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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Mr. Rich Lemburg

Building Project Update

As we head into December, I wanted to give everyone a quick update on the Clarkson Public Schools Building Project.

After moving into the new elementary building and the renovated 53 Building and working through most of the initial kinks, we are now turning our attention to completing the multipurpose room, weight room, and locker rooms. We have been able to begin using the multipurpose room for wrestling practice and anticipate being able to use the weight room by the beginning of December.

The playground project has also been completed and is already being enjoyed by our students both during the school day and after school. I would like to extend a special thank-you to Karly Gall and Tami Sayers for all their hard work on this project, as well as to everyone who made a donation to help make it possible.

Area A – New Entrance

In Area A, work continues on the new entrance. Crews are finishing up the roof and preparing for the masons to begin installing the exterior brick. Inside, walls are also going up, and we are hopeful that we will be able to move into this area by late February.

Area C – CTE Wing and High School Classrooms

In Area C, the old elementary building has been demolished, and the dirt work has been completed. Footings are now being poured as construction begins on the new structure. Our tentative timeline is to have Area C completed by late June or early July. This should allow us plenty of time to move in and get settled before the start of the 2027-28 school year.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we continue working through this exciting project. We are making great progress, and it is exciting to see everything coming together for our students, staff, and community.

Have a Great Holiday Season!!

Notes from the Principal

By Dr. Lee Schneider

Hello everyone, and officially welcome to winter!

It's hard to believe how quickly the school year is passing, especially with all the great things happening at Clarkson Public Schools! Our students continue to achieve amazing things, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Special congratulations to our girls' volleyball team on making their first appearance at the state tournament as the Clarkson Coyotes, competing in the D1 State Volleyball Tournament!

With winter sports getting underway, schedules will begin to pick up again. Please continue to check the school calendar, as event times and locations may change throughout the season. As students get busier and more tired, we also tend to see an increase in seasonal illnesses. If your child will be absent due to illness, please call the school and let us know. We greatly appreciate your communication!

Thank you to our families and community for your continued support. We have so much to be proud of at Clarkson, and I look forward to all that the rest of the school year has in store. Stay warm, enjoy the winter season!!

Go YOTES!

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No School:

Wednesday, December 23rd thru Monday, January 4th

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 5th

Kindergarten News

Breanna Ruwe

The kindergarten classroom has been buzzing with excitement and activity this November! As we continue through the school year, it's been so fun to watch the class grow and build confidence in their skills. One of our big focuses has been reading. They are becoming more confident as they work through new words and stories, and their excitement is contagious!

We have also been strengthening our math skills, especially addition and subtraction. It has been exciting to see their problem-solving skills develop. Outside of our academic learning, our classroom continues to be filled with creativity and imagination. Free play and crafting time are always favorites, especially our turkey art projects (we sure have some adorable little turkeys!).

November also brought some special visitors to our classroom! The students loved welcoming guest readers and getting to enjoy stories read by some familiar faces. These special moments always add something extra to our days.



It is hard to believe how much growth we have already seen this school year! I love watching their personalities shine, and their curiosity lead the way. I'm looking forward to all the fun and learning December will bring!

Spotlight on Music

By Mrs. Liz Kowalski

It is the most wonderful time of the year! The time where we get to hear the joy of Christmas through the Pk-12 students and their music!! This year's winter music program will be on Friday, December 11th! The Elementary will start at 6:00pm and will end around 6:45pm. Then there will be a 15 minute intermission to set up for the JH/HS concert that will start at 7:00pm. If you have Elementary students please have them there by 5:45pm. JH/HS students need to arrive at 6:45pm.

Elementary students: please wear nice clothes, no shorts or sweatpants

- Other accessories will be provided at the concert

JH/HS students: Please look for a Christmas sweater to wear for the concert with nice pants

- You can find some at Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.
- If unable to find a Christmas sweater, wear holiday colors

If you have any questions or if your child is sick on that day please let me know! Happy Holidays!

1st Grade News

Dear First Grade Families,

As 2026 starts to wind down, I wanted to send a few reminders and highlights from our classroom! With colder weather here, our first graders are bundling up in hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. We encourage you to wash winter gear regularly, especially after snowy or wet days. Please also remember to label items with your child's name to help keep things from getting mixed up!

