

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

I always love getting into the month of November. November 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.

In November we are getting into the colder part of the school year, please make sure your children are dressed properly for traveling on buses, going outside for possible recess days and other activities that may take them outside. With students not getting into the school until 7:40 am this year there is a longer time for those who walk or get dropped off at school before they can get into the building.

Since we are talking about the weather changing, I will give everyone their 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.

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

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Happy Fall! It is incredible that we have entered November, and it is officially sweater and stocking cap season! As the temperatures continue to drop, please make sure that your kids have appropriate clothing for their commute to school and for recess.

The students have made the school year go by with record speed so far this year. I cannot say enough how fortunate we are to have such outstanding students and dedicated teachers! Our hallways are busy and loud during passing periods, we have great participation in all of our Patriot activities and our students are not afraid of hard work! The students have been pushing themselves with the new experiences available to them, and we have gotten them out of the building a lot in the first quarter, with upwards of 280 work-based learning experiences!! Watch as we publish more on our school website and Facebook pages! As we continue strengthening our Career Technical Education, we will keep getting students hands-on and real-life experiences to help with their post-secondary education!

Keep an eye out as we enter 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.

Go Pats!

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English Notes

By Mrs. Lynn Morfeld

The freshmen in English 9 are starting their poetry unit by heading to Hawaii - in our minds at least. Wing Tek Lum's "Local Sensibilities" contrasts tourists' and outsiders' views of Hawaii with those of the people who make their homes in Hawaii. The freshmen were asked to emulate the style of Lum's poem with their own Nebraska versions of "Local Sensibilities." Here are some of their stanzas.

By Justin Eisenmann

When I see a corn cob,
I do not think of the famous food,
Covered in butter.
But rather the thousands of farmers,
That call this place home.

When I hear the chant, "Go Big Red,"
I do not think of the balloons and football games.

I think of the community that sticks together,
Through thick and thin,
The loyalty and friendship of that place
We call Nebraska.

By Jackson Greene

When I see NEbraska, I don't just see cornfields
And dirt roads, I see heritage.

I see a community, and a livelihood who
Has fought for their place.

When I see farmers, I don't see men who have
Stained clothes and smell bad. I see the back
Bone of American and the gentlest people you'll
Ever meet.

By Chloe Scott

When I see corn,
I don't think only of the tasty vegetable
Served with butter.
I think of long hours in fields,
Pulling ears off of the yellow vegetable.

When I watch football
I don't think of touchdowns.
I think of a hot/cold day,
Popcorn spread among the seats
Dads yelling wildly in the stands.

By Bailey Rios

When I talk about the different places in NE,
I don't just talk about corn, cows, and
Farming,
Instead, I talk about the luxury of being able to
explore
By walking everywhere in a small town.

When I think about Nebraska,
I don't just think about football
At Memorial Stadium.
Instead, I think about the pride of being
A Husker and watching the program grow.

By Logan Stodola

When I think of the Huskers
I do not think of a team that hasn't
Been to a bowl game in years.
More of the tradition we have
401 sellouts and a reign of terror in the 90s.

Quiz Bowl Team



Korbin Lemburg, Joshua Eisenmann, Justin Eisenmann, and Isabella McAtee participated in the Nebraska GFWC History Quiz Bowl. The Clarkson team received Honorable mention in the small school division, along with coach Mr. Sid Ready. The GFWC Clarkson Woman's Club sponsored the team.

Preschool students took on Poppy's Pumpkin Patch

By Steph Rolf

On Wednesday, October 2nd, 22 excited preschoolers spent a wonderful day at Poppy's Pumpkin Patch. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for an outdoor adventure. The children brought their sack lunches, which we enjoyed together in the cozy, covered pavilion. This memorable trip wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our parents and grandparents who volunteered to join in on the fun. From the smooth bus ride there and back, to the outdoor activities and animals, everything went off without a hitch!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Lauren Stoklasa, Camille Steffensmeier, Tyler Ross, Chelsee Lee, Darrah Koehn, Tami & Eddy Sayers, John Cech, and Emily Ehlers for volunteering their time.

