



# Clark Middle School *March Newsletter 2023*

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A MESSAGE FROM

*Mr. Graber*

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Happy March! I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for spring. It seems that the older I get, the less that I enjoy the cold weather. Anyway, please take time to read this newsletter as there are a lot of exciting things happening around CMS.

**Congratulations** to our Science Olympiad team as they qualified to head to STATE! CMS wishes them well as they compete at the state level. Good luck Coach Hirschfield and Coach Dominik as well as all of the team members.

**Congratulations** to Audrey Bergman on her GOLD rating at the ISSMA Contest. She is ONLY the second student from CMS ever to place at State. She has been playing the violin since early elementary school. We are extremely proud of her and her accomplishment.

**Congratulations** to the LCMS dance team. They headed to STATE under the direction of Ms. Giedeman. These amazing dancers placed 4th in Hip Hop, 4th in Jazz, and 3rd in Poms. Great job ladies!

On February 23, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders ventured out to JAK'S warehouse for a day of STEM activities. Each student was able to use their knowledge and skills as they participated and learned about different activities and then transferred that knowledge into cars and climbing rock walls.

PLAN AHEAD FOR STATE TESTING-----On April 17- May 12, CMS students will be participating in the state mandated I-LEARN testing as well as some students with special needs who will participate in the IAM tests. The IAM testing window is from April 3 to May 12. All students are required to do a practice test in each subject area that is being tested. For example, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students will need to do a practice test in ELA, math, and social studies. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, students will need to do a practice test in ELA, math and science. In 7/8 grade both will only need to do practice tests in ELA and math. It is very important that your child is in attendance prior to the actual testing window (week before) as this is when the practice tests will be conducted. If they are absent, then the administration will need to do their practice tests with them PRIOR to them taking the tests. Our plan for now is as follows:

- Practice test given to students during their assigned subject areas on Wed, April 12 with make ups on Thursday and Friday.
- Regular testing will begin on Monday, April 17 and go through Friday, April 21. Students that are absent will need to do make up testing prior to taking their next test, so please make sure they are at school each day. Plan ahead for doctor appointments, etc. All students will test from 8:47-11:19 each day that week.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Communication continues to be an important aspect, especially at this point in the year. As I have shared with you throughout the year, if you have a concern or question about your child's grades, homework assignments etc., please check your Skyward account or log into CANVAS. In addition, please reach out to your child's teacher as that should be your first line of communication, followed by the counselors and administration.

As the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks comes to a close, the administrative team, teachers, and counselors will begin to check grades and make recommendations for students to attend summer school. This year, summer school will be held at Clark for grades 5-7. Summer school will start on Tuesday, May 30 and will run for 4 weeks. Additional information will be sent out to parents within the next few weeks.

Thanks to everyone that supported our emergency drill on March 9<sup>th</sup>. All students and staff did a great job. Special thanks goes out to the local police departments and agencies for their assistance.

Parking lot...please make sure that you wait in line if you are picking up your child. The cones are there for a reason. Cars that are cutting through the cones trying to get out early risk the chance of hitting one of our students going to their car or having an accident by hitting another vehicle. I understand that everyone wants to get out of the parking lot but please be patient—all lives are important. *Continued on next page*

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Cell phones...parents we need your help. Cell phones continue to be a problem at school. With the upcoming ILEARN and IAM testing, cell phones are NOT allowed in the classroom where testing is taking place. Consequences will be issued to those students where a cell phone is found on their person during testing time as this is a state irregularity. Please have your child keep their phone in their backpack or locker...if there is an emergency situation that arises at CMS, one of the administrative team will be in contact with you.

Thanks again for your continued help and for supporting the activities at CMS.

Until next month, stay safe.

Mr. Graber



## *Mrs. Beach* *Assistant Principal*

It is March already and the final grading period is quickly approaching. If your child needs additional help or needs to make-up work tutoring is offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am.

With the nice weather, many students are walking or riding their bike to and from school. Please remind your child to stay on the sidewalk and cross busy streets with a crossing guard. Also, students are not allowed to enter the building before 8:15 A.M. unless they are being direct supervised by a staff member.

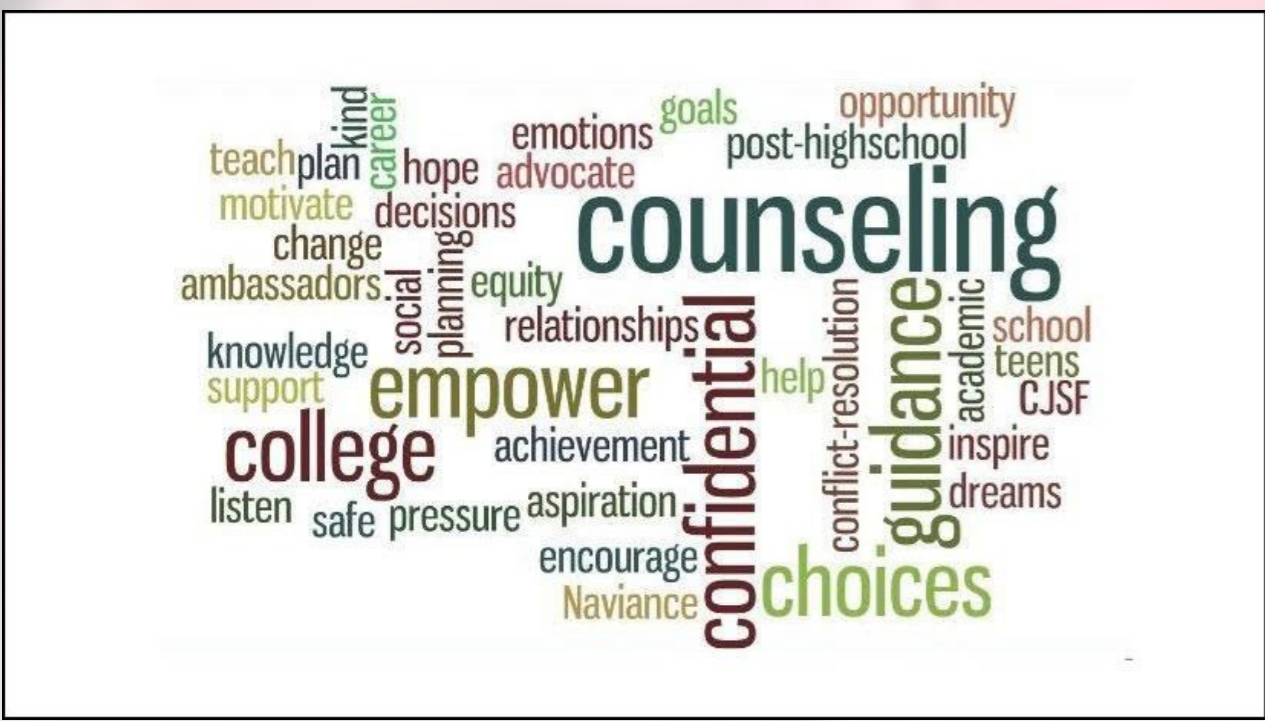
Is your child missing their glasses, jacket, lunch box or water bottle? If so, please have them check the lost and found located just outside the main office by door J. The table is full of missing items just waiting to be claimed.

Spring Break is right around the corner, I truly hope everyone takes some time to rest and relax!!!!



What is Ms. Chandler's Applied Skills class doing? Making OOBLECK of course! This sensory activity is easily made from cornstarch and water. Everyone had fun getting messy while learning a new concept.





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### 8th Grade Naviance Career Clusters Lesson

The counselors will be going into the Digital Citizenship classes on Wednesday, March 15th, to provide a career lesson through Naviance. The lesson uses a student's interests to explore career areas that make sense based on personality. The students will also be looking at careers based on the 16 career clusters. After the Naviance lesson, the Digital Citizenship classes have a career project that will be completed using some of the information from the Naviance activity.

### High School Scheduling

The counselors have been working with all of the 8th graders the past few weeks getting their schedules ready for their Freshman year at Lake Central High School. A presentation about high school diplomas, graduation requirements, scheduling, and so on, was given to 8th grade students on February 10th. All students were given paperwork to complete for Freshman year schedules and were also given some informational papers about high school. Both middle school and high school counselors went into 8th grade classrooms on February 15th to help input their elective class choices into Skyward. The middle school counselors are able to make changes to these Freshman year elective choices on Skyward until March 10th. If any changes need to be made, please have your 8th grade child contact their counselor.