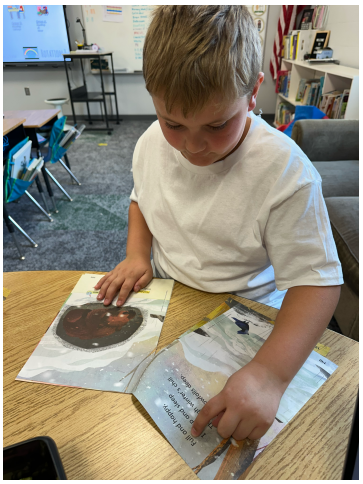
We have been working so hard to build our reading skills and winter break is a great time to cozy up and keep reading! Try to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for your child to read or be read to. You can explore holiday books, revisit old favorites, or simply enjoy a good story together. Whether they are reading to you, reading to a sibling, or listening to you read, every little bit helps keep those reading skills growing!

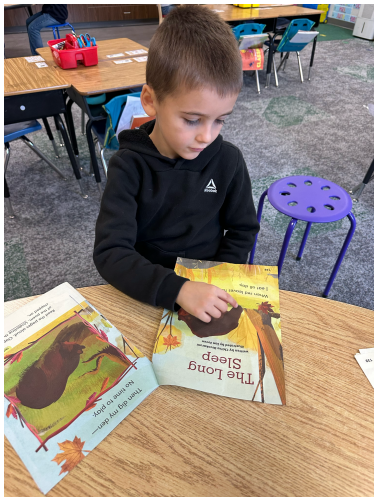
It is hard to believe we are already getting ready to welcome 2027! I am so proud of how much these first graders have grown, not only in their learning but also in their confidence, independence, and friendships.

These first graders are really a unique bunch of kids! Their hard workers, respectful to all, and ALWAYS willing to work hard. In the classroom we share so many fun moments together, from learning new reading and math skills to creating projects, playing games, and celebrating each other's successes. I feel so lucky to spend my days with this group of kids, and I can't wait to see what they all accomplish when we return in January!

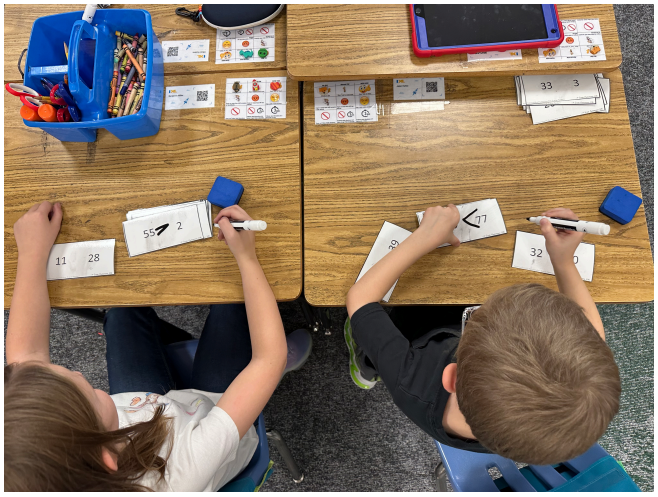
Mrs. Karly Gall











MS Social Studies in Mrs. Sayers' Room

By Mrs. Tami Sayers

Middle school social studies is always full of fun, hands-on learning and creative projects! Our 4th graders have been busy studying Nebraska cities, local towns, and Nebraska counties. We also explored geography and different landforms, giving students the opportunity to choose a landform and create their own diorama to showcase what they learned. Now, in the second quarter, we are diving into Nebraska history and the Native Americans who originally inhabited our state. Tipis were an important part of prairie life and the 4th graders created their own models. They love to show off their projects and share what they've learned!

In U.S. History, our 5th graders kicked things off by learning the states and capitals. We studied each state and capital using fun tricks and memory clues, and these kids rocked it! For example, what does New York have? All the bunnies! That's how we remember that New York's capital is Albany! After mastering the states and capitals, students explored the different landscapes of the United States and created landform region dioramas. It's fascinating to see just how diverse our nation's landscapes are. It truly is America the Beautiful!

Our 6th graders have been studying the first humans to roam the Earth in World History. They took what they learned about Neanderthals and used their creativity to write their own children's books! They also created cave drawings featuring topics from today's world. After learning about the many advancements of early humans, students showed off their knowledge by performing skits for the class.

