



Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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Welcome New Staff!

CLINT CONNER is the new principal at Clyde this year. He graduated from Enka High School and then went on to play football at Gardner Webb. He taught physical education for 11 years, 8 years at Pisgah High School and 3 years at Asheville High School. He earned his Masters from Western Carolina University and was the assistant principal at Bethel Middle and Elementary for 2 years. He has a 10 year old daughter, Katy Conner. Mr. Conner loves to fish and hunt!

MARY ALLISON GREEN graduated in 2008 from Western Carolina University with a degree in Early Education. She has been involved in the field since 1997. Mrs. Green is a lifelong resident of Haywood County and enjoys the outdoors. Her husband and her live on a family farm where they raise llamas. Their farm is also home to 3 goats, 3 peafowl, several cats and 5 dachshunds. In her spare time she reads, visits her son and granddaughter in Charleston, SC and works in a variety of craft media.

ANGELA LEDFORD is 33 years old and married to Kevin Ledford. They are expecting their first child in February. She received the teaching fellow scholarship to Appalachian State University and also attended Western Carolina University to obtain her Birth-Kindergarten Education Degree. Mrs. Ledford's first year teaching was in Swain County. She taught Pre-K there for one year and then taught kindergarten for nine years at Bethel Elementary School. Mrs. Ledford took a year off from teaching and decided to return this year. Luckily, she interviewed at Clyde Elementary with Mr. Conner and was hired! She is so excited to be here and looks forward to a great year with a great school family:)

COURTNEY PHILLIPS is the new Exceptional Children's resource teacher for 4th and 5th grades. She graduated from Western Carolina University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Special Education and she is currently working on her Master's degree in Elementary Education. Ms. Phillips is beginning her first year of teaching and words cannot describe how thrilled she is to start her career here at Clyde Elementary! She is looking forward to getting to know each and every child. Ms. Phillips is excited to be able to help each student achieve and reach new heights in their education.

NANETTE RENEGAR is so excited to join the Clyde Elementary Staff this year as a Title One Teacher. She has two daughters, Payton is 10 and Gabriella is 5. Mrs. Renegar loves spending time with her girls and her husband in her free time. She has been married for 16 years and has 16 years experience teaching. Mrs. Renegar loves teaching reading and working with students to foster confidence and enjoyment of reading.

KAYLA ROSS graduated from WCU in 2010 with a B.S.Ed in Elementary Ed. She married Mark Ross after college and moved to Slidell, Louisiana. It was very interesting and fun!! After moving back in 2011, she did a 1st grade interim at Meadowbrook and went on to work as a part-time Title 1 tutor until November of last year. Mrs. Ross then did another 1st grade interim at Bethel until the end of last year. After interviewing with Mr. Conner and Mrs. Serenius, they asked her to be the new 1st grade teacher here at Clyde! Mrs. Ross is very excited to be here and thanks everyone for their generosity to the newbie!!

JOY SOLLIE is the new school counselor at Clyde this year. She attended Tuscola High School and Appalachian State. She earned her Masters in Education from North Carolina State University. She was a school counselor at Canton Middle school for 4 years and Tuscola High School for 6 years. She is very excited to be at Clyde. She is married and has a daughter, Taylor, that is 8 and a son, Hunter, that is 6.

MEGAN TAYLOR is a new PE teacher that is with us on Tuesdays. Ms. Taylor graduated from WCU in 2012. She was an EC assistant last year at Central. She teaches PE at Central, Hazelwood, and Clyde Elementary Schools.



Book Fair

Clyde's Book Fair is September 13-23!
The theme is : Reading Oasis—A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books. Students can come to the book fair during their regular class time and before or after school.



PTO Meeting

This is a reminder to any an all that are wanting and willing to help throughout this school year with PTO—Please come Friday, September 6th to the Clyde cafeteria at 8:15 for a brief meeting.

Kindergarten News

Our first days of Kindergarten started with 77 excited students. We have many opportunities to expand their minds beginning on September 3rd, with the "Color Celebration". During this project, we will study colors, nursery rhymes, and end with a rainbow project. Keep



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Thursday, September 5th—Fall pictures
- Friday, September 13th to the 23rd—Book fair
- Friday, September 13th—Blood Drive in the gym. (See Kim Hannah to sign up to donate.)
- Tuesday, September 17th—Curriculum night for grades 1 and 2 and Intensive Intervention Classes (6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.)
- Thursday, September 19th—Curriculum night for grades 3 to 5 (6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.)



Cardinal Club

Soaring to Success!

