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Back to School Bash 2011

Over one thousand people attended the fourth annual Back to School Bash on Friday, July 22nd at Mt. View Park. The event was co-sponsored by Safe-Schools / Healthy Students SAFE-T Project, Title I, Cooperative Extension Office, Equity Group - Keystone Foods, ECC & AES Family Resource Centers, CCMS & CCHS Youth Services Centers, AmeriCorps, 21st Century Community Learning Center, GEAR UP, Clinton County Physical Education Program (PEP), Clinton Elementary School Counseling Program, Clinton County Migrant Program, Head Start, KY ASAP, Adanta, Clinton County Public Library, Clinton County Wellness Center, State Farm Insurance, Monticello Banking Company, Somerset Community College, & Associates in Eye Care.

Children enjoyed participating in Food Contests and Minute to Win It Games, while parents visited booths to collect school supplies, informational materials, and other free items. Participants received notebooks, loose leaf paper, folders, composition notebooks, pencils, ink pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, and much more. A Lip Sync for kids and adults was also sponsored by Save-a-Lot Foods, with sound and lights provided by C-Pro Audio. Special thanks to Jackie Flowers for emceeing the event.

Prizes including Subway gift cards, iPad 2, Kindle, Color Nook, Visa gift cards, & Wellness Center memberships were given away at the end of the event. All participants enjoyed a live concert and free food. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the Back to School Bash a success! Special thanks to Foothills Academy for help with setup & tear down!

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Food eating contests, left, Minute to Win It contests, above, and the Lip Sync contest, right, were some of the highlights of the 2011 Back to School Bash.

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Early Childhood Center

Tina Langford, Principal

Preschool Teachers	Kindergarten Teachers		Pre-K Teacher	Sandy Duvall
Jamie Cooksey	Tammy Cook	Tiffany Norris	Exceptional Education	Renee Parrigin
Lorie Dalton	Jackie Frey	Patricia Riddle	Related Arts Teacher	Cindy Wallace
Lezlee Young	Tracy Goodman	Lisa Smith	Speech Teacher	Shannon Whittenburg
			Gifted & Talented	Shirley Williams

Albany Elementary School

Tim Armstrong, Principal **Connie Wallen, Assistant Principal**

Michelle Summers, Guidance Counselor

1st Grade Teachers	2nd Grade Teachers	3rd Grade Teachers	4th Grade Teachers	Exceptional Education
Janet Beck (Ocie Marcum)	Carolyn Brown	Patty Crouch	Stephanie Cook	Sabra Albertson
Angela Flowers	Shannon Duvall	Jona Guffey	Kim Dicken (Scott Gregory)	Allison Bilbrey
Sherry Johnson	Carolyn Guffey	Nathan Pennycuff	Laura England	Kim Fitzgerald
Londa Kerr	Jamie Reagan	Megan Rains	Carol Latham	Teresa Guffey
Sandy Marcum	Sandy Shelton	Reda Thurman	Yvonne Morgan	
Wendy McWhorter	Christina Stearns	Samantha Tompkins	Crystal Smith	

Library Media Specialist	Music Teacher	Art Teacher	Physical Education Teacher
Connie Armstrong	Teresa Williams	Vivian Talbott	Jennifer Preston
Speech Teacher	**Science Lab Teacher**	**Computer Applications Teacher**	**Gifted & Talented Teacher**
Julia Smith	Terry Shelley	Eric Mercer	Shirley Williams
Writing / Curriculum Resource	**Math Recovery Specialist**	**Reading Recovery Specialist**	**Clinton Elementary School Counseling**
Connie Gregory	Tonda Thompson	Sabra Albertson	Kathleen Gregory

Clinton County Middle School

Pam Bale, Principal **Jake Asberry, Assistant Principal**
Wilma Moons, Guidance Counselor

5th Grade Teachers	6th Grade Teachers	7th Grade Teachers	8th Grade Teachers	Exceptional Education
Lonnie Brown	Donna DeRossett	Erin Casada	Rhonda Blankenship	Nathan Garner
Susan Dobbs	Valerie Flanagan	Allen Flowers	Tabitha Cope	Ashley Ipock
Tim Duvall	Danielle Hicks	Chanda Judd	Joyce Groce	Gary Norris
Sharon McFall	Holly Pierce	Barbara McWhorter	Tammy Johnson	Kevin O'Brien
Patricia Sawyers	Ashley Shelton	Angie Thompson	Josh Moons	Jennifer Strunk
Kim Stonecipher				Saundra Wright

Music	Art	Band	Drama	Speech
Donavan Hatfield	Pam Tucker	Doug Sell	Adam Upchurch	Beth Sullivan

Physical Education	Computer Exploration	Gifted & Talented	Time Out	Curriculum Specialist	School Counseling Program
Amanda Moons	Teresa Scott	Shirley Williams	Danny Thomas	Doug Spears	Allison Thrasher

Clinton County High School

Sheldon Harlan, Principal **James Thaxton, Assistant Principal**
Donna Butler & Cindy Choate, Guidance Counselors

English Department	Social Studies Department	Math Department	Science Department	Exceptional Education
Cheryl Bookout	Mike Beard	Leslie Brown	Donna Groce	Martina Brown
Martha Harlan	Lucas Dalton	Tammy Denney	Patrick Stalcup	Angela Church
Lorie Musk	Stacey Evans	Michael Whittenburg	Miranda Stockton	Jan Hatcher
Melissa Tallent	Jamie Miller		Darrell Thompson	Kayla Mora
				Pam Upchurch

Speech	Band	Art	JROTC	Agriculture	Spanish	Health
Beth Sullivan	Doug Sell	Pam Tucker	Ron Cook John Thomure	Matt Johnson	Michael Anders	Tyonia Sinclair

Consumer Science	Physical Education	Service-Learning	Time Out	Gifted & Talented	Alternative School
Kathy Hunter	Sam Gibson	Gina Poore	Beverly Upchurch	Shirley Williams	Junior Couch

Clinton County Area Technology Center

Alfredda Stearns, Principal

Welding Instructor	Carpentry Instructor	Auto Mechanics Instructor
Jesse Burchett	Barry Harmon	Dennis Flowers

Electricity Instructor	Health Sciences Instructor	Business & Technology Instructors
Jerry Bell	Billie Frey	Teresa Giles Stesha Flowers

Foothills Academy

Todd Messer, Principal

Teachers

Lisa Abbott	Michial Conner	Lynn Starnes
Debbie Conner	Kim Patton	Greg Wells

Districtwide

District Homebound Teacher

Tee Davis

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Back to School Bash

Clinton County Board of Education

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September 9, 2011

Dear Parent:

As the Title I Coordinator for the Clinton County School District, it is my responsibility to encourage all parents to become involved in their child's education. The Clinton County School System has parent involvement policies at both the district and school levels. These policies describe the Title I program and the many ways parents can be involved in its development and implementation. For your convenience, each student received a copy of these policies at the beginning of the school year.

