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From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

I always love getting into the month of November. It's my favorite month of the year because I'm a big Thanksgiving fan—not just for the food, but also for the time with family and the spirit of gratitude that comes with it. I've always believed in being optimistic and enjoying life, and Thanksgiving serves as a great reminder for all of us to pause and be thankful for the people in our lives and everything we have.

As we move into November, we're also entering the colder part of the school year. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for traveling on buses, playing outside during recess, and participating in any other outdoor activities. With students not allowed into the school until 7:40 a.m. this year, it's especially important for those who walk or get dropped off early to be prepared for the weather.

Since we're talking about colder weather, this is a good time for my yearly reminder about inclement weather and snow days. When making these decisions, I always choose to err on the side of caution. There's simply too much at stake when it comes to student drivers on the road and teachers commuting from out of town in poor conditions. I do my best to make these calls as early as possible to help parents plan for childcare and work obligations.

As always, if a decision has been made to hold school and you still have concerns about your child's safety due to road or weather conditions, please feel free to keep them home for the day. Safety will always come first.

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

As we move into November, it's hard to believe how quickly fall has gone by! The crisp mornings and cooler evenings remind us that winter is near. With the changing weather, please ensure students are dressed warmly for their walk to school, their commute to school, and outdoor recess. November is also a time for reflection and gratitude, and we truly appreciate the ongoing support of our families, staff, and community during this busy season.

Inside the building, excitement builds as we finish fall activities and transition to winter sports and seasonal events. Our students continue to demonstrate great effort and enthusiasm both inside and outside the classroom—We are proud of the energy and school spirit that fill our halls each day!

As schedules become busier and the weather changes, we encourage families to stay connected through our Clarkson Public Schools website, Facebook page, and JMC messenger. These platforms are the best ways to stay updated on schedules, announcements, and all the great activities happening at CPS.

Go Patriots!

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English Notes

By Mrs. Lynn Morfeld

The freshmen in English 9 are starting their poetry unit by heading to Hawaii - in our minds at least. Wing Tek Lum's "Local Sensibilities" contrasts tourists' and outsiders' views of Hawaii with those of the people who make their homes in Hawaii. The freshmen were asked to emulate the style of Lum's poem with their own Nebraska versions of "Local Sensibilities." Here are some of their stanzas.

By Jordyn Balzer

When I see a football,
I don't think of a huge stadium with
Tons of fans,
More of a small field, minimal
Bleachers, under the Friday night lights.

By Taelyn Baumert

When I hear a tornado warning,
I envision something other than
taking cover in the basement.
Instead, I envision the drowsy
sky outside and go take a look.

By Kanon Clarkson

When I see a football,
I don't think of the packed stadium
With the nice painted field.
I picture all the faces that I know the
Names and the kids running and
screaming.

When I see a small town,
I don't think of the songs and their
rhymes
Or the movies that claim the characters
are from them
Instead, I think of walking around with the
Freedom of a bug and not a care in the world.

By Bella Podany

When I look at the grass in the open space,
It does not portray people at the park;
I think of the open hills and valleys covered
with grass and sand
In the sandhills of western Nebraska.

Spanish News

By Mrs. Vicky Miller

¡Hola! It's hard to believe we're starting into quarter 2 already!

The 8th graders' final Spanish unit for the year was all about *Viviendo con mascotas* (Living with pets). They can tell basic info about their pet(s) like its name, age, physical appearance and personality. They can also give their opinion about pets' tricks and give a little more specific information about a particular breed. They looked at pet adoption websites, and made posters of their own to help a pet find a good home. They also learned how to talk about their responsibilities regarding caring for a pet.

Spanish 1 just finished a unit called *Reflejando en Retratos* (Reflecting on Portraits). After studying a little bit about what different colors & objects may represent in (self)portraits of famous Hispanic artists like Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Botero, students watched a how-to video about drawing faces and tried to draw their own self-portrait with objects that represented something about themselves. Students also drew like Picasso by rolling a dice and following directions to draw each feature to create really silly-looking people. Then they wrote a description of their "Picasso". We hung up three pictures with a single description and students identified which picture matched the description.

