

## WHAT'S RIGHT WITH FLOYD, 2016-2017

# Embracing Excellence

1. 7th Grader **Ting-Ting Yan** represented Floyd and the Cobb County School district at the MathCon National Math Competition and scored in the top 1% in the nation. Kudos to **Mr. Coefield** and **Ms. Thomson!**
2. **Robyn Slaveikis**, seventh grade student, qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee for the second year!
3. 6th grader **Micah Toliver** won the Cobb Regional Technology Competition, the 5-6 Robotics challenge, and competed in the state fair in Macon.
4. **Zoi Ladipo** is the Middle School Finalist in the annual CCSD KidTalk Competition!
5. **Mr. Kasisi Brown** was voted Floyd's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year!
6. **Ms. Carol Martie** was voted Floyd's 2017-2018 Classified Employee of the Year!
7. **Ms. Electria Barnes** was voted Floyd's Volunteer of the Year!
8. **Builders Club Leaders** successfully coordinated the first Celebration of Nations event at Floyd! This event was absolutely STUDENT-LED! Kudos to **Kierstyn Smith, Karington Riley, Zoi Ladipo, Paris Lallis, Ashley Oleka, Crystal Oleka, Madelyn Keib, Tamari Stockdale, and Abigail Harris**. Builders Club is sponsored by **GSC Kiwanis Advisor Ray Tiyamiyu** and **Floyd Parent Kimberly Smith**.
9. Floyd's **Relay for Life** efforts increased participation in many activities throughout the year. Floyd collectively raised \$2,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society!
10. **Floyd's Track Team** performance has been stellar at county, district, and state competitions.
11. **Eighth Grade Dance Committee Parents** created a very positive and memorable experience for the students, THANK YOU! Your hard work will always be remembered and appreciated.
12. Floyd made the list of schools that "Beat the Odds" based on last year's state testing. Our teachers and students work very hard inside and outside the classroom!
13. Kudos to **Ms. Mann** and **Ms. Chaney** for their work with the Cobbworks Literacy Council on Sept. 15 during a major dictionary donation project to ALL 6th grade students. Their work made the front page of the newsletter and we are so proud of their creativity!
14. Kudos again to **Ms. Collins**, the Art Program, **Mr. White**, and **Mr. Harbert** for their work on the 26th Annual Celebration of the Arts!!
15. Floyd was awarded a **Summer Bridge Grant** to give our rising sixth grade students an early start!
16. Floyd has awesome Partners in Education who support students, staff, and parents:  
**Anytime Fitness, Auto Bell, Chick-Fil-A, Austell Rd, Horace Mann, Shawntae Royston, Kiwanis, Greater South Cobb, Marco's Pizza, McDonalds, Floyd Rd, Pace Cettters, SpeedPro Imaging, Marietta, State Farm, Don Johnson, Walgreens, Mableton, Wal Mart, Austell.**
17. A HUGE THANK YOU to **CASEY BAKER** - the master mind behind Field Day who spent countless hours to make lasting memories for our kids. Thank you Ms. Baker!
18. The **Panther Track Club** receives a grant for \$1000 from Sam's Club.
19. Parent and community **volunteers** made many great things happen for Floyd all year! Thank you!
20. Floyd 8<sup>th</sup> grade students stated they absolutely loved the Taco truck project in **8th Grade Math & Science** and all their 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and field trips. They felt "very prepared for the Milestones." (How exciting!)
21. Out of 20 amazing applicants and interviews, 8th grade students **Domingo Gonzalez, Kamil Brown, Nayeli Gomez, Odalis Vera, Sydney Morgan, and Rashida Jalloh** were accepted to run the 2016-2017 Panther Pride School Store!
22. **Ting Ting Yan** was accepted to the Cobb County Middle School Honors Orchestra!
23. The Floyd Middle School **Builders Club** in Georgia won the "Join us" poster contest. They were awarded a \$100 shopping spree from Kiwanis Warehouse.
24. Once again, our teachers submitted a grant and was awarded over \$8000 for this year's Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade **Summer Bridge Program**.
25. **Iona Kish** was honored by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners for setting the state record in the 3200m (2-mile run).
26. Our cafeteria staff Floyd family member, **Mrs. Tiffany Thurman**, was promoted to Manager-In-Training.
27. Congratulations to 7th grader **Ting Ting Yan** for scoring at the "distinguished learner" level on her recent attempt on the high school Algebra I test. She scored at the 99th percentile.
28. Congratulations to 8th grader **Jessica Sanchez** for scoring at the "distinguished learner" level on her recent attempt on the high school 9th grade Literature and Composition test.
29. Our school counselors, **Ms. Gray** and **Ms. T. Butler**, ROCK! 85 girls attended their Purse Empowerment Workshop on a Saturday!
30. **Micah Tolliver** took 1st place for his performance at the Cobb Regional Technology Competition at Wheeler HS on Saturday. We also thank Dr. Mwangi for nurturing his passion for robotics and sponsoring him at this event.
31. 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, **Amina Turkovic** was nominated, underwent a rigorous interview process, and was inducted into the C5 Leadership Program! Upon successful completion of this 5 year program, Amina will be awarded a 4-year college scholarship!