To encourage even more parent involvement, we will be conducting districtwide Title I parent meetings during this school year. During these meetings, we will be reviewing the parent involvement policies and student learning compacts, discussing the most effective ways to spend Title I parent involvement funds, and evaluating the overall parent involvement practices of the schools.

The meetings are scheduled for September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Clinton County Middle School gymnasium and October 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Albany Elementary School gymnasium. The Title I meetings will be held in conjunction with the AES and CCMS Family Math Evening meetings, but they are open to ALL parents with students in any Clinton County school. In addition to the Title I meeting information, there will be food, games, and prizes. Childcare will be provided. Transportation will be available upon request.

Through the Title I program, parents also have a right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. If you have any questions or comments about the qualifications of your child's teacher, the district's parent involvement policies, or the Title I program in general, please call me at (606) 387-6480.

Sincerely,

Paula S. Little

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, states must use academic assessments and other indicators to annually review the progress of each district to determine whether the district makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading and mathematics. Kentucky uses the Interim Assessment System data to meet the federal requirements.

The Clinton County School District has been identified for district improvement under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The NCLB report shows the targets the district must make for AYP. According to the NCLB Report released by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), district reached four of ten targets but did not make AYP. Under the federal law, a district that does not meet AYP for two years in a row is identified for district improvement. This is the first year of district improvement for the Clinton County School District. The complete NCLB is available on the KDE Web site at http://applications.education.ky.gov/ktr/default.aspx, or you may receive a copy of the report by calling 606-387-6480.

When a district is identified for improvement or corrective action, it is required to revise its district improvement plan. The purpose of the plan is to improve student achievement throughout the district. Therefore, the plan overall must identify actions that have the greatest likelihood of accomplishing this goal. The plan must include strategies to promote effective parental involvement in the schools served by the district. You are encouraged to become involved in your child's school and become an active partner with teachers and school and district administration in educating you children. We encourage you to attend the scheduled Title I districtwide meetings to find out more about strategies we plan to use to improve our district.

If you have any questions about what our school district is doing to improve teaching and learning in every school, please contact Paula Little, District Title I Coordinator, at 606-387-6480.

