

# The Red Review

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## From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we start into March, we are heading into the final stretch of the 2022-2023 school year. We will be starting the 4th quarter on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. As fast as the first three quarters have gone by this school year the 4th quarter will even go faster. With track meets, State Conventions for FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Career Academy and music contests all over the school calendar students will be missing a lot of school. It is imperative for students to keep communication with their teachers and keep up on their classroom work. As a parent, you can use the JMC Gradebook link to keep up with your student's grades, lunch bill and attendance.

Reminder that Clarkson Public Schools is offering Drivers Ed this summer for eligible students. Tom King, the instructor, has sent out information to the students in Clarkson and Leigh. If you are interested in having your child take Driver's Ed please contact Amy Gurnsey at 402-892- 3454 or [agurnsey@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:agurnsey@clarkson.esu7.org)

The 2023-2024 school calendar has been approved and can be found on the school's website so you can start to make plans for the upcoming school year. Also, the Patriot summer sports schedules will be up soon so parents plan their summer trips and vacations. Go PATS!

**No School:**  
**Spring Break & Teacher In-Service**  
**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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## Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

We are closing in on the end of the 3rd quarter and it is important as ever that we keep the students focused and dialed in. If students can have a strong 3rd quarter it can put them in a great position to have a strong end to the school year! January and February are always long but luckily, we have had a few snow days this time around to break it up! It has been another very exciting winter activities season for Pats Nation and we are excited to finish strong!!

With spring right around the corner (fingers crossed!), we will have Track starting, Prom, ACT, spring concerts and many more school activities. Please, make sure to keep an eye on the calendar and any new updates. For as long as it feels to get through the beginning of the year, these next couple months will go quickly and we will have a lot of bodies out of the building! As always, if you have any questions or would like to stop by, please don't hesitate!!

Go PATS!

## Parents of Special Education Students

By Mrs. Heimann

In March, during Parent/Teacher Conferences, there will be a survey that needs to be filled out for the Nebraska Department of Education. We will have computers available for Parents/Guardians to take the survey. If you do not attend conferences, please let the school know so the link can be sent to you to complete the survey. Thank you.

## Math News

By Tony Horacek

As we move into March it has been hectic as all the winter activities have been winding down. All the math classes have just finished MAP testing, and the Juniors are working on ACT prep. In Algebra I we will be moving from working with linear equations and linear inequalities to working with exponents and exponential functions. Geometry will finish working with polygons (mostly quadrilaterals) and will start learning about similarity between polygons with an emphasis on triangle similarity. Algebra II will be moving from inverse and radical functions to exponential and logarithmic functions. Pre-Calculus will also be working with exponential and logarithmic functions.



## It is Round-up time!

By Wes Pokorny

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements - 5 years of age by July 31st, 2023. If your child fits the age limit and you are planning on attending Clarkson Public Schools let the office know your intentions. On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> your child will get to spend the afternoon visiting the classroom and myself. The appropriate forms for next year will be sent home with your child. 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 2023-2024 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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

By Karly Gall

We wanted to share some exciting updates from our first-grade class. Valentine's Day was a wonderful day for our students. They enjoyed exchanging cards and treats with each other, and they were thrilled to receive special Valentine's Day gifts from their teachers. We also took this opportunity to talk about kindness and friendship, emphasizing the importance of treating others with respect and care.

In language arts, we have been focusing on words that end in "y" and "ey." Our students have been learning about the different sounds these letters make at the end of words, such as "happy" and "money." They have been practicing reading and writing these words, and we are impressed with how quickly they are picking up on this new concept.

As part of our social studies curriculum, we have been exploring the topic of addresses. Our students have been learning about the different parts of an address, such as the street name, city, state, and zip code. They have also been practicing writing their own addresses, which has been a great way to reinforce their understanding of this important life skill.

We want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We are proud of the progress they are making in our class, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.



## Business News

By Matthew Murren

During the week of January 9th, members of the Clarkson-Leigh FBLA chapter supported the March of Dimes by organizing a coin drive in order to raise money. March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization that focuses on issues that affect mothers and their babies. The FBLA members set out tables with buckets outside of the advisors' classroom in Clarkson and Leigh, and that would be the designated area for donations.

