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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

October is my annual newsletter reminder about two different topics that are always on our agenda at CPS.

The first topic is our Clarkson Public Schools Career Academy. Our Career Academy is set up with the goal of getting our junior and senior students out in the work world to look at different career fields to see and check on professions they are interested in going into after high school or college. During the junior year, our goal is to provide job shadowing opportunities where the students do shorter more wide-ranging visits to different jobs to gauge their interest and get more information on different fields and professions. This helps us narrow down their choices for their senior year.

During the student's senior year, the goal is to have the students build connections and get opportunities to set up possible paid internships for the 2nd semester. We also have some of our seniors who choose to go to "Fridays at Northeast" where they take classes through NECC on Fridays and work on their certifications in the area of their interests. This is about year four of the Career Academy program and it continues to grow and give our CPS students some great opportunities.

October is also the month I cover student's use of social media. As all school districts, we deal with student social media and the effects it has on our students. We work to keep our students updated and knowledgeable how to use social media in a proper fashion. I will give our students credit for the fact in the past couple of years the amount of time we have had to do deal with social media issues has dropped drastically. We still get to see what other districts go through with student and parent use of social media and it can really cause major problems for everyone involved.

I always encourage parents to make sure you are monitoring your children's social media platforms. Be aware of what apps they are using and do not be afraid to occasionally do some routine checks of their phone. Besides checking your

child's phone and social media, please make sure you are talking with your children about their lives and how they are doing. Social media is something that we all have to manage in our own lives unfortunately is not always used in the correct form with teenagers and even parents.

News from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

Happy Fall!! It is always a beautiful time of the year as the seasons change and we are in full swing with all school activities! As always, many incredible things are happening, and we want to ensure everyone can enjoy it! We are wrapping up another successful Book Fair and want to thank Mrs. Kratochvil for her work this year. This was her first year running it; she has done a magnificent job!

Hopefully, with the school year hitting full stride, you will have a chance to watch the Patriots or Cyclones in action! Many amazing things are happening on the field, court, and diamond! We are very proud of the kids and coaches for their time and effort, and I know they appreciate all the support you give them. Along with our athletics, our academics are very important, and we are very proud of the students' efforts in their MAP testing!

With the weather starting to turn and harvest in full swing, please remind any student drivers to ensure they are careful and mindful of all gravel roads where grain trucks could be traveling. It is a crazy part of the year, with many people going in different directions! As always, please frequent the school calendar or reach out because the school schedule can change quickly. Go Pats!!

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Kindergarten News

By Breanna Ruwe

The beginning of the year has been exciting for the class and myself! Since the start of the year, we have been busy getting to know each other, building friendships, and learning every day! The class has gone on many adventures on the hill and enjoyed watermelons and apples in the garden. This class knows how to have fun and work hard every day!! I have enjoyed getting to know the class and seeing how far they have already grown since we've been in school!



Clarkson-Leigh Girls' Golf Team Participates in the PGA Reach Nebraska and the Clubs FORE Youth Program

By Lynn Morfeld

The Clarkson-Leigh Girls' Golf Team has the deepest appreciation for PGA Reach Nebraska and the Clubs FORE Youth Program! Head coaches Lynn Morfeld and Michelle Held were able to take part of the team to the site of this week's Korn Ferry Tour Pinnacle Championship - Indian Creek Golf Club in Elkhorn. While there, the girls heard from PGA golfers Scott Gutschewski and Patrick Welch, who discussed their warm-up routines, techniques, and life as professional golfers on tour.

At the end of the evening, five brand new sets of clubs, bags, and push carts were presented to the Clarkson-Leigh girls' golf program through the Clubs FORE Youth Program, partnered with Ryan French (@MondayQInfo) and Drive FORE The Future. This equipment will be available for the female Patriot golfers throughout the fall season as well as during the summer months.

"One way this program supports young female golfers is by providing top-notch equipment. We all got to try out the clubs tonight. So smooth! Many high school girls are new to the game and end up borrowing clubs or using hand-me-downs that are too heavy or not suited to the female stature. These clubs will definitely make golf more accessible for our small town athletes," said Coach Morfeld.

