

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

April is the time for annual state testing to meet our annual NDE requirements. This is the 2nd year of the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) testing, the NSCAS test is being created from NWEA, which is the same company that provides our MAP testing. The NSCAS window opens on March 18th and runs through April 26th. The week of April 29th through May 3rd serves as the week for students who were absent and missed the original testing window.

The NSCAS tests are given in grades 3rd-8th in the areas of English/Language (ELA) and Math, with 5th and 8th grades having an additional test in Science. The schedule for each NSCAS test can be found on the school's website calendar. It is important to make sure your children get a good night's sleep and are prepared for the testing. The individual teachers will communicate with the students and discussing the importance of the testing and how it benefits Clarkson Public Schools.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, the Junior class will be taking the ACT as part of the state required testing. This is a free testing session so the students to benefit from the free opportunity to improve their test score or get a baseline for future tests. To prepare for the tests they have been going through prep work with Mrs. Kappel using John Baylor ACT test prep.

As we start the 4th quarter of the 2018-2019 school year we are also doing preparing for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. At this time we are setting Pre-School and Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Letters will be sent out to parents of children who are eligible for the programs according to our census. We have included information in this month's and next month's newsletter. Our Pre-School Program has a morning class for three year olds and our afternoon class is four year olds. If you have any questions please call us at school at 402-892-3454.

The Patriot Youth Advisory will also be doing registrations for fall youth sports this spring, this allows us to have our ducks in a row when we start up next August. Information will be sent out through emails to parents for the registration.

From the Principal's Desk

By Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! I want to take this time to say how proud I am, to be apart of such a caring and supportive community and school district. With the flooding disaster that has impacted our neighboring communities, there was no hesitation from everyone to pool together and help those in need. The outpouring of donations and support is heartwarming and a testament of "Nebraska Strong"! There is still a lot of damage that families are still working through and hopefully, in time they will fully recover.

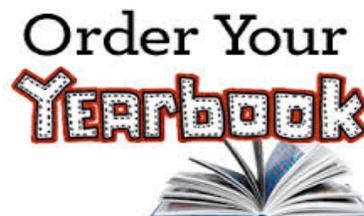
April also means that it is banquet season! Please monitor the school calendar and announcements for any updates on upcoming banquets. This is a great chance for students to show off their accomplishments and hard work through the school year.

The students are also at the start of NSCAS testing and are doing a great job in doing their best. Please, make sure to look for any notes, emails or calls home about possible changes or upcoming events. As the end of the school year gets here, we are stilling constantly teaching and working with the students. We want to make a strong push into May! Go PATS!

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It's time to reserve your copy of the 2018-2019 Clarkson High School yearbook - *Looking Forward to Looking Back*. They are \$47 through April 18 (\$52 after April 18). Bring your money to Mrs. Morfeld before or after school and checks need to be written out to Clarkson Public Schools.



