

August 2021

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

HAWKS' NEST NEWS

PARENT RESOURCE NEWSLETTER



— WELCOME —

BACK TO SCHOOL



The Principal's Message



Greeting Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year. As your principal, I look forward each day to strengthening the relationships that I have begun building with all of our wonderful students, families, teachers, and talented staff. While I have always eagerly anticipated the beginning of the school year, this August is particularly meaningful, because it will mark the beginning of a “new norm”.

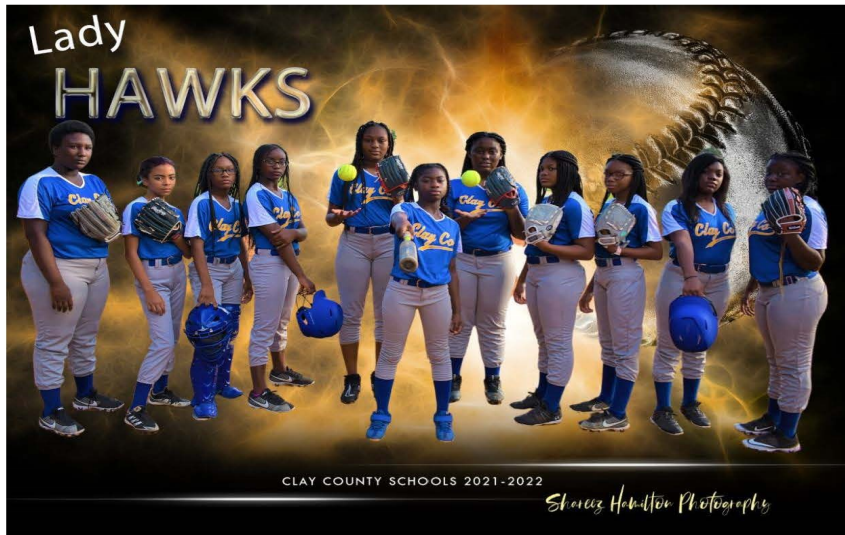
Parents, we will need your help now more than ever for your child to be safe and successful at such a challenging time in our history of education. As always, our first concern will be your child's safety. Your child will need to wear a mask daily upon boarding the bus and follow the seating plan provided by the transportation director. Additionally, we will continue with social distancing in all areas of the school and provide for frequent handwashing during the school day. We will also continue to check your child's temperature each day, and we ask that if you have a sick child, please do not send that child to school.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Clay County Elementary meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Best Regards,

Kim Johnson
CCEMS Principal





| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
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| August 11, 2021 | Terrell County | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| August 18, 2021 | PCA | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| August 25, 2021 | STEM | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| August 26, 2021 | Early County | Away | 4:00 p.m. |
| September 8, 2021 | Terrell County | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| September 9, 2021 | PCA | Home | 4:30 p.m. |
| September 14, 2021 | STEM | Away | 4:30 p.m. |
| September 20, 2021 | Early County | Home | 4:30 p.m. |

Head Coach: J. Thornton; Assistant Coaches: T. Gilbert & S. Johnson

****Dress Code****

Shirts/Blouses: Solid navy blue or gold shirts with collar, or spirit shirts may be worn Monday-Thursday.

- All shirts and blouses (long and/or short sleeves) must have collars except for spirit shirts.
- Types of shirts included– polo, button down, and spirit t-shirts.
- No large logos on any uniform shirts.
- All shirts and blouses must be worn always tucked in.
- No oversized, see-through, low-cut, sleeveless, or midriff tops.

Jackets: All color jackets allowed. **NO PULLOVERS OR SWEATSHIRTS.**

****Students may wear blue jeans with an appropriate shirt each Friday if they have not received any discipline referrals or dress code violations. T-shirts featuring material pertaining to alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sexually explicit acts, violence, weapons, cults, gang, activity, or inappropriate messages are not permitted as well as t-shirts intended to be worn as undershirts. Shirts cannot be altered from their original form.****

ATTENTION!!

STAY CONNECTED!

Information will be shared through phone contact, calling post, email, school website, newsletter, local newspaper, facebook, and Powerschool. With Powerschool one account gives you access to all your children’s information. You are able to monitor your children’s attendance and grades. Accounts are automatically created upon completion of your child(ren) student registration sheet using your email address. If you already have an existing account and having issues please contact Mrs. Mock.



Save the Dates

Aug. 26th - Early Release Day

September

- 1st - Progress Report**
- 2nd - Open House**
Meet teachers, Look at data (beginning of year)
- 3rd - 25 Book Campaign Kick-Off**
- 6th - Labor Day (School Closed)**
- 16th - Early Release Day**
- 24th - Informational Parent Workshop**

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!

CCEMS COVID Safety Tips

(Highlights from Reopening Plan)

Here at CCEMS safety is our first priority for our students and staff. Below you will find highlights from our Reopening Plan that will strongly be enforced. We also need your help to help us make this school year as safe as possible for everyone as we continue to combat COVID-19.

