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### Clearview 4th Quarter District Leadership Team Meeting May 15th

The Clearview District Leadership Team is scheduled to conduct their final meeting of the 2023-24 school year on Wednesday, **May 15th**. The DLT meets quarterly to review the Ohio Improvement Process. DLT members are listed to the right. This is reminder to **plan in advance** for your attendance and participation. Secure a substitute accordingly.

This will be an important meeting for the team. For the last meeting of the school year closure is put on current goals and initiatives that are in place. Proper review and reflection will occur and each Building Leadership Team will engage in discussion and then present there 2024-25 progress to the entire DLT. Likewise, new goals and initiatives will be discussed, identified, and documented for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. In Clearview, we call these Key Initiatives. They serve to narrow our focus so that teams can concentrate efforts toward tasks that will address critical academic needs in each of our school buildings. During the course of a school year much can be added to the plate of educators - some can be controlled and some cannot. However, by identifying and focusing on Key Initiatives, each BLT can consistently refer back to those items that will best address school improvement as needed.

The Clearview DLT will also engage in a few other important tasks related to school planning and support for 2024-25. We want to ensure that initiatives and programs are identified and put in place that will address instructional improvement; DLT is about identifying and supporting adult behaviors that will impact student learning K-12. Collaboration is the key and this meeting will require collaboration through shared leadership.

#### DLT Members:

**Jerome Davis**  
**Noeleen Rothacker**  
**Carolyn Kazel**  
**Jason Steadman**  
**Kellie Alston**  
**Joanie Keppler**  
**Wendie Hutspeniller**  
**Jacob Ward**  
**Lurlene West**  
**Mark Majoras**  
**Derrick Walter**  
**Laura Manning**  
**Kari Cooley**  
**Amber McEwen**  
**Jenny McMahan**  
**Jen Smercina**  
**Molly Streator**  
**Molly Klunk**  
**Lynne Stark**  
**Jackie Michalek**  
**Jenn Anderson**  
**Kelly Stephenson**  
**Steph Leonhardt**  
**Jamie Dodson**  
**Sally Roule**  
**Kelly Schenk**

## **Clearview DLT is About Shared Leadership!**

**A joyful,  
fun, and  
inclusive  
climate that  
fosters  
laughter is  
ideal for  
creativity  
and deep  
learning.**

**~Roni  
Habib**

#### Upcoming Dates:

- ◆ **4/23: VES OST  
Math Gr3&4**
- ◆ **4/23: CHS OST  
US History**
- ◆ **4/24: VES OST  
Math Gr3&4**
- ◆ **4/24: CHS OST  
Biology**
- ◆ **4/25: CHS OST  
Algebra**
- ◆ **4/30: CHS OST  
Government**
- ◆ **4/30: DMS OST  
Gr5&8 Science**

#### Clearview LPDC Items to Address Prior to Summer

As summer approaches (did I just say that??) it is important to keep in mind that tasks may need to be completed for licensure renewal through our LPDC. Need to submit your plan? The last review date for the current school year will be **May 13th** with a **May 17th** approval date. There are NO IPDP review dates during Summer Break. However, if someone has a course approval to submit over the summer, **Marci Southard**, our LPDC Chair, does check her emails. It is best if course approvals are emailed to her with a link and NOT SHARED in the google drive folder as she does not get notifications. Questions? Just ask.

**Clearview  
LPDC  
News and  
Update**

## Clearview Trip to the Ron Clark Academy 2024!

The Clearview Local Schools will be sending a team of educators to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia, for professional development. This will be the third year in a row that our school district will be sending a team for this amazing experience. This year's attendees are listed to the right. These Clearview colleagues will be traveling to the RCA for PD scheduled on **May 10th**, 2024.

The district works with Nowak Travel to assist with the trip. Much organization and planning goes into this event. The team will fly out Thursday evening **May 9th**; attend training at the RCA **May 10th**; then return home Saturday afternoon **May 11th**.

## RCA Team 2024:

**Stephanie Reddy**  
**Jackie Michalek**  
**Haley Bednarski** ★  
**Kelly Schenk**  
**Kelly Stephenson**  
**Andreana Schroeder**  
**Marci Southard**  
**Dustie Cooper**  
**Briana Potts**  
**Doug Benzel**  
**Jennifer Parker**  
**Jenn Smercina** ★  
**Mike Collier**  
**Hollie Sloboda**  
**Nick Dimacchia**  
**Matt Gulish** ★



Clearview's  
Coming  
Back!!