### Big Thank You!

The counselors would like to give a big thank you to all of the 8th grade parents for their assistance in helping their child choose classes for Freshman year! This is the start of a big transition for these kids and having the help of their parents in this process is invaluable.

### 5th Graders to Choose Specials for Next School Year

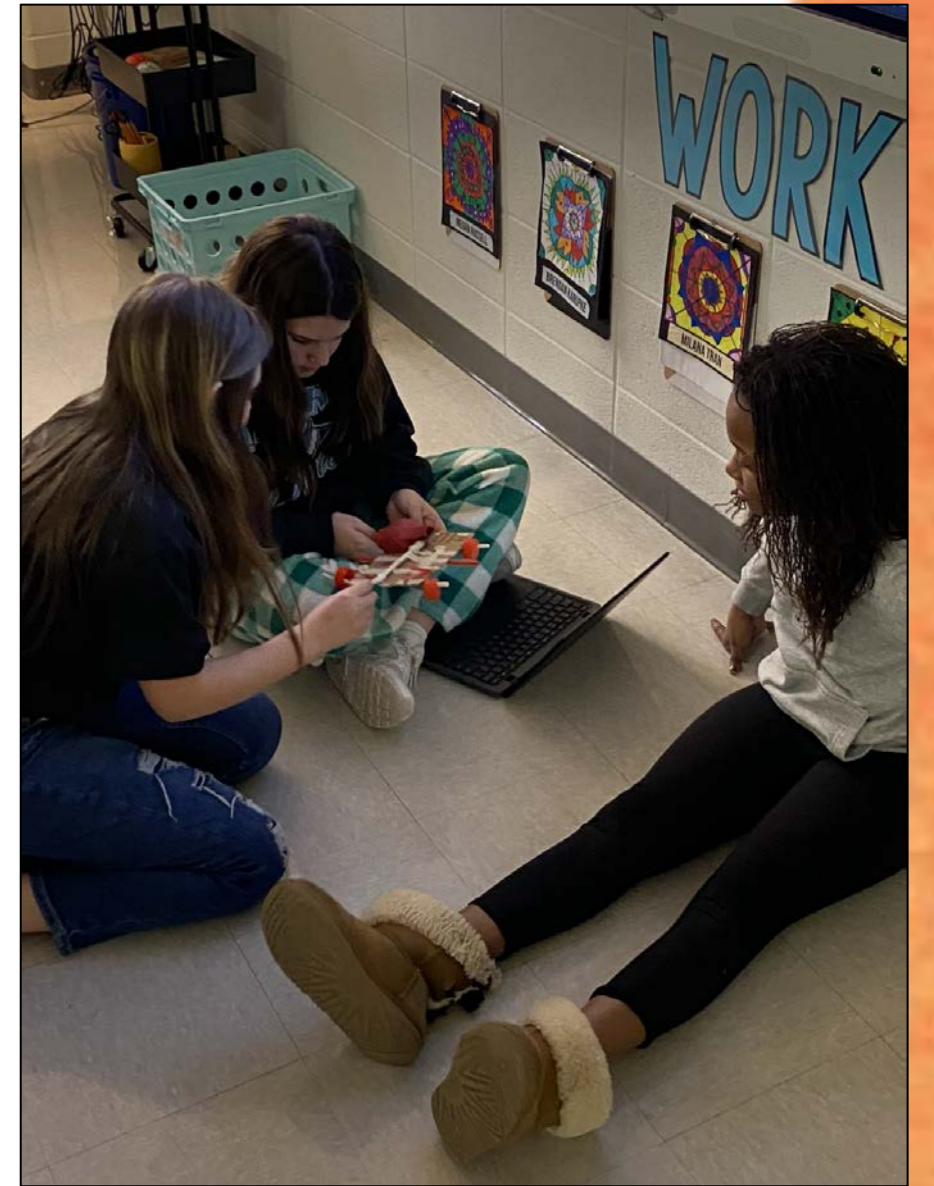
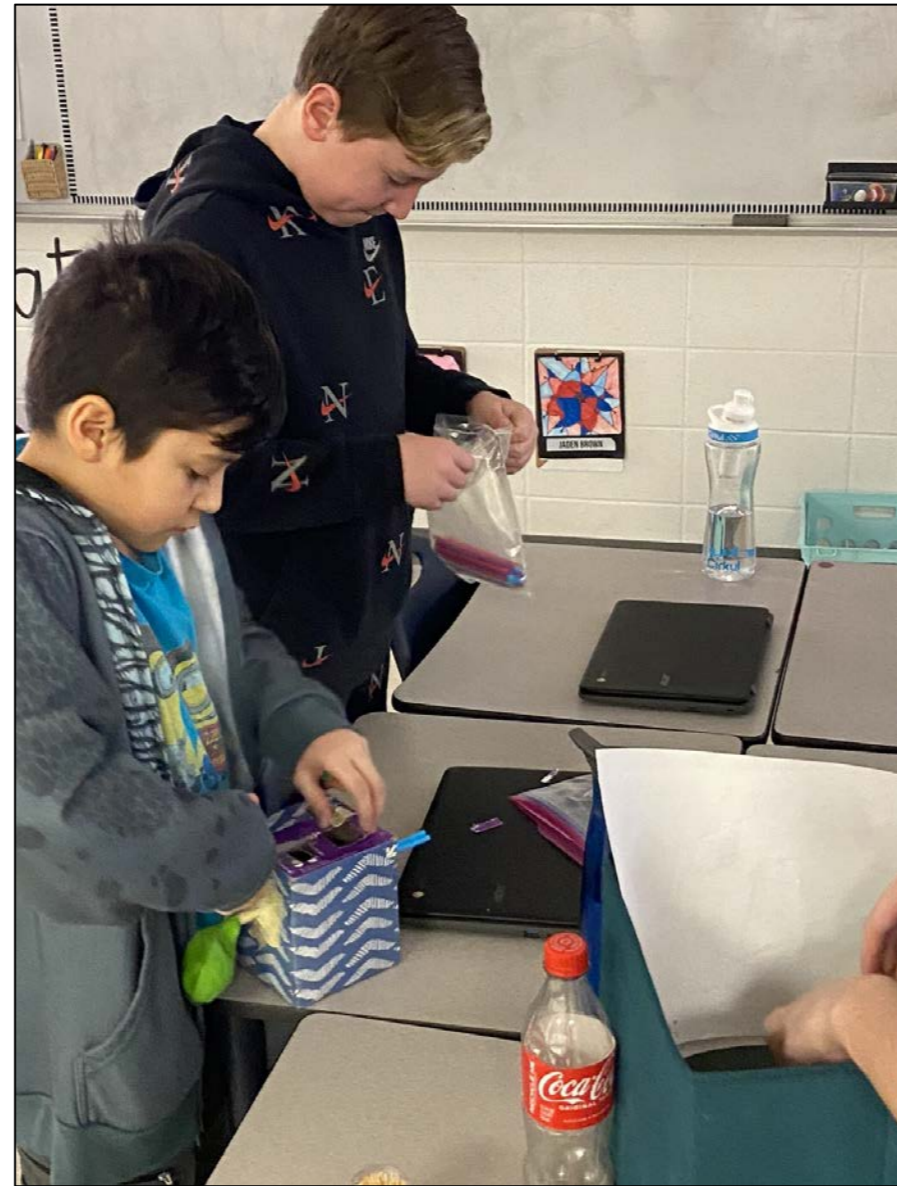
Counselors will be going into Advisory classes for 5th grade very soon to provide these students information about specials classes for next school year. Nearly all students will have a semester of Digital Citizenship and a semester of Physical Education. Students will be asked to make a decision between Band, Choir, and Project Lead the Way/Art rotation. The specials classes forms will be sent home to be filled out and for parents to sign and return to school before spring break. If any questions arise pertaining to this, please contact your child's counselor.

## 5th Grade - Young Authors *Celebrating Culture*



In recognition of Black History Month, students in Miss Bonick's Advisory researched and wrote a page for a children's book recognizing influential African Americans throughout history. Students were assigned a specific letter of the alphabet and used various resources to select an individual. Students highlighted individuals from athletes, scientists, entrepreneurs, historical figures to activists.

