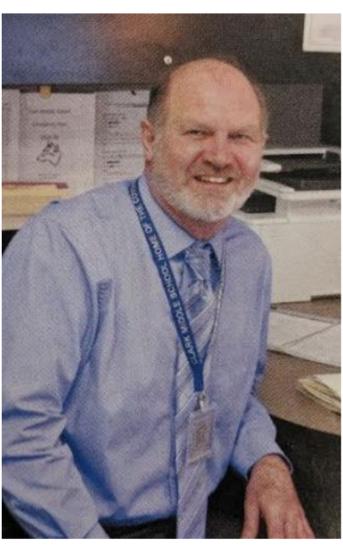




Clark Middle School April Newsletter 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM

Mr. Graber

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



The month of April has arrived which means that we are closer and closer to the end of the school year. With that said, please be sure to assist your child(ren) as we prepare for the state ILEARN tests which will begin on April 18-May 13. As I have asked in the past, please have your child in attendance every day due to the testing window, the task of having to do makeup tests, as well as the overall schedule changes that occur during the testing window. The schedule for testing will be starting the week of April 4-12th.... teachers will begin to administer all practice tests in class.

Practice tests (all students will take a practice test in the area that is being tested prior to the actual test). The tests that must be administered are:

5-8th grades—all students must take the ELA practice test

5-8th grades—all students must take the math practice test

5th grade-----all students must take the social studies test

6th grade-----all students must take the science test

The actual ILEARN test will begin on April 19-May 13. CMS will be testing the first 2 hours of each day, roughly up until 10:47. Naturally, the schedule has been adjusted to accommodate for the testing requirements. As you see below, students will be testing daily from 8:47-10:47 so please make sure that your child is in their classroom and ready to test. Additionally, backpacks, smart watches, and cell phones are not allowed in the testing areas. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria from 8:15-8:40. We will also have breakfast kiosks available for students. If an appointment is needed, please try and schedule after the testing sessions are completed.

Two Hour Delay Schedule

Period	Time	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
	8:47-10:47	Testing	Testing	Testing	Testing
2	10:47 - 11:19				
3	11:24 - 11:54	Lunch			
	11:59 - 12:29		Lunch	4th Per. Class	4th Per. Class
	12:34 - 1:04		4th Per. Class	Lunch	5th Per. Class
	1:09 - 1:39		5th Per. Class	5th Per. Class	Lunch
6	1:44 - 2:14				
7	2:19 - 2:49				
8	2:54 - 3:24				
Advisory	3:29 - 3:40	1st Period	1st Period	1st Period	1st Period

In other areas, new NJHS student were inducted on Monday, April 4th at a ceremony in the evening. Congratulations to the new NJHS members. I am very proud of you and look forward to your service over the next few years. Mrs. Bartolomeo is our NJHS sponsor and does a tremendous job!

CMS wishes Mr. Walton, band director, the best of luck as he left on March 28th to attend the Indiana National Guard Boot camp. He will return to CMS sometime in August. We look forward to his return and "Thank" him for his service to our country. In the interim, Mrs. Becky Krampen will be his replacement.

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team and sponsors (Ms. Kaplanis and Mrs. Dominik) for representing CMS at the state competition. Great job to all. Also, congratulations to our Band and Choir groups as they also represented CMS in amazing fashion and scored GOLD ratings. KUDOS to all involved! Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Arroyo and the Band with Mr. Walton.

Thank you to the parents who continue to drop off cases of water for students at school. It is greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, please feel free to contact the teachers, counselors, or administration if you feel there is a concern or issue that needs to be addressed. Let's work together and keep communication lines open.

Thanks again and stay safe,
Mr. Graber

Mrs. Beach
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Hello,

It is hard to believe we are in the last grading period of school year! Before you know it, the 21-22 school year will be over and summer will be here! Congratulations to all the 8th graders who will be moving on to the high school in fall. It has been a pleasure working with you and you will be missed.

A Clark Unified Game Day will be held Tuesday, May 13^h with a rain date of May 16th. Students in the Applied Skills classes and their peer mentors will be participating in both track and field events. Approximately 40 athletes will participate in this event which will be held on the Clark track.

Indiana State Alternative test, I AM, testing window opens April 4th and closes May 13th. If your child is participating in this test, please encourage them to do their best and get plenty of rest.