Spanish 2 recently completed the *Reimaginando la moda* (Reimagining fashion) unit. They have been giving their opinion about recent fashion trends, learning a bit about some famous Hispanic designers as well as exploring some other jobs connected to the fashion industry, and comparing Hispanic stores and brands. They discovered a lot about Fashion Week and gave their take on it and made a new fashion design of their own combining elements of traditional Hispanic clothing from various Spanish-speaking countries with recent fashion trends. Some of them had really creative designs!

Spanish 3/4 completed *Arte Callejero* (Street Art). They identified different types of street art from street performances to graffiti and more. Students explored the range of messages that can be sent through street art, they designed their own artistic names, and pondered the benefits versus the problems created by street art (Is it art or is it vandalism?). Students attempted to connect with an artist, compared different types and qualities of street performances, and carried on a conversation to tell what they know, express their opinion, suggest solutions, and more!

Preschool students took on Poppy's Pumpkin Patch

By Steph Rolf

Our preschoolers had an unforgettable adventure at **Poppy's Pumpkin Patch**! The day was filled with laughter and excitement as the children zoomed down the big slides, soared across the zipline, bounced joyfully on the pumpkin jump, and dug into the fun of the corn pit. They showed great teamwork, finding their way through the corn maze, and loved visiting all the friendly animals around the farm. It was a day full of smiles, discovery, and fall fun! A huge **thank you** to all the parents who attended and helped out — your support and participation made the trip run smoothly and extra special for everyone.



1st Grade News

By Mrs. Karly Gall

It's hard to believe the first quarter has already come to an end! Our first graders have grown so much academically and socially, and we're so proud of all their hard work. October was full of learning and fun, from mastering addition and subtraction strategies to writing complete sentences, exploring fall in science, and celebrating Halloween together. As we head into Quarter 2 and November, we'll be focusing on reading comprehension, place value in math, and learning about family traditions and gratitude as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. Please continue reading at home each night and sending jackets for chilly days. Thank you for your ongoing support. We can't wait to see all the growth and excitement Quarter 2 brings!



Kindergarten News

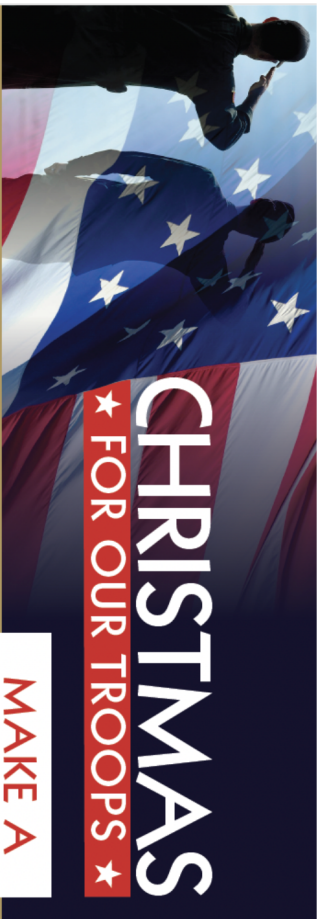
Breanna Ruwe

It's hard to believe the first quarter has already come to an end! Our kindergartners have had an excellent start to the school year, spending the past few months learning, growing, and building strong friendships. October was filled with exciting experiences. Homecoming Week brought lots of enthusiasm, with Character Day being a clear favorite for the kindergartners. We were also fortunate to have visits from some high school students, who taught us about kindness, played games, and read a story to us.

In addition to these special events, our students have been making great strides in both math and reading. Each day, they continue to build their confidence in their reading skills, which is very exciting to see! Math is always a favorite part of the day as we continue to learn through games and begin to dive into addition. Their curiosity, enthusiasm, and hard work are evident each day.

As we move into the second quarter, we look forward to continuing our learning journey together. We also invite family and community members to join us as guest readers. We always love welcoming new faces into the classroom. Here's to another fantastic month of learning and growth ahead!





