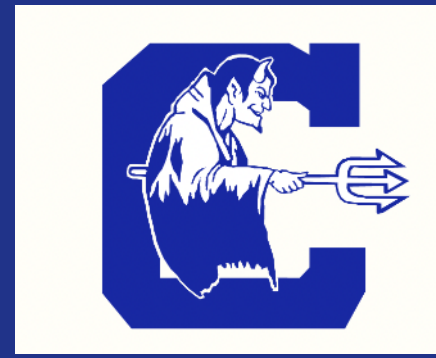


The BluePrint

Clarkton School of Discovery



Issue 1



A Note From The Editors

I love to share the happenings of CSD. We want everyone to read the newspaper & look forward to seeing the next issue of the BluePrint!

- Jayda Parks, Co-Editor-In-Chief

I hope students & staff enjoy the BluePrint! It's essential to inform people about the school & I want to create a newspaper people are excited about!

- Awnnica Ringer, Co-Editor-In-Chief

I am so excited to be a founding member of the BluePrint! I hope students & staff enjoy the newspaper!

- Imani Banks, Assistant Editor-In-Chief

Student Government Looks To Improve Clarkton School of Discovery



The 2022-2023 SGA Officers
Photo by: Ms Bridgers

By: Shayla Bowen

Student Government at CSD is for students that want to lead & make CSD a better place. "I love making sure students have a voice & empowering students to make their school community a better place," Ms Bridgers shared.

SGA elections were held during the beginning of September.

"Now that I'm in SGA, I hope to improve the school and make it the best place that it can be," says Jayda Parks.

It's not hard to get into Student Government. All you have to do is get an SGA application from Ms. Bridgers, fill out a form, and you can be put on the ballot for your grade level to vote for their representative. 8th grade class president, Melissa Sandoval says, "I was nervous to run for president but I'm so glad I did because I know I can make a difference at CSD! I hope others see what the SGA does this year & want to be a part of making CSD the best school in the county!"

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Omar Enjoys CSD Electives

By: Jayda Parks

Omar Powell is the October Male Student of the Month! Omar, 12, is in the 7th grade & is new to CSD. Omar loves going to CSD games, playing soccer, and also enjoys volleyball. He is an A-B honor roll student and Omar takes pride in being a very respectful student. Omar used to play



the trumpet and he came to CSD to be with his friends. His favorite thing about CSD is the fun electives & the great and supportive teachers. Welcome to Clarkton, Omar!

Camryn Cheers On CSD

By Imani Bowens

Curious about cheerleading? You should talk to Camryn Easter! Camryn, a 7th grader and the BluePrint's October female Student of the Month, has been doing cheer for two years, although this is her first year at CSD. Camryn started middle school at Tar Heel Middle School but has transitioned to CSD.



Camryn Easter
Photo by: Imani Bowens

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Ms. Wright Enjoys Being In The Hub Of CSD

By Luke Bridgers

The hub of Clarkton School Of Discovery is kept under control by Ms. Darnesha Wright.

The biggest challenge of Ms. Wright's job is getting every student in the right place at the right time. "With 200+ students here, it can be hectic!" says Ms. Wright.

Ms. Wright started working for Bladen County Schools towards the end of high school before she began driving buses, substituting, and working with students with special needs.

Ms. Wright wishes she could've stopped working yesterday, but plans to work another ten years in BCS. She spends most of her day in the office doing tasks like answering the phone, filing papers, attendance & a whole lot more. When asked what the description of her day she replied saying, "It's hectic, but fun." She says that her favorite/most eventful part of the day is when the clock hits 4 PM, and it is time to go home. Ms. Wright also enjoys coloring when she gets the chance. We are glad to have you at CSD, Ms. Wright!



Ms. Wright works with Jamiya Peterson and Melissa Sandoval
Photo By Ms. Bridgers

Ms. Singletary Takes on a New Challenge



Mrs. Melissa Singletary
Photo By Shayla Bowens

By: Awnnica Ringer

At Clarkton School of Discovery, we are surrounded by great teachers. While some teachers are new to CSD this year, one that is not new is Mrs. Singletary! Melissa Singletary taught 5th & 6th grade English last year & decided to teach Project Challenge English at CSD this year. She has taught public speaking at Bladen Community College since 2016, although CSD is the only place she has taught younger kids. She graduated from Mount Olive College and has a degree in business and online teaching.

