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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

In the past couple of months I have been talking about changes in education, I have covered grades vs. student proficiency and the Career Academy we are starting next year. This month I want to talk about mental health for students. Students today now face more mental health issues than ever before, it maybe anxiety, depression or even suicidal thoughts. Since 2012, students who deal with some form of depression is up over 10% and now statistics say one in three students deal with some form of depression.

There are several factors that lead to depression and stress such as; academic and peer pressure, home and family issues, body worries along with issues with on social media and getting less sleep (40% of high school students get less than seven hours of nightly sleep).

With stress being something they will face for the rest of their lives it is important for students to learn how to deal with stress and what their triggers are in their lives. Working with your child to make sure they are developing skills to deal with these issues is key. If there are times you need help with your child please feel free to reach out to us at school, especially Mrs. Kappel or if your child has a favorite teacher they feel comfortable talking with when they are struggling. At school we deal with students and stress on a regular basis. We have made some changes to homework and school activities and closely monitoring the students' wellbeing.

On Monday, March 9th we will be starting our 4th quarter of the school year. The biggest change we see is the increase of students out of school for different activities. We have track meets, speech meets, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA conferences and music contests and concerts all over the school calendar. Students, especially high school students, are out of the classroom a lot during this time of year. It is very important for them to keep communicating with their teachers and keep up on their classroom work. As a parent you can use the JMC Gradebook link to keep up your student's grades, lunch bill and attendance.

A reminder for those who are interested, we will be having our Patriot Summer Academy for our elementary students. Information has been emailed

to all parents and we will also send home a hard copy with students. It is available on the school website at <http://www.clarksonpublicschools.org>. We would like to have students signed up by Friday, April 24th so we can plan for the Academy.

Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

MAP testing has come and gone for the 3rd-11th graders this winter and it could not have gone any better! It is always very rewarding, getting to watch the students work very hard and have been rewarded with some exceptional scores! It always is impressive when you see the growth of the students throughout the school year.

We are closing in on the end of the 3rd quarter and it is important as ever that we keep the students focused and dialed in. If students can have a strong 3rd quarter it can put them in a great position to have a strong end to the school year! January and February are always long (extra day in February this year!)

With spring right around the corner (fingers crossed!), we will have track starting, Prom, ACT, spring concerts and many more school activities. Please, make sure to keep an eye on the calendar and any new updates. For as long as it feels like to get through the beginning of the year, these next couple months will go quickly and we will have a lot of bodies out of the building! As always, if you have any questions or would like to stop by, please don't hesitate!! Go Pats!!

No School:
Spring Break & Teacher In-Service
Friday, March 13th
Monday, March 16th
Tuesday, March 17th

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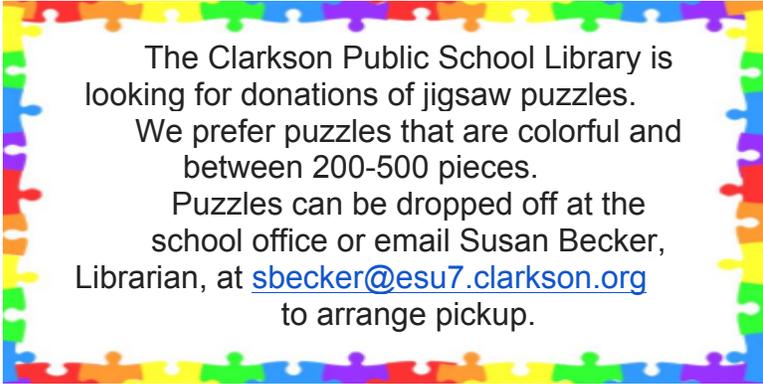
It is hard to believe we have entered the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. I have enjoyed getting to know the students throughout the year and learning their meal likes and dislikes.

As we are approaching the Lent season, I would like to inform the parents that occasionally on Fridays during Lent the menus will include a meat option. For example, we will be serving a choice of tuna salad sandwich or a ham sandwich.

