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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we approach the month of March and are looking for a break from all of the ice and snow we have had in the past couple of weeks we are anxious for the start of spring.

On Monday, March 19th we will be entering our 4th quarter of the school year. I want to remind parents and students that this is the time of year we have track meets, speech, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA and music contests all over the school calendar. Students, especially high school students, are out of school a lot during this time of year. It is very important for them to keep communication with their teachers and keep up on their classroom work. As a parent you can use the JMC grade book 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 students who are currently in K – 6th. Information has been emailed home to all parents and we will also send home a hard copy with students. It will be available on the school website (<http://www.clarksonpublicschools.org>.) We would like to have students signed up by Friday, April 20th so we can plan for the Academy.

As the 4th quarter begins, we have started preparation for the 2019-2020 school year. The school board has approved the calendar for the school year and is included in this month's newsletter and is being put on the school's website. The first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 with 1:00 dismissal, with full days on Thursday and Friday, August 15th and 16th. You will start to see more information for the 2019-2020 school year in upcoming newsletters and on our school website and Facebook page.

As we are in the finishing stages on setting up the Driver's Education for the spring, this is your last reminder about signing up for this year's Drivers Ed. Justin McDuffee will again be in charge of the program and classes will be starting here soon. If you need any information you may find it on the school's website or call the school.

Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

MAP testing has come and gone for the 3rd-11th graders this winter and it could not of gone any better! The new format had a lot of positive reviews from the students and from staff. It is always very rewarding getting to watch the students work very hard and get rewarded with some exceptional scores!

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!

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. As always, if you have any questions or would like to stop by, please don't hesitate!! Go PATS!

**No School:
Spring Break
Friday, March 1st and
Monday, March 4th**

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News and Notes from the Social Science Department

By Bob McEvoy

The Third Quarter has been an awesome time here in the Social Science Department of Clarkson Public School. Here are a few of our highlights from early 2019:

-American History- This class has spending a significant amount of time exploring the events and the brave men and women who preserved our American way of life during WWII. The students will soon understand that the following “Cold War” period may turn out to be the most dangerous period of American History yet. We will then move through the wars, conflicts and social change that shaped 20th Century and the new millennium.

-7th Grade Civics- This group has been given an introductory look into our country, our government, and our uniquely American way of life. There is an emphasis on patriotism, civic duty, and the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United States, while also learning the basic foundations of how the Constitution and Democracy affect our everyday lives with the 27 Amendments and the role of the Three Branches of Government.

-American Government- This upper level course is taught in conjunction with 7th Grade civics with a deeper look into the inner-workings of the three branches, the electoral process, and preparation for becoming an informed member of the voting population. The class just spent two chapters on the legislative branch and the powers of the U.S. Congress. Moving forward, they will continue to study the inner workings of our government, including the executive and judicial branches.

-World Geography- The expectation is for each student to carry with them a working knowledge of our U.S. Geography in relationship to the World Geography that surrounds us. In the end, they will have covered the globe---with the goal being that they can compare and contrast our American geography to that of other countries and how that has continued to shape world history. We are currently doing report/poster projects over the countries of Europe.

-Current Issues- The students have spent their year discussing the modern problems we face and the possible solutions to those issues. Through current

events, documentaries, and their own reflections on the world we live in, they continue to work on building their own working knowledge of the world around them. They continue to work on a time capsule project that will include many of the news stories, journal entries, and reflections that they have compiled to date. The goal is to someday look back and see what the world was like during their senior year of 2018-2019.

Thank you for taking a look into our corner of the building, and here’s hoping for continued success in 2019 for all of our students and athletes here at CPS-Go Patriots!!!



Message from the Kitchen

It is hard to believe we have entered the last quarter of the 2018-2019 school year. I have enjoyed getting to know the students throughout the year and learning their meal likes and dislikes.

Linda, Deb and I have tried to make the students lunch time a pleasant experience, and enjoy the student’s feedback on the meals. We also enjoy hearing the parent’s opinions on the meals we serve. This year we have changed some of the meals a bit, but try to please the students’ taste buds.

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

6th Grade Winter Olympics 2019

Written by the 6th graders

Olympics in school? This year, Mr. Faltys, our social studies teacher decided to put a twist on our test about ancient Greece. First we did presentations about a Greek god, and then we got to compete in our own version of the Olympics!

Our 6th Grade Winter Olympics consisted of 5 games; they were called Pentathlon in Ancient Greece. The events that we competed in were the javelin, shot put, curling, broad jump, and foot race. For javelin, we used a PVC pipe and threw it as far as we could. We used a weighted ball to throw for shot put. For the curling competition, we had partners and one person was on a scooter and the other person pushed them across the gym, trying to get to a certain point. Broad jump was for us to show how far we could jump from a standing position.