Social distancing and ongoing disinfecting expectations will be in place!

If your student is sick please, please, please keep them home!

****Face Coverings****

Face coverings will be required based upon best available data and input from local health authorities, the School Board, CDC guidelines and stakeholder groups including teachers and parents. Students will be given “breathing breaks” throughout the day.

****Social Distancing****

Students will practice social distancing from the arrival on campus through departure.

****Limited Access to Visitors and Volunteers****

It is essential to create a healthy and safe environment by limiting potential COVID-19 exposure whenever possible. Our district will be limiting access to visitors and volunteers to appointment only. A request must be made 24 hours in advance. Administrators will establish protocols for greeting visitors and the use of screenings and temperature checks.

****Additional Hand Sanitation Stations****

Each classroom will be outfitted with additional sanitation stations with a variety of supplies to encourage proper cleaning practices.

****Classroom Modifications****

Student desks will be spaced six feet apart when possible. Desk shields will be on every desk.

****Meal Service****

Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom for all students.

****Students****

Parents are encouraged to transport their child(ren) to reduce overall transportation capacity challenges. -Students will be required to wear masks on all school buses and will be socially distanced where possible.

Students will ride the same bus to and from school.

Buses will also be sanitized using an electrostatic sprayer.

****WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP****

- Check your student temperature.
- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene measures to follow throughout the day (handwashing, covering coughs/sneezes, and face coverings).
- No sharing of personal belongings.
- Make sure your student has hand sanitizer in their possession (remind him/her to use it frequently). Hand sanitizer will also be available in every classroom and throughout the buildings.
- Remind your student to report to the nurse if he/she feels ill.
- Remind your student to keep his/her hands away from their mouth and not to touch others.
- Keep your student home if he/she has COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.



Clay County Schools 2021-2022 New Superheros



I'm Carletha Baker, a native of Fort Gaines, GA . I received my Master's in Special Education at Albany State University. For the last 20 years, it has given me pleasure to service in the education arena teaching and mentoring children of all ages. I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Incorporate. I began coaching soccer in 2017 and enjoyed every moment with the students. My favorite quote is: "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it to day". Malcolm X



Hello, my name is Arnetra Freeman. I grew up in Columbia, Alabama. I graduated from Houston County High School in 1994. I graduated from Troy University in Troy Al. in December 2000 with a B.S. in K6/ Collaborative, M.S in Elementary Education in 2003, and Educational Specialist in 2006. In 2018 Think Smart Tutoring was established, then in 2020 I established a teen

mentoring group, The Bright and Morning Stars.

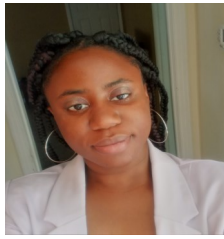


I'm Christie Green, a native of Eufaula, Alabama. I am married to Jerry Green. We have three children and one grandchild. I graduated from Troy University in 1996 with a Bachelors in Early Childhood and in 1998 with a masters in Elementary Education. My career began in Clay County in 1998. After two years, I Began teaching in Eufaula where I taught

Pre K, Kindergarten, first and third grades for the next 23 years.



I am Amber Peterson a 29 year old Eufaula, Alabama native. I attended the University of South Alabama in Mobile. As a mother to an adventurous 3 year old son I am always ready for an escapade. Formally a P.E coach, I am now venturing into the classroom to create an exciting learning environment for our students and to help them



My name is Angela Gilbert-Clark. I'm 23 years old, born and raised her in Fort Gaines, Ga. I'm new to the team here at Clay County as a paraprofessional. I look forward to a great and safe year as we battle with COVID-19.



My name is Jalissa Gibson. I will be working with Mrs. Buck in Kindergarten this year as a paraprofessional. I am the mother of two children and a proud member of Delta Iota Delta Sorority Incorporated! During my free time I enjoy traveling and spending time with love ones and reading. My favorite color is purple and I love sneakers.



My name is Ms. Nikki McNabb, born and raised in Miami, FL. I'm a parent of a fifth grader. Currently I possess a Bachelor's degree from Florida International University in Public Administration, where my past years of work experience was in Human Resources. Since moving to Henry County, Alabama in 2017, I have since gained teaching experience in the educational

field and is currently working to obtain a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. I am the Second grade teacher here at Clay County Elementary School and is thrilled to be a new member of the Clay County educational staff.



I am Wesiona D. Walker, a licensed master social worker, with a focus in providing social services to youth, individuals, and families. I am committed to serving individuals and communities by providing direct support to families, schools, and non-profit organizations. I believe that God has given me supernatural

strength to use my voice and gifts to empower and impact the lives of others, especially youth and women. I am the founder of Helping Hearts Heal Outreach Ministries, a non-profit designed to address the needs of survivors of sexual and physical traumas. I have an extensive background working with at-risk populations in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia both professionally and personally. I consider myself to be a change agent and believe that no matter what your past may be, with the right tools and support you can experience change.

