The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

Starting in November, Clarkson Public Schools will be opening up our weight room facilities to the general public for use as a fitness center. Patrons may obtain a fob card from the office during the hours of 9:00-4:00, please call ahead to so we can get the card set up for you prior to you coming up to school. District membership prices are \$120 for a family, \$80 for a single, \$15 for a month. Nondistrict membership prices are \$150 for a family, \$100 for a single. It will be \$5 for a day and payment is due at the time of picking up your fob and filling out your contract. If you have any questions or want any information please contact me at school 402-892- 3454 or email me at rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org so we can get you set up with the paper and fob.

As we continue to turn the page on the calendar I would also like to remind the parents about the start of flu season. Every flu season is unique in how and when we get hit at school. It is important as parents to please remember if your child has been sick with the flu that you wait 24 hours after they are fever free before you allow them to return to school. This policy helps to limit the spread of flu as much as we possibly can at school.

Finally, as November starts I would like to wish everyone a great start to the holiday season and I truly hope that everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday. I love the meaning of Thanksgiving and I hope everyone takes time to be thankful for their family members and friends in their lives.

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Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Hello! Everything has been going great and it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is going to be here. I would like to share with everyone a few reminders as the weather changes. Make sure the kids have adequate hats, gloves and boots if they walk to school in the morning! With sudden storms, snow and ice there is always the chance of an early dismissal or school cancelation. The best way to keep informed is through Blackboard, school calendar and our Facebook page. Hopefully, we don't have too many days where we will have to worry about it!

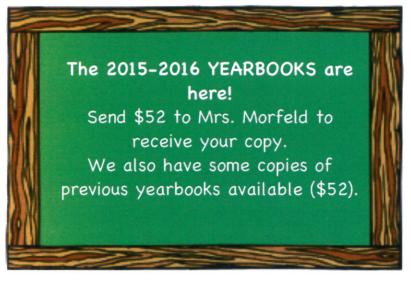
Can't believe how fast everything is moving. Volleyball and Football are into the postseason and before we blink basketball & wrestling will be starting. With all the different activities, remember that the "Rschool" link on our school website will help you keep everything organized! Go Pats!



Dear Community Members,

The Junior Class would like to say a big thank you to everyone that purchased pizza and donut cards. The proceeds will be going to the 2017 Prom. Being that the Junior Class is so small everything helps. We sincerely appreciate that you are willing to support us. We know you're constantly asked to buy things and are grateful that you helped us out.

Sincerely, The Junior Class



Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

Seniors...a reminder of what to do this fall

There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.

- € Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It's earlier this year and you can use 2015 tax info!
 - First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at <u>fsaid.ed.gov</u>. You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA.
 - Watch this <u>FAFSA Demo video</u> for an overview of the FAFSA form.
 - Check out other <u>FAFSA Tools</u> to help you through the process.
 - Participate in a free <u>Financial Aid Webinar</u>, Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT.
 - For free personal help, call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha 888.357.6300, Lincoln 800.303.3745, Kearney 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

€ Apply to your top college choices

If you attend one of over 200 Nebraska high schools holding an *Apply2College* event, you'll get help with your applications. If not, no worries... Here are steps you should take to apply. You'll also find a college application checklist listing everything you need.

€ Retake the ACT and/or SAT. Colleges use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review <u>College Profiles</u> at EducationQuest.org for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the <u>Midwest Student Exchange Program</u> to learn about tuition discounts.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.

Once you've narrowed your choices, schedule campus visits. Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.

For more tips, see the <u>Selecting a College section</u> at EducationQuest.org.

Omaha College Fair October 23

If you live in the Omaha region, don't miss the Omaha Area College Fair, Sunday, October 23 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse. Before you attend, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Take the barcode to the event so college reps can scan it to retrieve your demographic information.

November "To Do" List

Seniorscomplete these tasks in November to stay on
the path to college:
Complete the <u>FAFSA</u> .
Apply to your top college choices.
Register by November 3 for the December 3 SAT.
Register by November 4 for the December 10 ACT
Juniorscomplete these tasks:
Research colleges that interest you.
Take a prep course for the ACT college entrance
exam.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300 Lincoln 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745 Kearney 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721 Scottsbluff 800-303-3745 ext. 6654





PEP Time!