CHRISTMAS ★ FOR OUR TROOPS ★

JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pinnacle Bank in Columbus and Aurora, Nebraska, has had the pleasure of coordinating a holiday care package drive for our nation's deployed troops.

In 2024, with the help of our generous community, we shipped 556 boxes to military members a piece of home for the holidays. As the word gets out about our operation, our list of soldiers continues to grow.

It's our goal to send each and every one of the service members on our list a thoughtful care package. That's why we need your help!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Each box costs up to \$22 to send so any monetary contribution goes a long way.
- We also use extra monetary donations to purchase additional items as needed.

DONATE NEEDED ITEMS

Each box is carefully crafted to provide personal care, food and miscellaneous items while adhering to strict shipping restrictions and tariffs.

- Order gifts online for direct delivery to bank:
 - Amazon Gift Registry: bit.ly/4n2Lh5s
 - Walmart Wishlist: bit.ly/4293run
- Or shop for the items listed on the back of this page.

SUBMIT NAMES

- Share this gift with military members you know.
- Give us their name(s) and the address where they will be located from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Drop off donations at Clarkson High School on or before **Monday, November 10th.**

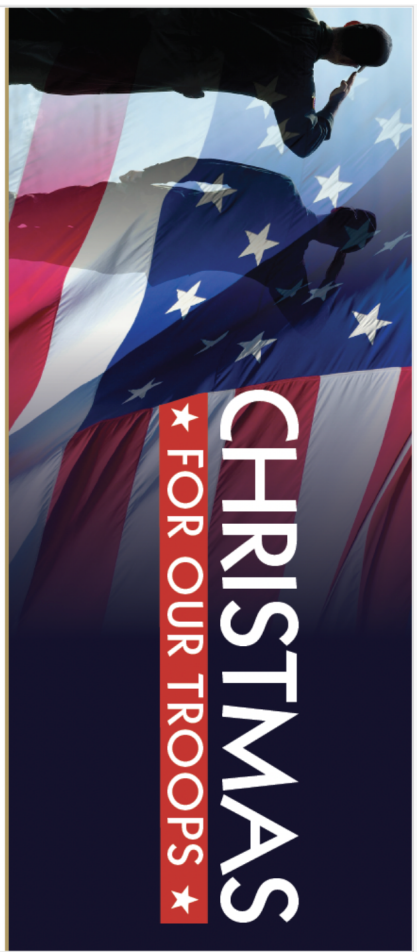
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CHRISTMAS ★ FOR OUR TROOPS ★

2025 NEEDED DONATIONS

FOOD ITEMS:

- ☐ Beef Sticks (0.28 oz, 0.97 oz)
- ☐ Cereal (1.09 oz)
- ☐ Cookies (0.78 oz, 1.9 oz package)
- ☐ Drink Mixes (individual packets - 0.08 oz, 1.7 oz)
- ☐ Fruit Snacks (0.8 oz)
- ☐ Granola Bars (1.2 oz - 1.48 oz)
- ☐ Hard Candy (individually wrapped)
- ☐ Hot Chocolate Mix Packets (1.38 oz)
- ☐ Jerky (0.625 oz)
- ☐ Nutella & Go (1.8 oz)
- ☐ Oatmeal Packets (7 oz)
- ☐ Pringles (3.97 oz)
- ☐ Microwave Popcorn (3 oz)
- ☐ To-Go Peanut Butter (0.75 oz)
- ☐ Pop Tart Bites (1.4 oz)

FOOD ITEMS (CONT.):

- ☐ Rice Krispie Treats (0.78 oz)
- ☐ Ramen Noodles - Chicken, Beef, Shrimp (3 oz)
- ☐ Sunflower Seeds (2.75 oz)
- ☐ Trail Mix (2 oz)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

- ☐ Bath Loofah (0.125 oz)
- ☐ Body Wash (1.8 oz)
- ☐ Deodorant (1.7 oz, 2.6 oz)
- ☐ Gold Bond Powder (1 oz)
- ☐ Lotion (1 oz)
- ☐ Q-Tips (Travel Size - 30 Count)
- ☐ Disposable Razors

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- ☐ Christmas Stockings - Felt



Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

(Please visit clarksonpublicschools.org for most up to date information.)

