

CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

January
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MacBook Deployment

Cleveland Middle school was thrilled to receive 1500 MacBook laptops at the end of December 2020. CMS teachers, staff members, and the Department of Innovation worked tirelessly before Christmas break to unpack, unbox, tag, and enroll all of the devices so that they would be ready for student use in January! They worked out a plan for deployment, and were able to complete laptop deployment in January 2021! In regards to having laptops

in the classroom again, 7th grade science teacher, Brett Kirksey said, "I'm

excited to have MacBooks in the classroom because they allow each student an opportunity to take their education further. They open up so many new doors for students to

engage in new learning opportunities." CCS held their reconnection week January 5th-8th, and 1,143 laptops were deployed to the in-person middle school students. On January 4th, we

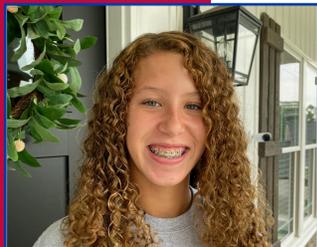


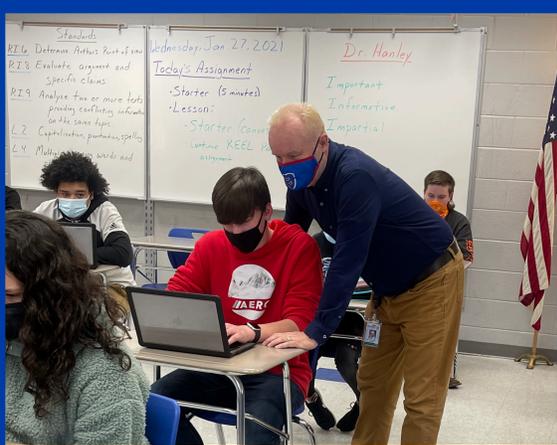
held a drive-thru paperwork and payment station for parents to come by the school and turn in forms and the usage fee for the laptops. Over the course of the month of January, 1,268 laptops were given out to CMS students for use in the classroom and at home! During reconnection week, teachers spend time acclimating students to their new devices, going over laptop expectations, and ensuring the students knew how to access all online classwork. Students and families were excited to receive the devices. "Now I can have my own calendar and check the latest news," said eighth grader Morgan Yates.



Student Spotlight Emily Patterson

Emily Patterson is in 6th grade on the 6 blue team. Emily's teachers describe her as compassionate, responsible, and mindful. Emily plays softball, basketball, and volleyball for CMS, and she also plays travel ball. "One thing that I love about playing sports is all the great people that I get to meet and get to know," said Emily. Her favorite teacher is her math teacher, Mrs. Early. Emily loves Mrs. Early because Mrs. Early is funny and makes learning fun. Emily also said, "If you make a mistake, she [Mrs. Early] is always there to help." Her favorite things about CMS are the teachers she has, her coaches, and her friends. Emily has 2 younger brothers, a great dad, and her mom is our CMS school nurse!





Here's What's Happening at CMS

CMS hosts the Area 4- South Middle School District Basketball Tournament, with all games live-streamed.

CMS welcomes Kaylee Stone as a new teacher. She teaches ELA on 6 Blue, and she coaches volleyball.

CMS honors Coaches of Distinction for 30+ years of service to CMS athletics. Carroll, Connolly, Carson, Kidwell, & Yates

CMS hosted 8th grade night for boys and girls basketball, cheer, and dance on January 21st.

CMS wrestler Piper Fowler became the Girls' Middle School 142 lbs National Champion in Tulsa, OK.

Meet our CMS Teachers of the Year: Dr. David Hanley, Mrs. Emily Buckner, Mrs. Sarah Thomas



CMS is blessed with an amazing staff full of incredible teachers. As such, earning the recognition as Teacher of the Year is quite an accomplishment at CMS, and "these teachers provide our students with a rigorous and engaging education. They are respected by their peers and are leaders among our faculty. Our students emerge from their classes with skills that will serve them as they continue with their education," says CMS principal, Dr. Leneda Laing.

Emily Buckner teaches 6th grade science and social studies on the 6 blue team, and she also coaches cross country and track. She has been at CMS 3 years, and has a total of 11 years in education. Mrs. Bradford, 6th grade assistant principal, says "Mrs. Buckner is dedicated to serving all students through innovative and supportive lessons." Mrs. Buckner's favorite thing about CMS is the freedom to teach in creative ways that are the best ways for her students to learn the standards. She appreciates the support and trust of the CMS administration team.

Dr. David Hanley teaches 8th grade ELA. He has been at CMS for 3 years, with a total of 30 years in education. Dr. Hanley sponsors the CMS student newspaper "Raider Times." "CMS challenges me to push my teaching skills to the next level. Teachers at CMS are incredible role models of what loving and teaching students is truly about. Watching students grow and embrace their next step in learning is my ultimate motivation," says Dr. Hanley.

Mrs. Sarah Thomas was named CCS District Teacher of the Year for grades 6-8. Mrs. Thomas has been at CMS for 8 years and coaches cross country. "My favorite part of teaching is coming up with fun ways for students to learn the content and seeing them work hard, push through struggles, and succeed," she says. "She brings Science alive in her classroom daily. She has embraced Project Based Learning, and her class does many labs. Not only does Mrs. Thomas excel with academics, but she genuinely cares for her students," says Matt Ingram, 7th grade assistant principal.