



The Clinton Chronicle June 5,2024



M.S. Bailey Child Development Center 624 Elizabeth Street, Clinton, SC 864-833-0836, 7:40 am - 2:20 pm

VISION AND MISSION M. S. Bailey Motto

"Pre-K We're on Our Way!"

Vision:

Laurens County School District 56 - where a community of learners become ethical and productive citizens who achieve excellence, embrace innovations, and forge new traditions.

Mission:

The mission of Laurens County School District 56 is for all students to graduate with the highest quality education possible. We will prepare students for the future through a culture of continuous improvement, integrity, teamwork, and perseverance.

Slogan:

The Experience Matters











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The District 56 Facebook page has photos from the MS Bailey graduations.



MAY 29 - Clinton High School Seniors - soon to be alumni - walk the halls of their elementary schools; Clinton Elementary, above and next page; Eastside Elementary; and Joanna Woodson Elementary, to show the up-and-coming Red Devils, "This can be you!" - Photos by Vic MacDonald



## "Oh, the places you will go!"





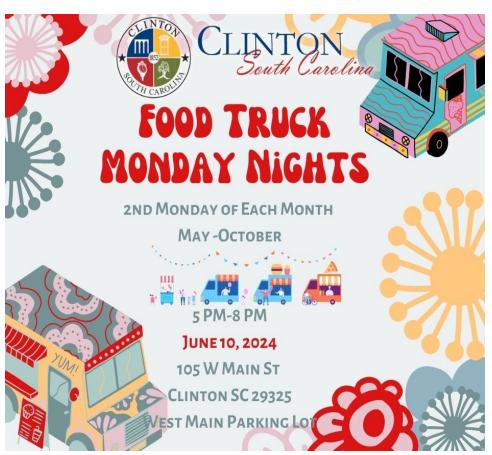
When I grow up I want to be a Helicopter Pilot.





When I grow up I want to be a doctor for dogs .







When I grow up, I want to be a

When I grow up I want to be an Army Man.

- Ryder

Fletcher - Barrett 4K

Ad-Space provided by The Clinton Chronicle for childrenand family-friendly events for the summer.

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"You cannot make people learn. You can only provide the right conditions for learning to happen."

Vince Gowmon





The City of Clinton Police Department is pleased to announce D.A.R.E. Summer Camp. This week-long camp will be offered to rising 6th graders. Camp dates are July 8 - July 12, 2024. Information about this camp can be found at Clinton Elementary, Eastside Elementary, Joanna Woodson Elementary, Thornwell Charter, and Summit School. Please have your child's paperwork completed and turned back into your child's School Resource Officer (SRO) by Friday, May 3, 2024. For more information contact SRO David Lollis at 864-938-1858 or dlollis@cityofclintonsc.com.

"You're Next!"



The District 56 Facebook page has lots more pictures of Senior Parades in the 3 local elementary schools.

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## Award-Winning Children's Book Celebrates Families of All Shapes, Colors and Sizes

NEW YORK, NY — In her fifth book, published to coincide with Gay Pride Month (June), Freeda the Frog and the Two Mommas Next Door (Mascot Books; distributed by Ingram and also available on Amazon; ISBN: 978-1645433859; Hardcover), award-winning author Nadine Haruni helps kids understand that families come in all shapes, colors and sizes.

But it isn't a book just for children with same-sex parents or for kids in the LGBTQ+ community. Says Nadine Haruni, who is also an attorney: "The common thread of all the books is to not only be helpful to kids and families who can relate to these specific situations, but to help all kids recognize that no two families look the same, and encourage an environment of awareness, empathy and inclusivity."

In the book, the tadpoles are surprised and filled with questions when they first meet their new neighbors, Jessica and her parents, Morgan and Irene. Why does Jessica have two mommas? Does not having a mommy and daddy like most kids make her feel weird? But their momma, Freeda, encourages Frannie, Frank and Jack to get to know Jessica's two mommas. Before long, the tadpoles discover that Morgan and Irene are a lot like other mommas they know. Through spending time with Jessica and her mommas, the tadpoles realize that families can have two mommas or two daddies—because what makes a family is love.