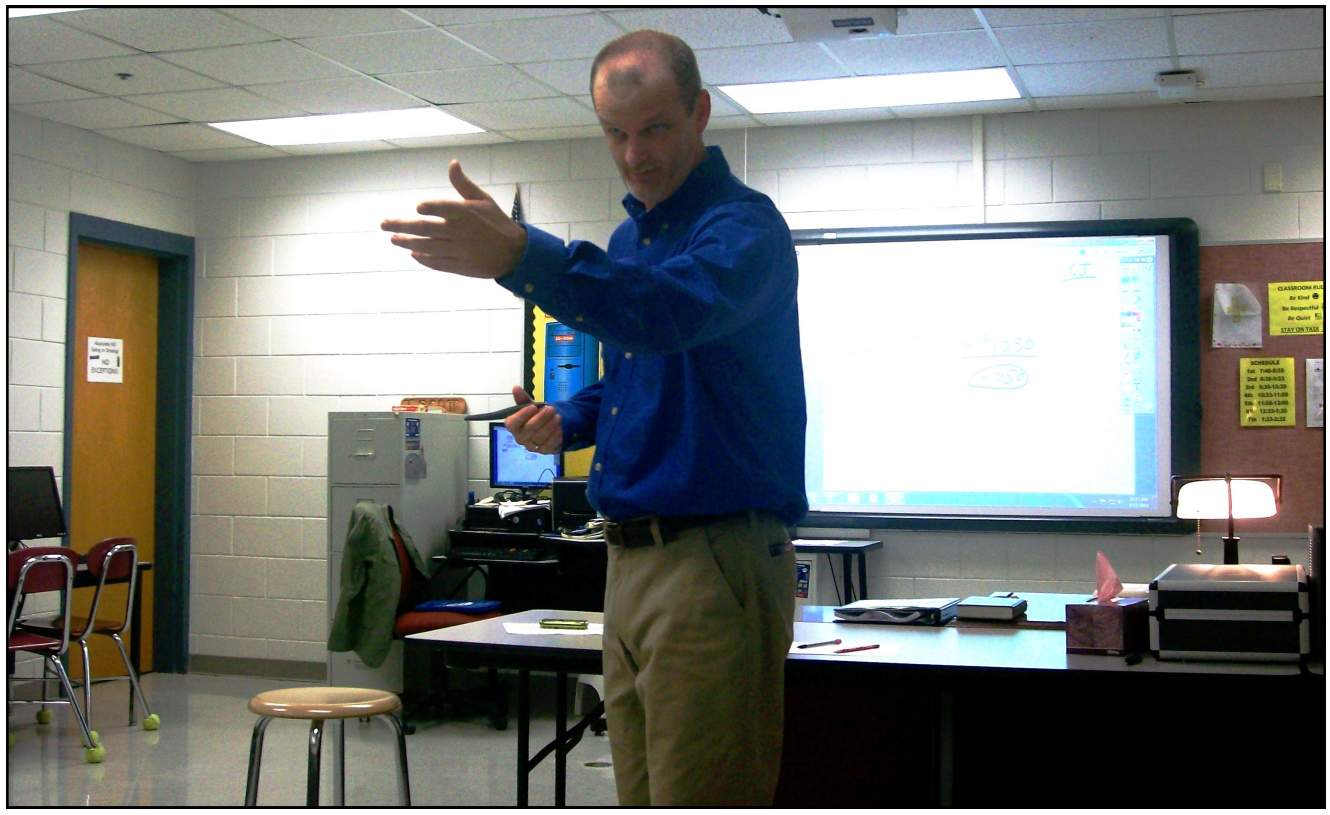
Sincerely,

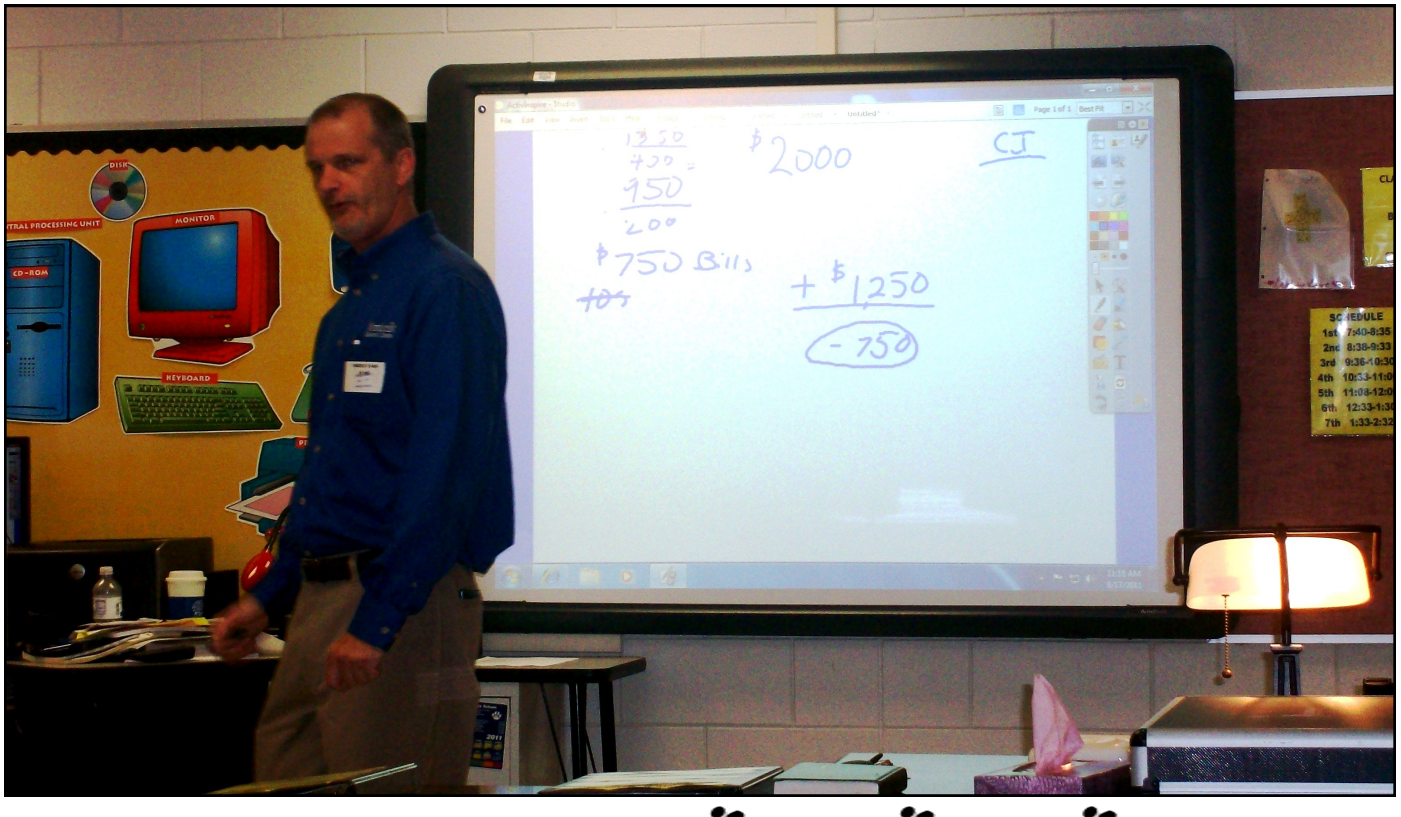
Mickey McFall

Mickey McFall, Superintendent
Clinton County School District

CCMS Computer Exploration Classes Get a Lesson in Financial Literacy

Mr. Willard Johnson of Monticello Banking Company visited the Clinton County Middle School on August 17, 2011. He was a guest speaker in Mrs. Teresa Scott's Computer Exploration classes. Mr. Johnson spoke to five classes. His talking points for 8th Graders were: budgeting; savings; banking services; checking and savings accounts; debit and credit cards; risks associated with credit cards; credit scores; credit unions. Talking points for 5th Graders included: savings; piggy bank; bank account; savings bond; purpose of a savings account; how to start a simple savings account; credit and fees with credit; difference in credit and debit cards. Mr. Johnson's visit was part of the Financial Literacy curriculum covered in the Mrs. Scott's technology classes.



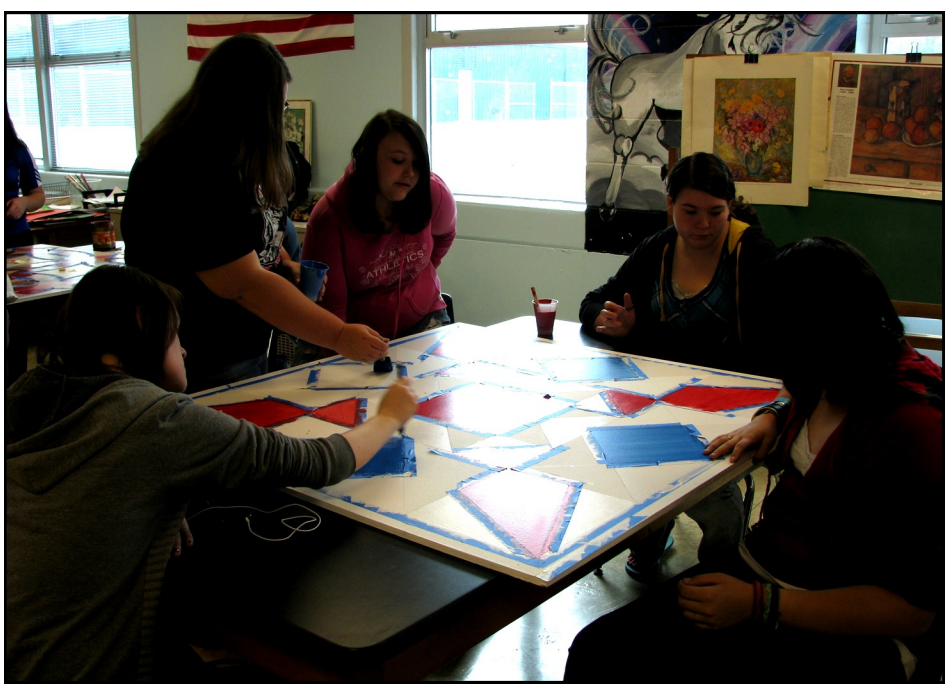


Mr. Johnson did an outstanding job. His famous quote was,

"It's not what you make. It's what you save!"

