

The Red Review

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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we approach the month of March we are looking for a break from all of the ice and snow we have had in the past couple of weeks. We are anxious for the start of Spring.

On Monday, March 19th we will be entering our 4th quarter of the school year. I want to remind parents and students that this is the time of year we have track meets, speech, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA and music contests all over the school calendar. Students, especially high school students, are out of the classroom a lot during this time of year; it is very important for them to keep communication with their teachers and keep up on their classroom work. As a parent you can use the JMC grade book link to keep up with your student's grades, lunch bill and attendance.

A reminder for those who are interested, we will be having our first Patriot Summer Academy for students entering grades 1st – 6th. Information was presented at Parent Teacher Conferences and is on the school website at <http://www.clarksonpublicschools.org>. We would like to have students signed up by Friday, April 20th so we can plan for the Academy.

As the 4th quarter begins we have started preparation for the 2018-2019 school year. The school board has approved the calendar for the school year and is included in this month's newsletter and will be put on the school's website. The first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 15, 2017 with 1:00 dismissal, with full days on Thursday and Friday, August 16th and 17th. You will start to see more information for the 2018-2019 school year in upcoming newsletters and on our school website and Facebook page.

We are also in the finishing stages on setting up the Driver's Education for the spring. Information was sent home with qualifying students earlier to have them sign up for the program. Justin McDuffee will again be in charge of the program. You can find information on the school's website.

Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

Winter is still here and has decided to stay around much longer than any of us would like! Hopefully, after only a couple more weeks we will be back to sunshine and warmth! February is always more of a grind to get through but luckily there are only 28 days.

We have wrapped up our winter sports seasons and with it some new records being made. First, in wrestling the Patriots were able to qualify 2 wrestlers for the State tournament, Derek Gurnsey and Tim Zimmerman. Derek also was able to be the first Patriot wrestler to record a pin and win at the State tournament. It was a successful year for the program and look forward to what the future holds. Also, our girls basketball team set a new record for wins in a season at 14!! Speech kids are still competing and will be looking to place well at conference and districts.

As winter starts to thaw, we will be starting to prepare kids for our NSCAS (state testing) and our MAPS testing. That will be toward the end of March that we will get things started with that. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or compliments for the School, please don't hesitate to contact us!! GO PATS!!!!



No School:
Friday, March 9th
and
Monday, March 12th

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Educational Twitter Feeds

by Wes Pokorny

If you are new to Twitter or looking for some good follows
I have a list that might interest you?

- @JohnKRosemond-Parenting advice
- @loveandlogic-How to deal with children
- @thekidshouldsee-Interesting topics of conversation
 - @JonGordon11-Best Selling Author
- @CHSKindergarten-Best Kindergarten in all of Clarkson Nebraska
 - @Justinsua-Motivational topics for young student-athletes

These are just a few suggestions, check back next month for some more ideas!

Escape Rooms Used In British Literature Class

By: Lynn Morfeld

Escape rooms have become a popular outing for adults. In fact, there are about ten businesses in Nebraska that specialize in this new form of entertainment. Escape rooms encourage participants to solve riddles/puzzles and use clues to "escape" before time runs out. Schools have also taken on this concept to introduce or review concepts.

Before the seniors in British Literature began reading Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, they first had to escape! ESU7 provided a lock box, and the BreakOutEdu website provided the clues. The seniors had to use logic and some research to "escape." They discovered who received Shakespeare's "second best bed" as well as numerous words invented by the playwright. The four seniors ended up "saving Shakespeare" with ten minutes to spare!



British Literature students include Breanna Ashton, Derek Gurnsey, Korbin Kudera, and Ashlee Novotny.



The Labels for Education program is coming to an end this year. ALL Labels need to be turned in By April 30th. Please continue sending them and we can get to cutting! Thank you for your support over the years with the labels. Our school has been able to get a variety of items from the Labels catalog and they have really added up over the years. Thanks again.

Class of 2018 Happenings

By Jennifer Kappel

Seniors are completing a job shadowing project during 3rd quarter as a graded assignment for their Personal Finance class. Students have made contact and set up job shadow dates with businesses and individuals in the career fields of their interest. Students are required to summarize their experiences and send professional Thank You letters following the experience. Next quarter, job interviewing!!

