

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we turn the calendar into February and after getting a nasty reminder from Mother Nature on who the true boss is. It is nice to get on the backend of the winter months. March and the hope for warmer weather is just around the corner.

February is the time of the year where school gets very hectic. There are not a lot of scheduled days off from school, basketball is starting to wind down as we go through the conference and sub-district tournaments for the high school teams and Jr. Hi and Youth teams are wrapping up their seasons with the final tournaments.

Speech competition has begun and kids are missing school for meets and also having Saturday speech meets. With the students being involved in so many activities and the busy schedules please remind your children to make sure they are getting the rest and nutrition they need to keep busy with their active lives. February is also part of the year where the planning for next school year goes into high drive.

We will be approving the 2018-19 school calendar at this month's school board meeting and are in the process of starting to work on the class schedule for the upcoming year. With changes in staff from year to year and working with neighboring school districts and colleges it takes a lot of work to come up with a great class schedule. Mrs. Kappel does a great job with the class schedule and is able to balance a lot of demands in the making of the schedule.

Flu season is upon us and it wasn't great news to hear that the flu shot is only 10% effective this year. We are being very proactive with cleaning rooms, lockers, hand rails, etc., making sure students are washing and cleaning their hands and taking every step to stop the spread of germs. So far this year our flu numbers are much lower than they have been in past years. I want give you a friendly reminder if your child has a fever that we ask you keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours before you have them return to school.

This summer Clarkson Public School will be starting a Patriot Summer Academy for students who entering grades 1st -6th grades for the 2018-2019 school year. The Summer Academy will run Monday-Thursday for three weeks starting on July 9th and running through July 26th. The Patriot Academy will run from 8:30-11:00 each day and consist of the different one-hour sessions with a 30-minute break for a snack and recess. We are very excited about beginning the Academy and what we will be able to do for our students. Teachers will be visiting with Parents during Parent-Teachers Conferences on Thursday, February 22nd to give you more information about the Academy.

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

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Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

“I LOVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!”

On Wednesday, January, 24th Clarkson Public Schools participated in the nationally recognized “I LOVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS” day. It was a national campaign that was met with a tremendous outpouring of support from not only our community but the state of Nebraska as well! It was not meant to be something that takes an entire day but to use a mode of communication that is very common to the vast majority of people today. I sent out multiple tweets throughout the day with quotes from teachers as well as a few thoughts of my own! Below, I have included an amazing pic collage that we put together at school with a quote from myself that was posted.



“Here at Clarkson Public Schools we appreciate and are thankful for the community support! We understand and embrace being a centerpiece in our community and look forward to continuing the growth and development of our students! Go Pats!”



Warm winter welcomes from Mrs. Cropp’s room.

In 3rd grade Spanish class, we are learning the days of the week and months of the year. Ask your student to share our song for days of the week.

In 4th grade Spanish class the students are reviewing the colors and learning the possessive adjectives. They are also learning how to write simple sentences using possessives. In 5th grade Spanish class the students are learning the names for sports in Spanish. In 6th grade Spanish class the students are learning how to conjugate verbs and how to use them appropriately in a sentence. Ask your students to share their classroom experiences with you, it will not only keep you in the loop, but it gives your students a chance to share their school life with you. Have an absolutely wonderful winter season and stay warm.



Do you want to keep up with the daily happenings in the kindergarten room? If your answer is yes, then please give a follow on Twitter.

It is easy, log on to Twitter, create an account, search @CHSkindergarten, and push follow. It is that easy!

There is another way you know, stop by and say hi in person, we may even take you up on the hill!

Mr. Pokorny



News from the Music Department

By Ryan Dusso

Wow! I cannot believe it is February already! Music is in full swing here at Clarkson Public Schools. I wanted to give a huge thank you to all of the parents, guardians and families of the students who came out to support the 7th-12th Grade winter concert! I am very happy with the success of the co-op of the Vocal and Instrumental music departments so far this year! We plan to build on that success as we gear towards our spring concerts in April!

The 7th-12th Grade Spring Contest Concert will be on Friday April 13th at 7pm in Leigh, and the PreK-6th grade concert will be on Monday April 16th at 7pm as well. The theme for the concert this year is Mini Musicals!!!! Each set of grades will be doing songs and some acting from a Variety of musicals including Suessical the Musical, School House Rock Live, and Once On This Island!!!! More information about dress attire will be coming the closer we get to April!

In PEP we also will be doing a variety of things from Sports Broadcasting, Music Videos, and Garageband Ringtones in the coming months!! I am very excited to showcase some hidden talents of our students through these outlets! Stay tuned!!!

