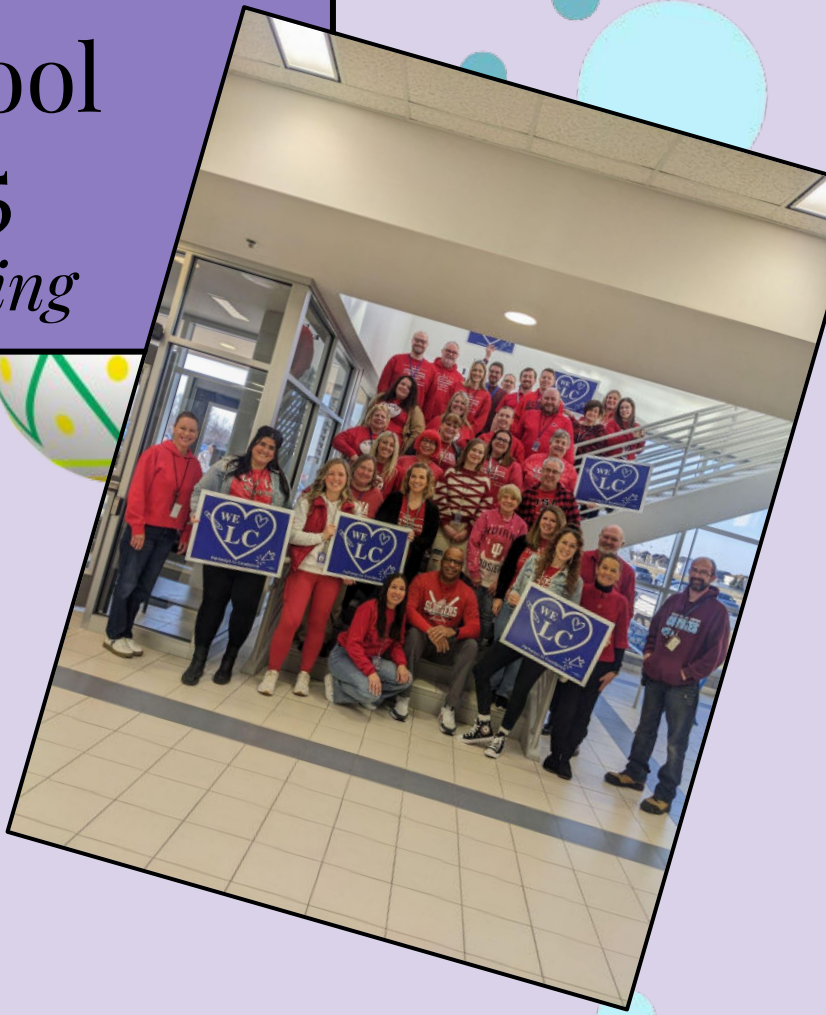




Clark  
Middle School  
April 2025  
*Dive into Learning*



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Happy April! As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to ask you to continue to encourage your child (ren) to do their best over the next few weeks. There are several items going on where we need your child to be in attendance daily, focus while at school, complete their daily assignments, and ask for help if needed.

Parents...need your ATTENTION... during the month of March, CMS experienced many issues with cell phone activity that impacted the building. Please understand that if your child is involved in inappropriate cell phone activity after school hours and later becomes a disruption to the educational process, your child could be suspended, police notified, and/or additional consequences could take place. I ask you to monitor what APPS your child is viewing, sharing with other students, etc. Many recent issues have involved students obtaining fake phone numbers, calling classmates but with a different name, creating some harassment situations, as well as visiting sites that are not appropriate for minors. So, please be diligent and continue to monitor what your child is doing on the cell phones.