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Students in Miss Bonick's 5th Grade Science class, tested their engineering and design skills when asked to build a vehicle powered by wind made of only recyclable materials. Students recently read about the difference between renewable and nonrenewable resources and the steps humans can take to ensure a healthy planet.



## 5th Grade - Young Engineers *A Greener Planet*



The Math Counts team competed at Valparaiso University against other middle schools in Northwest Indiana. Samantha Bandyk, Julene Haigh, Kyle Majewski, and Garrett Burwell put forth a stellar effort in both the individual and team rounds. While at the competition, they went on a college tour and got the opportunity to see what a variety of labs and classrooms look like at the college level as well as the chance to speak with current college students about their future job interests. Garrett Burwell received a trophy for being the high scorer for Clark Middle School. All students worked hard, had a good time, and look forward to returning next year in hopes of making a run for state.





Science Olympiad is a national STEM competition, which provides standards based challenges for middle and high school students. On February 4th, the Science Olympiad team competed against 11 other Indiana middle schools in the regional tournament at IU Northwest. The team medaled in 6 events and placed 5th overall, allowing us to advance to the state tournament that will be held on March 11th at Purdue Northwest.



- Codebusters (3rd place): Stella Mousetis, Annabelle Smedley, and Rayana Kanaan
- Write It, Do It (4th place): Julian Jablonski and Morgan Dominik
- Storm the Castle (3rd place): Nathan Barron and Chloe Tawlks
- Wheeled Vehicle (2nd place): Annabelle Smedley and Stella Mousetis (Enzo Lucido assisted in the build but was not present for the tournament.)
- Meteorology (4th place): Lily Svetlin and Rayana Kanaan
- Disease Detectives (4th place): Lily Svetlin and Alma Hijaz



# Library News



During the month of February, the Library celebrated Black History Month by featuring biographies of black Americans who had a profound impact in this country's history. We hope Clark students learned about someone they may have not realized made such a great contribution to this country and/or the world. Also featured was the romance genre in light of Valentine's Day.

Beginning in March we are kicking off our "Flip into Spring" campaign. This is a fun opportunity for students to create Flip Grid video book reviews for the Library site for their peers to use when looking for a book to read. Beginning February 27, I will be talking to all of the scheduled classes in the Library to encourage students to create Flip book reviews. Links needed to record Flip and to peruse the published reviews can be found on their ELA Canvas page. Once the video is recorded, it will sit in a queue until reviewed and published to the site. Some teachers are embracing this endeavor by requiring a Flip video in place of a book chat. We hope to see the creativity in our students by creating a 1.5 minute video book review.

All students creating Flip book reviews in the month of March are eligible to fill out a raffle ticket to be eligible to win prizes. The Library is raffling off 20 McDonald's Happy Meal coupons and one grand prize, an AMC Movie basket.

Tina Genovese, Media Specialist

The week of March 6th, our 6th grade students attended a field trip to the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana. Our students have been learning about the terrible Challenger disaster that occurred in January of 1986. They learned just how special this mission was going to be, but quickly ended tragically. The Challenger Learning Center is a tribute to the men and women who lost their lives on that Challenger Space Shuttle. This field trip is unlike any other. "It's not about walking through an exhibit – looking and reading static information. It's about being immersed in the experience – being assigned to a job, working as a team, communicating, problem solving and applying math, language, science and technology skills to complete a high energy and exciting task." (Challenger Learning Center of NWI website) Reminder sheets were sent home a few weeks ago indicating when your child will be attending. We look forward to this wonderful experience with our students.



# MATH THAT MOVES YOU



Ms. Harstad's classes were moving their feet while learning math. PEMDAS is an acronym used to mention the order of operations to be followed while solving expressions having multiple operations. PEMDAS stands for P- Parentheses, E- Exponents, M- Multiplication, D- Division, A- Addition, and S- Subtraction. Students played a game similar to hopscotch to remember the order of operations!







Last month, your Clark MS Band sent 35 events to solo and ensemble and they came home with.....35 Gold ratings!!!

Participating students include:

Abbi Carney with two events  
 Addison Usher  
 Alex Zarlengo  
 Alexia Rauch  
 Anna Shawver  
 Aubrey Neal  
 Audrey Bergman with two events  
 Audrey Fealy  
 Austin French  
 Ben Szafasz  
 Braedon Sullivan  
 Brooklyn Barrett  
 Brooklyn Reynoso  
 Cameron Mosley

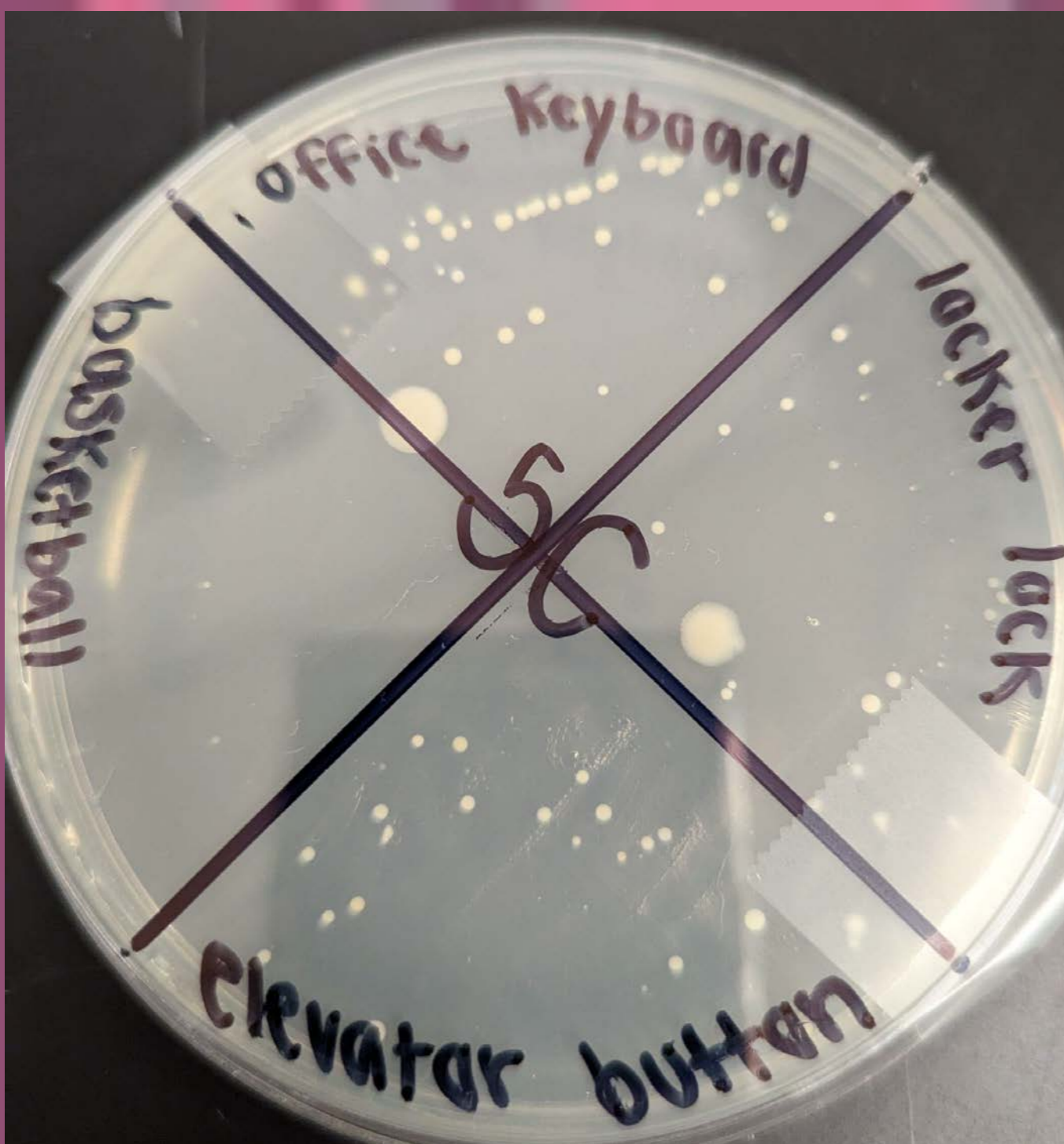
Carmen Mosley  
 Chloe Neal  
 Christian Moore  
 Derek Jones  
 Emily Matthews  
 Gabriel Ruano  
 Harper Whiteman  
 Jack Szafasz  
 Jaeden Cjzaka with two events  
 Jake Barick with two events  
 Jake Gerritsen  
 Jaxson Kerman  
 Jenna Parks  
 Jonah Hardesty  
 Joseph DeSchepper  
 Josh Sautter

Julene Haigh  
 Julian Jablonsky  
 Juniper Simmons  
 Kaden Puskarich  
 Katelyn Smith  
 Kellan DeVries  
 Lily Svetlin  
 Mabel Salmon  
 Maddie Hoff  
 Miranda Vargas  
 Natalie Schneider  
 Phillip Kersten  
 Phoebe Pramuk  
 Ryan Stabler  
 Ryland Mesko  
 Zeke Elders  
 Zoey Pigors

An extra special congratulations to the following students who were rated “outstanding in nearly every detail” in every category!

