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From: Monty Aldrich

### **THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT OFFICE...**

We've accomplished another school year and while there are increasing requirements and decreasing funds, I want to thank the students for being wonderful. With the things I read and the stories I hear of, we are pretty fortunate to have what we have.

I may have mentioned this before, but we have a number of staff members retiring this year. Jean Porter, Kathy Roberson and Mary Loy are retiring at the end of this school year. Between them, there are numerous years of teaching kids. Their service within the district will be recognized and I invite you to drop them a "thanks" if you had them in school. Another retiring this year is Carolyn Grahn, Principal, of North Clay High School. Mrs. Grahn was my teacher when I was in high school, and I later taught with her when I first started teaching at the high school. Seven years ago, I became her absolute worst nightmare as I came back as her supervisor. You just never know who you are talking to and what will happen later in life! She will be working in the district through July then retiring. We wish her the best!

### **TIDBITS:**

This summer, Clay County Hospital is sponsoring **athletic physicals** for all North Clay students participating in sports. The dates are: Thursday, May 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Louisville Medical Clinic and Tuesday, June 5 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Clay County Medical Clinic. The cost is \$25 and the Clay County Hospital graciously donates this back to the North Clay Academic Foundation.

We still have some openings for Pre-K students next school year. If you are interested, contact the grade school office.

This summer, there will be more renovation at the high school. First, there will be asbestos removal just after school is out. If you need something within the building, get it quickly as the entire building will be off limits for a while. Then, we will be starting the removal of the old heat system and installation of a new heat and air system. In order to provide a better learning environment, air conditioning installation will occur and hopefully be finished when school starts. Things will be a mess around here the entire summer so if you need something, please call ahead before coming in.

Other projects we are going to accomplish around the district includes finishing the softball field with fencing, dirt, and touch ups. We are going to install better lighting in the high school parking lot areas, along with behind the grade school and back road. There will be plenty going on inside the buildings as well including waxing of floors, so if you need to come in, call ahead to see if those areas are accessible.

Speaking of calling ahead, the high school office will be moving to the Jr. High Band Room for most of the summer. It will take a few days to move, but hopefully a week after school is out, the temporary office will be established. All phone numbers will be the same if you need to contact the high school.

Once again, I'd like to thank all involved with the George Tolliver Memorial that we had. With the remaining funds, we are starting a George R. Tolliver Memorial Scholarship fund. We have money for the upcoming year, and would like to award scholarships for a graduating senior that intends to pursue law enforcement as a career. If you would like to contribute to that fund, you may donate at the Unit Office or mail to P. O. Box C in memory of George Tolliver.