



CLEARVIEW Curriculum Connection

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Clearview to Conduct First Annual "District Art Show" May 13th!

The Clearview Local Schools will be conducting a new event to support the arts. We have many students who thrive in the arts and we want to support and highlight the talents that exist. Fine arts is an important part of our overall curriculum in the Clearview Local Schools. **Jennifer Thurston**, DMS art teacher, and **Jacob Ward**, CHS art teacher, with help from **Kathy Baumgartner** at VES, are planning the District Art Show on Monday, **May 13th**, 4:00pm-6:00pm, to be held in the wellness center. K-12 student art work will be highlighted for the community to enjoy. As many are aware, we have many talented artists that have created amazing work throughout the school year. This event will help to showcase their efforts.

The plan is to also have live music that will be performed. In addition, food trucks will be present. Frankie B's Catering, Babcia's Kitchen, Mamis Icy-Cup, and Your Last Chance BBQ, will all be at Clearview for the event. **Denise Lesh** at DMS is going to sell baked goods at the concession window with her cooking students from her elective class. Plans are also in the works to have a mobile arcade. It's a school bus turned into a gaming station; kids that attend will love it! The arcade accommodates 16-28 players...has modern games, 4 xboxes, 2 nintendo switches, and Rockband. There will also be a hands-on art station where participants will be able to learn artistic techniques and then create their own art work.

This will be a great school and community event that truly highlights our fine arts programs and supports the many Clearview students that possess a unique talent in this area. Plan to show your support and attend the Clearview District Art Show on Monday May 13th!!

Join us for the
CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS
District Art Show
 Live Music, Food, Arts & Crafts
Monday, May 13th
4-6 PM
 In the Wellness Center behind Clearview High School

There is no standard student. Every child has talents, passions, and the potential to be amazing.

~Brad Johnson

Upcoming Dates:

- ◆ **4/30: CHS OST Government**
- ◆ **4/30: DMS OST Gr5&8 Science**
- ◆ **5/6: Ohio Teacher Appreciation Week! -May 10th**
- ◆ **5/10: Clearview PD Day**
- ◆ **5/13: Clearview Fine Arts Night; 4-6; Wellness Ctr.**
- ◆ **5/15: Clearview DLT Meeting; CHS Media Ctr.**

Clearview Value Added Roster Verification Update

Teacher Roster Verification is at the mid-way point. Principals will continue to communicate with value added teachers (listed in graphic) about the task to verify class rosters by Tuesday, **April 30**. Principals may review and approve rosters as teachers complete them throughout this period. Only principals can approve rosters. The next step is the **Principal Review and Approval Period: May 1 – 23**, this includes reviewing teacher instructional responsibilities and alerts before giving final approval. Access below:

LINK: Roster Verification Access

Value Added Teachers:

- ◆ **Grades 4-8 ELA**
- ◆ **Grades 4-8 Math**
- ◆ **Grades 5 & 8 Science**
- ◆ **Algebra I**
- ◆ **American Government**
- ◆ **American History**
- ◆ **Biology**
- ◆ **English II**
- ◆ **Geometry**

Clearview Gives State Presentation on Shared Leadership Practices!

This past week on Thursday, **April 25th**, from 9:00am-10:30am, Clearview provided a state professional development session for the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council. Since Clearview was awarded the District of the Year by OLAC and BASA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, an opportunity to present and learn about Clearview best practices was provided. Presenting for the district were myself and **Lynne Stark**, principal of Vincent Elementary. 75 participants from throughout the state joined! Session description below:

Shared Leadership Practices to Support the Ohio Improvement Process

Clearview Local Schools was recently awarded the 2023 Outstanding District of the Year by OLAC and BASA. Join members of the Clearview administrative team as they share the systems and structures they are using to support the Ohio Improvement Process. The leadership framework that they have established is characterized by shared leadership, collaboration, and open dialogue. Learn more about their District Leadership Team (DLT) meeting process and how it scaffolds to support the work of Building Leadership Teams (BLTs) and Teacher-Based Teams (TBTs) in the district. Their "Relationships First" motto serves as the foundation for school improvement.

Educators throughout Ohio learned about our **Relationships First** theme and how we are creating the culture for school improvement. You can review the powerpoint slides that were used for the session on the link below. You may be pictured ha! Let's continue to create schools where kids have an opportunity to thrive! Clipper Pride!!



LINK: Clearview Presentation Part 1 **LINK: Clearview Presentation Part 2**

Second Semester Talk Listen Action - TLA - Meetings Scheduled

Leadership requires listening to those we serve. In Clearview this is done through a unique process called Talk-Listen-Action Meetings, TLA. These meetings provide an opportunity for open dialogue and discussion on topics that impact your work as educators. We will one again continue this per semester practice; dates are now scheduled. See graphic. I will send out a google sheet for you to signup and participate. However, I will also select random individuals to talk one on one and ask a series of questions to identify the staff perspective. Common themes will be identified. Administrators will review the notes accordingly. The key then will be to put the Action into TLA. This is an important aspect to our Relationships First theme. Plan to participate!! Questions? Just ask.

**Second
Semester
TLA Dates:**
VES - May 7th
DMS - May 9th
CHS - May 17th

Instructional Strategies Review: Mock Press Conference

In each issue of the Connection I will review a particular instructional strategy: Mock Press Conference. A press conference is an event organized to officially distribute information and answer questions from the media. It appears after large news events, after sporting events, when the world awaits information from a source with inside information. Conduct a mock press conference with your students and connect the activity to a unit of study!! First, show examples of actual press conferences so that kids can see an example. Assign roles that include: reporters, photographers, and interviewee(s). Organize questions and learning objectives. Get realistic; set up a podium or conference table with microphones (real or fake), sound effect camera shutters, press passes, invite guests, etc... Film it to watch later. Imagine kids having fun with a press conference with Abe Lincoln after the Battle of Gettysburg or one with Atticus Finch after the trial in To Kill a Mockingbird. This is DOK 3 and 4!! Students can practice public speaking and presentation skills. Assess students based on questioning, responses, and answers. For more...



