

Clyde Elementary School

4182 Old Clyde Road, Clyde NC, 28721

Principal: Byron Burnette

Assistant Principal: Amy Tiller

Hello Clyde Cardinal Family

We are so excited to begin welcoming our students back into school on October 5th for in-person instruction. We thank you in advance for your patience and support as we try to make things at school as normal as possible in these unusual times. The one thing that will remain the same is we will love your children, teach them, and take care of them to the best of our ability, as we follow new mandates, rules, and procedures.

Unfortunately, currently we are not able to allow parents into the building to walk children to class. Parents who need to check their child out or who are tardy to school will need to stay in their car, call our front office at 627-2206 and our front office staff will bring your child out to your car or come outside to let them in the building.

In trying to communicate multiple ways, information from Clyde Elementary is sent through Blackboard Connect. Blackboard connect is sent as a phone call, however the phone call is timed and limited to a few minutes. It can also be sent through Blackboard Connect as an email. A text feature is also included, but text characters are limited. If you are not receiving our Blackboard Connect messages each week, please contact our front office.

In addition, messages are sent through Remind. If you are not receiving Remind messages from your child's teacher, please give us a call with your name and the number you would like added, and we will add you.

As you know, several of our students are continuing with remote learning. Those students will be served by our remote learning team. The remote learning teachers are:

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| • Kindergarten and 1st Grade | Stephanie Creger |
| • 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade | Kelly Deaver |
| • 4th Grade and 5th Grade | Erin Horton |

Beginning October 5, families will have a two week grace period to change from remote to in-person or in-person to remote. After October 16th, any families wishing to change will need to contact Mr. Burnette to make a request to change. Changes will be made on a case by case basis.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of our procedures have changed. Please pay close attention to the following information.

AM/PM Car Line and Bus Riders

- Our doors at Clyde Elementary will open at 7:30 AM for our car riders. Students and families will need to remain in their vehicle until a Clyde faculty / staff member has taken their temperature and asked the required health questions. No student should be dropped off prior to 7:30. Our staff members on duty will ask you the health questions, and we will also have a poster at the car and bus drop off for reference. We will move as quickly as possible, however with temperature checks and health questions, please plan for the car line to take longer. Hopefully, after a couple of weeks practice we will get much quicker with this new requirement. This year we will have 4 staff members on AM care line duty, as opposed to 2 last year. K-5 students will report to their classroom upon entry to the building each day. Thank you for helping us keep our morning car line safe.
- Bus riders will need to allow a 10 minute window before the scheduled pick up and drop off time and 10 minutes after the scheduled pick up and drop off time. Please understand, with new cleaning and sanitizing requirements, our times may be off from time to time. We appreciate your patience in advance. Masks are required for everyone on the bus. Temperatures will be taken as students get off the bus at school, before being allowed to enter the building.
- Afternoon dismissal will be very similar to last year for parents. However, inside the building it will be very different. Students will be dismissed from their rooms to come to the carline for dismissal. Historically we have had students dismiss from the gym. Due to not having mass gatherings

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within the school, we will not be able to bring everyone to the gym. Thus, the carline may take longer than it has in the past. We will work extremely hard to make this as efficient as possible. We appreciate your patience in advance with our carline procedures as well. To facilitate this process as quickly as possible, every vehicle must have the car tag with their child's number on it visible hanging from their mirror.

Safety

- We will do our best to social distance in classrooms, however with our elementary schools being on Plan A, some of our classrooms will have up to approximately 21 students attending for in-person instruction.
- Each classroom will have a handwashing / hand sanitizing schedule posted. Students will sanitize their hands anytime they enter a classroom, for example returning from the restroom, traveling to the cafeteria to pick up their lunch, during transitions, and at any other time deemed necessary.
- Masks are required on buses and at school. Please begin practicing wearing a mask with your child. Masks must be worn by all students, teachers, staff and on buses, inside school buildings, and anywhere on school grounds, including outside per the NC Department of Health and Human Services #StayStrongNC guidance. Masks should cover the nose and mouth at all times.
- Every student will receive a package of five masks from Haywood County Schools. Clyde has also ordered lanyards for students to hook to their masks in order to help them keep up with their masks during mask breaks, breakfast, and lunch, etc... These lanyards have not arrived yet but we hope to be getting these delivered in the coming days.
- Many types of face coverings have emerged since the beginning of the pandemic. There has also been a good bit of research, videos, and studies that challenge what a safe face covering is and is not. The following face covering criteria has been recommended by the Haywood County Medical Director to our Associate Superintendent, Trevor Putnam.
 - Face masks provided by the state are preferred. This recommendation comes due to two layers and being made of cloth.
 - Gaiters are acceptable despite research that suggests aerosolization of respiratory droplets. According to our medical director, aerosolization does not occur. Many Gaiters are however made with less dense material. For this reason, Gaiters must be composed of two layers.
 - Bandannas are also acceptable. However, bandannas should be doubled and must be able to secure to the face around the mouth and nose.
- Students are not allowed to eat / drink on the bus, as this would require them to remove their masks. Masks may be removed for eating / drinking in the classrooms. All Clyde students will begin the year by eating breakfast and lunch in their classroom to avoid mass gathering in the cafeteria. The only exception to this will be for our II students, who will eat breakfast (social distanced) in the cafeteria each morning.
- Students will be provided mask breaks for 10 minutes approximately every hour, and 6 feet of distance will be maintained.
- Masks may be removed with 6 feet of distancing during PE / recess if the student is involved in strenuous activities. Otherwise, masks must be kept on.
- All hallways, the cafeteria, and the lobby have been marked with arrows or stickers to help our students observe 6 feet of social distancing.
- Students will remain with their assigned classroom for the majority of the day. In instances where they are with other students from other classes, for example, waiting in car line inside the school building, waiting in lunch line to pick up their lunch, or at other times, 6 feet of social distancing will be observed.
- Our custodians have a schedule for sanitizing and cleaning. All classrooms with students in them will be cleaned everyday. High touch areas, such as doorknobs, bathroom faucets, and

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playgrounds will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.

- Our faculty and staff will also clean desks and other materials between groups of students with a special cleaner designed to kill COVID-19. When using this cleaner is not practical or possible, a hand sanitizing / hand washing routine will be used.
- Water fountains have been closed per our maintenance department. Every student is encouraged to bring a water bottle from home labeled with their name.
- Every classroom and main entrance has been fitted with foam hand sanitizer dispensers. These dispensers produce foam with an alcohol content of 70% or greater which is effective in killing COVID-19.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned every hour with disinfecting spray.
- Every school has COVID designees that have been trained to assist with students exhibiting possible COVID symptoms. Our school nurse has trained our COVID designees and developed a plan of action for students exhibiting possible COVID symptoms.

Home

- We ask that you help us in this effort by assessing your child's health each morning before sending them to school. If your child has the following symptoms please do not send them to school: fever, chills, shortness of breath / difficulty breathing, new cough, or loss of taste or smell. As always, please keep your child home with any other illnesses that may not be COVID related.
- Bus riders and car riders in grades 3-5 will be asked health questions when exiting the bus.
- All students at Clyde will be given an attestation form for you to fill out signifying that you will not send your child to school if they are sick, have symptoms, or if they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive with COVID-19. These will go out the first day of school.
- As always please call us with any questions.

We are so excited to move forward in this reopening process and to have children in our school again. I want to thank you for your continued partnership during this crazy time where you have become a teacher. I thank you for making your child's education a priority during this time.

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