April begins the state mandated ILEARN tests. The schedule for testing is below. All students need to be in their classroom and ready for the tests which will start immediately after the morning Pledge of Allegiance. Additionally, per state guidelines, all cell phones and smart watches are not allowed in the testing areas. The only exception is for students that have a medical reason, i.e. diabetics who monitor their blood sugar, and this information must be submitted to the IDOE. Students that arrive late to school will remain in the main office until the testing session is over. Once the session is over, those students that arrived late will report to the LGI and begin make up testing. So, please have your child in attendance and on time so that make-up testing is not needed. As I reviewed your child's data on recent ILEARN checkpoint tests, many of the students are only a few points away from reaching the next level: Approaching Proficiency, At Proficiency, or Above Proficiency. Our goal is for all of our CMS students to be in the above proficiency category. A couple more correct responses will provide the scores we are striving for with ILEARN.

<b>Tues, April 15</b>	<b>6th grade: Science Only</b>	<b>Thurs, April 24</b>	<b>Make-up for ELA</b>
<b>Wed, April 16</b>	<b>Make-up for Science</b>	<b>Friday, April 25</b>	<b>Make-up for ELA</b>
<b>Thurs, April 17</b>	<b>Make-up for Science</b>	<b>Tues, April 29</b>	<b>All grades Math CAT</b>
<b>Tues, April 22</b>	<b>All grades ELA CAT</b>	<b>Wed, April 30</b>	<b>All grades Math PT</b>
<b>Wed, April 23</b>	<b>All grades ELA PT</b>	<b>Thurs, May 1</b>	<b>5th grade Social Studies</b>
<b>May 2-9: Make-up for all tests</b>			



Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team and Coach Freckleton for winning the LMSAC conference tournament. Great Job! Also, our bands, Jazz and regular band, and choirs competed at the ISSMA competitions in early March. I am proud of their hard work and the GOLD and GOLD with Distinction ratings they received. Incredible job by Ms. Pintoy (sub for Mr. Walton while he was on military leave) and Ms. Arroyo for their superb leadership! Go Coyotes!

Free tutoring remains available for all students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 8:30. Students can receive academic help from any of their teachers during this time. Additionally, students can access any teacher during the week during advisory time, especially on days when there are no SEL activities.

Please keep communication lines open as we head to the final stretch of school. If needed, contact your child's teachers if there is a concern. Additionally, you can contact their school counselor or one of the administrators.

Heads-up...there is NO summer school for middle school students this year. Therefore, please plan ahead for summer activities, camps, etc.

Until next month, stay safe!

Mr. Graber



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## SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION- 3RD ANNUAL CHEESEBALL CHALLENGE

We will be having our Annual American Heart Association Fundraiser Thursday, May 8th (during the school day). Please listen to announcements regarding raising money for your favorite Team Captain or even joining a team. Clark Middle School has been the top fundraising middle school in Indiana for the last 2 years! Let's keep it going Coyotes!



2024 Cheeseball  
Champion  
Mr. Schaffenberger





## **Counselor's**

**Mrs. Churilla**



**Ms. Vail**

## **Corner**



**Mr. Biscan**

On March 31st, the counselors spoke with all the 5th grade students to talk about the upcoming changes taking place in 6th grade. Student choices for specials classes include Band or Choir or the Art/Project Lead The Way rotation. Some other changes include lockers shifting to a different part of the building and an opportunity for involvement in more extracurricular activities. There will be many exciting changes coming for 6th grade!

(A Parent Square message about this was sent to parents on March 29th)

We are in the home stretch of the school year! That is how it often feels after spring break during the final grading period. However, we do not want our students to lose momentum- we are still working toward the same goal of having a successful year. It is important to continue to put in a full effort until the finish line is reached. Finish Strong!!

ILEARN testing is an important part of this month. These academic tests are taken in order to determine each student's progress and growth every year. We always encourage our students to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast before testing days.

When parents or students are concerned over academic progress, motivation, scheduling, or emotional concerns, Clark counselors are always glad to offer support. Students can request to see their counselor through online request, via email, or by completing a form in the office.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Clark Theatre Presents...

It's time for the release of Clark's spring musical, Annie Jr!

Performances will be on April 3, 4, and 5 at 6:00 pm in the Clark LGI. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at the door! Hope to see everyone there.

