

# The Red Review

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## From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As Clarkson Public Schools moves into March, I want to provide our patrons with an update on the ongoing building project. Heartland Construction poured the cement for the upper floor of the new elementary wing (Area B) during the last week of February. The lower floor is scheduled to be poured during the first week of March. This marks a significant milestone in the structural phase of the project.

In Area A, much of the rough-in work has already been completed. Once the building is fully enclosed, progress is expected to accelerate, as weather conditions will no longer be a major variable impacting the construction schedule.

The current tentative completion date for the new elementary wing is August 13. This timeline provides us with adequate transition time to relocate materials, furniture, and instructional resources into the new space in an organized and efficient manner prior to the start of the school year.

In addition to the floor work in Area B, Heartland Construction will be completing footings and related foundational components for Area A, which will serve as the new main entrance to the building. Following completion of this phase, structural steel installation will begin. At that point, additional contractors will be scheduled to perform their respective scopes of work in both Areas A and B to ensure coordinated progress and adherence to project timelines.

The current elementary building is scheduled to be torn down later this summer to allow for the start of Area C, which will include the new shop and high school classrooms. Construction on Area C is tentatively scheduled to begin in September, with a projected completion date of June 2027.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please feel free to contact me at [rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org) or call the school at 402-892-3454.

## Notes from the Principal

By Dr. Lee Schneider

MAP testing has come and gone for the 3rd-11th graders this winter, and it could not have gone any better! It is always very rewarding to watch the students work hard and be rewarded with exceptional scores! It is always impressive to see the growth of the students throughout the school year. With that, we will still have our NSCAS Growth state testing coming up in April.

With spring here and winter hopefully behind us, hopefully our "normal" spring will settle in for a while! We will have Track starting, Prom, ACT, spring concerts, and many more school activities. Please make sure to keep an eye on the calendar and any new updates. For as long as it feels like it takes to get through the beginning of the year, these next couple of months will go quickly, and we will have a lot of bodies out of the building! As always, if you have any questions or would like to stop by, please don't hesitate!

**No School:  
Spring Break  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

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# Kindergarten News – It's Round-up time!

By Breanna Ruwe

Who is eligible for kindergarten? Anyone who fits the age requirements, 5 years of age by July 31st, 2026. If your child fits the age limit and you are planning on attending Clarkson Public Schools let the office know your intentions. On Friday, April 17th your child will get to spend the afternoon visiting the classroom. The appropriate forms for next year will be sent home with your child. Below are some items that we will need right before school starts in August.

We will need a copy of an official copy of the student's birth certificate, Kindergarten physical and Immunizations when the 2026-2027 school year begins.

## To get a birth certificate:

### By mail

- Send a check or money order for \$17 to Vital Records, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065
- Include the following information
  - Child's full name, birth date, and place of birth
  - Full names of both parents or adoptive parents
  - Reason for request
  - Photocopy of a valid government-issued photo ID
  - Self-addressed, stamped envelope

### Online

- Order a certified birth certificate online at [dhhs.ne.gov](https://dhhs.ne.gov)
- Use VitalChek to order a certified birth certificate
- Use GoCertificates.com to order a certified birth certificate



Save  
the  
Date

Kindergarten  
Round-Up

Friday,  
April 17th

12:30pm - 3:30pm

The kids will enjoy lunch with the current kindergarten class.

Menu:  
Chicken Nuggets  
French Fries  
Cookie

Cost: \$3.05  
Students may bring their own lunch.

Preschool  
Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND  
6:30-7:30 PM  
IN THE PRESCHOOL  
CLASSROOM

FOR NEXT YEAR'S NEW ENROLLEES  
CHILDREN WHO TURN 3 BEFORE JULY  
31, 2026, ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND!

PLEASE USE THE SOUTH DOORS TO  
ENTER THE SCHOOL

# 1st Grade News!

By Mrs. Karly Gall

February was such a fun and exciting month in our classroom! Valentine's Day was definitely a highlight. We loved seeing all of the students' creative and fancy Valentine boxes. The kids were so proud to share their designs and exchange cards with their classmates. Throughout the month, we also enjoyed playing classroom games that helped us build teamwork, practice taking turns, and strengthen skills in a fun, engaging way.

In academics, we worked hard on understanding and practicing two-digit addition in math. Students have been learning different strategies, showing their work, and building confidence with more complex problems. In reading, we continued to focus on building fluency, comprehension, and using our reading strategies during both whole-group and small-group lessons. It's been wonderful to see students grow as readers and thinkers this month!



## Elementary Students Spread the Valentine's Day Cheer!

By Kristin Janousek

This month our Preschool through sixth graders took the time to make Valentine's Day cards to spread some cheer. The students got to collaborate and work together to create their cards. Over 50 cards were mailed to Cards for Hospitalized Kids. From there the cards are sent out to Children's Hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses in all 50 states. Another 50 cards were delivered to the Clarkson Nursing Home to spread some Valentine's Day cheer!



## News from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

By Mrs. Abby Gall

What a busy and exciting month it has been in our classroom! In science, students explored severe weather, learning how storms form and how to stay safe. It's been fun seeing them connect these lessons to real-life experiences.

