

## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

The spring is time for annual NSCAS state testing to meet our annual NDE requirements. With the Covid shut down last spring, and some schools being virtual, this year's tests will not be used to put schools on list for improvement, but the results will still be released to the public. The tests are given in grades 3rd-8th in the areas of English/Language (ELA) and Math. The 5th and 8th graders have an additional test in Science. The science tests are a Pilot Test with the new science standards.

The schedule for each NSCAS test have been added the calendar on the school's website. It is important to make sure you children get a good night's sleep and are prepared for the testing. The individual teachers will communicate with the students and discussing the importance of the testing and how it benefits Clarkson Public Schools.

Reminder to sign your children up for this summer's Patriot Academy. The Patriot Academy is for students who just finished up grades K-5 and it and opportunity for the students to have a little review and enrichment during the summer months. We start on Tuesday, July 6th and run through Thursday, July 22nd. Patriot Academy runs from 8:30-11:30 am, if you need transportation for your children please let us know.

April is also the time of the year where besides working to finish the 2020-2021 school year strong we are also working on the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. We have set up our PK Open House for Thursday, April 22nd and we will be sending our information for parents for students who we have by our census. Our Pre-School Program has a morning class for three year olds and our afternoon class is four year olds. If you have any questions please call us at school at 402-892-3454.

Besides finalizing the 2021-2022 class schedule for registration, we are also finalizing the 2021 summer activity calendars which will be posted on our school calendar so parents can keep track of their children's summer schedule.

**It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!**

## From the Principal's Desk

By Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! I want to take this time to say how proud I am, to be a part of such a caring and supportive community and school district. With the flooding disaster two years ago and now enduring Covid, it has taken an incredible toll on everybody. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate and give us nice weather that we so very much deserve!!

April also means that it is banquets season! Please, monitor the school calendar and announcements for any updates on upcoming banquets. This is a great chance for students to show off their accomplishments and hard work through the school year. It will be so great to be able to honor our students and give them the acknowledgement that they have earned.

The students are also in the middle of NSCAS 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!

Go PATS!

The Red Review is a monthly publication of the  
Clarkson Public Schools,  
PO Box 140, Clarkson NE 68629

### The Board of Education

Rob Brabec, President	Tiffany Baumert, Sec./Treas.
Sheryl Langdon, Vice President	Jeremy Indra, Member
Melissa Baumert, Member	Rhonda Hanel, Member
Lee Schneider, JH/HS Principal	
Rich Lemburg, Superintendent/Elem. Principal	

## NO SCHOOL

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Teacher In-Service

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Break

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Break

## Business/FBLA/Girls Basketball News

By: Matt Murren

Well as I write this we are already approaching April. As an educator and coach, I cannot thank everyone enough for cooperating with the guidelines during this pandemic and allowing us to have in-person classes and sporting events. It is so beneficial for the students to be together and everyone has done a great job to make this happen. We have had a great year here at Clarkson Public Schools in the classroom and in athletics.

In the business world, classes are rolling along and we are getting to the end of the year content. In Accounting I we are finishing up our work on corporations with preparation of end of the fiscal period statements. Accounting II is working with stocks, dividends and marketable securities. Personal Finance has covered a variety of topics as the students just completed their budgeting projects. It's one of my favorite projects they complete. They have to find a job, house/apartment and budget for the year. Now we are moving onto our insurance section where we will talk about health and auto insurance. In Multimedia and Video Production, the students have been churning out projects all year long. Check them out on our school YouTube channel, clarksonpublicschool. In JH Business we are learning about calculating pay. Students are having to calculate hourly and salary pay and also learning how overtime is calculated.

FBLA State Leadership Conference is right around the corner. This year it will be held virtually and our group will make most of the opportunity. Students will be testing online and then results will be shared at the final virtual conference. All projects were submitted and will be scored as well to see who will move onto nationals.

