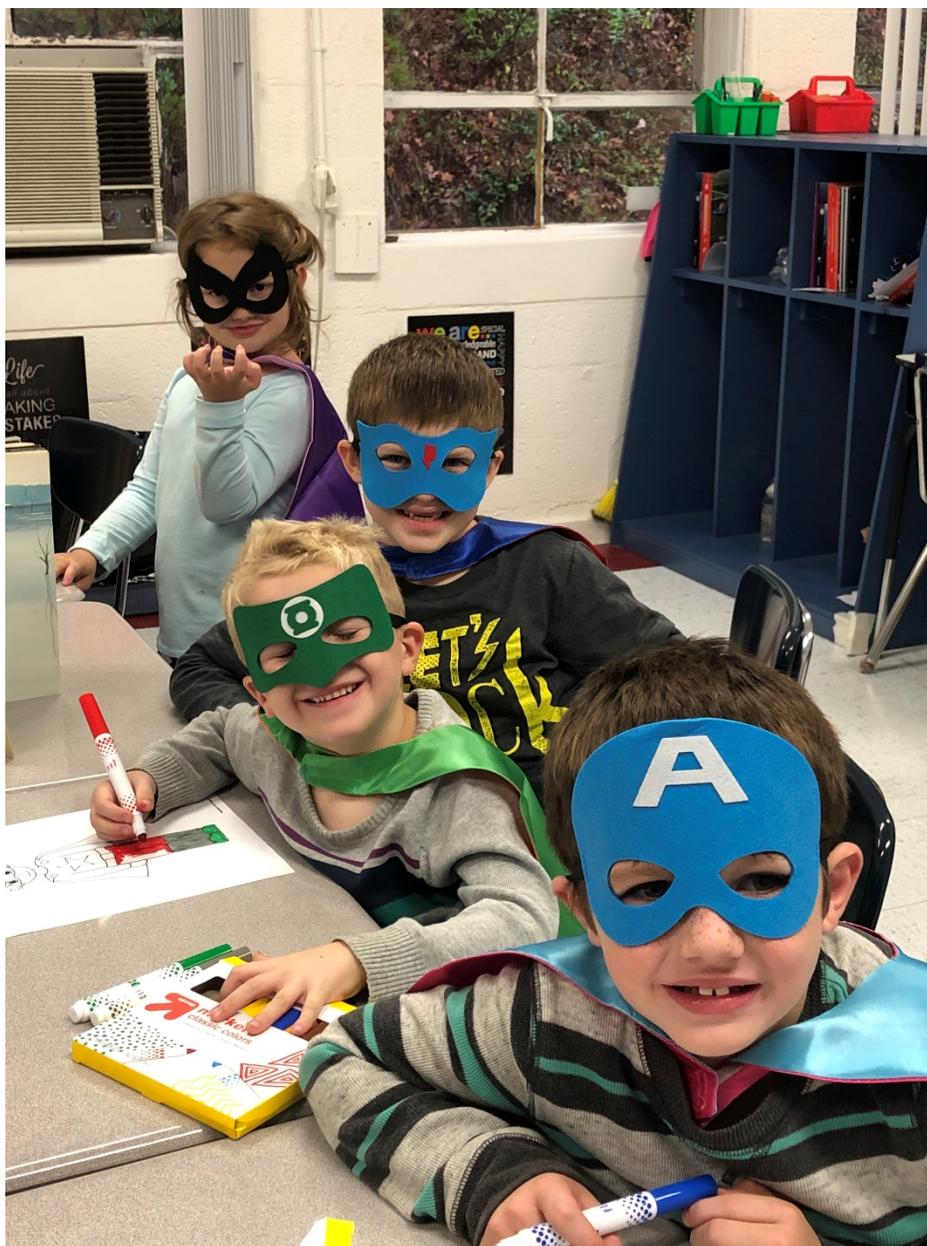


Clay Afterschool Program Webpage

Information about the Clay Afterschool Program (CAP) can now be found on the Clay County Schools website. Located on the left-hand side of the home screen under “Contents”, the webpage showcases afterschool activities happening in schools across the county, as well as provides program and registration information for families. You can access the page directly through the following link: <http://claycountyschools.org/clay-afterschool-program/> .



Enjoying Superhero Literacy Night at H.E. White Elementary

Supplemental Grants Provide Support for Students' Social and Emotional Learning

In December 2019, Clay County Schools was awarded supplemental grants totaling \$20,000+ by 21st Century Community Learning Centers to support students' social and emotional learning. These grants will allow weekly implementation of the Journey of Hope program during the afterschool and summer learning programs. Groups of no more than 10 students will participate in one-hour sessions focused on exploration of emotions, such as sadness, fear, worry, and anger; identification of triggers and stressors; and development of positive coping strategies to deal with these emotions. Each elementary session consists of introductions and check-in time; a parachute activity centered around the emotion being explored; a literacy segment using a book focused on the specific emotion; art expression; a cooperative game; and closing circle time. Secondary school sessions consist of check-in and introductions; cooperative games; group discussion about a specific emotion; journaling; and closing circle time. Books utilized during the sessions will be provided to participating students. At least two Journey of Hope sessions will also be offered for students' caregivers, along with self-care resources. Implementation of the program is set to begin in late January/early February 2020.



Exercising with GoNoodle at Big Otter Elementary

McKinney-Vento Grant Award Provides Afterschool Opportunities for Students

On January 2, 2020, Clay County Schools received notification from Rebecca Derenge, State Coordinator in the Office of Federal Programs, the school system was being awarded nearly \$50,000. These monies will help fund a tutoring program led by high school students in each of the elementary afterschool programs.



Practicing the guitar and ukulele at Clay Middle

CAP Supports Healthy Grandfamilies Program

The Clay Afterschool Program has partnered with the West Virginia University Extension Service to offer the WV Healthy Grandfamilies Program. The program is a free resource for grandparents raising grandchildren. Classes are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 28th, at 3:30 P.M. at Big Otter Elementary. Children in Grades K-5 may participate in the afterschool program while grandparents attend the program. Eligible participants will receive a fuel card from EnAct WV to help defray the cost of travelling to the weekly sessions. (Please post/share the flyer attached to the email accompanying this newsletter.)



Playing games on the Math Mat at Lizemore Elementary

Exploring Afterschool Opportunities for Secondary Students

On Friday, November 22, 2019, Dr. Michelle Samples met with Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, WV Associate Superintendent of Career and Technical Education; Susan Gamble, Executive Director of the WV Statewide Afterschool Network; and David Lee, Coordinator for 21st CCLC in the Office of Federal Programs at the West Virginia Department of Education. The group discussed expanding afterschool opportunities for middle and high school students based upon initiatives currently supported by the State Division of Career and Technical Education. Stay tuned for updates!