In language arts, these writers have been adding detail to their sentences with prepositional phrases and exploring homographs, words that look the same but have different meanings, while using dictionaries to figure out the right one for the content.

Math has been full of hands-on problem solving as we explored finding the area of shapes using the distributive property. It's been exciting to watch students break apart shapes and estimate their areas while becoming more fluent with their multiplication facts.

I'm so proud of the curiosity and effort these 3rd graders show every day.



## Spanish News

By Mrs. Vicky Miller

Spanish 1 is delving into family life. They initially picked up words for family members through a silly TPR story that the kids played roles in (photo below). Students have talked about their own families using Pecha Kucha presentations. They have also read different articles and exchanged information about the famous families of Gerard Pique (soccer player) and singer Marc Anthony. They have explored activities that families tend to do together. Soon they will get to experience some traditional games like *lotería*, dominos and *perinola*.

Spanish 2 is wrapping up *Amor en el aire* (Love in the Air), perfect timing for Valentine's day! They talked about popular gifts and options for activities/places for a date. They wrote a message to someone they loved. (It didn't have to be romantic! Some wrote it to a friend or parent.) They also picked out themes in love songs and gave their opinion about love songs. One day they even found themselves calling in to *Radio Sol* to dedicate songs to someone special!

Spanish 3/4 has been exploring *Tapas*! They've learned a little about the history of this tradition, researched several common *tapas*, and investigated regional variations of the dishes across Spain. They've compared aspects of *tapas* bars to different types of eating establishments they're used to here and made inferences as to why some of the customs around *tapas* exist. They have a lot of conversational goals remaining in the unit: interacting with a waiter, making plans with friends, relating a story about an experience with *tapas*, etc. ¡*Buen provecho!*



Back row: Hudson Corder, Taelyn Baumert, Mason Faltys, Ryan Steffensmeier, Kanon Clarkson Seated in chairs: Gracie Brabec, Jace Prinz. Kneeling on floor: Bella Podany, Noah Hake.

## March

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| 2nd<br>B– Pancake on a Stick<br>L–Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Bar & Fruit           | 3rd<br>B–Waffles & Sausage<br>L–Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Green Beans & Fruit    | 4th<br>B– Combos<br>L– Oriental Chicken, Rice, Crab Ragoon & Fruit | 5th<br><b>NO SCHOOL!!!!</b>   | 6th<br><b>NO SCHOOL!!!!</b>                                    |
| 9th<br><b>NO SCHOOL!!!!</b>   | 10th<br>B– Cereal or Poptarty<br>L– Corn Dog, Potato Chips, Mini Muffin & Fruit            | 11th<br>B– Donut<br>L– Cheeseburger, French Fries & Fruit          | 12th<br>B– Breakfast Sandwich<br>L– Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Cookie & Fruit           | 13th<br>B– Muffin<br>L– Fish Sandwich, Baked Beans & Fruit     |
| 16th<br>B– Tornadoes<br>L–Brat on a Bun, Cheesy Green Beans & Fruit                   | 17th<br>B– French Toast & Ham<br>L– Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dinner Roll & Fruit | 18th<br>B– Burrito<br>L– BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Beans & Fruit      | 19th<br>B– Fruit Pastry<br>L– Sub Sandwich, Chips w/ Salsa or Cheese & Fruit        | 20th<br><b>NO SCHOOL!!!!</b>                                   |
| 23rd<br>B– Breakfast Round Cookie<br>L–Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Dinner Roll & Fruit | 24th<br>B– Waffles & Sausage<br>L– Nacho Fries, Cookie & Fruit                             | 25th<br>B–Donut<br>L– Oriental Chicken, Rice, Crab Ragoon & Fruit  | 26th<br>B– Breakfast Sandwich<br>L– Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Corn, Dinner Roll & Fruit | 27th<br>B– Uncrustable<br>L– Pizza Crunchers, Broccoli & Fruit |
| 30th<br>B– Combos<br>L– Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries & Fruit                         | 31st<br>B–Pancakes & Ham<br>L– Salisbury Steak Buttered Potatoes, Dinner Roll & Fruit      |  |   |  |

Milk Served at all Meals

Fruit & Vegetable Bar Served at Lunch

Menu Subject to Change

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## Clarkson Public School Happenings for March

(Schedule Subject to Change)

For the most up to date information visit [clarksonpublicschools.org](http://clarksonpublicschools.org).

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Girls BB Championships begin in Lincoln

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – No school – Teacher In-service

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – No school – Spring Break

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – No school – Spring Break

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – CCC Career Opportunity Fair for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

HS track practices begin

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Boys BB Championships begin in Lincoln

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Clarkson PTA meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 dismissal – No PM Preschool

Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Quarter 3

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – No school – Teacher In-service

FFA Central City Welding Invite

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – FCCLA office interviews 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – NO Classes for grades Kindergarten - 6th Grade (Preschool will have class)

Juniors ACT testing

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Memorial Stadium and State Capitol

FFA State Convention begins in Lincoln

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Speech Championships in Kearney

Alumni VB & BB

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Speech Championships in Kearney

Alumni VB & BB

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA State Leadership Conference begins in Lincoln

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Conference Quiz Bowl at Clarkson-Leigh

Boys Golf Invite at West Point-Beemer 10:00 am

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – HS track meet at Stanton 11:00 am

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