Claxton Elementary New Family Orientation

2024-2025

Who's Who of Claxton



Sarah Wright, Principal



Paul Garrity, Assistant Principal



Alex Odum, Data Manager



Clara Robinson, Bookkeeper



Holly Cattanach, Counselor



Abigail Owolabi, Social Worker



Heather Manget, Nurse



Shannon Hunt
AIG Coordinator



Beth Kickert, Academic Coach



Tae Bates, Student Support Specialist



Claxton's Core Values

- Every child can achieve grade level benchmarks.
- Emotional well-being and healthy relationships are foundational for students to thrive in learning and in life
- Every child is valued and empowered through socially just learning communities.
- The arts are fundamental to teaching and learning.
- Everyone can be a leader.
- Every staff member is valued and will be celebrated and supported

General Information about Our School Day

- School Hours are 7:55-2:35. Morning announcements begin at 7:55.
- Drop off begins at 7:15
- Contact your child's teacher and the front office at claxton.office@acsgmail.net for any dismissal changes
- Afternoon Dismissal Information
  *Make sure you are getting notifications from Claxton each week. This is how we will send updates on delayed buses or emergency early dismissals.
- Keep office number in your phone if you have questions about a bus! The best place to get bus information is on the Bus App.
- Changes in afternoon transportation must be in writing. This is important! They must be sent before 12:30 pm
- Media Release Form - will be on Parent Square

General Information about Our School Day (continued)

- Early Dismissal Days have a student dismissal time of 12:00pm.
- **If a student arrives after 8:00 AM, they are tardy.** Students who are tardy must be accompanied to the front door with a parent/guardian to check them in.
- For excessive tardies or absences, our Data Manager will notify you about next steps. You might get a letter from our School Social Worker, Abby Owolabi.

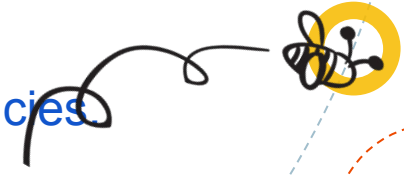
Staggered Start Information

- Kindergarten only
- Kindergarten teachers will be doing home visits on the first two days of school- the 26th and 27th
- A-M will come on the 28th
- N-Z will come on the 29st
- ALL Kinders will come on the 30th
- Caregivers may walk students to class on their child's first two days (WITH your student's pick up tag)
- Kindergarten families are still encouraged to come to Meet the Teacher on the 22nd from 3-6 (drop in)
- Meet the Teacher is a great time to drop off school supplies

School Communications and Resources

How will I get information?

- Please review the Claxton Student Handbook and ACS Code of Success
- Administration
  - Regular Sunday evening weekly phone call and email from Principal Wright
  - Other times for important information
- The Buzz, Claxton's Community Newsletter- sent out monthly
- Classroom Teacher Communications & Weekly Newsletters
- Information via Parent Square
- App notifications about delayed buses or emergencies
- Claxton Website "Hive Hub"



School Communications and Resources

How will I get information?

- Parent Square
- PTO - Claxton Parents Website
- Facebook - Claxton Elementary School and Claxton Parent Team
- ACS 2024-2025 Calendar!
- Click HERE to make sure you're receiving information from ACS and Claxton via emails and text messages.



What is Parent Square and how do I use it?

- Parent Square is a platform for communication that all ACS schools and central office will be using this year to communicate with families
- This will be how you communicate directly with your child's teacher, admin, and any other staff.
- Ms. Wright will send out weekly updates, as well as any other updates needed
- Teachers will post weekly updates as well
- All field trip permission forms and payments can be made through this site.
- Connected to your powerschool email. The directions for set up are in there. If you haven't received an email, please let Ms. Wright know before you leave tonight.



Bus Transportation

Step 1: Submit 2024-2025 Transportation Request Form

Step 2: Download Chipmunk App to track your child's bus location

Step 3: If there is an issue with your child's assignment, contact Paul Garrity, CLX Assistant Principal. Text is best!

