

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we begin the month of May and the finish of the school year, I would like to thank the students, staff, parents and school board of Clarkson Public Schools for a fantastic 2016 - 2017 school year. Every school year has its own web and flow and this one was no different. I truly want to thank everyone who is involved for a great school year. As we finish up our school year, I would like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2017 and wish them good luck in their future endeavors. I wish the best for them as they start their own journey and hope they achieve everything they want in life.

With summer fast approaching, I would like to remind you of the importance of the summer months in your child's education. It is important for students, especially elementary students, to spend some time reading and other educational activities during the summer. Please feel free to communicate with your child's teachers about ideas to keep the kids on track throughout the summer. Our Clarkson Public Library does a great job of working with kids and parents on providing many educational and reading opportunities. Also if you are looking for a great educational resource, please take a look at Khan Academy online. You can find their website at <https://www.khanacademy.org>. This is a great educational website for your children.

For those students who will be participating in summer activities programs we will again be making a summer calendar and keeping our website updated to help you keep track of the dates and times of camps, games, and any practices they may have for the different activities. Summer time is very important for different activities as they work to grow team and group chemistry, prepare for their upcoming seasons and work on improving individual skills. We understand that summer is also a time for families to spend some time together. Hopefully these calendars will help the communication between the school and home as the families plan their busy summer schedules.

We have concluded the registration process for next year and you should have signed off on your child's schedule for next school year. It takes a lot of time and effort in creating a schedule that not only works to help out students and their vast interests, but also works with the sharing of teachers and programs with other school districts.

I would like to remind all Pre-School parents to please make sure to get your children registered for Pre-School for the 2017-18 school year. Information will be sent out to all eligible children/parents as we to start to gather information to plan for next year's class and pre-kindergarten routes. This program will be free of charge for your student and transportation will be provided to and from school. Children who attend the four year-old session may eat lunch at school. If you have any questions please call school 402-892- 3454 or email agurnsey@clarkson.esu7.org or rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org.

From the Principal's Desk

By Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! I can't believe that I am writing this letter as we are officially entering into the final stretch of the 16/17 school year. It has gone by extremely fast and seems like a blur. We have had a lot of success and accomplishments this year through many sports and activities. I highly suggest trying to attend our sports banquet, academic night, and our graduation to help celebrate the school year with our students.

The students are also in the middle of NeSA testing and are doing a great job in doing their best.

Please make sure to look for any notes, emails or calls home about possible changes or upcoming events. As the end of the school year gets here, we are still constantly teaching and working with the students. We want to make a strong push into May!

I personally want to thank the students and community members in making my first year as Principal a great experience and an all-around joy. I truly believe that because of our open line of communication as well as staying persistent on maintaining a high level of expectations, we were able to enjoy the successes of the school year! Go PATS!

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Preschool Open
House
Wednesday, May
10th
6:00 – 7:00 pm



By Jennifer Kappel

During the summer I plan to be at school once a week on Tuesdays. I would be happy to meet with students and parents on those days or take care of any requests, such as transcripts, at that time. Please email me at jkappel@clarkson.esu7.org or stop in.

Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!
Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Try to use your student loan money only for tuition, room and board, books and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the FAFSA.
- Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nslds.ed.gov.

How to prepare for your freshman year of college :

Visit the College Students section at EducationQuest.org for tips to help you prepare for your freshman year of college. You'll find information on these topics:

- Achieving academic success
- How to manage your money
- How to select a major
- What to expect your freshman year of college

Check out the EducationQuest Blog for additional articles about college life.

Juniors... here's your summer to-do list :

- Narrow your college choices to three or four by the time school starts. If you haven't already, schedule campus visits to your top contenders.
- Become familiar with the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Beginning October 1, 2017, you and your parents can complete this form to apply for college financial aid.
- Update your Activities Resume at EducationQuest.org. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.
- Look for scholarships. Check out ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships, and pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.
- Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses. Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

May "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- ___ Register for new student orientation at your college.
- ___ Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- ___ Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

Juniors

- ___ Register by May 5 for June 10 ACT.
- ___ Register by May 9 for June 3 SAT.
- ___ Continue campus visits.
- ___ Get a summer job and save for college.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha 402-391-4033 888-375-6300
Lincoln 402-475-5222 800-303-3745
Kearney 308-234-6310 800-666-3721
Scottsbluff 800-303- 3745 ext. 6654

Public Notice

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M, a meeting conducted by Clarkson Public School Special Education teachers will take place in the library at Clarkson Public School. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools within the Clarkson Public School #58 district for the 2017–2018 school year. Parents of a home schooled child or a child attending a nonpublic school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend a nonpublic school within the boundaries of Clarkson Public are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Rich Lemburg at 892–3454.



