

Chief for a Day



Central Elementary School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE Central Elementary is a part of the South Vermillion Community School Corporation. Central is located in the heart of Clinton, IN, a city of just under 5,000 people. Central is K-5 and houses 300 students.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES We have a student population that is 93.4% White, 4.1% Hispanic, 2.2% Multiracial, and .3% Asian. 68.4% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. We are schoolwide Title 1.

OUR TEACHERS Central consists of 15 classroom teachers, 4 special ed teachers, 3 specials instructors, a Title 1 teacher and 14 Instructional Aides that work collaboratively with our staff and students.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE Central Elementary initiated the Chief for the Day program to recognize our students who help shape the school and community. Students are selected based upon their leadership skills and citizenship. They are also required to write an essay and/or create a video describing what it means to be a good citizen and why they are a good candidate. While grades and class effort do play a small role in the selection process, this is an honor that is open to all students and not just to our honor roll kids.

OUR STEPS Classroom teachers incorporate the essay and/or video into their ELA lessons. A new student is selected monthly. The mayor and chief of police arrive at the school where the selected student is called, by intercom, to report for duty. The student receives a Clinton City PD 'Chief' hat, book bag, and certificate. Our local paper is present and takes a picture to be published along with a story about the student. We then ride in a police car to eat lunch at Dairy Queen or McDonald's, two local businesses supporting the program. After eating, we go to the police station and mayor's office for a tour and description of the various responsibilities of a chief or mayor.

IN OUR OWN WORDS "It was fun and amazing! Riding shotgun in the cop car was awesome!" -5th grade recipient

"It felt good to be picked because my essay was about how others could help the community and it could make a difference." -5th grade recipient

"It motivates students to want to reach a higher standard in order to participate in the program." -4th grade teacher

"It encourages our children to be leaders, take part in the community and interact with our local police...my son felt like he was on top of the world when he was chief for a Day!" -Dawn Walters, parent