Step 4: Ride the bus!

- Be at the bus stop 10 minutes early. Wait until 10 mins after
- Follow bus rules and expectations.
- Meet your Kindergartener at the bus stop. Bus drivers are not allowed to drop K students off without an adult.



Health/Medication Information

- Please connect with school nurse if your student has any significant medical needs.
- Complete the Health History Form that will come home the first week of school and return as soon as possible. This is how the nurse knows what health needs we have, and will follow up with forms as needed.
- Students are not allowed to bring their own medication (this applies to both prescription and over-the-counter). Medication forms must be completed and signed by a doctor and parent. These forms are available in the office or by emailing the nurse. Trained staff administer medication to students during the school day.
- Our data manager will notify families that are not up-to-date with required vaccinations and health assessment forms. Families who do not meet the deadline (Sept 24th) will not be able to attend until they are complete. Email the office or school nurse with questions.

School Nurse Info

Heather Manget, BSN, RN, NCSN

MAHEC School Health Nurse
Claxton Elementary and Hall Fletcher Elementary
cell 828-772-2106 office 828-350-6518
secure fax 828-412-4061

Heather.manget@acsgmail.net

School of Arts and Humanities



- Art, Music, Drama, PE, Social Emotional Learning.
  Specialists meet with each class once/week for 45 minutes.
- Library & Digital Learning (K-5)
- School Musical (4th & 5th)
- After School Arts (Two 8-week sessions)
- Arts Workshops and Integration

PBIS at Claxton

We believe that celebrating positive behavior goes a long way!

- ★ ARTSIES
- ★ Bus Rider of the Month
- ★ Specialist Trophy
- ★ Golden Tickets
- ★ Leadership Award
- ★ Hive Circles
- ★ House Points
- ★ Golden Lunchtray

	Classroom	Hallway	Playground	Cafeteria	Media Center	Bathroom	Gymnatorium	Bus
A **Attentive**	• Help others • Use kind words and actions • Share and help others • Be a good listener	• Code 1 dismissal • Students code 0 • Adults code 1	• Watch, listen, & respond to adult signals & directions • Look for people who have no one to play with	• Line up code 0 • Food line code 1 • Pay attention to sort into the right bins	• Code 1 when exchanging books	• Students code 1 • Keep area clean and dry	• Watch adults for signals • Voice volume code zero • Eyes are on the speaker/performance	• Greet the dr • Use kind wo actions • Help others
R **Responsible**	• Use supplies appropriately • Come to class prepared • Be responsible for yourself	• Hands and feet to yourself at all times	• Follow directions the first time • Put back equipment • Report concerns to adults	• Clean up your area • Only eat your food • Recycle	• Hands and feet to yourself at all times • Take care of materials • Show your pass	• 2 paper towel pulls, 1 squirt of soap • Paper towels in garbage cans only • Use, flush, wash, and clean area	• Hands and feet to yourself at all times • Stay in your assigned spot	• Keep your b with you at a • Be ready to your stop • Pick up tras
T **Thoughtful**	• Be a good team member • Say “please” and “thank you” • Be patient and wait until you are called upon	• Walk on the right side of the hallway. • “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Excuse me”	• “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Excuse me” • Share equipment • Include everyone	• “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Excuse me” • Appropriate table topics	• “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Excuse me” • Replace books and magazines in the right places	• One person per area • Leave lights alone • Respect privacy	• “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Excuse me” • Clap, snap, flap for the performer	• Say “please “thank you” • Use approp and volume 1, or 2) • Respect per space
S **Safe**	• Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself • Respect personal space • Follow directions first time given	• Walking feet at all times • Walk on the blue lines • Use every step and handrail	• Hands and feet to self at all times • Take a break if you need to cool down • Use equipment safely	• Walking feet at all times • Hands and feet to self at all times	• Walking feet at all times	• Wash hands well • Hands and feet to self • Feet on the floor at all times	• Sitting up at all times • Walking feet • Enter and dismiss with group	• Keep your b all things ins • Stay seated times • Keep the ais • Code “0” at • Enter/exit C • Follow direc time given