I'd like to thank everyone for the support of our girl's basketball team this season. The girls did a fantastic job and have much to be proud of. They won their first 16 games, were ranked #1 in the state for all of January, and ended the season rated #5 in the Lincoln Journal Star. Although we didn't accomplish our goal of making it to state and placing there, they have much to be proud of. We had a great group and the support that everyone provides for the team is fantastic.

As always, It's A Great Day To Be A Patriot!

## Spanish Class News

By Vicky Miller

The 7th graders are off to a great start in our 9 weeks of Spanish. They have worked on basic greetings, distinguishing when to use tú or usted (level of formality) in addressing someone, numbers up to one million - it's not as difficult as you might think! - and being able to name and describe family members. They promise to be a fun group because they all seem to get along so well!

In Spanish 1, they are wrapping up a unit on Tourism in Costa Rica. Besides being able to give basic info about the country and being able to throw out a few slang terms they might hear in Costa Rica, the students have explored ecological activities, places to stay, foods to eat, how coffee is made, and are in the process of planning, budgeting for and promoting their own trips to Costa Rica. Some of their trips are looking really enticing!!

The Spanish 2 has been studying Celia Cruz y la música de Salsa. They could retell important events in her life after watching snippets of the Telemundo show called Celia Cruz. They gave their opinions of her unique style, figured out the lyrics to some of her most popular songs, and explored other salsa singers/bands as well. Coming up they will also compare Celia's accomplishments to those of other singers, see some tributes to Celia, and try out some salsa instruments and dance for themselves.

Spanish 3 is just finishing up una semana en Barcelona (a week in Barcelona). They have explored basic info about the city of Barcelona as well as fun places to visit there. They checked out different museums, types of transportation and must-try foods/drinks. They made an itinerary for themselves and calculated the cost of a week in Barcelona and even talked about ways to make their trip cheaper to stay within their assigned budgets. My favorite activity during this unit was the conversation day. They got into some very heated debates about vacation preferences, like whether watching TV in your hotel room is a worth while activity during vacation. I was so proud of the fact that they have gained enough language skills to carry on an argument in Spanish that I just sat back and enjoyed instead of stopping them!

# EducationQuest Foundation

## College Planning Bulletin

### Juniors...attend this webinar to stay on track to college!

Join our free "[College Planning for Juniors](#)" webinar to learn about the admissions process, campus visits, college costs, types of financial aid, and how to find scholarships. Pick the date that works best for you and register today!

[Tuesday, March 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Thursday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. CT](#)

[Tuesday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT](#)

[Thursday, April 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT](#)

### Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

**Location** – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

**Cost** – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in [student and parent loans](#) will be needed to cover expenses?

**Academic program** – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

**Student life** – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

### April "To Do" List

#### Seniors

- \_\_\_ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).
- \_\_\_ Make your final college decision.
- \_\_\_ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- \_\_\_ Start looking for a summer job.

#### Juniors

- \_\_\_ Attend a [College Planning for Juniors webinar](#).
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by May 7 for the June 12 ACT.
- \_\_\_ Start looking for [scholarships](#).

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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

[EducationQuest.org](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#)!

## PLEASE APPLY!!!

Parents,

If you have not already looked into applying for Free and Reduced Lunches, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Although breakfast and lunches are free this school year as a result of Covid funding, Free and Reduced status does carry some benefits.

For example, if you have a high schooler interested in taking a college class, they may have their tuition paid for. A three credit hour class through Central Community College is \$300. We have several students that graduate high school with 15 college credits. That is an amazing savings!

As a school district, if we have 40% of our students qualified for free and reduced lunch we can be a Title-wide school. This means we can provide more staffing and services in the classrooms from Knd-12th grade. Currently, we can only provide services up to sixth grade.

The paperwork is simple and your status remains confidential. We are VERY close to the 40% and one family could push us over the threshold.

Please call the school and ask for Kim Coufal if you would like to fill out the paperwork or want to ask some more questions about this!!

