

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Welcome to February, which in the educational world is known as “hitting the wall month”. As we come back in January everyone is refreshed from a nice little two week break and the time spent with their families and friends. Then come the months of January and February where students and staff are extremely busy with all different activities along with dealing with the weather and cold.

February is the time of the year where life gets hectic as school and activities are in maximum overdrive. Basketball and wrestling are going through the pressure filled time of conference meets/tournaments and district competition. Add in Junior High and Youth teams are wrapping up their seasons with their final tournaments and families are kept on the run. To add more to the plate February is big month for the Speech team as their season is in full swing and kids are missing school for meets along with having some Saturday meets to attend.

With the students being involved in so many activities and their busy schedules please remind your children to make sure they are getting the rest and nutrition they need to keep busy with their active lives and keeping up on their grades. Sometimes taking their phones at night so they don't hear all the social media chatter.

February is also part of the year where the planning for next school year begins to pick up. We will be approving the 2022-2023 school calendar at this month's school board meeting and we will be posting it on the school website so families can plan accordingly.

It was just around a year ago we were getting ready for our School Improvement Visit that comes every five years to meet NDE requirements and as we talked last year, we were finishing up a five-year cycle of working of a goal on increasing vocabulary. This year, as we start our next five-year cycle, we will be looking at continuing with our vocabulary goal and adding a new goal of improving reading comprehension scores. To help our goal selection process when we pick our goals, we use data from the testing we do at CPS to help guide our process. This data is imperative in making sure we are hitting the areas where students need the most help.

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

Notes from the Principal

By Lee Schneider

The end of our Winter sports season is coming fast so make sure you get the chance to make it out and support our basketball programs and our wrestling team! Please check calendars regularly because there can be changes to our activities that occur due to weather or sickness. We will do our best to keep everyone updated and best informed as possible.

In February, we will continue to complete our MAP testing towards the middle/end of the month. This is an academic measuring assessment we perform to help our teachers provide the support for all of the students. Please try and make sure that your child is getting a good night's rest so they can do their best come testing time!

We continue to stress to everyone that if your child is not feeling good, please keep them home for the adequate amount of time. We are still in the middle of winter and Covid, something that we all want to end sooner than later. With that being said, we still ask everyone to be transparent with us and keep us informed the best they can.

As always, I hope everyone is having a great start to their New Year!!

GO
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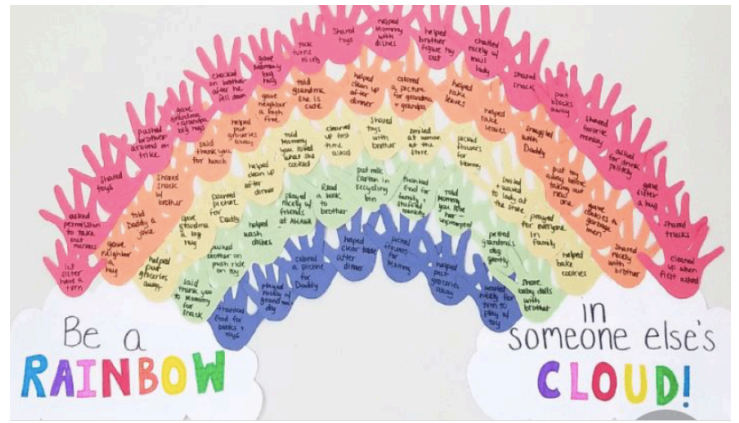
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Kindness Matters!

Join Clarkson Public School in making a special effort to show kindness the week of January 31st to February 4th as we observe Kindness Matters! Students will create kindness buckets, write Thank You letters, participate in a scavenger hunt, become Lunch Buddies and make a Pledge to be Kind!



It's cold outside in many parts of the country, but we've got a truly sweet treat to warm you up. **Come give blood on February 16th and the American Red Cross will send you a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email,** thanks to our partners at Amazon.

Clarkson High School
February 16th, 2022
11:30am to 5:30pm

Please call the school or go online to schedule an appointment!

English Notes

Mrs. 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 (giving inanimate objects human characteristics) was to be illustrated in the poem as well. Here are a few of their pieces.

Poem by Troy Graybill

The late afternoon sunset smiles at me as it reflects off the river water
moving downstream slowly like a coyote stalking a turkey.
The smell of the freshly burnt shotgun shells shot
after a flock of ducks had just danced into the decoys.
The shells flipping in the air as they come out the shotgun
racing the other shells to the ground.
The taste of the shotgun black powder tastes almost like success.
It is almost dark now and time to pick up the hard plastic decoys
Their coating is damp from the river water.
Getting up to leave I can hear the animals moving around in the trees
like a crowd leaving after a football game.