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32. Our **Floyd Reading Bowl Team** performed with EXCELLENCE in competition for which they proudly hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy! Thank you **Mr. Lazazzara** for your tenacity through the Reading Bowl years!
33. Congratulations to **Ms. Collins** & Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winners:  
1st Place – **Jessica Sanchez**      3rd Place – **Jennifer Baker**  
2nd Place – **JiAnna Talley**      4th Place – **Ashley Oleka**
34. Kudos to **Ms. Lester** and **Ms. Weston** for staying on course for the Parent Session on Reading with a Soccer Tournament attached to the activity!
35. Kudos to the **PBIS Team** and its coordination of the student/staff soccer tournament! We appreciate the leadership of **Mr. Lazazzara** and the support and participation by all coaches, assistants, students, and staff.
36. Congratulations to the 13 teachers who received grants from the **Floyd Foundation!** Great experiences are in store for 2017-18 ~ **Ms. C. Baker, Mr. K. Brown, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Chaney, Ms. Collins, Ms. Gantek, Dr. Harrison, Mr. Holder, , Ms. Kinder, Ms. Lockhart, Ms. Price, Ms. Sweat, Ms. Young.**
37. School Partner in Education, **Pace Cettlers**, constructed a Greenhouse on campus near two organic garden beds previously provided. A third organic garden also exists on campus.
38. **Floyd's PTSA** made many wonderful contributions to our school:
  - Funded special education transportation to two district-sponsored events.
  - Contributed funds toward Ting Ting Yan's National Math Competition trip to Chicago in support of Floyd's STEM Effort.
  - Contributed money to support the PBIS initiative.
  - Paid for campus security at the evening Valentine's Dance.
  - Rewarded Quarterly Honor Roll Students with a Reception and treat bags.
  - Provided a Back to School Teacher Appreciation Lunch during preplanning.
  - Provided a Holiday Lunch for Teachers in December.
  - Provided Valentine's Day Treats for Staff in collaboration with **MOMs Club**.
  - Hosted a Back to School Dance and Valentines Dance for Students.
  - Coordinated a Successful Talent Show for Students, Staff, and Parents!
  - Contributed toward 8th Grade End of Year Events.
  - Sold Floyd Spirit Wear throughout the school year.
  - Sold concessions at various school events.
  - Jointly coordinated a community outreach effort to support two students with Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy.
  - Facilitated a College Planning Seminar with the Georgia Student Finance Commission.
  - Implemented a new Floyd Ambassadors Program where new parents were called to offer support.
  - Jointly coordinated a "Taste of Floyd" with MOMs Club.
  - Sold Chick-Fil-A Calendars and rewarded top sellers with a special lunch.
  - Conducted a successful membership drive during Curriculum Night.
  - Hosted Chick-Fil-A Spirit Nights jointly with Floyd Staff.
  - Coordinated a Summer Camp Fair for parents attending the March Math Fair.
  - Focused on Family Engagement.
  - Coordinated the Reflections Program and awarded winners from Floyd who advanced to state competition.
  - Established relationship w/Marcos Pizza and presented student and family discounts.
  - Established relationship w/Student council to collaborate ideas on behalf of FMS.
  - Planned a Staff Appreciation Week Lunch in May.
  - Provided school assistance for Clinical supplies for nurse's office.
39. **MOMs Club** collaborated with **PTSA** on many school projects and staff appreciation activities.