Addison Usher    Alexia Rauch    Braden Sullivan    Jake Barrick    Ryan Stabler    Jake Gerritsen

What’s “growing” on in Mrs. Guzman’s science class? BACTERIA!! Students were sent throughout the building to swab surfaces to see what bacteria would grow. That’s right, after incubation, the computer keyboard looks to be the worst. Other surfaces swabbed were, shoes, door handles, water fountains, and Mr. Clayton’s head! Remember to always wash your hands!



Audrey Bergman (8th grade) performed at STATE in a solo and ensemble performance with her violin. She played beautifully and earned a GOLD rating for an outstanding performance. Audrey is only the second student in school history to have earned a GOLD at State with a solo and ensemble. Congratulations, Audrey. We are so proud of you!

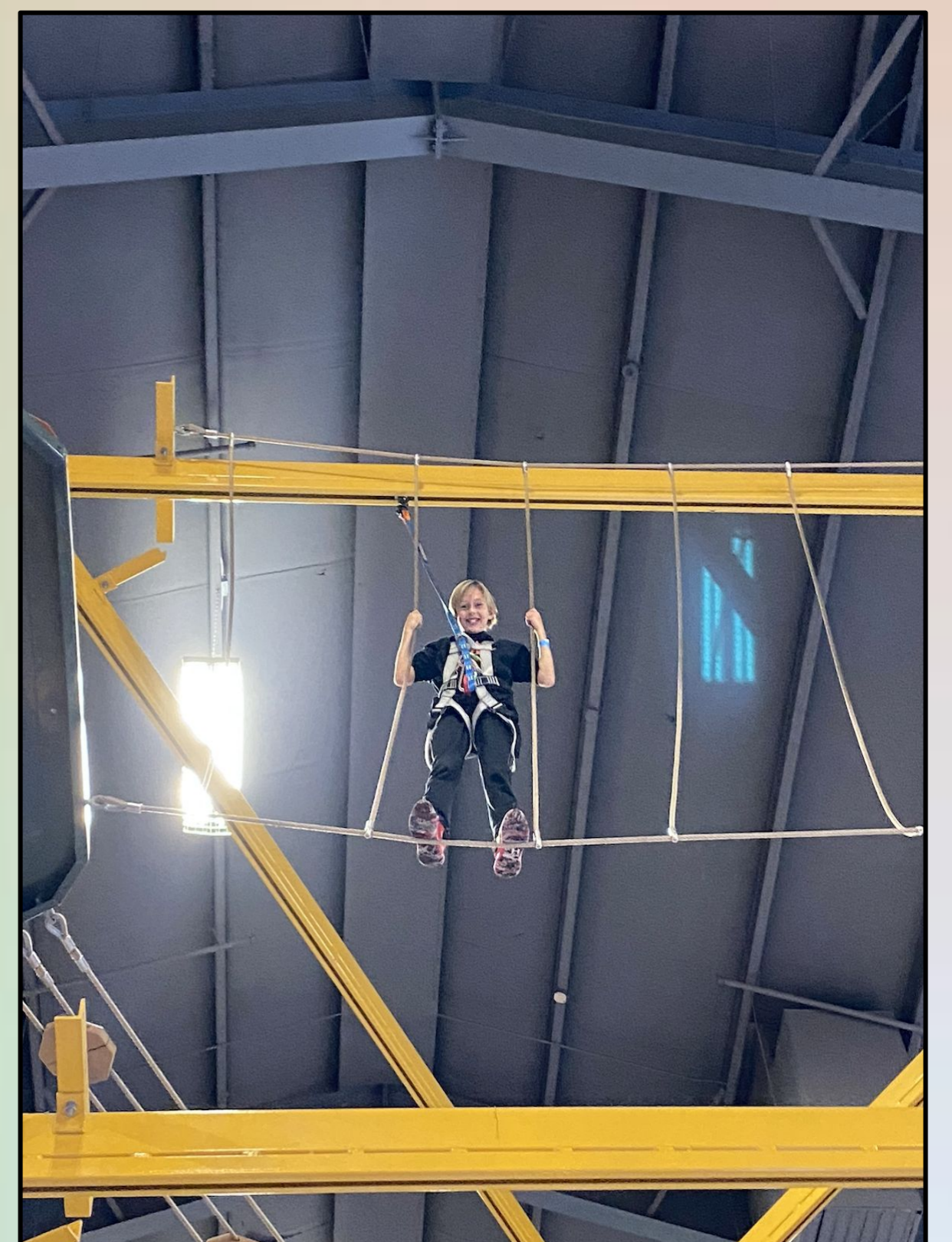


## Student SPOTLIGHT



Grady O'Shea (6th grade) has been selected to compete for Team USA in the Prospects All-Star Challenge hosted by Sports Illustrated. The top hockey players from Canada and the USA have been invited to participate in front of professional and amateur scouts. Grady has been recognized and selected as one of the top players for this Tier 2/AA hockey event. He will be competing against other USA teams from across the country and Canadian teams this July in Toronto Canada. He is very excited and we of course are very proud of him!

# 5th Grade Takes On Jak's Warehouse!



As a way to view STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) in the real world, 5th grade students took a trip to Jak's Warehouse in Schererville, Indiana. Here, students were able to see STEM in real time. From the 4D adventure, speed of a go-kart, height of a rock wall and time it takes to climb, to the various computer skills needed to create arcade games. Students had a blast facing their fears of heights and tackling the newly reconstructed Sky Trail.