She recalls wanting to be a teacher because she liked the creativity of it but she did not realize she wanted to be a teacher right away. Mrs. Singletary said she joined the Project Challenge team because her own daughter was in AIG so she is familiar with AIG students. She enjoys PC and her favorite part is working with the children. Welcome to PC, Mrs. Singletary!

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..Camryn Cont'd from Page 1

"I noticed how good the Beta Club was doing & wanted to be a part of the Beta magic at CSD," shared Camryn. Camryn is also in Battle of the Books and she is a Beta Club member. Camryn loves the electives here at CSD & her favorite elective is 6th-period cheerleading. Camryn's favorite teacher is Ms. Singletary, her English teacher because she's nice. Welcome to Clarkton, Camryn Easter!

Beta Works to Help CSD & the Community

By Tiekera Tisdale

Do you want to be involved? If so, join Ms. Priest's Community Engagement class. The Community Engagement elective allows BETA members to get together to change the community and build students' skills. Ms. Priest wanted to do something that the kids wanted to be involved in outside of school & help the community.

Mrs. Priest exclaimed, "I want to draw people to our wonderful school & promote the wonderful things we have to offer." Students brainstorm ideas to benefit the community & have great ideas like helping with fundraising and stronger & more trusting relationships between public organizations and communities.



Ms. Elizabeth Priest
Photo By Haley Taylor

Let's Find Out What's In Your Garden, CSD!

By Alayna I. Roberson

We all know about the Clarkton School of Discovery electives but have you heard of the "What's in your Garden" elective? Ms. Areda Rogers is a 7th and 8th-grade math teacher but she got the idea to start this elective from her students! In 2015-2016, she asked her students for elective suggestions and they started giving her many ideas like a gardening elective. Mrs. Rogers is not new to the classroom; she started teaching 20 years ago but was a substitute for 5 years first. She has a Bachelor's degree and a Masters's degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as well as an associate's degree at Southeastern

Community College. When she is not teaching, Ms. Rogers works on many types of crafts, refurbishes old things, and loves being with her grandchildren. Ms. Rogers feels like teaching is her calling. Ms. Rogers' favorite thing about CSD is the elective program. Ms. Rogers has led her students to plant things like herbs, fig trees, blueberries, peach trees, plum trees, barnacles from other countries, bulbs, Mexican petunias, and more! Ms. Rogers hopes to start a vegetable garden including a winter garden with turnips and collards. The North Carolina extension office sponsors the garden and helps the class design & decide what would be successful in the garden.

Students have found some interesting things in the garden like a caterpillar that will turn into a tomato horned moth, which the students named Matterhorn. If you want to learn about gardening, sign up for this neat elective!



Students working hard to water CSD's flowers.
Photo By Ms. Areda Rogers

2022-2023 CSD SGA Officers

Shawn Davisson - 5th Grade President
Owen Hall - 5th Grade Vice President
Abigail Bedsole - 5th Grade Secretary

Quadir Brown - 7th Grade President
Imani Bowens - 7th Grade Vice President
Jayda Parks - 7th Grade Secretary

Luke Bridgers - 6th Grade President
Jake Allen - 6th Grade Vice President
Avery Smith - 6th Grade Secretary

Melissa Sandoval - 8th Grade President
Jamiya Peterson - 8th Grade Vice President
Nadya Colon - 8th Secretary



Mrs. Areda Rogers
Photo By Tiekera Tisdale

Recharging Your Emotional Battery Helps Your Health

By: Shelby Swoboda

Have you taken a mental health break recently? A mental health break is a day off and doing something (or nothing at all) to let your mental side rest. At times, you might not know when you need a break!

Imagine an emotional battery that belongs to you. Things can empty that battery, such as school, a toxic friend, or maybe even a lousy environment. After you recharge your mental side, you will feel better on the inside because you've had a break! People in charge of their emotions can work (or learn) better than if it was not.

According to the CDC, 1 in 5 Americans suffers from mental illness and 57% of US workers are more stressed this year than in 2021. 50% of middle school students claim they are stressed while 75% of high schoolers shared they were often stressed. Making sure to take the time to do our work & then allowing ourselves to take short mental breaks is good for our health.

