

September 2021

CLAIRTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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\sim Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year \sim



FREE FOOD: Food trucks courtesy of Disaster Restoration Services, Inc. (DRS)

STUDENT INFORMATION DAY & GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION

Clairton City School District held its annual Student Information Day on August 11th. There is always a great turnout for this event, but this year was bigger and better than ever thanks in part to contributions from the following companies and organizations:

Disaster Restoration Services, Inc., U.S. Steel Corporation, Livingston's Pharmacy, Pennsylvania American Water Co., Clairton Cares, Penn State Talent Search, Clairton Public Library, Duquesne University Asthma Clinic, Wesley Family Services, Cornerstone????? And Women for a Healthy Environment. The grand re-opening celebration was also the first time families were invited to tour our newly remodeled classrooms, cafeteria and gymnasium. All were all upgraded by DRS as a result of last year's flood on September 26, 2020. Health screenings, vaccinations and information was also available from a variety of organizations.

Disaster Restoration Services, Inc. provided food for students, families and staff from *Jim's Smokin' Que, Dead End Diner* and *Khona Ice. Stronger Together* t-shirts were available to everyone courtesy of U.S. Steel Corporation. Also, free backpacks or coolers were prizes for any family completing the Scavenger Hunt, which led participants through all three floors of the building.



FREE T-SHIRTS: Courtesy of U.S. Steel



CCSD HIRES ASSISTANT ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



VENTURE OUTDOORS: Mr. Williams and students getting ready for geocaching

The Clairton City School District hired Mr. Emmanuel Williams as the Assistant Principal of Clairton Elementary School at the June 23rd School Board Meeting. Mr. Williams started July 1st and immediately jumped in by helping with the 2nd Chance Summer Camp. He is a 2007 graduate of Clairton High School, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2012 and received a in Educational Master's Degree Leadership in 2019 from Grand Canyon University. Mr. Williams is extremely excited about being back at Clairton Education Center.

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ACTIVATE YOUR ALMA ACCOUNT

Clairton City School District started using a new Student Information System, Alma, in the fall of 2020. The system allows families to access upto-date attendance information, email teachers directly, as well as view progress reports and report cards. Progress reports for the 1st quarter will be emailed via Alma on September 23 to the current parent/guardian email address on file. Email addresses can be updated bv contacting Ms. Danette Thompson, Elementary Secretary, at thompsond@ccsdbears.org. The link to access the Elementary School Login for Alma is: https://clairtones.getalma.com/.

If you have not activated your account yet, please do so now. The username is the parent/guardian's firstname.lastname (dot between names). Click the "Forgot Password?" link on the login page if you do not know your Alma password.



HANDS-ON STEM ACTIVITIES: 5th Grade students testing their paper airplanes.



Clairton Elementary is excited to announce the opening of a new STEM Lab, which is a collaborative effort through the *Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation*. Please be sure to stop by any of our family engagement events to find out about Squishy Circuits, try out a Bee-Bot or learn about Makey Makey. All students in K-5th grade will participate in handson activities in multiple content areas.





- Labor Day Holiday No School Monday, September 6
- Vision to Learn Screenings K to 12 Tue., Sept 7 – Thu., Sept. 9
- Open House 5:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday, September 9
- Federal Programs Meeting 5:00 PM Thursday, September 9
- 1st Grade Bake Sale Open House Thursday, September 9
- 9/11 Tribute–Wear Red/White/Blue Friday, September 10
- Free Clothing Closet 12:00-5:00 PM Saturday, September 11
- Vision to Learn Eye Exams K to 12 Mon., Sept 13 – Wed., Sept. 15
- Planned Evacuation Drill 9:00 AM Wednesday, September 15
- Rain Date for Drill 9:00 AM Thursday, September 16
- Start with Hello Week Daily Themes Mon., Sept. 20 – Fri., Sept. 24
- Family Advisory Council 6:00 PM Wednesday, September 22
- Student of the Month 7:00 PM Wednesday, September 22
- Progress Reports Emailed Home Thursday, September 23
- PAX Pride Celebration 12:30/1:15 Friday, September 24
- School Picture Day 9:00 AM Monday, September 27

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS..... EVERY MINUTE COUNTS