Please visit with your child if you would like them to take the non-meat option. I am communicating this before the Lent season to hopefully avoid any misunderstanding with parents, students, and the kitchen staff.

If parents have any questions or concerns, I am available during school hours to answer phone calls, and as always, we welcome you to come have lunch with your child. If you wish to join us for lunch, please call the school at 402-892-3454 before 8:45 a.m. the day you would like to eat lunch.

CPS Kitchen Manager,
Pat Johnson



The Clarkson Public School Library is looking for donations of jigsaw puzzles. We prefer puzzles that are colorful and between 200-500 pieces. Puzzles can be dropped off at the school office or email Susan Becker, Librarian, at sbecker@esu7.clarkson.org to arrange pickup.

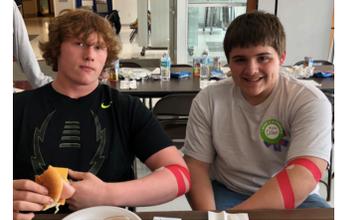
Clarkson National Honor Society Hosts Blood Drive

By: Bailey Lemburg

On Wednesday, February 19, the Clarkson National Honor Society hosted their second blood drive of the school year. The blood drive was from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm at the high school in Clarkson. The drive had a wonderful turnout with both veteran donors and first-time donors. The NHS chapter was able to reach

and even beat their goal of units collected. The chapter hoped to gather 64 units but ended up with 67 total units.

The National Honor Society would like to thank Sheryl Langdon, Carrie Hake, Linda Niles, Jennifer Kappel, Audry Sayers, Dawn Brabec, and the senior class for their help with setting up, running, and cleaning up the blood drive. To anyone that took time out of their day to donate, it was greatly appreciated! Chapter advisor Mrs. Jennifer Kappel said, "We are super pleased with the turnout at the February blood drive considering illnesses. We were still able to surpass our goal."



English Notes

Lynn Morfeld

The sophomores recently tried their hand at writing descriptive poetry. Derek Walcott's "36. In the late-afternoon light..." describes the changing light as afternoon turns to dusk in a Caribbean setting. The sophomores were asked to write a poem about dusk during their favorite season. While it was their choice to use a rhyme scheme or to write in free verse, personification (or, giving inanimate objects human characteristics) was to be illustrated in the poem as well. Here are a few of their pieces.

Nightfall in the Midwest by Mitchel Beeson

A child sprints across the hot concrete as a lifeguard blows their whistle, there is no running at the pool, a man does a flip off of the low board, causing it to sound off every bounce with loud clanging, as the last whistle blows for everyone to go home, every kid jumps in for one last cool dip before the walk or bike ride home. The chlorine burns eyes and sends every person home with the odorous invisible sign of, I WAS SWIMMING AT THE POOL, shadows slowly grow longer as the day finally begins to cool off, the sun counts down until he lets loose the mosquitos and bats and hands his duties over to the moon, while its approaching, hours stand between then and now, this is summer after all. As you sit outside, reading a book, on your phone, listening to the radio, or simply enjoying the wonderful evening the cicada yell from the trees, a comforting sound to any

midwesterner, just before the sun hits the top of the trees the grill is fired up and the sweet smell of burgers fills the air. After your burger, you hear your mother say from inside that your corn is ready, and as you work your way up down left and right on your cob the partly cloudy sky begins to paint itself a bright orange. The shadows, ever stretching, begin to stretch even further, and if you catch it right, your shadow mimics you at two times your size, the sky begins to turn a bright pink fading slowly. At least three times you will hear the phrase, that is a beautiful sunset, this is a nightfall of the midwest, you take sparing glances at the setting sun as its colors somehow become stronger yet softer at the same time, its pinks fading and its purples jumping into the clouds, Though the evening is becoming cool, the warmth of your sunburn keeps you content, and as the sun gets closer to disappearing you begin to count, though it was hours before the sun got to this point, it seems as though the last light is disappearing fast. However, you know, that as the sky's vibrant oranges and yellows and pinks begin to chase the sun away once more, that its light will be there for at least an hour more, lingering just as the smell of the chlorine on your body. As the final shreds of light fade away into the night, the stars like glitter on paper dot the sky, seen by billions, their beauty recognized by some, bats dart across the sky, chasing the mosquitos as the mosquitos chase you, lighting bugs shine like the stars above, and while the sun has retired, you shall burn on much later into the night