LINK: Conduct a Mock Press Conference in Class

Clearview May 10th PD Day Review

Friday, **May 10th**, 2024, will be a full PD day divided into two parts:

1. Funny, Finance, and Fitness!

Devin Seibold; Educational Comedian

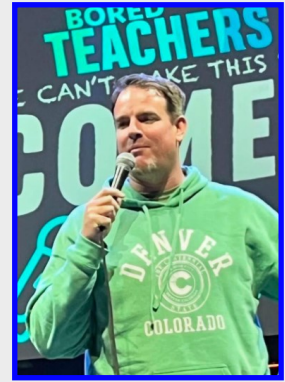
8:00am-9:00am

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

Laughter is wellness. Start the day with **Devin Seibold** who will bring his unique brand of comedy from the classroom to the stage. Devin's session should prove to be an extremely fun event for all!!



**Classroom
Comedy
for
Clearview!**



Gary Wright; Financial Wellness

9:10am-10:00am; 10:10am-11:00am

All Staff; K-12; Certified and Classified
CHS Media Center

Gary Wright from NestEgg 360 will present on financial wellness - this is an educational session, not a sales pitch. 529 plans, Roth IRAs, 403Bs, Stocks, Mutual Funds, Whole Life, etc. - what are they and how do they work? And what might be best for you? Financially Informative!!



Rene Frank; Personal Fitness for All

9:10am-10:00am; 10:10am-11:00am

All Staff; K-12; Certified and Classified
CHS Wellness Center

Professional Fitness Trainer **Rene Frank** returns to Clearview to engage and inform staff on personal fitness goals and strategies. Fitness is Wellness!!



LUNCH with Angelo's Pizza from Lakewood

11:00am - 12:00pm



2. Classroom Management Workshop

Special Guest Presenter - Brian Mendler

12:00pm - 2:45pm

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

Clearview is proud to welcome nationally renown educational author and presenter **Brian Mendler**. Brian is widely known through social media, books, and speaking engagements conducted throughout the US. 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, and beneficial regarding the difficult challenge of classroom management. Do not miss this very special event coming to the Clearview Local Schools!!

**A Clearview
Special Event!!**



Plan to Attend Clearview Professional Development Day May 10th!!

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

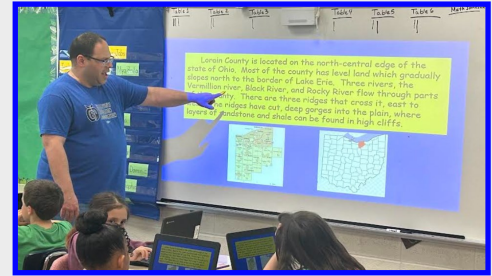
Angelo's Pizza from Lakewood will provide a staff lunch from 11-12 on our **May 10th** PD day. Let's enjoy lunch as a unified staff. Stop by the CHS cafeteria for Angelo's pizza and salad!!



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.

A lesson on Lorain County!! I stopped into **Nick Guerrieri's** 3rd grade classroom recently for a social studies lesson. Nick was teaching his kids about Lorain County. He created a google slide document that contained various facts and details about the local area. For example, Lorain County has mostly level land that slopes north to Lake Erie. Three rivers flow through the area: the Vermillion River, Black River, and Rocky River. Many other details were shared. The kids enjoyed hearing the facts pertaining to where they live. Nick's slide presentation provided interesting pictures and maps that accompanied all of the details and facts. These kids are now local community experts!! Great work!



Don't Stop Be-weaving. Not your usual art project! I made a visit this past week to **Jacob Ward's** CHS art class. The students were creating decorative hanging ornaments that were made from the art of weaving. Weaving is the textile art in which two distinct sets of yarns - called the warp and weft - are interlaced with each other at right angles to form a fabric or cloth. Jacob not only taught this unique skill to his students, he also provided all of the tools and materials needed to have each student create their own weaving art project. Kids used many different colors and designs for their final product. From my observation it just looked hard! But the kids seemed to successfully master the art of weaving to create some amazing art pieces. Impressive!



Time for the Clipper Café! Every Wednesday at Durling Middle School a student run café is available where treats and refreshments are sold. The Clipper Café is a store that serves as a learning opportunity and work experience for students. It is led by **Kelly McMillion, Molly Klonk, Jennifer Lombardozzi, and Kristen Starr.**



Students learn business skills relating to inventory, sales, bookkeeping, customer service, and much more! Kids are also involved in baking the treats that are sold. Therefore, an entire other learning experience is provided regarding cooking and baked goods. Great life skills learning experience at DMS!! Nice work!

Singing and dancing - that is how school should be!! I stopped in to observe an elementary music class at Vincent this past week led by **Dwayne Hoff.** Dwayne was leading a 1st grade class with a lesson on 2/4 and 4/4 time sequences. This was an interactive lesson! Dwayne had kids line up to sing and dance in the process. He played "Yesh Lanu Taish" an Israel folk song. Kids lined up face to face in a line and then kids from opposite sides first in line stepped forward, joined hands, and shuffled together down through the tunnel of classmates. All along they were singing along to the music and clapping their hands to the beat. I could tell the kids were having a great time in the process! Dwayne explained the dance, the steps involved, and time sequences that were used for the lesson. Great Work!!