Special thanks to Randy for driving the bus, Mrs. Crosley, our classroom para, and Mr. Lemburg and Mr. Schneider for helping make this field trip a success!



FFA News

By Anna Ready

It has been a busy couple of months for the Clarkson FFA Chapter! October was our Pumpkin Sales, Feed the Farmer, and National FFA Convention. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who purchased pumpkins and attended Feed the Farmer!

Claire Holoubek and Justin Eisenmann both competed at the National FFA Convention receiving high honors. Claire earned a silver in Creed Speaking and Justin made the Semi-Finals in the Talent Contest. Additionally, six FFA members attended the convention to gain career experience and leadership skills. It was truly an exciting and rewarding week!

Next, we are rolling out fruit sales. Contact an FFA Member if you are interested in purchasing fruit, hog raffle tickets, candies, or meat and cheese. We have quite a few new items offered this year! In addition, we will be having our Labor Auction and FFA dinner February 22nd, 2025. We will be offering a Czech Dinner and Polka for \$15 per person. The labor auction will also be that evening. Tickets will eventually be available for purchase from an FFA member.

Thank you to all who have supported our FFA chapter. This is the 5th year of Clarkson FFA and we are looking forward to many more!

Social Studies in Mrs. Sayers' Room

By Mrs. Tami Sayers

Middle school social studies are always having fun with projects and learning! We read for knowledge and apply it with a project to bring it to life! The 4th graders have studied Nebraska cities, towns in the area, and Nebraska counties. We also learned about geography and different landforms, they got to choose their own and make a diorama of it. Now, in the 2nd quarter, we are diving into the history of Nebraska and the Native Americans that originated here. This will lead to some interesting investigations and projects to come!

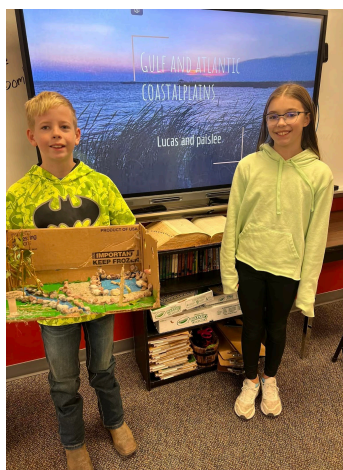
In US History, the 5th graders started learning the states and capitals. We studied each state and capital with tricks to remember them and these kids rocked it! What does New York have? All the bunnies! That's how we remember New York's capital is Albany! After wrapping up the states and capitals, they studied the landscapes of the United States and made a landform region diorama. It's so interesting to see how diverse our nation's landscapes are, it truly is America the Beautiful!

Sixth graders are studying the first humans that roamed the earth in world history. They were able to take the information they read about the homosapiens and write their own children's book! They are now working on cave drawings of today! Check out our Facebook posts to see updated photos as we continue on in the learning.

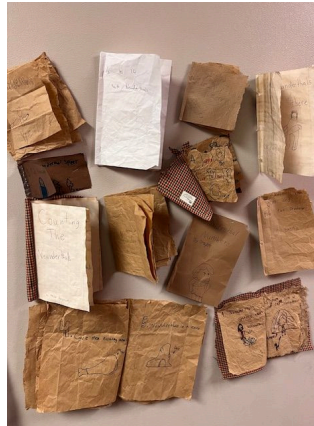
4th Grade Landform Dioramas



5th Grade Region Dioramas



6th Grade Children's Books



Parents, here is an Art contest for kids ages 5-10. Please look at the details if interested: <https://nest529.com/looktothefuture/>

**Picture their
future, celebrate
big dreams, and
potentially win
\$529.**

LOOK TO THE
FUTURE
ART CHALLENGE

They say the first step to accomplishing your dreams is to visualize them. In the same spirit, we're giving your loved ones a chance to do just that. The "Look to the Future" Art Challenge is all about celebrating the potential of your child's future. Nebraska students from 5-10 years old, as of October 1, 2024, can participate — here's how it works:

STEP ONE: Have your loved one draw a picture of what they want to be when they grow up.