## How to Solve a Problem

In elementary guidance, this last month we have talked about the S.T.E.P.s to problem solving. In the lower elementary classes we had puppet friends who helped us learn about the problem solving S.T.E.P.s The students listened to the puppets talk, the problems they have faced, and how they problem solved. Each class was given a different scenario, depending on their grade level, they then had to work through the problem solving S.T.E.P.s We teach our students that the solution needs to be safe and respectful for everyone involved.

S-Say the problem

T-Think of a solution

E-Explore the consequences

P-Pick the best solution

## Wrestling Season Wraps Up

By Tony Horacek

The Patriot wrestlers finished the season with one State Qualifier. Several other wrestlers were very close to qualifying for the State Tournament. Dylan Higby qualified and wrestled for the Patriots at the State Tournament on February 17th. Dylan was able to win a match and competed well in his other two matches. Dylan's experience will serve him well in the future and is already providing motivation for his teammates.

The wrestling team consisted of 9 freshmen, 1 sophomore and one junior. The young team experienced a lot of growing pains this year, but gave a good effort and improved all the way to the end. Dylan Higby was able to set several season and career records for the Patriot wrestling program. The coaching staff is very optimistic about the future of the wrestling team. We look forward to the wrestlers putting in some offseason work to help provide an opportunity for everyone to be more competitive and achieve a higher level of success next year.

## **6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies**

Over the past few weeks we, the 6th graders, have been learning about ancient Greece. This article will tell you about the geography of Greece, our website, the philosophers, and our Greek Olympics. We hope you enjoy it!

### **Geography of Greece**

Ancient Greece was made up of many islands and mountains, estimated around six thousand; because of this they mainly planted olives and grapes. The only animals they had were goats and sheep. The islands were separated by water so Greece was made up of city-states because water made travel difficult and they could only travel by boat. Here in America we can travel by car and it is very easy to get from place to place. Their governments were also different which caused a lot of conflict between city-states.

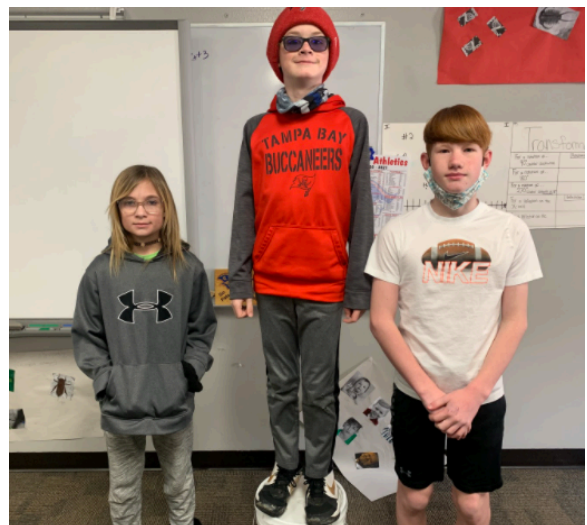
## **Philosophers and Website**

We worked on studying 3 different philosophers for around a week. Their names were Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Everybody made our own slides about the philosopher that we chose. We ended up combining our slides together on the website that we created. We got our own pages for the website and we completed it in about 4 days. We designed each of our pages in various ways, we faced one problem where we would adjust one thing and it would change everyone's, but we found a solution. We linked our pages to the home page, afterwards we linked our Slides and Conclusion Doc to our page. It made it simply easier to get to our slides and Doc that way.

## **The Greek Olympics**

They honored the gods such as Zeus and it became the most important athletic religious festival. The only animals they had were goats and sheep. The Olympics were created in 776 BCE. The Olympics were held every four years between August 6 and September 19. It was open to willing free Greek men who could participate from any city-state. The original Olympics were a race of 210 yards. They later added more sports such as: longer races, wrestling, javelin throwing, and jumping. All warring city-states allowed the Olympics to be held with no interruption.

We then held our own Olympics including events such as: snowball throw, snowboarding, long jump, and then a relay race. The winners were Jeryn Struebing, (1st place), Colton Steffensmeier (2nd place), and Raelynn Scott (3rd place). In the end, we had a lot of fun learning about ancient Greece!



