



Committed to the Keller ISD Community

Presenting at the R.O.C.K. Conference. Setting up at KellerFest. Awarding a scholarship to a Ready, Set, Teach student. These are just a few of the ways you'll see Clayton serving the Keller ISD community. For over 25 years, Clayton has provided a safe, nurturing after-school environment for Keller ISD students and served the greater Keller community in any way we can.

Clayton provides quality after-school programs in all 23 elementary schools and in four intermediate/middle schools across KISD. In our programs, students get help with homework and enjoy enriching, hands-on activities alongside opportunities to increase their social and emotional learning. We are excited to be launching Clayton's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Initiative in several KISD schools in August 2019 and expanding to all campuses in the 2020/21 school year.

Whether it's serving on the KISD Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum Taskforce or leading students through an exciting S.T.E.M. activity at Lone Star Elementary, we're proud to be a part of the Keller ISD community. We look forward to preparing more KISD students for the future and giving more KISD parents the peace of mind knowing that their children are in a safe, nurturing after-school environment in the years to come!

1,714

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED - AFTER SCHOOL

595

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED - SUMMER

FROM CLAYTON KID TO CLAYTON EMPLOYEE

How much do our former students love Clayton? So much so that some came back to work for us after they graduated! Rebecca Krout and Olivia Wright grew up as Clayton Kids and now work at two of our sites in Keller ISD.

Rebecca Krout, Program Specialist at Friendship Elementary, began attending Clayton's after-school program as a 1st grader at Park Glen Elementary and stayed in the program all the way through 7th grade at the Parkwood Hill Intermediate site. "The Clayton staff made me feel so comfortable while I was there," Rebecca said. "When I was in 5th grade, I had a brain tumor. The staff supported me making sure I was included and wasn't bullied. They gave me a safe space to be a kid."

After graduating from high school last year, Rebecca reconnected with her former Program Coordinator Darcy Massey, who now serves as the Program Supervisor for 14 sites across Keller ISD. Rebecca, who has a passion for childcare, was eager to give back to the next generation through the same program that supported her all those years ago.

Olivia Wright also began attending a Clayton after-school program as a 1st grader at Shady Grove Elementary. She quickly grew close to her Site Director Carol Walters who she says was like her second mom. "She was always so cheerful and had a song for everything. She instilled a love of music in me and I joined the band when I got older because of her," Olivia said.

During Olivia's gap year before starting law school, she reconnected with Carol who is now the Site Director at Liberty Elementary. Olivia's little sister is a student at Liberty Elementary and attends the after-school program there now. Carol encouraged Olivia to apply as a Program Specialist with Clayton. She now works with Carol at the Liberty Elementary site.

"It's such a fun experience," Olivia shared. **"There is a huge need for social and emotional learning and you can't teach that with books. I love being able to teach the students social skills and positively impact them each day."**



For over 25 years, Clayton has been a part of the Keller ISD community, providing a safe space for children to learn, grow and develop after school. Both Olivia and Rebecca look back fondly on their time as Clayton Kids and feel privileged to inspire the next generation of Keller ISD students.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING INITIATIVE

Over the next two academic years, Clayton's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Initiative will move from pilot phase to full program launch. We will be starting with four Keller ISD sites - Eagle Ridge ES, Heritage ES, Lone Star ES and Willis Lane ES - in the 2019/20 school year and will implement the program at the remaining sites in the 2020/21 school year. It's an exciting time at Clayton and many things have led up to this point since starting in 2016.

THE NEED

In the Spring of 2016, Clayton's leadership consulted with area teachers, principals, parents, and school administrators to learn the most critical needs their students had, and how we could make the biggest impact with our after-school programs.

Over and over our community shared the need for social and emotional skills such as effective communication, teamwork, critical and analytical thinking, adaptability, creativity, and initiative. The data shows that social and emotional health is necessary not only for academic achievement but for future career success as well.

CLAYTON'S ROLE

Clayton's mission is to provide quality programs that foster the emotional, social, and educational development of children, youth, and families. In January 2017, students across 14 campuses joined Clayton's SEL Pilot Program and, over the last two years, Clayton has seen measurable success at each site.

Thanks to generous support from The Rainwater Foundation, Clayton was able to partner with an organizational consultant to create a detailed action plan that embeds SEL in all aspects of Clayton's organizational structure. Before launching this year, staff received 40 hours of active, experiential training on SEL and advanced SEL training has been built into Clayton's training year-round plan. This ensures that each of our initial sites can continue to increase staff knowledge and improve our programs.

We are excited to begin this rollout in Keller ISD and bring SEL to our after-school programs throughout the district.

THE SOLUTION

Did you know that 75% of long-term job success depends on people skills, while only 25% depends on technical knowledge? Clayton sees its' after-school programs as a golden opportunity to prepare students for this changing career landscape.

Social and emotional learning is the key to filling the knowledge gap between what is taught in schools and the social skills needed to be successful. SEL helps students:

- Learn and practice self-awareness
- Manage their emotions
- Feel and show empathy for others
- Create and maintain healthy relationships
- Make responsible decisions



For more information on Social & Emotional Learning at Clayton, visit:

ClaytonYouth.org/SEL

SEL SPOTLIGHT THE SWEET SOUND OF LEARNING

Clayton Kids at Lone Star Elementary learned some valuable social and emotional skills this year through music education and capped it off with a visit from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Music education increases impulse control, improves self-confidence and increases leadership skills for students—all important components for social and emotional health.

In preparation for the visit from the musicians, students learned about the different instruments and sections of an orchestra and how they work together. The children were able to see how each instrument plays a role and supports the whole orchestra. They also learned about how important effective leadership is to the quality and sound produced.

Principal Bassist William Clay and Cellist Karen Hall performed for the students. In addition to enjoying the music, students were able to ask questions and even try out the instruments for themselves! A big thank you to the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for helping our students learn so many valuable lessons through music.



READY... SET... TEACH!

One of the ways Clayton partners with Keller ISD is through our Ready, Set, Teach internships. These internships offer Keller ISD high school students who are interested in careers in early childhood education first-hand experience in classroom management, lesson planning as well as the principles of social and emotional learning.

In 2018, Clayton took our support of Keller ISD's future educators and childcare professionals one step further by providing a scholarship to a Ready, Set, Teach graduating senior through KISD's Career and Technical Education Scholarship Fund. This year was our second year to provide the scholarship to a deserving KISD student.



Congratulations to Jordyn Manning, the 2019 recipient of the Education & Training, Counseling & Mental Health or Child Guidance Scholarship! We are pleased to recognize Jordyn's exceptional accomplishments and wish her the best in her education and career serving students.