As the rust colored leaves fall to the ground...

by Jared Novotny

As the rust colored leaves fall to the ground
The turkey singing his song is the only sound
The sun is reflecting light off of the snow
This requires me to stay quiet and low
The sun has almost disappeared
I wouldn't get a deer, I feared
A boom echoes from the barrel of my gun
I hit the deer yet he tries to run
As I track the deer the sweat drips
The salty tastes forms on my lips
The squirrels and the rabbits seem to speak
As they warn the animals with their shriek
Guided by the moonlight, I am able to spot my deer
Now that full darkness is finally here
I put my hand on the carcass, feeling the heat
The blood slowly trickles beneath my feet
The smoke from the camp is calling me back
As I load up my soon to be snack

Now the days have gotten shorter...

by Noah Holoubek

Now the days have gotten shorter
And temperatures have started to fall
As the leaves gracefully dance from their trees
Vibrant green transforms to glowing red answering
nature's call

The leaves blanket the landscape
The grass is no longer clothed in green
It has turned to a sea of brown
As the leaves cover everything in between

The sun is chasing the horizon
As it lowers in the multicolored sky
The sweet and spicy aroma of Apple pie fills the air
Summer has officially said goodbye

Walking outside you hear the leaves
They crunch amid your path
Sounding like salty tortilla chips
It is preparing us for Winter's wrath

The glowing sun has now set
Paving the way for a brilliant light show
Get your camera as your cinnamon-spiced cider warms
your hands
As you watch the roaring combine come and go

Stars are appearing in their delicate patterns
The moon climbs high towards the heaven
The hickory smell of firewood permeates the air
The time is only six o' seven

The horizon is now dark
The air is chilled
You feel the cold on your hands and your nose
Like a bowl of ice cream completely filled

Fall is the season
When summer chores are done
A time for harvest
But there is still time for fun

Summer by Bailie Graybill

The sky is becoming dark
the air whistling making the air feel chill,
wood crackling while roasting marshmallows
the lake water making waves
splashing up against the docks, kayaks, and paddle
boats,

The torches around the lake sparkling their light
And the ashes running through the air
and loud bangs and sparks in the sky
the burgers sizzling on the grill
And the bacon sizzling in my mouth
the nice cold sand rubbing against your feet

The cold air hitting your skin in your shorts and tank
top
the stars in the sky glistening their light
the fish racing in the lake,
and the grass waving

The cabin lights shining their light out of the windows,
Grandma and grandpa making up food for supper
Everyone running around in the dark up by the patio
And the cold rocks touching my feet
The trees by the cabin moving around from the cold
breeze

The fourwheelers humming while all of us kids are
getting on
Driving up to the compost cite and getting all mudded
up before going to eat
Jumping in the lake and making a big splash to get all
the mud off
Running through the rough grass after getting out of
the lake.

Oh, fall, oh autumn
by Melissa Bunner

Oh fall, oh autumn,
as the days become shorter
the nights grow longer.

The autumn wind,
crisp and chilled,
lunges forward
rustling my hair,
one strand strays too far,
sticking to toasted marshmallows
oozing onto the melting chocolate
of the s'mores,
the campfire speaks
with crackles and pops.

The leaves fall,
orange, yellow, red,
as they dance down
and form a blanket,
for the ground,
the wind carries a single leaf,
it drops onto the pond,
sending a ripple through the water
causing reflections to alter.

While the water stills,
sunset approaches
As it paints the sky,
orange, yellow, purple, blue,
the harvest dust hovers in the air.

Soon the colors mix,
the sky grows to black,
the stars,
oh so powerful and bright,
light up the night sky.

