



# Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Calling all Scientists in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades! We are excited to have a Science Olympiad team coming to 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, March 7, 2015 at Lenoir Rhyne University.

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.

To participate on the team students must be willing to practice, construct, research, and study a wide range of science topics. Students will need to participate in practices that will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:00. We will transport students to the competition at Lenoir Rhyne on Saturday March 7.

We look forward to a fun time, full of learning! Go Clyde Cardinal Scientists!



## 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.

Jump Rope for Heart will kick off on January 26th at 8:00 A.M.



## Reading Specialists' News

Many Thanks to our Awesome Clyde Parents! Thank you for sharing your book collections with us in supporting the Book Swap that took place before Christmas Break! Our students were so excited to take home new books to read over the holidays!



Here are some great websites that your child might enjoy:

[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)

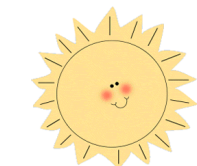
## BUS SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS NEEDED

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, January 19th—No school—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Tuesday, January 20th—No school for students—Optional Teacher Workday
- Thursday, January 29th—2nd—5th Grade Cardinal Club Students, Snow Tubing
- February 2nd to February 13th—Bus Driver Appreciation Week



## Morning Changes

3rd and 4th graders will begin going to the classroom at 7:45 each morning to receive extra assistance in math.

Look for information about after school tutoring to come home from your child's teacher.

## 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 Susan Rider winner of the Washington, DC fundraiser. The fundraiser was a success!

Our Washington, DC trip is getting closer! The dates are April 15, 16, & 17. A \$75.00 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, March 7 at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory.

Wow!! We want to brag on how well our students started the New Year off. They came back this week ready to learn with great behavior and positive attitudes! We feel honored to have your child in the 5th grade at Clyde Elementary! Your child is AWESOME!



## NEW FACES

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

- Ms. Cowan is doing an interim in kindergarten for Ms. Sorrells.
- Ms. Pope is a new assistant in Mrs. Perry's room.
- Mr. Messer is a new custodian.
- Ms. Tockes is a student teacher for Mrs. Cooper's music classes.

## PTO NEWS

- Please turn in Box Tops to your teachers by January 16th.
- PTO will be having a parent meeting on January 26th at 6:00 P.M. Come for a chance to win one of our door prizes!
- Remember your teacher's "New Years Wish Lists!" A copy of the list will be posted to our PTO Facebook page.



## Screen Time

Are you concerned about how much time your child spends watching TV or movies, playing with a smartphone or computer, or enjoying video games? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting children's screen time to no more than **1 or 2 hours a day**. Too much screen time has been linked to:

- Obesity
- Irregular sleep
- Behavioral problems
- Impaired academic performance
- Violence
- Less time for play

Visit [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org) for more information.

## WORDS THEIR WAY

**Words Their Way** is a developmental spelling, phonics, and vocabulary program. This program will provide skill instruction that will cover spelling patterns and focus on examining and manipulating words, not memorizing them. Students will be thinking more critically about words and work on transferring their skills to reading and writing. Words their Way will focus on teaching students how to spell, decode new words, and to improve word recognition with speed in general. Sorting words into categories is the heart of our new word study program. When students sort words, they are engaged in the active process of searching, comparing, contrasting, and analyzing. Word sorts help students organize what they know about words and to form generalizations that they can then apply to new words they encounter in their reading.



**Teachers will be sending a parent letter home to explain the new routines for how Words Their Way will work in their classroom and at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.**