

## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Clarkson Public Schools gets the great opportunity to host the East Husker Conference Art Show Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Public viewing will be from 3:30-6:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 3:00-4:00 pm on Friday. If you can't make it during those times and would like to see the East Husker Conference Art Show please call and set up a time to come up and see the show. There will be art from every school in the conference and this is a great opportunity to showcase all the student's art from the East Husker Conference.

A couple of quick reminders of ongoing sign ups going on right now. We are signing up students for this summer's Patriot Academy. Patriot Academy will be held two weeks starting on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Academy runs from 8:30-11:30 am, Monday-Thursday and is for students who just finished grades K-5.

The Patriot Academy is a great opportunity for the students to have a little review and enrichment during the summer months. If you need transportation for your children, please let us know and we can get that set up for you. The full schedule is included in the newsletter, if you want your child to attend, have them tell their classroom teacher or email me at [rlensburg@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:rlensburg@clarkson.esu7.org).

Another reminder is the opportunity to sign up your child for Drivers Ed this summer. The information has been sent out to parents with the schedule and information. If you have any questions please reach out to Amy Gurnsey at school as the schedule will be finalized soon.

We are in the process of starting to update our summer online calendar for all summer activities so you can plan your summer. We also have the 2023-2024 school calendar on the website for you to have as you plan appointments, trips, etc.

**It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!**

## From the Principal's Desk

By Lee Schneider

Happy Spring! In classic Nebraska weather, it has kept us guessing if spring truly has sprung! It has been a whirlwind school year and it is somewhat surreal to say that April is here. With April here, we are in the home stretch and final sports season of the 22-23 school year! It has been a memorable year and I look forward to what the final chapter of the school year will bring.

I'm very proud of your children and the students at Clarkson Public Schools! The students have grown this school year and helped create a fantastic school culture. Our students are friendly, caring, and accepting of all students. It is a joy to see them daily and "hang out" with them! I want to say Thank You to the parents for allowing us the great opportunity to teach and work with your children!

The students are also in the middle of NSCAS testing and are doing a great job of 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!

**Go PATS!**

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## NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Easter Break  
Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 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. Lemburg at [rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org).

## Patriot Academy Days

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Monday-Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Monday-Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>



## 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. 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.

A second group of 7th graders 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 is finishing 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 is just starting into a new unit. They are trying a new format! Since this time of year gets really hectic with a myriad of activities (and so often, the students in the Spanish 3/4 group seem to be involved in every activity), we're experimenting with more of a hybrid classroom where all of their lessons and tasks are available on Canvas (our online learning platform) to accommodate student absences, but we'll have small-group lessons with those who are here on areas they need extra practice on. We hope that by making tweaks to improve this new format, we will be able to continue to use it during the 4th quarter in future years to reduce end-of-the-year activity chaos!

**Preschool & Kindergarten Open House**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**  
**IN THEIR CLASSROOMS**

PLEASE USE SOUTH DOORS TO ENTER THE SCHOOL

FOR NEW ENROLLMENTS  
CHILDREN WHO TURN 3-5 BEFORE  
JULY 31, 2023 CAN ATTEND!

ABC  
 $2+3=5$   
 $4+6=10$

# 6th Grade History Happenings

By Tami Sayers



The 6th graders have been doing a great job of actively participating in world history! They worked in teams to be able to “escape” the classroom by solving the clues to complete an Escape Room about Hammurabi’s Code. Even though everyone didn’t get done, I let them go to 2nd period! To understand the Nile River Basin a little better, they created 3D models and labeled important areas. They used soil, clay, paint, and sand to make their model a reflection of the area.

Mummification was an area of interest for the class so we brought in an expert! We zoomed with Julia Jones, a mortuary student, so she could explain the process of embalming and mummification as the Egyptians did it. We learned about why they did what they did. The students cringed at the thought of removing brains through the nose! They also learned about Egyptian canopic jars that held the organs of the pharaohs and kings. They tried their own different mixtures of salt and baking soda to preserve a slice of an apple. They were surprised by the difference it made in the color of the apple and how it reacted. To wrap up the unit they had a choice of projects. We had slideshow presentations of pharaohs, their own mummy at home, and pyramids made of Legos and even one made of bouillon cubes!



