

# The Red Review

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

As we wrap up October and head into November, I would like to thank everyone for a great first quarter to the 2021-2022 school year. I especially want to thank the staff and students for getting the school year off to a fantastic start. The staff have been doing a yeoman's duty not only with their classroom instruction but also working with making sure we are getting all periods covered when teachers have been out sick or out of the building. Also, the students have been fantastic. Their efforts, behavior and work ethic are greatly appreciated.

The past couple of months we have been working with SOCS, who does our website webpage, on creating a mobile SOCS app for Clarkson Public Schools. After some trials and test runs we have our own Clarkson Public Schools app for on your phones. To download the "Clarkson Public Schools" app in the App Store for iPhone or Google Store for Android:

Iphone

Download: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1591275689>  
Android

Download: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.socs.clarksonpublicschools>

We have also emailed this information to our parents and the information can be found on our website [clarksonpublicschools.org](http://clarksonpublicschools.org) and on our Facebook page. A special thank you to Mr. Murren for all of his help creating this app.

Now your yearly reminder about dealing with inclement weather. It is my belief when making a decision on snow days to error on the side of precaution, there is too much at stake with putting young drivers on the road and asking to teachers to drive in from out of town in bad weather. I try and make the call as early as possible to make sure it helps our parents with daycare and their work obligations. If there are any days where a decision has been made and you are concerned about your child's safety, please feel free to keep them at home for the day.

I always look forward to November as it is my favorite month of the year as I am a big Thanksgiving fan. Not just for the food but also the time with my family and the thought of Thanksgiving. I am big believer in being optimistic and enjoying life, it is always great for everyone to take a day and be thankful for those in our lives and everything we have in our lives.

## Happy Thanksgiving and It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

### Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Hello again! It is amazing that we have entered into November and it is officially sweaters and stocking caps season! As we continue to see the temperatures drop, please make sure that your kids have appropriate clothing for their commute to school and for recess.

Next, I want to point out the website [www.nebraska-advantage.org](http://www.nebraska-advantage.org) website. We were fortunate enough to have Nebraska Public School Advantage come out and do another story on Clarkson Public Schools! This will be two articles that we have been featured in and is a major highlight of how great the community support is for Clarkson! We are very fortunate to have one another and to continue working together to benefit our students!

Keep an eye out as we enter into our winter sports and possible schedule changes. Always check the school website, Facebook page, or our Rschool calendar to find updated times and locations. We try to have everything put together but sometimes things change. With the winter sports, oftentimes the lower-level games can be changed and we will do our best to keep people notified. Unfortunately, sometimes it is out of our control if a team has to cancel or has low participation numbers.

As always, please feel free to reach out and keep in touch! Go PATS!

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## Middle Schoolers are Reading!

By Tami Sayers

1st quarter is done and we are starting off the 2nd strong in Reading class! 5th and 6th graders are excited about the new reading goals for the quarter! Since middle schoolers smile at anything that involves dating, both classes got to go on “blind dates” with books. The students previewed about 40 books that were wrapped up with only the title, reading level, and a short description on the outside. They “dated” the book and wrote down those they were interested in. No one was allowed to judge the book by the cover! After they read it, they will do a file folder book report, and “date” another book for the next 3 weeks. This is in place of the AR goals and if everyone in the class completes their book reports, they all will get to go bowling!

The 7th graders took a break from the textbook and just finished the novel Pay It Forward. Every week they got to complete a different challenge, they got to write someone a thank you, unplug for an hour, or help out at home. Making the initiative to do this makes a difference in someone’s day and that’s just what the book is about! This book has led to some great discussion especially when there’s a love story involved! The girls are always predicting and inferring! They all got to write their own version of the book so ask them what their’s is! Pay It Forward is our first novel of four. I look forward to reading The Giver with the class in a month or so. It’s a great day to be a Patriot...with a book in your hands!

## PEP students learn about DNA

By Caitlin Kabes

Ms. Julie from the Colfax County Extension Office came to talk to Mrs. Cropp and Mrs. Kabes PEP class 4 times about DNA. The students were able to make strands of DNA with licorice, marshmallows, and toothpicks, they were able to remove DNA from strawberries, and they were able to find their own fingerprints. The students thought they were detectives when they were able to find their fingerprints with cocoa powder. We can’t wait to have Ms. Julie back for our next lesson!

## Kindergarten News

By Wes Pokorny

Well, the first nine weeks are under our belts and the fall season is upon us! They say time flies when you are having fun...well that is the goal of how Kindergarten is taught at Clarkson Public Schools. No student ever has said to me, “I sure had a blast doing that worksheet!” or “Can we take another standardized test?!”. When students get a say in their learning and get a chance to think deeply about things that interest them that is when the real learning happens. I hope that the kids in my room learn to question and remain creative the rest of their lives.



## Spanish Room News

By Vicky Miller

¡Hola! We have been very busy in the Spanish room! Spanish 1 just finished a unit called Reflejando en Retratos (Reflecting on Portraits). After studying a little bit about what different colors & objects may represent in (self)portraits of famous Hispanic artists like Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Botero, students watched a how-to video about drawing faces and tried to draw their own self-portrait with objects that represented something about themselves. Students also drew like Picasso by rolling a dice and following directions to draw each feature to create really silly-looking people. Then they wrote a description of their "Picasso". We hung up three pictures with a single description and students identified which picture matched the description.