As many in the district can already attest, the training at the RCA is filled with energy and enthusiasm for education. The team at the RCA does a fantastic job organizing the day which will be attended by many educators from throughout the country. The experience involves watching the RCA teachers in action; the RCA classrooms contain arena style seating so that visiting educators can observe and witness the amazing RCA staff actually teaching class. These teachers do not have desks in their classrooms; they basically have stages. The energy and enthusiasm for education is truly inspiring. It makes one realize what the school experience can truly be for kids. We want our Clearview team to return with ideas and inspiration that can transfer to our own school district. It's already happening!! These efforts will need to be sustained. School is what we make it for the kids. Soon the team will meet to review expectations and trip logistics.

## Clearview Classrooms - Why Are the Classroom Lights Out? Follow Up

Last week I included an article about why teachers are instructing with the classroom lights out. Thanks to those that responded. Some believe it produces a calming effect and florescent lighting is an issue. However, teachers should also consider the research that states kids focus better in properly lit classrooms, especially for learning activity.



## Instructional Strategies Review: Model Everything

In each issue of the Connection I will review a particular instructional strategy: Model Everything. Do not underestimate the power of modeling as an instructional strategy. Modeling is when the teacher engages students by showing them how to perform a skill while describing each step with a rationale. This provides students with a visual and verbal example of what they will be expected to do. Famed Educational Leader and Presenter Jimmy Casas puts it best, "What we model is what we get." This also pertains to instruction. Therefore, the article below from Cult of Pedagogy states, "Model Everything" and provides five key examples of what would immediately improve if modeling were incorporated into instruction: Classroom Procedures; Group Dynamics; Reading; Writing; Any Class Assignment. While modeling is probably a strategy you're using to teach some concepts, you probably could be using it a whole lot more, and getting more from your students as a result. Modeling is often skipped because expectations are assumed or they are only verbal then the picture/expectation in the teacher's mind does not transfer to the student mind - a visual is needed. More below ...

**Modeling** provides students with both a **visual and verbal** example of what they will be expected to do.

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There are so many things we ask our students to do in school that they would do so much better if we just modeled it for them.

**LINK: The Power of Modeling as an Instructional Strategy**

## Clearview May 10th Professional Development Day Preview

The next district professional development day is scheduled for Friday, **May 10th**. The day will be a full PD day divided into two parts. The first half of the day is devoted to wellness as our May date has been in the past. The theme is titled **Funny, Finance, and Fitness!** The second half of the day is devoted to classroom best practices; this year a **Classroom Management Workshop** will be conducted. Take a look at the sessions scheduled below.

**8:00am-9:00am**

### Devin Seibold; Educational Comedian

All staff; K-12; Certified and Classified  
CHS Auditorium

Laughter is wellness. Start the day with some laughs. Clearview will host Devin Seibold, an educational comedian. Devin is nationally known from his educationally themed stand-up as a member of the Bored Teachers National Comedy tour. Besides laughs the session will also be filled with inspiration and motivation regarding the important work that educators engage in on a daily basis.



**Comedy**  
for Clearview!



**9:10am-10:00am and 10:10am-11:00am** (two group rotations)

### Gary Wright; Financial Wellness

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CHS Media Center

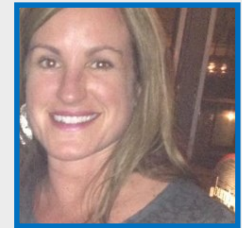
Gary Wright from NestEgg 360 will give a presentation on financial wellness - this is an educational session and not a sales pitch. Mr. Wright conducts such learning events at NEO school districts and other institutions regarding investments and finance. He will educate on 529 plans, Roth IRAs, 403Bs, Stocks, Mutual Funds, Whole Life, etc. - what are they and how do they work. What's best for you? Whether you think you know finance or not, this will be an informative session for all.



### Rene Frank; Personal Fitness for All

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CHS Wellness Center

Professional Fitness Trainer Rene Frank returns to Clearview to conduct a session on personal fitness plans and strategies. Fitness comes in all forms - what are the pros and cons and what strategies might be best for you individually? Learn and practice various fitness exercises in the process. Make personal fitness a goal and continuum in your life. Fit, Fun, and Informative!



**12:00pm - 2:45pm**

### Brian Mendler; Classroom Management Workshop

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CHS Auditorium

Clearview is proud to welcome nationally renowned educational author and presenter Brian Mendler. Brian is widely known from social media, his books, and many speaking engagements that he has conducted throughout the US. He has authored several successful books including *That One Kid*, *Turning Tough Parents into Strong Partners*, *Strategies for Successful Classroom Management*, *Power Struggles*, and the best seller *Discipline With Dignity*. He will conduct a workshop on classroom management strategies and the techniques educators can utilize to address challenging student behavior. Brian's sessions are funny, informative, innovative, and beneficial regarding the difficult subject of classroom management. You will not want to miss this very special event coming to the Clearview Local Schools!!