*Clarkson Public School Graduation 2017
Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Clarkson High School South Gym*



Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2017!

*MaGyver Steven Brabec
Connor Keith James Brandt
Bradley Clayton Bunner
Culleen Ann Cerv
Cassandra Anne Harper
Jena Mae MikaiLynn Hart
Paxten Dru Indra*

*Blake Walter Paprocki
Shelby Margurite Paprocki
Adam Patrick Przybylski
Emily Michelle Schnelle
Tanner Jon Stanley
Megan Kay Venneman*

Class Motto: “ And now go, make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for your being here.” – Neil Gaiman

Class Flower: white rose tipped in turquoise

Class Colors: turquoise and gray

Class Song: “Let Them Be Little” by LoneStar

Clarkson Public School Happenings

Monday, May 1st – JH Track 3:00 at Wisner

Tuesday, May 2nd – 6th grade Move-up day

Boys Golf Triangular 1:30 in Leigh

Wednesday, May 3rd – HS Track Invite 9:00 at Humphrey

Thursday, May 4th – Boys Golf Tournament 9:00 at Battle Creek

Sports Banquet 6:30 in Leigh

Friday, May 5th – JH Conference Track meet 10:00 at Lyons

Saturday, May 6th – Boys Golf Tournament 9:00 in Stanton

Monday, May 8th – JH Track 3:00 at Wisner

Boys Golf Conference Tournament in West Point

School Board Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, May 9th – Boys Golf Invite 10:00 in Fullerton

FCCLA Banquet 7:00 in Leigh

Wednesday, May 10th – HS Track Districts at Osceola

Preschool Open House 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, May 11th – 4th, 5th & 6th grade Field trip

Academic Awards Night 7:00 in the new gym

Friday, May 12th – Last day for Preschool classes

Kindergarten Graduation 12:00

JH Awards 2:30

Saturday, May 13th – Graduation ceremony 2:00 in new gym

Monday, May 15th – Boys Golf Districts at Indian Trails Country Club in Beemer

A.R. “Picnic in the Park”

Tuesday, May 16th – 1:00 Dismissal – JH & HS Finals

Elementary Field Day

Pre-Summer Football Meeting 4:00 in Clarkson

Wednesday, May 17th – NO ELEMENTARY CLASSES

1:00 Dismissal – JH & HS Finals

Football Strength Testing 4:00 in Clarkson

Thursday, May 18th – 11:30 Dismissal – Last day of school

Elementary Awards

Friday, May 19th – Saturday, May 20th - HS State Track

Monday, May 22nd – Football Athletic Testing 4:30 in Columbus

Tuesday, May 23rd – Wednesday, May 24th – Boys State Golf

MAY 2017

Clarkson Public School

Menus Subject to
Change

Monday

1
Breakfast – bkf roller dogs
Lunch – corn dogs

8
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – hamburgers

15
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – sack lunch

22

29

Tuesday

2
Breakfast – bkf bacon toast
Lunch – cheese crunchers

9
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – sub sandwich

16
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – Cook's choice

23

30

Wednesday

3
Breakfast – egg sausage
biscuit
Lunch – chicken patty

10
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – hotdogs or meatball
sub

17
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – Cook's choice

24

31

Thursday

4
Breakfast – bkf breadstick
Lunch – fried chicken

11
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – BBQ pork or sloppy
joe

18

25

Friday

5
Breakfast – bkf combos
Lunch – quesadillas

12
Breakfast – Cook's choice
Lunch – pizza

19

26

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip _____
 Phone _____

Camp- June 5th – June 6th

Youth Adult
 T-shirt Size **S M L S M L XL**
 Circle one

What grade will you be in next school year?