# Annie Jr.



Attention 6th and 7th graders interested in Spring Football. Spring Football has begun for 6th and 7th graders at Clark. The season runs from the beginning of April until the middle of May. Practices are Monday-Friday 3:40-5:55. If you have any questions please email Coach Putman at [jputman@lcscmail.com](mailto:jputman@lcscmail.com)



Additional help can be provided by contacting:  
Adam Polsky  
[APolsky@cubs.com](mailto:APolsky@cubs.com)

<https://www.mlb.com/cubs/tickets/promotions/kids-sundays>

Parents,

Are you looking for a fun summer activity for you, your family, friends, or co-workers? If so, please see the attached link and join in the fun. CMS has partnered with the Chicago Cubs (sorry, White Sox fans) for a June 1 game against the Reds (1:20 start).

Has your child(ren) ever ran the bases at Wrigley? If not, here is their opportunity to be on a major league baseball field. Please feel free to share this link with other family members, your work group, etc....the more that attend the game, the more funds that will be coming back to CMS. Thanks in advance for supporting CMS.

# In the classroom

Carly Churilla, 6th grade, jumped head first into her most recent art project.

Mrs. Govert taught Carly and her classmates to construct, glaze, and fire a ceramic piece. This cup turned out AMAZING and we are so proud of everyone!



## World DOWN SYNDROME Day!

Mrs. Castle's, Mrs. Hudi's and Mrs. Serrato's 6th Grade ELA classes celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by creating a mismatched sock display! The chromosome pattern of Down Syndrome, which involves an extra copy of chromosome 21, is said to resemble mismatched socks.






# FREE COMMUNITY FORUM PROMOTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

*presented by Rotary Club of Crown Point*

*We all have a role in supporting youth mental health and creating a world where our young people can thrive. The Rotary Club of Crown Point has identified youth mental health as one of our key initiatives.*



**THURSDAY, MAY 1**  
**Crown Point Library**  
122 N. Main Street | Crown Point, IN  
**6-8 P.M.**

**DOORS OPEN at 6 p.m.**

Presenter resource tables,  
light refreshments, giveaways



**PROGRAM SERIES BEGINS: 6:30 p.m.**

**MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES FACING  
TODAY'S YOUTH**

Erica Rios-Corbin, MSW/LSW & Halie Gonlag, MSW/LSW  
Lake County Crisis Intervention Team Coordinators/Social Workers

**IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON CHILDREN**

Natalie Lukich, LMHC/Therapist, Crown Counseling Services

**ILLCIT DRUG AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

Patty Stovall, Founder/Executive Director, Sounds of Sarah

Parents, grandparents,  
and all adults who work with  
youth are invited!

**FREE ADMISSION -**  
**Registration requested.**  
Scan the QR code to register  
or  
Call (219) 306-5693





# Library News



Congratulations to 6th grade student, Olivia Pervan. Olivia was the winner of February's Love Your Library promotion. Students were asked to fill out paper hearts with what they loved about the Library, about a specific book, or to recommend a book they loved. One heart was drawn from the drum and a lovely note was written by Olivia. Olivia won a Valentine's basket full of goodies (*pictured*). Thanks to all the students who participated and wrote some very nice things about the Clark Library. My heart is full!

