



# CLOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Our Team of Blue Eagles by Gillian Moses

Football is an important part of American culture. That was exhibited on Wednesday, October 22, as the students of CMS cheered on our athletes. The players were called into the gym one by one as the students yelled, clapped, and jumped up and down in excitement. Pep rallies are the only time the members of the team are recognized individually. However, they seemed to be preferred to be seen as a team.

When interviewed, one seventh grader, Blaise Moses, said, "We aren't just a team that plays some sports together. We are friends. We are brothers. We are family." And in that moment, in front of the school, they proved that. The silly nicknames for each and every member, the playful pushes, the team circling up—all of these show how important football, teamwork, and friendship are to us at Clover Middle School.

Our season is over, but football is not. We carry the spirit of the sport in our hearts, until next fall when we'll eagerly pick it up again. Between now and then, the team may drift apart as it naturally would. Yet when we begin again, they will reunite ready.





# Pink Out!

By Miriam Fear



October 7 was not an average day at Clover Middle School. People entered school with pink socks, shoes, pants, shirts, and even pink hair. No, the circus hadn't come to town. It was Pink Out Day, and they were supporting breast cancer awareness. The students had gone all out. "Everyone wanted to touch my hair!" said Emma Fear, an eighth grader who had dyed her hair for the special event. After being asked why she had done this, she replied, "I was supporting breast cancer awareness." All students found a creative way to show their support. Many of the students wore their pink clothing and found new ways to Pink Out!

The FOR Club (Friends of Rachel Club) found a way to show support by having a bake sale during lunch. All of the profit was donated to Dream on 3, a local organization that helps to fulfill the dreams of children with chronic illnesses such as cancer and other deadly diseases. The bake sale was decorated with lots of pink and balloons. Pink Out is a tradition at Clover Middle School, and every student finds a new way to Pink Out each year.

## Friends of Rachel Club

The Friends of Rachel Club (FOR Club) meets in room 204 every Monday at 7:45 a.m. The club's goal is to spread kindness throughout CMS and the Clover community. Here are some of the great things they do:

- Make welcome bags for new CMS students
- Write notes of encouragement to students and staff
- Organize a school-wide collection for the city-wide holiday "Angel" program
- Encourage and support school teams
- Donate money to local charities





# Exploring Art: Poster Contest

by Aryana Johansen

In the first quarter CMS art classes were offered an opportunity to do a Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the River Hills Lions Club. The students had to make a painting that represented peace, love, and understanding. The contest is worldwide, and the students must be from eleven to thirteen years old to participate. One winner from the school will win a \$50 gift card. The paintings had to be finished by October 29. The international winner will get the grand prize of \$5000. To see winners from last year go to this website: <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/peace-poster-contest/peace-poster-contest-finalists.php>



## 500K Word Count Breakfast

by Lauren Talley and Gillian Moses

On Wednesday, October 29, seventy-five students were rewarded for reading 500,000 words by having a donut breakfast in the media center. From 8:15 to 8:30 a.m., the students enjoyed donuts, juice, and smiles. These breakfasts are held at the end of each quarter, so if you missed out this time, you will be invited next time if you read 500,000 words in Accelerated Reader during the second quarter. The breakfast is a pleasant reward. Included is a drawing for a free book and many more small prizes. The winners of the first quarter drawing were. . .

**Dominic Bechtel—6th Grade**

**Domenicc Vonsaly—7th Grade**

**Annabeth Bearden—8th Grade**

This is a great way to challenge the students of CMS to **read, read, read!**



# CMS Quiz Team Tryouts

The Academic Quiz Team competes with other schools in the Olde English Consortium. We have tryouts in late November and begin practice and matches in January each year. The competition lasts until late March and culminates with a Festival in which all member teams compete in a tournament. All seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to

play. Sixth grade students will be participating in a "get ready" format this year. We will learn in November if the sixth grade will be eligible for competition with the other members of the OEC. We encourage anyone interested to come and tryout! Jane O'Dell is the eighth grade coach, and John Hopkins is the seventh grade coach.

## Bling Day

by Jacob Arguedas

In the first quarter Team 8-3 celebrated "Bling Day." This was a celebration of Charles II of England, who brought back the Crown Jewels, and the Carolina Colony was named for him. Students were challenged to wear as many shiny things as possible. Winners would get a candy bar and soda of their choice. Each class had multiple participants. Iyana Hyde was officially crowned Bling Queen with thirty-seven shiny items. Kayla Davis was the runner-up with thirty-one bling items.



**Team 8-3 Bling Day Participants:** Top Left: Madelyn Strader, Shanautica Holmes, Taylor Parham. Center: Iyana Hyde. Top Right: Connor Towery, Kayla Davis, Morgan Knight, Ma'Kenya Boyd, Bree Thomas, Brooklyn Wood, Daniel Smith, Ayden Tauzel. Bottom Left: Sam Shepard, Brock Wolford. Bottom Right: Raygan Michaels, Drew Arnett, Abby Brown, Iyana Hyde. **Photos provided by Mrs. Hagy. Layout Design by Miriam Fear.**