Clarkson Elementary Raises money for American Heart Association

By Jim Clarkson

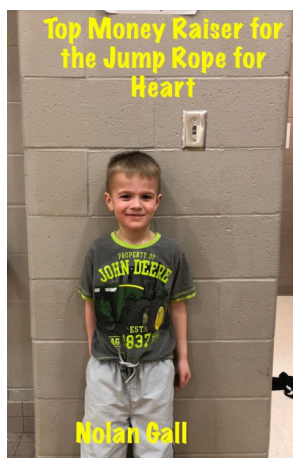
The Clarkson Elementary students raised a total of \$2,600 in their three weeks of Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs. It is a testament to our community that they were able to do so well. Our community has a lot of fundraisers for many different things and we were still able to do this for a worthy cause. Thanks to everyone that donated! Heart disease is the number killer in our country so anything and everything we can do to help is worth it.

The kids had a blast working and learning the jump rope skills. Chloe Hanel was the best of the 5th and 6th graders when it came

to picking up the Double Dutch jumping even though Isaac Baumert gave her a run for her money. In the 3rd and 4th grade Kyla Clarkson was one that picked up Double Dutch the best. There was improvement across the board, even the young Kindergarteners looked pretty good by the end.

Following the Jump Rope for Heart, we did do some Hoops for Heart as well. As a group we worked on ball handling and shooting and everyone seemed to have a really good time. Hopefully got their skills a little bit better.

The top fundraiser this year came from the Kindergarten class as Nolan Gall raised \$181. Awesome job Nolan! Please remember to stay active and get out and exercise to keep your heart in good shape as well. If you need help jump roping, find yourself a Clarkson Elementary student.



News and Notes from the Social Science Department

By Bob McEvoy

The third quarter has been an awesome time here in the social science department of Clarkson Public School. Here are a few of our highlights from early 2018:

-American History- This class is spending a significant amount of time exploring the events and the brave American men and women who fought and worked through WWII. The students will soon understand that the following “Cold War” period may turn out to be the most dangerous time period yet. We will then move through new wars, conflicts and social change that shaped 20th Century America for the new Millennium.

-7th Grade Civics- This group has been given an introductory look into our county, our government, and our uniquely American way of life. There is an emphasis on patriotism, civic duty, and the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United States, while also learning the basic foundations of how the Constitution and Democracy affect our everyday lives with the 27 Amendments and the role of the Three Branches of Government.

-American Government- This upper level course is taught in conjunction with 7th Grade civics with a deeper look into the inner-workings of the three branches, the electoral process, and preparation for becoming an informed member of the voting population. The class just spent two chapters on the executive branch and the power of the U.S. presidency. Moving forward, they will continue to study the inner workings of our government, including the judicial branch.

-World Geography- The goal is for each student to carry with them a working knowledge of our U.S. Geography in relationship to the World Geography that surrounds us. In the end, they will have covered the globe---with the goal being that they continue to compare and contrast our America to other countries and lifestyles around the world. We are currently doing a brochure project over the countries of Europe.

-Current Issues- The students have spent their time discussing the many different problems and solutions we face in our modern society through news, documentaries, and their own reflections on the world we live in. They also continue to work on building their own personal time capsule for the entire school year. This project will include many news stories, journal entries, and reflections that they will someday look back on to see what the world was like during their senior year of 2017-2018.

Thank you for taking a look into our corner of the building, and here's hoping for continued success in 2018 for all of our students and athletes here at CPS - Go Patriots!!!



It is Round-up time!

Friday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

By Wes Pokorny

I want to make this as smooth as possible. If your child attends 4 year-old pre-school at Clarkson Public

School they will be picked up at 9:45. If your child does not attend pre-school at Clarkson Public School you may drop your child off in the Kindergarten room at 10:00. They may be picked up between 12:45 and 1:00. Children will eat hot lunch at school and the cost of hot lunch is \$2.55. It may be taken from an older siblings account or paid by cash.