2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Circle one

Entry Deadline is Tuesday, May 16th please send to:

Coach Matt Murren

Clarkson High School
 649 Cherry Street
 Clarkson, NE 68629
 402-892-3454

Coach Jeff Bachman

Leigh High School
 310 Short Street
 Leigh, NE 68643
 402-487-2228

on the dotted line

Please include the \$25.00 fee with your registration and make check payable to Clarkson-Leigh Girls Basketball

I give my permission for my son/daughter,

_____ to participate in the 2017 Lil Pats Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he/she is physically able to participate in camp activities. I further acknowledge that as with any physical activity there is a risk of injury. I will not hold the coaching staff or Clarkson/Leigh High School liable in the case of an accident or an injury.

Parent Signature

THEME DAYS!

(participation optional)

Monday

Crazy Sock, Head/Arm Band Day
 Favorite Team Jersey Day

Tuesday

Patriots Day (Red/White/Blue)
 Or
 Camp T-Shirt Day



Keys to Success

Willingness to Learn

Desire to Compete

Always Have FUN



P A T H L E T E

Shirts cannot be guaranteed if you don't pre-register your child by May 16th!

Next Year's Grade

2nd-3rd-4th-5th grade – M-T 9:00am-11:00am

6th-7th-8th grade – M-T 11:30am-1:30pm

Coach Matt Murren

Phone: 402-892-3454

Email: mmurren@clarkson.esu7.org

Coach Jeff Bachman

Phone: 402-487-2228

Email: jbachman@leigh.esu7.org



2017

Lil Pats
 Basketball
 Camp

June 5th – June 6th

Clarkson High School
 Clarkson, NE



DETAILS

- WHO: Next year's 3rd – 8th graders
- WHEN: Monday, July 10th – Tuesday, July 11th
- TIMES: 3rd, 4th & 5th – 9:00am – 11:00am
6th, 7th & 8th – 11:30am – 1:30pm
- WHERE: Clarkson High School (New Gym)

COST: \$25 (includes camp t-shirt)

PAYMENT: Checks payable to:

[Patriot Volleyball](#)

DEADLINE: Please submit forms and payment by **Friday, June 2, 2017**

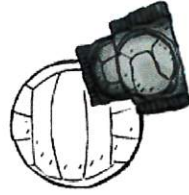
WHAT TO BRING:

- Volleyball shoes or gym shoes
(NO OUTSIDE SHOES, PLEASE)

Knee pads

Water bottle

Fun Attitude



COACHES

- HEAD COACH: Becky Schneider
- ASSISTANT COACHES: Briana Wietfeld,
Justine Fischer, KC Heimann
- Members of the Patriot Volleyball Team

THEME DAYS

(participation is optional)

MONDAY, JULY 10th

SILLY SOCK DAY

OR

HILARIOUS HAIRDO DAY

Wear your silliest pair of socks or style your hair a hilarious way



TUESDAY, JULY 11th

CAMP SHIRT DAY

Wear your new camp t-shirt



Prizes will be awarded to the SILLIEST socks and HILARIOUS hair as well as participation awards



REGISTRATION

Please detach and drop off at Clarkson High School or mail to Coach Schneider at 649 Cherry Street, Clarkson, NE 68629 by **Friday, June 2, 2017**

NAME: _____

GRADE IN FALL: _____

T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL S M L XL

PHONE #: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY #: _____



Questions?

Please contact Becky at 402-641-3002 or email at bschneider@clarkson.esu7.org

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Take advantage of summer to connect with your child

Summertime is wonderful family time. You may see your child more during the day. But even if you don't, you can take advantage of the more relaxed evenings that make this an ideal season for spending more time with your child.

Experts agree that children who spend quality time with their parents tend to perform better academically. To make the most of your extra time together this summer:

- **Set aside at least one evening** each week as Family Night. Cook a meal together, talk, play board games. Avoid watching television.
- **Get your child's opinion.** Many middle schoolers enjoy current events. Because kids this age tend to be idealistic and would like to "save the world," they often have

strong opinions. Take time to hear your child's thoughts and ideas.

- **Hold regular family meetings** to solve problems and discuss plans. Brainstorm ideas about fun ways you can spend time together.
- **Take your child along** on errands and visits to friends and relatives. Your child may not always want to go and that's OK. But compromise on a schedule that includes her some of the time.
- **Participate in family traditions.** Traditions bond children to their families. If you always go to the same park to watch fireworks or attend summer sports events in your town, keep doing it. No traditions? Create some together.