Each grade had its own bucket with staff having one as well. Each day of the drive had an assigned coin value. On Monday, people were asked to donate pennies. Then on Tuesday nickels, Wednesday was dimes, and Thursday was quarters. On Friday, people could donate whatever they wanted, dollar bills, any change, and a few checks were donated as well. The goal was to raise \$1,000 in order to earn a late start.

At the end of the week, Clarkson-Leigh exceeded the goal raising over \$1,000 for the March of Dimes Foundation. We would like to thank everyone who donated and supported this cause.

# Spanish News

By Vicky Miller

The 8th graders are almost done with their 2nd unit called *Volando cometas* (flying kites). They are able to describe all kinds of kites (size, color, shape). They can talk about different activities with kites and give their opinion about them. They can tell what kind of weather would or would not be ideal for flying a kite. They explored several different kite festivals. I think the highlight of the unit is following a Spanish tutorial to make kites of their own; we will test them out next week, weather permitting!

Spanish 1 is delving into family life. They initially picked up words for family members through a silly TPR story that the kids played roles in (photo below). Students have talked about their own families using Pecha Kucha presentations. They have also read different articles and exchanged information about the famous families of Gerard Pique (soccer player) and singer Marc Anthony. They have explored activities that families tend to do together. Soon they will get to experience some traditional games like *lotería*, *dominos* and *perinola*.

Spanish 2 is wrapping up *Amor en el aire* (Love in the Air), perfect timing for Valentine's day!

They talked about popular gifts and options for activities/places for a date. They wrote a message to someone they loved. (It didn't have to be romantic! Some wrote it to a friend or parent.) They also picked out themes in love songs and gave their opinion about love songs. One day they even found themselves calling in to *Radio Sol* to dedicate songs to someone special!

Spanish 3/4 has had the tough task of exploring *Tapas* every day right before lunch time! They've learned a little about the history of this tradition, researched several common *tapas*, and investigated regional variations of the dishes across Spain. They've compared aspects of *tapas* bars to different types of eating establishments they're used to here and made inferences as to why some of the customs around *tapas* exist. They have a lot of conversational goals remaining in the unit: interacting with a waiter, making plans with friends, relating a story about an experience with *tapas*, etc. Students have really been working on leveling up with their word choice and idiomatic expressions during this unit by utilizing a new note-taking system for their vocab. Initial results look promising, but the performance assessment will be the real measurement of their success! ¡*Buen provecho!*



Back row: Levi Gall, Kendall Schneider, Sophie Morfeld, Coal Fernau, Grant Hanel. Seated in chairs: Bella McAtee, Parker Sayers. Seated on floor: Wyatt Crosley, Rowan Stodola.

## Cropp's Corner

In the Integrated Science classroom:

Students are working on their solar system projects. They are in groups of 4 because of the size of this project. They are creating a solar system roller coaster. They are responsible for naming, marketing and advertising this roller coaster which will show their understanding of all the objects that can be found in our solar system. They will be creating a small version of their roller coaster as well as a presentation of their roller coaster to the class. I hope they enjoy themselves creating their roller coasters.



In the 3rd grade classroom:

I am again working with the 3rd graders on creating their poetry books that will be published with their poems in them. Order forms were sent home to their parents on Monday. If anyone didn't receive an order form, please let Ms. Ruwe or myself know, and we will make sure a new order form gets to you. I would like the order forms returned to the classroom teacher by Tuesday, Feb.28th. The books will be published in mid-March and will be here in April.

We have a daily poetry corner where the students get to read their poems to their classmates using a microphone and having a great time sharing. The students love doing these books, so please encourage your child if they want to share their poems with you.



