



Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Clyde!

John Sanderson, Interim Assistant Principal

John Sanderson served as principal of Central Elementary for 17 years. He was named Principal of the Year in 2007-2008. In 2008, Mr. Sanderson retired, but because he loves working with students, he finds he cannot say no to the "fill-in" jobs around the county. His philosophy about that, "It keeps me out of trouble."

Mr. Sanderson is married to Kitty Sanderson. They have 3 sons: Patrick, Matthew, and Christopher; and 3 daughters: Beth, Olivia, and Lee Ann. Also, they are blessed with 3 grandchildren: Owen, Ike, and Pepper.

During his time away from school, Mr. Sanderson enjoys all kinds of music; working crossword puzzles; golf, scoring a hole-in-one two weeks ago; and fishing.

Mr. Sanderson says he is "happy to be here at Clyde Elementary and grateful for the warm welcome!"



John Sanderson
Assistant Principal

4th Grade Happenings



Fourth grade is excited to be participating in the Balsam Mountain Trust Live-Animal program this year! This inquiry-based program will visit our school three times and focus on ecosystems, conservation, and animal adaptations. We've already learned a lot about fish and amphibians, and are excited to continue learning about other vertebrae groups!

**Thank you to First Citizens Bank
for sponsoring the Balsam Animal program.**

THANK YOU KIWANIS!

Do you know what the longest word in the English language is? Well, third graders do thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Waynesville! On September 21st, three Kiwanis members presented each third grader with his own dictionary to use at school and at home for years to come. This presentation is part of The Dictionary Project that ensures every third grader enjoys the benefits of owning a dictionary.



5th Grade Washington, D.C. Fundraiser

5th Grade Cardinals are looking forward to our annual trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring. In order to raise money to take this enriching trip, we are starting a Basket Fundraiser. Students will be selling \$1 tickets for a chance to win a **basket full of goodies** worth already over \$300. The contents inside the basket will go to one lucky winner. Our fundraiser will run from October 3rd to November 10th and tickets can be purchased from any 5th grade student. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win, and the better you feel about fulfilling one 5th Grader's dream of exploring Washington, D.C.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 3rd: Zaxby's Night – Waynesville location from 5pm-10pm
- October 3rd – 6th: 4th grade Bike Rodeo
- October 9th – 14th Spirit Week
- October 17th – 18th: No School for Students
- October 31st – Happy Halloween



4TH GRADE BIKE RODEO



October 3rd - 6th
Volunteers are needed
and welcome any day!
Contact Coach Sharpe

5th Grade Curriculum News

Literacy- The 5th grade has been hard at work this year reading as many fiction books as we can get our hands on! Students are working on finding the meaning of words that they come across. They are noticing characters in their books and seeing how each character compares to others and the kind of people that they are. As students are reading they are uncovering themes in their books, and noticing that these themes can actually be life lessons to themselves. During this focus on fiction texts students are putting themselves in their characters. Ask your fifth grader about their characters, and what inferences they can make about them.

Math- After years of building the knowledge of numbers: what they mean, what they represent, and what they look like; our fifth graders have uncovered and mastered the ability to multiply numbers using the standard algorithm. Our students have learned this new strategy for multiplying and can now explain to all how and why it works. Ask your fifth grader to explain why we need a place holder.

Science- Fifth grade has hit the Science Lab many times this year with some hands on, live exploration. Recently we learned about the transfer of heat. Students experienced through live science just how heat can be transferred and the amazing heat transfer that is constantly happening through conduction, convection, and radiation. Ask your fifth grader to show you heat transfer that is happening around them.

PTA News

On September 30th, PTA began a *Yankee Candle* fundraiser for the purchase of Outdoor Improvements. The orders are due back by October 14. Other events hosted by PTA are...

- Tattoos are being sold Friday mornings throughout the football season for \$1.00. Choices include: Pisgah "P", Bear Claw, Tuscola "T", and Clyde Cardinal.
- October 3rd: 5p.m. - 10p.m. Zaxby's night at the Waynesville location.
- October 7th: Teacher Luncheon. Volunteers are needed.
- October 9th - 14th: Spirit Week. Daily Spirit Activities and Tattoos available for purchase all week.
- October 11th: 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting in the Media Center.
- October 14th: Box Tops are due.

The calendar for signing up to paint the **Spirit Rock** is located in the front office. For \$10 a day, with a maximum of 2 days, you can paint the rock to share a celebration. Be thinking about what you want to celebrate - life, teacher, birthday, achievement, etc. There are lots of dates available for December and beyond.

It's not too late to join the PTA!

Membership is \$4.00 and is due by October 11th.



Don't forget to tag your INGLES ADVANTAGE card.

What's happening in 3rd Grade?

On September 11th, 12 of our third graders led the Clyde Community in The Pledge of Allegiance at the Sixth Annual 9/11 Memorial Service at the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. Clyde Cardinals from left to right are: Kim Serenius, Sophia Brooks, Jordan Webb, Ella Tiller, Madeline Cooper, Kloey Creasman, Kylee Leonard, Shaun Collier, Eli Wesley, Chase Morrow, Leo Martinez, Dylan Doggett, and Jeremy Horton.



3rd grade Field Trip

Third grade will be going to Deep Creek in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on October 27th and October 28th to attend the program, "What Makes The Great Smokies Great?" The students will investigate the myriad of ways that plants have adapted to the mountainous region. They will learn that soil properties play a tremendous role in determining the quantity and types of plants found in the park. They will use tools and tests to investigate the forest soil and improve their understanding of soil properties and the soil cycle.