# English Notes

By Lynn Morfeld

“Beware the ides of March.” For those of you familiar with William Shakespeare’s *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*, you know that March 15 is the day that Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Roman Capitol by his fellow senators (despite being warned time and time again of something bad happening).

Over the last two years, the ides of March have certainly been something to be cautious about! After the flood of 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, when the middle of March rolled around in 2021, I think we were all holding our breath, waiting for the next crazy occurrence to hit.

The sophomores have been experiencing the complexity of Shakespeare’s language and witnessing the mind games that the characters play as they read *Julius Caesar* together. As we work through the play, students have been creating newspapers to show their understanding of what is happening in each act. They are to have two stories that deal with the play and a third story that can be about the play or about a fictional occurrence. Here are some samples of their work from Act I and Act II.

Reporters Sammy McEvoy & Drew Beeson

March 44 B.C.

## Caesar Chronicles

### The Ides of March!

**CAESAR CHRONICLES:** During the feast of Lupercal last month, witnesses reported a man, the soothsayer was supposedly revealing a prediction to Caesar. In his prediction, he stated, “Beware the ides of March”. While at the time, Caesar thought nothing of it but little did he know the public started questioning things.

Now that the ides are coming up, the whole city has been rattling on about what is to happen on March 15th! Not only were people wondering about this very day in March, but local official Drew Beeson reported that many strange unnatural occurrences have been arising in the area. “A lion gave birth in the streets and blood has rained down on Rome.” Citizen Casca says in a statement.

These Unnatural Occurrences have really got the city of Rome nervous for what’s about to come on the ides of March. Another statement from citizen Lucius says, “I’m worried for what is about to come, and what the future holds in Rome, will Caesar be here much longer, or is this a sign that danger is coming.” May goodness come to the city of Rome.

### Faces Hiding in the Night

Local citizens of Rome have reported suspicious activity late at night. Innocent bystander Cinna says in a statement, “I was having trouble sleeping due to the disruption of the unnatural occurrences so I went out for a walk.” Going out for a walk, Cinna did not expect to come across a group of men dressed in all black and had their faces covered. Cinna says, “Usually you know if people are covering up even in the dark, that means they must be doing something bad, the dark is for the criminals.” This has started some buzz throughout the city and investigators are looking further into the incident according to reporter Sammy McEvoy.



Pictured here is the soothsayer approaching Julius Caesar warning him of what is about to come on the ides of March. Photo courtesy: Mentalfloss.com



### Weekly Weather Report:

This week is looking cloudy with lots of red rain. Not much sun in sight for the next few days. For more weather updates check out next week’s newspaper! (photo courtesy: pinclipart.com)

### Caesar Has Animal Sacrificed: Results are Bewildering!

According to news reporter Drew Beeson, local authorities have reported that Caesar has requested an animal to be sacrificed for a fortune telling, which has left some citizens wondering. “Is it a coincidence that he wants a fortune telling on the ides of March?” Witness Marullus says in a statement, “This has got me wondering... is Caesar scared for what

is in store on March 15th?” But the story starts to get interesting after local citizen reports that they heard, “After the priest sacrificed the animal, they found that it had no heart! This has left many wondering and worrying about what it is supposed to mean. No further updates have been made.



### Weekly Sponsor:

This week’s sponsor is Little Caesar’s “Hot and Ready” Pizza. You can never go wrong with their classic cheese pizza! Don’t forget to get your free medium one topping pizza on March 15th! (photo courtesy: linkedin.com)

By: Drew Beeson and Sammy McEvoy

March 14, 44 BCE

Vol. No. 2

## Veni, Vidi, Vici

I came, I saw, I conquered

### The Ides of March

By: Ashly Guillen

#### A soothsayer telling Caesar “Beware the Ides of March”



Photo Courtesy to Vox.com

As the minutes tick by the Ides of March is nearing upon us. Just last month was when a soothsayer came up to Caesar at the Feast of Lupercal. The soothsayer had went to Caesar in order to “warn him” about the ides of March, according to witnesses that were at the scene.