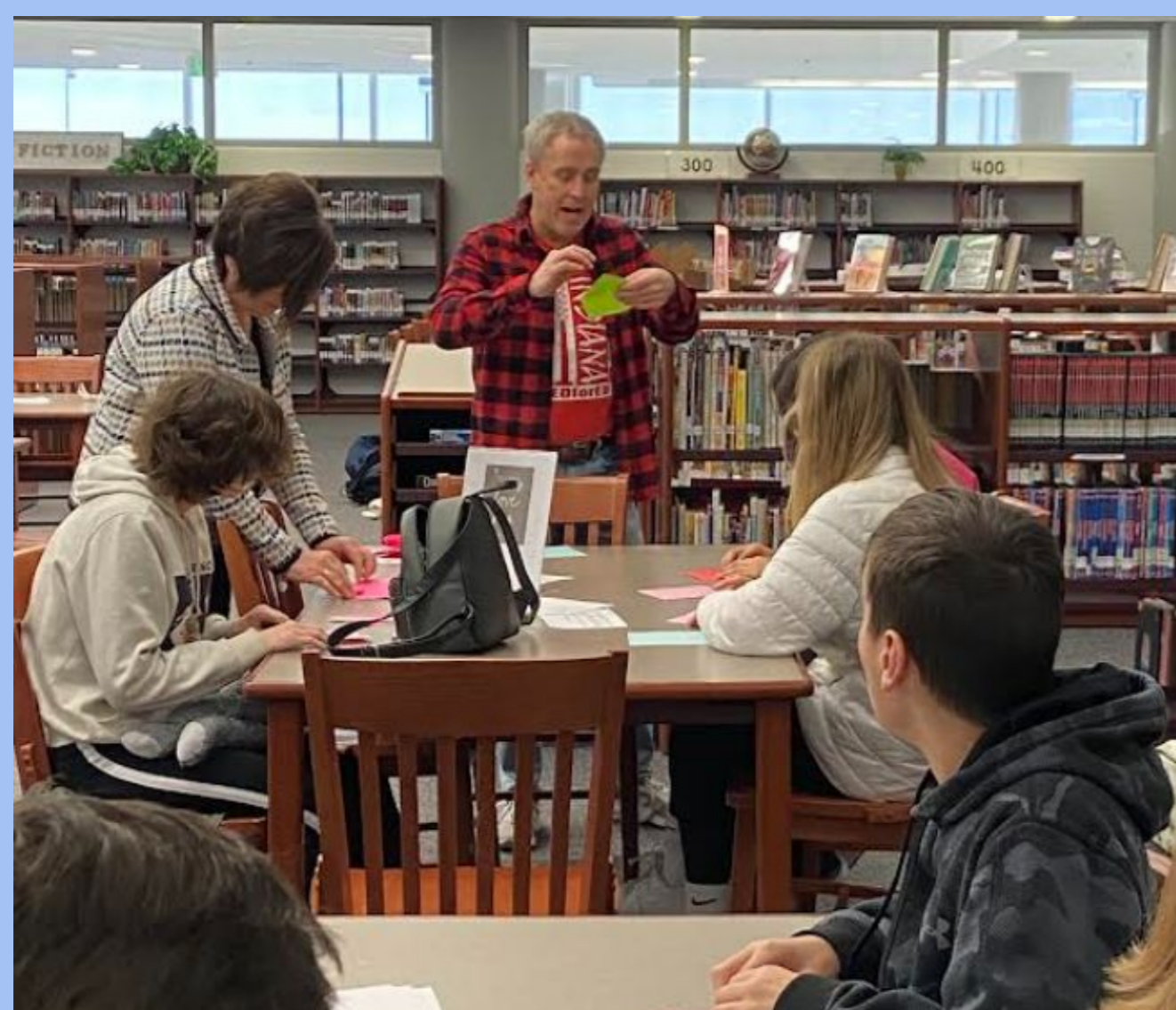
*Fifth graders gave it a two thumbs up!*



## Project LIT News

Project LIT members are finishing reading science fiction books and are planning both a Summer Reading campaign and a FlipGrid campaign. In May students can win some of our best reads of the year. Currently, all students can make a FlipGrid book talk for the library.

In February, Mr. Gustas taught some students origami, while others created valentines.

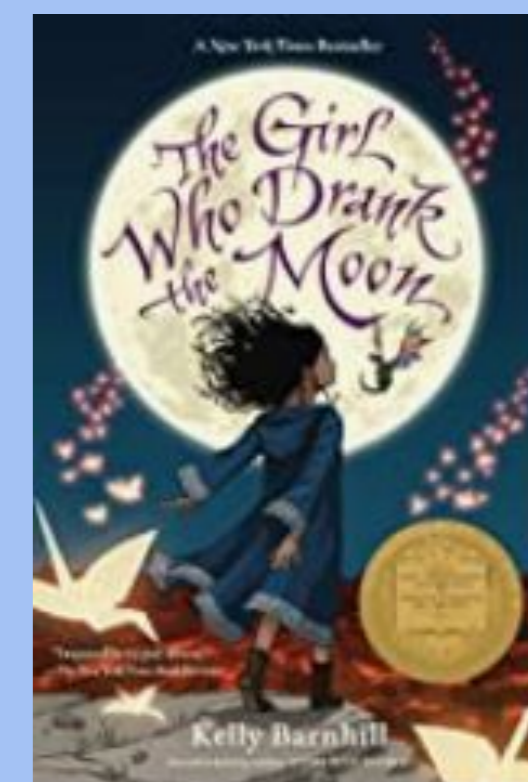
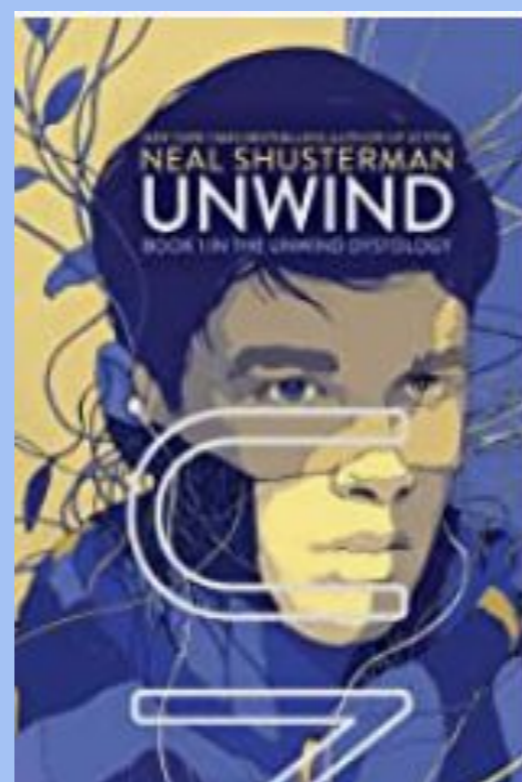
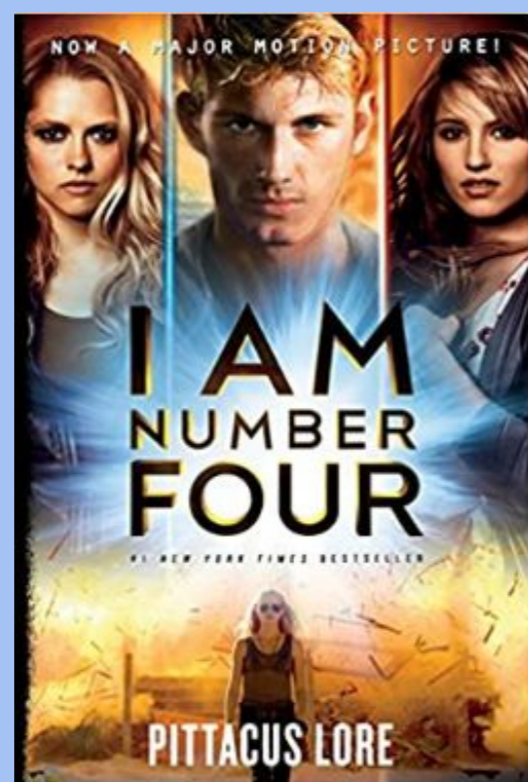
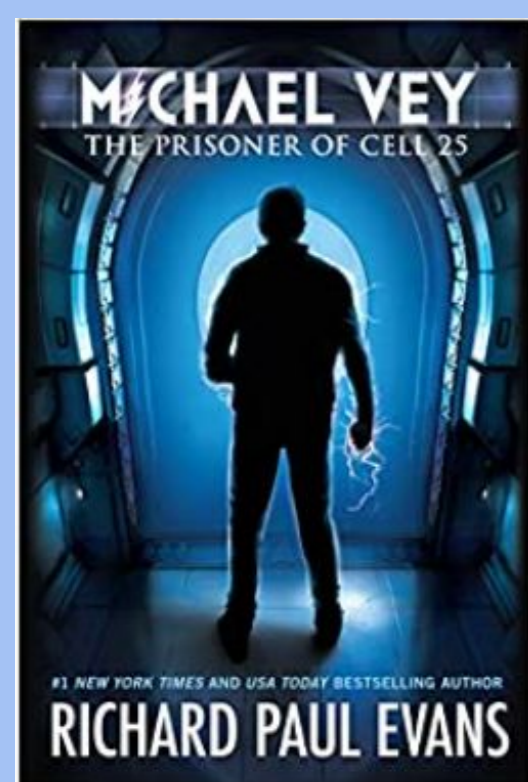


### Project LIT events:

Wednesday, March 15 8:00 AM Summer Reading Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 22 8:00 AM Discuss Science Fiction books  
Receive last book