The day starts out...
by Haley Bovee

The day starts out with a slight cool breeze,
one that makes you want a light jacket to warm your
arms.
You step outside and the fallen leaves are on the
ground, dirty orange and cracked brown.
The slight breeze warms you with the smell of fresh
air.
Temptations of jumping with joy into the overflowing
pile of leaves fills your heart.

The day goes on and your stomach asks for attention.
So many choices to choose from,
but the open grill steals your heart.
The aroma of smoke and charcoal fills the air.
With plenty of time left in the day,
the sun doesn't have much time to stay.

The sky is dark with speckles of white.
A fire is perfect for the night.
The crackle of wood warms your bones,
but they are also good for something more.
Add a gooey snack that sticks to your hands,
and makes it perfect to end the night.

Winter is really gorgeous...
by Gavin Novotny

Winter really is gorgeous
The snow brings out the most vivid details
The evergreens catch snow and protect the rabbits
who hide
Acting as a mother protecting her young
The sunset has the most gorgeous shades of orange
and yellow
Almost as if it's a giant pool of magma
In this cold there are people staying indoors
The rich mahogany smoke rolling from the nearby
cabin is intoxicating
What's that
Deer walking around and causing the snow to have a
deep crunching sound as they walk over it
A doe and her fawn
The setting sun has made vision limited
It's like god has put a blanket over us for the night
The setting sun is telling us that slumber is needed
Snow falls from the branches above you
It falls slow
But you don't run
You let it fall on you like little stars falling from the
heavens
You open your mouth hoping to catch some
It's frigid but tasty
Different than just normal water
It's better
Has a sort of sweetness to it
Possibly from the sap of the tree

Or maybe it's better due to the peacefulness around you
It's getting cold
Fingers are beat red
You are heading home and everything is still
You stop to listen
Complete silence
There is nothing like it
Seems as if you are in your own world with no worries or troubles
You move quickly to get home
Your house is dark
The house seems to shiver in the negative temperatures
You walk in and lie down
Drifting into a deep slumber

Happenings in the Music Department

By Cindy Settje

2020 has brought a lot of events in the Music Department. In January, thirteen Sr. High Choir students attended the 75th Boone Central Choral Clinic. The clinician for the event was Dr. Kurt von Kampen from Concordia University. Those attending along with Mrs. Settje were: Ashly Guillin, Joy Mapel, Morgan Brabec, Hazel Mundt, Cassie Brabec, Lexie Schroeder, Taya Gross, Rylee Olson, Abby Brabec, Cortlynn Cadwallader, Darian Ober-Brown, Natalie Reeves, and Alicia Holmberg.

On Friday, January 31st, a select group of Junior and Senior girls attended the Wayne State Choral Festival. Dr. Mathew Armstrong and Cheri Helmer-Reinsche were the guest clinicians. Those attending this exciting event were: Alicia Holmberg, Rylee Olson, Taya Gross, and Lexie Schroeder.

Many Jr. High students from Leigh and Clarkson gave up their Saturday to attend the annual Stanton Music Festival in Stanton, NE. Over 300 students enjoyed the opportunity to work and perform with professional clinicians in Choir, Band, or Percussion Ensemble. Steve Steager, retired band director of Fremont High School, was this year's band clinician. Celeste Ditter, Columbus's Middle School Choral Director, was the choir clinician, and Michael Klee, Columbus's Middle School Instrumental teacher, directed the Percussion Ensemble. It was a great opportunity for these students to learn from these distinguished conductors. Those attending for band were: Emily Stender, Otto Crecco, and Trinity Eggerman. Mrs. Liz Kowalski is the Leigh and Clarkson Jr. High Instrumental Instructor. Those attending for choir were: Samuel Zuniga-Pocasangre, Jairo Alvarado, Mason Albers, Hailey Knapp, Isaac Baumert, Jerzzi Mapel,

Teagan Baumert, Cadin Brandt, Samel Zuniga-Pocasangre, Keeley Campbell, Aubrie Hanna, Alisyn Lich, Amaiya Ross, and Morgan Bunner. Mrs. Cindy Settje is the Leigh and Clarkson Jr. High Vocal Instructor. The students spent all day rehearsing with the clinicians and that afternoon an amazing concert was given by all three groups. The Jr. High students did an outstanding job, and would like to thank the Leigh and Clarkson schools for sponsoring them so they could attend.

