the tour, the participants had the opportunity to talk with the Administrative Assistant to the Head

Coach Kristen Sheft, Equipment Assistant George Cheng, Mascot Coordinator Justin Sullivan, as well as staff from ticketing, marketing, social media, community relations, and grounds maintenance.



On Friday, November 4, 2016, AES and CCMS students in the Gifted & Talented Program were transported to the Frankfort Convention Center to participate in the sixth annual Children's and Young Adult's Book Fair, presented by the Kentucky Humanities Council. The Kentucky Book Fair Kids Day was an active and fun-filled educational experience for all students. The students enjoyed a full day of interactive activities with authors, as well as book shopping. Students even had the opportunity to have authors sign their books.

On Friday and Saturday, December 16 & 17, 2016, students in the Gifted & Talented Program enjoyed a Holiday Adventure in Nashville. Participants took a mid-day cruise on the General Jackson, where they watched a Christmas show. They continued to Opry Mills and finished the day with an all-night sleepover at the Nashville Science Center.



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Required scores for the GED Ready Test and the actual GED have dropped from 150 to 145. Call for details. Testing available for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Please contact Mitch Latham or Nicole Cross at the Clinton County Adult Education Program at (606) 387—6648.



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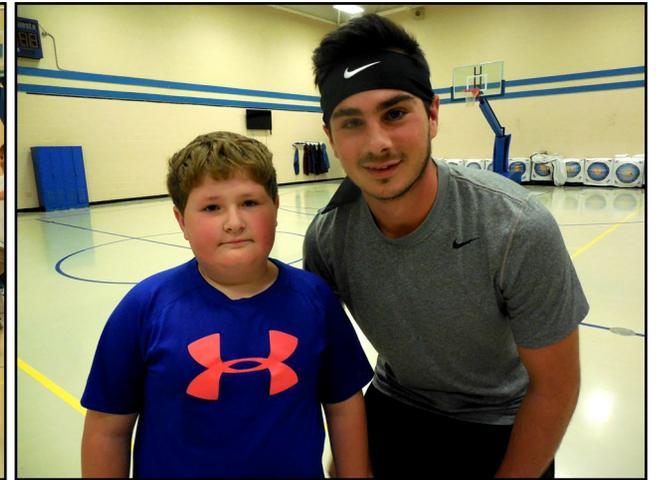


Fitness Buddies Lead the Way!

Clinton County Healthy Hometown is sponsoring an exciting new program called "Fitness Buddies" for students at Albany Elementary School and Clinton County High School. During this program, student volunteers from CCHS are visiting AES one day each week and working with AES students in

the gym for 30 minutes on fun, physical fitness activities. The goal of the program is to encourage students at both AES and CCHS to get up and get moving! Participants are challenged to complete weekly nutrition and fitness goals, and are rewarded with small incentives along the way. During Foothills

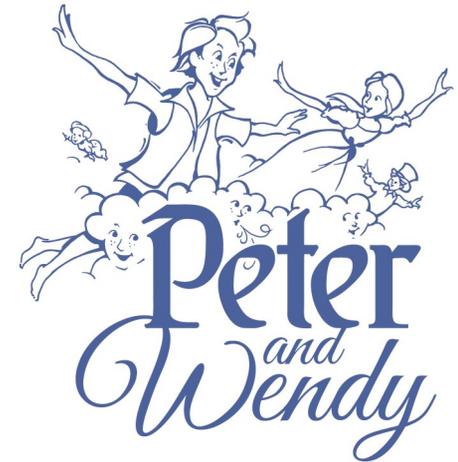
Festival weekend, the Fitness Buddies group walked together along the parade route. On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, the Fitness Buddies group was rewarded with a trip to the Urban Ninja Project gym in Lexington to work out and celebrate their hard work throughout the semester.



Presents Peter and Wendy

Over 250 people were in attendance at the 13th annual Missoula Children's Theatre residency week performance on Friday, November 11, 2016. The audience joined Peter, Wendy, Captain Hook, and many more for a fanciful flight to Neverland and back when the Missoula Children's Theatre and more than 50 local students presented an original musical adaptation of Peter and Wendy. MCT Tour Actor Jenn Jensen played Smee, and the show was directed by MCT Tour Director Matthew Hogan. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Clinton County was presented by

Clinton County Community Education with support from Extended School Services. Thank you to Doris England, who served as accompanist for the week. Thank you to the Clinton County Wellness Center for providing weeklong passes for the tour team. And thanks so much to Grider Hill Dock for providing housing for the tour team for the past thirteen years. We couldn't do it without you! If you missed the show, but would like to order a DVD of the performance, call Community Education Director Ammie Marcum at 387 – 3495, extension 201.



The local cast featured Hayden Garrett as Peter Pan and Hailey Cole as Peter's Shadow. Playing Tinker Bell was McKenna Moons with Claire Guffey, Autumn Langley, Moriah Moons, Sadie Moons, Jaden Mullins, Katelyn Perez, and Jonathan Richardson as the Lost Boys. Ashton Daniels was the Crocodile and Emily Sawyers was Petey. Kendra Bertram played Wendy Darling and John and Michael Darling were Eli Rains and Evan Little. Mr. and Mrs. Darling were Eli Melton and Chesney Harlan, with Esmerelda Pascual and Loren Little as Nana and Liza. The notorious Captain Hook was Christian Derryberry with Tessa Cross, Brandon Hall, Kendall Hay, Olivia Lee, Peyton Pyzik, Jonna Upchurch, and Addison Weston as his Pirate crew. Ella Marlow was Tiger Lily and Sami Criswell, Maggie Cross, Tanner Cross, Ethan Rains, and Bailey Weston were the Neverlanders with Kaylah Boston, James Craig, KayAlan Cross, Natali Derryberry, Saylor Hess, and Sadie Ipock as the Neverland Creatures. Flying their way to Neverland were Ali Claborn, Noah Claborn, John Dylan Cooksey, Cade Ipock, Sydney Lowhorn, Mason Musk, Allison Shepperd, Owen Staton, Haven Stearns, Abigale Upchurch, Isabelle Upchurch, and Bella Young as Clouds. Cheyenne Neal, Stacy Pascual, and Emma Tompkins served as Assistant Directors for the week.