We have now moved on to ancient China. The inventions of the Chinese are fun to learn about, especially through the commercials they made advertising them!



## Kindergarten Visitation Day

By Wes Pokorny

Friday, April 28, 2023, will be the day the new recruits will visit the kindergarten. The visit will last from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm. When the kids arrive, we will eat together. The cost will be \$2.75 and can be deducted from the family account if one is

established. You will be welcome to bring your own lunch as well.

After we finish lunch, the students will meet in the classroom to discuss what can be expected to happen 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.

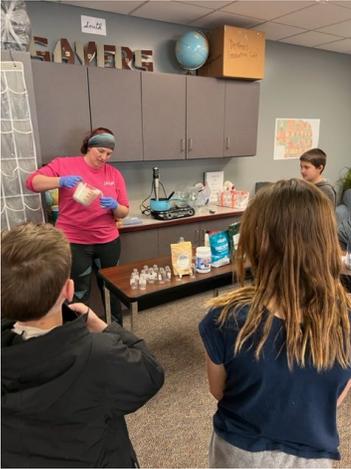
If your child comes to Clarkson Public School Preschool your kids will already be in school so no other plans will need to be made. If you attend another Preschool, meet me in the kindergarten room at 12:30 and I will take it from there and dismiss the kids back to preschool or parents at around 2:15.

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

# Nebraska History

By Tami Sayers

In 4th grade Nebraska History, we learned about how early homesteaders lived. We made our own butter in the classroom and also had Brook Dillon come show us how to make lotion. Everyone enjoyed the hands-on experiences. Then they brought Nebraska history closer to Clarkson by being able to visit the Clarkson Historical Museum downtown. We heard stories about local families and the homesteads they established. Barb Kudera and Mark Molacek showed artifacts and pictures so students could see firsthand how others lived in the late 1800s. We also have enjoyed learning about the homestead stories that people have shared with us. We appreciate being able to learn of real-life stories and appreciate some of the luxuries we have today!

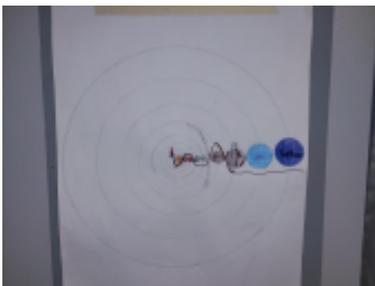


## Cropp's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is almost April. Where has the school year gone? We have been very busy the last few weeks in Integrated Science. The class has just finished the unit on the solar system and then they were given a project to do. In groups of 4, they were directed to create a roller coaster through the solar system. They created posters, and a model of their roller coasters. Then they gave a presentation of their roller coasters to me, the administrators and their classmates. Everyone did a tremendous job on their roller coasters and presentations. I was very impressed with how much detail they all put into the planets and the models that they built. Here are a few photos of the posters and models.



This is the Inferno through Space created by Sage Fernau, Trey Steffensmeier, Troy Graybill, and Jaden Stoklasa



This is the Intragalactic Rollercoaster created by Jordin Graybill, Max Muhle, Joey Steffensmeier, and Cadin Brandt



# Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Saturday, April 1- Alumni Volleyball & Basketball
- Sunday, April 2 - FCCLA State Leadership Conference - Lincoln  
Close-Up Washington DC trip
- Monday, April 3 - FCCLA State Leadership Conference - Lincoln  
Close-Up Washington DC trip  
State FBLA Convention in Kearney  
HS Track at Aquinas David City 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 4 - FCCLA State Leadership Conference - Lincoln  
Boys Golf at Oakland 3:30 pm  
Close-Up Washington DC trip  
State FBLA Convention in Kearney
- Wednesday, April 5 - 10:00 Late Start - Teacher In-Service - No Morning Preschool  
Close-Up Washington DC trip  
State FBLA Convention in Kearney
- Thursday, April 6 - K-3rd field trip to Morrill Hall
- Friday, April 7 - NO SCHOOL – Easter Break
- Monday, April 10 - NO SCHOOL – Easter Break
- Tuesday, April 11 - Boys Golf at Leigh 1:30 pm  
HS TR at Oakland 10:00 am (Hosted by Lyons-Decatur)  
FCCLA meeting
- Wednesday, April 12 - School Board Meeting  
Boys Golf at Leigh 9:00 am  
EHC Conference Art Show in Clarkson's old gym
- Thursday, April 13 - FFA Officer Interview at 4:30 pm  
JH Track at Madison 3:45 pm
- Friday, April 14 - FCCLA Banquet 6:00 pm
- Saturday, April 15 - ACT Test Date
- Sunday, April 16 - FFA Booster Club meeting 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.
- Monday, April 17 - HS Pre-contest Spring Concert in Leigh
- Tuesday, April 18 - Boys Golf at Leigh 1:30 pm  
JH Track Meet at Battle Creek 11:00 am
- Thursday, April 20 - Fire Drill  
HS TR at Twin River, Genoa 12:00 pm  
JH Track at Lyons-Decatur NE 11:00 am  
HS Choir goes to the Orpheum  
JV Boys Golf Meet in Leigh 10:00 am
- Friday, April 21 - HS District Music Contest in Columbus
- Saturday, April 22 - HS District Music Contest in Columbus  
Boys Golf at Pender 9:00 am
- Monday, April 24 - Newsletter article deadline  
JH Track meet at Humphrey 11:30 am
- Tuesday, April 25 - HS TR Humphrey St. Francis invite at Humphrey 11:00 am  
Kindergarten & Preschool Open House 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 26 - Freshmen College Visit to UNL
- Thursday, April 27 - Boys Golf at Humphrey 10:00 am  
Clarkson Elementary Spring Concert at 7:00 pm in new gym
- Friday, April 28 - Clarkson FFA Banquet 6:00 pm
- Saturday, April 29 - EHC Conference HS Track Meet at North Bend 9:00 am  
Boys Golf at Pierce 9:00 am



## April Breakfast and Lunch Menus

	Breakfast	Lunch
April 3	pancakes & sausage	chicken drumstick
April 4	yogurt parfait	hot dog
April 5	no breakfast – late start	chicken fried steak
April 6	Clarkson Bakery rolls	BBQ pork sandwich
April 7	NO SCHOOL	
April 10	NO SCHOOL	
April 11	muffin	grilled chicken sandwich
April 12	egg, sausage, & cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	salisbury steaks sandwich
April 13	waffles & sausage	oriental chicken
April 14	pb&j	hamburger
April 17	tornado	cheddar brat
April 18	omelet & tri-tator	sub sandwich
April 19	ham combos	chicken & gravy
April 20	cereal	sloppy joe
April 21	biscuit & gravy	pizza
April 24	bagel & cream cheese	hot ham & cheese
April 25	pancakes & ham	BBQ burger
April 26	empanada	ham or chicken salad sandwich
April 27	egg, ham, & cheese on a biscuit	pasta and meat sauce casserole
April 28	yogurt parfait	hot dog

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp - June 26<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> (two days)**

Youth

Adult

T-shirt Size    **M L**    **S M L XL**

Circle one

What grade will you be in next school year?

**2 3 4 5 6 7 8**

Circle one

Entry Deadline is Friday, May 12th please send to:

*Coach Matt Murren*

Clarkson High School

649 Cherry Street

Clarkson, NE 68629

402-892-3454

*Coach Jeff Bachman*

Leigh High School

222 West 4th Street

Leigh, NE 68643

402-487-2228

X on the dotted line

Please include the \$25.00 fee with your registration and make check payable to **Clarkson-Leigh Girls Basketball**

I give my permission for my son/daughter,

to participate in the 2023 Lil Pats Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he/she is physically able to participate in camp activities. I further acknowledge that as with any physical activity there is a risk of injury. I will not hold the coaching staff or Clarkson/Leigh High School liable in the case of an accident or an injury.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**THEME DAYS!**  
(participation optional)

**Monday**

Crazy Sock, Head/Arm Band Day  
Favorite Team Jersey Day

**Tuesday**

Patriots Day (Red/White/Blue)

Or

Camp T-Shirt Day



**Keys to Success**



**Willingness to Learn**

**Strive to Compete**

**Always have FUN**

Shirts cannot be guaranteed if you don't pre-register your child by May 12<sup>th</sup>!

Next Year's Grade

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 9:00am-11:00am

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade – 11:30am-1:30pm

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2023

Lil Pats

Basketball

Camp

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Leigh High School  
Leigh, NE



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