# March Music Events

By Cindy Settje

"The Best of Neil Diamond" and "We Don't Talk About Bruno" are just a couple of the selections that will be heard on the Pop Concert held on Tuesday, March 14th. This year's concert will feature the Junior High and Senior High Choir and Band students. It will be held in Clarkson's High School gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Stanton Music Festival was held on Saturday, February 4th for Junior High students. 33 schools from across Nebraska with almost 500 students attended. The students had the opportunity to attend in either Choir, Band, or Percussion Ensemble. Those students who attended from Clarkson and Leigh were: Soleece Jensen, Vivian Bunner, Ariyah Ross, Ava Baumert, Ella Baumert, Haley Podany, Jackson Greene, Justin Eisenmann, Logan Stodola, Austin Mathies, Bailey Rios, Elison Koehn, Aiden Jurgensen, Chase Andrews, and Hayden Andersen. Band and Choir directors, Liz Kowalski and Cindy Settje also attended the event with a concert held at 4:00.



## FCCLA Members Compete at District STAR Events

By Caitlin Kabes

Humphrey, Nebraska -Six students from Clarkson Public School recently participated in the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America District 5 STAR Event Competition. This annual event was held at Humphrey Public Schools and featured over 175 competitors from the area.

One Competitive Event available to FCCLA members is STAR Events: Students Taking Action with Recognition. STAR Events recognize members for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. STAR Events offer individual skill development and application of learning through cooperative, individualized, and competitive activities. District 5 hosted 26 events during the conference. Students are evaluated by judges using a rubric system and have the opportunity to earn a Gold, Silver, or Bronze rating. The top two finishers in each event level, who earn a Silver or Gold rating, qualify to compete at the state competition, which will be hosted as part of the State Leadership Conference.

Students from the Clarkson FCCLA Chapter received the following ratings in their respective categories: Placing 1st and qualifying for state in Focus on Children in Level 2 was Teagan Baumert. Placing 2nd and qualifying for state in Chapter in Review: Display in Level 3 is Cadence Indra, Ella Kappel, and Alyssa Gurnsey. Placing 1st and qualifying for state in Chapter in Review: Portfolio in Level 1 was Chloe Indra and Ava Baumert.

FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Nebraska FCCLA has more than 2,500 members in 100 chapters across the state. For more information about FCCLA, please visit [www.nebraskafccla.org](http://www.nebraskafccla.org).





# History at Our Fingertips

By: Tami Sayers

Where could you find animal hides, a musket, Civil War sniper glasses, and moose antlers? Middle school students were lucky enough to see these items and so much more at Randy Dunn's presentation this month! Randy Dunn, a historical enthusiast, brought five large tables of historical items to Clarkson Public Schools to teach them about Nebraska history.



Collecting items from history and the wilderness for over 50 years, Randy enjoys sharing his love for history with kids. Students' mouths dropped open as they walked into the room and saw the spread of artifacts he was going to present. Everyone sat as Randy shared stories and facts about his collection. Hands went up with questions as the middle schoolers learned about how Nebraskans lived and the tools they used. Alaina Sayers said, "It was like going back to the past."

Just a few of the items Randy presented were a necklace of badger claws, a stuffed squirrel, a turkey leg back scratcher, an Indian doll, curling iron, Civil War wool pants, a toothbrush made of bone, a bear coat and gloves, buffalo skin drum, hand corn picker, saddle bags from the Pony Express, and dozens of animal pelts. The favorite part of the presentation of many students was being able to touch the items after learning about them. Kanon Clarkson said, "We were learning history but instead of having to visualize the items, we got to see and touch them."

Randy also shared personal connections to some of the items. He shared about his family members on the Donner Party who traveled the Oregon Trail and only one of his family members lived. He also shared about his family that owned land but got it taken away when the state lines were reestablished. This made the students not only interested in genealogy but history overall. Taelyn Baumert raved, "If someone asked me if learning about history is interesting, I would say absolutely! This was probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a bunch of artifacts and the stories behind them." All of the elementary students were invited to check out the tables of artifacts. Randy's collection was a highlight of the day for many students! Henry Koehn even added, "I give Randy a 1,000/10 stars!"