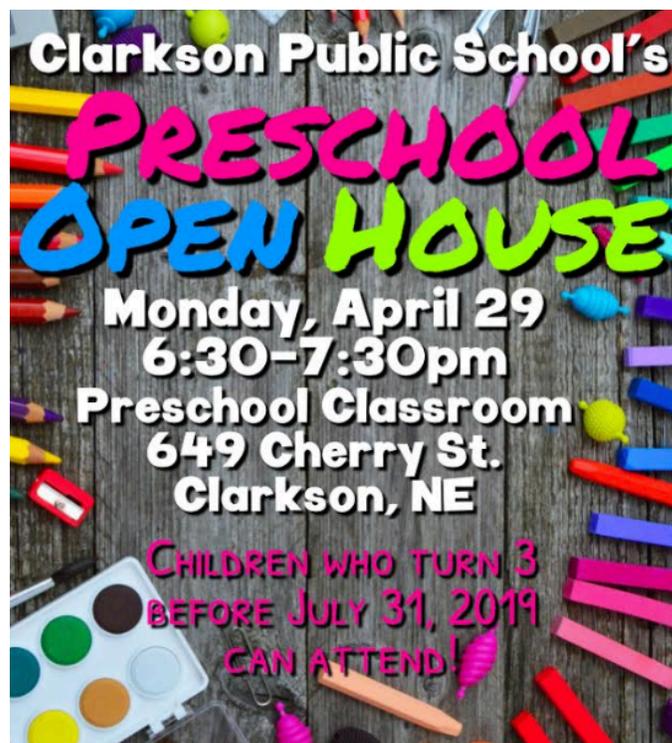
Music Department News

The Music Department at Clarkson and Leigh has been busy this spring getting ready for programs and District Contest. The Leigh 3rd and 4th graders started off by entertaining at the Clarkson Nursing Home. The group entertained the residents and visitors with patriotic songs, folk tunes, and selections they would be singing for their upcoming concert. The 5th and 6th graders in Clarkson will be singing for the residents in May.

Mrs. Kowalski took Ella Kappel and Alyssa Gurnsey to Wayne State College to compete at their Jr. High competition. The two girls played a flute/clarinet duet and did a great job. They received a superior rating.

Spring Concerts are also being held. The Leigh Preschool/Elementary Concert was held on March 28th. This concert's theme was "#BeKind". Songs about respect, manners, and acts of kindness were sung. The high school choir members wrote the songs for the Kindergarten students. They took well-known tunes and wrote lyrics about kindness, which the kindergarteners then sang. It was especially fitting after this year's flooding and donations were given to "Kids Helping Kids in Fremont, NE". Clarkson's Elementary Concert will take place on April 25th at 7:00 pm. This concert will share songs from many musicals and even a little dancing will be enjoyed.

The Jr. High and Sr. High will be having their concert on April 1st (no fooling) at 7:00 pm. The Sr. High will be performing songs that they will take to District Music Contest. This year will be a little bit of a change. The Band and Choir will be competing in Wisner instead of CCC, as in previous year. It will also be held on just one day this year, so mark your calendar for April 12th, to come support the groups. Besides the Band and Choir, there will also be numerous small groups and soloist. Those planning to compete at the contest and/or performing at the concert are: Leigh Triple Trio, Clarkson Octet, the trio of Madison Noonan, Cortlynn Cadwallader, & Bianca Aguirre; duets by Abbi Brabec & Natalie Reeves and Halee Steffensmeier & Cheyenne Brabec; a flute/clarinet duet by Ella Kappel & Alyssa Gurnsey, a flute duet by Haley Bovee & Abby Langdon; vocal solos by Alicia Holmberg, Halee Steffensmeier, Shyla Shaw, Abbi Brabec, & Abigail Langdon, and a flute solo by Alicia Holmberg.



PE News

By Jim Clarkson

Spring is in the air, and so is Prom so on that note I would really like to thank Tiffany Baumert for coming into our Lifetime Activities class and teaching the Seniors some classic dances. Dances such as the Waltz, Polka, some country swing, and line dancing. It is a lot of fun watching her teach, the kids seem to enjoy it, even if they do not let on that they do. Should be one great Prom.

Spring is also a fun time of year as we break out the hockey sticks for some high intensity floor hockey. This is always one of the most anticipated units as the kids really enjoy this game. I expect this year to be no different. Our elementary kids are working on their frisbee skills, is there a better Springtime activity then throwing around a frisbee? Me neither. Hopefully we will get some great weather down the stretch. Hope everyone can get a chance to get outside and get after it.



Tiffany Baumert teaches a Polka to the Senior class.

Clarkson Speech Team Finishes 6th at State

By Paige Moore

On Friday March 22, 2019, the Clarkson speech team set out to make this state trip different than previous years. This year the team brought four events to Kearney, and all four qualified for finals and medaled. The four events that qualified for the state tournament were Libby Crecco in serious prose, Halee Steffensmeier in informative speaking, Paige Moore in persuasive speaking, and Libby Crecco, Halee Steffensmeier, Paige Moore, Mitchel Beeson, and Sawyer Kappel in OID.

