

From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

As we start the month of December, I would like to thank everyone for a great first semester. It seems each year the calendar goes by faster and faster, which isn't always all bad. I just appreciate everyone's work and effort the first semester.

In the month of December, I always like to talk about changes in education. With being in education for 35 years, I have witnessed many changes, trends, and practices in the areas of instruction, testing, etc., some good and some not so good.

A new positive addition to education is the practice of getting mental health services into public schools. In the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of students who need emotional and psychological help with the day-to-day pressures of being a teenager and everything that is going on in their lives. This problem has really been amplified by the Pandemic. Our society has been dealing with the past couple of years. When dealing with this situation in the past, one of two things have played out, either the student leaves school to get help or the student struggles to get help as their parents can't either afford the help or can't take off work to get their children in to appointments.

With the help of the State of Nebraska putting a big emphasis on this problem, along with funding from ESSERS, the ESU's and larger school districts are adding Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP) to their staffs. With these additions we have been able to get services to students inside the building and during the school day. Everything is confidentially done with the parent's approval. If this help is something you would be interested in for your child, please reach out to Mrs. Kappel and we can help and support your child.

Have a great Holiday Season!!!

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Hello everyone and Happy Winter! Luckily the snow has stayed away for the time being but we are starting to get those chilly mornings. I would like to remind everyone to please make sure your child has proper clothing like hats and gloves as we get deeper into the winter months. I also want to remind you that the school doors do not open until 7:30 am. So please make sure your child is not getting here too early and then having to wait outside in the cold weather!

This winter we will be administering the NSCAS Growth test pilot. This is a state assessment that will be replacing MAP and eventually it will become our new state accountability test. We will still have our formal NSCAS test in the Spring. You will probably be hearing some different names of testing in the upcoming months and we will keep you updated as needed.

Our Patriot student athletes had a successful fall campaign and we are getting ready for winter sports. Keep an eye out for district one-act, speech competitions, girls and boys basketball, JH girls basketball, JH wrestling and HS wrestling!!

With the winter sports season starting, our schedules get ramped up again and our student athletes will get very busy. Please make a note to keep an eye on the calendar as start times can always adjust as well as the location of events.

This time of year, kids get tired and worn down and that is when we start to see sickness increase. If your child is going to be gone from school due to illness, please call the school and let us know. We appreciate it a lot!

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Cropp's Corner



In the Integrated Science class:
Students are learning about Sound and Light right now. They have learned about mirrors and lenses and how they affect the way your eye sees particular colors. They are making detailed drawings of the human eye and the functions of those different parts.

In the 4th Grade class:
Students have been learning about the different types of poems again this year. They will be publishing a book of poems that they have written. You are welcome to stop into my room and check out the other poetry books that my last years writing classes had published. They really enjoy seeing their work in a published book. They have also been writing a letter to a person that they are thankful for. Students struggle with writing personal letters but I feel it is a good practice to learn. Hopefully, they will receive a letter back which is always exciting.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to come.

Kindergarten News

Mr. Pokorny

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I, like many folks in this great country reflect on all of the blessings in our lives. Every morning as I drive to school, I think about how lucky I am to have the job that I have. I am thankful for the kids and families I get to serve. I am thankful for the leadership that allows the teachers of Clarkson Public Schools to do the jobs that we were hired to do. I am thankful that our leaders and district provide us with all the tools we need to provide our students with the best education possible.

I hope that you have an outstanding holiday season. Thanks again to anyone who has a hand in the education of the kids of the Clarkson Public Schools.

Win The Day!

Cough, Cough, Hack, Hack, Tis the Season

Parents, this is the time of year that we typically find ourselves battling many different sicknesses and conditions. We are aware that students have been fighting off a variety of germs including a respiratory virus, Covid, strep, pink eye, sinus infections, ear infections, and a puking bug.

If your child is battling any illnesses, if you can, please give them as much needed rest as possible. Push fluids and rest and remember that students need to be fever free without medication for 24 hours before coming back to school.

This is also the time of year that schools see an uptick in cases of lice simply with kids spending more time indoors and more wearing of headgear. Please pay attention if your child is complaining of an itchy head as it may be more than a dry scalp. Students need to be treated for lice before returning to school.



(Pictures will be taken of the JH Girls & Boys Basketball, JH Wrestling, HS Girls & Boys Basketball, HS Wrestling, and Clarkson's Speech Team.)

English Notes

By: Lynn Morfeld

Students in English 8 are starting a descriptive writing unit. We have been discussing the importance of SHOWING, not TELLING when describing - using analogies, creative adjectives, dialogue, and strong verbs. To practice showing, not telling, students were asked to choose a person to describe in a creative way. We called the assignment "Mystery Person." The following students volunteered to share their writing.

This person has a bunch of energy and is very determined, which he used in his past job slamming people to the ground and making their noses gush blood. But presently you may see him on screen enacting some intense characters. He could be drifting in a fast car, cruising down the Amazon, or fighting monsters and becoming the hero. He may tower over his co-stars, but they always hear his clever jokes.