Written By: Tami Sayers

Question. What do bugs, robotics, chess, and laser cutting all have in common? These are just a few of the things that students are getting to learn about this year during the newly created Patriot Enrichment Period. Starting this year, 3rd through 6th graders go to Patriot Enrichment Period (PEP) during 5th period. This is in the middle of the day and with lunch absorbing part of the period it doesn't leave enough time for the core subjects. Mr. Lemburg quoted, "We are using this shortened period to build a foundation for a high abilities group. By using a wide variety of topics, this is giving all of our students the opportunity for enrichment time. It isn't structured as a usual core class but core subjects can easily be incorporated." Mrs. Kappel explained, "PEP was created as an enrichment time for kids to further explore areas and ideas that they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to."

With 50 students partaking in the Patriot Enrichment Period, staff wanted to ensure that every student had the opportunity to learn about the topics they were interested in. This meant that the eight involved staff members had to coordinate what topics to teach, who will teach them, how many students they have, how long to make each activity, and how to organize 50 students going in different directions. So they started the year off by sending out a survey to all of those students and asked them to check the topics they would be interested in learning about. This list included dinosaurs, babysitting, origami, bugs, cooking, woodworking, sewing, puzzles, Rubik's cube, chess, crafts, GarageBand, Go Pro videoing, cake decorating, rocketry, babysitting, sports trivia, paper mache, card games, and screen printing. From this list, groups were formed and PEP began a couple days into the school year.

So far the students of 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have been able to become entomologists by searching, pinning, and researching bugs with Mrs. Kappel. Mrs. Cropp has coached students on creating their own book. They left her room with their own children's alphabet book that they individually wrote and illustrated for the younger students to read. Those students that wanted to explore their creative side spent time with Mrs. Becker and Miss Mathis to produce crafts that they got to take home. Mrs. Sayers challenged her students to several different card games. They left her room at the end of the two weeks with their very own deck of cards to play at home with their family. Some have been able to work with Mr. Faltys and Mr. Bailey in the Industrial Tech room with the laser cutter. "Woodworking has been my favorite so far because I really like being able to learn how to work with tools," Teagan Baumert said. Jase Indra also loved using the laser cutter.

If you were to walk into a classroom during PEP this week, you will find a couple unfamiliar faces. This week Mrs. Becker and Miss Mathis are hosting Colfax County 4-H extension educators, Julie Kreikemeier and Scott Reiner. They are teaching some of the students how to create, program, and maneuver their own robot. Mr. Lemburg is joining in to teach a group how to master the game of chess. In Mr. Becker's room they are bringing PowerPoint alive on the laptops by exploring how to make a digital flipbook. Down in IT, Mr. Faltys and Mr. Bailey are introducing how to screen print and print with the 3D printer.

The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents are sharing that PEP is often their child's favorite part of the day. This time has seemed to reenergize the kids and it has also served as a motivator to fulfill their commitments in the regular classes so they don't have to miss out on PEP time.

"As the year goes on, we predict that we will be altering and enhancing the outcome of each activity," Mrs. Kappel stated. "We started with a baseline and we are putting our minds together and attending conferences on how to transform this into enrichment that is applicable

to their life and the world around them," Mr. Lemburg added. This encourages the call for community involvement. Clarkson is filled with professionals and resources for our students to gain knowledge from. Our youth may be able to see what our community members have to offer through instruction, a field trip or hands-on activities. This is the chance to enlighten them with your talents and knowledge. Whether you are 15 years old or 80, we all have talents and experiences to offer. These children are eager to learn from you! Please don't be afraid to contact Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Kappel or Mr. Lemburg with your ideas. It is a great day to be a Patriot!



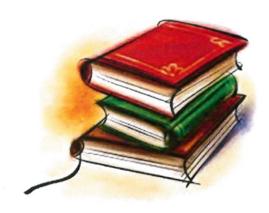
Brody Vodehnal taking his turn in chess against Tucker Matthies.



Ashlynn Cropp and Alyssa Gurnsey building their robot.