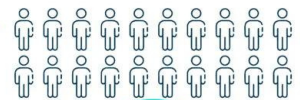
If we handle our feelings, we can react to new situations better & less likely to lose our patience. If someone does not give themselves the occasional mental break, they might block emotions, become ill on the mental side of things or impact their physical health, or it could be all three! It could make a person more prone to heart disease, insomnia (a sleeping disorder), and even headaches. To give yourself the best mental health, take breaks as necessary, activities for mental pauses include going to the beach, sports, eating out, or visiting family or friends.

Ideas for a mental break could include a read-a-thon, listening to music, sleeping, hobbies, or video games. Ms. Priest enjoys shopping and Nadya Colon, an 8th grader, enjoys playing Roblox. Jeremiah Kilpatrick, 7th grader, enjoys meditation, and Gregory Banks, a 7th grader, enjoys playing video games to recharge his emotional battery.

Everyone should take an emotional break sometimes, so try to relax just for 5 minutes today and every day!

American teens rated their stress levels at an average score of

5.8 out of 10



Meanwhile, the normal stress value for adults is

3.8

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Clarkton's Student Government Joins Tree-Plenish

By: Luke Bridgers

Our school & surrounding community emits 623lbs/MWh of carbon monoxide a year, on average. While this is not the highest in the nation, we could do many things to lower our CO emissions!

Planting trees can help our area create a healthier environment by providing us with air, filtering greenhouse gasses, reduce energy usage, & increase property values.

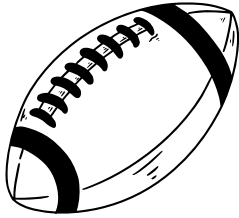
CSD's SGA has joined with Tree-

Plenish to empower our youth to unite to make a more sustainable future by hosting an event to allow our community members to receive tree saplings either free or at a cost of \$5, depending on local sponsorship.

Volunteers will be needed to distribute saplings at the event, which will be March 25 in the CSD parking lot from 8am-12pm.

If you would like to be a request a tree, become a sponsor or volunteer, contact Ms. Bridgers at vsbridgers@bladen.k12.nc.us.





SPORTS



Ladies' Soccer Ready to Make Big Moves

By: Lexie Ventura

Thirteen girls are making big moves on the CSD ladies' soccer team this season! Ms. Elizabeth Priest is coaching soccer for the first time but she truly enjoys it. Ms. Priest loves sports so she was more than excited to be this year's girl's soccer coach. "I love kids and sports so coaching just goes hand and hand," she exclaimed. Ellie Kinlaw, number 22 and plays left forward, started playing soccer when she was a little girl and has enjoyed playing it ever since.

Lexie Ventura, number 8, plays right forward and has played soccer her entire life. "I absolutely love soccer; it is my favorite sport," shared Lexie. Nadya Colon plays left wing and while this is her first year playing soccer, she has grown to love the sport. Come out & see the exciting plays of the CSD soccer players this fall!



Nadya Colon steals the ball.

Photo By Ms. Thompson

Blue Devils are Ready To Take The Field

By: Jahzara Rouse

This year, CSD's new football coach is Coach Kim Cain. He does not plan to coach any other sports here at CSD, but he is competitive when it comes to sports. Coach Cain's main goal for this season is to get the players ready for high school. Coach Cain is ready for the season and has a good plan ready. One of Coach Cain's players is Zenai Munn, who plays corner for CSD. Zenai enjoys playing for Coach Cain and says, "I know CSD is prepared for the season & going to do great once we hit the field!"

Volleyball brings out the competitiveness at Clarkton

By: Haley Taylor

Ms. Elizabeth Priest coached volleyball for the first time in 2021-2022 and loved it. "I'm so excited that volleyball season is coming soon because coaching allows me to work with the students and help them develop their talents and build confidence. I'm super competitive and sports have always been a part of my life!" Volleyball allows students to showcase their skills, think strategically, and be a part of a team. Mrs. Paige Priest will be the assistant coach this year and she's confident that everyone will do well and have fun. Both Ms. Priest and Mrs. Priest are looking forward to a great second year of coaching volleyball at CSD!