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements - 5 years of age by July 31st, 2018.

Please check your mail sometime in the second week of April. I will send all forms needed to enroll your student at Clarkson Public Schools. I will also enclose a cover letter of additional information. I like to send these forms out before you bring your kids to Round-up. This way I can better answer your questions and make that first day of school a great experience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at school, 892-3454. If you need transportation to school for Round-up please contact the school.

We will need a copy of an official copy of the student's birth certificate when the 2018-2019 school year begins. This is a Nebraska state law.

To receive a birth certificate by mail, send a \$17.00 check or money order (credit cards are not accepted) and the following information:

- * Full name at birth. If adopted, list adoptive name and state "adopted".
- * Month/day/year of birth
- * City or town of birth/County of birth
- * Father's full name, if adopted, list the adopted father's name.
- * Mother's full maiden name, if adopted, list adoptive mother's name.
- * Purpose for the record?
- * If not your record, how are you related?
- * Requestor's Photo Identification is Required, i.e. drivers license

Send your check along with the needed information to:

Vital Records

PO Box 95065

Lincoln NE 68509-5065

I am anxious to meet all the prospective kindergarten students on the 27th! See you then!

PEP Update

By Tami Sayers



Kids crocheting? Did I see that right? Yes, yes you did! If you walk through the halls during our Patriot Enrichment Period, or PEP, you will see many activities that typically are not associated with the 3 R's of traditional education. Peek your head in one room, and you might find t-shirts being designed, drones flying through the air, or yes, even crocheting!

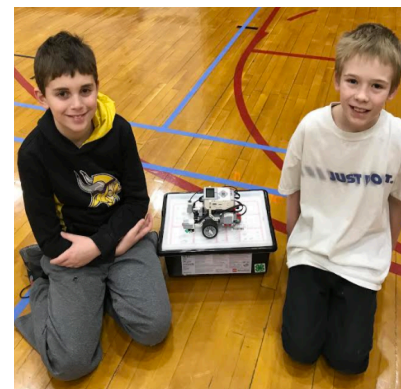
PEP is a shortened period, right after lunch, when students in grades 4-6 get to learn about topics that aren't covered in regular educational classes. It began last year and with rave reviews, and continued into this year. As Mr. Matt Murren said, "PEP has been a great addition to our regular curriculum at CPS. It gives students an opportunity to dig further into areas that they may not see in the regular classroom and delve into areas that interest these students individually as they sign up for them." All 40 students were given a survey at the beginning of the year. They were asked to choose the topics and concepts that they were interested in. With the results, they are placed into groups. Every two weeks, the groups are changed so each student gets the opportunity to learn several

different topics throughout the year.

There are eight teachers who are teaching the classes. Mrs. Jennifer Kappel, the guidance counselor, was one of the founders of the enrichment period last year. This year, she has been teaching classes about babysitting. Students were able to complete a Babysitting Basics workbook with hands-on lessons using the Real Care Babies that she checked out from the ESU. The Real Care Babies have a computer inside of them that monitors how well they are being taken care of. Students practiced proper holding, burping, changing diapers and clothing, as well as learning about older aged children and proper care.

Mrs. Kappel and Mrs. Susan Becker started the crocheting project. This came about when Jan Sixta, a community member and former CPS teacher, approached the staff about getting students involved in a service learning project - crocheting blankets or mats for the homeless by replacing yarn with plastic bags. At the completion of this project, three mats measuring 3' X 6' will be donated to shelters to be given to individuals in need.

Mrs. Becker, the 4th and 5th grade reading teacher, has been able to have a book club, a crafting group, and currently helps out with the 4-H council to help the students with LEGO Robotics. LEGO Robotics is a program provided by Colfax County 4-H. Extension agents bring the 541-piece kits for the students to assemble into a robot that can be run through a software program and controlled by an iPad or laptop. Students work in small groups to assemble the robot according to a set of directions. Next, they program the robot to perform certain tasks. Some of these tasks include following a specific colored line, stopping a certain distance from an object, and turning in circles.



