



Clintondale Community Schools Monthly Curriculum Digest

BIG Hearts & Great Starts!

September 2018



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Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! It sure was a quick and busy summer. For many, the summer months included family vacations, home projects, relaxing in the sunshine, and even teaching summer school. Our elementary reading specialists worked with the Clinton Township Library to promote summer reading, and Ms. Taylor took a group of high school students to Costa Rica! Numerous staff members attended conferences and were trained in Surveys of Enacted Curriculum, Trauma and Resilience, Cultural Proficiency, ACRI, Visual Thinking Strategies, Math Workshop, Kagan Strategies, and much more!

The summer of 2018 has been motivating and invigorating. Let's use that momentum to make this the best start to our best year yet!

*September is **Attendance Awareness** Month- PLEASE be a HERO!

GO DRAGONS!

Important Dates

- **September 4**-First Day of School!
- **September 10**-NWEA Window Opens
- **September 18**-Late Arrival & STEMscopes Training (6-8 Science)
- **September 18**-Elementary Open House 6-8pm
- **September 25-26**-Read 180 Training @ CHS
- **September 26**-Operation School Bell @ Parker Elementary
- **September 28**-Homecoming!

Newly Adopted District Resources

Over the summer several resources successfully made it through the curriculum process. The following resources have been approved by the Clintondale Board of Education:

- **Phenomenal Science Units** for grades K-5
<http://lor.mivu.org/phenomenal-science>
- **STEMscopes** Science grades 6-8 <https://n11066d27828.acceleratelearning.com/tse>
- **AGA** (Algebra, Geometry, Alg II) from HMH for high school mathematics
- **Newsela Pro** for all grades and subjects throughout the district
<https://support.newsela.com/hc/en-us>

Newly Adopted County Resources

The following resources, all available through a single PowerSchool sign-on, have been adopted by the Macomb Intermediate School District and will be provided to our district:

- **PowerSchool Unified Classroom**
- **Schoology Enterprise**-available NOW <https://clintondale.schoology.com/>
- **Performance Matters Assessment**-available Winter 2019

Late Arrivals

District Provided Professional Development will be scheduled during Late Arrivals and Election Day. These opportunities will alternate between PLC work and building specific professional learning aligned with district and school improvement goals. Agendas for these dates will be sent out to staff via email the Friday before the scheduled date.

- September 18
- October 9* & 23
- November 6* (election day) & 13*
- December 11

- January 15*
- February 12
- March 12*
- April 16
- May 14*

*Denotes collaborative PLCs with other buildings.

Ongoing Math Practices

- Number/Math Talks
- Instruction following CPA (Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract)
- K-5 Math Workshop
- Technology Supported Practice
- CEC

Ongoing ELA Practices

- MAISA Units
- Reading/Writing across the curriculum
- K-5 Workshop
- K-8 Guided Reading
- CEC

Ongoing Science Practices

- Instruction Using 5E
<https://www.whatihavelearnedteaching.com/5e-model-science-instruction/>
- Inquiry-based Instruction through Phenomenal Science (NGSS)
- WebQuests at the secondary level
- Science Notebooks at the middle level
- CEC

Ongoing Social Studies

- C3 Framework for Instruction
- Multimedia Content Delivery
- Interactive Mapping in Geography
- CEC

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