Volleyball schedule 2022-2023

Monday, Oct. 24: BMS
Monday, Oct. 24: Nakina
Thursday, Oct. 27: Tabor City
Thursday, Oct. 27: Williams Township
Monday, Oct. 31: Nakina
Monday, Oct. 31: Bladenboro
Thursday, Nov. 3: Tabor City
Monday, Nov. 7: Tar Heel
Monday, Nov. 7: West Columbus
Thursday, Nov. 10: Williams Township
Thursday, Nov. 10: Tabor City

CSD is cheering it out

By: Jahzara Rouse

This year's 2022 CSD Cheer team has a lot to bring to the table this year! CSD cheer co-captains this year are Brooklyn Skinner, Rahnyia Mclean, & TyLiah Freeman. These three girls were voted by the CSD cheer squad based on leadership, commitment, and good time management skills.

Each day CSD's cheerleaders have practice, they work on different cheers for different plays in football & in the spring, basketball. Ellie Kinlaw, 8th grader, said, "I love bringing school spirit to our games! Being able to form friendships with the rest of the squad is just the best!"

Ms. Melvin, head cheer coach, shared, "These girls came out for tryouts & worked so hard! I love coaching & bringing school pride!"



2022-23 Cheer Squad

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Cheerleading Squad

Nadya Colón	Mariah Moore
TyLiah Freeman	Montiera Richardson
Madelyn Hall	Alayna Roberson
Ellie Kinlaw	Jahzara Rouse
Kynslie Kinlaw	Brooklyn Skinner
Rahnyia McLean	Kynzlee Wood

Alternates: Camryn Easter and Avery Smith

Coach Cain Comes to CSD

By: Christian Bryant

There are many new teachers at CSD this year and one of them is Coach Cain. Coach Cain has been a coach for 43 years and he retired in 2018. Coach Cain thought CSD would be just like home because he is a retired coach from West Bladen. The worst thing about being a coach, according to Coach Cain, is the long hours but the best thing about being a coach is seeing kids grow up and become adults. Coach Cain has won 5 state championships and 3 summer balls.

The coach's favorite sports are football and baseball and he has also coached at South Brunswick, East Bladen, West Bladen, South Paul, and Green Seed, SC. Future players should know they need to be prepared, work hard, and be patient, according to Cain.

Coach Cain has had students play professional football and has seen the commitment & the work it takes to reach that level of success & wants that for every student-athlete at CSD!

Head Football Coach
Kim Cain

Photo by : Jahzara Rouse



Clarkton School of Discovery Football Schedule

September 14 - Football jamboree @ ETMS

September 20 - @ West Columbus

September 27- vs. ETMS

October 4 - vs E Columbus

October 11 - @ Whiteville

October 18 - vs . S. Columbus (Homecoming)

October 25 - @ BMS

November 1 - vs. Tar Heel (8th Grade Night)

CSD Football Team

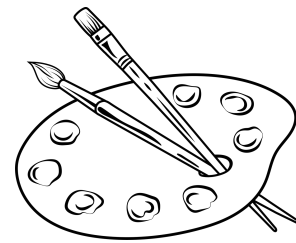
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Braylon Johnson
Nayshaun Jones
Jaquan McRae
Adam Mitchell
Donald Mitchell

Cayden Moore
Cayden Morton
Ryne Priest
Zenai Munn
Rex Register
Shawndell Staten
Tyshaun Tisdale
Jahari Walker
Casey Wilder
Azarion Willis
Gabriel Wright
Isaiah Atkins





ARTS



Jamiya is Jammin' Out in Band!

By: Chloe Courtney

In the CSD band, there are arrangements, tests, concerts, and much more! The Christmas Concert will be held on December 1st and again on May 11. A new school year at CSD means new beginner band students and some new-to-CSD students in the symphonic band. New band students will have to take the beginner year of band class before moving into symphonic for their 2nd and 3rd year. There are many talented members in the CSD band and everyone is looking forward to the next concert! Jamiya Peterson is an 8th-grade band member and in her 3rd year of band.

