



Clintondale Community Schools Monthly Curriculum Digest

# A Season for Smiles!

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December 2018-January 2019

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Smile, it's December! This publication will cover both DECEMBER and JANUARY important dates and feature Title II, Title IV, and our new student performance data system. With January on the horizon, we begin to plan for 2019-2020. Looking forward to an outstanding new year!

On November 26th, McClinnen Elementary opened our district's second full-day GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) Preschool. Now each of our three elementary schools has an early childhood program! Congratulations to Principal Lamont, Mrs. Dawn Derkacz, and Mrs. Dorothy Wilkins on getting the new program going. And a great big THANK YOU to the Buildings & Grounds crew for all of your help!

This is surely a busy season, and CCS has been BUSY. Thanks to all the students and staff who participated in food drives and charities to help support our families at Thanksgiving. Efforts are continuing as we plan for the holiday break. 'Tis the season for giving!

GO DRAGONS!

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## Important Dates

- **December 4** SIS Math Coaching @ McGlennen & Rainbow
- **December 5-6** Performance Matters Unify Train-the-Trainer Training @ MISD
- **December 6** SAT Number Talks & Formative Assessment
- **December 10** **NEWSELA** for Argumentative Writing @ HS Conference Center  
3:30-5:30pm **\$23/hour to attend!**
- **December 10** BOE meeting @ 6:30pm
- **December 11** Late Arrival
- **January 7** NWEA Testing Window Opens
- **January 8** Middle School FSI @ MISD
- **January 9** High School FSI @ MISD
- **January 14** BOE meeting @ 6:30pm
- **January 15** Late Arrival
- **January 15** Elementary FSI @ MISD
- **January 21** MLK Jr Day-No School
- **January 23-25** HS Exams
- **January 24** SIS Math Coaching @ Parker
- **January 25** NWEA Testing Window Closes
- **January 25** End Semester 1
- **January 28** Records Day-No Students
- **January 28** BOE meeting @ 6:30pm

## Title II

Title II Part A is a federal grant designated to fund professional learning for instructional staff. The school district must align the professional learning in the grant with the goals and activities in the District Improvement Plan. The following are some of the many opportunities for Clintondale staff:

- Number Talks
- Facilitators of School Improvement
- Reader's/Writer's/Math Workshop
- Creative Curriculum
- Math Coaching
- Content-related Workshops at MISD
- Kagan Structures
- MAISA Annual Conference
- MRA Conference
- YouCubed Courses
- Training for Digital Learning, Assessment, and Analytical Platforms
- Cultural Proficiency
- Trauma Informed Schools
- FAME
- Training in NEW board-approved resources

# Title IV

Under ESSA, Title IV Part A is a grant for student support and academic enrichment. This is a grant intended to build well-rounded programs. Clintondale has used the 2018-2019 grant to purchase Newsela Training/Licenses, Drumline Corps, and an Elementary Health Aide for the district. All purchases will meet the requirements to support learning and enrich the educational experiences for our students.

## Performance Matters Unify

The MISD has been working with districts to purchase a data warehouse system to replace Data Director. The new system, Unify by Performance Matters, was purchase by PowerSchool in August for this purpose. This platform will be accessible for teachers through the PowerSchool sign in. Unify has the following capabilities:

- Run Data Reports on State and Local Data
- Send Report Links to other Users
- Display Student Performance on Specific Standards/Demographics
- Build Assessments Utilizing Question Banks (Thousands to choose from!)
- Custom Build Questions and Rubrics (16 Different Types of Questions!)

Anyone interested in learning more about Performance Matters Unify can contact Coleen Brunni @ [brunnic@clintondaleschools.net](mailto:brunnic@clintondaleschools.net).

### Ongoing Math Practices

- **Number/Math Talks**
- **Instruction following CPA (Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract)**
- **K-6 Math Workshop**
- **Technology Supported Practice**
- **Instructional Technology**
- **CEC**

### Ongoing ELA Practices

- **MAISA Units**
- **Reading/Writing across the curriculum**
- **K-6 Workshop**
- **K-8 Guided Reading**
- **Technology Supported Practice**
- **Instructional Technology**
- **CEC**

### Ongoing Science Practices

- **Instruction Using 5E**
- **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**
- **Focus on Primary Resources**
- **Organizational Strategies**
- **CEC**

#### **Electives**

- **Cooperative Learning**
- **Visible Thinking Strategies**
- **Competency-Based Grading**
- **Work-Based PBL**
- **TPRS Strategies**
- **CEC**

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