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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we begin the second semester, I hope everyone's 2026 is off to a great start and that everyone has an enjoyable holiday break and able to spend quality time with family and friends. We are looking forward to an exciting—and hopefully less chaotic—semester than we experienced this past fall.

The building project continues to move along at a nice pace. While the early cold spell was not especially appreciated by the crews from the various companies, good progress is still being made on both the elementary portion of the project and the new secured entrance near the gym.

The 2026–27 school calendar will be released a little later than usual this year. As we continue to work with BD Construction on the projected completion timeline for the elementary portion of the project, the calendar will be shared sometime in April rather than February.

Please remember that January and February are very hectic months as we head into the latter part of the winter sports and activities season. Between youth, junior high, C Team, JV, and varsity contests—along with speech meets and ag contests—these months keep everyone extremely busy. This does not even account for winter weather and the challenges of postponements and rescheduling.

We ask that you continue to communicate with your children and help ensure they are keeping up with their schoolwork during this busy time. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to finish the school year strong.

Go Yotes!!

Notes from the Principal

By: Dr. Lee Schneider

As we near the end of the semester, we want to celebrate the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our students and staff. The past months have been filled with learning, activities, and memorable moments that reflect the dedication shown each day in our classrooms and hallways. As we prepare for the upcoming break, we are proud of the perseverance and effort demonstrated across our school!

We are also excited to continue building school spirit with our new mascot—the Coyotes! This new symbol gives the school and community a mascot to rally behind as we enter our new era as the Coyotes: Go Yotes!

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our families, community members, and supporters for your continued commitment to our school. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership make a meaningful difference in our students' success. As we wrap up the semester, we are grateful for your support and look forward to what the next chapter holds.

Go YOTES!



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Kindergarten News

By Breanna Ruwe

Wow, the first semester is already behind us. Where did the time go? December was filled with exciting activities, especially in kindergarten. The class has been busy participating in a variety of hands-on learning experiences, holiday-themed activities, and classroom projects that strengthened their reading, math, and social skills. They also put their skills to the test during the Winter MAPS assessments, showcasing the incredible progress they've made this year. They did a fantastic job! Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and love for learning continue to inspire us each day. As we head into the second semester, we're excited to keep the momentum going and build on all their hard work. We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful and restful holiday break!



3RD GRADE

Third Graders Get Creative with Gingerbread Houses! 🎄🍬

By Mrs. Abby Gall

This week, our talented third graders turned into little architects and artists as they created *gingerbread houses* using graham crackers, milk cartons, and a whole lot of imagination!

The classroom was filled with excitement and holiday cheer as students worked together to transform simple materials into winter wonderlands. Using graham crackers as the foundation, milk cartons as sturdy frames, and powdered sugar as the "glue," the kids built their houses. They added colorful candy decorations like gumdrops, chocolate, and peppermints to give each house its own style.

This fun and festive project not only brought out the students' creativity but also encouraged problem-solving as they learned to balance and build their structures.

A huge *thank you* to our parents who helped make this activity a sweet success! Be sure to check out the photos of their delicious designs

I'm so proud of our third graders for their hard work, creativity, and holiday spirit. Great job, everyone!



A Sweet Gift of Giving

6th graders at Clarkson Public Schools and I want to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who participated in our recent service-learning project! Your generosity and enthusiasm have made it a huge success! The project that the 6th graders put on raised over \$700 to give to Clarkson families in need during the holiday season and throughout the year.

The best part of the project is that, this year Ashley Jindra invited the students to help make the donut holes at The Clarkson Bakery! Students lined up over 2,300 donut holes on the screens to start off the rising process. Again this year, The Clarkson Bakery donated all of the donut holes to make more of an impact and be able to give more to Clarkson families. From utilities to grocery gift cards, and shoes to coats, you are ensuring that this season is a joyful one for all!

This effort truly demonstrates the kindness and unity of our school community, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you. The season of giving is evident in our hallways as Clarkson Public Schools continue to stand out!

If your family is in need of a little extra support, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Sayers or Mrs. Kappel. We can discreetly help accommodate some financial needs while maintaining confidentiality.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season,
Mrs. Sayers and the 6th grade class



🎄 *You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch!* 🎄

By Ms. Breanna Ruwe

Our elementary students were delighted to welcome a very special guest reader, The Grinch, for a festive end-of-the-year celebration. Students gathered together to enjoy popcorn and refreshing Grinch punch, setting the stage for a fun and memorable afternoon. Excitement filled the room as the Grinch made a surprise appearance and read the story about how the Grinch stole Christmas. Laughter, smiles, and wide eyes could be seen throughout the crowd as students were utterly captivated by the Grinch's animated storytelling and larger-than-life personality.

The celebration didn't end with the story! After reading, the Grinch continued spreading holiday cheer by making special appearances throughout the school, visiting classrooms, waving to students in the hallways, and posing for photos. This special event brought joy, laughter, and a sense of togetherness to our elementary, making it a fantastic way to wrap up the year. We are already looking forward to the Grinch returning next year for more holiday fun and festive cheer!



Clarkson Agricultural Education and FFA

By Ms. Anna Ready

We had an amazing first semester for the Clarkson FFA chapter. Several students qualified for the state convention in Livestock Judging and Public Speaking contests. We want to say a huge thank you to our Clarkson FFA Boosters for helping with practices. We couldn't have been successful without the support of our community!

