

# The Red Review

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## From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Hopefully everyone's March is off to a great start as we have spring right in front of us on the calendar and after all of the fun Mother Nature gave us in February, spring will be a welcome time.

On Monday, March 12th we will be starting our 4th quarter of the school year. It is time to celebrate getting through three quarters with the changes we have dealt with due to the Covid Pandemic but the 4th quarter always brings changes as we have students out of school for different activities. We have track meets, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Career Academy and music contests all over the school calendar. As life starts to open back up some of these activities will remain virtual and others will be in person but this will have students working on missing a lot of school and working projects, etc. 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 Gradebook link to keep up your student's grades, lunch bill and attendance.

Due to changes with the schedule of Boys State Basketball, our CIP (Continual School Improvement) has been moved to Thursday, March 25th. The information on the visit was covered in February's newsletter.

A reminder for those who are interested we will be having our Patriot Summer Academy for our elementary students. Information will be emailed home soon to all parents and the information will also be available on the school website and our Facebook page. Patriot Academy will be for students who just finished grades K-5 and the dates are listed below.

Tuesday-Thursday	July 6th-8th
Monday-Thursday	July 12th-15th
Monday-Thursday	July 19th-22nd

## Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

Happy March! Another month marked off the calendar and another month closer to a completed 2020-2021 school year. This is something that at one point did not seem possible. 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 were brutally cold and gave us plenty of snow. Hopefully mother nature has had her fun and will let us start to get outside more.

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**  
**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

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# English Notes

Lynn Morfeld

Throughout the sophomore poetry unit, students have read numerous poems and discussed what makes a good poem worthwhile. In addition to reading the poems, students have also written poems. This gave them a chance to emulate modern poets such as William Carlos Williams, Derek Walcott, and Jamaica Kincaid.

The unit included a piece by Jamaica Kincaid called *Holidays*. The poem's speaker is restless and bored - emotions we have all felt at one time or another - and uses stream of consciousness to show her emotions and actions. The piece is a "prose poem." It seems like an essay with sentences and correct conventions, but because it uses great imagery and repetition, it crosses over into poetry. The sophomores were asked to use Kincaid's style to describe a restless day in a secluded setting. Here are a few of their poems.

By Ella Kappel

*I lay on the bunk bed, staring at the wall.  
I am laying on a bunk bed next to my cousin who is sleeping.  
She is snoring.  
I touch the cold wood bunk beds.  
Tracing the wood design.  
I stand up quietly and slowly, to not wake her up.  
I take a step forward.  
I look down.  
I see barbies.  
I am not fascinated by this.  
The barbies are entangled together.  
I walk out of the room.  
I feel the soft carpet beneath my toes.  
I feel a frigid object under my feet.  
I move my foot.  
I look down.  
It's a puzzle piece that someone dropped.  
I pick it up.  
I set it back on the table.  
Next to the rest of the puzzle.  
Should I work on this?  
I decide against this and walk outside.  
To stand on the porch.  
I smell the air.  
I can smell the lake.  
I smell the powerful stench of the fish cleaning station.  
Maybe a walk to the lake would be fun?  
I step off the porch, something glints and sparkles.  
I look on the ground and notice a fishing lure.  
It is just a regular hook, nothing special or fancy.  
I wonder if my cousin wants to go fishing?  
I turn around and step back inside.  
I slowly make my way back to the bedroom.  
I count my steps along the way.  
15,16,17.  
17 steps.  
I peer into the room to think about how to wake my cousin.*

By Ashley Guillen

*I lay in bed looking up. I lay in bed looking at the white popcorn ceiling. I look around to look for something to do. I look and find a little stuffed animal. The stuffed animal is of a dinosaur. I play with the stuffed animal. As I play with the stuffed animals, I throw it up in the air and catch it as it comes back down. I throw it up but barely miss it and it falls onto my face. I put the stuffed animal down after that. I hear the creak, creak, creak of my floor as I get up. I get up to light a nearby candle. I grab the lighter and light it. Ouch, I burned my finger. I've never been good at using lighters. Ouch, my finger burns. It burns, so much, so much, so so much. I shake my hand. I shake my hand to try to cool it off. It isn't working. My finger is left with a burning and tingling sensation. Should I open the window? I'll put my hand outside, maybe that will cool it off. Should I open the window? Should I not? It's warm in my room and if I open it, it'll just get cold. Should I open my window? No, I shouldn't. I don't wanna be cold. I return back to my bed. I return back to my bed and snuggle with my big brown teddy bear. I return back and also have my giant blue dinosaur stuffed animal at my side. Two of my only companions. I'm all alone, alone, alone. With almost nothing to do. I decide maybe I'll try to pay attention to the bobble head on my nightstand. I try to pay attention as it's big head goes up, down, up, down, up, down. I get bored of the bobble head. I get so bored that I don't know what to do. I get so bored that maybe I just might fall asleep. I just might fall asleep on my bed. On my bed in my warm room. My warm room that's so cozy, so cozy that I...might just...fall...asleep.*

