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# **Pirates!**

Why in the world would we want to study some of the meanest and most vicious people in history? Pirates are a profound part of our state's history.

The shifting sands of our Outer Banks attracted many pirates of the 18th century. The ones that would visit more frequently were familiar with the shoals and the shallow areas that other ships may not be aware of. They were able to chase these visiting ships filled with supplies into traps along the Outer Banks, running a lot of the ships aground so that they could take whatever was valuable. Some pirates would simply steal the plunder and let the captives go free, while others used more frightful tactics.

One of the most notorious pirates of all time, Blackbeard, also made his home here in North Carolina.

We will be studying Blackbeard, along with other infamous pirates this month. Your child will be working on research starting next week on one of these pirates. If you would like, you are welcome to research the pirate with your child; however, they will have plenty of time to do their research at school.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

During the pirate study, the students will be making a pirate man (craft) that resembles the pirate they have been researching. Please send in any old material that you might have at home, including jeans. Please send this in by Friday, Oct. 7.

We will need some parent volunteers that would be able to come in during school the week of Oct. 10-14 to cut the material into sections that we can use. If you are willing to volunteer any of your that week to help cut these things out, please send in a note with vour child. We will also need help towards the end of the month when we create our "pirates." We will send a note as soon as I know the date of that part of the project.



A pirate flag is also know as a Jolly Roger.

## Pirate Day!

Pirate Day will be Friday, October 28. This is a great time to celebrate all that we have learned about Pirates through various activities! The students are asked to come to school dressed in their version of a pirate costume. As you read above, most pirates had their own version of a flag, or Jolly Roger and so we would like for each student to design and bring in their own Jolly Roger.

THE STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING ANY TYPE OF WEAPON– REAL OR FAKE!

I need your help! We are going to be trying to fill a

treasure chest full of "goodies". Please send in one of the following to help us fill our treasure chest: a box of Chex Mix, bag of M&Ms, pretzels, Hershey Kisses, or Goldfish (If you can find the chocolate gold coins—you can send them in.) Thank you for helping to make this day a success.

Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, Working to-

-Henry Ford

gether is success."

### Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 7: Last day to turn in old material

Oct. 11: Fall Festival 5pm-8pm

Oct. 10-12: PTO Fall Flower Sale

Oct. 12: Teacher Workday- No School

Oct. 13: Box Top Deadline– Please send these in. We receive 10 cents per Box Top

Oct. 28: Pirate Day!

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### **CLYDE ELEMENTARY 4TH GRADE**

Primary Business Address Your Address Line 2 Your Address Line 3 Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555 E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web! example.microsoft.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## **Back Page Story Headline**

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

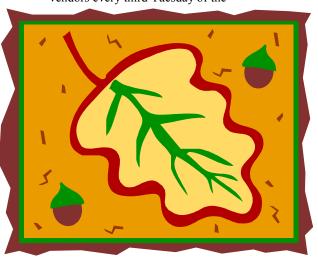
A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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