The Ides of March, meaning the 15th of March which is around the middle of the month. After interviewing plebians about the nearing date all that was said was that they were still trying to interpret the words that the soothsayer had said. According to plebians the soothsayer had said, “Beware the Ides of March” to Caesar.

Strange things were also happening as the Ides neared. As a matter of fact, when interviews were conducted plebians admitted that they had also seen odd occurrences. Such as the meteors shining so bright that they were able to light up the sky.

Other mishaps had also been observed. An anonymous source had said that they saw a lioness give birth in the streets. Another had said that they saw the “graves cracked open and thrust out their dead.” There had also been a terrible storm that night that took a while to settle.

Veni, Vidi, Vici

2



### Man Struck by Lighting

By: Ashly Guillen

Last night during the horrendous storm, a man was found walking around although he was warned not to be outside. He had claimed to be “looking for his missing sandal.” There is no one who is able to vouch for his statement at this time.

All that witnesses had noticed was that he was walking through the street. When suddenly a bolt of lightning came down and struck the poor plebian. Another plebian was the one that found him on the ground.

The man’s breathing was very shallow and he was barely hanging on. A plebian had gone up to him to check if his heart was beating and it faintly there. When they had touched the man, they had said that his skin was blazing hot. Unfortunately, the man’s heart gave up on him and he died at scene.

### Men of Mystery

By: Ashly Guillen

Unnatural occurrences in nature aren’t the only strange things happen. As the Ides of March get closer, people are getting more anxious. The words of the soothsayer do not make anything better.

As a matter of fact, according to an anonymous witness, in the middle of the night there had been a group of men all covered in dark clothing walking about. Strange things are really happening as the Ides get close. The witness also believes that the men may have been wearing a cover over their face. They had found it strange that the men had chosen to cover their faces even though it was already dark out.

According to the witness, they had seen the mysterious men head towards the home of Brutus. They also believe that perhaps the men were planning on entering Brutus’s house. The witness believes that they had saw 5 men in this group.

By: Ashly Guillen



STRANGE  
DREAMS

BAD  
OMENS

IDES OF  
MARCH

# THE ROMAN SCOOP

## Peculiar Omens

This past week in Rome there have been strange occurrences happening. A lion gave birth in the street, which is very strange, could this possibly be an omen?

There was blood that appeared on the capitol, that was everywhere. What could've caused this? This past week there has also been horrible weather, for example, thunderstorms.

In the cemetery, there were allegedly corpses spotted rising from the grave. Could this possibly be a result of the thunderstorm? Maybe it's just Romans covered in mud?

Late last night there were mysterious sounds reported. Some said that it sounded like a distant 'battle'.

Could all of this be bad omens that are hinting at something horrible happening? Either way, the citizens of Rome need to be careful.

Written by: Ella K.



Photo: Pinterest A lion spotted at the Capitol

## Ides of March

A Soothsayer has been repeatedly telling Caesar to "Beware the Ides of March." He apparently continues to ignore the Soothsayer's warnings.

What does this mean? Why is he doing this? What makes him think he can speak to Caesar?

The truth hasn't been released; however, an update on this topic will be shared as soon as possible.

Written by: Ella K.



Buy your pizzas today! Call 1(823)623-8694  
Photo: mlive.com

## Neighborhood Watch Update:

## WORD SEARCH

blood, Calpurnia, omen, sacrifice, Brutus, heart, Portia, Caesar, Ides, Rome

Five people in black coats were spotted entering Brutus and Portia's residence late last night.

These people remain unidentified because their faces were covered.

They were dressed in dark cloaks, appearing to hide from the darkness.

Lucius, Brutus's servant let the people inside, while Brutus escorted them out.

Please be cautious when going out late at night.

Written by: Hazel M.

