



Clark Middle School

February 2024 Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM

Mr. Graber

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Happy February!

I hope everyone survived the snow storms that came through in January. Thank you for your support and understanding with the snow day as well as the eLearning days. While I understand that the type of learning might be different on an eLearning day, I appreciate your help. Since we did have a snow day, there WILL be school on February 19th.

The month of January was very informative for our 8th grade students as there was a presentation at the high school for all parents. Additionally, 8th grade students attended presentations on possible course electives from the AP Geography and World Language teachers. Students were able to ask the high school staff questions pertaining to the subjects presented. Later this month, the CMS middle school counselors will begin meeting with the students to prepare their high school schedules. A special “Thank You” to the high school teachers for their presentations.

In February, CMS will be hosting a straight “A” breakfast for our students. From first semester, I am proud to announce that we had a total of:

79 students in grade 5
61 students in grade 6
61 students in grade 7
91 students in grade 8

The 5/6 grade breakfast will be held on February 15th and the breakfast for grades 7/8 will be on February 19th. Great job!

Please assist us with our drop off procedures. Over the past few months, we have had a couple close calls with parental accidents, as well cars almost hitting students. While I understand we are all in a “hurry,” the safety of everyone is critical. We have a large school with approximately 1100 students. Unfortunately, not everyone is going to be that first car in line. Please do not speed in the lot. When dropping off, we like to have at least 4-5 cars drop off at the same time—parents, you do not need to wait to drop off right by the door. As a reminder, the corporation provides bus service to all students. I appreciate your understanding. If everyone does their part, dropping off of students will go much quicker for you.

Just a quick reminder that school starts at 8:47. Our first bell rings at 8:37. The expectation is that all students are in their first hour class by the 8:47 bell. If not, the teachers will mark the students tardy. Please encourage your child to be on time for class.

Until next month, stay safe.

Mr. Graber

Assistant Principal Mrs. Beach



Hello Clark families,

I can hardly believe we are already in February and well on our way to spring! The past two months have been full of activities and of course, a few winter weather days. Please remember that Monday, February 19th will be an IN SCHOOL day.

We are quickly approaching our February early release day. On Tuesday, February 13th, students will be released at 1:10 pm. Lunch WILL be served. Please make sure to have all necessary arrangements made for you child.

What do the couch cushions, bottom of your purse, center console, and the lint trap have in common? YOU CAN FIND LOOSE CHANGE IN ALL OF THEM! It's time for Clark's annual Penny War competition. Send in your loose change in between February 5-9 to help our school win! More details will follow in our daily announcements.

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for April 18, 19, and 20. You will now want to miss the Clark theater groups performance of **Alice in Wonderland JR.** Production is under way and we are thrilled to show you how talented our students are. Check the daily announcements on our website as the dates get closer. More information will be posted.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.
Assistant Principal
Kim Beach



**Current
7th
graders,
CHECK
IT OUT!**

Sign up by: 12/20/23

Our Trip Dates: 10/24/24 - 10/26/24

When signing up, use Trip ID: 212389

**Don't Miss this Trip! Sign up at
worldstrides.com/register
or by calling 800-468-5899**



Scan to Register

Questions? Contact: Bob Gustas at bgustas@lcscmail.com

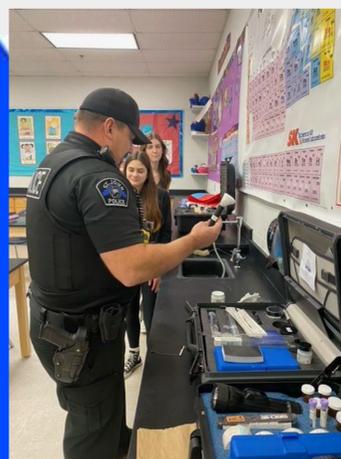
SAFETY NOTES FROM OFFICER STAMATE

Here are a few reminders for the safety of our Clark students, staff and families. Please "**SLOW DOWN**" during arrival and pickup times. Everyday we start and finish at the same time so please don't speed. Please remember the speed limit in the parking lot is 10mph. Vehicles must yield at the crosswalks for pedestrians. We have had just a few traffic complaints which have been forwarded to the St. John Police Department.

