

From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Spring is the time for the annual NSCAS Growth State Testing to meet our annual NDE requirements. The 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 will be added to the calendar on the school's website.

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 discuss the importance of the testing and how it benefits Clarkson Public Schools.

As we get to the end of the 2021-2022 school year, I want to let parents know from everything we are hearing, the free meals that have been provided the past two years will be coming to an end. I will keep everyone updated as we move forward but I want to prepare parents that free lunches for all students will probably go away next year.

A couple of quick reminders of sign-ups going on right now. We are signing up students who will finish grades K-5 for Patriot Academy. This gives them the opportunity to have a little review and enrichment during the summer months. Patriot Academy will begin Wednesday, July 6th and run through Thursday, July 22nd (Monday-Thursdays except for the 1st week) and goes from 8:30 am-11:30 am. If you need transportation for your children, please let us know. The full schedule is included in the newsletter. If you want your child to attend please have them tell their classroom teacher or email me at rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org.

Another reminder is the opportunity to sign your child up for Drivers Ed this summer. The information has been sent out to parents with the schedule and information. We will resend the information here soon to make sure everyone who wants their child to take Drivers Ed can get them signed up.

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

From the Principal's Desk

By Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! I can't believe that I am writing this letter as we are officially entering into the final stretch of the 2021/2022 school year. It has gone by extremely fast and seems like a blur. We have had a lot of success and accomplishments this year through many sports and activities. I highly suggest trying to attend our sports banquet, academic night, and our graduation to help celebrate the school year with our students.

The students are about to start 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 still constantly teaching and working with the students. We want to make a strong push into May!

I would also like to give a shout out to the student body at Clarkson. They have had incredible attitudes all school year and they have really made this year stick out! They have worked hard and been great participants in athletics, activities, clubs and other organizations! We are excited to see what the spring will bring as we enter into this final stretch. We want to stay focused and finish strong! Go PATS!

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NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 15th – Easter Break
Monday, April 18th – Easter Break

Patriot Academy

Patriot Academy will be for students who just finished grades K-5. If you are interested in your child attending Patriot Academy please email Mr. Lemberg at rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org.

Patriot Academy Days

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Wednesday-Thursday July 6th-7th
Monday-Thursday July 11th-14th
Monday-Thursday July 18th-21st



7th grade is working on a unit called nuevos amigos en la escuela (new friends at school). They can use different hellos & goodbyes, tell how they're doing, recognize hispanic names & nationalities (and locate Spanish-speaking countries on a map), and tell their names & introduce others. They're off to a great start!

In Spanish 1, they are in the middle of a unit on Tourism in Costa Rica. 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 have explored ecological activities, foods to eat, how coffee is made, and they will soon be investigating different places to stay and will begin the process of planning, budgeting for and promoting their own trips to Costa Rica. I can imagine that some of their trips will look really enticing!

Spanish 2 just finished up una semana en Barcelona (a week in Barcelona). They have explored basic info about the city of Barcelona as well as fun places to visit there. They checked out different museums, types of transportation and must-try foods/drinks. They made an itinerary for themselves and calculated the cost of a week in Barcelona and even talked about ways to make their trip cheaper to stay within their assigned budgets. This unit integrated a lot of basic life skills into our Spanish lessons; those are really important too!

Spanish 3/4 has been working on a snacks unit! They can describe several different types of snacks & snack beverages and give their opinion of them. They've found several different brands that are popular throughout the Spanish-speaking world, some they have seen (or some have even tried!) before and others that are completely new to them. And of course, they'll need to be able to order the snacks they want; that's coming up in a lesson soon!

Register for

PRESCHOOL!

Who is eligible?

- Anyone who turns 3 by July 31st, 2022
 - Anyone who is potty trained

How to register!

- Call the school office at (402) 892-3454
 - Email Mrs. Rolf at spoeschl@clarkson.esu7.org
- Stop in the school to pick up a registration form

Math News

By Tony Horacek

As we move into April it is getting hard to keep the students' attention. Spring is in the air! The spring activities have started and we regularly have lots of students gone, and it is a lot of work on Mondays to get the students thinking about math again. With all the distractions we are still moving forward and will continue to work hard as we finish the year.

In Algebra I we will be working with polynomial operations. Geometry just finished working with triangle similarity and will start working with right triangles and trigonometry. Algebra II will be moving from exponential and logarithmic functions to rational functions. Pre-Calculus will be working with trigonometric functions.



Kindergarten Visitation Day

By Wes Pokorny

Friday, April 29, 2022 will be the day the new recruits will visit kindergarten. The visit will last from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm. When my kids are in Art, I will talk to the Pre-Schoolers about what they can expect next year. We will also head up to Harlan's Hill if the weather cooperates. This will be a low-key low hassle event for parents.