CCMS Art Class Participates in Patchwork Trail of the Foothills

Quilts are not just used for warmth and comfort. In addition to hanging on the clothesline or being used in the home, quilts now appear on the sides of family barns and other buildings throughout the state. The Patchwork Trail of the Foothills was established in 2010 as a means of honoring quilting, farming, and other family traditions as well as promoting tourism. In Clinton County, 20 barn quilts have been painted and displayed to date. Fifteen additional barn quits will be added in 2012. The Patchwork of the Foothills Barn Quilt Trail recently received some assistance from high school art students. Pictured below, CCHS art teacher Pam Tucker and Linda Bell of the County Extension Office talk with some high school students who are painting barn quilt squares. The project has enriched learning in areas such as mathematics, history, design, and art concepts. We invite you to drive throughout the community to enjoy the Patchwork Trail of the Foothills. If you would like additional information, please contact the Clinton County Extension Office at (606) 387-5404.



Submitted by Clinton County Family Resource Center

DID YOU KNOW...

Kids and Exercise

When most adults think about exercise, they imagine working out in the gym on a treadmill or lifting weights. But for kids, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise when they have gym class at school, soccer practice, or dance class. They're also exercising when they're at recess, riding bikes, or playing tag.

The Many Benefits of Exercise

Everyone can benefit from regular exercise. Kids who are active will:

- ☑ have stronger muscles and bones
- ☑ have a leaner body because exercise helps control body fat
- ☑ be less likely to become overweight
- ☑ decrease the risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- ☑ possibly lower blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- ☑ have a better outlook on life

Besides enjoying the health benefits of regular exercise, kids who are physically fit sleep better and are better able to handle physical and emotional challenges — from running to catch a bus to studying for a test.

The Three Elements of Fitness

If you've ever watched kids on a playground, you've seen the three elements of fitness in action when they:

- ☑ run away from the kid who's "it" (**endurance**)
- ☑ cross the monkey bars (**strength**)
- ☑ bend down to tie their shoes (**flexibility**)

Parents should encourage their kids to do a variety of activities so that they can work on all three elements. **Endurance** is developed when kids regularly engage in aerobic activity. During aerobic exercise, the heart beats faster and a person breathes harder. When done regularly and for continuous periods of time, aerobic activity strengthens the heart and improves the body's ability to deliver oxygen to all its cells. Aerobic exercise can be fun for both adults *and* kids. Examples of aerobic activities include:

- ☑ basketball
- ☑ bicycling
- ☑ ice-skating
- ☑ inline skating
- ☑ soccer
- ☑ swimming
- ☑ tennis
- ☑ walking
- ☑ jogging
- ☑ running

Improving **strength** doesn't have to mean lifting weights. Although some kids benefit from weightlifting, it should be done under the supervision of an experienced adult who works with them. But most kids don't need a formal weight-training program to be strong. Push-ups, stomach crunches, pull-ups, and other exercises help tone and strengthen muscles. Kids also incorporate strength activities in their play when they climb, do a handstand, or wrestle. Stretching exercises help improve **flexibility**, allowing muscles and joints to bend and move easily through their full range of motion. Kids look for opportunities every day to stretch when they try to get a toy just out of reach, practice a split, or do a cartwheel.

The Sedentary Problem

The percentage of overweight and obese kids and teens has more than doubled over the past 30 years. Although many factors contribute to this epidemic, children are becoming more sedentary. In other words, they're sitting around a lot more than they used to. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the average child is watching about 3 hours of television a day. And the average kid spends 5½ hours on all screen media combined (TV, videos and DVDs, computer time outside of schoolwork, and video games). One of the best ways to get kids to be more active is to limit the amount of time spent in sedentary activities, especially watching TV or playing video games. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children under the age of 2 years watch no TV at all and that screen time should be limited to no more than 1-2 hours of *quality programming* a day for kids 2 years and older.

How Much Exercise Is Enough?

Parents need to ensure that their kids get enough exercise. So, how much is enough? All kids 2 years and older should get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise on most, preferably all, days of the week. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) offers expanded activity guidelines for infants, toddlers and preschoolers:

Infant - No specific requirements-Physical activity should encourage motor development

Toddler - 1 ½ hours - 30 minutes planned physical activity **AND** 60 minutes unstructured physical activity (free play)

Preschooler - 2 hours – 60 minutes planned physical activity **AND** 60 minutes unstructured physical acidity (free play)

School age – 1 hour or more – Break up into bouts of 15 minutes or more

Infants and young children should not be inactive for prolonged periods of time — no more than 1 hour unless they're sleeping. And school-age children should not be inactive for periods longer than 2 hours.

Raising a Fit Kid

Combining regular physical activity with a healthy diet is the key to a healthy lifestyle. Here are some tips for raising fit kids:

- ☑ Help your child participate in a variety of activities that are age-appropriate.
- ☑ Establish a regular schedule for physical activity.
- ☑ Incorporate activity into daily routines, such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator.
- ☑ Embrace a healthier lifestyle yourself, so you'll be a positive role model for your family.
- ☑ Keep it fun, so you can count on your child to come back for more.

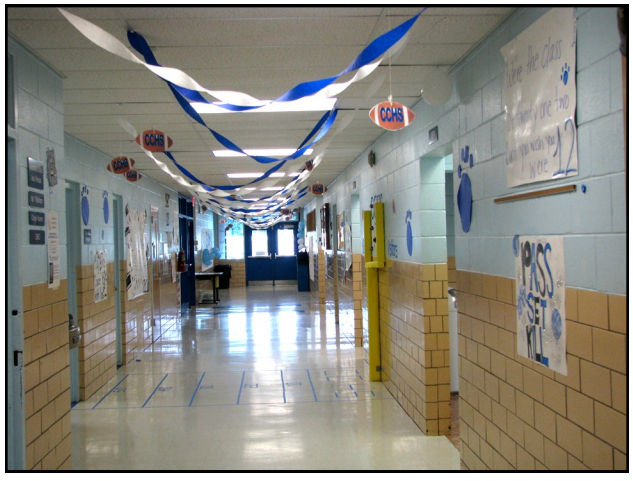
Families interested in more information on Kids and Exercise may contact: **Clinton County Family Resource Center at 606-387-4243 or 4918.**

AES Students are “Hooked on Science”

Hooked on Science educator Jason Lindsey was at Albany Elementary School on September 21, 2011to provide hands-on science activities for the K– 4 grade Gifted and Talented students. The hands-on activities were designed to challenge students, while complementing the regular academic program. Kindergarten and first grade students enjoyed two programs called America’s Wildlife and Dinosaur Dig. In America’s Wildlife, students learned all about beavers, coyotes, raccoons, and rabbits by examining the pelts, skulls, scats, and tracks of these North American animals. In Dinosaur Dig, students learned all about dinosaurs, as Mr. Lindsey turned a classroom into a dino dig. Students got to excavate and piece together a complete Tyrannosaurus Rex, as well as examine different fossils, including a very rare dinosaur egg fossil. Third and fourth grade students enjoyed a program called Science Circus. Mr. Lindsey turned a classroom into a science circus as students rode on a hovercraft, used a leaf blower to make toilet paper fly, shot smoke rings out of a giant trash can, discovered how many breaths of air it takes to blow up a six foot long Diaper Genie bag, created a lightning bolt, put ivory soap in the microwave, and used science to make spheres float in the air.

