



# Mustang Message



Clay County Middle School January 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S  
DESK .....

## West Virginia Safe Schools Helpline

We're back from an extra long break, and it's cold out there! I hope you and your children had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends, and loved ones during the time away from school. It's important to take advantage of these moments, so we can rejuvenate, refocus, and approach the new year with a renewed sense of purpose.

Congratulations to our model students for the month of November:  
Jaylyn Holcomb  
Stephanie Rollyson  
Kade Dean  
Robert Starcher

Model Students are respectful, responsible, and honorable. Model Students are chosen by teachers for their outstanding character.

As we make our way through the winter months, let's take advantage of this time and make sure our students continue to approach each school day with purpose.

Keep up the great work!

*Mrs. Goe*

In order to keep our schools safe, Clay County Schools subscribes to a service that will enable our parents and students to share information anonymously with school officials.

### How does the helpline work?

A 24-hour, toll-free number has been assigned for all of West Virginia – the same number for ALL schools. It can be reached from instate and from outside the state. When you call this number, you will be talking to an actual person – not a recording.

### What information should be reported?

You should report any information that could have a negative impact on students, school staff or school property. Here are some examples:

- Violence
- Weapons
- Threats
- Thefts or property damage
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Sexual harassment

These acts are threats to your safety and should be reported.

Anyone can call the Safe Schools Helpline. This helpline is here to help you. Remember, what affects your school, affects you and your community.

**West Virginia  
Safe Schools Helpline  
1-866-SAFEWVA  
(1-866-723-3982)**

## Attendance and Absences

West Virginia law requires attendance at school for children between the ages of six and seventeen and those older who elect to stay in school. The privilege to attend school places upon students the responsibility of faithful attendance. Remember, attendance and good grades go hand in hand.

## Cell Phone Policy

Students are permitted to bring and use cell phones at school. However, Clay County Middle School cannot be responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. Cell phone use is limited to the morning before dismissal from the gym and during lunch. Cell phones are not to be used during class. Cell phones should be secured in lockers during class. Students may not take photos and videos of others at school.