L Y W S A n e m o s  
i u Y x u r Y a R a  
K R W O T t P i t c  
r a s e a c u n m r  
i d e s d a w r n i  
B O J r i o h u b f  
W x a t o e o p L i  
T i r M a m w l P c  
P o r r x l e a b e  
p B t K N t o c e t

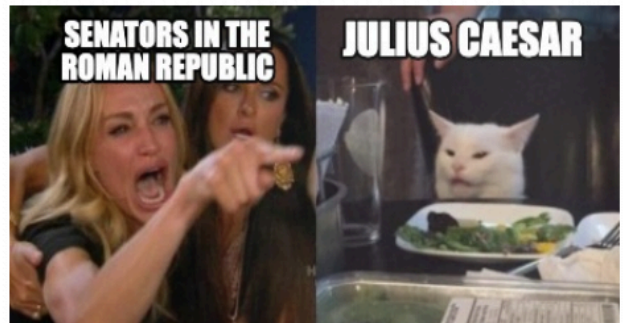


Photo: Pinterest

By: Ella Kappel and Hazel Mundt

## How I Spent My Spring Break

By Wes Pokorny

Some people dream of spending time on a sun-drenched beach, while others love to feel the wind rush past their faces while speeding down the mountainside. I on the other hand decided that I would clean up after the mess that Mother Nature created for me on Harlan's Hill. The ice storm that we experienced this fall did a number on the trees up on the Hill.

Now I am not looking for sympathy because the Hill happens to be my favorite place on the school grounds. It also gave me some time with the hardest working guy I know, my Dad. Together we logged in about 20 hours of branch dragging. Nobody said that logging was easy! I am glad to say that the Hill is once again a safe place for the children of our school to play. Due to the nice late winter weather, we have experienced the kids and I were able to log a few hours on the Hill enjoying Mother Nature.

The Hill offers an experience that many kids in the state or country for that matter rarely get the chance to experience. The chance to get children out into the "wilderness" where they control their play and are able to take risks in a somewhat controlled environment is something that we cannot take for granted.

I would like to say that all of my work on the Hill is finished but I am now looking for someone to assist me in moving the branches to the main branch pile that I have started. So if you know anyone with a grapple fork let me know!

I hope to see you all on Harlan's Hill in the near future.

# The Library Digest

By Mrs. Becker

Kindergarten through 3rd grades are finishing up reading through the Golden Sower books for 2020-2021. We will vote the week of April 5th on our favorite Golden Sower books and submit them to the Nebraska State Golden Sower organization for tabulation with all other Nebraska entries.

3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have been learning about the elements of fairy tales. Each student read a different fairy tale and found the good characters, bad characters, magical parts, problem, and solution in their story. Some of the fairy tales were classics and others were fractured fairy tales, meaning there was a twist to the story.

Digital citizenship lessons have been put on hold for a bit while we work on genres and Golden Sower books. The internet can be fun, but it also requires responsibility. Encourage your student to follow these guidelines they have learned at school:

- Set limits on how much time is spent online.
- Keep personal information - like their phone number and address - private.
- Pause and think before searching, clicking, and sharing.
- Ask before they go online.
- Pay attention to their feelings and ask for help when they feel uncomfortable about something they see online.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life." **Sidney Sheldon**

## It is Kindergarten Round-up time!

By Wes Pokorny

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements - 5 years of age by July 31st, 2021. If your child fits the age limit and you are planning on attending Clarkson Public Schools let the office know your intentions. We ask that this is done by April 1st, 2021 so a date and time can be planned for your child to visit myself and the classroom. Once you have contacted the office all of the appropriate forms will be mailed or delivered to you. I will then contact you with the time of your child's visitation. Below are some items that we will need right before school starts in August.

We will need a copy of an official copy of the student's birth certificate when the 2021-2022 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



# P.E. NEWS

Man this school year is flying by Covid or no Covid. It's great that we are getting to things that we missed out on last year. For example the freshmen and seniors are experiencing the joy and heartbreak of a little game called Floor Hockey. The competition has been fierce and a little chippy at times but hey, that is what makes it fun. Lance Paprocki dominated the Pickleball unit taking home the Championship in singles and doubles. Thought I should acknowledge his accomplishment as he let the rest of the school know. If you know Lance you know what I am talking about.