Rowan Stodola, Kendall Schneider, Cory Steffensmeier, Tucker Matthies and Grant Hanel display their woodworking projects.



English Notes

Lynn Morfeld

Seniors in British Literature are starting the year off with the Anglo-Saxon period (449 - 1066). This time period was characterized by warring clans, feasting in mead halls, stories of sea monsters and dragons, and the legendary hero Beowulf. A form of Anglo-Saxon entertainment was the riddle. Riddles are word games in which an everyday object is described in an unusual way. Here is a sample Anglo-Saxon riddle:

A wonderful warrior exists on earth.

Two dumb creatures make him grow bright between them.

Enemies use him against one another. His strength is fierce but a woman can tame him.

He will meekly serve both men and women If they know the trick of looking after him And feeding him properly.

He makes people happy. He makes their lives better. But if they let him grow proud This ungrateful friend soon turns against them.

So, could you figure it out? It's a *flame*! After reading six riddles, the seniors wrote their own riddles.

By Paxten Indra & MaGyver Brabec
Some think I'm a reptile. People believe I may
have been involved in the Disney World attack
this summer, but I was not. I can go through the
Nile River and keep on trucking. I can come out
of the water and dry in minutes. I easily float,
but if there's weight in me, I will sink to the
bottom. I am amphibious. There are many
different breeds of me. I could almost be
considered a multi-terrain vehicle. Can you
guess what I am?
(Crocs)

By Tanner Stanley & Cully Cerv Constantly in motion, but cannot run. You can run me. I never stop, but when I do, I will always be right at some point. No feet will be found on me. What I show here may show something else across the world. What am I? (clock)

By Jena Hart & Cassandra Harper I've trekked thousands of miles on many different surfaces. I've seen the paths of even more people. I've fit the hooves of hundreds. I survived the harshest of weathers. I'm no longer clean. I'm not as shiny and bright as I was on the shelves. I'm a necessity to most humans. You link my strings together and go on your way, knowing your underside is protected. What am I? (shoes)

By Paxten Indra & MaGyver Brabec
Normally I live for 30 days, sometimes for 1
day, others live for 2 weeks. I see everything
you see. Every night I take a bath. I am only
not with you when you are at rest. By day I
stick on a sphere. If I become injured, I
immediately die. When I'm lost, I am difficult to
find. What am I?
(contact lens)

By Jena Hart & Cassandra Harper I'm used in various different activities. I come in many sizes and colors. I've been beaten by many but am still surviving. I get scared when I see I'm about to get hit. But if you hit me hard, I'll go far. I'm the main focus of some people's jobs. I can be thrown, bounced, and even kicked. Depending on how far I get hit, some people will celebrate. What am I? (ball)



Music and One Act News

By: Ryan Dusso

Wow, what an amazing start to this school year! I just wanted to let everyone know of a few dates and times of performances coming up in the next month in both Choir and One Act. Friday, November 4th the One Act Play will be participating in a triangular with Pender and Scribner-Snyder schools. These performances will be a critique only meet, no awards or rankings, just an opportunity to learn and get better!

The Clarkson-Leigh Choir will be performing for the EHC Honor Choir Clinic in Madison on Monday, November 7th. The concert itself will begin around 7pm. This is the first time since the two choirs have been combined that we will showcase how amazing our choir is, and be able to showcase our choir to the rest of the conference.

The K-12 Vocal Music program will be singing for the Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11th. If you are able, please come and help celebrate our amazing veterans.

The One Act will have our annual dinner and a show the evening of Tuesday, November 15th. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start around 7:30 p.m. Please come and support our actors!

Conference One Act this year will be held in Bancroft on Saturday, November 19th. Clarkson performs first at 9 a.m.!!! Come out and support!

District One Act this year will be held in Leigh on Wednesday, November 30th. Performance time is TBD. Again, I want to thank everyone for the continuous support you have shown the Arts and Music Department over the past few years! I am looking forward to working and growing these programs as we continue through the rest of the school year!



READING @ your school library

by Mrs. Alt

Reading is a strong predictor of a child's success in school and in life. It is important to encourage all students to read, opening up new and exiting worlds, and building the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

All students are welcome to come to the library for book browsing and/or checkout before school each day and throughout the school day. In addition, there are 3 daily newspapers, 4 weekly newspapers, 26 teen and elementary magazines available to the students throughout the day.

