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CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS HAWKS' NEST NEWS PARENT RESOURCE NEWSLETTER



Clay County Schools Launch 25 Books Campaign with Enthusiastic Kickoff Event

Clay County Schools proudly hosted its annual 25 Books Campaign Kickoff on September 5th, marking the start of another exciting school year dedicated to fostering a love of reading among students. The event, held at the school's gymnasium, saw a tremendous turnout from students, parents, and community members.

The kickoff featured vibrant performances by students that highlighted the joys and benefits of reading. These engaging presentations set an enthusiastic tone for the campaign, which challenges students to read 25 books or equivalent over the course of nine weeks. To celebrate their achievements, students are awarded for meeting their reading goals, fostering a sense of accomplishment and encouraging continued literacy development.

The atmosphere was further enhanced by a selection of food trucks that offered a variety of delicious options, adding a festive flair to the event. The presence of L4GA community partners underscored the collaborative effort to promote literacy and support students throughout the campaign.

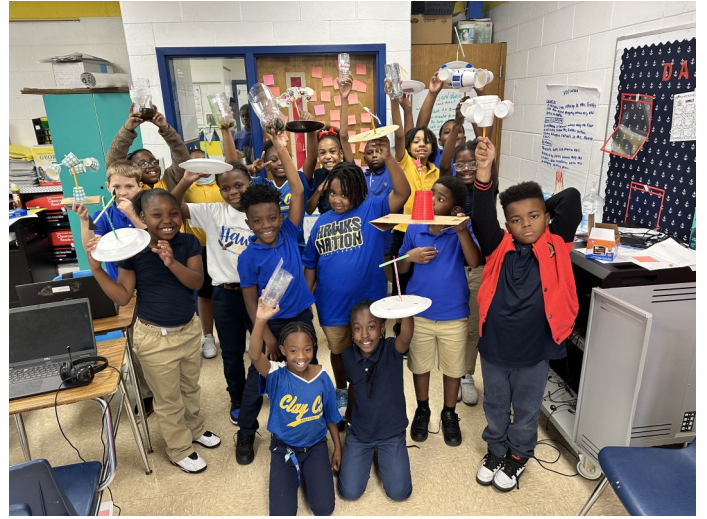
The 25 Books Campaign continues to be a cornerstone of Clay County Schools' efforts to unite the school community around reading. The campaign not only aims to boost literacy skills but also to instill a lifelong love of books in students.



The Teacher's Corner:

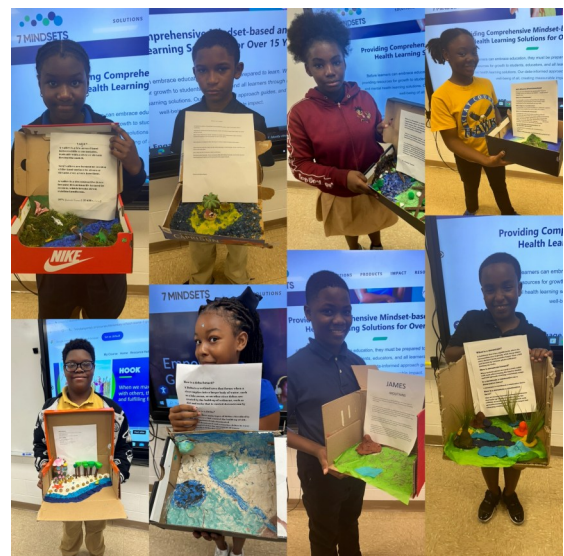
Weather Instruments

Mrs. Hamilton's fourth grade classes have been learning to explain how weather instruments (thermometer, rain gauge, barometer, wind vane, and anemometer) are used to gather weather data and making forecasts. The students created their own weather instruments.



Constructive and Destructive Forces

Mrs. Hamilton's fifth grade class has been learning to explain how different landforms like rivers, sand dunes, mountains, and volcanoes are created by constructive and destructive forces. Students created mini-models (dioramas) of landforms. Half of the students created simulate constructive processes by building mountains with sand and rocks, while the other half of the class created simulate destructive processes using water to erode the sand.