On Monday, February 10th, two Clarkson-Leigh band students auditioned and were selected to attend the East Husker Honor Band Clinic. The two clinicians were Rob Hartung (retired) and Dr. David Bohnert from Wayne State College. Playing flutes were Alicia Holmberg and Hailey Bovee. Band Director, Liz Kowalski, attended the clinic with the girls.



Some of the Clarkson-Leigh Jr. High students who attended the Stanton Music Festival.

PE News

By Jim Clarkson

It feels like spring is right around the corner. Cannot wait for the weather to turn and get outside more often. In the PE program we are flying through our winter units.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Jump Rope for Heart. It is a great cause, and the young kids really knocked it out. It was awesome seeing Grant Hanel become really good at double dutch in the 5-6th grade.

Our freshmen learned some archery where Hazel Mundt was the top shooter in the class. They then learned some bowling. Jase Indra was our top bowler when we went to the Dodge Bowling alley.

In our Lifetime Activities class Badminton and Pickle ball have been the sports. Kobe Indra came in strong on Badminton, but it is Brittney Urbanek who is the top seed for the Pickle Ball tournament, she will have to battle through the #2 seed Isaak Wiese to take home the big prize.

Great times here at CPS hope everyone has a great spring. Hopefully see you at a track meet this spring. GoPats!!



LIBRARY NEWS from

Mrs. Becker

New books are continually being added to our library. One area of focus has been nonfiction books for grades K-3. The students seem to be enjoying these because they are

regularly checked out. Hope you have enjoyed some of them with your students.

We are continuing our study on Digital Citizenship for grades 2-6. Ask your students about the rules of making a strong password. Find some family discussion tips on Privacy and Security below.

Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips:

- 1. Discuss personal vs. private info.** Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).
- 2. Use privacy settings.** Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.
- 3. Avoid location tracking.** Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.
- 4. Power up passwords.** Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.
- 5. Skip quizzes.** Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.

Activity

Read aloud: Let's look at these passwords and draw a line to where they fall on the strong scale.

WEAK



STRONG

password

12345678

angela111909 (my name and birth date)

supermariobros

lh2pacaad (I have 2 pets a cat and a dog)

Let's talk about which ones are the strongest and why. Which two are definitely too simple? Which one has letters and numbers but also easy-to-find personal information? Which one could use some numbers? And which one has the first letters of a phrase with numbers? (That's the strongest!)

Business News

By: Matt Murren

Can you believe we are already into March almost? What a quick school year it has been as well as a rewarding and successful year up to this point. We've accomplished a lot in the business room and we still have more to go. It is great to give students an understanding of concepts that they will encounter in the future.

Accounting I and II are just rolling through their content. In Accounting I we just recently got through all 5 of the new journals we will be using within a corporation. My favorite assignment that we do all year is the Mastery Problem for Chapter 11 and the students are currently working on that. It is a culmination of all the new journals we use and they have to journalize and post transactions between the journals. Accounting II is working with Notes Receivable and Payable. We love to make interest but not so much pay it!

If you need someone to do your taxes, hire a student from Personal Finance! We are just finishing up our section on filing your Form 1040 tax return. They are able to take their W-2's, deductions, taxable income and determine their tax liability. It is fun to watch them work their way through scenarios they are given. We next go into our budgeting section where they will learn to live on their own, paying for items with their own money. It is a great section as they near graduation.

Multimedia just released Nachero Boy! A comedy on a superhero. They are currently working on School Squabbles, which a trailer will be released soon. Be sure to check it out on our school YouTube channel: clarksonpublicschool. We post these all to our school Facebook page and school website as well.

Our Video Production is completing their "How To" videos! Stay tuned for the videos to be uploaded.

