



# CHANGING THE GAME

## GREETINGS FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR

### **CLARK SCHOOL CLOSED:**

During mandated testing for a state-funded renovation of the sprinkler system, chemicals (PCBs) were discovered in the air quality within John C. Clark School. Since then the building has been closed. In the meantime, Clark students, teachers and staff continue the educational process at Wish Museum Academy (Pre-K-3rd grades), Journalism and Media Academy (4th-8th grades) and Simpson-Waverly School (ABA classes).

Tayarisha Stone has publicly committed to returning for her 4<sup>th</sup> year as Clark School Principal. With the recent confirmation of continued funding from the Connecticut State Department of Education’s “Commissioner’s Network”, Capital Region Educational Council (CREC) has pledged to return in their role as lead partner in the school turn around efforts of Clark.

Moving forward, as has been the case for the past 11 years, Husky Sport proudly continues to work alongside everyone in the Clark School community. For continuing updates, you can visit the [Hartford Public School Website](#)

### **CELEBRATING “THE SHORT LIVED FALL OF 2014”:**

Working with Husky Sport since 2006, I have gotten to know the tremendous passion and valuable talents possessed by so many of the youth, families, and professionals living and working within the North End of Hartford community. However, not until the fall of 2014 had I witnessed an institutional level of investment in HUMAN, SOCIAL, AND FINANCIAL CAPITAL that matched the passions and talents of the Clark School community.

Surely there was still an evolving process of change, with special attention being paid towards an improved structure for communication, role definement, and overall collaborative culture of Clark School. Still, there were so many positive contributions and additions it would have been hard to miss the fact that momentum was finally building in the right direction.

- The continued dedication of Ms. Tayarisha Stone as Clark Principal remained a huge asset in so many areas.
- The Clark leadership team was more aptly supplemented by a set of proven returning teachers, as well as a range of clearly talented leaders, teachers, and support staff funded and empowered by Capital Regional Education Council (CREC) and Hartford Public Schools (HPS).
- Student attendance was up and continuing to rise.
- Behavioral issues were not just down but more individually supported.
- Support for teacher delivery of engaging and relevant curriculum was at an all time high.

While the fight to educate in 3 locations and cramped quarters continues, I felt like it would be important to send along a newsletter that celebrated the many successes of “*The Short-Lived Fall of 2014*”. Husky Sport worked hard to effectively align with the many changes, new people, and partners within Clark and the surrounding community. We hope that the following snapshots and informative captions help to paint a picture. Appreciate your continued support.

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## CLARK SCHOOL – DIRECT ENGAGEMENT



### Husky Sport Class – Student Enrichment

Weekly visits to Husky Sport's own classroom for interactive health and wellness lessons.



### Ready, Set, Read! - Literacy Initiative

Weekly visits to the grade level (K-4) classrooms for active literacy and nutrition education.



### Husky Move – Clark P.E. Partnership

Weekly visits in the gym to promote active warm-ups and injury prevention.



## CLARK SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

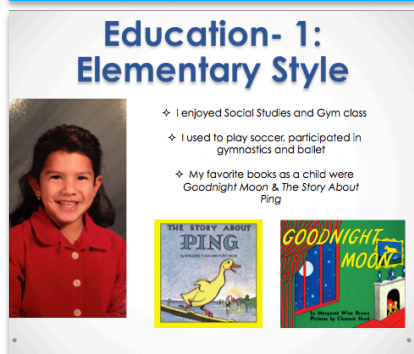
### Middle School Restart – Field Trip to UCONN



Husky Sport hosted approximately 120 Clark middle school students and 30 HPS and CREC staff for a day of learning at the UConn Storrs Campus on 12/4/13. In addition to learning nutrition and teamwork, students continued developing relationships with Husky Sport staff as they focused on the Clark School core PBIS values of *Respect, Responsibility, Care* and *Safety*.

### PBIS – Student Incentives and Activities

#### Husky Sport Assembly



Husky Sport has helped to plan, deliver, and participate in a variety of events in support of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) leadership team at Clark School. We aim to foster a positive culture and increased student and teacher participation within the school community.

#### Clark School Carnival



#### Winter Bazaar



#### Clark Basketball Team



## AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND PARTNERSHIPS

**Overview:** Working with four community partners during the six days listed below, Husky Sport is able to build positive relationships with students and staff during after school and weekend hours. Physically active health and wellness lessons continue to be the focus of our shared engagement.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Hartford Catholic Worker	Parker Memorial Center	Hartford Catholic Worker	Hartford Catholic Worker	Hartford Catholic Worker	Hartford Catholic Worker
Community Renewal Team		Community Renewal Team	Parker Memorial Center		North End Salvation Army
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