Dear Parents and Students:

Each 9-weeks, we will be offering a fun and exciting trip as an incentive for attendance, homework, and citizenship. Students will qualify for the trip by adhering to the following rules of the Club:

- **Positive behavior:**
 - HAVE ONLY POSITIVE VISITS TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
 - NO YELLOW BUS TICKETS.
- **Complete all school work:**
 - TURN IN ALL HOMEWORK ON TIME.
 - TURN IN ALL CLASSWORK ON TIME.
- **Be on time and stay all day:**
 - HAVE NO MORE THAN 3 CHECKOUTS OR 3 TARDIES.



Welcome to the Cardinal Club!

School Theme—"Be the One"



This is based on the book "One" by Kathryn Otoshi. This book teaches a lesson on bullying and on how sometimes it just takes one. One person has and can change the world, and it's a small act that can do so. Mrs. Sollie will be reading this book to all classes this year and discussing all year, how one person can make a positive change.

Please call Mrs. Sollie at 627-2206 if you would like to help spread this theme through the school!

5TH GRADE NEWS

The 5th grade team is excited about this school year! Our character emphasis this year is Leadership. We are learning about and applying the 7 Habits of Happy Kids by Sean Covey. In order to do our best and be great leaders we need to put into practice the 7 Habits. These habits include:

- 1.) **Be Proactive** - Making good choices about my attitude, actions, and moods. I am a responsible person. I am too smart to be bored.
- 2.) **Begin with the End in Mind** - Plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am important part of my classroom, my school, and my community.
- 3.) **Put First things First** - I spend my time on things that are most important. I say no to things that I should not do. I set priorities and make a schedule. I am organized.
- 4.) **Think Win-Win** - I want everyone to be successful. I don't put others down to get what I want. When there is a problem, I help think of a way to solve it. We can ALL win!
- 5.) **Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood** - Listen before you talk. I use my heart and eyes and not just my ears to listen. I try and see things from others viewpoints. I listen to others' ideas and feelings. I am confident in voicing my ideas in a nice tone.
- 6.) **Synergize** - I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I can work well in a group. I seek out other ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one."
- 7.) **Sharpen the Saw** - I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep. I spend time with my family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places.

The students are enjoying learning about the habits and seeing them actually work to make them more happy, confident, and successful people!

Our key quote for this year is "Leadership is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

Ask your children about the habits and see how you can implement them at home.



MANNA BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

Manna Food Bank of Asheville is a nonprofit agency which brings individual bags of food (usually cereal, crackers, juice boxes, soup, pasta, fruit cups, etc.) to Haywood County schools on Fridays to help families with food over the weekend. Food bags will be delivered to classrooms, and we will do everything we can to keep our list of participants confidential. Since there are no official “rules” to qualify, I am just trying to reach out to families who may need help with food. If you wish to participate in this program, and you have not already returned a permission slip, please call Joy Sollie at 627-2206.



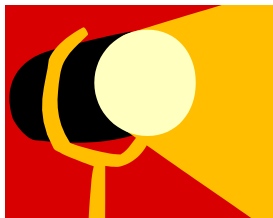
Responsibility

The character trait for the month of August is responsibility.

Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act – consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others

Elementary students are able to handle chores. Remember, though that most kids don't have much internal motivation to be responsible, so they might still need occasional reminders. At this age, it is best not to overload your child with lots of tasks. Instead, ask him/her to perform fewer chores - but then make sure your child follows through and does the chores.

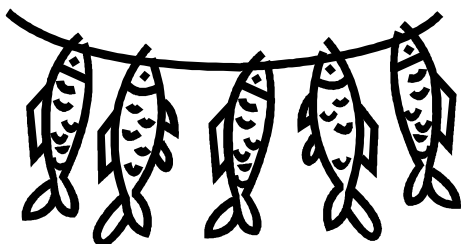
visit www.babycenter.com for more information.



Spotlight for Clyde Students

◀ Congratulations to Jared Haas for winning 1st place at the Haywood County Fair in flower growing. Great job Jared!

◀ Congratulations to all the students that were “Caught Being Good”. Our teachers “caught” lots of students going above and beyond what is required. Great job Clyde students!



After-School Chats

“What’s in your backpack?” Greet your child with this question, and you’ll discover a lot about what he/she does in class.

- ♥ Set aside time each day to go through his/her papers. Try to do it first thing after school when his/her day is fresh in his/her mind.
- ♥ Look over your youngster’s work together. Help him/her feel proud by making a specific comment about something he/she’s done. For instance, if he/she shows you a picture he/she drew in art class, you might say, “The gray sky and big waves look just like our rainy day at the beach.”
- ♥ Have him/her talk through math problems or science experiments to show you what he/she’s learned. He/She might explain how he/she finds the perimeter of a triangle or why ants dig tunnels, for example.