Visiting Claxton

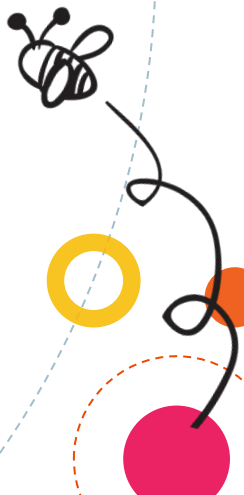
- ALL visitors/volunteers must sign in at the Ident-A-Kid kiosk at the main office after entering the front doors and must check out at the kiosk before leaving the school. ***This must happen even if you are walking your student to class. You will receive a badge you must wear when in the building.**
- Each time that you use the system, you will be required to show your driver's license.
- Students arriving after 8:00 am are required to have an accompanying adult enter the building and sign them into the system.
- Only K/1 Families are allowed to walk students to class their child's first two days of school
- If you would like to visit a classroom, please set up an appointment with the teacher.

Claxton is a Title 1 School

- Funding for supplies, staffing/tutors, and parent engagement.
- EVERYONE should complete the free lunch application form- it supports our school!
- Title I Funding supports ALL STUDENTS
- Lunchapplication.com

Breakfast and Lunch at Claxton

- Breakfast and lunch are both available each day of school at Claxton. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria until 8:00 a.m. In order for students to have time to eat breakfast before school begins at 8:00, please plan for them to arrive by 7:40.
- Some students WANT to eat breakfast here because it can be a very social occasion each morning. Talk to your child about your expectations.
- The best way to keep your child's payment account up-to-date is by using www.K12PaymentCenter.com. Breakfast is _____ Lunch is _____
- Breakfast protocol- breakfast will be served and eaten in the cafeteria only. Students should report to either the cafeteria upon arrival or straight to their classroom
- Eating lunch with your child: If you would like to eat lunch with your child, you must coordinate with your child's teacher to join your student's class for lunch at their scheduled lunch time in the cafeteria. You must sign in at the front lobby that day.



Student Safety at Claxton

- **Fire Drills, Severe Weather, Lockdown Drills**
  Teaching students what to do in an emergency is a top priority. It's a tough conversation, but we want to keep our students SAFE!

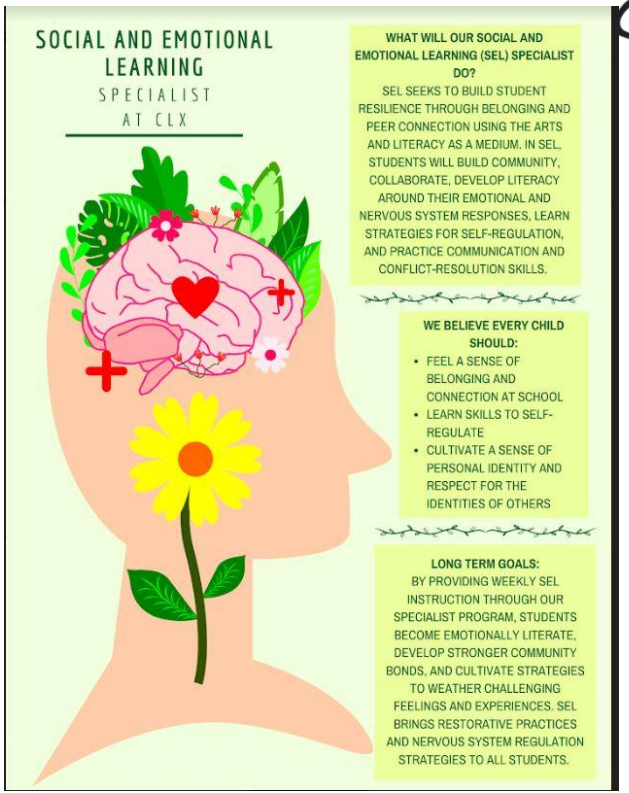
- **Notifications of Weather-Related and Other Unexpected Schedule Changes**

  - Sign up for WLOS notifications for Asheville City Schools. https://wlos.com/weather/text-alerts

  - Make sure you get Ms. Wright's weekly phone calls and emails!