Pictured below are the K-2 students with their completed dinosaur model. Pictured at bottom are the 3rd and 4th grade students during some of the hands-on activities.

CCHS Football Homecoming...



...Spirit Week Festivities

FAST Celebrates Program Completion

Albany Elementary and Clinton County Middle School recently celebrated the completion of one cycle of the FAST Program. FAST (Families and Schools Together) teaches parents how to become empowered and shows them how to empower their children to succeed. The mission of the FAST Program is to help the community create barriers to the risks kids face by creating a strong family accountability infrastructure, using a collaborative framework of local support. Chris Daniel, FAST trainer, along with graduating FAST families and team members all celebrated the success of Clinton County's FAST program. Families shared their experiences from the FAST program and were encouraging others to join. Comments included, "FAST helped our family bond", "We want to come to FAST again", and "We learned how to communicate more openly." The Albany Elementary School began a new FAST cycle on September 20, 2011. The Clinton County Middle School FAST will begin in January 2012. For more information about the AES FAST Program, contact Kathleen Gregory at (606) 387—5828. For more information about the CCMS FAST Program, contact Allison Thrasher at (606) 387—6466.

Pictured at left are members of the AES FAST Team and FAST participants.

Front Row: Christy Neutzman – Community Partner, Teresa Wade - Parent Participant, & Kathleen Gregory – School Partner.

Back Row: Chris Daniel – FAST Trainer, Tim Armstrong – AES Principal, April Garcia – Parent Participant, Stacy Smith – Community Partner, Tabitha Brannum - Parent Participant, Allison Thrasher – School Partner, Trisha Miller – Parent Partner, & Eric Dicken – School Partner.

Pictured at right are right are members of the CCMS FAST Team and FAST participants.

Front Row: Madison Adkins – Youth Participant, Carolyn Smith – Parent Partner, Allison Thrasher – School Partner, Brook Groce – Youth Participant, Amy Garner Abner – Community Partner, Kathleen Gregory – School Partner, & Pam Bale – CCMS Principal.

Back Row: Marvin Adkins – Parent Participant, Christan Smith – Youth Partner, Dannielle Wheat – Community Partner, Nancy Tallent – Parent Participant, Junior Cecil – Community Partner, Eric Dicken – Parent Participant, & Chris Daniel – FAST Trainer.

Clinton County Schools

Mentoring Program

Who Can Be a Mentor?

Anyone can be a mentor!!!

A mentor is someone who cares, listens, and offers encouragement. Mentors are partners in change.
Mentors help children develop their strengths and talents. Anyone with a desire to help a child reach their full potential can be a mentor. The Mentoring Program is looking for caring, committed, and patient adults, who are good listeners, keep appointments, like kids, have an outstanding employment record, and have a good sense of humor. Mentors should also be free of alcohol and drug problems. Volunteers are provided with the training needed to acquire the skills to become good mentors, including listening, communication, & strategies for building self-esteem in children.
Mentoring doesn't take any special skills. Mentoring doesn't take a lot of time.

What are Mentors?

Mentors are ordinary people just like you. They come from all walks of life, from all ages, from all economic and educational backgrounds.
All mentors have one thing in common— a commitment to making the world a better place for children.

Mentors Are	Mentors Are Not
Good Listeners	Babysitters
Caring Friends	Surrogate Parents
Confidence Builders	Therapists
Ordinary People	Saviors

For more information about Mentoring, contact AES Mentoring Program Coordinator Chris Marcum at (606) 387—5828 or CCMS Mentoring Program Coordinator Kathy Conner at (606) 387—6466.

What Do Mentors Do?

Every mentoring relationship is shaped by the different personalities, interests, and needs of each mentor and child. The activities they choose, whether they talk, play sports, read a book, or play a game, will reflect these individual qualities. The real force for positive change comes from the fruits of these relationships—trust, confidence, enthusiasm, growth, and fun.

When Did Mentoring Begin?

Mentoring is a concept that has existed, formally and informally, since the beginning of time. All of us who are successful can think back and remember those individuals in our own or extended family, as well as in the community, at work, or in our churches, who have been there for us. These special people have guided us, provided us with unconditional love, protected and nurtured us, and let us know that we are important.

Why Mentoring?

Years of experience have taught us that one of the most effective ways to help children and teens is through mentoring. Mentors help children realize the value of staying in school. They encourage them to achieve their goals. Mentors help children to avoid unsafe activities and to make wise choices. Children and youth who meet regularly with mentors are:

- **46%** less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- **27%** less likely to begin drinking alcohol
- **52%** less likely to skip school
- **33%** less likely to bully or act violently

??? Answers to Your Questions ???

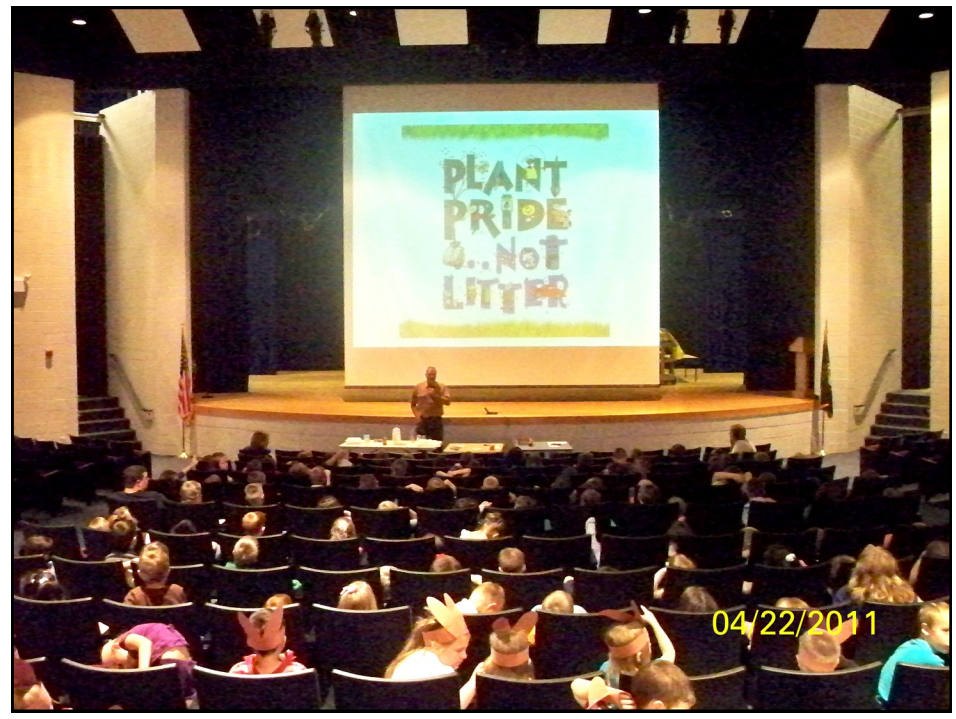
Q: How much time is involved?
A: The amount of time is really determined by the mentor's schedule. As little a 30 minutes to 1 hour a week is enough to impact the life of a child.
Q: When do I meet with the student?
A: The meeting time will be determined by the schedules of both the mentor and the student.