If your child comes to Clarkson Public School Preschool your kids will already be in school so no other plans will need to be made. If you attend another Preschool meet me in the kindergarten room at 1:00 and I will take it from there and dismiss the kids back to preschool or parents at around 2:15.

If you have any questions give me a call at school 402-892-3454.

Upcoming Music Concerts

By Cindy Settje

On March 31st, a revival of the Pops Concert was brought back to the Leigh High School Gym. The Clarkson-Leigh Jr. High and High School choirs and bands performed various pop songs. The groups enjoyed a little lighter songs before preparation for District Music Contest began. The high school students are now focusing on pieces they will be playing and singing at the contest held at CCC in Columbus on April 22nd and 23rd. If you would like to hear some of the competition pieces that they will be performing, feel welcome to attend the Pre-Contest Concert held on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Another fun event that the music students will be enjoying is watching the Singers Express from Northeast Community College. The college students will be performing at the Leigh High School gym on April 20th beginning at 8:30 a.m. It will be a great opportunity for our students to watch a Swing Choir from the collegiate level. All are welcome to attend.

April 28th will be the date for the Preschool and K - 6 Elementary Spring Concert. The concert will begin at 7:00 at the Clarkson High School Gym. The students will be singing a current Disney song as well as a song from the rock and roll eras. Liz Kowalski is the Clarkson-Leigh Band instructor and Cindy Settje is the Clarkson-Leigh Vocal instructor.



Parents/Guardians of Prom Attendees:

Prom is going to be here before we know it, so this letter includes some of the information that Juniors, Seniors, Sophomore servers, and their parents need to know about the big event. We have included a reminder of the schedule of events along with some additional information.

Schedule of Events, April 9th

- 4:45- Doors open for pictures (Bring all post prom bags in)
- 5:00- Pictures at Colfax County Fairgrounds
- 6:15- Dinner will be served
- 7:30- Doors open for the Grand March
- 7:45- Grand March Starts
- 8:10- Dance begins
- 10:45- Dance ends
- 11:00- Post Prom

When the doors open at 4:45, the Colfax County Sheriff's Department will be at the doors of the Colfax County Fairgrounds. At this time, they will conduct a breathalyzer. Being a school event, school policy protocol will be followed in regards to violations of the school of conduct. After students have been breathalyzed they will not be allowed to leave the building.

Kindergarten News

By Wes Pokorny

Happy Spring! The Spring season means planting. It also means that the kindergarteners will turn into young botanists. This year, with the help of Mr. Cooper's class the students have dissected seeds and plants and planted acorns that the kids found in the fall. I feel that it is huge that kids understand how the world around them works. The science of plants sometimes seems magical and it is that magic that drives the curiosity which in turn drives our instruction and learning in the early childhood setting.

Please mark your calendars for May 13th at 12:00 for our end-of-the-year program. This will be the kindergarteners' last day!



Boards For PEP

By Logan Stodola

In Miss Sedlacek's and Mr. Faltys' pep group and for the past month or two. The students were making picture frames and here is the start.

We first started with finding what we wanted to do. We wanted to do other things but then Mr. Faltys wanted us to make these picture frames. After that, we hauled some wood into the workshop. Owen and Logan cut the wood while we were doing that and some other people were standing with the wood they cut. After a few days, the cutting was done and everyone was sanding and that process took about 2 to 3 weeks to get it good enough. Then we had to get some smaller pieces and screw it tight.

Then on to the second part of the board. This part is mostly about design and the finishing touches. After the screws, we found what paint we would want. Some of them didn't want the ones provided so they went to the hardware store in Clarkson. The painting was one of the less difficult things and only took 20 minutes to fully finish the painting. Then off to the picture which took some people a lot of weeks to gather.

In conclusion, this was one of the best projects and I think a lot of people would agree.



REASONS TO HAVE A LOCAL FFA ALUMNI CHAPTER

FFA is a lifelong organization that begins in the seventh grade and lasts as long as you want it. Members can begin as student members and then activate their alumni membership or they may simply begin as alumni. Whichever way a member begins, alumni is a type of membership within FFA. Alumni members are volunteers made up of parents, family members, community members, supporters, former members and anyone interested in supporting agricultural education and FFA. Alumni chapters help FFA achieve its vision of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture by:

Engaging Our Students

As they develop premier leadership and personal growth, students become better equipped for career success. We have opportunities to help students develop every day.

- By offering students relevant resources through the gifts of time, talents and financial resources, we help them achieve success.
- By connecting students with the industry of agriculture, we prepare them for career success.
- By communicating the value of FFA experiences in our lives, we demonstrate how students are prepared for a successful future.

Supporting Our Advisors

Agriculture educators/FFA advisors are the heart of our organization. We have the unique opportunity to support our instructors every day.