By Brayden Brabec

*I am sitting in this house, looking out over the ocean. I ponder on what the day has to hold. I watched ants as they are getting fried one after the other. I now am wondering the temperature outside, so I look over and see the thermometer reading 110 degrees. I then walk in the kitchen and open the fridge then walk back to my chair. I find myself doing this 5 more times. I get the urge to go swimming, but then remembering the temperature and not wanting to burn my feet on the sand that is like hot coals. I then remember the time fire ants attacked my feet like a little army so I compare it to that. I then got entertained by a groups of seagulls fighting over food dropped by people. I then laid on the couch and stared at the ceiling wondering what it would be like if the ceiling was the floor, as if the house was flipped and nothing was moved and was on the now new ceiling. I then felt tired. The day had nothing to hold*



## It is Round-up time!

By Wes Pokorny

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements - 5years of age by July 31st, 2021. If your child fits the age limit and you are planning on attending Clarkson Public Schools let the office know your intentions. We ask that this is done by April 1st, 2021 so a date and time can be planned for your child to visit myself and the

classroom. Once you have contacted the office all of the appropriate forms will be mailed or delivered to you. I will then contact you with the time of your child's visitation. Below are some items that we will need right before school starts in August.

We will need a copy of an official copy of the student's birth certificate when the 2021-2022 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

## Happenings in the Music Department

By Cindy Settje

On a cold and snowy Saturday morning, Mrs. Kowalski, Mrs. Settje, and 24 Jr. High students attended the annual Stanton Music Festival. Ten band students practiced and performed under the direction of Rob Hartung. Mr. Hartung was a musician, teacher, and graduate assistant at various schools including Madison, NE. He even was inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007. Fourteen Choir students spent the day practicing and performing under the direction of Barina Buresh Crosland. She has served as the Director of Vocal Music at Arlington Public Schools for the past 16 year and has served on numerous boards and schools before that. Three of the concert's soloists were from the Clarkson/Leigh Jr. High. Congratulations to Chyann Becker, Paige Kurpgewit, and Keeley Campbell for being selected to sing solo parts. We are so proud of all these students and hope they keep the love of music going on for a long time.

Students attending from Clarkson were: Bella McAtee, Sophie Morfeld, Rowan Stodola, Kendall Schneider, Emilie Hajek, Hadley Dlouhy, Hannah Cech, Josh Eisenmann, Vicente Alvarado, Shaleigh McAllister, Teagan Baumert, Jairo Alvarado, Jerzzi Mapel, Nathaly Pinonez, Rosie Guillen, and Chyann Becker. Students attending from Leigh were: Emily Stender, Paige Kurpgewit, Amaiya Ross, Hadrian Janssen, Keeley Campbell, Sydney Messerlie, Alisyn Lich, and Maryn McCord. Instructors for the group are: Band - Mrs. Liz Kowalski and Choir - Mrs. Cindy Settje. The Clarkson/Leigh students had a great time learning about music as well as meeting fellow musicians.





CLARKSON LEIGH JR. SR. PROM 2021

# *Golden Memories*

Saturday, March 27th  
Grand March  
Doors Open 7:30 pm  
Grand March Starts 7:45 pm  
Clarkson Opera House

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED**



	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
March 1	tornado	pork steak
March 2	omelet and sausage	grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich
March 3	egg, sausage, and cheese on a biscuit	hamburger
March 4	NO SCHOOL	
March 5	NO SCHOOL	
March 8	NO SCHOOL	
March 9	waffles and ham	hot ham and cheese sandwich
March 10	breakfast combos	ribique on a bun
March 11	egg, ham, and cheese on a bagel	taco salad
March 12	Clarkson Bakery roll	fish sandwich
March 15	egg, sausage, and cheese on an English muffin	hotdog on a bun
March 16	PB&J	cheeseburger casserole
March 17	breakfast pizza	chicken patty on a bun
March 18	biscuits and gravy	Oriental chicken
March 19	muffin	cheese quesadilla
March 22	egg, ham, and cheese on a croissant	chicken nuggets
March 23	roller dog	BBQ pork sandwich
March 24	pancakes on a stick	Salisbury steak
March 25	breakfast sausage	sub sandwich
March 26	cereal	pizza
March 29	French toast and sausage	pasta and meat sauce
March 30	homemade breakfast burritos	chicken fried steak
March 31	pancakes and ham	mini corn dogs

Menus are subject to change.

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## Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – FBLA meeting during Patriot Period  
Boys BB Sub-State
- Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2:00 Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Girls BB State Tournament in Lincoln  
FFA Career Development Event 3 (Virtual Event)
- Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Teacher In-service  
Girls BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Spring Break  
Girls BB State Tournament in Lincoln  
FFA Career Development Event 4 at Ashland-Greenwood 9:00 am
- Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Girls BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – NO School – Spring Break  
District speech 9:00 am in Elmwood
- Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - Boys BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – School Board meeting 6:00 pm  
Boys BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Chapter meeting 4:00 pm in Clarkson  
Boys BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – End of Quarter 3  
Boys BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Boys BB State Tournament in Lincoln
- Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Conference Honor Choir at the Nielsen Center in West Point
- Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – NECC Virtual Academic Contest
- Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – State Speech
- Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – State Speech  
Alumni VB and BB tournament
- Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Alumni VB and BB tournament
- Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Junior’s ACT testing
- Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – CIP External Visit Day
- Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – PROM in Clarkson
- Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Conference Quiz Bowl at Howells
- Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – HS Track meet at Stanton 12:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – HS Track meet at Osceola 9:00 am

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