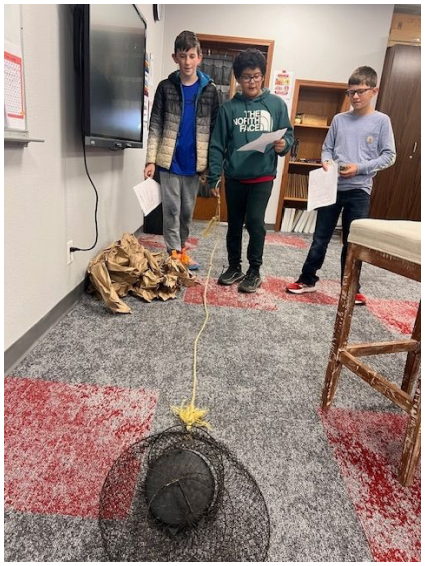
We love making history come alive through hands-on activities, creativity, and fun in middle school social studies!















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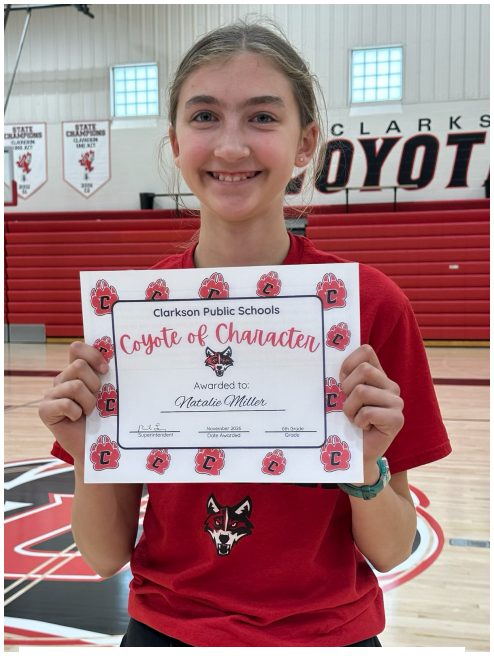

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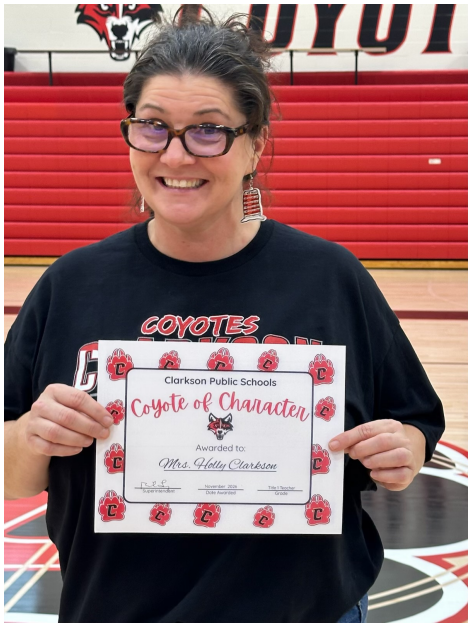
Makenna Scott