A Winter's Day by Shyenne Reed

Mid-day in winter kids go out to play.
The sun shines on the snow and creates a scenic light display.
Children slide down hills and skate on ice.
The sun slowly falls and the sky starts to bleed with yellows and oranges.
This is the time where the kids rest to eat and calm their beating hearts.
A pleasant scent of freshly baked pot pies and hot chocolate dances on the wind.

Dusk is a time to admire how surreal the sky becomes.
Yellows and oranges turn to shades of pink and red.
Garnet and ruby paint the sky as the kids return to the fun.
All the children laugh and smile as they slide and slip on the snow.
The hurricane of laughter and joy flows through the town.

Reds turn to crimson to indigos in the sky.
Sounds are slowly dying and the night comes to play.
The streets no longer have the sound of kids but the sound of silence.
Tranquil winds breeze through the town.
The blanket of clouds is lifted and the sky is riddled with the scattered lights of our stars.
Candle lights are dimmed and quenched as the moon says its hello.
Welcoming the night to come.

Dusk Poem

By [Samuel Pocasangre](#)

*They begin to light up the sky
Enthralled with their life
To join me in the silence of the night
The day no longer so rife*

*Looking down upon me
A distance of lightyears
Visible what I breathe
Only to disappear*

*Crackle of fire
Crunch of snow
Until tomorrow the sun retires
Sky colored like feathers of a crow*

Wait
Is it only six
Are you kidding me
It straight up looks like midnight right now

News and Notes from the Social Science Department

By Mr. McEvoy

The 2021-22 school year has been very interesting here in the Social Science Department of Clarkson Public School. Here are a few of our highlights so far this year:

-8th Grade American History- This class begins by looking at our Native American and European roots and how these two cultures interacted early on in U.S. history. Emphasis is given to European exploration, early British Colonies, and the ensuing development of our nation from its War for Independence from Great Britain to its own U.S. Civil War.

-10th Grade American History- This class has been 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 conflicts and social change of the late 20th Century that helped shape America for the new millennium.

-7th Grade Civics/World Studies- This group has been given an introductory look into our country, our government, and our uniquely American way of life in comparison to other regions of the globe. There is an emphasis on patriotism, geography, civic duty, and the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United States. Great focus is also given to the Constitution, the 27 Amendments, and the role of the Three Branches.

-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 finished studying the role public opinion and the media play in our society.

-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, we will cover the entire globe---with the goal being that they can compare and contrast our American geography to that of all the other countries of the world.

-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. The class continues to work on a time capsule project that will include all 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 2021-2022.

Thank you for taking a look into our corner of the building, and here's hoping for continued success in 2022 for all of our students and activities here at CPS- Go Patriots!!!

News from the Hive!

By Mrs. Cropp & Mrs. Kabes



PEP: Ms. Julie came to the hive for our latest STEM class. She showed the bees how to make robotic arms out of popsicle sticks, black binder clips and tape. Then they were told to alter their design so that their robotic arm would pick something up. All of the bees did a great job.

Now, the bees are making Valentine's Day cards for the residents of the nursing home. They have all been doing a great job of decorating these cards and writing little notes for the residents. We hope they all enjoy our Valentine's cards.

4th grade writing: 4th graders are almost finished with their manuscript pages for their poetry book. They have been working extremely hard coming up with original ideas for their poems. They chose to do their poetry book on farming and colors. Please take the time to ask your child about the kinds of poems they have learned about, they have been very excited about them.

Kindergarten News

By Wes Pokorny

The 100th day of school is a fun milestone for students in the early elementary grades. Counting and being able to write your numbers to 100 is a huge accomplishment for a kid who is five or six years old. It takes a lot of grit and effort to get the job done. In kindergarten, we are responsible for counting and writing our numbers to 20 but there is just something about getting to 100 that makes a kid feel like a million bucks! On January 25th we celebrated our 100th day of school with a variety of activities. Make sure to ask your child what they thought was the best part of the celebration. We have around 70 days left and we plan to make the most of our time together!