I want to give a big thank you to the Stream Team (Noah Holoubek, Dexter Indra, Landen Hake, Brayden Brabec, Mic Sayers, and John Bunch)! They bring you all home activities through our www.clpatsathletics.com website and do a great job. If you see them, give them a thank you for dedicating their time to make a great stream.

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

Johnny Steffensmeier speaks to Accounting Classes

Johnny Steffensmeier, graduate of the class of 2014, came to speak to Mr. Murren's Accounting classes on Wednesday, February 19th. After Johnny graduated he enrolled at Northeast Community College for two years and then went to Wayne State College for his final two years receiving a major in Accounting. He currently is working at Nucor in Norfolk, where he has been the last year and a half.

Johnny spoke to the students about a variety of topics including his post-high school path, college advice and his current job at Nucor. He informed students different areas in his company that he gets to work with on a daily basis and showed how much he loves what he does. Students were able to ask questions at the end of the presentation where Johnny answered.

We'd like to thank Johnny Steffensmeier for coming to talk to our classes. He did a great job and it is fantastic seeing a former student have so much success!



EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, complete and file the form at fafsa.gov. If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, you must submit required documents before the school will award financial aid.

Watch your student portal and email closely. Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

Keep your grades up. If you slack off and get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

Apply for scholarships. See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved.

Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices. Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

ACT Test. When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

Completion of the FAFSA early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

College applications. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices.

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you.

March "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ If you haven't already, [complete your FAFSA!](#)
- ___ Watch for financial aid award notifications.
- ___ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by April 3 for the May 2 SAT.
- ___ Schedule campus visits.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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Science News

By Allison Dolezal

In honor of Black History Month, science students conducted research on a famous African-American scientist. The following are some examples of what students wrote based on their research.

George Washington Carver
By Joey Steffensmeier

George Washinton Carver was a scientist in the early 20th century. He was the most prominent Black scientist of his time. Carver was a professor at the Tuskegee Institute that he worked for 47 years. While there he was developing ways to improve soil that had cotton grown in it multiple times. Carver wanted poor farmers

to grow different crops such as peanuts and sweet potatoes as a source of their own food. He wanted them to have a better life cycle from 1915-1923. During this time he became one of the well known African Americans of all time. His work went into a National Conference of the Peanut Growers Association and went into testimony before Congress in 1921.

Carver was born in the 1860s in Diamond, Missouri. He died on January 5th, 1973 when he was about 79 years old. His resting place was in Tuskegee, Alabama at the Tuskegee University. During his lifetime he received the Spingarn Medal in 1923. He also graduated from Iowa State University. While working at the Tuskegee Institute Carver created a Mobile classroom that he called Jesup wagon. He used it to take his education out to the farmers.

Marie Maynard Daly

By Ella Kappel

Marie Maynard Daly was born on April 16th, 1921 in Queens, New York. She passed away on October 28th, 2003. A famous quote stated "Successful people are those who failed and kept on going." Marie studied and became an American biochemist. She got her bachelor's degree at Queen's College, in New York. Marie made history in 1947, when she became the first female African American to get a Ph.D. in chemistry, in the U.S. She also was committed to creating programs to increase the number of minority students in medical school.

Marie enrolled in Columbia College where she researched how compounds produced in the body affected digestion. Marie carried out studies on cholesterol, sugars, and proteins. Marie's research was about how cholesterol affects how the heart works, the effects of sugars on different arteries, and also the breakdown of the circulatory system because of old age. She also studied how proteins were made and organized in the cell. Her research led others to groundbreaking work to help clarify how the human body works.

Mae Carol Jemison

By Sammy McEvoy

Mae Carol Jemison is a former African American astronaut. She was born on October 17, 1956, in Decatur, Alabama, and today she is 63 years old. She retired in 1993 and is now living in Chicago. She attended Stanford University and graduated in 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and a bachelor of arts degree and African American studies. She then attended Cornell medical school. Some interesting facts about Mae are that she served as a medical officer in the peace corps and Star Trek was what inspired her to become an astronaut.