The day started out with an early morning. The team arrived at the UNK gym at 8 AM, with the first round beginning at 9:30 AM. All of Clarkson's events performed at the same time. The second round of preliminaries started at 12:30 AM. After the second round was over, the team waited patiently to see if they would make finals.

Awards began at 6 PM. Libby Crecco finished 3rd in serious prose. Halee Steffensmeier finished 7th in informative speaking. Paige Moore finished 3rd in persuasive speaking. The OID team finished 6th. The team earned a combined scored of 42 points, ranking them 6th overall as a team out of 40 teams.



L to R: Sawyer Kappel, Libby Crecco, Paige Moore, Halee Steffensmeier, Mitchel Beeson

Annual Practice ACT Workshop

By Jennifer Kappel

The annual practice ACT workshop was held on Saturday, March 16th at the high school gym in Clarkson. Ten high school students participated in the workshop, from grades 9-11. Students complete a retired ACT test under similar testing conditions as the national ACT test. Following the test, answers were scored by Mrs. Kappel and students got to see their results. This is a great learning experience for students – both those that have already taken the ACT and those that just want to see what it will be like. For those students undecided about post secondary options they will eventually pursue, this is a free way to see what the test would be like and to see an unofficial test score they could possibly earn without any further test preparation. Thanks for participating students!





Spanish Class News

By Vicky Miller

The 7th graders are off to a great start in our 12 weeks of Spanish. They have worked on basic greetings, distinguishing when to use *tú* or *usted* (level of formality) in addressing someone, numbers up to one million - it's not as difficult as you might think! - and being able to name and describe family members. This unit they are learning clothes and colors and they participated in an out-of-fashion show!

In Spanish 1, we have recently begun our Tourism in Costa Rica unit. Besides being able to give basic info about the country and being able to throw out a few slang terms they might hear in Costa Rica, the students will be exploring ecological activities, places to stay, foods to eat, how coffee is made, and will plan, price and promote their own trips to Costa Rica after investigating the best ways to promote tourist products.

The Spanish 2 and 3 students are delving into *Comida Callejera*. Who doesn't like to talk about food?! We are uncovering some popular street foods like *empandas* and *tacos*, among many others. The tacos that most of us are accustomed to are a far cry from authentic tacos! We will talk about places to eat and give our opinion by writing a review. We'll be able to ask and answer a myriad of questions about the foods and restaurants. We'll compare the price of eating some of these foods in a restaurant versus making them at home. Before all this talk about food makes me hungry, I'd better move on to the seniors.

The moment has finally come for the seniors to take their turn to make a piñata. They begged to get to make one as they watched other classes make them, but had to wait to see if there were enough supplies left over. Today is the day they'll get to break it open! Tomorrow we start into our first of several movies during the last quarter, *Casi Casi*, set in Puerto Rico where high-schooler Emilio tries to make his crush Jacklynne fall in love with him with the help of several of his friends, but he runs into a whole host of problems. The seniors will get to pick up a lot of vocab during this fun comedy.



Cropp's Corner

Here we are in the fourth quarter already. This year has flown by us. The 4th-6th grade students have continued to enjoy our science experiments in PEP class. We created crystals using charcoal briquettes, and we have made crystals using some common household items and eggshells. The students have also blown up balloons using baking soda and vinegar.

We are also getting close to our 3rd annual literacy night, but this year we are changing it up a bit to keep it interesting and fun to attend. This year we will be having a family game night. All of the games will be supplied by, Fat Brain Toys. There will be food and door prizes for the kids. Please come and join us on Monday, April 29th from 5:30-7:30pm. Check out our flyer located in this newsletter, and on our school website. Hope to see you all there.

Have a great spring!