Spanish News

By Vicky Miller

¡Hola! We are fully in gear as we start up with classes again in 2022. The students are beginning to explore new units. Keep in mind as you read this article in English about the highlights of our class, the students are completing all of these tasks in Spanish! They hear class activity instructions in Spanish, they watch Youtube videos in Spanish, they read articles in Spanish, and they summarize what they saw or read in Spanish or compare their opinion of it with a classmate in Spanish and so on. We don't just talk about all of these Hispanic people or events in English. They are immersed in the Spanish language during the majority of class time each day while focusing on completing a daily goal such as "I can give basic info about the life and career of Hispanic athletes". They are learning content AND a new language simultaneously!

I am super excited to roll out the Adiós Textbook curriculum to the junior high students this year! I think being able to provide continuity of class format between junior high and high school will help students as they won't have to adjust to entirely new expectations their freshman year, as well as it will help them be able to achieve higher proficiency sooner and a higher overall proficiency at the end of the Spanish program. One of the highlights of the 8th graders first unit was that they were so impressed with themselves! One day our goal was, "I can tell what I like about my school". Students were learning how to tell their favorite class(es), and I told them all about my favorite classes, not-so-favorite classes, which ones were hard for me and why. With pictures, gestures, and lots of cognates (words that look/sound similar in two languages), most of the students understood the entire paragraph of information that I had told them in Spanish! They were so proud of themselves! Building up their confidence is a huge key to successful language learning!!

Spanish 1 is exploring the world of sports. They can talk about sports they like to play or watch and give their opinion about them. They gave their opinion about some extreme sports as well. Students can give basic info about an athlete, such as their sport, team, position or jersey number. Students identified important characteristics for athletes of various sports. After comparing Kobe Bryant to soccer player Lionel Messi, students were surprised to learn that Messi is more famous world-wide than Kobe is. Students then researched and compared some Hispanic athletes of their own. Students are currently making campaigns to promote an athlete for an award for Univision Premios Deportes, a Hispanic sports awards program.

Spanish 2 is in a unit called *Viviendo una vida sana* (Living a healthy life). This is a fun opportunity to look at what it means to live a healthy life, beyond just food and exercise. They are exploring ideas like getting sufficient sleep; identifying stressors, talking about the effect of stress on our minds and bodies, and managing stress; the effect music has on our emotions; good and bad uses of technology; and investigating different ways companies promote healthy habits. Students even tried meditation and yoga and they identified their biggest stresses as keeping up with school work and balancing a busy schedule.

Spanish 3/4 has spent some time creating their own games, refining them after trial runs & playing them with the whole class. It has been fun to see their creativity in game design as well as their understanding of the different proficiency levels as that was part of the strategy in how they set up their games.

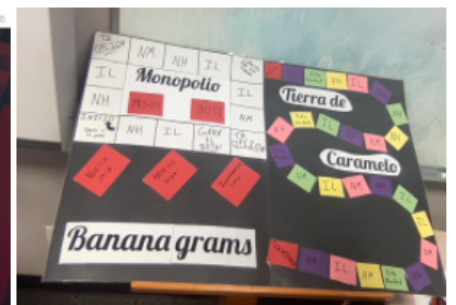
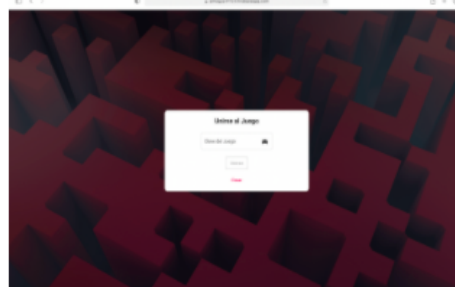


Top left: Gavin Novotny

Top right: Drew Beeson & Faith Indra

Bottom left: Sammy McEvoy & Noah Houlobek

Bottom right: Jase Indra & Mitch Beeson



Physical Education

By Jim Clarkson

Happy New Year all you Patriots. 2022 is under way, good, bad or indifferent! As the PE Dept. Head, I can say that the start of the calendar year has kicked off with a bang. The Seniors just finished playing Badminton, there were some donnybrooks on the court but when the dust settled, we had three different champions. We had a doubles champ, a boy's single champ and a girl's single champ. Great stuff indeed, now we are on to Pickleball! Pickleball is off to a slow start but I know they will pick it up fast and cannot wait to see how they improve at that, stay tuned.

The Freshmen have been busy honing their skills in Archery. As we near the end of the unit we have a stiff competition brewing, between Cadence Indra, her cousin Dexter Indra, Jake Koehn, and the new guy Caleb Christensen. Less than two points separate them. Good Lord, I cannot wait to see how this bad boy turns out.