Specials at Claxton

- **Art**
- Music
- Drama
- PE
- SEL
- Media/DLT



Special Events

- **Birthdays** - You may send store-bought treats for your child's birthday. Please contact your child's teacher in advance so that they are aware. Please no items with nuts, especially if someone in your class is allergic. Teachers will be in touch with families about this.

- **Class Parties** - Teachers will contact you about class parties, and they'll usually ask for volunteers/donations/help planning.

Family Involvement & Volunteer Opportunities

FTO - Get involved! FTO gives back to our school in so many ways. Meets are usually in the evening on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month. Info will be in my weekly newsletter.

Field Trip/Classroom Volunteers - Must have approved yearly Background Check and Level II Volunteer Training required by ACS. Check *The Buzz* for schedule and background check link.

ACS Volunteer Information

Extra-Curriculars - Family Involvement

We have After School Arts and invite parents to teach classes.

We also are looking for volunteers for extra-curricular clubs like chess club, odyssey of the mind, and First Lego League.

Big Events at Claxton- Families Welcome

- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social - September 19
- Fun Run - October
- Fall Carnival - October
- Thanks for Reading- November
- Holiday Meals
- Student Concert Nights- More information coming soon!
- Musical - 4th and 5th grade - November
- Family Math Day- Pi Day- March
- Spring Fling Event