The Patriot golf team currently has 14 girls, including 5 new golfers. Coaches Morfeld and Held are assisted by Bill Morris.



August/September Math

By Tony Horacek

We had to get a lot of testing done in August and September and we are glad to be done with that until the next round. Many of the students will probably not admit it, but I am sure they are glad to be done with testing and settled into getting to do math everyday. Algebra I is learning to solve algebraic equations, Geometry just finished learning about polygons, polyhedrons and transformations, Algebra II is working on solving 2 and 3 variable systems.

English Notes
Lynn Morfeld

The freshmen in English 9 are starting the year with selections from the oral tradition - myths, legends, fairy tales, and so on. Proverbs are short sayings that were a part of our oral history. The Class of 2027 wanted to know if elementary students were familiar with some common proverbs, so they spent some time with Mrs. Karly Gall's first grade class.

Some proverbs WERE familiar to the first graders, such as "Where there's smoke, there's fire" and "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," but others yielded some humorous responses.

- Children should be seen not...outside.
- Better be safe than...under water.
- Better be safe than...scared.
- Better be safe than.....a mom.
- Never underestimate the power of...good!
- Never underestimate the power of...Jesus.
- If you lie down with the dogs...you get furry.
- If you lie down with the dogs...they'll poop on you
- There is no fool like.....my brother.
- You can lead a horse to water but you can't...push it in.
- It's always darkest...before a cave.
- There is no fool like a ...regular human.
- A penny saved is ... a quarter.
- Love all, trust...girls.

THEN...we asked, "What would 3rd graders say?" So, we met with Mrs. Abby Gall's class and received these responses:

- Where there's smoke, there's ... death.
- If at first you don't succeed, ... fail.
- It's always darkest before ... Christmas.
- You can't teach an old dog ... to skateboard. (Saw it on a Red Bull commercial.)
- If at first you don't succeed ... you will win later.
- A penny saved is ... worth one day.
- Never underestimate a ... cop.
- Love all, trust...Alex.
- A pen is mightier than ... a pencil.
- Strike while ... they're down.
- None are as blind ... as a bat.
- Love all, trust ... God.



ATTENTION SENIORS!

We need your senior pictures

The journalism staff is responsible for collecting photos for the yearbook and newspapers. (If we do not receive your pictures, digital solutions will be used.)

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

1. Headshot for the senior page of the yearbook.
2. Baby picture for the senior page of the yearbook.
3. Headshot for Colfax County Press.
4. Headshot to be used for BOTH the Columbus Telegram and the alumni board in the lobby.

**DUE BEFORE
NOV. 21ST**

A headshot is a **vertical** photograph of just the **head and shoulders**. Pictures of the entire body are too far away to be used. Please make sure they are school appropriate as well.



Please **LABEL** your photos with your name and what you want them to be used for. Pictures can be mailed, hand-delivered, or emailed to me at ssedlacek@clarkson.esu7.org.

Emailed is preferred.

ATTENTION SENIORS PARENTS!

Honor your high school graduate with a Senior Tribute in the yearbook. The 1/8 page size will be \$15 and the 1/4 page size will be \$20. If you want a certain layout for your child please let me know.



Samples:

Families have until Thanksgiving break to buy a senior tribute in the back of the yearbook. Please send the following if interested:

1. \$15 or \$20 (payable to CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL).
2. Baby picture of your child.
3. A short message of congratulations and encouragement.
4. 1-4 senior pictures (can be the same ones submitted for the papers)

Again, we must have all the pictures **BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK!** Thank you for your cooperation! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ssedlacek@clarkson.esu7.org or call me at the school at (402) 892-3454.

Business/FBLA/Stream Team News

By: Matt Murren

We are back with another great start to the year at Clarkson Public Schools. It's amazing but we are already through a month and a half of the school year in what feels like the blink of an eye. As always, the start to the year is extremely busy in the classroom, in the tech world, and with the extra-curricular activities. We are lucky to have great students in our school that makes each day a blast to be at work!

