

# CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

# HAWKS' NEST NEWS

## PARENT RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

January 2025



### Welcome Back & Happy New Year

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another exciting chapter at Clay County Schools! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season filled with family, friends, and cherished memories.

As we return to school, we are eager to continue our journey of learning, growth, and success. The upcoming months are packed with enriching activities, engaging lessons, and opportunities for students to shine academically, socially, and creatively. We encourage everyone to approach the new year with enthusiasm, a positive mindset, and a commitment to doing their best.

Parents, thank you for your continued support. Your partnership is invaluable in fostering a strong school community and helping our students thrive. Please remember to check for upcoming events and important dates on our school websites, Facebook page and newsletters.

Students, we are excited to see your smiling faces and hear your stories from the break. Let's make 2025 a year of achievement, kindness, and discovery!

Here's to a wonderful start to the new semester.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Kim Johnson, Principal

### CCEMS Holiday Program

The kindergarten through fifth grade students, as well as Mr. Inzetta's 8<sup>th</sup> - grade music class, presented their Christmas program entitled "The Greatest Snowman." The students worked very hard to prepare, including memorizing lines as well as music. All students did an excellent job!



# CCEMS Holiday Program (cont'd)



## Spelling Bee

The spelling bee on December 13, 2024, was a great success. Thanks to all spelling bee participants. The Clay County District Spelling Bee will be held on January 17, 2024. We encourage students to study their words and vocabulary during the holiday break. Let's support all the wordsmiths in the district spelling bee.

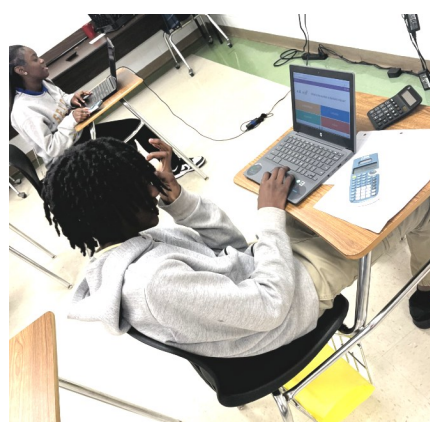
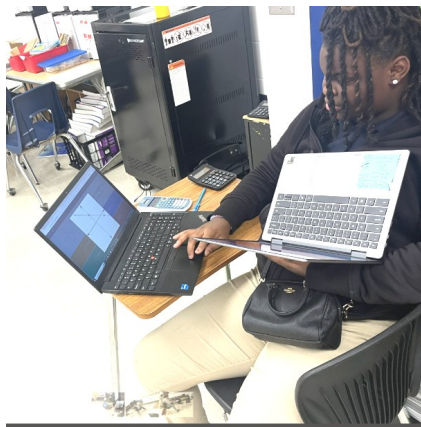
2024-25 School Spelling Bee Winners/Participants

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Kindergarten	Gilani Butler	Nevaeh Weathersby	McKenzie Brown	Damonte Bass
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Justice Davis	Jakayla Griffin	Jaiden Wright	Jada Christian
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Chase Davis	Xa'Kari Graddy	Parkyr Beard	Kylan Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Kyn'Lee Parker	Maxwell Gilbert	Matthias Davis	Desire Lane
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Shawn Roseborough	Anaiah Thomas	D'rari Ricks	Jaccaria Jackson
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Carneka Gibbs	Arkiryana Gilbert	O'Ryan Cody	Laila Walker
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ra'Shiyah Jackson	Jamarioun Davis	De'Riyah Sol	Waylon Reed
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	India Mason	Treasure Jackson	Mariyah Buck	Khloe Davis
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Marquis Thomas	Tyrd'Nique Winslow	Kariya Jones	Zy'Taveon Burk

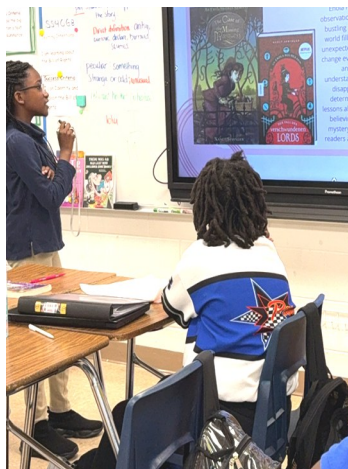


## The Teacher's Corner:

In Mr. Pollard's Math Class, students worked individually on a Blooket activity using their knowledge on the standard taught during the nine weeks that involved slopes, functions, multi-step equations, and scatter plots. We are excited to see the students engaged and being active in the class.



Mrs. Beard's 4th and 5th grade students participated in a Literacy Project this 2nd nine weeks. Students were required to read a book on their Lexile level and complete a report about it. They were graded on creativity, grammar, and their presentation. The students did an amazing job and were very creative with their presentations. Some students chose to create power point presentations and others created posters/visual presentations.



## CCEMS Counselor's Corner:

Happy New Year from the Counselor's Desk. As we start a new year, let's kick this year off with creating new productive habits. During some of our character education lessons we discussed procrastination and forming study habits. Some of the students were honest about waiting to the last minute to complete their homework, study, etc. New year, new me. It is never too late to start forming new habits. In the afternoons as soon as your children get home ask about their day and what did they learn. This can be a good segway into starting the conversation regarding homework and when assignments are due, then you are made aware from your child about the homework assignments and when tests happen. Therefore, your child will be making themselves accountable with you and their teacher. Additionally, teachers regularly update parents about the homework that is assigned as well.



# December



Pre-K - Bray'Lei McClendon

Kindergarten - Royce Jackson

First Grade - Nikias Alexander

Second Grade - Xa'Kari Graddy

Third Grade - Jardell Paige

Fourth Grade - Carter Smith

Fifth Grade - Brenda Belcher

Sixth Grade - De'Riyah Sol

Seventh Grade - Ny'Laysha Ingram

Eighth Grade - O'Mari Johnson



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### January

9th - STAR Reading Test K-8

10th - STAR Math Test K-8

14th - MOY i-Ready Test (Reading)

15th - MOY i-Ready Test (Math)

15th - Parent-Teacher Conference

Report Card Day 3pm - 6pm

Early Release (12 noon)

17th - District Spelling Bee @1:30 pm

20th - MLK Day - No School



**Science Quiz Bowl**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2025**  
**@9:30 a.m.**  
**CCEMS Gymnasium**

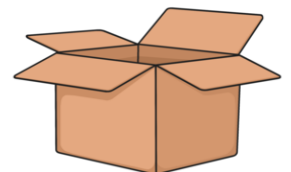


### ~Parent Tip~

#### Thinking Outside the Box

One way to get your child writing is to ask him/her to help you create lists. Here are a few lists you could try:

- Shopping Lists
- Suggested gifts to consider for family members for the upcoming holiday
- "To Do" lists
- Things to pack for a trip
- Activities your child wants to do during the holiday break
- Wish Lists - This could include activities as well as objects.



### HAWKS SOAR!!

We're.....

**Safe On Time Accountable Respectful**



If you have any suggestions or comments for the Hawks' Nest News, please call (229)-768-2234 or email: [tchristian@clay.k12.ga.us](mailto:tchristian@clay.k12.ga.us)

Parents contributions to the Hawks' Nest News are always welcomed!