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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

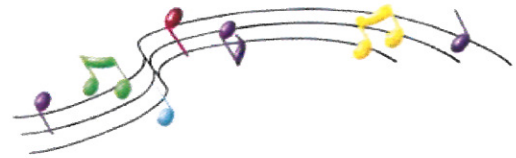
As 2015 kicks off and we start the New Year, I hope everyone is coming off a great holiday break and is ready to have a fantastic second semester.

As we begin 2nd Semester we are in our preliminary stages of looking at our class schedule for the 2015-2016 school year. We will continue to work with Leigh Community Schools to see how we can work together to continue to provide educational opportunities to our students that meets their interests as they do their post secondary planning. In creating the schedule we will look at student needs and interests, staff availability and endorsements, and other options such as Distance Learning, college classes and online courses to fill their needs. It is quite the process to go through but in the end it is quite rewarding when we can offer a quality schedule to our students.

The building construction classes, under the direction of Darrell Bailey, are continuing with the renovation of the Fred and Pat Wacha house for our SPED Program. The inside of the house is done and we are in the process of finishing up the siding and making sure sidewalks and all ramps are in place to meet all ADA requirements. With the savings of using the house, we have been able to pay for the purchase of the house in just one year. Kim Heimann is doing amazing work with this portion of our Special Education program and I want to thank community businesses that are working with the school and this program. M & M Market, Bluebird Nursery, C-Store and Golden Living Center have been very instrumental in helping us with providing opportunities for our students, in gaining knowledge and experience in a workforce environment.

A couple of winter notes to pass along, with using Alert Now for school closing please make sure Amy Gurnsey has your updated phone numbers and contact information. There are times parent's change cell phone numbers and don't notify us and we are unable to contact them, so it is very important to make sure you make us aware of any changes to your contact information. If you have made changes please contact Amy at agurnsey@esu7.org or call her at 892-3454 so we can update our information. Also please make sure to have your students dressed properly for the winter

Months. Make sure they have hats, gloves and warm coats for their transportation to school and for recess. As you know in Nebraska our weather changes on a minutes' notice so please make sure your kids are prepared.



Music News

By Elektra Wrenholt

December was a busy but rewarding month in the music room! Our students did great work in preparing and performing at the Winter Concert. Thank you to all of the students, staff, and supporters who helped set up and tear down the gym for the concert, got the audio working, and came to listen.

A few shout-outs need to be given: Andrea Zimmerman, Caitlin Dozier, and KLYn Lopour put in the time and effort to audition for Kearney's Honor Choir! Great work girls. KLYn was selected to participate in the all-day event in January. Also, Carter Hanel had a solo on the concert and did a great job!!

Keep encouraging band and recorder students to play their instruments at home! It is especially important over break to keep the skills they learned during first semester.

"The only thing better than singing is more singing" - Ella Fitzgerald

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By Jennifer Kappel

EducationQuest – College Planning Bulletin

Seniors...it's time to prepare for the FAFSA!

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA to qualify for low-interest student and parent loans.

Follow these steps to prepare for, and complete, the FAFSA and the financial aid process:

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Complete your 2014 taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information.

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2014 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2014 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2014 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2014 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2014 such as housing/food/living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income
- Food Stamps
- TANF
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC

Complete and file the FAFSA at fafsa.gov before your college's priority date.

Expect a Student Aid Report acknowledging that your form was processed.

Expect Financial Aid Award Notifications in the spring from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. The notifications will detail the financial aid assistance the colleges are offering (could be a

combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and student loans).

Check out these *free* FAFSA tools and resources

Visit "[FAFSA Tools](http://fafsa.org)" at EducationQuest.org where you'll find:

- **College Funding Estimator** – estimates your FAFSA results
- **FAFSA Checklist** – provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – explains each FAFSA question
- **FAFSA Demo and IRS Data Retrieval videos** – walk you through the FAFSA process

If you are filing a FAFSA for the first time and want free personal help, call EducationQuest to make an appointment. Kearney: 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721; Lincoln: 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745; or Omaha: 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300.