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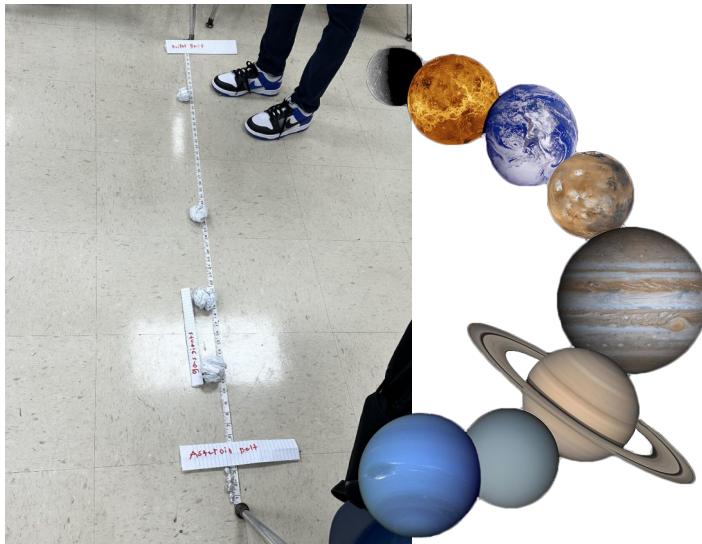
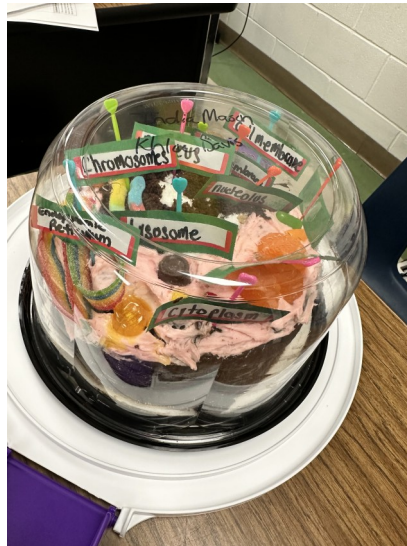
Solar System

In Mr. Ron Johnson's science class sixth graders are learning about our solar system, distance from the sun, atmospheric features, and planet composition.



Cell Organelles

Mr. Ron Johnson's seventh graders are learning about cell organelles and levels of cell organization.



CCEMS Counselor's Corner:

Happy Fall from the Counselor's Desk. The school year is off to a good start, and as the year progresses, we start to see anxiety rear its ugly head. Specifically test anxiety. Test anxiety is a real thing and unfortunately it is a part of school life especially as they get older. One of the main causes of test anxiety is the feeling of not being prepared for the quiz or test. For younger students start now with learning how to study, and for the older students it is never too late. Learning to be prepared is an integral part of becoming a responsible adult and this skill starts in childhood by learning how to study.



September



Pre-K - Antonio Sheppard

Kindergarten - Malcolm Jones

First Grade - Kassidy Jackson

Second Grade - Tyree Roseborough

Third Grade - Kyn'Lee Parker

Fourth Grade - Jacarria Jackson

Fifth Grade - Gabriella Cannon

Six Grade - Jah'Leah Neal

Seventh Grade - Khloe Davis

Eighth Grade - Kemiya Glover

Just for Fun

Teacher: Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?

Student: Because it can't sit down.



HAWKS SOAR!!

We're.....

Safe On Time Accountable Respectful



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October

4th - Early Release Day

7th - 11th - Fall Break

16th - Early Release Day

Report Card Pick-Up

Parent-Teacher Conf. 3pm - 6pm

24th - Math & Science Night

30th - Title I Meeting

November

7th - Parent Bingo Night

11th - Veteran's Day Program

22nd - Early Release Day



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!!!! WHO IS READY FOR A PIZZA PARTY!!!!

What: Clay County School Based Health Clinic is having our annual food drive for our local community

When: October 1st through October 31st

Where: Boxes will be placed in each classroom for donations

Please send your non-perishable donations to your child's classroom.

Examples: Canned items - soups, chili, vegetables, chicken, tuna

Boxed items - rice, instant potatoes, pasta, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper

Other - peanut butter, dried beans/peas

The class with the most donations will receive a PIZZA party!!

Thank you in advance for helping us serve our community.



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

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