I hope everyone stays warm as we survive the rest of this winter! Keep listening to music, and share your experiences with your students!

4th Grade Reading

By Mrs. Becker's 4th Grade Readers

The fourth graders read a story titled The Life and Times of the Ant in reading class. We learned some interesting facts about ants. Ants have many different ways of communication. They tap on each other to announce the discovery of food. Ants smell through their antennae. They exchange food with their family.

Ants live in groups called colonies. All worker ants are females. Male ants have wings and mate with the queen. The queen ant lays millions of eggs. The young ants help deliver the eggs, and the nurse ants take care of the larvae. Ants build their homes underground for safety. The top of the anthill's are curved to trap heat. The floor of an ant chamber slants down so water can drain off. Inside the anthills, there is a day nursery and a night nursery.



News from the Spanish Room

By Vicky Miller

Seventh graders have been completing several mini-units on topics they will study more in-depth in high school. They can tell time, conjugate -ar verbs in the present tense, exchange greetings, use numbers up to 1 million+, sound out new words, tell what school supplies they have, and describe what someone is wearing.

The Spanish 1 freshmen have been brave guinea pigs as we try out new Blended changes. Students have a voice in the process; their suggestions lead to improvements in the next unit. They are currently using a Blended model as they learn to talk about their schedules in and out of school and make plans with others using basic present tense verbs. Not familiar with Nebraska's Blended Initiative? Check out this link for a brief explanation.

<http://www.esucc.org/Article/BLENDED-INITIATIVE>

The sophomores in Spanish 2 have been talking about shopping including prices, giving their opinion on items, and getting help from a store employee, among other things. They recently crossed a big threshold; up until now they have only been talking about events in the present tense. They are now beginning to use the preterite tense to talk about events that happened in the past!

The juniors in Spanish 3 finished a unit on finding your way around town by creating scavenger hunt clues giving directions (i.e. ... turn right at the end of the hallway...) to hide around the school, exchange with a classmate and race to find all their clues and return to the classroom first. Though some were a bit frustrated by their competitor's clues, this was a fun activity with such a competitive group! They have also been talking about the outcome of various sports and other school activity competitions.

Spanish 4 watched El Norte as a starting point to explore reasons for immigration and the immigration process, as well as compare and contrast legal versus illegal immigration. Currently Breanna is delving deeper into restaurant vocab and learning how to narrate events in the past using multiple past tenses.

Business News

By: Matt Murren

Well, in the business world we survived the blizzard of 2018! It's been a quick start to the 2nd semester swing as basketball and speech have been very active. We've still been rocking and rolling in the business room as we continue to progress through content.

Accounting I has now completed all their units on a Sole Proprietorship so watch out for any new, single owner businesses that are created. We took a proprietorship from start to finish and completed the business cycle. We are now working with a merchandising business and are starting to work with the five new special journals we will be working with. They are doing a great job so far this semester in understanding and working through the new business.

Multimedia is active in all their productions. We have two sections of Multimedia so we have many active projects. The newest Newscast was just released with a new feature so be sure to check it out! We also released 2nd semester project trailers for both sections of some upcoming work we will be doing.

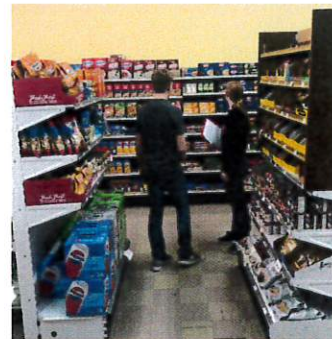
Accounting II just completed financial investing and dealing with stocks/bonds in the business world. We have now moved onto the plant assets, intangible assets, and depreciation sections. These are some of my favorite sections as we begin to dive deeper into the business world!

Personal Finance's budgeting section is in full swing! The students are learning the importance of budgeting and how it will affect them in the future. Each student had to complete a budgeting project with a career job with an entry-level wage as they move into adulthood. They also had to work through all the possible expenses that they may incur and determine if they will have a cash surplus or deficit. It's interesting to watch as they present the information and numbers they find. We also took a trip to M & M Market as we planned a 2-Week meal plan and they had to estimate costs and then shop for their products! Thanks to Monica Harney for allowing us to do this at the store, the kids enjoyed it! Some pictures of the day are included.

Junior High Computers will be working through many technology-based projects shortly. Be sure to check the sites for their projects they complete and take a look at them. As always, It's A Great Day To Be A Patriot!