Weights classes have also been going well. Getting a good crew in the zero period. It tells a lot about a person that is disciplined and dedicated to show up early every day and get after it. We have also been introducing our Junior High to some weight lifting. We have a couple girls who have really taken to it. They even sent me a picture showing me that they are in fact students of the month. Ha Ha.



Lifetime Activities
Girls Singles
Badminton
Champ.



Lifetime Activities
Boys Singles
Badminton Champion



Lifetime Badminton
Doubles Champs



CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Tuesday, February 1st – JH Boys BB vs. Schuyler in Clarkson 4:00 pm in old gym. B followed by A team.

Boys BB EHC tournament, C-L to play winner of WP-B & T-H 7:30 in Clarkson.

Wednesday, February 2nd – 10:00 late start Teacher In-Service

Thursday, February 3rd – JH Boys BB vs. Wayne in Clarkson 6:00 pm

Girls BB EHC tournament, TBD

Friday, February 4th – Boys BB EHC tournament, TBD

Saturday, February 5th – State FFA Degree Interview/Proficiency Review 7:30 am in Schuyler

JH Music Festival in Stanton

Speech Meet at Schuyler

Girls & Boys BB EHC tournament, TBD

Monday, February 7th – EHC Honor Band at Tekamah-Herman

JH Boys BB at Humphrey St. Francis 3:30 pm

G/B C team BB vs. Madison at Clarkson 6:00/7:15 pm

Tuesday, February 8th – Big Red Country KTCH Quiz Bowl 104.9 10:30 am

Marathon BB vs. Pierce at Leigh 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 9th – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 10th – Marathon BB vs. Stanton at Leigh 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

JH Boys BB at Madison 4:30 pm

Friday, February 11th – District Wrestling at Oakland

Speech meet at Lindsay

Boys JV/Varsity BB East Butler at Clarkson 6:00/6:45 pm (JV to play 2 quarters)

Saturday, February 12th – ACT Test date

Speech meet at Humphrey

District Wrestling at Oakland

Patriot Youth BB tournament

Monday, February 14th – FCCLA Week begins.

Girls BB Subdistricts TBD

Tuesday, February 15th - Girls BB Subdistricts TBD

Wednesday, February 16th – Blood Drive

Thursday, February 17th – NSAA Wrestling Championships

Girls BB Subdistricts TBD

Friday, February 18th – Fire Drill

NSAA Wrestling Championships

Boys JV/Varsity BB at David City 6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, February 19th - NSAA Wrestling Championships

Speech meet at GACC

Boys C team BB tournament at Tekamah-Herman 9:00 am

Monday, February 21st – FFA Week begins.

Boys BB Subdistricts TBD

Tuesday, February 22nd - Boys BB Subdistricts TBD

Wednesday, February 23rd – EHC Speech meet at Stanton

Thursday, February 24th – Boys BB Subdistricts TBD

Friday, February 25th – State FFA Mission/Impact Conference 7:00 pm in Kearney

Girls BB Sub-State, TBD

Saturday, February 26th - State FFA Mission/Impact Conference 7:00 pm in Kearney

Boys BB Sub-State, TBD

Sunday, February 27th – FCCLA Peer Education Conference in Kearney

Monday, February 28th – FCCLA Peer Education Conference in Kearney



Breakfast**Lunch**

February 1	egg, ham, and cheese on an English muffin	breakfast for lunch
February 2	10 o'clock start - no breakfast	sloppy joe
February 3	yogurt parfait	chicken and gravy
February 4	Clarkson Bakery rolls	pizza
February 7	egg, sausage, and cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	chicken tenders
February 8	pancakes and sausage	scalloped potatoes and ham
February 9	tornado	calzone
February 10	omelet and ham	chicken Philly sandwich
February 11	homemade breakfast burrito	spicy chicken patty sandwich
February 14	waffles and sausage	chicken fried steak
February 15	egg, ham, and cheese on a bagel	grilled cheese or tuna sandwich
February 16	pancake on a stick	Swedish meatballs
February 17	muffin	sub sandwich
February 18	biscuits and gravy	hamburger
February 21	egg, sausage, and cheese on pancakes	pasta and meat sauce casserole
February 22	breakfast combos	tacos
February 23	bagel and cream cheese	Salisbury steak
February 24	homemade breakfast pizza	Oriental chicken
February 25	cereal	hot dog on a bun
February 28	PB&J	hot ham and cheese sandwich

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