Is your child missing their glasses, jacket, lunch box or water bottle? If so, please have them check the lost and found located just outside the main office by door J. The table is full of missing items just waiting to be claimed.

Just a reminder tutoring is offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to receive additional help or make-up work

I want to thank all the parents, students and staff for making this year a success. All of your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed!!!

Mr. Stablein, Assistant Principal



Hello everyone!

It is hard to believe we are already in April and there are only a few weeks left in the year! With the end of the year quickly approaching, I would like to encourage all of our students to finish the year strong by staying on top of their grades.

We are in the midst of planning for several fun and exciting end of the year activities. National Junior Honor Society inductions, the 8th grade dance and awards ceremony (May 23), and the Spring play, Schoolhouse Rock (April 7-9), are just a few of the many events we have going on during the fourth quarter. We also have Ilearn testing, which begins April 18th.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the Lake Central Emergency Bucket program. The goal is for LC to have 800 buckets by the start of next school year. Buckets will cost approximately \$45 a piece. Donations can be made to the Lake Central School Corporation. Thank you in advance for your support.



Library News

Tina Genovese, Media Specialist

Congratulations to Clark's top five readers who logged their reading minutes into Beanstack! They are Sophia Bennett, Natalie Bernal, Aowynn Cooper, Derek Jones and Lily Svetlin! These students were awarded a Beanstack candy cup and have been put into the drawing to win the Superintendent's Choice books. A winner will be drawn in the beginning of April.

With the end of the school year coming up, students were notified of extremely late/missing books that they checked out and failed to return. Notices were given to students prior to Spring Break to give them ample time to search for them at home. Many students were successful in finding and returning the books to the library, however, there are still missing books out there. While the library does not charge late fines, we ask that students take responsibility for the books they have borrowed and return them so they can be used for years to come.

If you haven't checked it out, especially parents with elementary students, our UNI will be back this summer in a park near you! While the schedule has not yet been finalized, watch the LCSC website for information on dates/time/locations.

The Library looks forward to ending the year on a positive note and welcoming our new incoming 5th graders in the Fall!



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High school is right around the corner! As a middle schooler, college might seem a long way off, but there are still things you can do to prepare for this important time in your life right now. You can enroll as a 21st Century Scholar from the time you enter 7th grade to June 30th of your 8th grade year, and if you keep your grades up and meet a few eligibility requirements, you'll get money to pay for college!

After you enroll, be sure to create a student [ScholarTrack](#) account. Your ScholarTrack account is how you'll complete your required Scholar Success Program activities each year in high school and in college.

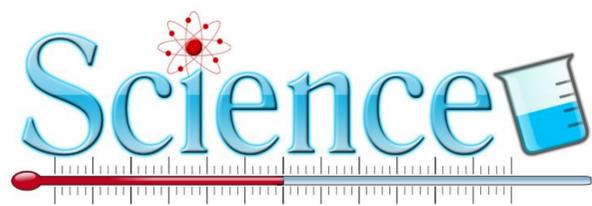
And, find tips to help you stay on track for success on Learn More Indiana's page for [middle school students](#).

To become a 21st Century Scholar, first you have to apply! To apply for the 21st Century Scholars Program, students must meet the following requirements. Once you're ready to apply, visit our [Enroll](#) page with your parent or guardian for more information.

- Be a resident of Indiana, both when applying and when receiving the scholarship (determined by the residency of the parent or legal guardian).
- Be one of the following:
 - U.S. citizen or U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island)
 - U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C (Alien Registration Receipt Card)
 - [A non-citizen](#) with one of the following designations ([Un no ciudadano](#) con cualquier de las designaciones que siguen):
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Indefinite Parole and/or Humanitarian Parole
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana public or private school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education.
 - Children in foster care may apply after the 8th grade.
 - Homeschooled students are not eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program.
- Be a member of a family that meets the income eligibility guidelines. See chart below for current income guidelines.
 - A student in foster care does not need to meet this requirement.



Middle School Golf 2022 began on April 5th at Scherwood Golf Course. We are so excited to have all of our Junior Golfers out on the course with us this season!



7th Grade Science will be covering fossil fuels and energy alternatives this April. It has been exciting discussing all the opportunities available to us to become more energy efficient even at the middle school level! The creativity and engaging conversations have added so much to our science classrooms this month.

