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From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating the 2023 Patriot Volleyball team on their C-2 State Runner-Up finish at state volleyball. The volleyball team was able to highlight a very successful Patriot Fall sports season. Congratulations to the Players, Coaches, Parents and Fans!!!

In the month of December, I always like to talk about changes in education. With being in education for 36+ years I have witnessed many changes, trends, and practices in the areas of instruction, testing, etc., some good and some not so good.

A great addition in the past couple of years is the practice of getting mental health services into public schools. With the increased numbers of students who need emotional and psychological help there has been a big push by Nebraska public schools and the state of Nebraska to increase funding for this problem. This increased funding has allowed school districts the ability to bring in Licensed Mental Health Practitioners into public schools. By bringing the services into the building we can get the services to students during the school day and not force the families to find someone out of town and find the time and money to get their children the help and support they need.

If this support is something you would be interested in for your child please reach out to Mrs. Kappel and we can get the ball rolling to help and support for your child. Everything is confidentially done with the parent's approval.

Have a great Holiday Season!!!

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Hello everyone and officially welcome to the winter season! It is amazing how fast a school year can go when there are so many amazing things that our students are accomplishing and succeeding at. I am very proud of them! Our girls put in an incredible effort and took home the C2 State Runner-Up in Volleyball, the highest place in program history. We have also been having our regular end-of-the-year activities and hope to see everyone.

Please remind everyone to ensure your child has proper clothing, hats, and gloves as we get deeper into the winter months. The school doors do not open until 7:30 am. So please ensure your child is not getting here too early and has to wait outside in the cold weather!

With the winter sports season starting, our schedules get ramped up again, and our student-athletes will get very busy. Please note to keep an eye on the calendar, as start times can adjust as we get into the season and the location of events. Kids get tired and worn down, and that is when we start to see sickness increase. If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please call the school and let us know. We appreciate it a lot!

Finally, I am extremely proud of our staff at Clarkson Public Schools. They have put incredible time, energy, and passion into ensuring our school culture is the best! Adopting our grading policies, interventions, MTSS, and Title 1 supports are just a few initiatives they have tackled over the years, and they keep rolling right along in stride!!

Go Pats!

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PATRIOT VOLLEYBALL MAKING HISTORY!!

By Rebecca Schneider

Reflecting back on our season happens daily! Words like incredible and amazing just don't seem powerful enough to describe it! Playing in the state final was so surreal! As a coach, this is all we ever want for our players; to have a journey and an experience like this, and to know they can do hard things and accomplish their goals! This group was so much fun and they deserved all of their successes because of their determination, drive, and commitment to this team! They once again MADE HISTORY!

Our success continued on into the postseason! We broke 15 team records and several individual records. Chloe Hanel broke 3 new records, 4 of her own records, and tied one of her own! Brynn Settje also broke 2 new records! We had several girls make the All-Conference team: Chloe Hanel - 1st team, Brynn Settje, Gracie Eisenmann, Izzy Holatz - 2nd team, and Tanyn Larson, Baylee Settje - 3rd team! Chloe Hanel and Baylee Settje made the State All-Tournament Team in Class C2! All-State has not come out yet! Chloe Hanel is a repeat Captain in Class C for the All-Area Elite Eight Teams! Brynn Settje and Gracie Eisenmann were named 3rd team, and Izzy Hollatz and Baylee Settje were named Honorable Mention!

Once again,



Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone that was a part of our incredible journey this season and to those that welcomed us home! Thank you to our parents and grandparents for being there for us every step of the way and for everything you have done for us, especially for feeding us!! Thank you to our administration, families, fans, student body, and communities for coming to our matches all season and giving us an awesome atmosphere to play in! Thank you to the Patriot Booster Club for all of your support!! Thank you to both fire departments for welcoming us back home after our state final! It was amazing to see all of the support and to know that we made both communities so proud! Nothing beats small town pride!! Thank you to Patriot Football for all the shoutouts!! Thank you to our seniors!!! We wouldn't have had such an incredible, successful season without you!! And thank you to anyone we forgot to mention! The love and support is absolutely appreciated!





Kindergarten News

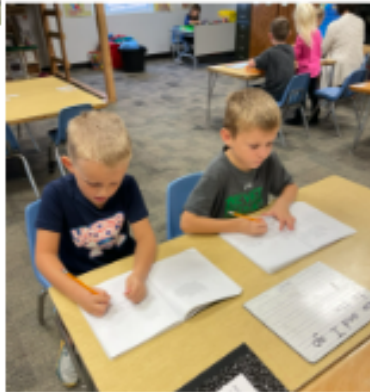
Breanna Ruwe

Throughout the month of November, the kindergarten class has been busy! As the school year progresses, this class has been making great strides. One thing we have been focusing on is building our confidence when it comes to reading. Since the year has started, once a week we have been getting together with the 6th grade class. During our time together we have done many different activities including listening to the 6th graders read to us. Well, this month, we were able to show off all our hard work! When the big kids came to visit, we decided to read to them! Mr. Lemburg also came and listened to us read. This was the highlight of the week for the kindergartners! I have loved seeing the relationships between the big kids and the little kids blossom over a love of reading!

Along with reading, we have been working on our math skills. The class has worked hard on their counting, writing their numbers, subitizing (recognizing numbers quickly), and we have also begun to explore addition. We work on our skills using many different formats. The class has enjoyed utilizing their math skills by playing an assortment of math games.

Our classroom is never a dull moment! I love being able to see their creative sides come out during free play and crafting projects. (I do believe we make the best looking turkeys!) This group has some great imaginations from puppet shows, farming, playing house, and building forts on the hill. I can't say enough about how great these kids are! I'm looking forward to seeing what the next month of kindergarten adventures bring!