Free FAFSA Webinars will help you prepare

You and your parents can learn about financial aid and the FAFSA from the comfort of your home by participating in an EducationQuest FAFSA Webinar. To join the Webinar, click on the link under your desired date. The password is **college**.

Monday, January 12 – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1zmonbq>

Wednesday, January 14 – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1upQdmV>

Tuesday, February 24 – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1u5EpVG>



PE News

By Jim Clarkson

Merry Christmas Patriot Nation! It was a really good 1st semester. We just finished up some indoor soccer with some great competition from 3rd grade through 12th grade. Next semester in January, we will be doing Jump for Heart and Hoops for Heart. Our kids have done a really good job the last couple years. I know the American Heart Association appreciates your support.

I am a big fan of Joe DeFranco who is a trainer I follow for all sorts of training ideas from weightlifting, speed training, stretching, to general health. In his newsletter were these 28 tips to a healthier 2015 so I would like to pass them on to you because there are some great tips on how to be healthier physically and mentally. Have a great Holiday Season and please always remember life is a single elimination bracket and all you have to do is survive and advance.

Science news

By Suzanne Beeson

Happy Holidays! Science students are taking some time to review the semester as they prepare for semester tests. We survived our first semester of 1 to 1. It has been an adjustment for all of us. In science the computers have been a fun addition as we Google and search for many of the topics we are studying. The visuals we find have really enhanced our understanding of what we have been learning. I love the fact that as something comes up in class, students are quick to do a search for an image or fact on our topic. As a facilitator in the classroom, the biggest adjustments for me have been how technology changes the pace of the learning and the discipline that goes with students having computers. We are a bit behind in our curriculum as technology tends to be more time consuming. For example, with our books being online, it takes longer just to get to the desired page. The discipline adjustment has been to have to monitor the students as they try to shop, go to Craigslist to look at pick-ups they want to buy and being on Facebook in the middle of class. I do believe that students are doing a much better job of self-monitoring and learning to use their computers more wisely during class. We have a Lanschool program that allows us to see what is happening on their computers. While this is handy, I find myself wandering around the room more during lectures when I have my notes up on the screen so I can monitor their screens. Technology has taken "writing and passing notes" to a whole new level. We always get a giggle when someones phone goes off in the middle of class and the student responds with, "It's my mom." Learning to adapt with technology has been challenging and fun all at the same time!



Red, White, and Blue Crew

By Matt Murren

Attention students! The Red, White, and Blue Crew has been created and this is your chance to bring a wild experience to the Patriot Pavilion. Each home game will have a different theme with different music for timeout breaks. We expect the Red, White, and Blue Crew to bring some craziness to the games. Stay tuned for the posting of all the nights. If you have any questions, ask Coach Murren, Coach Schneider, or Coach Bachman. It's a great day to be a Patriot!

READING

@ your school library

by Mrs. Alt

2015 is here!!! The arrival of a new year brings the addition of new titles to the shelves. Most of the additions from Book Fair are circulating, and new books are added daily.

The first through sixth graders became illustrators of a favorite picture book. These illustrations were displayed in the library to celebrate National Picture Book month. All of these students have a future as an illustrator. Congrats to all on their fine work.

The third graders completed a unit on digital footprints, that is, footprints left on the Internet. The first graders are working the sending and receiving of messages on email through the Internet. More classes will be working on digital citizenship classes in the future.

The fifth and sixth graders are busy identifying the "best" genre of the book they have just read. These students are compiling the genre logs; some columns are very TALL.



**Lick the Cold
Read
Something
Bold**

School Lunch Week

By the Kitchen Staff

January 19th – 23rd is Nebraska School Lunch Week. We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and friends to come and join the children for lunch that week. Please let us know if you plan on having lunch by calling the Clarkson High School at 892-3454 by 8:30 the morning you plan to attend. The cost for an adult guest meal is \$3.50 and a child's guest meal is \$2.50. The meals planned for that week are as follows:

Monday—chicken patty/bun

Tuesday—sub sandwich

Wednesday—taco salad

Thursday—chicken fajita

Friday—pork steak/bun

We hope to see you there!