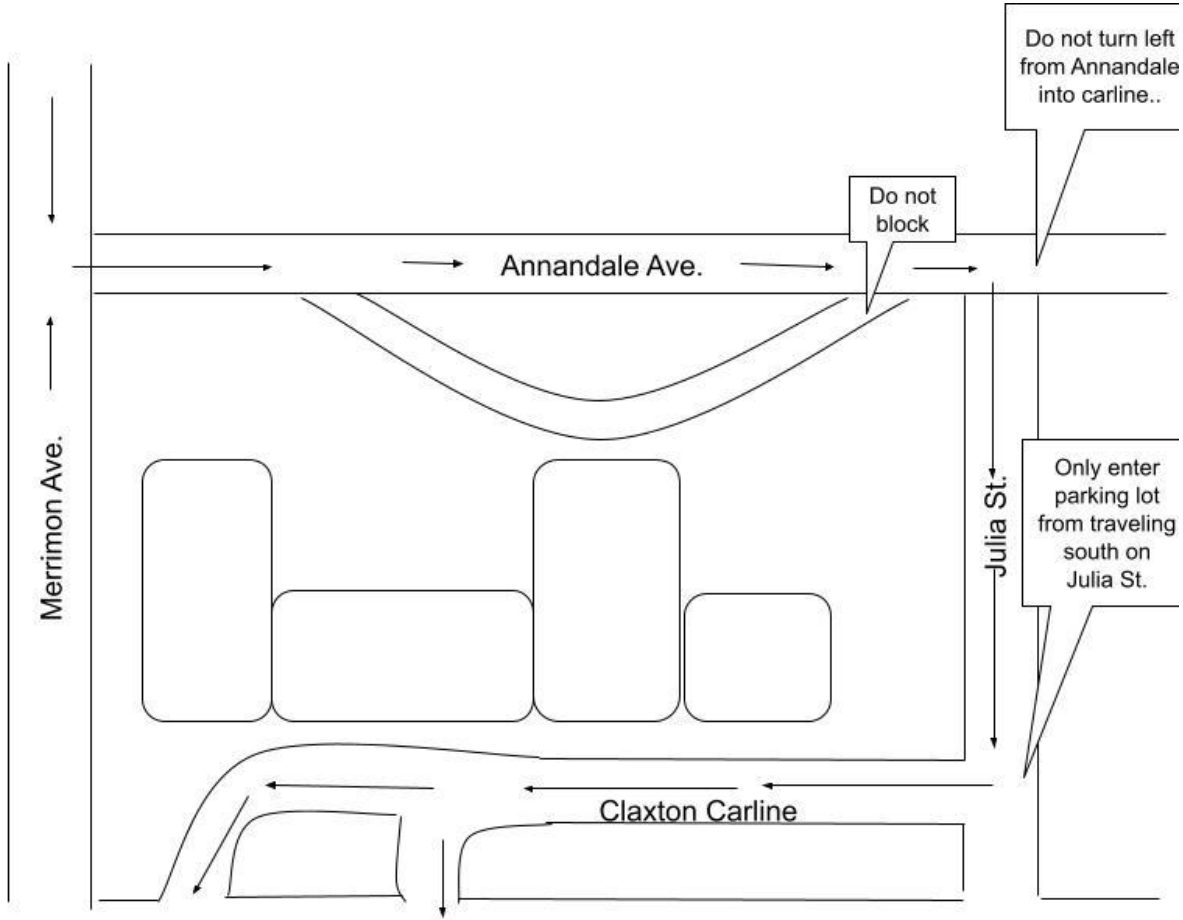
Student Leadership at Claxton

- At Claxton, we believe every student can be a leader
- Our Student Leadership Team (4th and 5th graders) lead tours, serve on the Principal Advisory Panel, and take on projects to improve our school and community
- We encourage students to step into formal and informal leadership roles
- In our classrooms, students often have class jobs or share their learning with buddies in other grade levels
- Students develop leadership skills through events that celebrate their learning. Please plan to attend Thanks for Reading and our Spring Showcases.

Carline & Walkers

Arrival :

- Please use the appropriate carline route and follow the procedures for entering the carline. Do not enter the carline from Hillside.
- Please stay in your car.
- Staff will be supervising drop-off in the mornings.
- Walkers: Please say goodbye to your child at the front entrance. Visitors are not permitted in the building after the first two weeks.


Do not turn left from Annandale into carline..
Do not block
Annandale Ave.
Merrimon Ave.
Julia St.
Only enter parking lot from traveling south on Julia St.
Claxton Carline

Carline & Walkers

Dismissal:

- Please do not check your child out of school 30 minutes before school is dismissed.
- If you're a walker, please wait in line on the sidewalk and give staff your child's # (you'll get during Meet the Teacher).
- The person picking up your child must someone you've approved in PowerSchool to pick up your child. They must show ID.
- Changes in transportation for afternoons must be submitted **in writing to your child's teacher. We will not accept phone call changes.**
- Clearly display your child's pick-up card so staff can see your child's dismissal number.

Reading With Your Child

Reading with your child every night is the very best way to support them with reading. Literacy skills are so important for *all* subjects, including math.

We encourage parents to make this a priority each evening. Teachers can give guidance about family reading time!

Any other homework will be determined by individual grade levels

Curriculum Resources & Assessments

Curriculum	Assessments
• K-5 - Bridges Math & Number Corner • K-2 Reading - Geodes & Units of Study • K-2 Literacy: Heggerty • K-3 Phonics - Fundations • K-5 Reading - Wit and Wisdom	• K-5 Benchmark Literacy Assessment: mClass (3 X Yr) • 3rd Grade Beginning of Grade Reading (September) • 2-4: Cognitive Abilities Test (October) • 3-5: NC Check-ins (2x/year) • 3-5: End of Grade tests in Reading and Math (May) • 5 - End of Grade test in Science (May)

Claxton Teams

Social Justice League
(parent auxiliary team in place)

Social/ Emotional Learning

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

BeeKeepers

School Improvement Team
(parent rep)

We're excited for a year of fun and learning at Claxton!

MTSS FAQs

Presentation

***This presentation, including the embedded links, will be linked in the Claxton Buzz Newsletter for the first week of school and will be available on our school website.*