Browsing successfully is a skill encouraged utilizing the "Five Finger Rule Test" and ZPDs. Also, time is available for all to read for enjoyment each week @ your library. Also, the elementary classes have skills lessons each week. Lower elementary are becoming proficient with various book parts. Upper elementary students are identifying book genres, learning to do book talks, browsing through the different levels of chapter books, and digital citizenship.

Story time is just not reading aloud. Rhyming and rhythm from stories helps children understand syllables, word comprehension, and emotionally connect to the content. It can also help children build vocabulary. Reading aloud gives children an opportunity to just listen for enjoyment. Stories this year have included monsters, Otis and his friends, Goldilocks/three bears and three dinosaurs, Farmer Brown and the animals at the farm, and Halloween themed stories.

The kindergarteners brought home a book from the school library for the first time. Being able to choose a book, take it home, and care for it is one of those "grown-up" responsibilities that are an exciting part of kindergarten school days. Parents of kindergarteners, please mark Tuesday on your calendar as school library day.

A huge THANKS is extended to the Colfax County District 58 Foundation for its generous support of our school library. The Foundation donated \$\$ to purchase thirty Golden Sower nominees for this school year. This financial support from the Foundation allows us to maintain opportunities for special programs such as this.

The middle school students in grades 4-6 discussed book summaries of the new 2016-2017 Golden Sower nominees. There are waiting lists on most of the middle school titles. The Primary (K-Grade 3) Golden Sower nominees will be read to all classes beginning soon. Another category is Young Adult (Grades 7-9) with the Golden Sower nominees; students are also reading these titles in order to vote in the state and local elections in the spring. Four titles must be read in order to vote in the state election in April.

In addition, the entire student body, the staff, shared coaches and staff with Leigh, and the administration all have colorful, paper targets outside the library doorway. The really large "target" designates "One School One Team One Goal" ON TARGET @ Clarkson Public School. By working together each day we strive for successful learning.

I am committed to assisting your child achieve this success by fostering a love of reading for fun and leisure @ your school library.



3rd Grade News

Halloween Party:

October 31st at 2:30pm

Students are welcome to bring their costumes to school and they can put them on at 2:30pm. If students bring candy make sure there is enough for everyone (14 students).

This month the 3rders will be introduced to:

Reading: Expository Stories

English: 6 Write Steps/Editing

Grammar: Possessive Nouns &

Contractions

The 3rd graders have started using their Google accounts to write their essays in English. We have started sharing items as well. Ask your student to show you how!



First letter of their first name & full last name <u>26@clarkson_esu7.org</u> Example: Abby Ritz = <u>aritz26@clarkon.esu7.org</u>

Password: 3rdgrade

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"Ahoy, Bookaneers!"



It is time for the 2016 Bookaneer Book Fair Where books are the treasure!

Our book fair is scheduled from Dec. 12th thru Dec. 18th Your child will be bringing home a note with all the details about this year's book fair around the end of November.

This year we will be having our book fair in the computer lab, which is next to Mr. Lemburg's office.

Please come and join our Bookaneer Book Fair, Me Hearties!

Mrs. Cropp Book Fair Chairperson

It Matters: Homework

Learn about the four types of homework



While doing her math homework, your child says, "Why do I have to do the same kinds of problems over and

over? I'm tired of them!"

It's true that teachers sometimes assign repetitive homework, and it's helpful for parents to know why. Here are the four kinds of assignments—and the reasons teachers use them:

- 1. Practice homework. Doing the same kind of work repeatedly helps students remember a skill. This is especially true when it comes to learning math, word definitions and spelling.
- Preparation homework. This is a way to introduce kids to new topics. For instance, middle schoolers might read a book about animals before studying animal families.
- 3. Extension homework. Students need to be able to connect separate topics. For example, they might be asked to compare and contrast two historic events.
- 4. Creative homework. Teachers like to challenge students to use different skills to show what they've learned. For instance, your child might be asked to build a model for science class. Of course, all homework builds

Of course, all homework builds self-discipline. So remind your child that even if she doesn't see a reason for an assignment, she still must do it.