2nd Grader News

By Holly Clarkson

The second graders read the story *Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type* this last unit. It is about a rowdy bunch of cows that find a typewriter in the barn. They make a demand to Farmer Brown that they would like electric blankets at night and then they go on strike (not giving any milk) until their demand is met. The second graders had to pretend to be a different animal on Farmer Brown's farm, and make a demand and go on strike as well. They wrote their letter, drew their animal, and then used the Chatterpix App on an Ipad to make their animal read their letter. I will be getting their Chatterpixes on the school webpage very soon, so check it out in a few days. Meanwhile, take a second and read their demands. They are fantastic! Happy Holidays! Stay safe and warm!

Dear Farmer Brown,

I don't like the food you give me. It tastes like dirt and mud. It's gross! I also never get enough. I am always hungry and my tummy is growling. I want food that tastes like candy and is yummy. I want to eat three times a day. If you don't treat me better, I won't give you any more milk and you won't have any more cheese. I have been giving you milk for five years and I work really hard. Get me better food!

Sincerely,
Goat

By: Hailey Knapp

Dear Farmer Brown,

The harness and pack I use to carry things for you is hurting my back and I am getting bruises and cramps at the end of the day. It feels like I am carrying 3 elephants. I want padding in the harness and pack that will make my back feel better. I want it to feel like I am carrying a mouse. I'm not going to respect you or carry anything for you again! I have been working for you for 20 years. I have pulling for you and breaking my back. Get me better padding or pay the price!

Sincerely,
Buffalo

By: Cadence Indra

Dear Farmer Brown,

Listen here! I have a problem. The hay is too chewy. It gets stuck in my teeth. I floss 10 times in a day and it takes me too much time to do my work. I want it by tomorrow! If you don't get it for me, I will not pull your wagon anymore and you will be stuck pulling your wagon yourself. I have been working for 5 years to pull your wagon and let your child ride me. You better get me new hay or else!

Sincerely,
The Horse

By: Nathaly Pinonez

Dear Farmer Brown,

I am tired of my doghouse. It is so broken down. The roof is missing some shingles and there are holes. The cold air is making me cold. I want you to come out and fix my roof. Put more shingles on top of my roof so my house will be hot. You better fix my roof or I will stop helping you put the sheep in the pen and your sheep will run away. Then you will not have any wool to sell. I demand to have a roof NOW!

Sincerely,
Dog

By: Nile Jones

Dear Farmer Brown,

I've been running low on hay every day and you've been giving less of it. My stomach is growing so loud you can hear it from a mile away. I want better hay and more hay three times a day. If you do not give me it by sunset, I will never give you a ride in your carriage again! Then you will have to walk to things, and then you won't have any energy to irrigate. GET ME MY HAY!

Sincerely,
The Donkey

By: Korbin Lemburg

Dear Farmer Brown,

I have a problem because the barn is hot at day. I need a haircut. My hair is way too shaggy and I cannot see where I am going. I am bumping into the gate. I am so embarrassed in front of the other sheep. Get out here with your shaver and take care of me. If you do not do it by sunset, I will not give you any more wool. Then you will have no more wool to sell and not get any money. GET ME SHAVED!

Sincerely,
Sheep

By: Rylee Balzer

Dear Farmer Brown,

I have a problem. The barns are too small to live in and they are too cold. We need to have bigger barns and don't put 80 windows in them because the cold seeps through. Put heaters in every stall and a fireplace that has a remote so we can control the heat. If you don't get a little more heat, I will fly away. Then who will you fatten up for Thanksgiving? Get on it right now!

Sincerely,
The Turkey

By: Dexter Indra

Dear Farmer Brown,

Listen here! I do not like the way you feed me. I want a lot more food. It at least has to be a bucket full of cat food! I needs to be the kind with chicken and tuna. If you do not get it done by tomorrow, I will not catch mice any more and the farm will stink like mice poo-poo! The mice will take over the farm. I have been working for you for fifteen weeks and every mouse that passes by I catch and eat it. You better feed me or BEWARE!