- By providing quality resources and professional development, we support our instructors.
- By engaging trained alumni and volunteers through the use of volunteer management tools and development conferences delivered at the state and national levels, we assist instructors with optimizing work-life balance.
- By recognizing the work of our instructors to deliver the three-component model of agricultural education, we raise awareness of their accomplishments.
- By unifying the local community to support agricultural education and FFA activities and provide valuable assistance, we assure

Telling Our Story

Our story is about FFA – but it is also about agriculture, food, natural resources and agricultural education. Each of us has opportunities to tell our story every day by:

- Recruiting, educating and motivating members to use their influence at the local, state and national levels to advocate for agricultural education.
- Building relationships with legislators, school board members, school administrators, local government leaders, business leaders and other community leaders. These relationships allow FFA Alumni to inform and communicate the importance of agricultural education.

As the Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Clarkson Public Schools, I am very interested in establishing a local FFA Alumni here at Clarkson. Pay attention to our e-mails or texts to find out when our initial meeting will take place. Tracy Cooper

The Nebraska FFA Alumni Association at:

<https://nebraskaffaalumni.org/>

The National FFA Alumni Organization at:

<https://www.ffa.org/alumni-and-supporters/>

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Friday, April 1st – HS Track invite at Osceola 9:00 am
- Saturday, April 2nd – ACT test date
FB Veer Academy 8:00 am in Leigh
- Sunday, April 3rd – FCCLA State Leadership in Lincoln
- Monday, April 4th – HS Track invite at David City Aquinas 2:00 pm
FCCLA State Leadership in Lincoln
- Tuesday, April 5th - FCCLA State Leadership in Lincoln
- Wednesday, April 6th – 10:00 late start – Teacher In-Service
State FFA Convention in Lincoln
- Thursday, April 7th – JH Track invite at Wisner-Pilger 3:00 pm
State FFA Convention in Lincoln
- Friday, April 8th – State FFA Convention in Lincoln
- Saturday, April 9th – PROM
FB Veer Academy 8:00 am in Leigh
- Monday, April 11th – FBLA State Convention
JH Track triangular at Humphrey 2:00 pm
Boys Golf dual vs. Humphrey at Leigh 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 12th – FBLA State Convention
HS Track invite at Lyons-Decatur NE 10:00 am
- Wednesday, April 13th – Spring Activity pictures with Digital Solutions
EHC Art Show at West Point Nielsen Center
Boys Golf invite at Leigh 9:00 am
- Thursday, April 14th – JH Track meet at Madison 3:45 pm
- Friday, April 15th – No School – Easter Break
- Monday, April 18th – No School – Easter Break
- Tuesday, April 19th – JH Track meet at Battle Creek 11:00 am
Boys Golf triangular at Leigh 4:00 pm
Pre-Contest HS Concert 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 21st – JV Boys Golf Howells-Dodge tournament 9:30 am
HS Track invite at Madison 11:00 am
JH Track invite at Lyons-Decatur NE 1:00 pm
- Friday, April 22nd – District Music Contest at CCC
- Saturday, April 23rd – District Music Contest at CCC
Boys Golf invite at Pender 9:00 am
- Sunday, April 24th – FB Leadership Development in Leigh
- Monday, April 25th – Clarkson FFA officer interviews 4:00 pm
JH Track meet at Humphrey 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 26th – HS Track invite at Humphrey 11:00 am
Boys Golf dual at Madison 1:30 pm
- Thursday, April 28th – Boys Golf invite at Humphrey 10:00 am
Dance/Cheer team tryouts 6:00 pm in Leigh
Spring Elementary Concert 7:00 pm in Clarkson
- Friday, April 29th – Clarkson FFA Chapter Banquet 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 30th – EHC HS Track meet at Humphrey, TBD
Boys Golf invite at Pierce 9:00 am



April Breakfast and Lunch Menus

	Breakfast	Lunch
April 1	Clarkson Bakery	grilled cheese and tomato soup
April 4	egg, sausage, and cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	sub sandwich
April 5	pancakes & sausage	popcorn chicken bowl
April 6	no breakfast – late start	taco salad
April 7	cereal	baked potato bar
April 8	PB&J	pizza
April 11	tornado	fajita
April 12	combos	Oriental chicken
April 13	homemade burrito	hamburger
April 14	egg, ham, & cheese on a bagel	chicken sticks
April 19	egg, ham, & cheese on a biscuit	Salisbury steak
April 20	bagel & cream cheese	corn dogs
April 21	French toast	chicken fried steak
April 22	empanadas	calzone
April 25	waffle & sausage	ribique sandwich
April 26	yogurt parfait	chicken & gravy
April 27	homemade breakfast pizza	burrito or chalupa
April 28	biscuits & gravy	cheeseburger casserole
April 29	egg, ham, and cheese on an English muffin	hot dog

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