For toddlers, preschoolers and older kids too, the world of grown-ups is often confusing and sometimes scary. In her Freeda the Frog children's book series, Haruni makes coping with various life challenges easier for little ones with the help of a momma frog, Freeda, and her three little tadpoles, Frannie, Frank and Jack. The Freeda the Frog series also serves as a tool to help parents, educators and school counselors open conversations about difficult topics with children in an upbeat and non-scary way. Toward that goal, each book offers discussion questions at the end. The entire series has been leveled for schools to align with National Education Standards, and all five books have received Readers' Favorite 5-star reviews and Gold Mom's Choice Awards for excellence in the family-friendly picture book category.



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A MS Bailey graduation from District 56 Facebook page.



### Kickoff Party - June 10 at 10AM For Kids 3-10 Let's kickoff this year's summer reading program together! Exploding Cotton Candy - June 13 at 2PM For Kids 6-10 Step right up and witness an astonishing display as we create elephant toothpaste on the lawn! Crazy colors and exciting explosions will shock and amaze during this outdoor STEM demonstration. Mario Kart Tournament - June 20 at 4PM For Teens 11-17 Start your engines! Compete in a friendly bracket-style tournament to determine the Laurens Library champion. Gravity Check - June 27 at 10AM/ 2PM For Kids 3-10 A Juggling Duo presenting comedy, magic, and Amazement.

#### **South Carolina Public Radio** and College of Charleston announce Teachable Moments

New radio segment Teachable Moments with College of Charleston's Dr. Rénard Harris offers insights for students and parents

COLUMBIA - South Carolina Public Radio (SC Public Radio) and the College of Charleston are proud to announce a partnership aimed at delivering concise, impactful insights tailored for both students and parents. The one-minute radio segment, Teachable Moments, is designed as a platform to address pressing educational issues dedicated to offering valuable perspectives to listeners.

From the prevalence of cellphones in classrooms to the intricacies of homework management, mental health awareness and combating childhood obesity, each episode of Teachable Moments shares a concise yet comprehensive exploration of pertinent issues. Listeners can expect an array of discussions, from practical tips for fostering academic success to insights on promoting holistic well-being. Through Teachable Moments, host Dr. Rénard Harris aims to bridge the gap between educators, parents and students, fostering a collaborative environment conducive to learning and growth.

Dr. Harris is an Associate Professor of Management in the School of Business at the College of Charleston. He holds an Ed.D. in teacher education. Since his time at the College of Charleston and several years prior, he has explored multicultural education, diversity, equity and inclusion, storytelling, cultural relevance and leadership. He is often called upon to serve as a keynote speaker, inclusion facilitator and consultant for businesses and educational institutions.

## . Clowning Around Craft - July 1 at 2PM For Kids 6-10 The circus is in town, and in need of clowns for a performance! Come make your own colorful clown marionette that dances and delights. • Darion Mccloud - July 11 at 10AM For Kids 3-10

- This actor, teacher, and storyteller has tales to share with you!
- Clown Makeup Crafternoon July 18 at 2PM For Teens 11-17 Design your own clown makeup! Participants will practice on a mannequin head and then have the chance to paint their own faces with their design.
- Wildlife Geek July 25 at 10AM/ 2PM For Kids 3-10 We've got interesting visitors at the library! Join us to learn about our animal

The collaboration between SC Public Radio and the College of Charleston underscores the shared vision of fostering community engagement and advancing educational initiatives.

Tune in to Teachable Moments on SC Public Radio every Friday during Morning Edition and All Things Considered.