Business classes are moving right along and have been very productive. Multimedia is just finishing up their Silent Film that will be released on your school YouTube page: [clarksonpublicschool](http://clarksonpublicschool.com). We always start with the Silent film as it's one of my favorite projects and then progress into many more advanced projects throughout the year. Video Production is our advanced Video Production class and they have started out the year busy making content. They have been working on graphics for stream, highlight videos to use during the stream and content within our school. They will have plenty of productions by the end of the year so check them out.

Accounting I/II starts out with working with a sole proprietorship. They are currently learning to journalize their transactions and prove and rule the journal. Next chapter they will start posting into the general ledger and coming up with account balances. Accounting III/IV already worked on departmental journalizing of transactions with discounts and returns and will be moving into payroll registers and payroll. One of the main changes from Accounting I/II to Accounting III/IV is that transactions become much more complex and tasks as well. Personal Finance is our senior class and it's one of the best additions that we've made mandatory here. I've said this numerous times in almost every newsletter but it's such an important class for our seniors. They will learn many concepts now that they will encounter as they go into adulthood. We are just finishing up our interview section where we practice on resumes, cover letters, job applications and thank you letters. We have community members come in to perform mock interviews and it's a great experience for the kids. They also cover in this course: financial goals, calculating gross/net pay, banking such as checking and savings accounts, CD's, money market accounts, and loans, credit and credit cards, insurances, taxes, budgeting, investing and job careers! We started an investing game on Marketwatch as a fun competition and they've really enjoyed it so far.

FBLA Fall Leadership Conference was held on Wednesday, September 27th in Fremont at Midland University. This year we took five officers. Our officer team consists of: Aubrie Hanna (President), Korbin Lemburg (Vice-President), Paige Kurpgeweit (Secretary/Parliamentarian), Brayden Loseke (Treasurer) and Sydney Messerlie (Reporter/Historian). This is our 7th year having and our group continues to grow each year! This is our biggest year yet with over 60 members!

This year's Stream Team has 15 members! The members range from 7th grade to 12th grade and it's great getting so many kids involved. The kids do a great job of making these streams enjoyable for the viewers. Find the stream on our Athletic YouTube page, Clarkson-Leigh Athletics.

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

1st Grade Superstars

By Karly Gall

Here's to the 1st Grade Superstars! As the new school year kicks off, we are super excited to learn and grow in 1st grade! Some of our highlights so far include discovering our 5 senses, learning about what makes a pet special, working on Proverbs with Mrs. Morfeld's freshman English class, our 4 seasons, and adding in subtracting facts to 20.

Discovering Our 5 Senses: We dove into our 5 senses - sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. We explored how these senses help us understand the world around us and make learning even more exciting!

Pets Are Special: Next, we learned about what makes pets so special. We talk about the furry, feathery, or scaly friends we have at home and what we can do to take care of them. Our class got to meet my dog, Milo! Milo loves coming to school and seeing all of the kids, but there's something special about him. He was born blind. The 1st graders have been learning how important all of our senses are, and when one is missing how it may affect our everyday lives.

Proverbs with Mrs. Morfeld's Freshman Class: We teamed up with the freshman class to explore wise sayings called "proverbs." These are like little nuggets of wisdom that can teach us important life lessons. The freshmen were paired up with 1-2 first graders. They read the beginning of multiple proverbs and let the 1st graders fill in the blank. These results were fun to read! Some examples include:

"If you lie down with the dogs...you get furry."

"Better be safe than.....a mom."

"Never underestimate the power of...good!"

Nature Walk and the 4 Seasons: Get your explorer hats ready because we'll be going on many more nature walks! We discovered the beauty of our surroundings and talked about the four seasons - spring, summer, fall, and winter. Each season has something unique to offer, and we'll explore them all.