ELA



The ELA department was lucky enough to be awarded three grants from The Lake Central Education Foundation. Below is a brief summary of the amazing things that will take place with the grant money awarded.

Mrs. Allison Castle

Six-Word Bursts of Writing

A word has the power to change your life. Think about that for a moment because it is literally an Earth-moving statement – to change your life. For more than a decade, technology has brought words into our lives more than ever before. No longer are words just what we hear, write or read – they have become what we create and how we interact with the world around us. My job as an educator is to help students realize the power of their own words. Believe it or not, many middle school students are reluctant to write- it is not exactly on their list of top ten things to do. I want to use the concept of the Six-Word Memoir which began back in November of 2006 with Larry Smith's SMITH magazine challenge asking: **Can you tell your life story in six words?** Since that launch, there has been an explosion of this microblogging activity. Writing in six words is a simple, yet creative way to get to the essence of anything- from the breaking news of the day to your own life and the way you live it. I plan to use these bursts of writing weekly with my students as an alternative to journaling and a way to build and motivate young writers. At this stage of the game, most of my middle school students are over journaling. Although it definitely has its value, I feel they need something a little different to spark their interest and keep them engaged with their writing. I will use these six-word writing bursts in many different ways ranging from book talks, reactions to events in a story, characterization, entrance/exit tickets, goal setting and reflecting, and so much more. The possibilities really are endless. I will utilize various books created by this movement to introduce the idea of the six-word memoir to my students as well as show real-life

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examples that they can connect with. Additionally, I plan to share these six-word writing pieces in various formats- sidewalk chalk outside the school, post-it notes hung around the classroom on picture lines, dialogue bubbles, cards, bookmarks, and even a large stand up chalkboard with a six-word message that will change daily within the walls of my classroom. Students will be able to document these six-word bursts of writing in a variety of formats that will be shared in diverse ways.