Happy Holidays from 1st grade!

By Karly Gall



Happy Holidays! December is twinkling with joy as we leap into the winter spirit at school. This month, our classroom will become a cozy haven filled with laughter, learning, and festive cheer. From crafting snowflakes to learning about various holiday traditions around the world. As we approach the winter break, let's remember to cherish these moments of togetherness and joy.



As the snowflakes dance outside, it's essential to keep warm and healthy. A friendly reminder to all families, please make sure that hats, gloves, and coats get a good wash over the break. Keeping our winter gear clean helps keep germs away, ensuring a healthy return to school in the new year. Let's work together to make sure everyone stays snug and healthy during this festive season! Wishing you all a magical holiday break filled with love, laughter, and cozy moments.



Cough, Cough, Hack, Hack, Tis the Season

Parents, this is the time of year that we typically find ourselves battling many different sicknesses and conditions. We are aware that students have been fighting off a variety of germs including a respiratory virus, Covid, strep, pink eye, sinus infections, ear infections, and a puking bug.

If your child is battling any illnesses, if you can, please give them as much needed rest as possible. Push fluids and rest and remember that students need to be fever free without medication for 24 hours before coming back to school.

This is also the time of year that schools see an uptick in cases of lice simply with kids spending more time indoors and more wearing of headgear. Please pay attention if your child is complaining of an itchy head as it may be more than a dry scalp. Students need to be treated for lice before returning to school.

FCCLA NEWS

By Caitlin Kabes

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies to support the Clarkson FCCLA. We were able to sell 527 pies. Teagan Baumert, Alyssa Gurnsey, and Taelyn Baumert were top sellers. The money raised will be used to pay registration fees at future events.



The FCCLA officers provided desserts for the Veterans at the Veteran's Day Program.

If you want your child to participate in the Santa's workshop day from 1:00-5:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th, please contact Mrs. Kabes at ckabes@clarkson.esu7.org.

JOIN THE FCCLA

ELVES FOR A DAY IN

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 9

\$10 FOR THE FIRST KID AND THEN \$5 PER KID AFTER

THE FIRST

A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND TREATS!

DECEMBER 10TH

1 PM TO 5 PM

AT CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OLD GYM/CAFETERIA

To RSVP: (by December 1st)
call: (402)-892-3454 or
email: ckabes@clarkson.esu7.org
cindra25@clarkson.esu7.org

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Friday, December 1st – Marathon BB vs Humphrey-LHF at Leigh 4:30 pm

Saturday, December 2nd – JH GBB vs Humphrey-LHF at Leigh 9:00 am

Wrestling invite at Howells 9:30 am

Marathon BB at Madison 1:00 pm

Monday, December 4th – FFA District 2 LDE at Howells

JH GBB at Battle Creek 4:00 pm

Girls & Boys C team BB at Humphrey-LHF 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 5th – Marathon BB vs Oakland-Craig at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6th – 10:00 late start – Teacher In-Service

One Act State Championships in Norfolk

Thursday, December 7th – JH GBB at Columbus Scotus 6:30 pm

Friday, December 8th – Marathon BB at Bancroft-Rosalie 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 9th – ACT Test date

Wrestling invite at Osceola 8:30 am

JH Wrestling invite at Centennial 9:00 am

Monday, December 11th – Girls & Boys C team BB at Wisner-Pilger 6:00 pm

Elementary Winter Concert at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 12th – JH GBB vs Schuyler at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Girls JV/V BB at David City 6:00 pm

Wrestling quad vs Howells-Dodge at Dodge site 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm in school library.

Thursday, December 14th – Marathon BB vs West Point-Beemer at Clarkson 4:30 pm

JH GBB vs Madison at Leigh 3:30 pm

Friday, December 15th – JH/HS Winter Concert at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 16th – Wrestling invite at Wisner-Pilger 9:00 am

Marathon BB at Howells-Dodge 2:00 pm

Monday, December 18th – Girls C team vs Norfolk Catholic at Clarkson 5:30 pm

JH GBB vs Humphrey St. Francis at Humphrey 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19th – Marathon BB vs Columbus Lakeview at Leigh 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 21st – 1:00 dismissal and finals for JH/HS

Friday, December 22nd – 1:00 dismissal and finals for JH/HS, End of Semester 1

NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSES

Saturday, December 23rd – Wednesday, December 27th – NSAA Practice Moratorium

Monday, December 25th – Wednesday, January 3rd – NO school – Winter Break

Thursday, December 28th – Varsity BB Holiday tournament at Shelby, TBA

Friday, December 29th – Wrestling invite at Newman Grove 10:00 am

Varsity BB Holiday tournament at Shelby, TBA



	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Friday, December 1	Clarkson Bakery	scalloped potatoes & ham casserole
Monday, December 4	egg, sausage, & cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	chicken fajita
Tuesday, December 5	combos	chili
Wednesday, December 6	10:00 start - no breakfast	hot ham & cheese
Thursday, December 7	pancakes & sausage	walking taco
Friday, December 8	homemade burrito	ribique
Monday, December 11	empanada	pork steak sandwich
Tuesday, December 12	omelet & hashbrown	spaghetti & meat sauce
Wednesday, December 13	egg, ham, & cheese on a bagel	chicken tenders
Thursday, December 14	tornado	sub sandwich
Friday, December 15	muffin	chicken fried steak
Monday, December 18	breakfast pizza	quesadilla
Tuesday, December 19	cereal	Christmas dinner
Wednesday, December 20	biscuits & gravy	cheddar brat
Thursday, December 21	yogurt parfait	pizza
Friday, December 22	pb&j	chef's choice

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Winter Break

December 25th thru January 3rd

Classes resume on January 4th

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