Mrs. Holly Clarkson

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

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

Tuesday, December 1st - JH Wrestling at Battle Creek 3:00 pm
District One Act in Leigh 9:00 (Clarkson performs at 9:45 am)
JH Girls Basketball: vs Aquinas Catholic at David City 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 2nd - 10:00 late start - No AM Preschool - Teacher In-Service
FFA District LDEs 9:00 am at Shelby-RC
Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
Thursday, December 3rd - JH Girls Basketball at Columbus Lakeview 4:30 pm
Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
Saturday, December 5th - JH Wrestling tournament at Schuyler 9:00 am
JH Girls Basketball at Humphrey/Lindsay (Humphrey) 9:00 am
HS Wrestling at Howells-Dodge Tournament 9:30 pm
Marathon Basketball vs Madison 1:00 pm
Sunday, December 6th - Fall Sports Awards Night 5:30 pm in the new gym
Monday, December 7th - JH Wrestling invite at Central City 4:30 pm
JH Girls Basketball vs Archangels Catholic 2:30 pm
FFA Officer Meeting 7:00 am
Tuesday, December 8th - Marathon Basketball at Oakland-Craig 4:30 pm
Wednesday, December 9th - School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm
Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
FCCLA to host 60+ meal at New Zion Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 11:00 am -1:00 pm
Thursday, December 10th - JH Girls Basketball vs. Howells-Dodge 2:30 pm
Marathon Basketball vs. Bancroft-Rosalie 4:30 pm
Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
Friday, December 11th - Winter Music Concert 6:00 pm for Elementary, 7:00 pm for JH/HS
Saturday, December 12th - HS Wrestling at Osceola tournament 8:30 am
Marathon Basketball vs. Humphrey/Lindsay 1:00 pm
ACT Test Date
Monday, December 14th - PTA meeting at City Hall 5:30 pm
FCCLA STAR Workday 4:00-6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 15th - JH Girls Basketball at Schuyler 4:30 pm
JV/V Boys Basketball at GACC West Point 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 16th - Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
Thursday, December 17th - JH Girls Basketball vs. Madison 3:00 pm
JV/V Girls Basketball at West Point- Beemer 5:30 pm
Dance team practice 6:00-7:15 am
Friday, December 18th - FCCLA Christmas Party during lunch/Pack Period
1st-6th grade Reading Challenge Bowling Day
Saturday, December 19th - HS Wrestling at Wisner-Pilger HS Tournament 10:00 am
Marathon Basketball vs. Cedar Bluffs 1:00 pm
Monday, December 21st - 1:00 dismissal Finals for JH/HS
Tuesday, December 22nd - Marathon Basketball at Columbus Lakeview 4:30 pm
1:00 dismissal Finals for JH/HS - NO ELEMENTARY CLASSES
End of Quarter 2, Semester 1
Wednesday, December 23rd – Monday, January 4th - No School - Winter Break
Monday, December 29th - HS Wrestling Invite at Newman Grove 10:00 am
Varsity Basketball Holiday Tournament at Tekamah-Herman 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 30th - Varsity Basketball Holiday Tournament at Tekamah-Herman 1:00 pm

SCHOOL MENU

Monday 30th
Breakfast- Tornados
Lunch- Pizza Crunchers, Broccoli, Salad Bar & Fruit

Tuesday 1st
Breakfast- Breakfast Round
Lunch- Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown Patty, Juice Box & Salad Bar

Wednesday 2nd
Breakfast- Late Start NO BREAKFAST
Lunch- Chicken Nuggets, Mac 'n' Cheese, Salad Bar & Fruit

Thursday 3rd
Breakfast- Breakfast Pizza
Lunch- Oriental Chicken, Fried Rice, Crab Ragoon, Salad Bar & Fruit

Friday 4th
Breakfast- Clarkson Bakery
Lunch- Meatball Subs, Potato Chips, Cookie, Salad Bar & Fruit

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SCHOOL MENU

Monday 7th
Breakfast- Muffin
Lunch- Brat on a Bun, Baked Beans, Salad Bar & Fruit

Tuesday 8th
Breakfast- Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch- Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Taters 'n' Gravy, Dinner Roll, Salad Bar & Fruit

Wednesday 9th
Breakfast- Pancake on a Stick
Lunch- Spaghetti 'n' Meatsauce, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Fruit

Thursday 10th
Breakfast- Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch- Sub Sandwich, Chips w/ Cheese, Salad Bar & Fruit

Friday 11th
Breakfast- Combos
Lunch- Hot Ham 'n' Cheese Sandwich, Fries, Go-Gurt, Salad Bar & Fruit

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SCHOOL MENU

Monday 14th
Breakfast- Donut
Lunch- Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Salad Bar & Fruit

Tuesday 15th
Breakfast- Pancakes & Sausage
Lunch- Pizza Burger, Fries, Salad Bar & Fruit

Wednesday 16th
Breakfast- Turnover
Lunch- Chicken 'n' Gravy over a Biscuit, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Fruit

Thursday 17th
Breakfast- Fruit Frudel
Lunch- Nacho Fries, Mini Donut, Salad Bar & Fruit

Friday 18th
Breakfast- Uncrustable
Lunch- Pepperoni Pizza, Veg Blend, Salad Bar & Fruit

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SCHOOL MENU

Monday 21st
Breakfast- Fruit Pastry
Lunch- Chicken Fajita Taco, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Roll, Salad Bar & Fruit

Tuesday 22nd
Breakfast- Cereal or Poptart
Lunch- Deli Sandwich, Potato Chips, Cookie, Salad Bar & Fruit

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Enjoy Your Break!!!

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