

Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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News From Our Reading Specialists

Here is some information on fluency that may be useful for you. As always, please let us know if you need anything or have any questions that we can answer.

We are grateful to partner with you in growing your child's reading skills.

FLUENCY IS MORE THAN READING FAST.

When we hear the term fluency we usually think that it means to read accurately and fast, but it is much more. Fluent reading provides evidence that readers are putting words together in a way that shows they understand the story. Fluency includes:

*PHRASING - The reader puts groups of words together in longer phrases. The reader puts the words together that are between the commas or reads smoothly up to the period.

*PUNCTUATION - The reader's voice drops at the end of a sentence with a period, rises slightly for a question mark, and sounds excited at an exclamation mark. The reader pauses appropriately at commas and understands that quotation marks mean, "make it sound like the character is speaking".

*EXPRESSION - The reader's voice changes based on the punctuation, especially when reading dialogue. The voice should convey the emotions of the characters or the mood of the story.

*SPEED – The reading should sound smooth, not choppy or word-by-word. Just as slow reading will interfere with comprehension, so will reading that is too fast. Readers need to read the story and attend to punctuation.

Fluency develops gradually over time as children practice reading familiar books and other materials in school and at home. Just like practicing to play a sport, children must practice to become fluent readers.

Materials to Promote Fluent Reading:

Familiar Books, Poems, Song Lyrics, Nursery Rhymes, Plays

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD READ FLUENTLY:

- 1. Demonstrate fluent reading by reading to your child.
- 2. Point out the punctuation if your child is ignoring it.
- 3. If your child's reading sounds choppy or word-by-

word say, "Try that again and put the words together so it sounds like talking."

4. Make sure your child is reading familiar books or familiar materials when practicing fluent reading.

Volunteers

Our Volunteer Brunch, is Friday, May 20th! Please RSVP to Mrs. Nesbitt. Thank you volunteers for all that you do to help us grow!



Art Show

Come see Clyde represented at the Annual Haywood County Art Show, May 17th-19th from 3:30-7pm each day. Several students from each class will have their outstanding artwork selected to be on display at the show. The show will be at the Haywood Conference Center, 112 Virginia Ave. Waynesville NC.

MARK YDUR CALENDARS

- Thursday, May 19th—1st Grade Musical at 1:30 P.M.
- Friday, May 20th—All Pro Dad's at 7:15 A.M.
- Friday, May 20th—Volunteer Brunch at 10:00 A.M.
- <u>Thursday, May 26th</u>—3rd Grade Musical Program at 5:30 P.M.
- Friday, May 27th—Last day for Pre-K, 1:30 End of Year Program for Pre-K
- Monday, May 30th—Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- Friday, June 10th—Water Day
- Monday, June 13th—5th Grade Promotion and End of Year Awards.

Media Center News

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First Grade is "HAVING A BALL" with Reading!

From March 7 through April 22, the 1st grade students were challenged to read 100 books through their nightly reading! Our students did a great job in fulfilling this challenge! 53 students met or exceeded their 100 book goal and received a prize of a beach ball and a beach ball party in the gym on Friday, April 22. In all, the 1st graders read a grand total 6,850 books. Make sure you congratulate a 1st grader on achieving this exciting goal! The top reader for this challenge was Eli Soi with a total of 240 books! Way to go 1st grade!

DON'T FORGET—PICK UP ANY MEDICATIONS THAT YOU HAVE IN THE OFFICE AND CHECK LOST AND FOUND BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

2016 ELITE ATHLETES

Bowen Hoyle (K) Jackson Ballard (2) Brandon Jordan (2) Nica Mae Baconowa (3) Rylee Campbell (3) Kenna Lawing (3) Carson Ray (3)

Christopher Wells (3) Cayden Carson (4) Malyk Gibbs (4) Brayden Massie (4) Havden McMullen (4) Tyler Reddit (4) Chloe Burch (5)

Paige Burgess (5) Logan Free (5) Trendon Holt (5) Ashton Ketchersid (5) Madison King (5) Cayce Lovelace (5) Emma Grace Tiller (5)

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Clothes to Kids of Haywood County's mission is to provide new and quality used clothing to selected school-aged children in Haywood County. Please call Michelle Mull, school social worker, at 627-2206 if your family is in need of clothing items and would benefit from this wonderful organization. Mrs. Mull is at Clyde Elementary School on Fridays.

Testing Information

June 1st: ELA Test for 3rd-5th **lune 2nd:** Math Test for 3rd-5th

If students have Multiple testing over days, they will

also test on 6/3 and 6/6.

June 8th: Science Test for 5th **June 6th-9th:** Extend 1 Testing



Musical Programs

MAY 19TH AT 1:30: 1st Grade Performs

"A-7 Does it"

MAY 26TH AT 5:30: 3rd Grade Performs

"Goin' Buggy"

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

Friday, May 20th at 7:15

in the Media Center. Moms are

invited to join us this month!



CLYDE SUMMER CAMP

Do you have plans for your kids for the summer? Have you considered Clyde's Summer Camp?

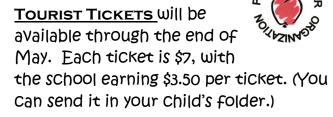
When? June 20th to August 12th

Why? Fun times—nature hikes, science experiments, mini golf, movies, and more...

How? Applications are available in the front office. Applications are due Friday, May 13th

Details...The cost is \$30 a day or \$110 a week

PTA NEWS



- Box Tops must all be turned in by May 25th and don't forget to collect them over the summer.
- Coming soon: 2016-2017 fundraisers and school activities planning meeting—date to be determined.

WATER DAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

Kindergarten—2nd (9:30 to 11:30) \$\psi\$ 3rd—5th (12:00 to 2:00)

- Wear old clothes; bathing suits must be covered!
- Bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a bag for wet clothes. (Put names on everything!) You might want to bring a hat too.
- Please apply your child's sunscreen before coming to school on Friday. If you would like for sunscreen to be applied, you must complete a form in the office.
- Bring baby soap or shampoo to use on the slip n' slide.

Volunteer letter coming home soon! We need lots of volunteers!