Sincerely,
The Cat

By: Teagan Baumert

Dear Farmer Brown,

It is cold outside in the cornfield and when I lay down I get a headache. I would like a pillow and a blanket. It would feel better at night. I have been waking up at night and I do not like that. If you don't get the pillow and blanket, I will not eat your grass and I won't care if the grass gets over your head. Do it right NOW!

Sincerely,
The Goat

By: Jerzzi Mapel

Dear Farmer Brown,

I have a problem. You're not feeding me three meals a day. I'm getting hungry every day and you only feed me once. My stomach grumbles all day long! You're going to get me more food. I want to be fed 5 times a day. If you don't get me fed, I won't give any wool for a wool jacket. Then how will you stay warm? I have worked 40 years for you and I have never complained. I've always done my job perfectly every day. You get me fed five times a day or you're going to pay the price of my horns!

Sincerely,
Sheep

By: Korbin Lemburg

Calendar Events January 2015

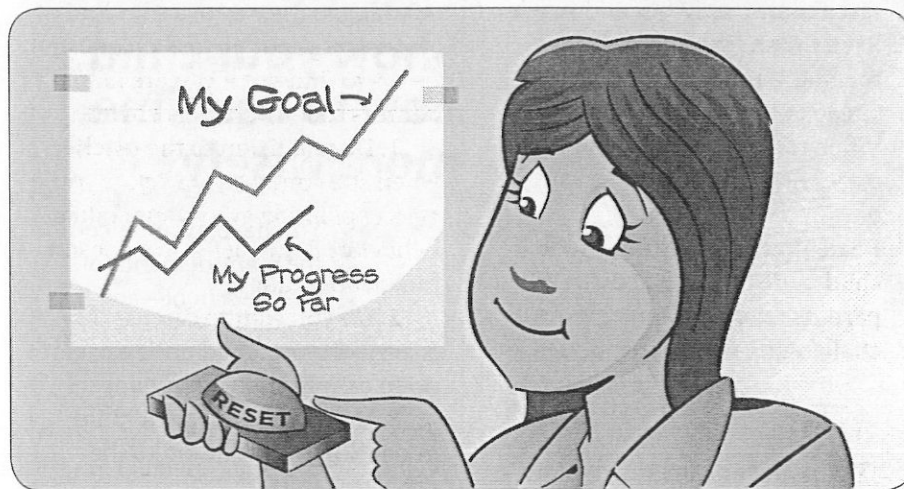
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	3 JV Wrestling Tourney 9:00 a.m. at Wisner-Pilger
4	5 1:00 Dismissal (Teacher in-service)	6 Wrestling Dual 7:00 at Columbus Scotus Marathon Basketball 4:00 at North Bend (JV Boys & Girls will play at 4:00 in different gyms.) NO SCHOOL - Marzano Training for Teachers	7	8 FCCLA Meeting in Clarkson Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.	9 Wrestling Tourney 10:30 a.m. at CCC Marathon Basketball 4:30 Scribner-Snyder at Clarkson KTCH Quiz Bowl on Big Red Country 104.9 at 9:30am	10 Wrestling Tourney 10:00 a.m. at CCC JV Wrestling Tourney 10:00 a.m. at Aquinas C Team Basketball Tournament 9:00 at Leigh
11	12 JV Wrestling Tourney 4:00 at Oakland-Craig School Board Meeting C Team Basketball 6:00 David City at Leigh	13 Winter activity pictures Girls Basketball 5:30 at Cedar Bluffs	14 Sophomore Fundraiser Meeting 12:15 in Mrs. Cerv's room.	15 Wrestling 6:30 at Schuyler vs. Logan View C Team Basketball 6:30 Columbus Lakeview at Leigh	16 PreK-12 teacher meeting 7:45 a.m. Marathon Basketball 4:30 Humphrey St. Francis at Clarkson	17 Wrestling Tourney 9:00 a.m. at Schuyler Marathon Basketball 3:00 Shelby-RC at Shelby JH Boys Basketball 9:00 at Humphrey JH Girls Basketball 9:00 Howells-Dodge at Leigh Speech meet at Howells-Dodge
18	19 C Team Basketball 6:00 Lutheran High NE at Leigh School Lunch Week	20 Marathon Basketball 4:30 Elgin/Elgin Pope John at Clarkson School Lunch Week	21 FCCLA District STAR Competition in St. Edward School Lunch Week	22 Wrestling Dual 6:30 at Platteview Marathon Basketball 4:30 Twin River at Genoa School Lunch Week	23 Marathon Basketball 4:00 Lutheran High Northeast at Norfolk Newsletter article deadline School Lunch Week	24 Speech meet at Boone Central C Team Basketball Tournament 9:00 at Wisner JH Girls and Boys Basketball tourney 9:00 at Bancroft-Rosalie
25	26 C Team Basketball 6:00 WP/Beemer at Leigh JH Boys Basketball 6:30 Howells-Dodge at Dodge	27 Marathon Basketball 5:00 at Wisner-Pilger	28	29 Wrestling Dual 6:30 at Pierce FFA District Livestock Judging in Norfolk C Team Basketball 6:00 Battle Creek at Leigh JH Boys Basketball 3:45 at Madison JH Girls Basketball 6:00 at Stanton	30 Elementary Teacher Meeting 7:45 a.m.	31 Wrestling Tourney 9:00 a.m. at Raymond Central Speech meet at Stanton EHC Conference Basketball Tournament, TBA