Source: T. McMahon, *Teen Tips: A Practical Survival Guide For Parents With Kids 11-19*, Gallery Books.

Use positive discipline to create a change



By middle school, your child has probably learned to tune out negative discipline, such as yelling. And you have probably realized that it doesn't work anyway.

This summer, use positive discipline whenever possible. In return, you may see a positive change in your child's behavior by summer's end.

Here's how to get started:

- **Be generally pleasant** to your child, even if he is not. Smile. Show affection with a hug.
- **Notice what your child does** right and compliment him.
- **Thank your child** when he does something for you or the family. Say *please* when you ask him to do something.
- **Trust your child.** If your child has been generally trustworthy, give him the benefit of the doubt. Believe what he says.
- **Send positive messages.** If your child asks to go to a friend's house, don't say "Not until your room is clean." Instead, say "Sure you can, as soon as your room is clean."

Source: J. Thompson, *Discipline Survival Kit for the Secondary Teacher*, Jossey-Bass.

It Matters: Summer Learning

Treat reading as an enjoyable summer activity!



To keep your child reading over the summer, treat it like any other summer activity. Let it be something he

can do whenever he feels like it. Show him that reading can be fun. And never make summer reading feel like homework.

If you help your child make the connection between books and the simpler pleasures of childhood, his desire to read may last a lifetime.

To take a summer approach to reading:

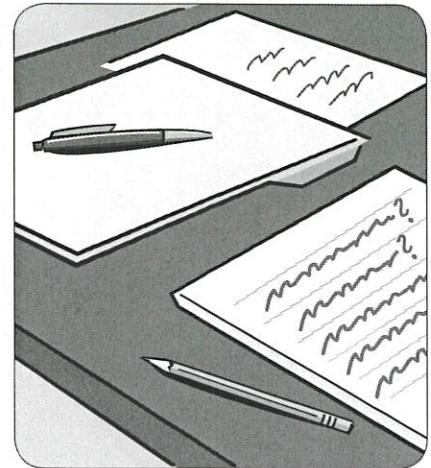
- **Suggest that your child** reread a favorite book. Then find another book by the same author. Or find one on the same topic.
- **Connect books** with summer activities—sports books for a summer league player, for instance, or camping books for a camper.
- **Let your child** stay up past bedtime when a book is just too good to put down.
- **Start your child** on a series of fiction or thriller books. These page-turners hook kids into a reading habit.
- **Encourage a change** of venue. Read books at the beach or pool, in a tent or at the park.
- **Watch movies,** videos and plays based on children's books. Then read the book together and compare it with what you saw.
- **Share your favorite books** and magazines with your child.
- **Encourage your child** to retell stories or parts of stories from the books he reads.

Inspire journal writing this summer with creative ideas

The summer is a great time for your child to begin writing in a journal. All he needs is an empty notebook and a few ideas to get started.

Suggest that he keep:

- **A research log.** Have your child pick a subject he loves, such as skateboarding. Over the summer, he can research and write about it. What are some cool skateboard tricks? How long are skateboards? Who holds records for skateboarding?
- **A travel log.** Each time he goes somewhere special—whether it's far away or close to home—he can keep a record by taking pictures, drawing or writing notes. What did he see? Who did he meet? What did he think about what he saw?
- **An observation log.** Suggest that your child observe something over a period of time, such as a summer vegetable as it grows. Or he can pick something to describe in great detail, such as a bug or an animal.



Don't let your child waste the summer in front of a screen



The lazy days of summer can lead to lazy hours in front of the TV, computer or game system. But

experts say it's important to limit recreational screen time.

Encourage your child to:

- **Be the entertainment.** Instead of watching a show, your child can create one! Have her choose an exciting story line and act it out with friends or stuffed animals.
- **Play classic games.** Fill a bucket with traditional summer toys, including sidewalk chalk, balls, bubble stuff and water sprayers. When the weather is right, have your child take it outside for hours of fun.
- **Plan a treasure hunt.** Hide lots of clues, with each one leading to the next. This can be done outside or inside. The last clue should lead to a treasure, such as a yummy snack or a fun activity.
- **Get some exercise.** Go for a walk or ride bikes together. Toss or kick a ball around. Play a game of hopscotch on the sidewalk.

Find out if your teen's lack of effort is really a sign of trouble



"I just didn't feel like doing it," your teen says when you find out he hasn't been turning in his math homework.