Mr. Bryan Becker, the middle school math teacher, taught computer animation. He helped students use the PowerPoint program to create their own digital flipbook. Mr. Becker also teaches the students how to manipulate Rubik's snakes. These have been a popular item since he introduced it to the PEP kids last year. Later this year, he will be involved with the 4-H council to help teach the students about magnets and bridges. He is excited to be bringing this to our student body.



Mrs. Tami Sayers, the middle school English teacher, has been involved in organizing the PEP groups for each rotation. She taught photography classes, cake decorating, and card games. She is currently using the life skills house to teach cooking safety. The small groups of kids are choosing their own menus and cooking lunch for themselves. This was started last year and is back by popular demand.

Mrs. Brenda Cropp, the Title teacher, enjoys teaching cartoon drawing, paper mache, and even basket weaving. She, just as much as the kids, loves any chance to get creative.

Mr. Andrew Faltys, the middle school social studies and science teacher, takes the students to the industrial tech room. He and Mr. Darrell Bailey, the high school industrial tech teacher, work together to teach the students how to create their own wood projects. They have also been teaching the students how to print their own t-shirts.

Mr. Murren, the high school business teacher, brings a technology edge to PEP. He teaches computer coding, iMovie, and even gets his hands on drones from the ESU. This year he taught a class of sports knowledge to reach a variety of student interests. Murren said, "I think that students have opened up more as individuals by taking these PEP periods. They are all specifically based, and they sign up for what they choose. I have noticed more kids come out of their shells in my periods as they produce videos, fly drones, or complete sports related activities."

Mr. Ryan Dusso, the music teacher, joined PEP full-time this year. He has been enjoying the chance to incorporate his many talents into PEP. Mr. Dusso taught theater and acting, puppet theater, sports broadcasting, and now students are working with him to create their own music videos.

These learning activities provide unique educational experiences and the opportunity to teach empathy. Students can see how some of these opportunities contribute to their community, family and their future personal success. Students are also exposed to experiences that may trigger an interest in pursuing further learning that can lead them to a career field. We can't wait to see how PEP will help our students grow into future chefs, fashion designers, architects, and actors.

Spanish News

By Vicky Miller

The junior high students have just rotated classes. The 7th graders finished with Spanish-speaking countries & capital cities and a review of all the topics we've touched on during the trimester. Part of the 8th grade class has just started their trimester of Spanish.

Freshmen are learning to talk about their families, naming who their family members are and using adjectives to describe what each is like. They have been working hard on creating their own family trees during this unit.

In Spanish 2, the sophomores are exploring various celebrations, like the Quinceñera (a girl's 15th birthday party), and some of the traditional foods and activities that go with them. During this unit they are also tackling how to use direct object pronouns; they have improved every day!

The juniors in Spanish 3 just finished their unit. They can tell how an extracurricular event went, describe any injuries that happened, and give advice to alleviate an injury or illness. They ended the unit with creating a school newspaper with write-ups of various school activities.

In Spanish 4, Breanna has been working on using preterite and imperfect tenses together (both past tenses) to narrate a story while talking mostly about shopping. Distinguishing when to use which tense is a tough task, but Breanna is doing well!

All high school Spanish classes took time out from their regular units to have some fun on Valentine's day. I loved watching their extra creativity and effort, and I think the students really enjoyed the change of pace! Freshmen assumed a character and "speed dated" to find the most interesting person visiting class that day. Sophomores wrote cheesy love letters using candy hearts, and juniors read several Valentine's Day cards before making a card of their own while Senior Breanna made an origami heart by watching a how-to Youtube video in Spanish.

Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, apply at fafsa.gov.

Compare financial aid award notifications. The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will send you notifications detailing the financial aid they're offering. Compare the notifications to determine which school provides the best package.

Watch your grades. If you slack off and get poor grades, your college admission could be revoked.

Apply for scholarships. See ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org to find Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national scholarship sites.

Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

ACT college entrance exam. When you take the exam this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

Completion of the [FAFSA](#) early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

Apply2College Campaign. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. Many high schools will participate in the [Apply2College campaign](#) during which seniors get help during the school day with college applications.