The young bucks down in the elementary have been getting after it as well. We will start gearing up for field day here in the near future. There is a ton of enthusiasm in these groups I love their competitive spirit.



Welcome to  
**PRESCHOOL**

Preschool Open House

Thursday, April 22nd  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Preschool Classroom

•Use south doors to enter the school•

For new enrollments!  
Children who turn 3 before  
July 31, 2021 can attend!

Hope to see you!

Mrs. Rolf

## **Middle Grades Math**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have finished working on measurement conversions through the Imperial system and the Metric system. They were challenged to convert using wholes, decimals and fractions.

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have moved into the Geometry section of study. They are calculating the perimeter and area of quadrilaterals. They will be finding the perimeter and area of complex shapes as well.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are starting a study of the coordinate plane and its use for graphing data. They will also be constructing graphs from researched data. Both groups are continuing to work through the math games on Tangmath challenging one another for the quickest times. They are building lots of useful strategies through these games.

If anyone is interested in the skill games, they are open and free to everyone at [tangmath.com/games](http://tangmath.com/games). If you want a challenge play against your student in one of the games. I recommend *Math Limbo*, *Kakooma*, or *Numskill* as a place to start.

## **Clarkson Agricultural Education Program**

The first year reinstating the Clarkson Agricultural Education Program is about over. With this came the responsibility of getting all the paperwork done for the State Department of Education - Agricultural Education and the National FFA Organization and then resubmitting them when official documents still had the incorrect information. We are now correct with most everything. We are proud to officially be recognized as having our own Agricultural Education program.

We have developed a program that is challenging yet interesting for those students that are interested in an agricultural career or a career closely associated with agriculture. The junior high program discovered that agriculture is not just “plows and cows”, but several supporting technical services as well as product-oriented industries. They also discovered what classes would be beneficial to them during their high school career.

All the freshmen that are considering participating in an agricultural education class, took the Introduction to Agriculture, Foods, and Natural Resources (AFNR) class, a requirement at Clarkson schools, to learn about the leadership and career opportunities found in the agricultural field. They also started recording their experiences on an online

record-keeping document. Second semester students are learning about basic shop skills to lead into more advanced skills as they further their high school education.

The production agricultural classes are going through Plant and Animal System education to learn more about those agricultural areas and the process of physiology, reproduction, nutrient requirements, and care of plants and animals. A lot of field trips, a small plant growing area in the classroom, and Jamal the rabbit have provided hands on experiences.

The shop part of the agricultural education program is divided into metalworking and woodworking. In metals the concentration has been on welding skills and a possibility of testing for welding certification. Woodworking is the safe use of the different woodworking power machines we have in the shop. Second semester has been more focused on basic construction skills in framing, basic residential wiring, and working with different types of plumbing material. We will finish the year with individual projects.

Along with the classroom/lab work is the FFA program. This was not an ideal year to fully experience everything FFA has to offer. There were limited events because of cancellation of events, modified events to virtual activities, and a few actual on-site events. It really limited the leadership opportunities across the nation. As things open up and we can gather more, these opportunities will present themselves more often as long as the members take advantage of them. We are in the process of selecting the Clarkson FFA Chapter officers for 2021-2022. Interested members will fill out an application and participate in an interview to determine which applicants deserve an office. The selection committee will then match the member leadership qualities with an officer's duties and responsibilities. We are planning an end-of-the-year banquet on April 30th. This year it will be by invitation only. We are still following COVID restrictions at this time. This event will have more emphasis on individual and chapter achievement as we recognize those individuals who participated in the limited chapter events this year.

