

## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Clarkson Public Schools gets the great opportunity to host the East Husker Conference Art Show on Wednesday April 16th and Thursday, April 17th. Public viewing for the show will be from 3:30 - 6:00 pm on both days. 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 great opportunity to see all the great 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 two weeks starting on Monday, July 7th and run through Thursday, July 17th. Patriot Academy runs from 8:30-11:30, Monday-Thursday and is for students who just finished grades K-5.

The 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 [rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:rlemburg@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 2025-2026 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! I want to say how proud I am to be a part of such a caring and supportive community and school district! We have had many great memories for the 24-25 school year! The passing of the bond shows our community's commitment to our students, and we could not be more appreciative of that! It is almost hard to believe that we are venturing into April, and we can officially start counting how many Mondays we have left! Ha.

April also means that it is banquet season! Please monitor the school calendar and announcements for any updates on upcoming banquets. Weather and postponements can affect banquets, so sometimes we have to make calendar adjustments. This is a great chance for students to show off their accomplishments and hard work throughout the school year.

The students are also in the middle of NSCAS testing and are doing a great job 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 approaches, we are still constantly teaching and working with the students. We want to make a strong push into May!

Go PATS!

# EASTER BREAK



**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**



By Breanna Ruwe

We are excited to welcome our future kindergartners for a special visit on **Friday, May 2, 2025!** This visit will take place from **12:30 PM to 3:30 PM** in the kindergarten classroom.

Our time together will begin with lunch. The cost of a school lunch is **\$2.95** and can be deducted from an established family account. Families are also welcome to send a home-packed lunch if preferred.

- **If your child currently attends Clarkson Public School Preschool**, they will already be at school, and no additional arrangements are needed.
- **If your child attends a different preschool**, please bring them to the kindergarten classroom at **12:30 PM**. I will guide them through the visit and dismiss them at **3:30 PM**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school at **402-892-3454**. We look forward to a fun and exciting afternoon with our new kindergarten friends!

## FFA News

By Anna Ready

April is the most anticipated time for FFA members in Nebraska! April 2-4 is the Nebraska State FFA Convention, a.k.a, the State Championship of FFA Events! 35 members have been hard at work these last few months to showcase their best in Lincoln. Several students will be competing in Agricultural Technology and Mechanics, Agriscience, Agronomy, Meats Evaluation, Food Science, Livestock Judging, Discovery Speaking, Talent Contest, and Quiz Bowl! We also have a State FFA Media intern. Additionally, our FFA Chapter will also be recognized for participating in the Farm Bureau Connecting Chapters program, earning a Superior Chapter Award, and as a top 10 "I Believe in the Future of Agriculture" chapter. Our officer team and members have worked tirelessly to "Go the Extra Mile," as our theme states, to make all of this possible this year!

There are a few important items to note for the coming months:

- As we near summer, please let me know if your FFA Members will be showing livestock at the Colfax County Fair or Nebraska State Fair. I have tags and DNA envelopes for livestock entries.
- FFA Officer elections are approaching. Applications have been handed out to students and are due April 9th. Interviews will be held on April 23rd beginning at 4:30 PM.

Our annual banquet will be held on May 2nd, 2025 with the meal at 7:00 P.M. in the Old Gym. We invite our family, friends, and supporters to join us to honor the success and hard work of our members. Parents, please have your FFA members at the high school at 6:30 PM. High school members will be in full official dress and junior high members wearing their FFA t-shirt and jeans.

Thank you for your continued support this year! We are excited to make our community and school proud.

# A Journey Through Time

By Breanna Ruwe

Our kindergartners have been busy learning about how life has changed over the years! We've explored the differences in farming, phones, computers, and even school. A special highlight of our week was a visit from Mrs. Marvine Koliha, who shared her experiences and taught us all about how school used to be.

The children were fascinated by the changes! The girls in our class were especially relieved that we no longer use inkwells—no worries about long hair getting dipped in ink! We also learned how much class sizes have changed. While we have 14 students, Mrs. Koliha's class had only two! But the biggest surprise? Learning about outhouses! That certainly had us all amazed.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Koliha for sharing her time and bringing such wonderful items for us to see. What a fun and memorable lesson on history!