Math Magic with Adding and Subtracting: We've been using special strategies to become math wizards and we will continue to learn how to add and subtract! With a little bit of practice, you'll be solving math puzzles like a pro.

Every Day is a New Adventure: Finally, remember that each day in 1st grade is a new adventure waiting to happen. This year, we will learn, play, and explore together. So, put on your thinking caps, grab your notebooks, and let's make this school year amazing!

Stay curious, be kind to one another, and get ready for a year full of learning and fun! We can't wait to see all the incredible things you'll accomplish. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!



FCCLA Members Attend Fall Leadership Workshop

By Caitlin Kabes

Kearney - Six students from the Clarkson FCCLA Chapter recently attended the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Fall Leadership Workshop in Kearney. This annual event was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, with over 550 student members, chapter advisers, and guests from 64 chapters across the state attending the conference.

The Nebraska FCCLA state theme for this year is 'Blaze New Paths,' which encourages members to work toward stronger connections in Nebraska FCCLA and equip leaders with skills for life. Students at the event heard from members of the Nebraska FCCLA State Officer Team, the State Peer Officer Teams, and Kent Julian, inspirational speaker and author. Kent shared a keynote message about how it's one's response to an event that determine the outcome.



L-R: Sophia Morfeld, Shaleigh McAllister, Emilie Hajek, Teagan Baumert, Rowan Stodola, Hadley Dlouhy

National Vice President of Finance, Leonardo Luna-Duran from the Neligh-Oakdale chapter, and Leadership Liaison, Jaden Leasure from Nebraska City, led the New Member track. FCCLA competitive events, recognition opportunities, and National Programs sessions focused on providing new members a solid foundation on which to build their FCCLA experiences. Hadley Dlouhy and Shaleigh McAllister were participants in the New Member track. In the Chapter Leader track, officer training sessions were facilitated by the 2023-2024 Nebraska State Officers for chapter leaders to gain more knowledge about their chapter officer positions. Sessions featured collaborative discussions about awards and recognition, membership, competitive events, building a program of work, and public relations, along with the chance for members to share ideas and network with others. Teagan Baumert, Emilie Hajek, Sophie Morfeld, and Rowan Stodola participated in the Chapter Leader track.

In the afternoon, Chapter Leader track participants had the opportunity to attend various breakout sessions presented by partner organizations. Nebraska FCCLA was excited to include content from the National Center for Families Learning with Monica Huber and Leesa Kraeger speaking on Community and School asset mapping, Sydney Kobza from the Nebraska Department of Education presenting on CTE advocacy, Alyse Pflanz and Joseph Hiatt from the Nebraska Council on Economic Education sharing about Financial Fitness project ideas, and Erika Wibbels and Ranae Aspen from the Nebraska Department of Education presented on tobacco mini-grants available for chapters to apply for.

"FLW gave us new ideas to bring to the chapter this year and gave the officers a chance to learn leadership skills amongst other members across Nebraska." Teagan Baumert

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps students become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. With over 237,000 members nationwide and nearly 3,000 members in 100 chapters in Nebraska, FCCLA is the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities. Nebraska FCCLA is supported through the Nebraska Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning at the Nebraska Department of Education. For more information about FCCLA, please visit www.nebraskafccla.org.

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Sunday, October 1st – 5th grade VB practice at Leigh 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, October 2nd – Homecoming Week begins

SB Sub Districts, TBA

JH & JV FB vs. Howells-Dodge at Leigh 4:30/6:00 pm

JV FB vs. Lyons-Decatur at Lyons 5:00 pm

JH VB at Howells-Dodge 6:00 pm

4th grade VB practice 6:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3rd – Career Fair in Leigh for grades 10-12

Girls Golf districts 9:00, TBA

Var. VB triangular vs LHNE/Plainview in Leigh 5:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4th – 10:00 late start – Teacher In-service

3rd grade VB practice in Clarkson 5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, October 5th – C/JV/V VB vs. Humphrey St. Francis in Humphrey 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm

Friday, October 6th – C/L Patriot Dance team youth camp at Leigh 5:00-7:00 pm

FB vs. Cross County at Leigh 7:00 pm (Game will broadcast on KZ-100)

Homecoming coronation following football game.