**Special Event!**



## May 10th PD Day Staff Lunch with Lakewood's Angelo's Pizza

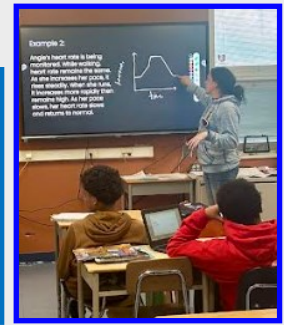
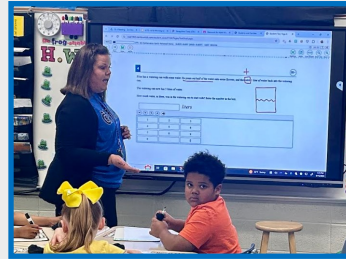
Those who know, know. **Angelo's Pizza** from Lakewood will provide a staff lunch from 11:00am-12:00pm on our **May 10th** PD day. Angelo's is a Lakewood, Ohio, landmark that has been a popular stop for many. Let's once again enjoy lunch as a unified staff. Stop by the CHS cafeteria on our PD day for pizza and salad.



## **Active, Engaged, and Innovative Classroom Learning in Clearview!**

Each issue of Curriculum Connection will include reports from our classrooms around the district. We want to do our best to promote active, engaged, and innovative lesson plans. What are your colleagues doing to engage Clearview students? The idea is to show appreciation for the hard work it takes to plan and develop such lessons.

Math prep for state testing!! It was great to see examples of two different grade levels engaged in OST math prep. First, I witnessed **Kari Cooley** covering techniques to calculate word problems with her 8th graders. She displayed several examples and conducted an I Do, We Do, You Do strategy. She was teaching that particular words within the story problems equate to particular math tasks using graphs. Also, I stopped into a 3rd grade classroom where **Tiffany Duke** was doing the same, just at a different level.

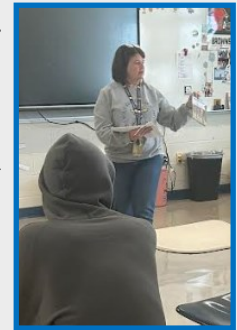


She displayed word problems straight from the OST practice website; she also did an I Do, We Do, You Do strategy. The 3rd graders all had white boards that they used to calculate using the CUBES technique that Tiffany teaches. Both were great examples of OST prep to support kids!!



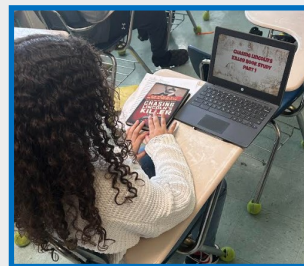
**Hollie Sloboda** teaches Holocaust Literature at CHS.

Did you know that such an elective exists at CHS? It is a full class with many kids interested, largely due to Hollie's leadership. On the day of my visit, Hollie engaged the kids in an activity where they had to determine and eventually debate if the horrors of the Holocaust should be exposed and taught to children. Hollie did not lead them to answers as she



wanted them to identify an opinion on their own. In this course kids get exposed to many examples of this genre of literature; they pick out their own book and share what they have learned with the class. Hollie uses excerpts from many of the various books and exposes kids to the learning opportunities that exist. Great work Hollie!!

**Jenny McMahon's** grade 6 ELA kids engaged in an interesting pre-reading activity. The class will soon be reading *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson. To help introduce the novel, Jenny utilized a resource she got from our TpT account. A google slide doc had a number of activities to get kids interested and knowledgeable about the text. One activity was a KWL chart where they had to fill out what they Know about Lincoln's assassination, what they Wanted to learn about it, and soon what they Learned from the book. Other activities include a cover art review, a book picture search, an informative video from the author, and other interesting tasks. These student historians will be well informed!!



Easy Rider! This past year the middle school has explored the concept of elective courses - learning experiences within student interests. One currently offered is a bicycling course. DMS principal **Laura Manning** and PE teacher **Angela Sipsock** secured a grant from Safe Routes to School for the purchase of bikes and helmets. Angela, along with assistance from **Katie Benzel** and **Kari Cooley**, teach kids about bike safety, riding skills, and bike maneuverability. During my visit the class was divided into 3 stations of learning activity. Awesome experience for our kids!!

