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CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS HAWKS' NEST NEWS

PARENT RESOURCE NEWSLETTER



Meet Clay County Middle School's Newest REACH Scholars

Four Clay County Middle School eighth-graders made big commitments Wednesday, October 23, 2024. If they stick to it then there's a big payoff waiting once they finish high school.

Students Kimora Daniels, Malia Deloach, Kariya Jones and Kameron Sol are Clay County's REACH scholars for 2024-2025.

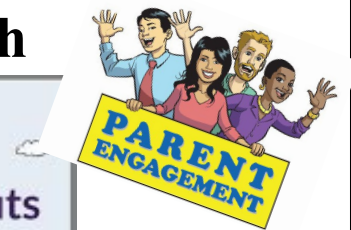
REACH (realizing educational achievement can happen) is Georgia's needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program aimed at helping students who could be the first in their families to attend college and need money toward an in-state postsecondary education. If the students maintain a 2.5 GPA, good attendance and behavior they will receive a scholarship upon graduating from high school.



This marks the seventh year that Clay County has produced a REACH scholarship signing class. The ceremony attended by school officials and other local dignitaries was held in Clay County Middle School gymnasium to celebrate the county's newest REACH scholars.



Happy Family Engagement Month



When we work together well, everyone benefits

| TEACHERS | STUDENTS | FAMILIES |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| JOB SATISFACTION | TEST SCORES | SUPPORT |
| CONFIDENCE | ATTENDANCE | CONFIDENCE |
| UNDERSTANDING | ATTITUDE | BETTER CONVERSATIONS |

Math & Science Day

Math and Science Day on October 24, 2024, at Clay County Elementary and Middle School was a blast. The event was all about sparking curiosity in students and showing them how math and science apply to the real world. Highlights included various engaging activities, a Science Fest, and fun challenges like the Move Your Body Challenge. Food trucks were also present, adding to the festive atmosphere. The day wrapped up with interactive STEM challenges with faculty and staff, leaving students excited and inspired about math and science.



Parent Tips:

Reading At Home...Can Make A Huge Difference!

Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child

- Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page this book is too hard for your child.
 - Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

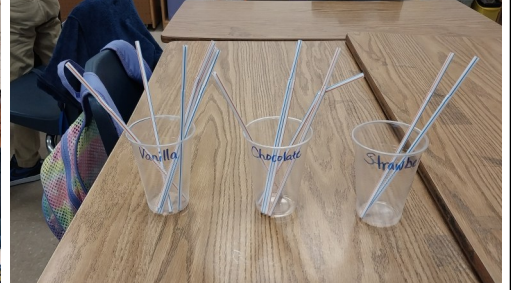
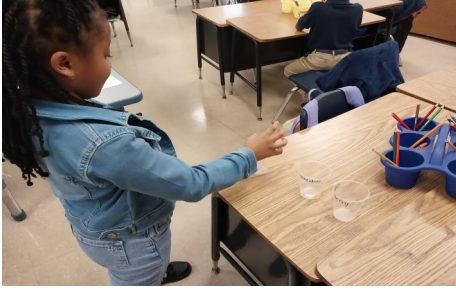
Make Reading A Part of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important, why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
 - Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

The Teacher's Corner:

Straw Polls was an opening activity for Mrs. Mathis 1st grade class to engage students in ways to collect, organize, and represent data. The posing question was, "What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?" Students had to choose from three flavors, vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. They voted by placing their straw in the designated cup and tally marks to record the number of votes for each flavor of ice cream. Students used the collected data to ask and answer questions, as well as practice addition and subtraction strategies.



Mr. S Johnson's 8th Grade GA's Studies class learns the important role that Georgia played in the American Revolution.

Mr. S Johnson's Social Studies class is learning about conflicts and changes along with compromises that led to our country's independence, with a focus on the role that Georgia played in these changes. To solidify the learning of this standard, the class created anchor charts/graphic organizers that were displayed on the wall in the classroom for reference.

The Articles of Confederation, which was America's first attempt at creating a national government after gaining its independence from England. This document provided America with a very weak central government from 1776-1789 when it was replaced by the Constitution that we have today.

This is the anchor chart that the student's created which details the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

| ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION | |
|---|---|
| STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can declare war• make treaties• Conduct foreign affairs• print money• Create military• Northwest Ordinance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can't enforce laws• no national Court System• Cannot tax the States• Cannot regulate trade between states• no president |

CCEMS Counselor's Corner:

Welcome from the school counselor's desk. Next month is parent engagement and career readiness month. Take time to discuss the future with your children. Find out what he or she wants to be when they grow up or become an adult. Sometimes students (especially middle school) do not realize that their adulthood is quickly approaching and that they need to start thinking about what they want their future to look like. The more you discuss their future with them the more they will become comfortable thinking about it.



October STUDENTS *of the* MONTH

Pre-K - Erin Daniels

Kindergarten - Kadajah Screws

First Grade - Jada Christian

Second Grade - Kylan Jones

Third Grade - Aviauna Hodge

Fourth Grade - Cordera Davis

Fifth Grade - Arkiryanna Gilbert

Six Grade - Ariel Richardson

Seventh Grade - Kahron Jones

Eighth Grade - Andreyana Burnett

Did You Know?

Music can boost reading and math skills. Songs lyrics teach rhyming words and build vocabulary, and clapping to a beat helps your youngster learn about patterns. Make music part of daily life by singing together in the car, playing the radio while you cook dinner, and attending free community concerts.

HAWKS SOAR!!

We're.....

Safe On Time Accountable Respectful



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November

5th - School Council Mtg. @6pm

11th - Veteran's Day Program @1:30pm

14th - Parent Bingo Night

20th - Thanksgiving Dinner

22nd - Early Release Day

25th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break

December

6th - Spelling Bee (School)

23 - Jan. 7th - Winter Break

FYI:

November 6th Clay County Health Department will be here to administer COVID and Flu vaccines to students, faculty and staff that are interested in receiving a vaccine. They will also be doing scoliosis screening on students in 6th & 8th grade. Thank you in advance.

Thank you,
Nurse Buck



“ The **BEST** INHERITANCE a PARENT can GIVE their CHILDREN is their TIME EACH DAY ”

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!