Mrs. Cropp

**REMINDER: No Kindergarten
– 6TH grade classes on
Tuesday, April 2ND due to
Junior Class ACT Testing.**

EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

April 2019

Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in [student and parent loans](#) will you need to borrow to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

Juniors... these questions will help you narrow your college choices

By picking your top colleges now, you'll be better prepared to apply for financial aid and college admission early next fall. Start by answering these questions:

What do you want to study?

Explore your [career interests](#) and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like [College Profiles](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-of-state or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the [Midwest](#)

[Student Exchange Program](#) which may provide discounted tuition.

What can you afford?

Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses. (See "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" for costs.) Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate [the loan debt](#) you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education.

For more details, see [Selecting a College](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

College fairs coming up in South Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha

Talk to representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during upcoming college fairs.

[Tri-State Area College Fair](#) (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 7, 1-3 p.m., Delta Hotel Center
[Omaha Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 14, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska at Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse
[Lincoln Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 28, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street

Before you attend, get a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#). Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair so college reps can scan it.

April "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).
- ___ Make your final college decision.
- ___ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- ___ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- ___ Attend a [college fair](#) in your area.
- ___ Schedule [campus visits](#) while colleges are still in session.
- ___ [Register](#) by April 5 for the May 4 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by May 3 for the June 8 ACT.
- ___ Start looking for [scholarships](#).

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha 402-391-4033 888-357-6300	Lincoln 402-475-5222 800-303-3745	Kearney 308-234-6310 800-666-3721	Scottsbluff 800-303-3745 ext. 6654
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Your Journey to College Begins with Us



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!



EASTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 19th
Monday, April 22nd

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Monday, April 1st – Golf invite at West Point – 9:00 am
7th-12th grade Spring Concert 7:00 pm in Clarkson
- Tuesday, April 2nd – NO K-6th grade classes. Preschool will have class. Juniors ACT testing
JH Track meet at Wisner-Pilger – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 3rd-Friday, April 5th – State FFA Convention in Lincoln
- Thursday, April 4th – Saturday, April 6th – State FBLA Convention in Lincoln
- Thursday, April 4th – HS track meet at Aquinas Catholic – 2:00 pm
- Sunday, April 7th – Tuesday, April 9th – FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Lincoln
- Monday, April 8th – Golf dual at Humphrey – 4:00 pm
School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 9th – NHS Sweet 16 Blood Drive
HS track meet at Lyons-Decatur NE – 10:00 am
- Wednesday, April 10th – EHC Conference Art Show at Nielsen Center in West Point
Golf invite in Leigh – 9:00 am
- Thursday, April 11th – JH track meet at Madison – 3:45 pm
FCCLA highway clean up, meeting to follow
- Friday, April 12th – District Music Contest
FBLA HUDL tour
- Saturday, April 13th – ACT test date
Strong Man Competition
- Monday, April 15th – FBLA office meeting 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 16th – JH track meet at Battle Creek – 11:00 am
HS track meet at Madison – 11:00 am
Golf triangular at North Bend – 4:00 pm
- Thursday, April 18th – JH track meet at Lyons-Decatur NE – 11:30 am
FCCLA chapter officer interviews
- Friday, April 19th – NO school – Easter Break
- Monday, April 22nd – NO school – Easter Break
Golf tournament at Pender – 9:00 am
- Tuesday, April 23rd – HS track meet at Humphrey – 11:00 am
Golf dual at Leigh – 1:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 24th – WSC visit day for 9th grade
- Thursday, April 25th – Northeast Track Classic in Norfolk
Golf tournament at Humphrey – 10:00 am
PreK-6th grade Spring Music concert 7:00 pm in Clarkson
- Friday, April 26th – Kindergarten Round-up
FBLA chapter meeting 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 27th – Golf tournament at Pierce – 9:00 am
EHC Conference HS track meet at Tekamah-Herman – 10:00 am
- Monday, April 29th – JH track meet at Wisner-Pilger – 3:00 pm
Family Literacy Night 5:30-7:30 pm with Preschool Open House 6:30-7:30 pm
FFA Banquet 7:00 pm in Leigh
- Tuesday, April 30th – 5th & 6th grade Band Clinic at Pender
FBLA help with BINGO at nursing home.
Golf triangular at Elkhorn Valley – 4:00 pm



April Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Breakfast

- 1 Biscuits and Gravy
- 2 Pancake and Sausage on a stick
- 3 Breakfast Combos
- 4 Egg, Ham, & Cheese on a Croissant
- 5 Donut

- 8 Pancakes and Sausage
- 9 Omelets and Ham
- 10 Toronados
- 11 Scramble Pizza
- 12 Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin

- 15 Egg, Sausage, Cheese on a Bagel
- 16 Breakfast Rounds
- 17 French Toast & Ham Patty
- 18 Breakfast Sausage
- 19 No School

- 22 No School
- 23 Breakfast Rounds
- 24 Homemade Burrito
- 25 Breakfast Hot Pocket
- 26 Clarkson Bakery

- 29 Apple Boscós
- 30 Yogurt Parfait

Lunch

- Spaghetti & meatballs
- BBQ Pork on a Bun
- Sub Sandwichs
- Ribique on a Bun
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich

- Corn Dogs
- Pork Patty on A Bun
- Hamburger Cassarole
- Chicken Tenders
- Cheese or Meat Pizza

- Pork Steak on a Bun
- Chicken Fajita
- Taco Salad
- Chicken Fried Steak
- No School

- No School
- Hot Turkey Sandwich
- Popcorn Chicken
- Salisbury Steak
- Hot Dog on a Bun

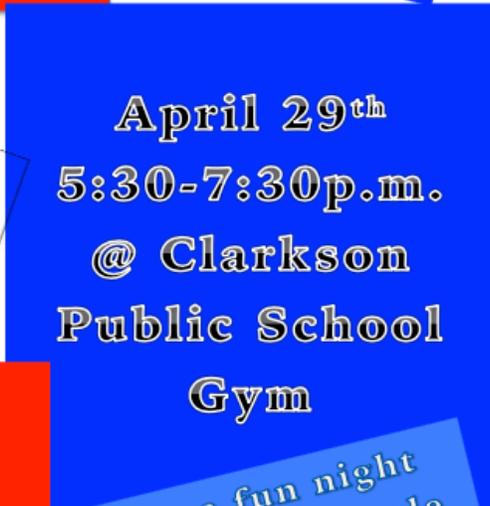
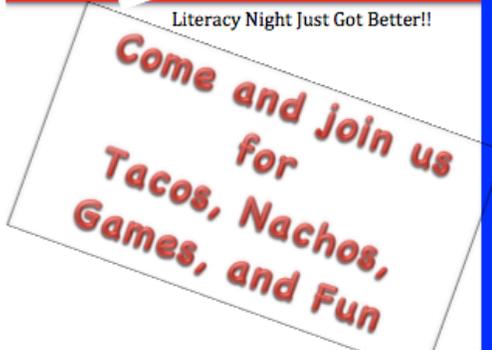
- Pizza
- Oriental Chicken

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Literacy Night Just Got Better!!



Questions?

Call Brenda Cropp @ 402-892-3477

NSCAS & MAP Testing Calendar

Apr 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 8am - 6th gr. ELA 9am - 5th gr. ELA 11am - 6th gr. ELA 1pm - 7th gr. ELA 2pm - 8th gr. ELA	10 9am - 4th gr. ELA 1pm - 7th gr. ELA 2pm - 8th gr. ELA	11	12	13
14	15 9:56am - 3rd ELA	16 9am - 3rd Math 1pm - 6th Math	17 8am - 4th Math 1st 9:56am - 3rd 10:52am - 5th Math	18 8am - 4th Math 1st 10:52am - 5th Math	19 Easter Break	20
21	22 Easter Break	23	24 10am - 8th Math 2pm - 7th Math	25 10am - 8th Math 10am - 8th Pre-	26	27
28	29 10:45am - 8th	30	1 8am - 5th Science	2	3 8am - End of NSCAS	4

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