Wednesday, May 10 8:00 AM Discuss last book  
End of year party



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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
<p>Arianna Bonilla                      Jaden Brown                      Fiona Buckler                      Dylan Clarke                      Nathan Clark                      Joseph Hurley                      Alice Lewter                      Sabrina Matucha                      Michael Mayer                      Raina McGarrity                      Elijah Myers                      Eliot Ostryznuik                      Liam Recupido                      Janella Rokita                      Vito Sochacki                      Jayden Szura                      Joseph Wojcik                      John Wojtczak</p>	<p>Xavier Abell                      Camila Alvear                      A'Vion Bates                      Ivy Belicek                      Thoman Bender                      Dallas Carter                      Emma Friesema                      Jake Gerritsen                      Akia Gilbert                      Dominick Hernandez                      Fabian Hernandez                      Isaac Hernandez                      Ava Hutton                      Aofie Koeppen                      Michael Laschober                      Shamoneii Parker                      Amy Pieta                      Ava Salinas                      Hadleigh Smith                      Jacob Socia                      Daniel Szpak                      Jaylyn Tobin                      Mira Travis                      Isabelle Zenner</p>	<p>Olivia Barisch                      Bradley Benko                      Madison Berger                      Natalia Bernal                      Carson Bokori                      Jackson Brandner                      Garrett Burwell                      Ellie Carlson                      Elliot Comparon                      Joseph DeSchepper                      Gabrielle Eggert                      Eden Gramke                      Kaylee Harwood                      Wyatt Hester                      Bryson Hines                      Quinn Hooker                      Chase Horton                      Julian Jablonski                      Kendall Keane                      Camille King                      Michael Kuchyak                      Kyler Morales                      Delilah Moreno                      Gavin Orrico - Feltz                      Kyle Panzica                      Zoey Pigors                      Gabrielle Salamanca                      Mia Snoreck                      Derek Swing                      Zachary Tyburski                      Aidan Wells                      Alyx Wernersbach                      Franklin Wilson</p>	<p>Emma Ace                      Landon Bishop                      Victoria Chavez                      Audrey Cisneros                      Khepri Cooper                      Brigid Crowley                      John Crowley                      Jaclynn Davros                      Tessa Dobrovits                      Sophie Dragos                      Mia Eastman                      Julianna Flores                      Mia Hulverson                      Jaeger Koster                      Melaina Mitrakis                      Kathleen Murphy                      Nicholas Peterson                      Benjamin Pressner                      Nathan Preusser                      Nicholas Preusser                      Averi Russell                      Liam Rykiel                      Tyler Schultz                      Isabella Siatta                      Jacob Turley</p>

## CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF

Aubrey Nelson      Lori Smith      Tina Genovese      Georgia Bissias  
 Colleen Harstad      Angela Guzman      Rachel Bolz



Clark Middle School would like to recognize the following students on having **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** in the month of **January!**

Xavier Abell Emma Ace Luke Adraneda Brady Alexander David Alvarez Giselle Alvarez Camila Alvear Brooklyn Anderson Henry Andree Sonia Andresen Jake Aniol Ambreal Anthony Octavio Avina Simona Azmy Addison Baker Alexandra Banis Alexander Barajas Jake Barick Jordan Barkowski Olivia Barsich Miranda Bates Damien Beavers Bryce Beitler Ivy Belicek Dominic Belko Bradley Benko Sophia Bennett Eric Berg Natalia Bernal Logan Biedron Rainbolt John Bley Madelyn Bley Talia Boehrnsen Blake Bogacki Carson Bokori Arianna Bonilla Ja'Mya Bradley Allison Brakebill Emily Brakebill Abigael Brennan Jaden Brown Leo Bruggeman Willow Bruggeman Zachary Brumm Giana Bukvich Garrett Burwell Arwen Cahill Noah Call Emerson Carl Nathaniel Carney Noach Carson Leah Castle Adrian Catolin Kyla Caulfield Lyla Cerkoske Nathan Clark Owen Clark Katie Cnudde Madelyn Cochran Elisabeth Colburn Elliot Comparon Delaney Condit Elizabeth Conroy James Conroy Alana Contreras Alanna Cook Ethan Cordova Reagan Cox Isabella Cruz Laurent Csanyi Josef Czajka Hailey Danielson Mason Deem	Alexander DeLonjay Kellan DeVries Victoria Dietz Kayla DiFilippo Melanija Djurich Sofija Djurich Tessa Dobrovits Madelyn Dorn Michael Dorneanu Jacob Dowling Sophie Dragos Abbie Drzewiecki John Duke Sophia Dukes Jocelyn Dunkerley Connor Durkin Ryan Durkin Olivia Dvorscak Maximus Eagan Aiden Edders Mya Edmonds Gabrielle Eggert Emberlynn Elders Zakariah Elders Nathan Ellis Camden Elmore Gerald Elmore III Jacob Emanuele Liliana Espinoza John Estep Audrey Fealey Franciszek Ferek Jakub Ferek Cecilia Flores Kaylie Folgers Liam Fontanetta Haliegh Foster Summer Foster Logan Frechette Austin French Ethan Fridrich Anabella Garibaldi Austen Germeraad Michael Gerritsen Kaylee Giddins Jacob Giegerich Mason Gilbert Landon Gilmartin Aidan Glista Noah Goeringer Jean Goggin Sonya Gomez Eva Gonzalez Micah Gonzalez Ke'mari Goss Niko Graham Gavin Green Sullivan Grimler Maci Gross Clinton Guendling Grace Gutierrez Sadie Haartman Julene Haigh Emma Hall Gavin Hallett Jonah Hardesty Antwon Hardy-Flowers JR Ammaris Harper Jayden Hartford Kaylee Harwood	Helena Hasier Avery Hawkins Jacob Hays Audrey Heavilon Alondra Hernandez Arleth Herrera Armani Herrera Edgar Herrera Isabella Heusinkveld Alma Hijaz Emma Hogan Peyton Hoogeveen Marlo Houk Ava Hutton Beckham Hutton Kate Isom Hamza Issa Samuel Jabczynski Julian Jablonski Weston Janota Alyssa Johnson Daziah Johnson Elizabeth Johnson Kieth Johnson Treasure Sasa Jokic Maxwell Jonas Derek Jones Benjamin Jongsma Kendall Keane London Keaton Deidra Keelan Jaxson Kerman Jet Kharchaf Jackson Killeen Jordan Killeen Camille King Rylan Kleminski Noah Knizner Olivia Knizner Aoife Koeppen Sienna Kostelyk Lia Kostopoulos Samuel Kostopoulos Aiden Kowal Noah Krauklis Kloe Krippel Quinn Krugman Lucy Kruit Gino Lale Vincenzo Lale Ethan Lambert Lauren Lambert Samantha Lane Sarah Lane Michael Laschober Camryn Lavery Natalie Lawrence Skylynn Lessentine Christopher Lopez Bradley Luchene Kendall Luchene Armaita Manhani 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Matthew Smith JR Lucca Sochacki Vito Sochacki Jacob Socia Alexander Sosa	Joshua Soto Richard Spisak Nicholas Stabler Ryan Stabler Declan Stiteler Luca Storino Alyssa Stosich Jayden Sufie Garrett Suroviak Lily Sveflin Derek Swing Ben Szafasz Jack Szafasz Frank Taffora Jude Taharwah Mo'Men Taharwah Ethan Tampuskas Rylan Tatum Chloe Tawlks Andrew Thiros Clayton Thrasher Alana Tipton Benjamin Tobias Cody Travis Hugh Tripp Jayda Truitt Sophia Truong Zachary Tyburski Jack Tyson Madeline Underwood Georgia Urban William Urban Abigail Urbanczyk Addison Usher Brittany Usher Sophia Velazquez Emily Vigil Sophia Vjestica Joseph Walz Anthony Washington Gabrielle Waters James Weber Aidan Wells Chloe Wermeling Maxx Wheeler Maggie White Matthew White Toby Wiers Alina Williams Kennadie Williams Jeffrey Wisz Joseph Wojcik Mark Wolfe Heidi Wright Parker Wroughton Smaragda Xidias Annalise Yanez Allison Yott Vanja Zakula Alexander Zarlengo Filip Zarozny Isabelle Zenner Zachary Zimmerman Kayleigh Zlotkowski 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Clark Middle School would like to recognize the following students on having **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** in the month of **February!!**

