Welcome to the first edition of the “In Clover” Newsletter

In the first installment of “In Clover,” we will take a look back at the busy month of August and the lead up to the 2018-19 school year. Dr. Sheila Quinn delivered the keynote address at Convocation, and Patti Myers was named the District Teacher of the Year! Plus, Clover High School topped York in the first varsity football game of the year!

HIGHLIGHTS

2 2017-18 Teachers of the Year
Another look at our 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year from each building. Congratulations!

3 Myers Named District TOY
Clover High School's Patti Myers selected as the 2018-19 Clover School District Teacher of the Year!

4 Look Back: 2018 Convocation
Teachers, administrators, and students came together at Convocation to kick off the 2018 school year right.
CSD Teachers of the Year! 2017-2018

ROBIN DEYTON
OAKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Deyton, Clover School District’s 2017-2018 District Teacher of the Year, will serve as the head of the Teacher of the Year Forum. Deyton teaches 6th-grade science at Oakridge Middle.

Each building’s Teacher of the Year serves a two-year term on the teacher forum. The forum meets once a month at the district office to discuss various topics and create ideas to help foster relationships between the community and its teachers.

Please share any thoughts or ideas that you might have with any of the building Teachers of the Year so they can relay that information to the forum.
On August 14, Clover High School’s very own special education teacher, Patti Myers, received the District Teacher of the Year award as well as the keys to a new car. After working in education for 34 years, Myers said, “The teachers and staff I have worked with over the years have enabled me to grow and blossom into the educator and mother I am today. We work as a team, and I have learned so much from them and their experiences that we collectively make Clover one of the finest education institutes in our state.” Myers will be attending a conference with the representatives from other districts where she can apply to be the State Teacher of the Year. Until then, Myers plans to continue helping her students gain independence and real-world knowledge both in and outside the classroom. Here's what others in the District are saying about Myers.

Sheila Quinn  
Superintendent  
“She is just a champion for them [her students]. She is constantly looking for an employment opportunity, or a learning opportunity, or something fun that they would not normally get to experience and gets them there.”

Ken Love  
Assistant Superintendent  
“Patti has had, for a number of years, a great amount of enthusiasm. She works very diligently with children who have some significant challenges... but Patti has her personality that just fits the challenges she has in order to be successful and make her students successful.”

Jennifer Dundr  
Instructional Supervisor  
“How much attention she spends on those kids, that’s exciting because I have a child that will eventually be with her when he’s in high school, so I know that she’s that involved and that passionate, and she puts her heart into absolutely everything that she does.”
Superintendent Gives Keynote Speech

“I’m really looking forward to seeing Clover climb to the very top of this state and as far as we want to go in this country.” Sheila Quinn

Clover School District’s new superintendent, Dr. Sheila Quinn, took to the stage at Convocation to communicate her plan to make the District successful this school year and moving beyond. “She acknowledged what the District was doing well, but she also admitted that there are things we could do better,” said the English Department’s Instructional Supervisor, Jennifer Dundr. “I liked that she had a definite plan and focus, and she seemed to really listen to the teachers that she interviewed during the course of her getting ready for this position.”

Many teachers at the event were excited to see the high level of student involvement, and Dr. Quinn said that was the goal all along. “What I really was trying to communicate is who are we helping? What are we about? What’s our why?” said Dr. Quinn.

“So I’m hoping that they [the teachers] left with that sense of the students are our why. This is why we come to work every day. This is why we exist.”

Dr. Quinn said she is ready for the school year ahead. “I’m very relationship oriented, so I try to have a human and personal connection with staff, students, just all. I try to make sure I’m very personable, very visible,” she said. “But on the tougher side, I’m very results driven, so I have very high expectations of Clover... I know what we’re capable of.”
The Clover High School band led the audience in the CHS fight song to kick off the opening Convocation.

THIS IS OUR FIGHT SONG

OMS student, Jackson Haywood, performed an acapella rendition of the National Anthem that ended with a standing ovation. “The young man singing the national anthem was probably the highlight,” said Ken Love.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Students from seven elementary schools performed roll call and pumped up the crowd before the presentation of colors. “We were texting there’s too much cuteness on that stage,” said Jennifer Dundr.

ROLL CALL

Last year’s valedictorian, Andrew White, led the audience in a roller coaster ride to wrap up convocation and zoom into the new year with some enthusiasm.

WE’RE IN FOR ONE WILD RIDE
Clover School District Students perform “Each Child, Each Day” at Convocation

CHS Dance Instructor Regina Inman choreographed a dance number following the life of a little girl starting school as she matures and finds her calling as a teacher. As a mother and teacher, Jennifer Dundr said the performance was beautifully done. “You don’t always realize your impact as a teacher. Sometimes you never know it, but it makes you realize that what you do has an impact, and people do remember what you say and what you do and how you act long beyond after they leave your classroom,” said Dundr. Some audience members were in tears when they received some final words of encouragement. “May we all remember, one book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.”
Trailing for much of the game, the Blue Eagles mounted a second half comeback to defeat York, 26-21, in the first game of the 2018 season on Friday, August 17, 2018.

Pictured above, junior Zion Robbins makes a diving catch which proved to be the play of the game. Trailing 21-19 with under five minutes left to play, Robbins laid out to pull in this 4th down toss to keep the drive alive. The Blue Eagles would later capitalize with a game-winning one-yard touchdown run by David Hall.

Robbins, along with fellow receivers Hezekiah Massey, Jaylin Lane, and Blackmon Huckabee combined for 354 receiving yards. Junior quarterback Gabe Carroll provided one touchdown through the air and one on the ground in the comeback.
Defender Industries to Provide School Security Officers at All Seven Elementary Schools

The Clover School District Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of Defender Industries to provide School Security Officers at each of the district’s seven elementary schools.

Defender Industries is based out of Columbia, South Carolina and currently works with the neighboring districts of Chester County School District and the Fort Mill School District.

Parents can expect to have School Security Officers on campus within the first quarter of the year. Following budget approval in June, the district began the procurement process which takes at least a month. Following that process, Dr. Quinn recommended Defender Industries for approval on August 20. The District and Defender Industries are now in the process of hiring for each building.

School Security Officers
The Clover School Board approved the recommendation of Defender Industries to supply School Security Officers at each of the district’s seven elementary schools.

Growth & Facility Study
The District will begin work on a comprehensive growth and facilities study to be included in the district’s capital improvements plans.

Summer Development
Dr. Millicent Dickey presented the board with information on the summer professional development opportunities that were available to district staff.

WORDS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. SHEILA QUINN
CSD SUPERINTENDENT

The district and school leadership teams are participating in a book study on Transforming School Culture. This month’s key takeaway reminded us that high-performing, positive cultures are developed through the conditions we create on a daily basis. People at all levels will meet or even exceed their technical skills when they feel personally connected to the mission and vision of the organization, when they believe their contribution makes a difference, and when someone demonstrates that they believe in them. This idea is not only true for our staff, but it is also true for our students.
Why is the newsletter title *In Clover*?

The title comes from the idiom - *In Clover* - meaning:

- Having good fortune; in a very good situation.
- Prosperous, living well.

"In Clover" will feature information from across the Clover School District each month.

Teachers and staff, if there is something that you would like to have featured in the next edition of "In Clover," contact Bryan Dillon.

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