The 4C Highlight Reel

Centerville intentionally focuses on the 4 C’s throughout our curriculum. Ms. Abell’s fourth grade class definitely knows how to be creative! Creativity is the ability to create and to refine innovative ideas that make a tangible and useful contribution to society. As Ms. Abell taught a math lesson on long division, she wanted to make sure the students understood the steps to use when dividing. Ms. Abell and her students sang and danced to the ‘Long Division Style’ song which reviewed the steps of dividing, multiplying, subtracting, and bringing it down. This was a creative way for students to remember the steps and have a great time learning about long division.

Engage Club Spreads The Love

Our mission for ENGAGE is to spread confidence and self-esteem throughout 4th and 5th grade girls, our school, and our community. This February we achieved just that! These energetic girls took charge of Centerville’s lollipop and Valentine Gram fundraiser to directly benefit Relay for Life. Our ENGAGE club members had to sort the lollipops, create posters, count money, sell lollipops and Valentine grams, deliver and stuff grams, and maintain the large crowds each morning to make sales! Not only did these girls raise over $700 for Relay for Life, they also proved to be incredible role models, students, and business entrepreneurs for Centerville. We are so proud of all of ENGAGE club’s accomplishments!
We are halfway through the 3rd nine weeks of school and many great things are happening as we continue to carry out our belief that “We 4C Brighter Futures!” Recently we created a Chromebook lab on the 5th grade hall as well as a Chromebook mobile lab that is available for checkout for 3rd and 4th grade. Teachers are working with our Instructional Technology Assistant, Angie Hoyt, to provide students with a tutorial on how to log-in and utilize features on the Chromebooks and have begun using these for research, collaboration, and other online instructional activities. We have also added 5 Windows 8, Dell computers to each 5th grade classroom. At the beginning of the year there were no technological devices in any classroom and now 1st, 2nd, and 5th have at least 4 devices in their rooms and we are working to add more.

After collecting and analyzing survey results we will be changing our 3rd nine weeks awards day programs to April 8 (4th & 5th); April 9 (2nd & 3rd); and April 10 (K & 1st).

Each awards program will be from 1:15—2:00 p.m.

This year students in grades 3 - 8 and 11th will be taking a new state test, the ACT Aspire. We will send home information soon, but you can find out more by clicking the ACT tab on the right hand side of the State Department of Education’s website at http://ed.sc.gov/.

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**DONUTS FOR DAD**

Centerville held its second Donuts for Dad event on February 6, 2015. We were blessed to have so many dads show up for this special occasion and the children were all glowing with pride and excitement. Many dads fought back the tears as they watched a video of students who shared why “My dad is the BEST” as shown in the picture to the right.

“Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections with peers.” - from the 2006 report entitled, The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children written by Jeffrey Rosenberg and W. Bradford Wilcox in a joint research effort by various government agencies.

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Above: Micah Brown, 5th grade
Each year, schools in Anderson School District 5 nominate, vote, and select faculty and staff members to represent their schools as Employees and Teacher of the Year. This is always a time of great celebration, but also a very difficult task due to the fact there are so many who are deserving of this honor. This year was no different; however, last Tuesday we celebrated the following individuals receiving such an honor for all they do for our school, the students, parents, teachers, and greater community. Our Instructional Staff Member of the Year is Mr. Brian Green. Mr. Green began the year as a long-term sub in 4th grade for Mrs. Heffington and has spent the rest of the year as a teaching assistant in 3rd grade where he has done so much to our 3rd grade teachers and students. Our Non-Instructional Staff Member of the year is Mrs. Ruthie Parnell. Nurse Ruthie works tirelessly each day serving close between 70-100 students a day with all their healthcare needs. Our Food Service Employee of the Year is Mrs. Ashley Branyon. Mrs. Branyon is our Assistant Cafeteria Manager and has done an excellent job keeping our cafeteria running efficiently this year. She knows every child by name and creates an enjoyable environment for our student dining. Our Custodial Staff Employee of the Year is Mrs. Doris Walker. Mrs. Doris works hard each and every day to ensure our students have a clean learning environment and she does it with a willing heart and a big smile on her face. Last, but not least, our 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Emily Vickery. Mrs. Vickery is an amazing music teacher who gives so much of herself to our students. She works diligently to prepare our students for several wonderful music programs including the Veterans Program we had in November, the holiday program we had in December, and several upcoming shows. She also gives of her time to sponsor and work with the Centerville Chorus on Thursdays each week. We are so blessed to have each of these awesome individuals as part of our Centerville family. Thank you for all that you do!
All Centerville Tigers were eligible to attend the end of second nine weeks OBPP assembly which was held Thursday, January 29th. The assembly began with Jane Fink, co-owner and operator of Anderson Dog Works. She talked about proper grooming and care of dogs, especially her Westie, and compared their need for proper care and love to human beings. Her "Westie," which is the same breed as the dog in "The Wiz" performed several tricks upon command.

Austin Burnikel, sophomore soccer player and honor student at Clemson University, compared expectations of Clemson University administration to expectations of Centerville Elementary administration. Students are expected to respect differences, show good school work, and get along with others. Following a "selfie" we all eagerly followed him as he led several Clemson University cheers.

BEING “PAWSITIVE” & RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

THE READING COACH’S CLUBHOUSE

Mrs. Sheila Bryant, Reading Coach

Are you looking for some great ideas to help your child learn during these cold winter days? Do you want to spend time with your child and help him/her love books and reading? If your answer is yes to either of these questions here are some tips for you!

Read Everyday - Try reading 10-15 minutes per day with your child. You may already read bedtime stories together or you may curl up on the couch and read. Encourage your child to take books along to read during a sibling’s sports practice, waiting for an appointment, riding in the car, or wherever you may go!