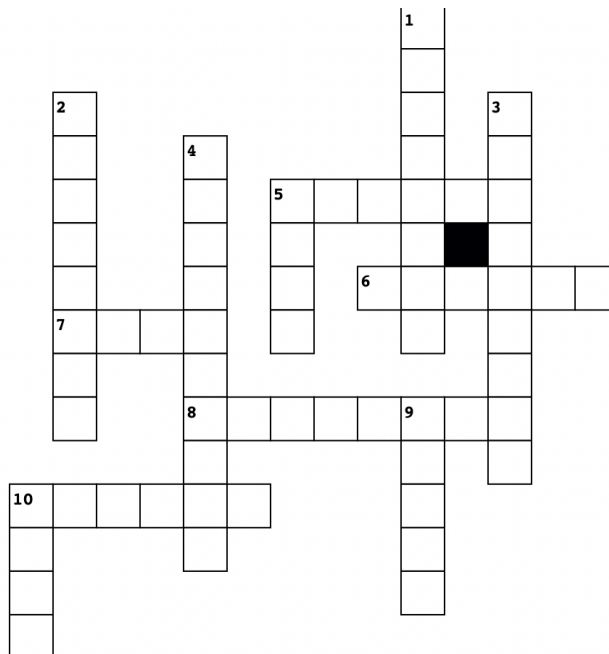
She first came to CSD in 6 grade because she thought CSD was a cool and welcoming school.

Jamiya lives close to the school so it was convenient for her when she decided to come to CSD. Jamiya plans to continue taking the band in high school. "I love playing the flute because of its beautiful sound & my favorite part of the band would be the fantastic arrangements Ms. Pope organizes," Jamiya explained. Jamiya loves that she has a talent like playing the flute & thinks the world of Ms. Pope & her fellow band members!



Jamiya Peterson
Photo By: Chloe Courtney

Name that Blue Devil!

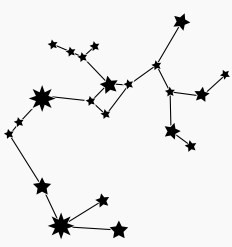


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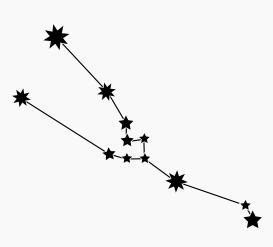
- 5. Manages the hub of CSD
- 6. Two related teachers
- 7. Her room has beautiful sea scenes
- 8. Our fierce leader
- 10. This teacher quilts using math

Down

- 1. Student Government advisor
- 2. These two teachers are not related
- 3. Newest member of the 5th/6th grade team
- 4. Newest PC teacher
- 5. Teacher of the histories




Horoscopes




Horoscopes- a forecast of a person's future and personality traits based on your birth date.

Aries
March 21- April 19 


You are not afraid of change. When you feel you aren't valued you stop paying attention to the world. Just know that you are valued and you are a good person.

Taurus
April 20- May 20 

If you are going to fail, you would rather not have an audience. So just remember it is normal to make mistakes.

Gemini
May 21- June 20 

Everyone is misunderstood sometimes, but lately, you feel no one has valued you. You are known for being a social butterfly. Keep showing the world your beautiful positivity.

Cancer
June 21- July 22 

All you can think about are your flaws and failures. Just remember that you are not the only one that makes mistakes.

Leo
July 23- August 22 

You are always energetic and there for anyone. You are known for your loyalty, concinnity, and your stability. Keep being kind and don't stop.

Virgo
August 23- September 22 

When you're bored, you take on extra work and you are a problem solver. Stay focused & you'll accomplish that task!

Libra
September 23-October 22 

You can effortlessly resolve conflicts and navigate any social situation. Stay positive & continue to be a good friend as good fortune is on your horizon.

Scorpio
October 23-November 21 


You have come a long way & success is right around the corner. Keep being kind to others to reap the benefits.

Sagittarius
November 22- December 21 

You light up a room with your laughter and charm. Opportunities to share your knowledge will come; be graceful when you do.

Capricorn
December 22- January 19 

You can't stand to hear a negative thing about anyone or anything. Stick up for people and they will stick up for you.

Aquarius
January 20- February 18 

You know that showing anger isn't unhealthy. You are already doing great not letting your emotions get to you, so keep going.

Pisces
February 19- March 20 

You recognize the best qualities in everyone. You are known for being sensitive and empathetic. Keep the positive spirit up and it will pay off.



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