

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Mr. Rich Lemburg

Clarkson Public Schools will release the 2026–27 school calendar following its approval at the April Board of Education meeting. Due to ongoing construction, the school year will begin a few days later than usual. This adjustment will provide staff with additional time to move into the new elementary building and allow teachers to get settled into their new classrooms in preparation for the upcoming year.

Because of the extensive construction work this summer—including the removal of the current elementary building—we will be taking a one-year hiatus from Patriot Academy. We look forward to bringing it back in the summer of 2027 with a rebranded name and new opportunities for our students.

This is also a reminder about Driver's Education for this summer. Information has already been sent to parents outlining the schedule and details. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Gurnsey at the school, as the schedule will be finalized soon.

We are currently updating our summer activities on the online calendar to help families plan ahead. The 2026–27 school calendar will also be available on the website soon to assist with scheduling appointments, vacations, and other events.

From the Principal's Desk

By Dr. Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe we are entering the final stretch of the 2025–2026 school year at Clarkson Public Schools. The year has moved quickly, and it has been rewarding to see our students' continued growth both inside and outside the classroom. As we approach the end of the year, we encourage families to join us for events such as Academic Night and graduation as we celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students.

Our students are currently engaged in NSCAS testing and are doing an excellent job putting forth their best effort. As schedules and activities may shift during this time, please continue to check for updates through emails, notes, or phone calls from the school. Even as we near the end of the year, instruction remains a top priority, and our staff is committed to maintaining a strong focus on learning through the final weeks of school.

I would also like to recognize the entire Clarkson student body for their positive attitude and dedication throughout the year. Their commitment to learning, respect for one another, and involvement in school activities have helped create a supportive and welcoming environment. We are proud of the culture our students help build each day, and we look forward to finishing the year strong together.

Go YOTES!!

The Red Review is a monthly publication of the
Clarkson Public Schools,
PO Box 140, Clarkson NE 68629

The Board of Education

Jon Janousek, President	Rhonda Hanel, Sec./Treas.
Shelby Kudera, Vice President	Spenser Kudera, Member
Rich Lemburg, Superintendent/Elem. Principal	Rob Brabec, Member
Lee Schneider, JH/HS Principal	Sheryl Langdon, Member

EASTER BREAK



NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 3rd - Monday, April 6th

Clarkson Public School
PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT
NOW OPEN!

To be eligible, children must be:

- 3 years old on or before July 31, 2026
- Fully potty trained

Contact the school office to request a registration form
 402-892-3454

Preschool Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND
6:30-7:30 PM
IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM

FOR NEXT YEAR'S NEW ENROLLEES CHILDREN WHO TURN 3 BEFORE JULY 31, 2026, ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND!

PLEASE USE THE SOUTH DOORS TO ENTER THE SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

By Ms. Breanna Ruwe

We are excited to welcome our future kindergartners for a special visit on **Friday, April 17, 2026!** This visit will take place from **12:30 PM to 3:30 PM** in the kindergarten classroom. Our time together will begin with lunch. The cost of a school lunch is **\$3.05** and can be deducted from an established family account. Families are also welcome to send a home-packed lunch if preferred.

- If your child currently attends Clarkson Public School Preschool, they will already be at school, and no additional arrangements are needed.
- If your child attends a different preschool, please bring them to the kindergarten classroom at **12:30 PM**. I will guide them through the visit and dismiss them at **3:30 PM**.

CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The kids will enjoy lunch with the current kindergarten class.

Menu:
 Chicken Nuggets
 French Fries
 Cookie

Cost: \$3.05
 Students may bring their own lunch.

Save the Date

Kindergarten Round-Up

Friday, April 17th
12:30pm - 3:30pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school at 402-892-3454. We look forward to a fun and exciting afternoon with our new kindergarten friends!

Pumpkin Jack!

By Mrs. Steph Rolf

Our preschool class is having so much fun with our ongoing science project, Pumpkin Jack! After reading the story, we placed our very own pumpkin in a clear glass container to observe how it changes over time. Each week, the children eagerly gather to look closely, share their observations, and discuss how Pumpkin Jack has transformed. At the beginning, Pumpkin Jack looked just like a fresh, ordinary pumpkin. Over time, the children noticed it softened, became squishy, and even grew a little fuzzy as it began to decompose. Through these changes, they learned that pumpkins and all plants change. Now comes the most exciting part!