Mae is most famous for her achievements in the scientific world. Mae worked for NASA and was the first African American woman to go to space. In 1977 she won the Elizabeth Blackwell Award, which is an award in honor of Elizabeth Blackwell, who was the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States. Jemison also received a number of accolades along with multiple honorary doctorates. In 1988 she earned the Essence Science and Technology Award and the Ebony Black achievement award in 1992. And she had an alternative public school in Detroit, Michigan named after her.

Mae went to space to conduct her own experiments. Some in-depth experiments that she did were on weightlessness and motion sickness. Not only did she test her team, but she also tested herself. Mae concluded that she didn't include enough people in the spaceship to see if it would work for everyone.

Alice Augusta Ball

By Melissa Bunner

The Chemist Alice Augusta Ball was born in 1892 in Seattle, Washington. Ball attended the University of Washington earning undergraduate degrees in pharmaceutical chemistry and pharmacy. She then transferred to the University of Hawaii and became the first woman and first African American to graduate with an M.S. in chemistry from the University of Hawaii. At the age of 23, she was then offered a teaching and research position and became the University of Hawaii's first woman chemistry teacher. Alice Ball developed the Ball Method which became the most effective treatment for leprosy during the early 20th century. The Ball Method is an injectable leprosy treatment using oil from the chaulmoogra tree. Ball successfully isolated the oil into fatty acid components of different molecular weights. This allowed her to manipulate the oil into a water-soluble injectable form. In 1916 she tragically died at the age of 24 after complications resulting from inhaling chlorine gas in a lab teaching accident. It's very interesting that after she died the president of the College of Hawaii actually continued Ball's research and claimed her discovery for himself. Unfortunately, at this time it was very common for men to take the credit of women's discoveries. However, 6 after Alice Ball died, the surgeon who originally encouraged Ball to explore chaulmoogra oil published a paper giving Ball the credit for the discovery that she deserved.

Charles Richard Drew

By Mitchel Beeson

Charles Richard Drew is an African American Scientist that was born on June third, 1904, in Washington D.C., and died at the age of 45 on April first, 1950. He researched mainly in the field of blood, researching blood transfusions, improving blood storage, and creating some of the first, "blood banks." He was the first African-American surgeon to serve as an examiner on the American Board of Surgery as well as the first African-American to earn a doctor of Science in Medicine degree in 1940 from Columbia University in New York.

This scientist is most famous for his research into the properties and preservation of blood plasma. From the early to late 1930's he worked on this research, working as the leading scientist in the field into WWII. This first large success was found in the "Blood for Britain," project in which his new advancements were used to help recovering soldiers in Britain by shipping them blood from America, where he conducted his research. His process of creating, "blood banks," would save many lives as well as revolutionize the keeping and transfusion of blood, which in essence is still saving lives today. However, while being the director of the first American Red Cross blood bank in 1941, he would resign from this position in 1942 after African-American blood was finally accepted into the program, but would be required to be stored separately from other blood.

Drew's research is very clearly related to biology in that blood and more specifically plasma, is a necessity for animal life. The research that he conducted would not only help the soldiers of his day from dying, but would also help potentially billions of people even after his death. His work is also connected to biology in that blood plasma is also categorized into different blood types. However, in dealing with plasma, AB is the universal donor. His research would change the medical field as they knew it in their time.



It is Round-up time!
Friday, April 24th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

By Wes Pokorny

I want to make this as smooth as possible. If your child attends 4 year-old pre-school at Clarkson Public School they will be picked up at 11:15. If your child does not attend pre-school at Clarkson Public School you may drop your child off

in the Kindergarten room at 11:30. They may be picked up at 1:30. Children will eat hot lunch at school and the cost of hot lunch is \$2.75. It may be taken from an older siblings account or paid by cash.

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements – 5 years of age by July 31st, 2020.