#### **QUOTES**

"SC Public Radio is excited to unveil this collaboration with the College of Charleston. Teachable Moments represents a step forward in our efforts to elevate educational discourse and empower our community with valuable insights. Through engaging discussions and thoughtprovoking content, we aim to ignite a passion for learning and foster meaningful connections between educators, parents and students." – SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell

"The College of Charleston is excited to work with SCETV, a fellow state agency that provides a great service to the people of South Carolina. This new partnership provides a wonderful opportunity for our university to share timely and helpful content to SCETV listeners and puts a spotlight on what we, as an institution, do best: teach." -College of Charleston President Dr. Andrew Hsu

"I love being the host of Teachable Moments. The engaging topics give the listeners something to think about, tilt their head about, and smile about. Ultimately, we get to add some good to folks' days." -Teachable Moments Host and College of Charleston Professor Dr. Rénard Harris

"Teachable Moments aims to deliver impactful insights and spark meaningful conversations about pressing educational topics. Through this partnership, we are dedicated to providing our listeners with a platform where they can gain valuable perspectives, practical tips and evidencebased solutions to navigate the challenges of modern education." -Director of SC Public Radio Sean Birch

# Elementary School Principal Shares Empowering Strategies for Creating Safe Spaces for Learning in a Challenging World

BLUFFTON, S.C. — Elementary school principal Dr. Kathleen Corley has been called a Pied Piper of Education. This renowned educator and former music teacher can be seen leading the student drumline down the halls of Palmetto's Finest Awardwinning Red Cedar Elementary School, or welcoming students each morning playing the flute. Dr. Corley inspires her students and teachers to want to excel in the warm, nurturing learning community she has fostered while emphasizing the power of fun.

At a time when public school educators face student absenteeism, falling achievement and deteriorating mental health on a daily basis, according to a recent joint investigation by ProPublica and the New Yorker, Dr. Corley has figured out how to transform her school into a warm, nurturing community with a passion for learning.

In her new book, The Magical Place We Call School: Creating a Safe Space for Learning and Happiness in a Challenging World, Dr. Corley, a 40-year veteran in elementary education, shares how to overcome current obstacles in education with human interest stories that illuminate a brighter path forward. She explains how to:

- · Leverage techniques that work, especially when children seem out of control.
- · Protect the targets of bullying as well as reaching and changing a bully.
- · Match the right teacher to the right job.
- · Inspire "all hands on deck" and build a team mentality.

Written with humor, insight and optimism, Dr. Corley reminds readers that despite the problems in schools today — disagreements about what students should or should not be taught, the lingering effects of COVID, etc. — magic still happens in classrooms. But that magic needs more than wishful thinking; it

requires tenacity and good design. In addition, teachers must be backed up and empowered by administrators. Administrators must be backed up by district officers. And policy makers must listen to district personnel.

Dr. Corley says schools can raise the bar. Extraordinary things still happen in schools across America. The Magical Place We Call School is the primer needed to heal the American education system and build a supportive learning community.

DR. KATHLEEN CORLEY is an award-winning educator, an authority on school culture and the charismatic principal at Red Cedar Elementary School in Bluffton, S.C. Renowned for her unique communication and leadership skills, Dr. Corley has a bachelor's in music education from the University of Illinois; a master's in music administration from Chicago Musical College, Roosevelt University; and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Illinois. An educator for more than 40 years, she is the founding principal of three elementary schools, including Bluffton Elementary, and later Red Cedar Elementary, serving as its only principal. She has been an assistant professor at Salem State University, and continues to mentor principals. For her musical training and her leadership, Dr. Corley is known as a Pied Piper of Education.

Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/Magical-Place-Call-School-Challenging/dp/163763224X/

The Magical Place We Call School: Creating a Safe Space for Learning and Happiness in a Challenging World

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#### The Wisdom That Comes with the Second Child

By Danielle Lindner

When my first daughter was born, it felt like the world changed; the sun shone more brightly, and there was a spring in my step. Despite my unimaginable happiness at becoming a new mom, I was overwhelmed with fear. What if I didn't know how to be a mom? I mean, sure, I had baby dolls like everyone else, but I had never been truly responsible for keeping someone alive. In fact, I remember cutting the hair off many of my dolls and drawing on their faces. How was I supposed to take care of this new, precious, perfect little being when I had never done anything like that before? I had never even had a dog. Yet, as I brought my little girl home from the hospital, she became my everything. I surrounded her with every educational toy imaginable, hoping to ensure she would grow up to be a genius.