Q: How many kids would I work with?
A: Mentoring is a one-on-one relationship.
Q: Where do I meet with the student?
A: Mentors meet with the students at their schools in a safe, monitored, and supervised environment, such as the cafeteria, library, Mentoring Office, Family Resource Center, or Youth Service Center. Mentors are always welcome to accompany their students on trips as well.

Q: How old are the kids involved?
A: The Mentoring Program seeks to pair kids in elementary and middle school with volunteer mentors. The match will be made based on the mentors' preferences and the need of the child.
Q: What qualifications do I need?
A: You must pass a criminal background check.

Kindergarten Students Attend Earth Day

Kindergarten students at the Early Childhood Center enjoyed an Earth Day presentation on Negative Effects of Roadside Litter by Joe Russell with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Clinton County Conservation District. The presentation was held on April 22, 2011 at the Clinton County Learning Center, where approximately 130 students attended. Students were treated to a visit from the JW Pride Frog, who gave each student a gift bag that included pencils, activity pages, bookmarks, bracelets and coloring pages.



Awareness Day for 4th Grade Students

The 2nd annual Awareness Day for the 4th grade students was held on May 24, 2011 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds Building, where approximately 135 students attended.

The following presentations were given: Negative Effects of Roadside Litter by Joe Russell with the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Water / Boating Safety by Tyler Matthews with the Army Corps of Engineers; Fire / Forestry Awareness by Scott Shadoan with the Division of Forestry; Internet Safety and Drug Awareness by Linda Bell and Christy Nuetzman with the UK Extension Service; Firearm Awareness by Gary Koger; and Farm Machinery Safety by Dale Dobson with the KY Department of Agriculture..

To encourage smart and healthy choices for food, students were provided healthy alternatives to regular snacks.

To help promote outside activities, an outside gift was given to all students to take home, including: water squirters, wooden paddleball, yo-yo's, waterballs, swim mask, baseball bat with ball, water blaster, badminton sets, splash catchers, plastic baseballs, hula hoops, kites, sport balls, footballs, playground balls, jump rope, beach ball, rubber baseball, Frisbee and bounce balls.

Special thanks to AES Principal Tim Armstrong, the 4th grade teachers, cooks, and bus drivers of Albany Elementary School for their participation. A very special thank you to Joe Russell, Tyler Matthews, Scott Shadoan, Linda Bell, Christy Nuetzman, Gary Koger and Dale Dobson for their time and wonderful presentations.

Appreciation also goes to the Clinton County Fair Board for the use of the building. Thank you to school volunteers Tosha Flowers and Kendra Flowers for their valuable help with the day of events.

During the Awareness Day program for 4th Grade students, two bicycles and helmets were given away as prizes. The lucky winners were Luis Mazariegos, pictured at left, and Rosalina Perez, pictured at right.

4-H School Clubs...Coming Soon!!!

4-H School Clubs are being organized in grades 4-8 so that makes all students members of 4-H as well. We will offer special project days and events throughout the year in addition to what happens in the classroom. 4-H flyers and newsletters will be sent home regularly and announcements will be made at school. You can also stay connected with Clinton County 4-H online at http://ces.ca.uky.edu/clinton or call Linda Bell or Christy Nuetzman at 387-5404.

Adult Education Offers GED Help

If you or anyone you know is interested in obtaining a GED, entering college, or taking remedial classes, please contact Mitch Latham or Nicole Cross at the Clinton County Adult Education Program at (606) 387—6648.

KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION LEARNING FOR LIFE

We can help and our help is free!!!

CCATC August Students of the Month

The faculty and staff in the six career and technical education programs at Clinton County Area Technology Center have implemented a "Student of the Month" program where a specific character trait is selected each month, and instructors in each department select one student who most nearly exemplifies that character trait while attending Clinton County ATC.

Shown from each department are students who most nearly exemplified the character trait of ***enthusiasm*** and who represent August's Students of the Month. Instructors used a set of guidelines defining ***enthusiasm*** and selected a student according to those guidelines. The faculty and staff are proud to honor deserving students with a certificate of appreciation and with a school lobby photo display during the month following their selection.

Pictured below, from left to right, are Stesha Flowers, Office Technology instructor, with Savannah Marcum; Teresa Giles, Office Technology instructor with Miranda Murphy; and Billie Frye, Health Sciences instructor, with Annie Bridgeman.

Pictured at bottom, from left to right, are Dennis Flowers, Automotive Technology instructor, with Austin Scarborough; Jerry Bell, Electricity instructor, with Luke Pitcock; Jesse Burchett, Welding instructor, with Chaston Bell; and Barry Harmon, Carpentry instructor, with Daniel Guffey.

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STEM SELLS Workshop...

Clinton County students get hands-on experience with STEM careers at workshop presented by Forward in the Fifth and The Center

Twenty-four rising sixth- and seventh-grade students at Clinton County Middle School received hands-on instruction in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics this summer at a two-day regional "STEM SELLS" workshop presented by Forward in the Fifth and The Center for Rural Development at Clinton County High School. Participants included, front row, from left, Hunter Rigney, Colson Burchett, Noah Stockton, Ashton Thrasher, London Honeycutt, Skyler Wallace, and Carmen Rodriquez; second row, from left, Rebecca Shelton, Hannah Smith, Mary Cross, Jacob Tuck, Mildred Dominquez, Jase Boils, Reanne Thurman, and Ethan Daniels; back row, Thomas Holsapple, Dakota Dalton, Jared Upchurch, Annie Hathaway, Seth Daniels, Skyler Hadley, Brook Groce, Katie Starnes, and Bailee Stockton. The workshop challenged students to explore their interests in the STEM disciplines and consider building a future career in these in-demand specialized fields.

