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District to Hold Inclusion Focus Group

Red Clay Consolidated School District has partnered with Hanover Research, an independent research firm based in Arlington, VA, to evaluate the first year of the Inclusion Initiative's implementation. This process began with a set of surveys administered to students, parents, and personnel in fall 2015. After reviewing the survey results, Red Clay has asked Hanover to assist in gathering additional information from parents and personnel that will inform the district's efforts to improve implementation in the future.

As part of that process, **we would like to gauge your interest in participating in an upcoming focus group.** The focus groups, each lasting approximately 90 minutes, will take place on June 7 and June 8. Hanover will conduct each focus group, and no representatives from Red Clay will be present. Although Hanover will summarize the opinions expressed during the focus groups in a future report, identifying information for commenters will not be shared with the district. We believe that protecting the anonymity of participants creates an environment that encourages active and honest discussion.

If you are interested in participating in a focus group, please take 3-5 minutes complete this quick survey:

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Red-Clay-Inclusion-Initiative-Focus-Group-Outreach>

Summer Meals

The Red Clay Summer Lunch Crew will be participating in the 2016 Summer Food Service Program, a federally-funded program that will provide free breakfast and lunch to children over the summer months. There is no application or qualifying. Start and end dates vary by location. Meals will be served at nine schools and three community locations. For locations and times, click [here](#).

Program rules:

- Adults will not be served unless accompanied by a child (Adult meal price: \$3.50)

- Meal must be eaten on-site
- Only fruits and vegetables may be removed from the eating area

Slam Dunk for Reading

Students at Linden Hill Elementary School were rewarded for their hard work over the last few months on May 27, 2016. February's "I Love To Read Month," kicked off a reading challenge in Red Clay. Students throughout the district were excited to read as many pages as possible. Linden Hill students won first place in the Elementary School category, reading a total of 754,650 pages during the two-month competition. The contest ended on April 24, 2016.

The reward for winning first place: The Dunk Tank. Each student waited energetically for his or her turn to attempt to dunk Superintendent Dr. Merv Daugherty, Principal Thomas Glennon and any staff member brave enough to sit on the tank's perch. Students and staff alike all laughed and cheered each time someone fell into the tank.

Stanton Walks for Juvenile Diabetes

Stanton Middle School has been partnering with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) for the past 8 years. The school held its annual fundraiser on May 23. Each year, the school begins with an assembly for each grade, presented by a spokesperson for JDRF. The presentation starts with a short video and then a Q&A session where students can win a prize. Students who have diabetes get a chance to speak if they want to, and answer questions from their peers. Students then make three laps around the front of the school, back behind the ball fields, around the hockey and soccer fields and up along Limestone Road to the front of the building. This year, 286 out of 665 walked and the school raised roughly \$2000. Sixth grader Molly Mulvey created a team and collected \$550. Stanton students have been very supportive of their peers who have diabetes, and have raised more than \$12,000 and walked over 24 miles since the program has started.

Richey Teacher Invited to Gates Foundation Council

Richey Elementary School Teacher Stacie Zdrojewski has been invited to join the incoming class of the 2016-2018 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Teacher Advisory Council. She was selected from a pool of more than 400 exceptional educators nationwide. The committee was impressed with her background and leadership skills, dedication to her students, and enthusiasm for informing the foundation's strategy and future investments in students' career and college readiness.

Heritage Puzzle Piece



The children at Heritage Elementary School formed a human puzzle piece to duplicate the symbol for Autism Awareness Month. Despite the threat of rain, they came in their color-coded shirts and took their positions. During the month of April, students participated in various activities and a writing contest to show their awareness in building relationships with peers who may be autistic. Ms. Tuohy, a special education teacher, led the way with a Power Half Hour to inform teachers about strategies to engage students in autism awareness. The Human Puzzle Piece was the culminating activity for Autism Awareness Month.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- **Memorial Day – Schools and Offices Closed, May 30**
- Graduation – Cab Calloway, June 3, 7:00p.m., Cab Calloway
- Graduation, June 4, A.I. 9:00a.m., McKean 12:30p.m., Conrad 3:30p.m., Dickinson 6:30p.m., Bob Carpenter Center
- **Early Dismissal, June 6-9, Secondary 11:30 a.m., Elementary 1:00p.m.**
- Last Student Day, June 9
- Graduation – First State School, June 9, 6:00p.m., Cab Calloway
- Staff In-service, June 10,13,14
- Last Teacher Day, June 14
- School Board Meeting, June 15, 7:00p.m., Warner
- Report Cards Mailed, June 17, Grades 4-11