Visit the Anderson County Library - Do you have a library card? Going to the local library is a great way to read new books! Take your child to the library and help him/her choose books of interest. Encourage your child to choose all sorts of books from a variety of genres such as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, fantasy, etc. Visit http://www.andersonlibrary.org/ for more information.

Be Playful - Read to your child using different voices for different characters. Encourage your child to do the same! Storytime can be a great time for bonding and laughter. Make reading enjoyable!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
BUILDING COMMUNITY AT CENTERVILLE

Centerville Academy has a wonderful PTO who works hard to provide many opportunities for our families and staff members to gather and enjoy time together outside of the regular school day. Our goal is to build a strong community that fosters the type of school climate where we know students will thrive.

“PTO events such as Fall Festival, Skate Nights, and Movie Nights provide fun-filled, family-oriented entertainment for all. Teachers and students look forward to spending time together at these events and it is always such a joy to see families having a blast together!” - Leslie Hornick, first grade teacher

CLOWNING AROUND IN KINDERGARTEN

On January 30th the Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school in grand style by attending the Barnum and Bailey Brothers Circus Extreme, at the Bon Secours Wellness area in Greenville, South Carolina. Students enjoyed the high intensity performances which highlighted creativity, strength, and athleticism. Both performers and animals executed feats that were extraordinary and amazing. Students were wowed by acrobats, dancing elephants, tightrope walkers, and trapeze artist. The crowd favorite was when Gemma the Jet gracefully shot out of a cannon. Students excitedly wrote about their experience, favorite performers, and dream circus job after returning to school.
TIGERS READ

Over the summer I contacted Clemson University and asked them about the TIGER read program. This is an athletic service program that uses the acronym T.I.G.E.R! and discusses character education with students. Clemson athletes have come to Centerville twice during first grade related arts time. Clemson lady soccer and volleyball are the two represented sports who have read to our first graders, discussed teamwork and integrity, and talked about their experiences as a college athlete. I have been amazed at the wonderful questions our first graders have asked the athletes.

WE’RE BUZZING ABOUT THE SPELLING BEE

During the month of January, Centerville students in grades 3-5 participated in classroom spelling bees. Classroom winners participated in the school-wide bee on Monday, February 23rd. We are proud to announce Centerville’s Spelling Bee Winner is 3rd grader Kayli Carter and the Runner-Up is 5th grader Ethan Poteat. Congratulations to all spelling bee participants! Kayli will represent Centerville at the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 7th at Anderson University.

School Spelling Bee Participants:

Top Row L to R - Azariah Edney, Maddox McClure, Xxavier Edwards, Ethan Poteat, Kayli Carter, Owen Skelton, Josiah Calhoun

Front Row L to R - Nicholas Grzelecki, Hagen Collins, Kelsey Dennis, Savannah Wurst, Nevaeh Aho, Andre Prince, Grayson Whitten, Devin McCall, Tyler Slaton

Classroom Winners Not Pictured: Lise Landreth and Kaitlyn Beddingfield

Kayli Carter, 3rd Grade, School Winner

Ethan Poteat, 5th grade, Runner-Up
Drake Caldwell is a student in Mrs. Heffington’s 4th grade class at Centerville. Drake’s persuasive piece earned him recognition as this month’s Sensational Writer. Above is just the hook from his piece. Drake had the following to say during an exclusive interview with Mr. Chapman.

“I like doing persuasive writing because you get to try and change people’s mind one way or another.”

The piece above was written about the invention that Drake came up with called the Vacumole. “I invented this because I have a baby sister at home and she cries when I am vacuuming.”

Drake states that Mrs. Heffington helped him in the writing process by “showing me how to write a good hook, a bold body, and a strong conclusion. She gave us different strategies. I chose to start off with a question.” Drake stated that peer revisions and teacher conferences help him to be a better writer. “I believe that informational, biographies, and persuasive writing is important for students to be able to do.” Congratulations to all of our Principal Pick Writers for January!

Above: Drake Caldwell, 4th Grade
Centerville Academy of 21st Century Learning would like to begin a process of building several partnerships with the local business community. In January we officially added Papa John’s Pizza to our growing list of business partners.

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a business partner, please contact Missy McKenzie at missymckenzie@anderson5.net or Travis Chapman at travischapman@anderson5.net. You can also call 864-260-5100.

If you would like to become a business partner with the entire Anderson District 5 please contact Kyle Newton at kylenewton@anderson5.net.

We would love to work with you to expand opportunities for our students and build a strong sense of community that provides a foundation for progress.

LAKESIDE & SOUTHWOOD PAY VISITS 5TH GRADE

5th graders at Lakeside were recently visited by Mr. Jamie Smith, principal of Southwood Academy of the Arts, Mr. Leonard Galloway, principal of Lakeside Middle School of Inquiry and Innovation, and Mrs. Catherine Phillips and Mrs. Amy Smith, guidance counselors at Lakeside. These representatives of their respective middle schools in our district came to share with our 5th graders some of the opportunities that await them next year as well as answer questions and communicate their expectations. Lakeside also had two sixth grade students: Myles Ulmer and PJ Wurst come and share a student’s perspective on what school life is like at Lakeside.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 2 - 6: Dr. Seuss Week
- 3rd - Pizza Buffet Night (5 - 8 p.m.)
- 4th - Sonic Night on HWY 81 (5 - 8 p.m.)
- 6th - Muffins for Mom (7:45 - 8:15 a.m.)
- 17th - Anderson Dist. 5 Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 19th - Kindergarten Registration
- 19th - School Improvement Council Meeting (1:30 - 2:30 p.m.)
- 20th - Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL for Students
- 24th - End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 26th - Skate Night (6 - 8:00 p.m.); 1st Grade Registration
- March 30th - April 3rd - SPRING BREAK