<p>Madison Alexander Zoey Alilovich David Alvarez Giselle Alvarez Brooklyn Anderson Octavio Avina Simona Azmy Addison Baker Tyler Baldauf Samantha Bandyk Jack Banis Alexander Barajas Jake Barick Brooklyn Barrett Damien Beavers Ivy Belicek Dominic Belko Bradley Benko Elanor Berg Brandon Bergner Logan Biedron Rainbolt Landon Bishop John Bley Kara Bley Madelyn Bley Isabella Bluett Talia Boehrsen Arianna Bonilla Ireland Bonilla Emily Brakebill Brenton Brauer-Mercurio Ariannie Bravo Abigael Brennan Jerome Burkes Garrett Burwell Hailey Canty Emerson Carl Abigail Carney Nathaniel Carney Leah Castle Serena Castro Adrian Catolin Aubree Chraca Owen Clark Madelyn Cochran Elisabeth Colburn Delaney Condit Elizabeth Conroy James Conroy Cameron Cook</p>	<p>Logan Corbett Miles Corbett Kendall Cox Reagan Cox Isabella Cruz Laurent Csanyi Josef Czajka Mariah Dattulo Gabe DeVries Xavier Diaz Kayla DiFilippo Melanija Djurich Sofija Djurich Leo Dobrovits Evangelina Dominguez Madelyn Dorn Jacob Dowling John Duke Rocco Dukes Mya Edmonds Nathan Ellis Jacob Emanuele John Estep Elliot Failor Audrey Fealey Franciszek Ferek Jakub Ferek Kaylie Folgers Liam Fontanetta Summer Foster Logan Frechette Austin French Emma Friesema Aliyah Gaitan Rowan Garvey Jake Gerritsen Michael Gerritsen Kaylee Giddins Anya Giedemann Mason Gilbert Landon Gilmartin Kalotina Ginis Gabriela Gjoreska Jean Goggin Eva Gonzalez Liam Govert Owen Graber Eden Gramke Sullivan Grimler Gavin Guillory Myles Hanson</p>	<p>Iyauna Harris Avery Hawkins Isabella Heusinkveld Bryson Hines Nathan Holmquist Quinn Hooker Marlo Houk Ava Hutton Beckham Hutton Kate Isom Hozen Jiang Kensie Johnson Maxwell Jonas Derek Jones Ravneet Kaleka Rayana Kanaan Addison Karagias Deidra Keelan Leo Keelan Philip Kersten Jet Kharchaf Rylan Kleminski Franklin Kochenash Aoife Koeppen Jaeger Koster Lia Kostopoulos Aiden Kowal Olivia Kozak Noah Krauklis Quinn Krugman Matthew Kulig Liv Labadie Gino Lale Vincenzo Lale Jake Lane Samantha Lane Sarah Lane Michael Laschober Camryn Lavery Kailani Lawson Kailynn Lawson Kemiyah Lee Williams Vivien Lenart Matthew Levinson Elijah Lopez Bradley Luchene Enzo Lucido Kaelynn Maddox David Majewski Olivia Majewski</p>	<p>Armaita Manhani Makeo Maragh Ava Marinkovich Novak Marjanovich Islaya Martinez Leo Martinez Londyn Martinez Roxann Martinez Lilyana Mata Michael Mayer Macy McDonald Logan Mencil Declan Messmer Raymond Mettert Grace Michalski Adalyn Miller Emmylou Moeller Alexander Moll Christian Moore Ethan Moore Delilah Moreno Aeiden Morford Sofia Munoz Besan Musleh Brylee Mynes Ava Naddy John Nava III Aleena Navarro Alexa Neal Aubrey Neal Chloe Neal Corinne O'Connell Allie O'Connor Lucas O'Shaughnessy Gianna Olson Kylee Onik Jackson Orlick Eliot Ostryzniuk Erica Outlaw-Lowe Jacob Paat Kylie Panzica Eliott Paul Alison Pearson Jaydan Perez Nicola Pezzuto Kytan Pittman Emma Platopoulos Gianna Pogorzelski Draven Poremba Nathan Preusser Nicholas Preusser</p>	<p>Sofia Pritchard Joshua Ptaszek Abigail Puskarich Kaden Puskarich Mckinley Radtke Allison Ramirez Alessa Ribaldo Anthony Rico Carter Robertson Roberto Rodriguez Janelle Rokita Nicholas Romeli Anthony Rossi Tristan Rothchild Mya Ruff Tyler Rybicki Jackson Safranek Mo'ien Sahawneh Adrian Sanchez Joshua Sautter Kaylie Schaffenberger Collin Scheuneman Kayla Scheuneman Hayden Schmidt Kyle Schmidt Sawyer Schoon Diem Schram Luke Schultz Max Schultz Reed Sepulveda Brody Sideris Hannah Sikora Matthew Silvas Avery Simaga Jameson Simmons Michael Sirbas Parker Sisk Katelyn Smith Matthew Smith JR Samantha Smith Lorelai Snow Isabella Socia Nikola Sparavalo Ryan Stabler Addison Steffek Luca Storino Garrett Suroviak Lily Svetlin Nathan Swanson Sienna Swanson Derek Swing</p>	<p>Jack Szafasz Savannah Szymanski Jude Taharwah Ethan Tampauskas Chloe Tawlks Abdullah Taylor Leilani Taylor Andrew Thiros Milana Tran Hugh Tripp Sophia Truong Zachary Tyburski Jack Tyson Madeline Underwood Abigail Urbanczyk Brittany Usher Jovan Uzelac Leah Velazquez Penelope Velazquez Vincent Vescovi Kevin Villalvazo Sophia Vjestica Stefan Vukas Brayden Walls Joseph Walz Andi Webb Aidan Wells Chloe Wermeling Maggie White Matthew White Harper Whiteman Haven Wilcox Aliana Williams Mariand Williams Lucas Wisniewski Jeffrey Wisz Mark Wolfe Parker Wroughton Smaragda Xidas Annalise Yanez Jonah Yannuzzi Zachary Yates Allison Yott Vanja Zakula Filip Zarozny Daniela Zych</p>
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# FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

For the month of February, Clark Middle School focused on the character trait of problem solving. Clark staff looked for students who identify solutions to problems; construct a plan and implement in order to solve problems.

Congratulations to Clark Middle School's February Students of the Month!

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Kylie Bills Cameron Cook Ella DeYoung  Novak Marjanovich  Alaina Schmidt Allison Sciupider Maggie White John Wojtczak	Kellan DeVries Austin French Owen Graber Sitota Hunt Daziah Johnson Macy McDonald Raven Preusser Isabelle Zenner	Ella Burk Honour Dojcinovski  Devin Garletts  Matthew Maskovich  Lily Mebert Arijanna Salinas	Reagan Graham Luka Manojlovic Isabella Reyes Carter Robertson Luke Schultz Conrad Szymanski

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - Math and Office Teams



### MS. COLLEEN HARSTAD - MATH

Years of Service: 16 Years at Clark: 12

Favorite color: Yellow and Pink

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite quote: "The purpose of our lives is to be happy." -Dalai Lama

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Norway

Something the students don't know about you: I taught 7th grade Social Studies at Kahler for 3 years.