Using an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, your child can use anything from crayons to colored pencils to draw a picture of their big dreams for the future.

STEP TWO: Mail in a copy of your loved one's finished artwork by November 10, 2024.

For quality purposes, we recommend using a manila envelope. But if you only have standard-size envelopes, carefully fold your loved one's artwork before sending it in, along with the completed [entry form](#). You can mail it to:

NEST 529 Education Savings Plan
Attn: NEST Art Challenge
P.O. Box 83529
Lincoln, NE 68501

STEP THREE: Wait for the winners to be announced!

Up to three winners (drawn at random) will receive a \$529 contribution to a NEST 529 account. Stay tuned in December for the official announcement about our winning entries.

Clarkson National Honor Society will host a collection point at the high school. Items need to be drop off at the high school before Monday, November 11th.



JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Since 2010, Pinnacle Bank in Columbus, Nebraska, has had the pleasure of coordinating a holiday care package drive for our nation's deployed troops.

In 2023, with the help of our generous community, we sent 514 military members a piece of home for the holidays. As the word gets out about our operation, our list of soldiers continues to grow.

It's our goal to send each and every one of the service members on our list a thoughtful care package. That's why we need your help!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Each box costs up to \$22 to send so any monetary contribution goes a long way.
- We also use extra monetary donations to purchase additional items as needed.

DONATE NEEDED ITEMS

- Each box contains personal care, food and miscellaneous items.
 - Donate purchased products.
 - Send gifts through our Amazon Wishlist:
amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/19660X04F2ADE

SUBMIT NAMES

- Share this gift with military members you know.
 - Give us their name(s) and where they will be located from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

CONTACT OUR TEAM For more information or to coordinate pick up of your donation, call 402.562.9713 or email ChristmasForOurTroops@pinnbank.com.

MAKE A DONATION

**SEPT. 11
-NOV. 4**

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Browse our Amazon Gift Registry.



COLUMBUS
210 East 23rd St., 402.562.8936
2661 33rd Ave., 402.562.8935



OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

- Hand Lotion
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Hand and Foot Warmers
- Bug Wipes (non-aerosol)
- Shampoo (up to 10 oz.)
- Body Wash (up to 10 oz.)
- Shaving Cream/Gel (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- Loofah Sponges
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Mouthwash (travel-size)
- Lip Balm
- Petroleum Jelly (2.52 oz)
- Q-tips/Cotton Swabs (travel-size)
- Cotton Balls
- Tissues (travel size)
- Razors (disposable)
- Eye Drops
- Saline Nasal Mist
- Gold Bond Powder
- Foot Powder
- Nail File/Clippers
- Athlete's Foot Cream
- Odor Control Boot Insoles/Inserts
- Laundry Soap (travel-size)
- Hand Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Hair Elastics (blonde, brown, black)
- Socks (white, black, olive)
- Green or Tan 100% Cotton T-Shirt (M, L, XL)
- Neck Scarves
- Stocking Caps

FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned Fruit (8.25 oz. w/ pull tabs)
- Microwavable Mac & Cheese
- Hard Candy (individually wrapped)
- Oatmeal (instant)
- Peanut Butter (up to 16 oz.)
- Jelly (up to 20 oz. – no glass jars)
- Cheese & Breadstick Packs
- Tuna/Chicken Packs with Crackers
- Pringles (up to 2.3 oz.)
- Instant Cup of Soup (just add water)
- Hot Chocolate/Coffee Packets
- Pop Tarts
- Dried Fruit/Raisins
- Cereal (individual size)
- Dried Milk (individual size)
- Corn Nuts, Trail Mix
- Pretzels
- Licorice (individually wrapped)
- Sunflower Seeds
- Cracker Jacks
- Cookies (snack size)
- Small Spices (e.g. seasoning salt, cumin)
- Ramen Noodles
- Chewing Gum / Mints
- Nuts (individual packages)
- Velveeta (8 oz. or smaller)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Energy/Snack Bars
- Drink Mix Packets (0.13 oz.)
- Rice Krispies Treats
- 5-Hour Energy® Drinks
- Canned Meat (with pull tabs)
- Snack Size Flavor Crackers
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- Stationary
- Envelopes
- Pens
- Journals
- Mechanical Pencils
- Puzzle Books
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Card Games (e.g. UNO, Rook)
- Water Balloons
- Water Squirt Guns
- Footballs (e.g. foam, mini size)
- Balls (e.g. hand, tennis, ping pong)
- Travel Size Games
- Frisbees
- Yo-Yos
- *CDs
- *DVDs
- *Magazines (Current Year)
- *Books
- Sunglasses (plain black)
- Batteries (AA, AAA, 9 Volt)
- Small Flashlights
- Mesh Laundry Bags
- Zipper Storage Bags (gallon, quart, sandwich, snack)
- Small Plastic Storage Containers

**Gently used items accepted*

Third Grade

I'm thrilled to share what our third graders have been exploring in science and math this month! Our classroom is buzzing with curiosity as students learn about the wonders of camouflage in nature and dive into new multiplication strategies. Here's a closer look at what we are doing.

Science Spotlight: Camouflage in Nature

In science, we're learning about **camouflage** and how animals use it to blend into their environments for protection. Students are discovering the different types of camouflage, such as **color matching, mimicry, and blending colors**. Through hands-on activities, like creating animal camouflage designs and exploring hidden images, students are seeing how camouflage can help animals hide from predators. Encourage your child to share what they've learned – they might even find examples of camouflage in your own backyard!

Math Focus: Associative Property of Multiplication

In math, we've been mastering **multiplication** using the **Associative Property!** This property tells us that the way numbers are grouped doesn't change the product, for example, $(2 \times 3) \times 4 = 2 \times (3 \times 4)$. Through games and group practice, students are understanding how to make multiplication more manageable by rearranging factors. Practicing this at home can make multiplication facts easier and build strong number sense for future math challenges.

Pumpkin Fun in Reading: Last week the Garretson's gave our class 11 pumpkins to decorate. We all had so much fun decorating them with one Main Idea in mind. We had a few Frankenstein, spooky characters, and a pumpkin representing Poland.

Mrs. Gall



JAG - CLARKSON NEWSLETTER



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JOBS for AMERICA'S GRADUATES NEBRASKA
In Association with United Way of the Midlands

October

2024

What is JAG Nebraska?

In 2019, Nebraska became one of 39 states affiliated with the national organization Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). Supported by United Way of the Midlands in collaboration with state agencies and participating school districts, JAG Nebraska helps students overcome challenges to achieve personal and career success after high school.

What have JAG students been up to?

-October Highlights-

JAG students have finished up unit 2 on leadership and dove into unit 3 on event planning. Along the way, our service learning project has started in it's initial planning stages that we hope to accomplish by winter break - stay tuned for that! Students also had opportunities to visit or hear from speakers from Wayne State College, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dakota State University, and Northeast Community College. We invited in the Nebraska State Fair Event Coordinator and Event Manager into our classroom to hear all about how they plan the events for the Nebraska State Fair, students took a trip Werner Enterprises in Omaha, and visited the Clarkson Fire Station to learn all about Fire/EMS with some awesome hands on activities put on by the fire department. Our JAG officers and alternate were also able to attend District Leadership Conference on Creighton University's campus.



Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Saturday, November 2nd – Var. VB District Finals
- Monday, November 4th – Conference Honor Choir at West Point
One Act practice 6:45-7:40 am
- Tuesday, November 5th - One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
FFA LDE Practice at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 6th – 10:00 Late Start – No morning Preschool (Teacher In-Service)
Var. VB Championships in Lincoln
- Thursday, November 7th – Var. VB Championships in Lincoln
One Act practice 6:45-7:40 am
- Friday, November 8th – Var. VB Championships in Lincoln
- Saturday, November 9th – Var. VB Championships in Lincoln
- Sunday, November 10th – FFA Boosters LDE night 5:30 pm
One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Monday, November 11th – Veteran’s Day program 1:30 pm
FCCLA Mind-bending careers conference at UNK
One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 12th - One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 13th – FFA District Livestock Judging
School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm
One Act practice 6:45-7:40 am
FBLA meeting during Patriot period
- Thursday, November 14th – FCCLA Education Symposium at UNK
JAG Creighton visit
FFA LDE Practice at 6:30 PM
One Act Public performance 7:30 pm
- Friday, November 15th – JH WR invite at David City 4:00 pm
- Saturday, November 16th – One Act Festival in Oakland (2:00 pm performance)
- Monday, November 18th – Start of winter practices
FFA Chapter meeting
One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19th – Conference One Act at Howells-Dodge (11:15 am performance)
FFA LDE Practice at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, November 21st – JH WR invite at Newman Grove 4:00 pm
One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Friday, November 22nd – Sophomore PreACT test
One Act school performance 3:00 pm
- Saturday, November 23rd – JH WR invite at Howells 9:00 am
Girls JH BB tournament at Humphrey 9:00 am
One Act Festival in Tekamah
- Monday, November 25th – FB Playoff Finals in Lincoln
Girls JH BB at David City 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 26th - One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 27th – Friday, November 29th – No school – Thanksgiving Break

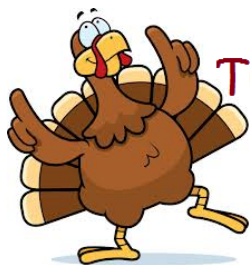
November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5				1st B-Ham-Egg & Cheese on a Bagel L-Pork Steak Sandwich French Fries Jello & Fruit Cocktail
4th B-Combos L-Chicken Philly on Flatbread Peppers & Onions Corn Bread Muffin Pears Week 6	5th B-Uncrustable L-Big Corn Dog Curly Fries Fruit Cup	6th B-10:00 Late Start NO BREAKFAST L-BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Beans Peaches	7th B-Muffin L-Chicken & Gravy over a Biscuit Mixed Veggies Frosted Cake Banana	8th B-Omelet & Ham Patty L-Sloppy Joe on a Bun French Fries Tropical Fruit
11th B-Pancake on a Stick L-Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Dinner roll Orange Slices Week 1	12th B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Walking Tacos Cinnamon Roll Peaches	13th B-Empanada L-Sub Sandwich Chips & Cheese Cookie Fruit Cup	14th B-Ham, Cheese & Egg Croissant L-Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli, Bread Stick & Banana	15th B-Clarkson Bakery L-BBQ Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Pudding Apple Slices
18th B-Tornados L-Pizza Cruncher Mac & Cheese Pineapple Fruit Snack Week 2	19th B-Yogurt Parfait L-Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Tri Taters Strawberries	20th B-Breakfast Pizza L-Meatball Subs Potato Chips Peaches	21st B-Scrambled Eggs & Sausage L-Thanksgiving Dinner Meal	22nd B-Uncrustable L-Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Circle Hashbrown Pears
25th B-French Toast Sticks & Ham L-Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, & Mandarin Oranges Week 3	26th B-Donuts L-Crispitos Cheese Sauce, Corn Pudding & Assorted Fruit	27th NO SCHOOL	28th NO SCHOOL <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	29th NO SCHOOL

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Thanksgiving Break
No School

NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 27th thru
Friday, November 29th

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