## Celebrating Our Excellent Readers!!

Our students have been working hard to meet their AR (Accelerated Reader) goals for the third quarter. All 1st through 6th graders who reached their goal were able to take a fun trip to **JLS Gymnastics** downtown! They got to jump, climb, and tumble with their friends—it was a blast! We're so proud of their hard work. Way to go, readers!



1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**REGISTER  
NOW**

**Clarkson Public School  
Preschool**

To be eligible, children must be:

- 3 years old on or before  
July 31, 2025
- Fully potty trained

Contact the school office to request a  
registration form  
402-892-3454

**Preschool**

**Did you  
know...**

Our program aligns daily activities and routines with The Creative Curriculum for Preschool. The Creative Curriculum is based on 38 objectives for development and learning. All of the objectives are fully aligned with the state and national early learning standards. Our curriculum enables children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills. The curriculum is also aligned with Teaching Strategies GOLD. Teaching Strategies GOLD is the assessment system used in our preschool classrooms. Our morning and afternoon programs are geared to meet the needs of the children that are attending and do not accomplish the same tasks. The Morning program is specifically for our younger students introducing them to a structured environment while our afternoon program is geared to get our students ready for kindergarten.



# 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.

## Third Grade

State testing time is coming up, and I want to share some helpful information as the third graders get ready for their very first NSCAS test! I want them to feel confident and do their best without any stress.

The NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) is a state-required test that all third graders take to measure their learning in key subjects like reading and math. The test is designed to assess what students have learned so far and help teachers understand where they might need extra support.

Unlike regular classroom tests, NSCAS doesn't affect report card grades. Instead, it helps our school and teachers adjust instruction to better support student learning. I encourage students to think of it as a way to show what they know rather than something to stress about.

To make reviewing fun and engaging, we will be having Easter egg hunts as a way to reinforce key concepts before the test in April! Students will search for eggs containing review questions and work together to solve them, turning test prep into an exciting and interactive experience.

I have no doubt in my mind that they will all succeed, and I am so proud of their hard work!

*Mrs. Gall*

## Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – HS track invite at Stanton 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 late start, no morning PreK, teacher in-service

Boys golf invite at David City 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - State FFA Convention in Lincoln

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – HS track invite at Osceola 9:00 am

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - ACT test date

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - State FCCLA Convention in Lincoln

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – HS track Aquinas invite at David City 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Boys golf quad at Pender 3:30 pm

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – NECC Quiz Bowl Competition

JH & HS Spring Music Concert 7:00 pm

School Board Meeting 6:00 pm in library

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Officer interviews

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - State FBLA Convention

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - Close up Washington DC trip

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring sports pictures for JH/HS with Digital Solutions 9:00 am (track & golf)

NHS Blood Drive 11:45-4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – HS track invite at Lyons-Decatur 10:00 am

Boys golf triangular at Madison 1:30 pm

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Boys golf invite at Leigh 10:00 am

East Husker Conference Art Show in Clarkson 3:30-6:00 pm

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - East Husker Conference Art Show in Clarkson 3:30-6:00 pm

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – No school – Easter Break

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – JH track invite at Battle Creek 11:00 am

HS track invite at Wakefield 1:00 pm

Boys golf triangular at Leigh 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip

FFA Chapter Officer interviews 4:30 pm

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – JH track invite at Lyons-Decatur 11:00 am

JV Boys Golf at Leigh, TBD

Elementary Spring Concert 6:30 pm

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – District Music Contest at Norfolk

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Boys golf invite at Pender 9:00 am

PROM in Clarkson

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – JH track invite at Humphrey 1:00 pm

Literacy Night in new gym 5:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – HS track at Humphrey 11:00 am