Whenever we went outside. I made sure she was covered from head to toe, fearing even the slightest exposure to the elements. I would worry endlessly about whether she was too hot or too cold, constantly undressing and redressing her until I felt we had achieved the perfect balance. As she grew older, my overprotective instincts only intensified. If she cut her finger, I would agonize over whether she needed stitches. If she bumped her arm, I would debate whether to rush her to the emergency room for x-rays. Even a simple sniffle would send me into a panic, fearing she might have pneumonia. Yet, despite all my fretting, she always turned out to be just fine.

When she started school, my anxiety only increased. I would sit in the parking lot for at least 30

minutes after drop-off, reassuring myself that she was okay. I would tell the director that I was nearby if she needed me, ready to return at a moment's notice. I would frequently check in during her playtime, always arriving early to pick her up because I knew she would need me.

Then, something unexpected happened; I became pregnant with my second daughter. I thought I would simply extend my overprotective tendencies to both of them, dividing my time to ensure they were both perfectly cared for and watched over. However, as my younger daughter entered the world, and the years went by, I began to realize that she was doing just fine. She didn't need me to be so overprotective; she was actually quite self-sufficient. She could go to a playdate without me hovering nearby, and if she got a minor injury, she could easily brush it off. I found myself answering her in ways I had never answered my first daughter. Once she came to me and said, "Mom, my arm hurts." I looked at her, assessing the situation and when she looked fine to me, I told her to use the other arm. And shockingly, and I say that with a touch of sarcasm, she was fine.

With my first daughter, I laid out her clothes and made sure her outfits were perfectly matching every time because God forbid she should go to school with polka dot pants and a striped shirt. But with my younger daughter, as long as she was dressed, I was happy! She had her own ideas of what was fashionable, and I frankly was really OK with her going to school with whatever style she preferred as long as she had pants and a shirt on, of course. I guess that turned out to be a good thing because as she grew up, she became quite the fashionista! As my second daughter grew up, I found myself acting differently than I had with my first. If she went on a playdate and assured me that she was fine, I would trust

her judgment without hesitation. She would confidently walk into her classroom without needing me to wait in the parking lot.

Both of my daughters grew up to be confident, intelligent, and selfsufficient adults, but my younger daughter seemed to reach that independence much earlier. With that realization, I offer this advice to parents who are considering (or awaiting) their second child.

- 1. First-time moms are almost always going to be nervous and feel like they are never going to know how to do this thing called parenting. But 98 percent of the time it magically falls into place. You rise to the occasion, instinct kicks in, and you know just what to do.
- 2. Try treating your first child like the second. Trust yourself more right out of the gate. Trust them more. Give them the space to discover themselves and become the little person they were meant to be.
- 3. Don't take life too seriously. There is plenty in life to be worried about, but fighting over clothing or wearing that hat they keep throwing on the floor isn't worth it.
- 4. Enjoy your child or children and embrace their wonder of the world around them. And if you find yourself making chicken soup or zipping up their coat to drive away their sniffles, that's okay too. Sometimes innately, we just feel and know what our kids need. Showing your kids you will take care of them and love them is more than just ok, it's being a mom.

Perhaps there is something transformative about having a second child -- a shift in perspective that allows us to loosen our grip and trust in our children's resilience and abilities from the start.

Danielle Lindner is an educator and author. As an educator, Danielle is noted for having founded London Day School and recently published Parent's Pocket Guide to Surviving the Preschool Years. To learn more, visit www.daniellelindner.com.



# Let's Saddle Up for Reading Roundup!



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#### Skills addressed

- Decoding building phonics skills and sight word recognition
- Vocabulary enhancement
- Fluency development
- Overcome barriers blocking comprehension
- Practice study skills
- Comprehend textbooks
- Learn new, unfamiliar, and multi-syllable words
- Achieve higher order thinking
- Use critical and creative thinking











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