The Personal Finance students had a great time shopping for their two weeks worth of groceries at M&M Market.



Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, February 22nd
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

What you need to know about...scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Here's where you can find scholarships:

- [ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org](#) features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- **Your school counselor's office.** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- **National search sites** such as [College Board](#), [Peterson's](#) and [Chegg](#).
- **Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

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- [Instagram](#) drawing when we hit **1,000** followers

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February "To Do" List

Seniors:

- ___ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ Start preparing for the ACT. Here are [test-prep resources](#) to consider.
- ___ [Register](#) by February 9 for the March 10 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.



Flu Prevention

Everyday Preventive Actions That Can Help Fight Germs

CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting influenza (flu). The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year. But if you get the flu, there are prescription antiviral drugs that can treat your illness. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women. Finally, everyday preventive actions may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu.

How does the flu spread? Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu viruses also may spread when people touch something with flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. Many other viruses spread these ways too.

People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread the flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/flu or call 1-800-CDC-INFO



Cover your cough.



If you're sick, avoid public gatherings.



Wash your hands.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Thursday, February 1st – JH Boys BB 6:00, Wayne at Leigh
- Thursday, February 1st - Saturday, February 3rd - Conference BB tournament, TBD
- Saturday, February 3rd – FFA State Interviews at Schuyler
- Monday, February 5th – Conference Honor Band at Oakland-Craig, Concert at 7:00 pm
JH boys BB 3:30 at Humphrey St. Francis
Girls C Team BB 5:30 at Madison
- Tuesday, February 6th – Marathon BB 4:30 at Logan View
- Thursday, February 8th – JH boys BB 4:30 Madison at Leigh
Marathon BB 4:30 Stanton, game to broadcast on News Channel Nebraska, St. Jude Fundraiser
- Friday, February 9th – NO School – Teacher In-Service
Speech meet at Lindsay Holy Family
Wrestling Districts 4:00 at Oakland-Craig
Marathon BB 4:30 Wisner-Pilger at Clarkson – Parent’s night for BB
- Saturday, February 10th – Speech meet at Humphrey
Wrestling Districts 9:00 am at Oakland-Craig
ACT test date
- Monday, February 12th – School Board meeting 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 13th – Girls BB Sub districts, TBD
- Thursday, February 15th – Girls BB Sub districts, TBD
State Wrestling in Omaha
- Friday, February 16th – State Wrestling in Omaha
State Cheer & Dance competition in Grand Island
Boys JV/Varsity 6:00 at David City
- Saturday, February 17th – Speech meet at Battle Creek
State Wrestling in Omaha
State Cheer & Dance Competition in Grand Island
- Monday, February 19th – Boys BB Sub districts, TBD
End of Trimester 2
- Tuesday, February 20th – Boys BB Sub districts, TBD
- Wednesday, February 21st – Speech meet at Newman Grove
- Thursday, February 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Boys BB Sub districts, TBD
- Friday, February 23rd – 1:00 Dismissal
Girls BB District Finals, TBD
- Saturday, February 24th – Conference Speech Tournament
JH Boys BB tournament at Clarkson
- Tuesday, February 27th – Boys BB District Finals, TBD
- Wednesday, February 28th – NHS Blood Drive 11:30 am – 5:30 pm

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LUNCH



Menus are subject to change.
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Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



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Breakfast – yogurt cup

Lunch – ribique sandwich

6

Breakfast – ham egg croissant

Lunch – chicken patty

7

Breakfast – biscuits & gravy

Lunch – hamburger

8

Breakfast – breakfast tomados

Lunch – fried chicken

9

NO SCHOOL

12

Breakfast – bacon scrambled pizza

Lunch – chicken nuggets

13

Breakfast – pancake sausage stick

Lunch – spaghetti & meatballs

14

Breakfast – egg & cheese biscuit

Lunch – grilled cheese or tuna

15

Breakfast – breakfast combos

Lunch – tacos

16

Breakfast – muffins

Lunch – cheese pizza

19

Breakfast – breakfast sausage

Lunch – chicken & gravy

20

Breakfast – homemade burrito

Lunch – sub sandwich

21

Breakfast – scrambled eggs & toast

Lunch – chicken fried steak

22

Breakfast – breakfast roller dogs

Lunch – chicken quesadilla

23

Breakfast – Clarkson Bakery

Lunch – cheese crunchers

26

Breakfast – hot pockets

Lunch – pork steak

27

Breakfast – egg sausage biscuit

Lunch – chicken fajita

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Breakfast – pancake sausage stick

Lunch – oriental chicken



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