Spanish 2 recently completed the Reimaginando la moda (Reimagining fashion) unit. They have been giving their opinion about recent fashion trends, learning a bit about some famous Hispanic designers as well as exploring some other jobs connected to the fashion industry, and comparing Hispanic stores and brands. They discovered a lot about Fashion Week and gave their take on it and made a new fashion design of their own combining elements of traditional Hispanic clothing from various Spanish-speaking countries with recent fashion trends. Some of them had really creative designs!

Spanish 3/4 has been having a lot of fun in a unit called Contando leyendas (Telling legends). Of course, these are spooky legends like la Llorona that fit the season perfectly with Halloween approaching! They have investigated several popular legends throughout the Spanish-speaking world, described all kinds of creatures (character) like the chupacabra or el cadejo negro, learned about some haunted places and practiced describing them (setting), and they have been working hard to prepare a little skit to share with some of the upper elementary students just before Halloween! Soon they will be dabbling a little bit in understanding how preterite and imperfect tenses work together to help tell a story (plot). Ultimately, they will be able to tell a whole legend of their own! ¡Hasta pronto!

## 3rd Grade News

By Abby Gall

Can you believe we are already in November? This year is just flying!! The third graders have been busy this past month learning about national monuments, force vs. motion, and working on being respectful and responsible. We are a very energetic group who love to have fun and be silly! We recently started adding a little meditation into our morning routine and I have to say I am very impressed with how much the students are loving it. They know it is our time to relax and get our bodies ready to focus.

We would love to give a big shout out to Jaime Stodola for donating 12 pumpkins to our class to decorate. The kids were able to be creative and paint their pumpkins however they wished. Kooper's pumpkin was one of my favorites, can you tell what his theme was? CAT IN THE HAT!



# PE News

By Jim Clarkson

In the weight room we like to call it Squatober, and man did it fly by. It was a great month in the Physical Education world. We hit up some Flag Football with the Freshmen. There were some crazy plays, trash talk, intensity, great plays, and a whole lot of fun. In the end it took 3 overtimes to crown a Champion, to the victor goes the spoils.

Meanwhile the Seniors had the battle of the squares. We had 2-Square and Jarred Novotny was the champion. Then we had a massive 4-Square Tournament and the winner was....you guessed it Jarred Novotny. Then we played Kick Square, which is 4-square playing by soccer rules, which is a different type of game but that did not matter to Jarred as he won that tournament as well so I guess Jarred Novotny Hip to be square. Ok a little Huey and the News humor for all you 80's fans, cheesy Dad jokes aside Congrats on the Dominations Jarred can't wait to see what November has in store.



## Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – EHC Honor Choir at Stanton – Concert at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 late start (Teacher In-service)
- Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - NSAA Volleyball Championships in Lincoln
- Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Program in new gym 1:30 pm  
FCCLA meeting and "Under the Stars" night 6:00 pm
- Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – State FFA Pathways to Careers Conf. in Kearney  
JH Wrestling at David City 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – EHC One Act Play Production at Lyons  
NECC Visit Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – JH Wrestling at Newman Grove 4:00 pm  
Clarkson FFA Chapter Greenhand Ceremony 6:30 pm
- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – JH Wrestling at Howells-Dodge 9:00 am  
JH Girls BB tourney at Humphrey-Lindsay HF 9:00 am
- Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - NSAA Football State Championships in Lincoln
- Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – GBB & BBB Jamboree at Wynot 6:15/7:30 pm  
JH GBB at Aquinas Catholic 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - District One Act Play Production, TBD  
JH Wrestling at Battle Creek 3:30 pm



**Breakfast**

**Lunch**

November 1 Pancake & sausage  
 November 2 Rollerdog  
 November 3 10:00 start - NO BREAKFAST  
 November 4 Breakfast Hot Pocket  
 November 5 Clarkson Bakery rolls

November 8 Egg, ham, & cheese on a  
 Clarkson Bakery croissant  
 November 9 Waffles & sausage  
 November 10 Muffin  
 November 11 Pancake on a stick  
 November 12 Homemade breakfast pizza

November 15 PB&J  
 November 16 Breakfast combos  
 November 17 Tornado  
 November 18 Cereal  
 November 19 Egg, sausage, & cheese on a biscuit

November 22 Breakfast sausage  
 November 23 Egg, ham, & cheese on a bagel  
 November 24- 26 NO SCHOOL

November 29 French toast & ham  
 November 30 Yogurt parfait

Chalupa  
 Grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich  
 Quesadillas  
 Sub sandwich  
 Chicken sticks

Beef sticks

Chicken tenders  
 Cheddar brats  
 Pork meaty nachos  
 Hamburger

Grilled chicken patty on a bun  
 Pizza  
 Hot dog  
 Thanksgiving meal  
 Pork steak on a bun

Oriental chicken  
 Chicken fried steak

Hot ham & cheese sandwich  
 Meatloaf

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**Thanksgiving Break**  
**No School**

NO SCHOOL  
 Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday,  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>

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