4th grade VB practice in Leigh 4:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, October 7th – 4th & 5th grade VB game vs. H-D in Leigh 8:00 am

Homecoming Dance in Clarkson 8:00-10:30 am

Sunday, October 8th – 5th grade VB practice at Leigh 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, October 9th – Girls Golf Championships begin.

JH/JV FB vs Humphrey-LHF at Humphrey 4:30/6:00 pm

JH VB vs Humphrey St. Francis/Stanton at Clarkson 5:00 pm

4th grade VB practice in Clarkson 6:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 10th – FCCLA Officer lunch Patriot period meeting

JV VB Triangular in Howells 5:30 p.m. (1st game HD vs. HLHF, 2nd Game HLHF vs. C/L, 3rd Game HD vs. C/L)

Wednesday, October 11th – Softball Championships in Hastings begin

NHS Blood Drive 11:30-5:30 pm

School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

3rd grade VB practice in Clarkson 5:30-7:00 pm

Thursday, October 12th – Var VB conference tournament in Leigh, TBA

Var FB at Madison 7:00 pm

Friday, October 13th – 4th grade VB practice in Leigh 4:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, October 14th – Var. VB conference tournament at Clarkson & Leigh, TBA

Monday, October 16th – FCCLA Leadership conference at CCC

Tuesday, October 17th – JH FCCLA meeting during Patriot period

JV/V VB vs Oakland-Craig at Clarkson 5:30/6:30 pm (Games to broadcast on KKOT)

Wednesday, October 18th – 9th grade to NECC for college visit 8:30-1:15 pm

Thursday, October 19th – End of Quarter 1 FB Playoffs 1st round

Friday, October 20th – NO School – Fall break

Monday, October 23rd - Tuesday, October 24th – Var VB sub district, TBA

Wednesday, October 25th – FFA State Land Judging in Ord

Friday, October 27th – FB playoffs 2nd round

Saturday, October 28th – Volleyball District finals

ACT test date



FCCLA FUNDRAISER

The Clarkson FCCLA will be selling Village PieMaker Pies. The fundraiser will start Monday, October 16th, and end Friday, October 27th, 2023. Pies will be delivered on Thursday, November 9th. Pies and cheesecake will be \$16 each. All FCCLA members will sell pies to help raise money to attend conferences and activities throughout the school year. You can also email Mrs. Kabes at ckabes@clarkson.esu7.org

October Breakfast and Lunch Menu

(Menu subject to change)

	Breakfast	Lunch
Oct. 2	sausage combos	hamburger
Oct. 3	pancake on a stick	chicken & gravy
Oct. 4	10:00 start - no breakfast	hot ham & cheese
Oct. 5	egg, sausage, & cheese on An English muffin	taco
Oct. 6	Clarkson Bakery rolls	bbq pork sandwich
Oct. 9	egg, sausage, & cheese on A Clarkson Bakery croissant	fried chicken drumstick
Oct. 10	muffin	sub sandwich
Oct. 11	breakfast burrito	chicken nuggets
Oct. 12	cereal	spaghetti & meat sauce
Oct. 13	pancakes & sausages	pizza
Oct. 16	tornado	spicy breaded chicken sandwich
Oct. 17	yogurt parfait	breakfast 4 lunch
Oct. 18	egg, ham, & cheese on a biscuit	hot dog
Oct. 19	waffle & sausages	sack lunch
Oct. 20	No School	
Oct. 23	breakfast pizza	oriental chicken
Oct. 24	pb&j	chicken Philly on flatbread
Oct. 25	egg, sausage, & cheese on a bagel	taco salad
Oct. 26	omelet & tritator	pork steak
Oct. 27	breakfast sausage on a bun	chicken fried steak sandwich
Oct. 30	empanada	Quesadilla
Oct. 31	biscuits & gravy	mini corn dogs

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