This person is also a natural born leader and wants to inspire others. He has a great mindset. He sets goals for himself and will do whatever it takes to accomplish them. You could find him in the weight room with sweat dripping down his scrunched face, benching 450 lbs and letting out a roar of relief when he does it successfully. Maybe he was motivated by Mr. Clean?

The Rock - Duane Johnson (by Kendall Schneider)

Did you know a famous person can have a really bad style? He has been in 78 movies and shows, and he still doesn't want to dress nice. He even owns a movie company. Even though he has around 57 million dollars, he doesn't care what he looks like. He walks around New York without a care in the world. He puts on a t-shirt and shorts and walks out of his house. If you know him, he can be a really funny person in real life and in movies too. It seems that almost everyone likes him. I think he only goes shopping 1 time a year by the looks of his clothes. I think he and Kevin James might be best friends because of how many films they

have been in together. His movies are about the importance of family, sometimes. If you had no idea about this man, you would think he is homeless walking around with clothes that don't match and a jar of pickles. When he wants to make a movie, all he does is go on a vacation with all of his friends, then finds a hot actor for his wife. If you haven't seen one of his movies, then you need to! You are sure to laugh.

Adam Sandler (by Hadley Dlouhy)

Everybody loves low gas prices right? Well lately, they've almost doubled in the last year, and quite frankly, I'd rather take a couple mean tweets rather than \$3.38 gas right now. My mystery person has had many groundbreaking famous accomplishments, and after all he's accomplished and completed in the Executive Mansion as number 45, the media still wasn't impressed and decided to give him the boot, 2 times to be exact. While still in order, this man has made peace with multiple countries, walking fearlessly into foreign countries and meeting the leader and shaking hands in their capital. I don't see anyone else doing that nowadays. Before his political career, he was a star wrestler, basketball player, and a state champion football player for the New York Military Academy. He was also marked as the world's best golfer in his political category. Golf Digest even said he was, "a near scratch golfer." Now, he owns multiple towering hotels and buildings, naming one after his last name. He also owns multiple vast 18-hole golf courses and casinos. And yes, as he's said before, he doesn't wear a toupee. His wispy yellow hair really complements his orange complexion. Because obviously, with someone this important, it's also important to question their hair's authenticity. One of my favorite quotes he has stated is, "Someone said to me the other day, you're the most famous person in the world by far.' I said, 'no, I'm not'... they said, 'who's more famous?' I said, 'Jesus is'." This person has been such an idol to me, and I have multiple pieces of merchandise from this great person, and 2 of his hats are hanging on my confederate flag in my room.

Donald Trump (by Jacob Kroeger)

Towering over you is a darkly dressed man you might mistake for a shadow. However, he is not like a shadow at all; he stands out. This person doesn't like spending time matching colors, so he clothes himself in varying shades of jet black and the occasional gloomy grey. He almost always has on a sizeable pair of sapphire-tinted glasses. The tousled unkempt head of hair and the scruffy greying beard add to this effect.

This person has been directing and overseeing projects for a while. He's been on the big screen more than you can count on both hands. Before doing his life's work in the film industry, he was an unconventional creator on the famous Disney team. When you think of Walt's empire, you think of jolly, vibrant characters and circumstances. This person, however, was very opposed to this style of work. His unique style wasn't as appreciated and cherished as it is now. Some of the notable features of his are limited color palettes and the main character who feels misunderstood. CEOs said his work was too creepy and gothic for little kids - that it wouldn't appeal to them. He then became independent and has risen to be one of the top in his career path.

He was considered a loner, an outcast, by many people. As a kid, he would rather stay in the comfort of home and watch old movies than play out in the world with other children. He said himself that if he dressed in a silly clown costume and danced around, people would still say he has a dark personality. This person will not accept anything below what he considers perfect, so once he reared back his huge Doc Martens and kicked a hole in the wall of a studio. He lives by being authentically himself, and a quote of his is, "Visions are worth fighting for. Why spend your life making someone else's dreams?"

Tim Burton (by Bella McAtee)

He walks down the hall looking like a cool kid and waves to all the people he sees whether he knows them or not. Some people completely ignore him and some people wave back with a smile on their face. He has fun in the halls and in the classroom since he gets to hang out with all his friends. He loves his teachers and gets to sit in class all day learning how to do simple math and read easy stories. During lunch he eats his tray full of food as slowly as he

possibly can, but after a while of eating, he finishes it all.

He is always on the basketball court shooting three-pointers and winning games for the team. He rarely plays, but when he does, he is an all-star. He may not look like the kid that could make three-pointers with his glasses and slow moving body, but he does it. As he gets older, he will most likely not be able to play this amazing sport he loves. He has worked so hard to become a basketball player and tries to prove it by his skills. Football is probably his least favorite sport. He can't catch or throw the ball, but he still practices daily along with his basketball practice.