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Your spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance and be prepared with [questions to ask](#). Find more tips in the "[Selecting a College](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Check out these college-search resources at EducationQuest.org

- "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" provides cost and contact information for Nebraska colleges.
 - [College Profiles](#) has information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.
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Go on a scavenger hunt and you might win \$500 for college

Apply by **March 31** for EducationQuest's \$500 *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org](#). *ScholarshipQuest* is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships you're eligible to apply for.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.

EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a [NEST 529 College Savings Plan](#) account.

Juniors

___ [Register](#) by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.

___ [Register](#) by April 6 for the May 5 SAT.

___ Schedule campus visits.

Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Tuesday, March 6th – Quiz bowl 4:00 at Central City

Friday, March 9th – NO school (Spring Break)

Monday, March 12th – NO school (Spring Break)

Wednesday, March 14th – District Speech at Bancroft

Friday, March 16th – End of 3rd Quarter, FFA Activate/Leverage Conference

Saturday, March 17th – FFA Activate/Leverage Conference

Monday, March 19th – 4th-6th grade field trip to Lincoln

Wednesday, March 21st – NECC scholastic contest and quiz bowl

Friday, March 23rd – State Speech at UNK, Alumni VB & BB

Saturday, March 24th – Alumni VB & BB

Monday, March 26th – Conference Quiz Bowl at Bancroft-Rosalie

Tuesday, March 27th – HS track invite 12:30 at Stanton

Wednesday, March 28th – Elementary Spring pictures and Spring Activity pictures

Thursday, March 29th – HS track 9:00 at Osceola

Friday, March 30th – NO school (Easter Break)

Monday, April 2nd – NO school (Easter Break)



Menus are subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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



Breakfast – biscuits and gravy **5**
Lunch – hamburgers

NO SCHOOL **12**

Breakfast – ham egg English muffin **19**
Lunch – BBQ pork sandwich

Breakfast – roller dog **26**
Lunch – chicken fried steak

Tuesday



Breakfast – omelet sausage and toast **6**
Lunch – chili

Breakfast – breakfast tornados **13**
Lunch – chicken nuggets

Breakfast – biscuits and gravy **20**
Lunch – spaghetti and meat sauce

Breakfast – scrambled eggs and toast **27**
Lunch – sloppy joe.

Wednesday

Breakfast – ham egg croissant **7**
Lunch – sub sandwich

Breakfast – egg sausage bagel **14**
Lunch – cheeseburger casserole

Breakfast – French toast and sausage **21**
Lunch – meatball sub

Breakfast – hot pocket **28**
Lunch – chicken fajita

Thursday

Breakfast – breakfast pizza **1**
Lunch – chicken patty sandwich

Breakfast – breakfast bacon scramble pizza **8**
Lunch – corn dogs

Breakfast – mini bagels **15**
Lunch – taco salad

Breakfast – combos **22**
Lunch – Philly steak sandwich

Breakfast – pancake sausage stick **29**
Lunch – ribique.

Friday

Breakfast – yogurt cup **2**
Lunch – fish sticks

NO SCHOOL **9**

Breakfast – muffin **16**
Lunch – grilled cheese or tuna

Breakfast – bagel with cream cheese **23**
Lunch – cheese pizza

NO SCHOOL **30**

2018/19 School Calendar

<http://www.calendarpedia.com/>

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- August 13-14 Teacher In-Service
- August 15 1st Day of School
- September 3rd-No School Labor Day
- September 19, PTC-2:00 Dismissal
- September 21-No-School Teacher In-Service until 1:00
- October 26th-No School Fall Break
- November 21-23-No School Thanksgiving Break

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- Semester Break-December 24th-January 4th
- January 7th-Teacher In-Service Day
- February 6th-PTC Conferences-2:00 Dismissal
- February 8th-No School Teacher In-Service Day until 1:00
- March 1-4-Spring Break
- April 19-22- Easter Break
- May 11th Graduation
- May 22nd-Last Day High School
- May 23rd-Teacher In-Service

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Semester 1 87 student days 90 teacher days
Semester 2 92 student days 95 teacher days

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