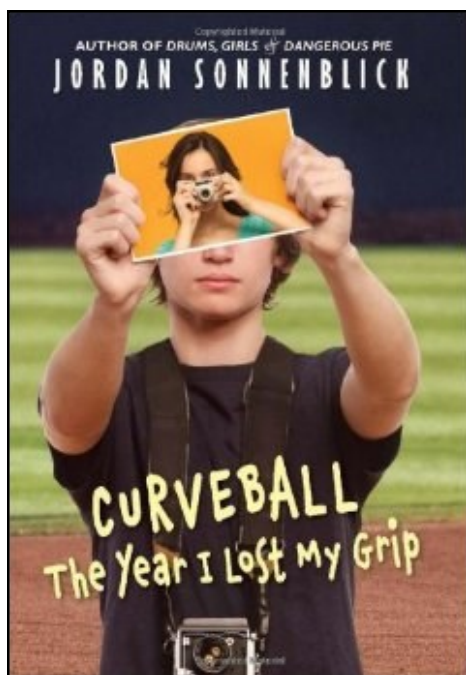
## 8th Grade Book Study



CMS School Resource Officer Ray Feaster helped eighth grade Academy classes build background knowledge prior to reading *The Juvie Three* by Gordon Korman. Officer Feaster explained the differences between a misdemeanor and a felony. He also described the booking procedures and living conditions at the Moss Justice Center.

# Book Review

by Gillian Moses



## ***Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip***

**By  
Jordan  
Sonnenblick**

*Curveball* is the wonderful story of a freshman in high school, Peter Friedman. The story follows him through his first year of high school, which encompasses several major events. They include an injury that changes the course of his life, his denial then sad realization of the decline of his beloved grandfather's mental health, and his relationship with his girlfriend.

This story went from heartbreaking to hilarious to hilariously awkward in a matter of pages. The plot grabbed my attention and refused to let go. All of the characters were incredibly authentic. All in all, this is a must read for young teens.

Another great thing about this story is the fact it is one of this year's nominees for South Carolina's Junior Book Award. This means it will fit into that space on the grid for the reading incentive. It also means you can vote for it next spring.

CMS eighth grader Raygan Michaels also had a few words to say about this story: "I really liked this book because I could easily relate to the things that happened to Peter, his family, and friends." You can read more about what Raygan thinks of this novel by logging into My Big Campus and reading her blog at <http://tinyurl.com/qd9rmcd>.

**225** CMS students  
qualified for the  
First Quarter Reading  
Incentive Dance!



## Keep Reading, Blue Eagles!



# Pep It Up!

by Miriam Fear

The loud booming fills your ears before you even reach the gym. You start to wonder if the school band had shot off fireworks that you were missing, but it's the hard-working band students here to pep it up and get you on your feet. This may seem as easy as banging two sticks against a tightly pulled covering, but it is much more than that. Catherine Faulkner, a drummer in eighth grade, had this to say: "It took a lot of hard work, practice, and teamwork, but it was all worth it in the end." They took lots of time out of their day just to play for students of Clover Middle School for this pep rally, but it was definitely "worth it in the end." The sequence of drum rolls, patterns, and riffs were all hard work, and all paid off in the end, and it was music to our ears. Do you have the devotion that you would need for the job?



# CMS Cheerleaders

by Lauren Talley

CMS cheerleaders are probably the most enthusiastic students at the school! These agile girls performed at the pep rally on Wednesday, October 22, a day where all of CMS showed school spirit in the gymnasium while decked out in blue! Kyndal Kirkpatrick, one of the cheerleaders, said after the performance, "Preparing for a game or a pep rally is a lot of hard work," which we can clearly tell after seeing their amazing show. We are proud of our CMS cheerleaders!



## Eighth Grade Cheer Squad

Joie Palmer, Captain

Amaya Love, Co-Captain

Raven Shoop, Team Manager

Iyana Hyde

Zekia Pettus

Molly Quetel

## Seventh Grade Cheer Squad

Skyelar Adams

Kyndal Kirkpatrick

Aleyah Carter

Daisy May

Ashley Green

Skylar McDonald

Kaylee Hunter

Brinleigh Raper

Angela Rosenberg

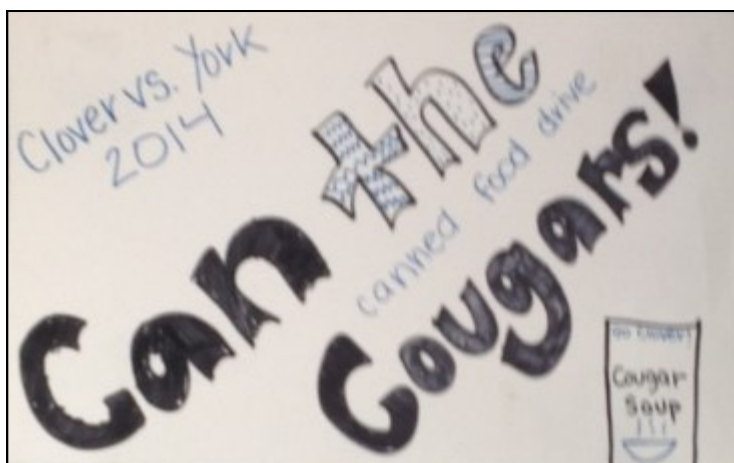




Bring in your canned food items from November 3rd through November 7th!



# Can the Cougars!



by Gillian Moses and Lauren Talley

Can the Cougars is a charity event the Clover School District will participate in with the York School District from November 3 to 7. We will be competing to see which district can collect the most canned food for local people in need. Regardless of who wins, what is most important is knowing that we have made a meaningful contribution to those around us.

**Please email any newsworthy information or photos to the  
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