A team of Ag Ed students have been involved with the launch of our School-Based Enterprise, Crafted Blooms. This business is integrated within the Ag Ed program and is totally student-led. Crafted Blooms specializes in floral arrangements for birthdays, holidays, and other special events. More information on our business will be shared via the Clarkson FFA Facebook page in the coming weeks.

In January, we have District Career Development Events at Central Community College. Students have been working hard to qualify for the state contest in March. On February 7th, we will have our 2nd Annual Labor Auction and Soup Supper at the Opera House. Information will be sent home with FFA members during the first week of school in January. We are looking forward to a great spring semester!

Physical Education

By Jim Clarkson

What a semester! It has been a whirlwind lot of crazy things going on. It has been no different on the mean streets of Clarkson PE! The elementary finished the semester up strong with some intense Dodgeball activities, always a favorite. The High School also had some intense goings on in class they also played some dodgeball or the variation of it called Jailball. Very fun and exciting matches.

The Seniors played some card games and learned some hard life lessons on potential financial decisions, but it was a lot of fun. Hope everyone has an awesome Christmas and we will attack it when we get back with some Archery and Badminton in the High School, and some rope jumping with the youngsters. See you all in 2026!



	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
January 5 th	NO School	
January 6 th	pancakes & meat	Salisbury steak
January 7 th	muffin	chicken sandwich
January 8 th	breakfast sandwich	pepperoni pizza
January 9 th	scramble eggs & toast	fish sticks
January 12 th	empanada	brat on a bun
January 13 th	French toast bites & meat	hot ham & cheese
January 14 th	breakfast pizza	soft taco
January 15 th	pastry	popcorn chicken bowl
January 16 th	Clarkson Bakery	potato or broccoli soup
January 19 th	pancake on a stick	chicken nuggets
January 20 th	waffle & meat	pasta & meat sauce
January 21 st	yogurt parfait	Oriental chicken
January 22 nd	breakfast sandwich	sub sandwich
January 23 rd	turnover	grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich
January 26 th	biscuits & gravy	chicken fried steak
January 27 th	pancakes & meat	Fiesta pizza
January 28 th	donut	corn dog
January 29 st	breakfast sandwich	hamburger on a bun
January 30 th	muffin	fish stick quesadilla

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Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Please visit clarksonpublicschools.org for most up to date information.

Thursday, January 1st – No school – Winter Break

Marathon BB vs Battle Creek at Leigh 4:30 pm

Friday, January 2nd – No school – Winter Break

Marathon BB at Columbus Lakeview 4:30 pm

Monday, January 5th – NO school – Teacher In-service

C team BB at Norfolk Catholic 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6th – School Resumes

Marathon BB vs Aquinas Catholic at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Thursday, January 8th – Marathon BB at North Bend Central 4:30 pm (Varsity games to broadcast on 107.9 The Bull)

Friday, January 9th – HS Wrestling invite at Burwell 11:00 am

Saturday, January 10th – Speech meet at Twin River

HS Wrestling invite at Amherst 9:30 am

Marathon BB vs Tekamah-Herman at Leigh 1:00 pm

Monday, January 12th – HS Wrestling invite at Oakland-Craig 4:00 pm

C team BB vs Columbus Scotus at Leigh 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 13th – JH Boys BB vs Lakeview at Leigh 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 14th – School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 15th – JH Boys BB at Shelby-RC 4:30 pm

C team Boys BB at Columbus Lakeview 6:00 pm

Friday, January 16th – Marathon BB at Humphrey Archangels Catholic 4:00 pm (Varsity games to broadcast on 107.9 The Bull)

Saturday, January 17th – HS Wrestling invite at Cross County 9:00 am

JH Boys BB vs Humphrey-LHF at Leigh 9:00 am

Marathon BB vs Pender at Clarkson 1:00 pm

Monday, January 19th – JH Boys BB at Christ Lutheran Norfolk 5:00 pm

C team BB vs Howells-Dodge at Clarkson 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 21st – FCCLA District 5 STAR at St. Edward

Thursday, January 22nd – JH Boys BB at Columbus Scotus 3:00 pm

Girl's BB vs David City at Clarkson 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 24th – HS Wrestling invite at Neligh-Oakdale 10:00 am

Speech meet at North Bend Central

Marathon BB at Wakefield 2:00 pm

Monday, January 26th – C team BB vs West Point-Beemer at Clarkson 6:00 pm

JH Boys BB vs Howells-Dodge at Clarkson 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 27th – Marathon BB at Wisner-Pilger 4:30 pm (Varsity games to broadcast on 107.9 The Bull)

Wednesday, January 28th – Howells-Dodge Speech Meet

Thursday, January 29th – JH Boys BB vs. David City at Clarkson 4:30 pm

C team BB vs Wayne at Clarkson 6:00 pm

Friday, January 30th – Conference Girl's BB tournament, TBD

Saturday, January 31st – Conference Boy's BB tournament, TBD

Conference Wrestling tournament at North Bend Central 9:00 am

Speech meet at Logan View

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**We will see everyone back at school
when school resumes on Tuesday,
January 6th.
Have a wonderful winter break!**

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