Please check your mail sometime in the second week of April. I will send all forms needed to enroll your student at Clarkson Public Schools. I will also enclose a cover letter of additional information. I like to send these forms out before you bring your kids to Round-up. This way I can better answer your questions and make that first day of school a great experience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at school, 892-3454. If you need transportation to school for Round-up please contact the school.

We will need a copy of an official copy of the student's birth certificate when the 2020-2021 school year begins. This is a Nebraska state law.

To receive a birth certificate by mail, send a \$17.00 check or money order (credit cards are not accepted) and the following information:

- * Full name at birth. If adopted, list adoptive name and state "adopted".
- * Month/day/year of birth
- * City or town of birth/County of birth
- * Father's full name, if adopted, list the adopted father's name.
- * Mother's full maiden name, if adopted, list adoptive mother's name.
- * Purpose for the record?
- * If not your record, how are you related?
- * Requestor's Photo Identification is Required, i.e. drivers license

Send your check along with the needed information to:

Vital Records
PO Box 95065
Lincoln NE 68509-5065

I am anxious to meet all the prospective kindergarten students on April 24th! See you then!

Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Monday, March 2nd – Start of Spring Practices
Tuesday, March 3rd – Conference Speech at Madison
Wednesday, March 4th – FFA District CDE at CCC in Columbus
Thursday, March 5th – Saturday, March 7th – Girls BB Championships
Thursday, March 5th – Campus visit to WSC for freshmen
Friday, March 6th – End of Quarter 3
Saturday, March 7th – Speech meet at Norfolk
Sunday, March 8th – Driver's Ed Class 5:00-9:00 pm
Monday, March 9th – Driver's Ed Class 6:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11th – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 12th – Saturday, March 14th – Boys BB Championships
Friday, March 13th – NO School – Spring Break
Saturday, March 14th – Speech meet at Scribner-Snyder
Sunday, March 15th – Driver's Ed Class 5:00-9:00 pm

Monday, March 16th – NO School – Spring Break
 Driver's Ed Class 6:00-9:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17th – NO School – All Staff In-service
 District Speech at Clarkson

Wednesday, March 18th – NECC Academic Contest at NECC

Monday, March 23th – Driver's Ed Class 6:00-9:00 pm
 FCCLA Meeting 6:30 pm in Clarkson

Wednesday, March 25th – 8th grade Career Opportunity Fair at CCC

Thursday, March 26th – Driver's Ed Class 6:00-9:00 pm

Friday, March 27th – State Speech at Kearney
 Alumni VB & BB

Saturday, March 28th – Alumni VB & BB

Monday, March 30th – Conference Quiz Bowl at Clarkson

Tuesday, March 31st – HS Track invite at Stanton 12:30 pm



	Breakfast	Lunch
March 2	scramble breakfast pizza	ribique sandwich
March 3	breakfast rounds	chili
March 4	egg, ham, and cheese on a biscuit	chicken tenders
March 5	breakfast hot pocket	hamburger
March 6	rolls	cheese or meat pizza
March 9	roller dogs	cheeseburger casserole
March 10	egg, sausage, and cheese on an English muffin	pork steak sandwich
March 11	homemade burrito	tacos
March 12	yogurt parfait	chicken patty sandwich
March 13	No school	
March 16	No school	
March 17	No school	
March 18	waffles and sausage	beef sticks
March 19	breakfast tornados	bbq pork sandwich
March 20	omelet and toast	tuna or grilled cheese sandwich
March 23	pancake and sausage on a stick	cheesy hotdog on a bun
March 24	breakfast pizza	chicken and gravy
March 25	French toast and ham	ham and cheese sandwich
March 26	egg, sausage, and cheese on a bagel	Oriental chicken and rice
March 27	Clarkson Bakery rolls	cheese quesadillas
March 30	muffin	sub sandwich
March 31	pancakes and sausage	pizza

Menus are subject to change.
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2020-21 School Calendar

August 2020						
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Red vacation days

Yellow in-service days

Blue PTC Days

Green student days

87 student days 1st semester
91 student days 2nd semester

90 teachers days first semester
95 teacher days 2nd semester

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