



# Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

We are excited about our 2015-2016 Science Olympiad team at Clyde Elementary! During the Science Olympiad, students work in pairs and teams to compete in science events. Our team will meet after school to practice and prepare for the competition on Saturday, April 16th, 2015 at Owen High School.

The goal of the *North Carolina Science Olympiad: It's Elementary* is to enrich and enhance the opportunities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. The Olympiad, like any good science instruction, promotes hands-on learning, problem solving, critical thinking, self-regulated learning, and team building.



Our team members will be practicing, constructing, researching, and studying a wide range of science topics. Students will need to participate in practices that will be held Tuesdays after school from 3:00-4:00. We will transport students to the competition at Owen High School on Saturday April 16th.

## Reading Specialists' News

Hello parents! We are so excited to see our students back at school! Please remember to have your child read each night to keep the great momentum going. Reading just 30 minutes a night makes a huge difference in growth. Practicing math facts at home will increase growth and understanding of new math concepts learned in the classroom. It's amazing to see the confidence and mastery of students grow as they commit to daily practice. Here are some great websites for extra reinforcement during workdays or snow days:



[Suessville.com](http://Suessville.com)  
[Funbrain.com](http://Funbrain.com)  
[Pbskids.org/read](http://Pbskids.org/read)  
[Spellingcity.com](http://Spellingcity.com)

[starfall.com](http://starfall.com)  
[Readingbear.org](http://Readingbear.org)  
[Teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://Teachyourmonstertoread.com)  
[Bookadventure.com](http://Bookadventure.com)

[Softschools.com](http://Softschools.com)  
[Foniks.org](http://Foniks.org)  
[Multiplication.com](http://Multiplication.com)  
[Mathplayground.com](http://Mathplayground.com)

## Notes From Coach Sharpe

Don't forget to stay active during the cold months too. You might want to visit the recreation centers and indoor pools as well.

Hoops for Heart will kick off on January 11th at 8:00 A.M. Look for more events in February!



## MDRNING CHANGES

3rd and 4th graders will begin going to the classroom at 7:50 each morning to receive extra assistance in math. Getting to school early ensures your child receives extra 1 on 1 Title 1 assistance.

## BUS SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS AND MONITORS NEEDED

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A BUS SUBSTITUTE DRIVER OR A MONITOR? IF SO, PLEASE CALL MS. BYRNES AT 627-2206.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, January 18th—No school—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Tuesday, January 19th—No school for students—Optional Teacher Workday
- Tuesday, January 26th—Burger King night
- Friday, January 29th—All Pro Dad's Breakfast
- Friday, January 29th—2nd—5th Grade Cardinal Club Students, Snow Tubing
- February 1st to February 5th—Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Friday, February 12th—Valentine's Dance



Please check your house for any overdue library books. We would like all overdue books back in the Media Center so other students can enjoy them.

## 5TH GRADE NEWS

Fractions, fractions, fractions...In 5th grade, fractions are a major part of our learning! As you know, fractions are everywhere. Please help your child use fractions in your home with cooking, measuring, building, using money and any other way you can expose them to fractions. Real world experiences lead to success!

We are studying weather in Science for the next several weeks. Please watch the local weather with your child and see what you can learn! We focus on jet streams, high and low air pressure, warm fronts and cold fronts and predicting the weather.

Please make sure your child reads at least 30 minutes each night in a book that is on their GR level! Reading is the most important thing a person can do to improve their learning.

Congratulations to Debbie Valliere winner of the Washington, DC fundraiser. The fundraiser was a success!

Our Washington, DC trip is getting closer! The dates are April 20, 21, and 22. A \$100.00 deposit is due at the end of this month for each person traveling with us. We hope all 5th grade students will enjoy this educational and rewarding trip!

The 5th grade teachers, under the guidance of Amanda Wells, will be heading up a Science Olympiad team for Clyde Elementary 3rd-5th grades. The students are very excited about this opportunity. The competition is Saturday, April 16th at Owen High School.



## NEW FACES

**Our Clyde Elementary School family would like to welcome some new faces:**

- Ms. Mease is doing an interim in kindergarten for Ms. Sorrells.
  - Ms. Clarke is a new assistant in Ms. Sorrells' room.
- Mr. Queen is a new II teacher, and Ms. McCall is a new assistant in II.
  - Ms. Wantz is our new media coordinator.
  - Mr. Young is a student teacher for Coach Sharpe.



## Random Act of Kindness Week

Clyde Elementary School will be holding a Random Act of Kindness Week from February 29th to March 4th. We will be having a "Make a Difference Day" on March 4th. This is going to be an exciting day for our students! We need to raise some money to make this event possible.

### Fun Fridays in February

**February 5th** (Popcorn for \$0.50)

**February 12th** (Pay \$1 to wear a hat)

**February 19th** (Popcorn for \$0.50)

**February 26th** (Pay \$1 to wear pajamas)



## NEWS FRDM THE ART RDDM

In Art this spring the whole school will be learning about American glass artist, Dale Chihuly. The art room needs empty, clean, clear plastic water bottles donated so that we can create recycled art inspired by Chihuly's glass sculptures.



**2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WILL BE APRIL 19TH FROM 3:30 TO 4:30. MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR IF YOU HAVE A SOON TO BE KINDERGARTNER.**