## ACT INFO FOR JUNIORS

By Jennifer Kappel

The Junior Class will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, March 21st at the high school. In 2016, the passage of LB 930 required that state accountability testing be completed at the high school level through the administration of a college entrance exam and the ACT was selected. Students will participate in ACT Reading, English, Math, Science and Writing each spring. All students, including special education students and English Learners who are in their third-year cohort of high school must participate in the ACT. The test will be administered by Clarkson staff and be free of charge for juniors. These test scores can be used for college entrance and scholarship requirements. The junior class is currently utilizing the study tool ACT Online Prep. This site allows students to focus on specific areas to improve their subject test scores. Additional study resources include:

### ACT/SAT RESOURCES

This may not be a comprehensive list. Check with your school counselor for additional resources.

NAME	WEBSITE
4Tests	4tests.com
ACT	actstudent.org
Army	march2success.com
College Board	satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat
Kaplan	kaptest.com
Khan Academy	khanacademy.org/test-prep
Magoosh	magoosh.com
Number 2	number2.com
Test Prep Review	testprepreview.com
The Princeton Review	princetonreview.com
Sylvan Learning Center	sylvanlearning.com/test-prep

### ACT/SAT OMAHA-AREA TEST PREP

NAME	CONTACT INFO
3MT Test Prep	402-334-0912 or go3mt.com
AIM High Test Prep	402-491-0492 or aimhightestprep.com
OnToCollege Test Prep with John Baylor	402-475-7737 or ontocollege.com
Huntington Learning Center	402-884-4407 or huntingtonhelps.com
Sylvan Learning Center	402-880-1104 or sylvanlearning.com/test-prep



## March School Menu

### BREAKFAST

March 6 No school  
March 7 muffin  
March 8 pancakes and ham  
March 9 egg, sausage, & cheese on a bagel  
March 10 Clarkson Bakery

March 13 egg, ham, & cheese on a  
Clarkson Bakery croissant

March 14 French toast and sausage

March 15 breakfast pizza  
steak

March 16 combos

March 17 omelet and tri-tator

March 20 empanada

March 21 waffles and ham  
casserole

March 22 breakfast hot pocket

March 23 bagel and cream cheese

March 24 yogurt parfait  
sandwich

March 27 pb&j

March 28 biscuit and gravy

March 29 egg, sausage, & cheese on  
an English muffin

March 30 breakfast sausage on a bun

March 31 cereal

### LUNCH

meatball sub

grilled chicken patty sandwich

ribique

tuna casserole

calzone

chicken fajita

chicken fried

sub sandwich

cheese quesadilla

hamburger

scalloped potatoes and ham

taco

chicken nuggets

grilled cheese or tuna salad

pork steak sandwich

spaghetti and meat sauce

pizza

hot ham and cheese

fish sticks

Menus are subject to change.

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# Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – NO school – Teacher Development Day

Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO school – Teacher In-Service Day

Girls State Basketball tournament in Lincoln

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – NO school – Spring Break

Girls State Basketball tournament in Lincoln

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Girls State Basketball tournament in Lincoln

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Spring Break

District Speech at Humphrey

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring Practices

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Spring Pictures with Digital Solutions

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Wrestling Dual in Leigh

Boys State Basketball tournament in Lincoln

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Football Awards Banquet 5:00 pm at the Leigh High School

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Dance team practice for tryouts 6:45-7:30 am in Leigh

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Patriot Dance team practice for tryouts 6:45-7:30 am in Leigh

JH/HS Pops Concert in Clarkson 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Dance team practice for tryouts 6:45-7:30 am in Leigh

School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - Patriot Dance team practice for tryouts 6:45-7:30 am in Leigh

Patriot Dance team tryouts 4:00 pm in Leigh

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – State Speech Championships in Kearney

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – No School for Elementary (PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

ACT testing for Juniors

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – NECC Scholastic Contests

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – PROM in Clarkson

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – EHC Conference Quiz Bowl at Scribner-Snyder

Boys Golf at West Point/Beemer 10:00 am

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – HS Track at Stanton 11:30 am

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – FFA State Convention in Lincoln

Boys Golf at David City Aquinas 10:00 am

NECC Quiz Bowl

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – FFA State Convention in Lincoln

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – FFA State Convention in Lincoln

HS Track at Osceola 9:00 am

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