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Five test-taking tips can lead to test success



Regardless of how well your child knows the material for a test, he will do better if he

knows some basic test-taking strategies. Your child should:

1. **Ask questions.** If he doesn't understand the directions or a question, he should ask the teacher for clarification.
2. **Manage his time.** Tell him to look over the questions and answer the easy ones first. If he gets stuck on an especially hard question, he should move on and come back to that question when he's finished everything else.
3. **Use the process of elimination** when answering multiple choice questions. He should cross off answers he knows can't be right. Then he can focus on the ones that are left.
4. **Be neat.** His handwriting should be clear and his mistakes should be erased completely.
5. **Use extra time** to review his answers and check for careless mistakes.

Help your elementary schooler 'reset' and get back on track

If you run into a problem with a computer program, you can often fix it by pushing the "reset" button. It gives you a chance for a fresh start and is an easy way to correct problems before they get out of hand.

It may be time to push the reset button on your child's school year as well. If her year is not going as well as you'd hoped, here are a few ways you can reset for the rest of the year:

- **Make change a family affair.** If you've decided that your child needs to spend more time doing homework, make it quiet time for the whole family. You can work on paperwork or read while your child studies.
- **Replace bad habits.** While it's hard to break a habit, it's much easier to put a different one in its

place. If your child is in the habit of watching TV as soon as she walks in the door, suggest that she read for 30 minutes instead. She'll still have a chance to relax—but she will also strengthen her reading skills.

- **Get organized.** This month, you can find lots of great-looking calendars available on sale. Look for one your child will enjoy using. Then help her get in the habit of writing down things like the day her book report is due. That can help avoid a last-minute panic.
- **Celebrate successes.** Help your child see the link between her new habits and her results. "You studied for that test and got nine out of 10 correct. That's great!"

Source: R. Fry, *Get Organized*, Career Press.



Clarkson Public Schools Lunch Menu

Menu Subject To Change

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
01	02	03	04	05	06	07

B-combos
L-pizza

B-omelet &
sausage
L-sloppy joe

B-French
toast &
sausage
L-chicken
patty

B-biscuit &
gravy
L-chicken
rings

B-egg cheese
bun
L-popcorn
chicken

B-pancake
sausage stick
L-chili

B-sausage
egg English
muffin
L-taco salad

B-burrito
L-
cheeseburger
casserole

B-sausage
egg croissant
L-ribique

B- bkf
chicken
patty
L-roasted
chicken

B-hot
pockets
L-chicken
fajita

B-ham egg
croissant
L-grilled
cheese

B-Clarkson
Bakery rolls
L-
hamburgers

B-
homemade
burrito
L-salisbury
steak

B-Clarkson
bakery
L-pork steak
& bun

B-pizza
bagel
L-oriental
chicken

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