We completed four different races for the foot race portion of the Olympics. One was to sprint across the gym and back, and we were timed. Then we did a wheelbarrow race with partners, to half court and back. For the third race, we had different partners and we taped our ankles together and we raced across the gym and back. The last race was to run 5 laps around the gym.

Mr. Faltys told us, "The Olympics originated in Greece, which we were studying at the time and I thought it would be fun to put on our own version. I thought your class would enjoy competing against one another." We asked him what his favorite part was and he said, "What I liked the most about the Olympics was seeing the kids compete and have fun doing it. The competitors had two events where they teamed up with a classmate to compete and three events that were on their own. Out of all the events, curling was my favorite because one student was the stone and the other teammate was the pusher of the stone."

Now that you've heard from the man who started our Olympics, we need to hear from the athletes. "I thought it was fun, some people got competitive, but at least we tried," Gabby explained. Jerzzi said, "Some people didn't know how to do the events but they tried hard and learned how to do it." Rylee, who placed second, said, "I had fun! All in all I had a good time with my classmates."

Mr. Faltys even kept score of the results. Everyone got points for the events but they increased with those that got first, second, third, and so on. The final top three competitors were: Cadence Indra in first with 95 points, Rylee Balzer in second with 85 points, and Rosie Guillen in third with 79 points.

Some things that we learned from this experience, is the Olympics made strong bonds between competitors. We also learned how to have fun and do the events with classmates and laugh at ourselves. We also learned good sportsmanship and

how to work with teammates. We realize that this may be the end of our Olympic journey ... *just* maybe.



From left to right: Rylee Balzer, Cadence Indra, Rosslyn Guillen

P.E. News

By Jim Clarkson

I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that donated for the Kids Heart Challenge! The Elementary raised \$2,003.00. It is always awesome to have the community support that we get here. The little ones did a real nice job. We worked on jump roping both with a large rope and an individual rope. Some were even getting the hang of the Double Dutch, which was pretty cool. We also did a little basketball unit with the heart challenge. A lot of the kids play youth basketball and some do not but I think they enjoyed the basketball experience.

We have a good group of elementary kids and I really appreciate the effort they give in class, and hopefully they are learning some lifetime skills that will help them live a healthy lifestyle.

Hope everyone has a great spring and hopefully the weather will get nice enough to get outside and get active. Stay healthy and remember to Get After It each and everyday!

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

March 2019

Wrapping up your senior year

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, apply at fafsa.gov.

Compare financial aid awards. The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will send you notifications detailing the financial aid they're offering. Compare the notifications to determine which school provides the best package.

Watch your grades. If you slack off and get poor grades, your college admission could be revoked.

Apply for scholarships. See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at **EducationQuest.org** to find 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 college entrance exam. When you take the exam 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.

Apply2College Campaign. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. You'll get help with your applications if your high school holds a college application event as part of the statewide [Apply2College campaign](#).

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Your spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance and be prepared with [questions to ask](#). Find more tips in the "[Selecting a College](#)" section at **EducationQuest.org**.

You'll also want to check out these college-search resources at EducationQuest.org:

- "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" provides cost and contact information for Nebraska colleges.
- [College Profiles](#) has information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

Go on a scavenger hunt and you might win \$500 for college

Apply by March 31 for EducationQuest's \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest](#) at **EducationQuest.org**. *ScholarshipQuest* is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships you're eligible to apply for.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.

EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a [NEST 529 College Savings Plan](#) account.

March "To Do" List

Seniors

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

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by March 8 for the April 13 ACT.
- ___ [Register](#) by April 5 for the May 4 SAT.
- ___ Schedule campus visits.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	800-303-3745
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	

[EducationQuest.org](#)

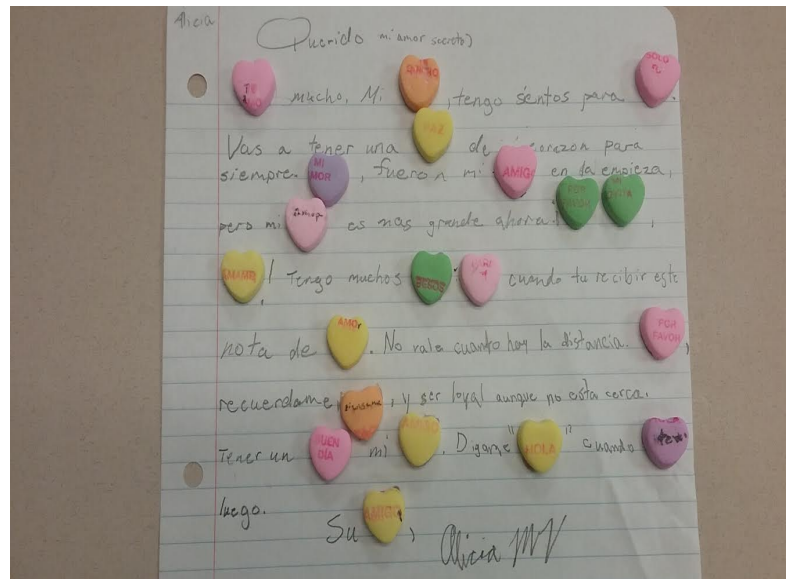
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Your Journey to College Begins with Us