Mrs. Aubrey Nelson

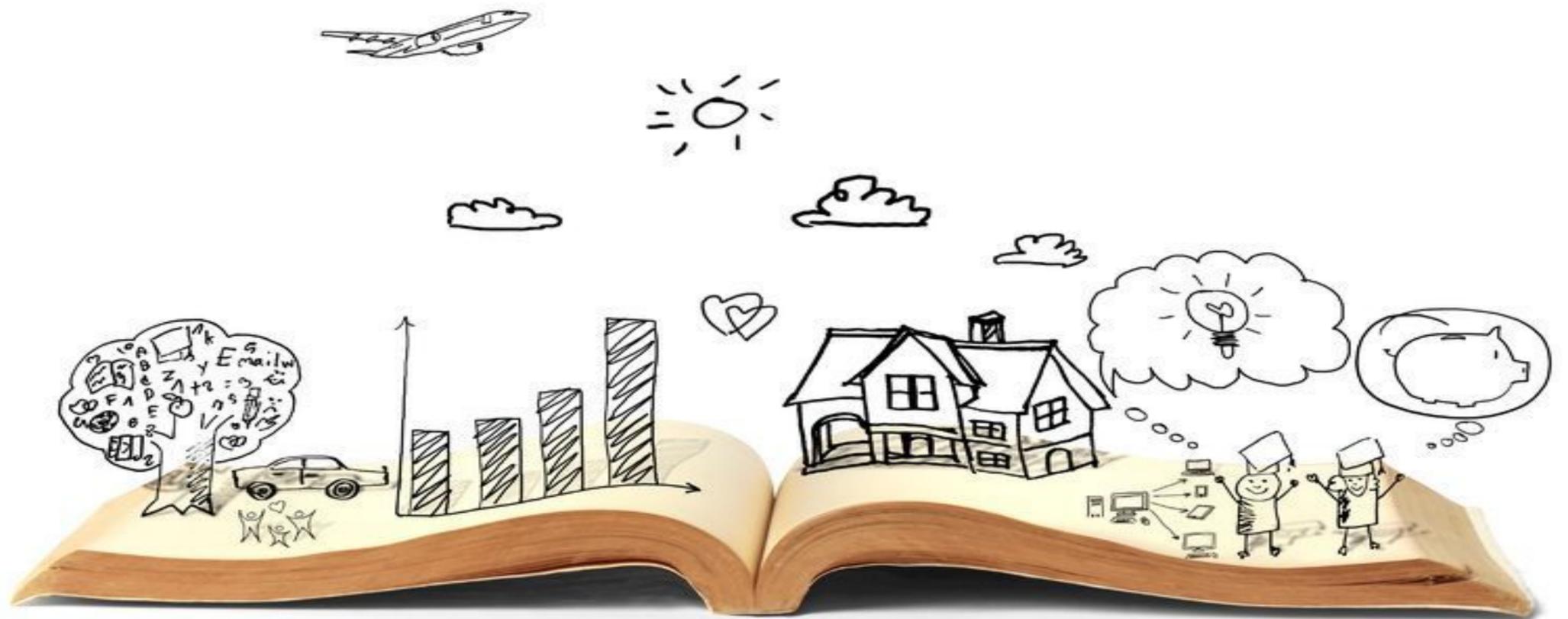
Spectacular Sequels

Summary: The purpose of this grant is to obtain sequels to the novels we read in class that are part of a series. This includes the sequels to *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, *Out of My Mind*, *Gregor the Overlander*, and *The Giver*. Grant funds will be used for purchasing sequels and additional books in the series for those novels we read as part of the curriculum to promote an excitement of reading in students and increase student engagement both in and out of the classroom.

Mrs. Laurie Rosine

Building Readers and Leaders

Project LIT, Clark's newest club, received a grant from LCEF in March. Project LIT is made up of 7th and 8th graders who gather together twice a month to read and discuss great books. During this school year, members participated in fun activities such as a Murder Mystery Dinner and cooking classes. More importantly, members collectively read 21 novels, placing them into teachers' classrooms afterward. Over 160 books have been donated to classrooms thus far for all of our students to enjoy. Members have become Book Ambassadors, sharing their love of reading with others. We thank LCEF for supporting our readers at Clark.





In the news....Our Science Olympiad teams have been working extremely hard since September in order to prepare for our invitational competition, and February 26, 2022, we loaded up and competed at regionals at Purdue University Northwest!!

Here are some sneak peeks at our fab teams in action, during competition, downtime, interacting with high school team members (Ayah Kanaan pictured), and parents/guardians who came, offered their help, donated snacks, waters, treats, and supported us in every way possible! We can't thank you enough for making this a memorable last year for some (Omar Hijaz & Logan Carroll-8th Graders who will head to the high school), and for 7th grader, Jack Crowley who will lead the pack next year as a returning 8th grader!



Omar and Logan, both 8th graders, have a passion for building/engineering, and placed 3rd in their Mousetrap Vehicle! Both gentlemen will be headed off to LC next year! As a new coach this year, they have helped not only guide me, but also the team and appreciate them more than they know! Omar has volunteered to come back to help!





Pictured above are the winners for each event. These students placed extremely well while representing Clark Middle School!

Omar Hijaz & Alma Hijaz - 2nd in Disease Detectives

Omar Hijaz & Alma Hijaz - 4th in Experimental Design

Rayana Kanaan & Nathan Barron - 3rd in Green Generation

Zoey Pigors & Natalia Bernal - 2nd in Mission Possible

Omar Hijaz & Logan Carroll - 3rd in Mousetrap Vehicle

Jack Crowley & Maddie Underwood - 1st in Ping Pong Parachute

Rayana Kanaan & Julian Jablonski - 3rd in Ping Pong Parachute

Logan Carroll & Kennadie Williams - 4th in Road Scholar

Matt Silvas & Natalia Bernal - 2nd in Sounds of Music

Trevor Walsh & Julian Jablonski - 4th in Ornithology

Ms. Kp, Coach & Mrs. Dominik, Assistant Coach

Ayah Kanaan, LC High School Science Olympiad Member who came to help, coach, guide and support students!

WE MADE IT TO STATE! This was our first year! A huge congrats to the whole team for all your efforts, hard work, and dedication! Congrats to

Omar Hijaz & Logan Carroll for a 3rd Place in Mousetrap Vehicle

James Weber & Annabelle Smedley for a 2nd place in a TRIAL EVENT in Agricultural Science!

Who will I see next year in Science Olympiad??? I'll be waiting.....Miss KP & Mrs. Dominik