

The Red Review

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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we head into March, I wanted to update the patrons on the building project for Clarkson Public Schools. At this time, we are finishing up the schematic design phase and starting the design phase portion of the project. After meeting with the staff on their wants and needs, the initial design has been put together by CWP and BD. Now BD is putting estimates on costs for each item of the project which allows us to have ideas as we continue to look at our wants and needs.

We have had our initial meeting with the companies on costs and where we are sitting on the project. As we move forward, we will be looking at design plans and costs and from there see where we can make adjustments to remain on pace for the project to meet the parameters of the bond financials as we put the project out for bids.

CWP, BD and DA Davidson will be presenting to the school board and bond committee on Wednesday, March 12th and an update of the project and where we are at this current time and to also get input from the school board and bond committee.

If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to me at rlensburg@clarkson.esu7.org or call me at school, 402-892-3454.

No School:
Spring Break
Thursday, March 13th
Friday, March 14th
Monday, March 17th

Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

Happy March!! What an interesting end to February! We experienced cold Arctic temperatures, and then 4 days later, we were in shorts and t-shirts. It was incredible! As February closed, we had another memorable winter sports season, this time getting to welcome home our first STATE CHAMPION, Levi Gall, in wrestling. This is the first wrestling champion we have had for Clarkson-Leigh, and we couldn't be prouder that it was Levi, Congrats!!

With March, we know spring is approaching, and we want to stay focused on school and finish. It is hard to wrap my head around that we are getting down to 2 full months of school!! There will be lots of activities, and there will also be spring break, so please make sure to check the school calendar, as things will remain fluid. Our Spring activities will start in March, and we are excited that Track, State Speech, & Boy's Golf will all be getting started. If you have the chance, make sure to cheer on the Patriots!!

Towards the end of March and the beginning of April, our elementary students will take NSCAS testing, and our juniors will have their ACT. These tests are used in our AQuESTT and other tenets that the state reviews. We must focus and excel academically just as much as we do athletics. We are spoiled here at Clarkson Public Schools because our students do both! They are hard workers and great school stewards; I am very proud of them!

Go PATS!

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It is Round-up time!

By Breanna Ruwe

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements, 5 years of age by July 31st, 2025. If your child fits the age limit and you are planning on attending Clarkson Public Schools let the office know your intentions. On Friday, May 2nd 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, Kindergarten physical and Immunizations when the 2025-2026 school year begins.

To get a birth certificate:

By mail

- Send a check or money order for \$17 to Vital Records, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065
- Include the following information
 - Child's full name, birth date, and place of birth
 - Full names of both parents or adoptive parents
 - Reason for request
 - Photocopy of a valid government-issued photo ID
 - Self-addressed, stamped envelope

Online

- Order a certified birth certificate online at dhhs.ne.gov
- Use VitalChek to order a certified birth certificate
- Use GoCertificates.com to order a certified birth certificate

High School Students Share Healthy Snacking Fun with Preschoolers

Mrs. Kabes' high school Intro to Foods class recently visited the morning preschool class for two days of hands-on fun with healthy snacks! The collaboration was a perfect match, as the preschoolers have been learning all about healthy habits, including the importance of nutritious foods.

During their visit, the high school students guided the preschoolers in making two delicious and healthy snacks: fruit smoothies and "kitty toast." The smoothies were a hit, packed with frozen strawberries, blueberries, and were even dairy free. The "kitty toast" combined peanut butter toast with strawberry slices for ears and whiskers as well as blueberry eyes; to create adorable, edible cat faces.

The activity provided a fun and interactive way for the preschoolers to explore healthy foods while developing skills like following simple directions, using utensils, and trying new flavors. Meanwhile, the high school students gained valuable experience working with younger children and applying their knowledge of nutrition in a real-world setting.

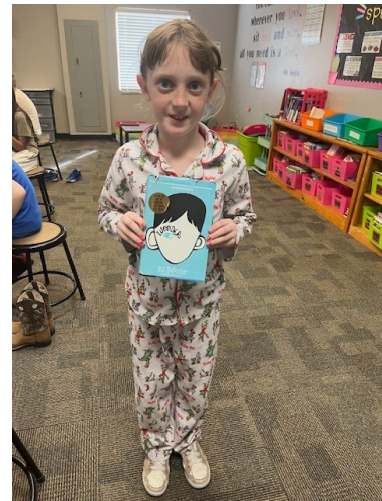
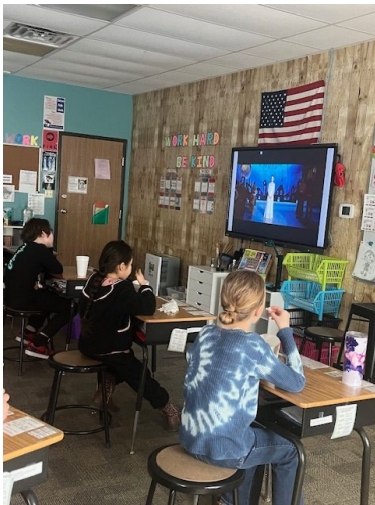
Both classes enjoyed the experience, and the preschoolers were proud of the tasty snacks they helped create. The visit not only reinforced the preschoolers' lessons on healthy habits but also fostered a sense of community and learning between the older and younger students.

With smiles, laughter, and plenty of yummy bites, the two-day event was a resounding success—and a great reminder that healthy eating can be both fun and delicious!