Also, we encourage all parents to use the car rider line. This is the safest procedure for your child/children. To ensure the car rider line moves safely and fluently, when the vehicles stop, please have your child/children exit the vehicle all the way down to **door K**. If your child/children has an injured leg or needs to be closer, please let us know and we can make arrangements. When one car decides not to let their child out, it holds up the entire line and process of the drop off. If you prefer to drop your child off in the parking lot, then enter from the west side. Once you come around back, turn right and park in a parking space in the back portion of the lot, **NOT IN THE CROSSWALK AREA**. Please have your child/children use the crosswalk areas only to get from the parking lot to the school. We understand time is precious but safety is the top priority. Remember, please drive slow and yield at all crosswalks so that our Clark Coyotes remain safe. We have had minimal incidents this year and thank you all very much for being safe in and around our school. It is highly appreciated by myself and Clark staff. Thank you for your time and stay safe!!



On a fun note, I had the opportunity to work with a few science classes when they were learning about DNA. I spoke with the teacher and class about how DNA correlates in the law enforcement world including fingerprints. During the presentation I had some of our Clark students volunteer to take fingerprints. I must say they all did a fantastic job and lifted the fingerprints at a 100% rate!! It was a fun demonstration and the kids had a blast. I also spoke to them about cyber security and safety with their devices. Thanks to the teachers and students who participated. You all did a great job solving the crime!!





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Kindness Week

From January 22- 26, Clark Middle School held the Great Kindness Challenge. During the week of the Great Kindness Challenge, Clark staff were on the lookout for students going above and beyond to be kind to others, or simply do a kind act. Students who were “caught” showing kindness were recognized and awarded small prizes.

Clark Coyote PRIDE:

P–Prepared

R–Respect

I–Integrity

D–Disciplined

E–Effort

Planning for High School

February brings exciting times for our 8th grade students, as they begin to plan their transition to high school! On Friday, February 9th, the counselors will meet with all 8th graders to talk about high school expectations including types of diplomas, graduation requirements and choosing elective classes, to name a few. Moving forward, on Wednesday, February 14th, the counselors will again meet with the 8th grade students to assist them as they enter their class requests for freshman year into Skyward.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to talk with their child about best class choices for high school. If parents/guardians have questions about high school scheduling, please feel free to contact your child’s school counselor.

Straight A Breakfast

On Thursday, February 15th, a breakfast will be served for 5th and 6th grade students with straight A’s from the first semester. On Monday, February 19th, a breakfast will be served for 7th and 8th grade students with straight A’s from the first semester. All students will be awarded with a certificate for their accomplishment.

The Clark Theatre Guild is proud to announce their upcoming musical. We will be doing Alice in Wonderland, Jr. April 18, 19, and 20.

The cast and crew are very excited about this production. Stay tuned for more details about times and tickets.



CAST:

White Rabbit - Jorel Velazquez
 Alice - Sophia Bennet
 Mathilda/Queen of Hearts - Natalia Bernal
 Friend 1/Small Alice - Katelyn Rybak
 Friend 2/Tall Alice - Rex LaPointe
 Cheshire Cat 1, 2, and 3 - Lena Neth, Hanna Sikora, Stella Moussetis
 Mad Hatter - Phoebe Pramuk
 Dodo Bird - Anthony Roppolo
 Doorknob - Christopher Keith
 Caterpillar - Gwen Hankin
 Tweedle Twins - Maggie White and Emma Hogan
 Flower Girls - Natalie Schneider, Ivy Belicek, Emma Hall, Megan Russell, and Giuliana Rodriguez

March Hare - Bobby Manausopoulos
 Royal Cards - Liliana Johnson, Giuliana Rodriguez, Sidra Salah, and Falynn Larson
 King of Hearts - Sully Grimler

CREW:

Kaden Puskarich	Declan Messmer
Alyssa Johnson	Austen Germeraad
Frederick Leonard	Chloe Tawlks
Emily Matthews	Morgan Hampton
Lily Svetlin	
Director - Mr. Gustas	Vocal Director - Mrs. Arroyo

Classroom door decorating competition was fierce this year. Congratulations to Mr. Brandner's advisory for coming in 1st place overall with their Starbucks cafe design!





Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Hudi's sixth grade language arts class worked with Mrs. Combis's Principles of Entrepreneurship class before winter break on a Lindt Candy project. Lake Central students came up with a new candy idea appealing to a younger target audience. It was a fun experience for both groups of students!



Best Buddies is excited to announce that we are selling shirts to support our club. Even if you are not a member of Best Buddies you can get a shirt. Shirts are available through the online store for everyone. The online store closes 2/12/2024. **CLICK BELOW TO START SHOPPING!!**



CLARK
MIDDLE SCHOOL
BEST BUDDIES
ONLINE STORE

BEST BUDDIES



Staff Birthdays

January

Vicki Fedora
Jeannie Bellar
Kim Follmar
April Tolle
Ray Clayton
Christina Arroyo
Stephanie Rosenwinkel

February

Amy Holmquist
Denea Skufakiss
Beth Szymaszek
Jeff Emond
Rebecca Maniel
Angela Craig
Shannon Pierzchalski
Tammy Hart
Jaclyn Garletts

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a December student of the month! Students are selected based on being prepared, respectful, showing discipline, integrity, and engagement.

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Bennie Cole Dominic Taffora Ian Glinski Evan Zilz Rayah Whiteman Grace Orrico-Feltz Emilija Manojlovic Giana Lucido-Brocato Brooklyn Tobin Emilee Habas	Madelyn Cochran Kate Isom Emily Mikula Conner Smith Gwen Hankins Lila Rockey Ella De Young Tyler Baldauf	Morgan Manns Michael Dorneanu Jack Szafasz Audrey Heavilon Arwen Cahill Rylan Kleminski Jonah Hardesty Austin French Claire Shires Frederick Leonard	Zoey Pigors Mo'ien Sahawneh Megan Bailey Alayna Hurley Reed Sepulveda Jackson Orlick Madeline Underwood Marlo Houk John Estep Hailey Danielson Zoey Pigors



JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a January student of the month! Students are selected based on being prepared, respectful, showing discipline, integrity, and engagement.

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Matthew Marchese Lauren Pompy Brielle Bishton Hector Alvarez Makayla Snyder Connor Skiff Blake Wasyliv Elina Ranich Natalia Cordova Ava Garletts Max Hall	Allison Sciupider Daniela Zych Cecilia Flores Gavin Hallett Nora Marlow Nora Marlow Aaron Johnson Nick Pezzuto Aubrey Hatfield Jackson Jendreas John Wojtczak Jacob Paat David Marin	Xavier Abell Natalie Schneider Joycelyn Cole Kensie Johnson Zach Yates Kaylie Schaffenberger Draven Porembe Payton Silvas	Philip Kersten Parker Sisk Alina Williams Sophie LaPointe Riley Moore Jack Spila Bobby Manousopoulos Teegan Chalmers

January Birthdays

Clark Middle School would like to wish the following students a very
Happy January Birthday!

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Avery Bruesch			Jorel Rivera Velazquez
Liam Espinoza			Jett Harper
Brady Stoming			Alyssa Stosich
Ashlyn Bolden			Samantha Smith
Charles Mann			Jesus Barajas
Alina Rodriguez	Evan Lazaroff		Adriana Rendak
Matthew Marchese	David Marin		Mo'ien Sahawneh
Dior McMiller	Adalynn Carroll	Kyton Pittman	Jaxson Konicki
Noah Sanchez	Aubrey Hatfield	Macy Schultz	Alexa Neal
Domenico Montano	Brendan Kanupke	Abdullah Taylor	Aubrey Neal
Kennedy Tiljak	Jacob Paat	Isabella Marquez	Annabelle Smedley
Jace Ahrens	Vincent DeLonjay	Adrian Mercado	Alison Pearson
Michael Maatman	Brittany Usher	Ian Gray	Alexia Snyder
Brielle Bishton	Katelin Harding	Clarisse McCaw	Mason Denton
Hunter Robertson	Toby Wiers	Addison Usher	Maximus Eagan
George Pierre-Louis	Emma Hogan	Aleksa Lukich	Deon Stafford
Brynley Alexander	Alexander Carr	Jack Crout	Zakariah Elders
Bentley Graber	Xavier Diaz	Abbie Drzewiecki	Alexia Murawski
Allison Holmquist	Nicola Pezzuto		Alayna Hurley
Samantha Perez	Lukas Neese		
Armando Lupian	Sophia Velazquez		
Sheri Grimler			
Jazaris Conway			
Niko Nikolovski			
Kaylyn Ramirez			
Noah Onik			

February Birthdays

Clark Middle School would like to wish the following students a very
Happy February Birthday!

