



Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

September/October 2013

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Welcome New Staff!

Laura Allen has been a P.E. teacher, math teacher, and reading teacher. She lives in Asheville and has three grown children, all college graduates. She has coached soccer, basketball, track, and volleyball. She loves to work out, travel, dance, read, and watch sports.

Sue Sorrells

Belinda Trantham is the new assistant principal at Clyde this year. She is a native of Haywood County and a graduate of Tuscola High School. She began working for Haywood County School's when she was sixteen as a bus driver. She was an assistant for five years at Jonathan Valley. While there, she attended Mars Hill College, full time at night to earn her teaching degree. She worked at Junaluska Elementary for twenty years as a teacher and a lead teacher. She earned her Masters from Montreat College and her add-on administration from Gardner Webb. She has two daughters, MeKayla, who is a Sophomore at Tuscola and Tracy, who is a 5th grader at Riverbend Elementary. Mrs. Trantham loves Nascar racing, watching her girls play softball, and going to the lake with her family.



News from the School Nurse

Fitness Challenge—24 visits in 6 weeks for only \$10! Register Sept. 30th to Oct. 4th. Visit www.healthyhaywood.org for more info.

Adult Flu Shots— There will be a flu shot clinic on Oct. 11 from 9-4 and Oct. 12 from 9-2 (drive through).

UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST

Starting Monday, September 30th, breakfast will only be served in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 7:50. Students must eat in the cafeteria, not in classrooms.



3rd Grade

3rd grade is looking forward to the field trip to the Oconaluftee Indian Village on Thursday, October 3rd. Students will experience Cherokee ways of life through time. Please make sure your child wears comfortable shoes and brings a jacket.



Title 1: Word of the Week

BOLD

DEFINITIONS-

NOUN: a bold typeface or letter; having a strong or vivid appearance.

ADJECTIVE: showing an ability to take risks; confident and courageous.

HERE IS OUR WORD USED IN A SENTENCE:

Clothes Closet

A BIG "thank you" to the following PTO members that helped organize our clothes closet: Rebecca Frazier, Heather Giusti, Wende Goode, and Stacy Janney. We are in need of new or slightly used

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, September 30th to Friday, October 4th—Bike Rodeo for 4th graders
- Tuesday, October 1st—Ident-a-kid Program
- Monday, October 7th—No school for students
- Thursday, October 24th—Make up picture day
- Thursday, October 24th—PTO Fall Festival (5:00 to 8:00 P.M.)



4TH GRADE NEWS

The 30 Book Challenge

We are challenging 4th grade students to read 30 books by the end of the school year.

The goal of the 30 Book Challenge for young readers is to get students to leave their reading comfort zone and explore new reading genres. Ultimately, 4th grade teachers would love to see their students' love of reading flourish, as well as make big academic gains in reading. The best way to become a better reader is to read... VORACIOUSLY and the 30 Book Challenge helps with this!

Students will receive a certificate at the end of the year with the number of books they read throughout the school year and will participate in a celebration that includes creating their own t-shirt.

Ahoy Mateys 4th Grade Pirate Day-

On Friday November 1st 4th grade will have their annual Pirate Day. Students will participate in activities designed around the study of pirates and the coastal region of North Carolina. Students will be allowed to dress like pirates and have a day filled with educational pirate theme activities. We look forward to this day each year and we know that students will be just as excited!

Ms. Arty Pants-

As we finish our unit on the Coastal region of NC and lighthouses, Anessa with Ms. Arty Pants will be visiting 4th grade on Friday, November 8th to paint lighthouses with 4th grade. These students will be able to paint the lighthouse they have researched for a PowerPoint presentation during computer lab. We can't wait to paint the

5TH GRADE NEWS



Thank you to all the parents and guardians that showed up for Curriculum Night! We had a wonderful turnout. We discussed our Washington DC trip and look forward to a wonderful experience! Our first fundraiser for our trip is coming up soon. We are collecting items for our "Prize Baskets". The baskets will be in the Art room's display case for all to see. Each ticket will cost a \$1.00. We will have a drawing for the winners.

The 5th grade is in their 4th week of the DARE program. Officer Eddie Singletary comes to our classes on Fridays to teach our student about making good and healthy choices. Students will be writing an essay on what they have learned at DARE.

We are finishing up our units in science. The students have gotten to make and test balloon rockets, make ice-cream and describe what caused phase changes, and test the chemical and physical properties of a mystery powder.

PTO NEWS

- **PTO school wide meeting**—Thursday, October 10th from 6 to 7:00 P.M.
- **Fall Festival**—October 24th from 5 to 8:00 P.M. (PTO will be contacting you for help, but please contact them on Facebook or by email with times that you can help—ptoclydeelementary@gmail.com) PTO is asking parents to send a bag of candy to use as prizes for the Fall Festival.
 - **Spirit Week** (October 14th—17th):
 - Monday: Crazy Sock Day,
 - Tuesday: Pajama Day
 - Wednesday: Duck Dynasty Day
 - Thursday: 80's Day
 - Friday: Bears/Mountie Day



* During Spirit Week, PTO will be selling rainbow loom bracelets for \$2.00. See Mrs. Haas if you have questions*

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.



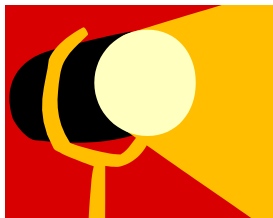
Responsibility

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.

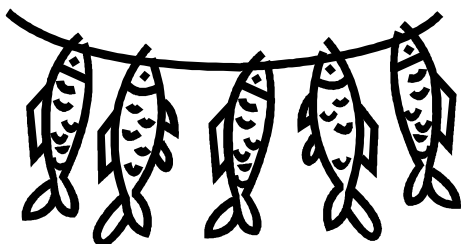
visit www.babycenter.com for more information.



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.