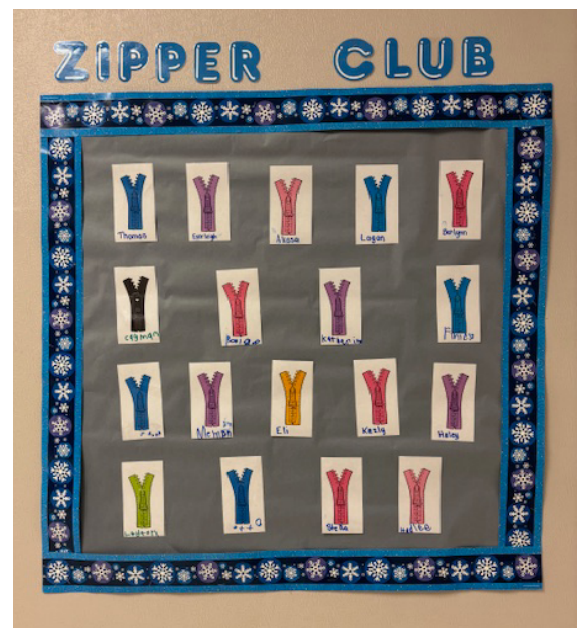
After months of watching and waiting, our class has discovered that Pumpkin Jack is growing new *life*. We can see small shoots beginning to sprout, along with roots stretching. This transformation has been such a powerful, hands-on way for our preschoolers to see the life cycle of a plant right before their eyes. Their curiosity, excitement, and thoughtful observations continue to grow right along with Pumpkin Jack!



Zipper Club

By Mrs. Steph Rolf

Get ready to celebrate—because our preschoolers have achieved something big! In just two weeks, all 18 students worked hard, stayed determined, and officially became members of the Zipper Club! That's right, every single child has mastered zipping their own coat independently! To earn a spot in the Zipper Club, students had to successfully zip their coats on their own at least five times. That takes patience, practice, and perseverance, and they did it! Each proud zipper superstar earned their very own zipper to display for everyone to see, plus a special treat to celebrate their accomplishment. I couldn't be prouder of these amazing preschoolers. Their independence is growing, their confidence is soaring, and they are shining brighter every day!





Read Across America

By Mrs. Kristin Janousek

The students had so much fun during this short week. On Tuesday and Wednesday the kindergartners through sixth graders got split into mixed groups. Each teacher had their own activity planned, and the students rotated to each room to participate in every activity. Activities included making green eggs and ham, writing, building, art, and games. It's fun when we can collaborate and work together!



3rd Grade Happenings

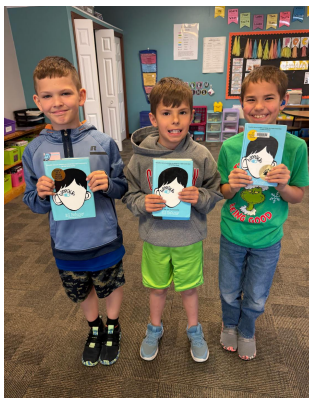
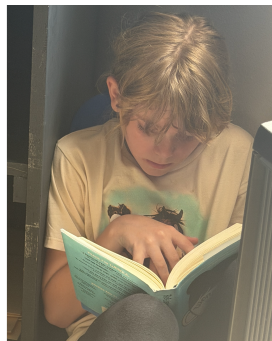
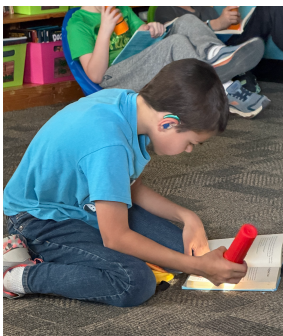
By Mrs. Abby Gall

The 3rd graders just finished reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, and it was such an awesome experience! The book really grabbed their attention and sparked some really meaningful and thoughtful conversations in class.

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 popcorn! It's been so fun 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 and read the book first!





April Happenings in 1st Grade



By Mrs. Karly Gall

Happy April! It's hard to believe how fast the year is going. I continue to be so impressed with how much your children have grown, both academically and in their confidence and independence!

Reading

We are learning about biographies and real-life events. Students are practicing identifying key details, sequencing events, and understanding how people can make a difference.

Math

We are working on money, recognizing coins, their values, and using them in real-life situations. We also enjoyed a trip to the Clarkson Library for Buck Bingo, where students practiced using money in a fun, hands-on way.

Field Trip

Our field trip is coming up on April 20th! 1st–3rd grade will be heading to the Lincoln Zoo for a day of learning and exploration. More details will be sent home soon. This is always a highlight!



Thank you for your continued support!



Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Wednesday, April 1st – 10:00 late start (teacher in-service)

Boys Golf invite at David City 10:00 am

HS Dance team tryouts 6:00 pm

NECC Academic contest in Norfolk

Sophomore Pilgrimage in Lincoln

Friday, April 3rd – Monday, April 6th – No School – Easter Break

Monday, April 6th – HS track meet at David City 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th – Boys Golf quad at Wakefield 3:30 pm

Wednesday, April 8th – Conference quiz bowl at Leigh

FFA Chapter Officer Interviews

Thursday, April 9th – FCCLA Banquet 6:00 pm

Friday, April 10th – HS track at Pender 12:00 pm

Monday, April 13th – Spring pictures for PreK-6th grade and Spring activity pictures with Digital Solutions

Tuesday, April 14th – HS track meet at Lyons-Decatur 10:00 am

Boys Golf triangular at Leigh 2:00 pm

School Board meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 15th – Conference Art show in Clarkson

Boys Golf Patriot invite at Leigh 9:00 am

Spring Music Concerts (Elementary at 6:00- 6:45, JH & HS at 7:00 pm)

NECC Quiz Bowl Contest

Thursday, April 16th – JH track meet at Humphrey 1:00 pm

State FBLA conference begins

Friday, April 17th – Kindergarten Round-up 12:30-3:30 pm

Monday, April 20th – Kindergarten-3rd grade Field trip to Lincoln Zoo

FFA Chapter Banquet 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21st – JH track meet at Battle Creek 11:00 am

HS track meet at Wakefield 1:00 pm

Boys Golf triangular at Leigh 1:30 pm

Wednesday, April 22nd – Preschool Open House 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, April 23rd – JH track meet at Lyons-Decatur 11:00 am

Friday, April 24th – District Music Contest in Norfolk

Saturday, April 25th – Boys Golf invite at Pender 9:00 am

PROM in Leigh at the Fairgrounds

Monday, April 27th – JH track meet at Humphrey 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28th – 3rd grade AG literacy day at Colfax County Fairgrounds 9:00-11:30 am

HS track meet at Humphrey 11:00 am

Thursday, April 30th – HS track Norfolk Classic Meet 4:00 pm

Boys Golf invite at Humphrey 10:00 am

Breakfast

1st Late Start- NO BREAKFAST

2nd Turnover or Pastry

3rd NO SCHOOL

6th NO SCHOOL

7th Cereal

8th Biscuits & Gravy

9th Breakfast Sandwich

10th Donuts

13th Turnovers

14th Mini Pancakes & Sausage Links

15th Assorted Muffins

16th Breakfast Pizza

17th Breakfast Bites

20th Tornadoes

21st French Toast Sticks & Sausage

22nd Omelet & Hashbrown Patty

23rd Pastry or Uncrustable

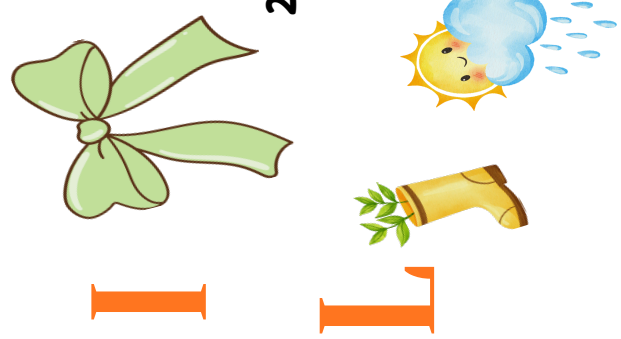
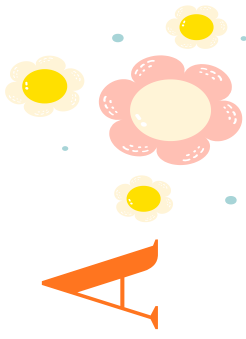
24th Breakfast Egg Roll

27th Combos

28th Breakfast Bites

29th Cinnamon Roll

30th Muffins



MILK SERVED AT ALL MEALS
FRUIT & VEGETABLE BAR SERVED AT LUNCH
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

Lunch

1st Pulled Pork Flat Bread, Peppers & Onions & Fruit

2nd Deli Sandwich, Potato Chips, Cookie & Fruit

3rd NO SCHOOL

6th NO SCHOOL

7th Corn Dog, Baked Beans & Fruit

8th Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll & Fruit

9th Nacho Fries, Corn, Rice Krispie Bar & Fruit

10th Chicken Sandwich, Mac 'n' Cheese & Fruit

13th Hot Dog on a Bun, Fries & Fruit

14th Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll & Fruit

15th Sub Sandwich, Chips w/ Cheese & Salsa & Fruit

16th Pizza, Broccoli & Fruit

17th Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Protein Cookie & Fruit

20th Chicken Fajita Flatbread, Corn & Fruit

21st Oriental Chicken, Fried Rice, Crab Ragoon & Fruit

22nd Chicken Salad or Deli Sandwich, Potato Chips, Cookie & Fruit

Fruit

23rd Pizza Crunchers, Broccoli & Fruit

24th Brat on a Bun, Baked Beans & Fruit

27th Sausage-Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Hashbrown Patty, Mini

Muffin & Juice Box

28th Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Fries, Yogurt & Fruit

29th Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Corn, Dinner Roll & Fruit

30th Hamburger & Fries & Fruit



Clarkson Public Schools
PO Box 140
Clarkson NE 68629

The Clarkson Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, marital status, age or disabilities in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.