Friday, November 1st - VB District Final, TBD

National FFA Convention

Sunday, November 2nd - One Act practice 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, November 3rd - Conference Honor Choir at West Point - Concert at 7:00 pm

Grades 3-6 field trip to UNL

One Act Practice 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 4th - One Act Practice 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 5th - 10:00 late start - teacher in-service

VB Championships in Lincoln

Quiz bowl at Seward (8th grade)

Thursday, November 6th - VB Championships in Lincoln

Friday, November 7th - VB Championships in Lincoln

FFA Pathways to Careers Conference in Kearney

One Act practice 6:30- 7:45 am

Saturday, November 8th - VB Championships in Lincoln

JH wrestling invite at Wayne 10:00 am

Monday, November 10th - FCCLA Mind Bending Careers at UNK

One Act practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day program 1:30 pm in new gym

Wednesday, November 12th - FFA District Livestock Judging

School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm

One Act practice 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, November 13th - One Act practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 14th - JH wrestling at David City 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 16th - One Act practice 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, November 17th - Start of winter sport practices

JH Girls BB vb. Shelby-RC at Clarkson 4:00 pm

One Act practice 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, November 18th - School Improvement visit

Conference One Act at Humphrey

JH Girls BB at Columbus Scotus 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 19th - School Improvement visit

Thursday, November 20th - JH wrestling invite at Newman Grove 4:00 pm

One Act practice 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 21st - One Act practice 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 22nd - JH wrestling invite at Howells 9:00 am

JH Girls BB tourney at Humphrey 9:00 am

Sunday, November 23rd - One Act practice 2:00-4:00 pm

One Act Public Performance 6:30 pm

Monday, November 24th - FB Final in Lincoln

One Act practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, November 26th-Friday, November 28th - NO School - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, November 30th - One Act practice 2:00 - 4:00 pm

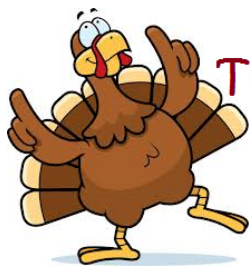
November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 6 3rd B-Uncrustable L-Chicken Nugget Baked Beans Fruit	4th B-Waffles & Meat L-Nachos w/ Taco Meat Cinnamon Donut Fruit	5th Late Start NO BREAKFAST L-Chicken Bacon Flatbread Peppers & Onions Fruit	6th B-Breakfast Sandwich L-Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Breadstick Fruit	7th B-Apple Turnover L-Oriental Chicken Fried Rice Crab Radgoons Fruit
WK 1 10th B-Combos L-Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Chips Fruit	11th B-Pancakes & Meat L-Salisbury Steak Baked Potato Dinner Roll Fruit	12th B-Muffins L-Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit	13th B-Breakfast Sandwich L-Pepperoni Pizza Veg Blend Cookie Fruit	14th B-Scrambled Eggs & Meat L-Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Fruit
WK 2 17th B-Breakfast Calzone L-Hot Ham & Cheese French Fries Yogurt Cup Fruit	18th B-French Toast & Meat L-Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Broccoli Fruit	19th B-Breakfast Pizza L-Sub Sandwich Chips & Cheese Fruit	20th B-Breakfast Round L- Turkey Cheesy G Beans Mashed Pot/Gravy Dinner Roll Pumpkin Pudding Cup	21st B-Empanada L-Corn Dog Baked Beans Donut Stick Fruit
WK 3 24th B-Pancake on stick L-Oriental Chicken Fried Rice Crab Radgoons Fruit	25th B-Waffles & Meat L-Breakfast for Lunch Tri Tater Mini Muffin Fruit	26th NO SCHOOL	27th NO SCHOOL	28th NO SCHOOL

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Thanksgiving Break
No School

NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 26th thru
Friday, November 28th

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