

# Engaged for Excellence

## WHAT'S RIGHT WITH FLOYD, 2015-2016

1. Floyd received **Cobb STEM Certification** for its implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.
2. Floyd received state recognition from the Georgia Department of Education for its implementation of **Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)**.
3. Under the direction of **Coach Elizabeth Price**, Floyd received the **2016 Bronze National Healthy Schools Award!**
4. Floyd celebrated **50 YEARS (1965-2015)** with visits from CCSD Superintendent Chris Ragsdale, Board Chair Susan Thayer, Asst. Superintendent Robin Lattizori, and many former students, staff, parents, and community members.
5. **FedEx** and the **Heart of America Foundation** completed a makeover project in the media center and opened the **Floyd College and Career Access Center!**
6. Congratulations to **National Geography Bee State Finalist - Robyn Slaveikis!**
7. Congratulations to our **National Math Conn Honorable Mention Recipients - Melissa Milliron, Sam Adim, and Rose Donahoo!**
8. **The American Society of Mechanical Engineers** recognized **67 eighth grade students** and their teacher, **Dr. Mary Mwangi** for the completion of INSPIRE, a radius course on math and coding. In celebration of their accomplishments, students received official certification.
9. **Mrs. Jamie Margrabia-Kent** was recognized for **38 years of service** at Floyd!
10. Floyd celebrated our **2016 Teacher of the Year – Mr. Daniel Harbert!**
11. Floyd celebrated our **2016 Classified Employee of the Year – Mr. Ira Knowles!**
12. The Cobb Schools Foundation honored **Mr. Nathaniel Riley** as a **Volunteer of the Year!**
13. Floyd received a \$13, 500 **CCSD Summer Bridge Grant** to help transition our rising sixth graders.
14. Sixth grade social studies teacher, **Mr. Kasisi Brown**, was the **Cobb County School District “Phenomenal Teacher”** as part of a “Phenomenal Friday” Recognition Program!
15. **Mr. Joe Mitchell** received the Community Torch Award for Educational Development awarded to him by the Marietta-Roswell chapter of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**
16. **Mrs. Malukah Coardes** and **Mr. Timothy Coefield** produced math instructional videos on the district website for parents to view.
17. **Ms. Dianne Rodriguez** and **Mr. Daniel Harbert** received **Floyd Foundation** Grants for their innovative classroom ideas.
18. **Panther Track Club** under the leadership of **Coaches Andrele Kelly, Kenneth Colston, Brent Ball, and Anthony Holder** produced many student Georgia State finalists.
19. Floyd Parent **Mr. David Wilkerson** organized a trip for Floyd students to go Osborne HS to support the soccer team as part of a community spirit initiative!
20. “I like how teachers care about our grades and help us!” ~ Floyd Student
21. “We have an extremely supportive instructional coach, **Joy Jones.**” ~Floyd Teacher
22. Floyd received a Technology Integration Specialist, **Dr. LeAnna Anantaraman.**
23. Special teacher events sponsored by our incredible counselors added to our positive school culture and climate.
24. “Students have access to so pretty awesome tech tools in the Engineering and Technology classroom like the 3-D printer!” ~ Floyd Teacher
25. “ We have an amazing staff that supports students and each other ~ We are truly a Floyd Family.” ~ Floyd Teacher
26. **Ms. Rachel Woods** received \$10,000 that went toward computer and recording equipment from the Cobb Tank grant competition for her “iOrchestra” project!
27. “The College and Career Access Center is so much fun to learn and work on projects with friends.” ~Floyd Student
28. Congratulations to **Ms. Joi Ladipo** and **Ms. Famika Robertson** for being elected as Parent Representatives on the School Council.
29. “Monthly Fabulous Friday Fellowships and all the Mail-Room Goodies!” ~ Floyd Teacher



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30. "Floyd is always adding new programs and educational tools. Each child has the opportunity to expand their education beyond the classroom. The teachers are caring and understanding to the needs of the children. The administration goes above and beyond to help our children whose needs may be different than others. I look forward to what is going to happen at Floyd Middle School next year. Thanks for a great year!" ~ Floyd Parent.
31. Our parent and **State Representative David Wilkerson** received an award from the **Georgia School Counselors' Association**.
32. The Floyd "Souper" Bowl has been a long time tradition for Floyd and this year just happened to be the 50th NFL Super Bowl in Floyd's 50th Year!!
33. Three teachers were nominated for The Atlanta Families' Awards for Excellence in Education: **Ms. Lynnetta Baker, Ms. Lisa Collins, and Mr. Daniel Harbert!**
34. Our own **Post 2 Board Representative Susan Thayer** for her support of Floyd!
35. **Mr. Daniel Harbert** for bringing us **Google Expeditions** and the ability to virtually travel to many exciting places around the world!
36. **Dr. Mary Mwangi's** Engineering & Technology Girls STATE won participation at a KSU STEM event.
37. **Ms. Lisa Collins** and her students for their amazing Mable House Art Gallery.
38. **Ms. Sara Folk** coordinated a very memorable Pi Day!
39. **Gates Millennium Scholar Deonte Bridges** inspired eighth grade to "Be Resilient to be Brilliant!"
40. Floyd's inaugural **Jr. Beta Club** was organized by student **George Lester**.
41. Several new inductees of the **National Jr. Honor Society** and continued service projects!
42. **Builders Club** reorganized with sponsorships from **Kiwanis Club** and Parents, **Ms. April Mathis** and **Ms. Kimberly Smith**. Thanks for the food drive supporting families in Cobb.
43. McTeacher's Nights and Chick-Fil-A Floyd Family Nights supported our partners and school!
44. "I got to learn how to play an instrument. That is really cool." ~ Floyd Student
45. On May 11 CCSD School Board recognized that Floyd is one of the "Most Improved Schools" considering the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).
46. **Ms. Sara Folk** and **Ms. Jessica Gibson** for inaugural use of Math 180 with great student progress!
47. 6th and 7th grade block parties were incentives that promoted improvement among our students.
48. Problem Based Learning Practices gained more traction with STEAM in all ELT classes.
49. Floyd New Floyd Leaders (NFL) program coordinated by **Joy Jones**.
50. Skyping for Milestones Recovery was an innovative and out-of-the-box experience for Floyd teaches and students.
51. The 8th Grade trip to Savannah, 6th grade trip to Chattanooga, and 7th grade Chattahoochee and Zoo Trips created hands-on learning opportunities for students – a classroom without walls!
52. We have parents that are willing to work and volunteer their time to support the students.
53. **Floyd Foundation** awarded perfect attendance and behavior to our students ~ We have 89 students with all-year perfect attendance!
54. **Cathie Siebert** and selected students from Osborne High School spoke and motivated our 8th graders in preparation for their first year in high school.
55. **Dr. Bethany Harrison** was selected for the CCSD Aspiring Leader Academy.
56. Under the leadership of **Ms. Sara Folk and her team**, our Floyd family raised \$3400 for the Cobb County Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society!!
57. "Our daughter attended Floyd under your leadership. She went on to high school, became the Senior Class President, and will attend Hampton University in the fall. Now our son is a rising 8th grader. Thank you for the foundation you and your staff provided at Floyd." ~ Floyd Parent