Spanish News

By Vicky Miller

All of the high school Spanish classes spent Thursday, February 14 celebrating Valentine's Day during class. The freshmen assumed a character and "speed dated" to find the most interesting person visiting class that day. A couple of the students' favorite visitors were the tooth fairy and Vladimir Putin. The sophomores wrote cheesy love letters using candy hearts, and juniors read several Valentine's Day cards before making a card of their own. (Enjoy a few samples of the Spanish 2 and 3 classes below!) The seniors made an origami heart by following a how-to youtube video in Spanish. This Valentine's Day letter was written by Alicia Vodehnal.



It is Round-up time!

Friday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 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 9:45. If your child does not attend pre-school at Clarkson Public School you may drop your child off

in the Kindergarten room at 10:00. They may be picked up between 12:45 and 1:00. Children will eat hot lunch at school and the cost of hot lunch is \$2.65. 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, 2019.

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 2019-2020 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 the 26th! See you then!

Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Friday, March 1st - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

State Girls BB Championships in Lincoln

Saturday, March 2nd – State Girls BB Championships in Lincoln

Monday, March 4th – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

FFA District CDE at CCC

Tuesday, March 5th – FBLA Officer meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6th – Elementary Spring Pictures 8:30-11:30 am

Thursday, March 7th – Saturday, March 9th - State Boys BB Championships in Lincoln

Thursday, March 7th – Scribner-Snyder speech meet 2:00 pm

Monday, March 11th – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13th – District Speech at Bancroft

Thursday, March 14th – FBLA Chapter meeting 7:15 am

Friday, March 15th – End of Quarter 3

PreK-12th grade teacher meeting at 7:45 am

Saturday, March 16th - Practice ACT for grades 9th-12th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20th – NECC Scholastic Contest & Quiz Bowl

8th Graders to CCC Career Fair 8:00 am -12:00 pm

FFA meeting 7:00 pm in Leigh

Friday, March 22nd – State Speech Championships in Kearney

Alumni VB & BB

Saturday, March 23rd – Alumni VB & BB

Monday, March 25th – 5th & 6th grade Field trip to SAC Museum

Spring Activity Pictures

EHC Conference Quiz Bowl in Leigh

Tuesday, March 26th – Varsity track invite 12:30 at Stanton

Newsletter deadline

Friday, March 29th – Varsity track meet 9:00 am at Osceola

Saturday, March 30th – Prom in Clarkson

March Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Breakfast	Lunch
1 No School	No School
4 No School	No School
5 Donut	Tacos
6 Breakfast Sausage	Fish Sticks
7 Breakfast Toronados	Hamburgers
8 Waffle and Egg Patty	Cheese Crunchers
11 Scramble Pizza	Breaded Pork Patty
12 Omelet & Sausage	Chicken Nuggets
13 Egg, Ham, & Cheese on a Bagel	Quesadilla
14 PB & J	Beef Sticks
15 Mini Bagels	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
18 Yogurt Parfait	Ham & Cheese Sandwich
19 Pancake & Sausage	Fried Chicken
20 Homemade Burrito	Breakfast 4 Lunch
21 Breakfast Hot Pocket	Chicken Patty
22 Omelet & Toast	Tuna Casserole
25 Pancake & Egg Patty	Chicken and Gravy
26 Egg, Sausage, & Cheese on a Biscuit	Oriental Chicken
27 French Toast & Ham Patty	Hot Dog
28 Muffin	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Casserole
29 Clarkson Bakery	Tuna Salad or Ham Sandwich

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2019/20 School Calendar

August 2019						
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August 12th-13th- Teacher Inservice

August 14th- First Day of School

September 2nd-Labor Day

September 18th- Parent Teacher Conference

September 20th-Teacher Inservice Day

October 16-Teacher Inservice Day

Student days

87 1st semester

92 second semester

179 Days total

Teacher Days

90 1st semester

95 second semester

185 Days total

March 3, Parent Teacher Conferences

February 7th Teacher Inservice Day

March 13, 15 Spring Break

April 10,13 Easter Break

Graduation Saturday, May 16th

Student Last Day-May 20th

Teacher Last Day-May 22nd

Yellow-Teacher In-service
Red Vacation

Blue-Parent Teacher Conferences
Green Student Days
Light Brown-Graduation

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