State FFA Convention is virtual this year, but you can view the sessions live at [neaged.org/sessions/](http://neaged.org/sessions/). We will also view them at the Chapter Banquet. The “State Degree” presentation will be Wednesday, April 7 at 8pm. The “New Chapter Recognition” will be Friday, April 9 at 1pm, and the “Star Over Nebraska” for Star Degree recipients in which Emily Cech has qualified for is Friday, April 9 at 7pm.

As we move forward, we are looking at a brighter future with more participation opportunities, both in class and outside.

# Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – NO school (Teacher In-Service)

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO school Easter Break

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – NO school Easter Break

HS Track at Aquinas Catholic in David City at 2:00 pm

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Highway Clean-up after school with meeting to follow 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – FFA Virtual State Convention

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – FFA Virtual State Convention

JH Track at Wisner-Pilger 3:00 pm

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – FFA Virtual State Convention

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Virtual State Leadership Conference

FBLA State Leadership Conference

Boys Golf Dual at Humphrey 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - FCCLA Virtual State Leadership Conference

FBLA State Leadership Conference

HS Track at Lyons-Decatur 10:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Henry Doorly Zoo

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - FBLA State Leadership Conference

Conference Art Show at the Nielsen Center in West Point

Boys Golf Invite at Leigh 9:00 am

School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – JH Track at Madison 3:45 pm

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Art students to visit the Joslyn Art Museum

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – JH/HS Pre-contest Concert 7:00 pm in Clarkson

Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – HS Track at Madison 11:00 am

JH Track at Battle Creek 11:00 am

Boys Golf Triangular at North Bend 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Elementary Spring Pictures and Spring Activity Pictures with Digital Solutions

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – JH Track at Lyons-Decatur 1:00 pm

Preschool Open House 6:30-7:30 pm

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Boys Golf tournament at Pender 9:00 am

District Music Contest at Columbus Public HS

Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – JH Track at Humphrey 2:00 pm

Elementary Spring Concert 7:00 pm in Clarkson

Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – HS Track at Humphrey St. Francis 11:00 am

Boys Golf dual at Leigh 1:30 pm

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Field trip to Edgerton Explorit Center for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Boys Golf Invite at Humphrey 10:00 am

Northeast NE Track Classic in Norfolk 4:00 pm

FCCLA Banquet 7:00 pm in Leigh

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to the Lincoln Zoo

Clarkson FFA Banquet 6:00 pm in the old gym



## April Breakfast and Lunch Menus

	Breakfast	Lunch
April 1	No school	No school
April 2	No school	No school
April 5	No school	No school
April 6	Breakfast empanada	Pork steak on a bun
April 7	Waffle and sausage	Hamburger
April 8	Yogurt parfait	Biscuits and gravy 4 lunch
April 9	Clarkson Bakery rolls	Oriental chicken
April 12	Egg, sausage, and cheese on a biscuit	Chicken tenders
April 13	Rollerdogs	Hot ham and cheese
April 14	Omelet and ham	BBQ pork on a bun
April 15	Breakfast combos	Fajita casserole
April 16	Homemade breakfast pizza	Tacos
April 19	Muffin	Meatball sub
April 20	Breakfast hot pocket	Grilled cheese or chicken salad
April 21	Pancake on a stick	Chilidog
April 22	Egg, ham, and cheese on an English muffin	Lasagna roll
April 23	PB&J	Breakfast 4 lunch
April 26	Bagel and cream cheese	Fish sticks
April 27	French toast and sausage	Chicken and gravy
April 28	Tornado	Chicken fried steak on a bun
April 29	Cereal	Sub sandwich
April 30	Egg, sausage, and cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	Pizza

## April is Autism Awareness Month

Light it up Blue for Autism! Light It Up Blue Day takes place on April 2, 2021. This campaign was created by an organization called Autism Speaks with the goal to shine the light on autism. To show your support for people with autism you can wear blue, turn your social media page blue, or turn your lights at your home or business blue on April 2, 2021.

Clarkson Public Schools  
PO Box 140  
Clarkson NE 68629

The Clarkson Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, marital status, age or disabilities in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