He loves driving his little tractor around while big tractors and trucks drive past him. He dreams of being a farmer and loves being outside with all the animals on the farm. Sitting in the combine with his dad is something that he loves to do. He stares in wonder of how his dad is able to do such amazing work. One of his outdoor activities is chasing cats with his dog. I really think it is a hobby for him to run around screaming and yelling at his cats. They hate it, but he loves it and finds joy in it just like he does in everything he does.

Zach Gall (by Alessa Gall)

Normally you see him walking around school joking about inconveniences with a loud, heavy voice. The tall yet not so lenient man has had a knack for hair gel recently. He loves business and tends to sing at the weirdest times. He can never help himself when it comes to giving anyone a hard time, especially the girls he teaches. He often helps with business and drives to different places with students to different towns. He has tons of school spirit and loves to be involved.

Mr. Matt Murren (by Chyann Becker)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
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			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">10:00 late start - Teacher In-Service</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">District One Act in Leigh</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">JH GBB at Wayne 4:30 pm Games will go 7th grade - "A" game 7th grade - "Reserve" - 16 minutes running clock. 8th grade "A" game 8th grade - "Reserve" - 16 minute running clock.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">HS Wrestling quad at High Plain Community HS 5:00 pm</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">PEP Band to play at game.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Marathon BB vs Humphrey-Lindsay HF at Leigh 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm (Game to broadcast on KKOT)</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Marathon BB at Madison 2:00 (Girls & Boys JV games to play at the same time. Girls Varsity to follow JV Girls in new gym.)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">JH GBB vs Humphrey-Lindsay HF at Leigh 9:00 am (B team followed by A team.)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">HS Wrestling tournament at Howells 9:30 am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">JH Wrestling at Schuyler 8:30 am</div>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">FCCLA Family Christmas</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">FFA Leadership Development Event 9:00 am, TBD</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Girls & Boys C team BB vs Humphrey-Lindsay HF at Humphrey 6:00/7:15 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">JH GBB at Battle Creek 4:00 pm</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Marathon BB vs Oakland-Craig at Clarkson 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">PEP Band to play at game.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">NSAA One Act Play Championships</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">School Board Meeting 6:00 pm</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">NSAA One Act Play Championships</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Marathon BB vs Winside at Leigh 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">JH GBB vs Madison at Leigh 4:30 pm</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">NSAA One Act Play Championships</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Marathon BB vs. BRLD at Bancroft 4:00/5:00/6:00 /7:30 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Student Health Screenings</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Girls JV BB tournament at Lyons 9:00 am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">HS Wrestling at Osceola 8:30 am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">ACT Test Date</div> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;">JH Wrestling at Centennial 9:00 am</div>

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Clarkson Elementary Winter Concert, 7:00 pm Girls & Boys C team BB vs. Humphrey St. Francis at Leigh 6:00/7:00 pm	Girls JV/V BB at David City 6:00/7:30 pm JH GBB vs Schuyler at Clarkson 4:30 pm HS Wrestling quad at Logan View 6:00 pm	Winter Activity pictures with Digital Solutions. FCCLA meeting during Patriot Period	Art students to visit the Joslyn Art Museum	Fire Drill Jr. High/Sr. High Winter Concert at Clarkson 7:00 pm	Marathon BB vs Howells-Dodge at Dodge 2:00/3:00/4:30 /5:30 pm HS Wrestling tournament at Wisner-Pilger 9:00 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JH GBB at Humphrey St. Francis 6:00 pm 1:00 Dismissal - JH/HS Semester Finals	Marathon BB vs. Lakeview at Leigh 4:00 pm End of Quarter 2, End of Semester 1 1:00 Dismissal - NO ELEMENTARY - JH/HS Semester Finals	No School	No School	No School	
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	No School Girls & Boys Varsity BB tournament at Shelby-RC, TBD	No School Girls & Boys Varsity BB tournament at Shelby-RC, TBD	No School	No School	No School	

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Winter Break

December 22nd thru January 4th

Classes resume on January 5th

SCHOOL LUNCH Menus

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
December 1	10:00 start - NO BREAKFAST	Corn dog
December 2	Biscuits and gravy	Spaghetti and meatballs
December 3	Clarkson Bakery rolls	Beef burrito
December 6	Egg, sausage, and cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	Walking taco
December 7	Waffles and ham	Grilled cheese or tuna salad
December 8	Rollerdog	Turkey and gravy
December 9	Omelet and sausage	Hamburger casserole
December 10	Homemade breakfast burrito	Breaded chicken patty
December 13	Pancakes and sausage	BBQ pork
December 14	Egg, ham, & cheese on an English Muffin	Sloppy joes
December 15	Muffin	Chicken fajita
December 16	Donut	Christmas meal
November 17	Yogurt parfait	Pork steak on a bun
December 20	Pancake on a stick	Hamburger
December 21	PB&J	Pizza
December 22- January 4	NO SCHOOL	

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



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