Ag Literacy Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders 12:15

## April Breakfast and Lunch Menus

### Breakfast

### Lunch

Tuesday, April 1

Breakfast sandwich

cheeseburger & fries

Wednesday, April 2

No Breakfast – 10:00 late start

cavatini

Thursday, April 3

yogurt parfait

chicken sandwich

Friday, April 4

French toast sticks

pizza crunchers

Monday, April 7

cereal bar

BBQ pork sandwich

Tuesday, April 8

breakfast pizza

sausage, egg sandwich

Wednesday, April 9

breakfast round

sub sandwich

Thursday, April 10

Uncrustable

fiesta pizza

Friday, April 11

Clarkson Bakery rolls

fish sticks

Monday, April 14

omelet & sausage

hot dog & fries

Tuesday, April 15

sausage gravy pizza

ham & scalloped potatoes

Wednesday, April 16

tornados

pepperoni pizza

Thursday, April 17

breakfast sandwich

Oriental chicken

Friday, April 18

NO School

Monday, April 21

NO School

Tuesday, April 22

pancake on a stick

hot ham & cheese

Wednesday, April 23

burrito

chicken fried steak

Thursday, April 24

donut

meatball sub

Friday, April 25

combos

tuna salad or Uncrustable

Monday, April 28

sausage & scrambled eggs

Salisbury steak

Tuesday, April 29

empanada

walking taco

Wednesday, April 30

breakfast sandwich

deli wrap

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE - This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





# COME AND JOIN US **LITERACY NIGHT**

**APRIL 28TH 5:00-6:30 PM**

Our school's Literacy Night is all about bringing our community together to celebrate the joy of reading! It's a chance for families, students, and teachers to connect, explore fun literacy activities, and build a love for books.

In Clarkson's New Gym  
Hamburger patties donated by Cargill



# Clarkson-Leigh Summer Wrestling Technique Camp 2025



June 5 and June 6, 2025  
8:00 am-10:00 am  
Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Room



**Technique Camp Emphasizing:** Basics of position, attacking, and defending. Introduction to leg wrestling and tilts, throws and counters.

**Schedule:** 1-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:00 am -10:00 am Wrestling Technique/Live Wrestling/Games

**Cost:** \$25 a camper

**Registration:** Please call or message Coach Molacek by May 1st to register. We will be accepting walk-ins. Walk-ins will not receive a camp t-shirt.

**Additional Information:** The intent of this camp is to instill and emphasize the importance of fundamentals in winning on the wrestling mat. There will be special emphasis placed on mat wrestling using the legs. There will be many pinning combinations and tilts being demonstrated and practiced as a part of this camp experience.

**Contacts:** Ryan Molacek      Mobile: (402) 380-8254

-----Complete and Return to Camps First Session-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct, and that the above wrestler has my permission to wrestle in the Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Camp. I hereby release Clarkson-Leigh Public Schools and the Clarkson-Leigh Wrestling Club and their agents, from any liability for accidents or injuries occurring at this camp. I hereby authorize medical treatment administered by licensed medical personnel, in case of injury or accident. Additionally, Clarkson-Leigh Public Schools/Wrestling Club is not responsible for loss or theft of items left unattended.

Wrestler's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp- June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> (two days)**

T-shirt Size: Youth M L S M L XL Adult  
Circle one

What grade will you be in next school year?

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8**

Circle one

Entry Deadline is Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> please send to:

*Coch Rebecca Hiatt*

Clarkson High School

649 Cherry Street

Clarkson, NE 68629

402-892-3454

*Coch Jeff Bachman*

Leigh High School

222 West 4th Street

Leigh, NE 68643

402-487-2228

**Please include the \$20.00 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 2025 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 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Next Year's Grade**

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00am-10:00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 10:30am-12:00pm**

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade – 12:30pm-2:00pm**

Coch Rebecca Hiatt

**Phone: 402-892-3454**

**Email: [rhiatt@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:rhiatt@clarkson.esu7.org)**

Coch Jeff Bachman

**Phone: 402-487-2228**

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**2025**

**Lil Pats Basketball  
Camp**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Leigh High School  
Leigh, NE**



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