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
William Dominik Anthony Masen Londyn Jackson Nathan Seitzinger Brody Knight Grace Karlen George Ziadat Jayden Rodriguez Brady Carbon Alaina DeBartolo Damian Munoz Jozlynn Patrick Rayfield Stringer Sophia Budzowski Oliver Chelgren Isla Sullivan Alexander Faris Silas Oswald Bryce Holzer Jesse Santos Gianna Diaz Kahle Gervais Benjamin Nguyen	Daniel Ramirez Julian Aguilera Ella Brandon Gwendolyn Hankins Aiden Kowal Javonnie Stith Mikael Hunt Kate Isom Jordan Killeen	Michael Dorneanu Jonathan Estrada Santino Santana Keilan Williams Garrett Suroviak Vanja Zakula John Bley Tyler Prospal Malik Khairallah Sophia Le Sasa Jokic Benjamin Jongsma Aubree Robertson Makkiyah Jackson-Bey Johnny Rambo Sama Musleh Blare Gatlin Jacob Hayes Kyle Velazquez	Izzabella Belicek Kennadie Williams Brooke Stokes Isabella Lira Kayla DiFilippo Helena Hasier Sophia Sanchez Jayla Munoz-Sullivan Matthew Maximtsev Christopher Belko Dominic Belko Ryan Johnston Ariannie Bravo Jeffrey Wisz Samantha Lane Sarah Lane Jaxon Gineris Elizabeth Johnson

2024 WINTER JUNIOR CENTRALETTES DANCE CLINIC



CLINIC DATE: SUN. FEB. 4TH, 2024

PERFORMANCE DATE: SAT. FEB. 10TH, 2024

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR
VISIT THIS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/2024-WINTER-
JUNIOR-CENTRALETTES-DANCE-CLINIC-TICKETS-
787844623477?AFF=ODDTCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-winter-junior-centralettes-dance-clinic-tickets-787844623477?aff=oddtcreator)**



PARENT INFO

Does your child need to leave school early? In an effort to keep Clark safe for our students and staff, please send them to school with a note stating the time of departure. Please note, students without a note will not be released to anyone outside of the emergency contact list without prior approval from the parent.

Are you looking for daily information about Clark? Visit the Clark website at <https://clark.lcsc.us/>

The announcements, which are read to the students daily, are also posted here.

The Lake Central Education Foundation was recently awarded a matching grant in order to employ a part time Administrator who will be responsible for leading fundraising efforts, developing strong community relations, and maintaining compliance among other duties. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit the Lake Central Education Foundation website at lakecentralef.org



Indiana Department of Education

How Sick is too Sick?

This information sheet is designed to be used as a general guidance for parents. If parents have medical questions, they are encouraged to consult with a healthcare provider.

Symptom	Send to School	Keep at Home
Fever	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been below 100.4 degrees and no fever-reducing medication has been taken.	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been more than 100.4 degrees.
Diarrhea	During the past 24 hours, no more than one watery stool has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, more than one watery stool has occurred.
Vomiting	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has occurred.
Eye Irritation	Eyes may be itchy, but are not red, crusty, or draining.	Eyes are pink, draining, crusty, itching, painful, sensitive to light, or student has vision changes.
Cough/Runny Nose	Slight cough or runny nose, but no fever, and the student is able to cover cough, blow nose, and wash hands.	Symptoms are severe enough that the student is unable to learn. The student has a fever, or is unable to cover cough, blow nose, or wash hands.
Rash	Rash is not draining or spreading. The student does not have a fever, and symptoms of itching are not severe enough to impede learning.	Rash is bothersome and distracting. The student has a fever or severe itching, or rash is spreading or draining.
Asthma	Symptoms are well controlled, and the student knows when to contact a school adult for assistance or the student has an asthma action plan on file at the school and is following the plan.	Symptoms are not well controlled. The student is not able to recognize when he/she needs assistance, and no asthma action plan is on file at the school.



Mrs. Gonzalez



Mrs. Danielson