Clinton County Middle School students discovered just how much fun science, technology, engineering, and mathematics could be this summer at a two-day workshop presented by Forward in the Fifth and The Center for Rural Development. Twenty-four rising 6th and 7th grade students received hands-on experience working in these critical in-demand fields at a "STEM SELLS" workshop held at Clinton County High School. The workshop—one of four presented this summer across Southern and Eastern Kentucky—challenged students to enhance their knowledge in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines and consider building a future career in some of today's highly specialized professional fields.

"I learned how to have fun with science," Katie Stearns, a CCMS student, said. Most of these students had not experienced the STEM disciplines at this level before and were excited to put their skills to work during the inquiry-based hands-on activities.

During one of the experiments, students used a meter stick to determine the length of the sun's shadow from the base of the stand. Students also predicted where and what size the shadow would be at other times during the day. "It's never too early to give students hands-on experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), co-founder of Forward in the Fifth. "Our youth's success in the STEM fields is vital to the global competition we face as a nation, and these workshops truly keep our students moving forward in the fifth." Forward in the Fifth, a nonprofit organization founded in 1986 to improve the educational attainment levels in the Fifth Congressional District, partnered with The Center to give the region's youth additional educational opportunities outside the classroom to expand their skills in the STEM disciplines.

"These workshops are a fun way for our region's young people to explore and understand STEM-related fields," Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center, said. "By showing them practical ways to apply sometimes difficult concepts, we open eyes and minds to the possibility that no career is out of their reach or reason in the 21st Century."

This is the first time Forward in the Fifth and The Center, a nonprofit organization located in Somerset, have offered summer workshops in the STEM disciplines to the region's middle school students. "Our world is changing rapidly," Jim Tackett, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, said. "By forming a sound foundation in the areas of math, science, and technology, students ensure their future will be bright, and we encourage them to put their knowledge and skills into practice within our region."

...By Forward in the Fifth & The Center

Clinton County teachers Tim Duvall and Erin Casada co-facilitated the workshop presented in collaboration with the University of Kentucky's Appalachian Mathematics and Science Partnership. "We expect this program will serve as a model for expansion of these opportunities to an ever-increasing group of students in years to come," said Dr. John Yopp, director of the Partnership Institute for Mathematics and Science Education Reform at the University of Kentucky. "This program is ideally suited to the establishment of partnerships between K-12 and higher education faculty that will provide our students the opportunity to experience the fascination of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in real world applications." Other "STEM SELLS" workshops were presented this summer in Lee, Morgan, and Bell counties.

For more information about Forward in the Fifth, contact Jim Tackett at 606-677-6000 or via email jtackett@centertech.com.

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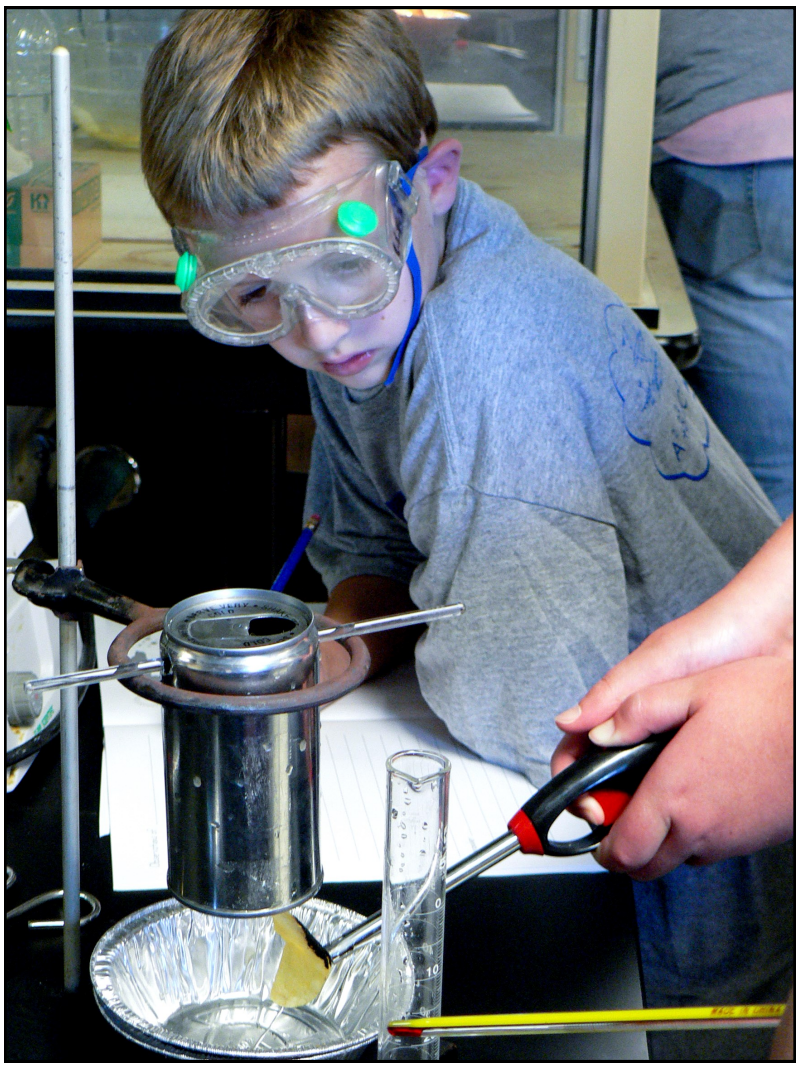