Favorite thing about teaching: My students

### MRS. TRISHA PTASZEK- MATH

Years of Service: 18 Years at Clark: 3

Favorite color: Green

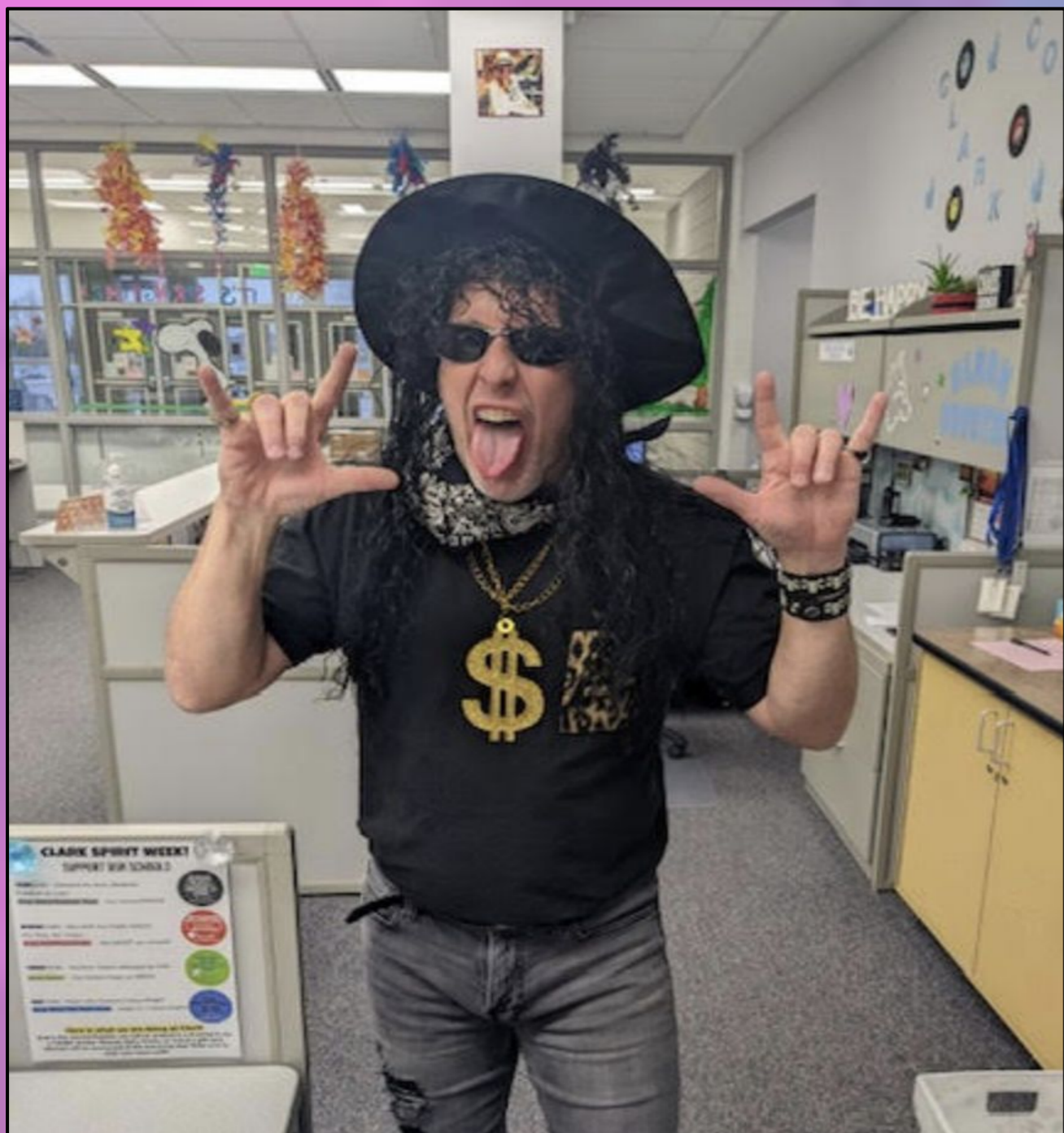
Activities you enjoy: Yoga, reading, watching my kids play tennis and hockey, traveling, and walking my dogs

Currently Reading: Good Girl, Bad Blood By Holly Jackson

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Hawaii and Costa Rica

Family: I am married with 5 kids and a small menagerie of animals

Favorite thing about teaching: My favorite thing about teaching is when students gain an understanding that makes them feel proud and confident in what they are doing. Their success is very important!



### MR. BOB GUSTAS - MATH

Years of Service: 34 years

Favorite Food: Pizza

Outside of School Activities: theatre, exercising

Something Your Students Do Not Know: I am an identical twin.

Reason You Became a Teacher: I always wanted to be an educator because I admired my 5th grade teacher so much.

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - Math and Office Teams



### MRS. MARIA RAICHLE - SECRETARY

Years of Service: 13 years Years at Clark: 12

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Activities you enjoy: Hanging at my pool (in the summer), walking my dogs, traveling, shopping, and going out for dinner!

Book you are currently reading: The Berlin Boxing Club

Favorite Quote: In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I have been to over 10 European countries, France being one of my favorites; and I been to almost every island in the Caribbean. Tahiti/Bora Bora are on my bucket list!

Family info: I am the oldest of 4 children, 2 sisters and a brother. I am married, have 2 stepchildren and my youngest daughter was adopted from China.

My students don't know: I love puzzles and board games!

### MRS. EMILY BRINK - SECRETARY

Years of Service: 5 Years at Clark: 5

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite Food: Crostini from Lorenzetti's

Activities you enjoy: Watching my daughter play sports. Reading. Crafts!!!

Currently Reading: A Stranger Inside

Favorite Quote: "What if what you think is great, really is great, but isn't as great as something greater." - Matthew McConaughey

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Hawaii is amazing

Family info: I have a 16 year old daughter (Danielle), a husband (Paul), and a new puppy (Bama), and a cockatiel (Finley) at home.

My students don't know: I have an irrational fear of parking garages!



### MRS. KAREN SULEK - BOOKKEEPER

Years of Service: 8 Years at Clark: 3.5

Favorite color: Purple or dark green

Favorite Food: Mexican

Activities you enjoy: Spartan races, running and working out

Book you are currently reading: 17th Suspect by James Patterson

Favorite Quote: To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I would love to go to Hawaii, England or Australia

Family info: This September I will be married for 22 years to Harry and we have 2 beautiful children. Madison (19) who attends IU and Zachary (17) who attends Hanover.

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - Math and Office Teams



### **MRS. JULIE MYERS - REGISTRAR**

Years of Service: 17 years Years at Clark: 6

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Pasta!

Outside of School Activities: Cuddling with my new granddaughter

Favorite Quote: "Think before you speak!"

Information about family: married over 40 years, 4 adult children, 1 granddaughter, 1 dog, 2 cats

### **MRS. ERICA CHRULLA**

Years of Service: 21 Years at Clark: 6

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Food: Eggplant Parmesan

Outside of School Activities: Reading, hiking, and shopping.

Currently Reading: My Name is Memory by Ann Brashares

Favorite Quote: "Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle" - Charles Glassman

Somewhere you have/want to travel: North Carolina

Information about your family: I have been married for 15 year and we have 3 kids, Jack (10), Norah (8), and Claire (5). Our puppy is named Rebel for Star Wars Rebels. We live in Crown Point.

Something your students don't know about you: My first job in high school was at a music store selling CDs and cassette tapes.

Reason You Became a Teacher: I always enjoyed helping others learn- especially Math and Science.

Favorite thing about teaching: Helping students gain confidence in themselves.



### **MR. JACOB BISCAN**

Years of Service: 10.5 Years at Clark: This is my first year

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Tacos

Outside of School Activities: Exercise/Playing Sports, Watching Movies and Shows

Currently Reading: The Obstacle is the Way by Ryan Holiday

Favorite Quote: "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan

Somewhere you want/have traveled to: I'd love to travel to New Zealand. It looks like a beautiful country!

Something your students don't know about you: I taught middle school Social Studies, P.E., and Health before becoming a school counselor.

Reason You Became a Teacher: I became a teacher and am now a school counselor because I feel like it's such a privilege to educate and help shape the future of our country. I really enjoy helping others and seeing my students grow academically and emotionally brings me a lot of joy and satisfaction.

Favorite thing about teaching: Helping students gain confidence in themselves.

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - Math and Office Teams



### MRS. TINA GENOVESE - MEDIA/LIBRARY

Years of Service: 7 Years at Clark: 7

Favorite Color: Cranberry

Favorite Food: Mexican and Italian

Activities you enjoy: Crafting and Shopping

Currently Reading: Where the Crawdads Sing

Favorite Quote: The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart. -Helen Keller

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Anywhere with warm temps, sunny skies and a beach

Family: I am married with one daughter who is a senior at Lake Central High School

Why did you become a teacher: I came back to work after being a stay-at-home mom for 10 years. I wanted a job close to home with the same schedule as my daughter. I was hired as the Librarian after Clark's Librarian retired.

Favorite thing about teaching: I love working with students and hearing about books they are passionate about.



COMING THIS  
APRIL TO THE  
CLARK THEATRE....

Dear Edwina JR. follows the adventures of plucky advice-giver-extraordinaire, Edwina Spoonapple, as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of buoyant production numbers for the latest edition of her weekly "Advice-a-Palooza." Edwina and her friends share wisdom on everything from trying new foods to making new friends through clever, catchy and poignant songs. **Please watch the daily announcements for more information!**

Dear  
✉ edwina  
Jr.

# 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.



Cold and Flu season is here. Please see the state guidance below.



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
<b>Fever</b>	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.
<b>Diarrhea</b>	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.
<b>Vomiting</b>	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has occurred.
<b>Eye Irritation</b>	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.
<b>Cough/Runny Nose</b>	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.
<b>Rash</b>	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.
<b>Asthma</b>	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



Ms. Rodriguez