

FLACO & ZE CLOWNETTES



Flaco & Ze Clownettes is a clown club from Jamestown Presbyterian Church whose primary purpose is to bring joy to people, young and old, who need their spirits lifted. Comprised of about 20 fourth and 25 fifth grade students from Florence Elementary, teachers, and volunteers, Flaco & Ze Clownettes performs for children and senior citizens in the Triad.

Performances, which include magic, mime, juggling, music, dance, funny skits, and lots of audience participation, are customized for the client. A show by Flaco & Ze Clownettes is typically 30 to 45 minutes long, depending on the needs of the organization. The club also provides balloon art, tattooing, or walk-around magic for special events.

Ned McMillan, a fifth grade teacher at Florence Elementary, coordinates Flaco & Ze Clownettes. Ned, who performs as FLACO, was inspired to start the club in 1998 after performing for the Snail's Pace at Coon Dog Day in Saluda, NC. The first show was for the Summer ACES program at Morehead Elementary in Greensboro, where Ned previously taught. The original clients included the Children's Home Society and Cone Hospital. Clients now include Bhutanese Refugees, Chick-fil-A, Cone Hospital, Haynes-Inman School, Florence Elementary, Jamestown Presbyterian, Jamestown United Methodist Pre-School, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Pennybyrn at Maryfield, River Landing Retirement, Tex & Shirley's Restaurant, Triad MS Walk, and the towns of Jamestown and Saluda, N.C.

The clownettes are all Florence Elementary 4th or 5th grade students. The teachers include Julia Hagen (FLAPPY), Kim Titus (ORDINARY), and FLACO. Toby and Brenda Johnson provide supplies and training thru Bounces to Go in High Point. Lundee Amos (LULU PICKELS), Scott Weaver (ACE), parents, and roadies assist with music, props, refreshments, transportation, and wardrobe. The Florence Elementary PTA and individual sponsors provided all of the 2012-2013 operating funds. Turner's Chapel AME Church provided their original sanctuary for our weekly rehearsals.

If your organization wants to arrange a show or provide balloon art, tattooing, or walk-around magic for an event by Flaco & Ze Clownettes, e-mail Flaco at mcmille@gcsnc.com, or call him at home at (336) 299-1371. Zank you very much !