3RD GRADE

By Mrs. Abby Gall

The 3rd graders just finished reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, and wow—what an amazing experience it was! This book truly captivated our class, leading to some deep and meaningful conversations. Auggie Pullman's story taught us all about kindness, empathy, and the power of acceptance. The kids really connected with the characters and had some incredible insights about standing up for others and being good friends. It was so inspiring to hear their thoughts and see them reflect on how they can bring more kindness into their own lives. To celebrate, we had thoughtful discussions, did some fun activities about the theme of the story, and even watched the movie with pickle popcorn! It's been so heartwarming to watch them learn and grow through this story! The Clarkson Library has the book and the movie. The 3rd graders and I encourage you to take some time to read the book, first!



Clarkson FFA Chapter

February was a blur for the Clarkson FFA Chapter! Early in February, students submitted their Proficiency applications. Mackenna Kudera earned a bronze on her Beef Production SAE, Claire Holoubek earned a bronze in Agricultural Communications, Hayley Podany earned a silver in Equine Entrepreneurship, and Owen Schnoor earned 3rd place gold and advanced to state. Owen's proficiency officially earned a silver medal at state. Four seniors, Emma Gall, MaKenna Hake, Rylee Balzer, and Teagan Baumert also interviewed and earned their State FFA Degrees!

We celebrated National FFA Week the 17th-21st. Activities included pajama day, career day, blue and gold, and baking cookies for our school staff appreciation. The cold temps changed our plans a bit and we have postponed the tractor parade to March 20th. Our Labor Auction was a huge success! We want to thank everyone who came and supported us. We are looking forward to next year!

March brings our second round of CDE contests and state convention preparation. Teams are still practicing hard for the state contest in April! The FFA Banquet will be a great opportunity to celebrate this year's success, save the date for May 2nd, 2025 in the Old Gym!

High School 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.



**REGISTER
NOW**

**Clarkson Public School
Preschool**

To be eligible, children must be:

- 3 years old on or before
July 31, 2025
- Fully potty trained

Contact the school office to request a
registration form

402-892-3454

March School Menu

BREAKFAST

March 3	omelet & sausage
March 4	breakfast bar
March 5	Late start No breakfast
March 6	breakfast sandwich
March 7	muffin
March 10	biscuits & gravy
March 11	pancake on a stick
March 12	breakfast sandwich
March 13	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
March 14	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
March 17	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
March 18	empanada
March 19	breakfast sandwich
March 20	breakfast round
March 21	sausage & gravy pizza
March 24	cereal or Poptart
March 25	breakfast bar
March 26	ham combo
March 27	bagel & cream cheese
March 28	pancake on a stick
March 31	TBD

LUNCH

hot dog on a bun
soft shell tacos
cheese pizza
Oriental chicken
shrimp poppers
chicken nuggets
hot ham & cheese sandwich
chicken fried steak
walking tacos
deli wrap
chili or potato soup
Bosco sticks
bean & beef burrito
brats on a bun
chicken fajita tacos
popcorn chicken bowl
grilled cheese and tomato soup

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Cafeteria Gossip.

By Sarah Koliha

Crazy to think we are already into March, only 2 more months left for the school year. We hope the communication with any menu changes or the weekly menus that have been posted on our Facebook pages helps with planning if your child is having a meal at school or in choosing a sack lunch. For those who still do not follow or are unaware of our page. Click on "Clarkson Public School Meal Program." Like & follow us for any updates or changes that are taking place.

With that being said the cafeteria has been continuing to make some changes, adding items, and receiving grants!!!! We now have a Pepsi Cooler where we carry apple juice, Aquafina water bottles, Gatorade Zero, Propel, Diet Pepsi, Diet Mountain Dew, Diet Root Beer, and many flavors of Bublr', which seem to be very popular. Please remind your child that if they are not to charge extra items it is their responsibility to remember that.

Lastly for the 24-25 school year, Clarkson Public School received a Grant in the amount of \$4,819.07 from the Department of Education for Beef. KL Beef out of Hartington, NE has been working with us. We just received over 640 lbs. of ground beef. We cannot thank Kyle Lammers enough for working with us as we rearranged the walk-in freezer and made room for the inventory. This is great for our menu planning!!!!

As always if you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact me any time. My email address is skoliha@clarkson.esu7.org

Clarkson Public School Happenings for March (Schedule Subject to Change)

Saturday, March 1st – Boys BB District Finals

Tuesday, March 4th – FFA District Career Development events

Wednesday, March 5th – 10:00 late start, No morning PreK, Teacher In-service

Thursday, March 6th – Saturday, March 8th – Girls BB State Championships in Lincoln

Tuesday March 11th – CCC Career Opportunity Fair for 9th grade

FFA Chapter meeting

Wednesday, March 12th – 2:00 Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm

School Board meeting in school library 6:00 pm

FBLA meeting during Patriot Period

Wednesday, March 12th – Saturday, March 15th – Boys BB State Championships in Lincoln

Thursday, March 13th – End of Quarter 3

Thursday, March 13th – Monday, March 17th – NO School – Spring Break

Tuesday, March 18th – District Speech

8th grade Career Exploration Day

Wednesday, March 19th – NECC Scholastic Contest

Elementary Spring pictures with Digital Solutions

Thursday, March 20th – Spring Sports pictures for JH/HS with Digital Solutions at 2:30 pm

Tuesday, March 25th – No Elementary classes

Junior Class ACT State Test Date

Wednesday, March 26th – Elementary Magic & Mayhem Assembly 8:15 am

Thursday, March 27th – State Speech in Kearney

JAG Legislative Day

Friday, March 28th – State Speech in Kearney

Alumni VB & BB

Saturday, March 29th – Alumni VB & BB

Monday, March 31st – Boys Golf invite at Beemer 10:00 am

Conference Quiz Bowl in Clarkson

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