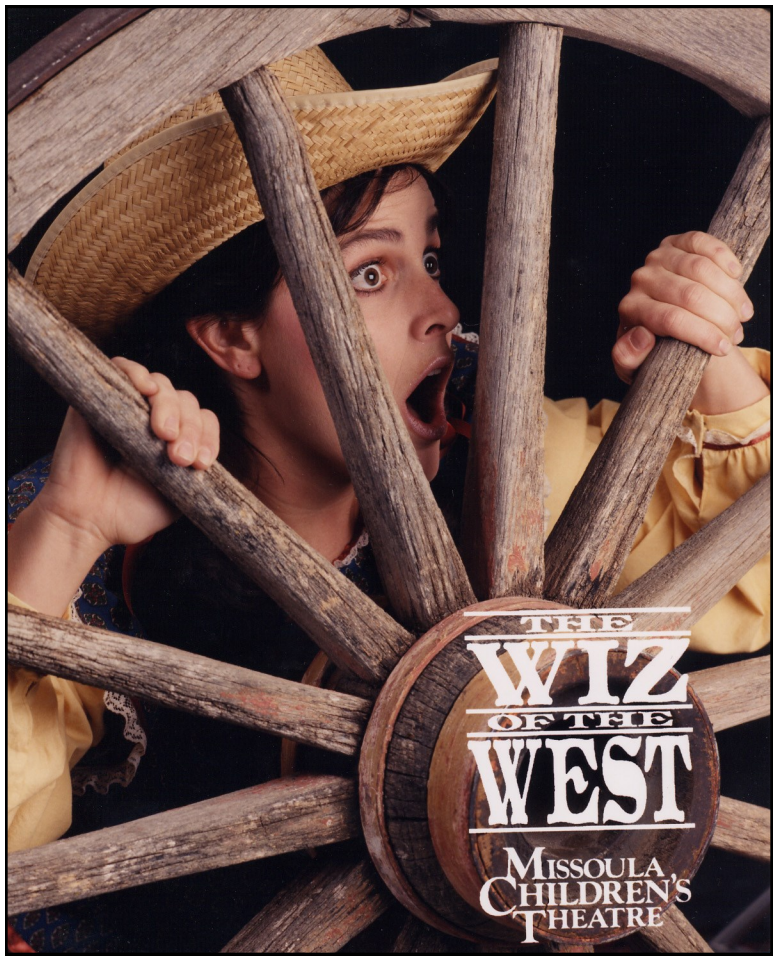
Clinton County Middle School student Noah Stockton participates a hands-on experiment at a two-day regional "STEM SELLS" workshop presented this summer by Forward in the Fifth and The Center for Rural Development at Clinton County High School. Forward in the Fifth, an affiliate of The Center, was created in 1986 by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) and other leaders to increase the educational attainment levels in the Fifth Congressional District.

Clinton County Middle School students use a meter stick and chalk to measure the length of the sun's shadow from the base of the stand in a hands-on experiment at a regional "STEM SELLS" summer workshop. Students explored their interests in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics disciplines at the workshop.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Presents

The Wiz of the West



What Is It???

The Missoula Children's Theatre International Tour Project is the largest touring children's theatre program in the U.S. The concept is based on a week-long residency during which a team of two staff Tour Actor/Directors develop and produce a full-scale musical with over 50 **local students** as cast members. Auditions, intensive rehearsals, workshops and finished performances for the public are all part of the residency. Each production comes complete with professionally designed scenery, costumes, props and makeup, as well as sound and lighting equipment. The Missoula Children's Theatre International Tour Project of Missoula, Montana will visit Clinton County for a week-long residency during the week of October 24—28, 2011. Audiences of all ages will embark on an adventure as they follow their friends from the land of Oz through the wild, wild west of yesteryear – but with a twist…or should we say twister? You won't want to miss it when Missoula Children's Theatre and over 50 local students present an original musical production of THE WIZ OF THE WEST!!!

You Can Be Part Of It!!!

An audition will be held for Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of THE WIZ OF THE WEST on Monday, October 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Those auditioning should arrive at the Clinton County Learning Center auditorium at 3:00 PM and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions. Over 50 roles are available for local students. Among the roles to be cast are Dotty, Mooch, Scared Crow, Lionel, Tinhorn, Hawknose Halley, Dr. Ozzy, Top Dog, Mad Dog, Bad Dog, Coyotes, Munch Kin, Buzzards, and Tarantulas. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. **All students in grades K—12 are encouraged to audition.** No advance preparation is necessary. Most students will rehearse four hours each day, Monday through Friday. The performance is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM. For more information about the Missoula Children's Theatre residency week in Clinton County, contact Community Education Director Ammie Marcum at (606) 387—3495, Ext. 301. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of a full-scale musical with professionally designed scenery, costumes, props and makeup, as well as sound and lighting equipment!!!

Follow your friends from the Land of Oz through the wild, wild west of yesteryear – but with a twist… or should we say a twister? A down-home, country telling of every cowpoke's favorite yarn… Aw, Auntie Em, there's no place like home on the range. THE WIZ OF THE WEST – a fairy tale with a twang'.

Audition

Monday, October 24, 2011
3:00 PM—5:00 PM
Clinton County Learning Center
For ALL Students in Grades K-12

****Students who want to participate in the MCT production of The Wiz of the West MUST be present at the audition.***

4-H / 21st Century Shooting Sports Program

The Clinton County 4-H / 21st Century Shooting Sports trap team had a successful first year placing in regional shoots. In the Lake Cumberland Area Loud Shoot, Clinton County shooters earned enough points to take 1st place team in Division 1, 15-19 age group. At the Adair County Regional Shoot, Clinton County team members Matthew Savage and Ethridge Delk placed 1st and 3rd respectively in Division 1, 15-19 age group. The Clinton County team wrapped up the season by competing in the Kentucky 4-H State Shoot on September 18, 2011 in Berea. Clinton County shooters Lamon Tyler Hubbs, Travis Gilbert, Levi Barber, Ethridge Delk, and Matthew Savage had a combined score that earned them the 3rd place team award in Division 1, 15-19 age group. Also shooting at the state match were Josh Warinner and Silas Speck in 15—19age group, & Kirsten Groce and Jared Upchurch in the 12-14 age group. The Clinton County Shooting Sports team would like to thank all the parents, community, Clinton County Extension Office, and 21st Century for all of the support which made this first season possible. The coaches and participants are looking forward to next season, which will expand the program to include .22 and air rifle, .22 and air pistol, as well as trap shooting. For more information about the 4-H / 21st Century Shooting Sports Program, contact Clinton County Shooting Sports Program Coordinator Chris Marcum at (606) 387—4020.

Pictured at left is the Clinton County 4-H / 21st Century Shooting Sports team and coaches at the Lake Cumberland Area loud shoot. From left to right: Coach Eric Mercer, Matthew Savage, Coach Jim Delk, Ethridge Delk, Kirsten Groce, Josh Warinner, Silas Speck, Travis Gilbert, Lamon Tyler Hubbs, Levi Barber, and Coach Chris Marcum.

Pictured below left is Matthew Savage at the Lake Cumberland Area loud shoot.

Pictured below center are Ethridge Delk (3rd Place) and Matthew Savage (1st Place) in the Division 1, 15-19 year-old group at the Adair County Shoot.

Pictured below right is Josh Warinner at the Lake Cumberland Area loud shoot.