Source: M. Martin and C. Waltman-Greenwood, *Solve Your Child's School-Related Problems*, HarperCollins.

Use strategies to boost your middle schooler's memory skills

elp your middle schooler remember what he studies! To boost his memory skills:

- Be sure he understands what he's studying. It's tough to memorize something if you don't know what it means in the first place.
- Set it to music. Encourage your child to make up a tune or simple rhyme to remember names, dates or math formulas.
- Surround him with the material.
 Is he studying a certain history topic? Find books, movies and songs about that topic, too.
- Try visualization. Get your child to associate the thing he's trying to memorize with a mental image. Have him close his eyes and picture what he is studying. A picture really is worth a thousand words.



- Make it personal. Ask your child to explain the topic he's studying to you. Just putting it into his own words may help the concepts stick in his mind.
- Be thorough. Remind your child to read through all of his notes when he's studying. Afterward, he can go back and reread the parts he's struggling to recall.

How to help your child with homework without taking over



It's frustrating to watch kids struggle with homework. Some parents find it so difficult that they

actually do assignments for them. But homework is their children's responsibility.

There are ways, however, that parents can *help* with homework:

- Help study. Call out vocabulary words to your child or use flash cards with her.
- Help plan. Teach your child to divide large projects into small

parts. If a report is due in three weeks, she'll have to do research, make an outline, write a rough draft and do revisions.

- Help organize. Encourage your child to use calendars, assignment notebooks, folders and other organizers.
- Help clarify. If you understand an assignment your child is confused about, discuss it with her. Help her with sample problems. If the assignment confuses you too, have your child review it with her teacher.

Calendar Events November 2016

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27	6th Grade Boys BB practice 3:00-5:00 pm	13	6th Grade Boys BB practice 3:00-5:00 pm		Sun
28 JH Girls BB 6:00 vs. Shelby- Rising City at Leigh	Football State Finals	14 Football Playoffs Semifinals School Board Meeting	7 Conference Honor Choir at Madison		Mon
29	22 Newsletter Deadline	One Act Community Dinner and Show 6:30 pm	8 Football Playoffs Quarterfinals Superintendent's Meeting	1 Volleyball SubDistricts, TBA	Tue
30 District One Act in Leigh	23 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	16 One Act School Performance Day	9	2 Football Playoffs 2nd Round	Wed
	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	6th Grade Boys BB practice 6:00-7:30 pm HS Band to Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert.	State Volleyball Tournament in Lincoln Last day of Trimester 1 classes.	3	Thur
	25 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	PreK-12 grade teacher's meeting 7:45 Fire Drill	State Volleyball Tournament in Lincoln Veteran's Day Program 1:30 in the new gym	One Act Triangular in Scribner at 4:30 (2:45 to load trailer)	Fri
	26	Conference One Act at Bancroft-Rosalie 9:00 performance (6:45 am to load) JH Girls BB tournament 9:00 at Humphrey	State Volleyball Tournament in Lincoln	Practice ACT workshop 8:00am-12:00	Sat

NOVEMBER 2016

	27	20	13	6	Sunday Monday SCHOOL LUNCH MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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	30 Breakfast-omelet & sausage Lunch-chili and cheese stick	23	16 Breakfast-bkf pizza Lunch-chicken fried steak	9 10 Breakfast-bkf roller dogs Breakfast-tornados Lunch-grilled cheese or tuna Lunch-chicken fajita	Wednesday 2 Breakfast- ham, egg, muffin Lunch-sloppy joes
		24 Thanksgiving Day	17 Breakfast-biscuits & gravy Breakfast-rolls Lunch-corn dogs Lunch-turkey s		Thursday 3 Breakfast- French toast & sausage Lunch- chicken patty
Notes: © www.calendarlabs.com		25	18 Breakfast-rolls Lunch-turkey slice	11 Breakfast-homemade burrito Lunch-cheeseburger casserole	4 Breakfast- fruit parfait Lunch-scalloped potatoes & ham
rlabs.com		26	19	12	Saturday 5

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