Does he just lack motivation, or is it something else?

A lack of effort can actually be a cover-up for a more serious problem. Some teens will go to great lengths to keep parents and teachers from seeing that they are having trouble with a subject. They'll often pretend that they don't care. They'll act like class clowns. They'll "forget" their homework day after day.

If this sounds like your teen, it's time to take a closer look. Ask your

teen what's really going on. And talk to his teachers, too.

If it turns out that your teen is struggling in a class, take action now. See if he can work with a tutor or stay after class to get some extra help. Perhaps he can take a summer class to brush up on a subject. Knowing the real problem is the first step to fixing it.

"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle."

—Napoleon Hill

Establish limits for your teen's screen time over the summer



Today's teens average nine hours a day of recreational screen time! Texting with friends has replaced hanging out

at the park. Watching Netflix has replaced reading for fun. But that doesn't mean your teen has to join the crowd.

Take four steps to help your teen monitor and limit his recreational screen time this summer:

1. **Ask your teen** to pay close attention to how he uses media. How many hours per week does he spend watching TV and browsing social media? Have him keep track of his time on a chart for one week. He may be surprised by how much time he actually spends staring at a screen.
2. **Find out what your teen is doing.** New video games come out every

month. Take a look at the games your teen is playing and check the age ratings. Make sure you are aware of the websites he visits online, too.

3. **Encourage your teen** to become a critical viewer. When watching television, he should question what he sees. Would he act the same way the main character did? Does he think that movie's violence was necessary to develop the plot?
4. **Offer your teen other choices.** Suggest that he have friends over instead of talking to them online for hours at a time. And always have plenty of reading materials around for him to view instead of television shows or videos.

Source: "The Common Sense Census: Media Use by Tweens and Teens," Common Sense Media, nswc.com/high_media.

Are you helping your teen resist peer pressure?



Peer pressure is a fact of life for teens. It can be positive: Your teen decides to volunteer because her friends do.

But it can also be negative: Your teen skips a class because her friend does.

Are you helping your teen resist negative peer pressure? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below to find out:

1. **Do you tell your teen** to take pride in her accomplishments by saying things like, "You should be proud of yourself for?"
2. **Do you encourage your teen** to sign up for classes and activities that actually interest her?
3. **Do you remind your teen** to respect herself and to avoid doing anything that will make her lose that self-respect?
4. **Do you encourage your teen** to think of herself as an individual?
5. **Do you help your teen** practice different ways to say *no*?

How well are you doing?

Mostly *yes* answers mean you're doing a great job of helping your teen resist negative peer pressure. For *no* answers, try those ideas.

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We request that you provide the following for your student.
(Due to LB 249 we cannot require that you provide it.)

1st – 3rd Grade School Supply List 2017-2018

<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • 3 large boxes of Kleenex • 1 large container of Clorox wipes • PE shoes – non marking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencil box/case • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • 1 spiral notebook – wide rule • PE shoes – non marking
<u>3rd Grade</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencils #2 • Erasers • 1 of each (pink, green, and yellow highlighter) • 3 spiral notebooks – wide rule • 1 folders with pockets • Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie) • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • PE shoes – non-marking 	

4th – 8th Grade School Supply List 2017-2018

<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencils #2 • Pencil Bag • 1 Science Journal/Notebook • 1 Jumbo book cover • 5 folders with pockets • Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie) • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • 1 of each (pink, green, and yellow highlighter) • 1 spiral notebook for English • PE shoes – non-marking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencils #2 • Pencil Bag • 1 Science Journal/Notebook • 1 Jumbo book Cover • 5 folders w/ pockets • Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie) • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • Deodorant • PE shoes – non-marking
<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th & 8th Grade</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencils #2 • Pencil Bag • 1 Science Journal/Notebook • 2 – 5 Subject Notebooks • 2 Jumbo book covers • 5 folders w/ pockets • Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie) • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • Deodorant • PE shoes – non-marking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookbag • Pencils #2 • Pens • Scientific Calculator • 2 – 5 Subject Notebooks • 1 Jumbo book covers • Folders w/ pockets • 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex • Deodorant • Headphones • PE shoes – non-marking

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**Last Day of School for 1st
- 11th grade will be
Thursday, May 18th with
an 11:30 dismissal.**