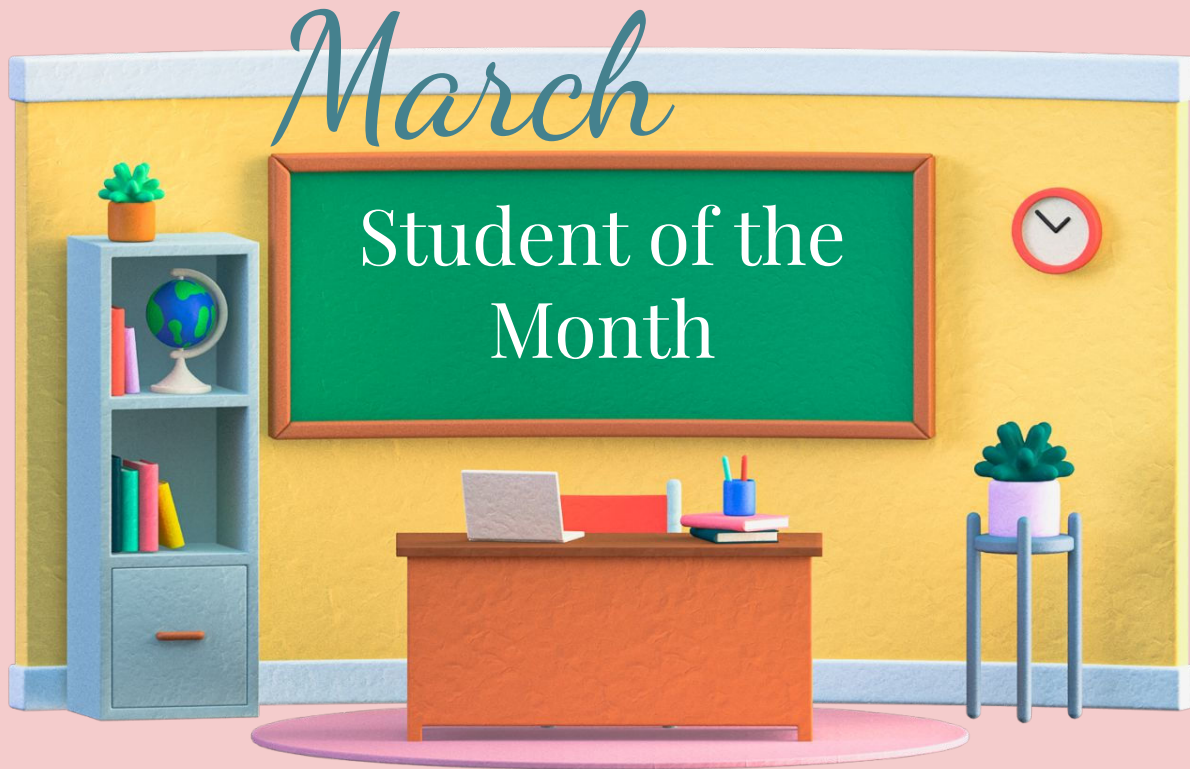
As we begin our last quarter of the 2025 school year, it's time to look for all those missing Library books! In the next few weeks, all students' Library accounts will be checked as classes filter through the Library. Students who have missing books will be given an invoice. If they find their book and return it, nothing will be owed to the Library. However, if they do not, they will be charged to replace the missing book or can buy the book they lost and bring the replacement to the Library. The book must be the same as the book that was lost. Meaning, if it was a hardcover book, that is what must be purchased.

The importance of responsibility is stressed to students at the beginning of the year when they visit the Library. Books that are *borrowed* must be returned; books that are *borrowed* also must be taken care of and returned in the same condition as when they checked it out.

Wishing all students a great fourth quarter!  
-Mrs. Genovese, Media Specialist







## 5TH GRADE

## 6TH GRADE

## 7TH GRADE

## 8TH GRADE

<p>AVA VALLADOLID            ELI MARTINEZ            EMILY CLARK            JILLIAN PARKS            CAIN SLAGER            YASER MUSLEH            VIVIAN IGNAS            ISABELLE CINGRANI            MARLEIGH LENHART            MADISON OAKES            GRACE MARCHESI            VIVIAN LE</p>	<p>GRACE ORRICO-FELTZ            ZARALL MANHANI            KENAN WASHINGTON            RAYFIELD STRINGER            CHLOE HODGES            BRYCE HOLZER            ALEXANDER (LEX) FARIS            AUBREE SCHMIDT            LAYNA REDUS            COLE MESSMER            HENRY KUIPERS            ALAINA DEBARTOLO            DOMINIC TAFFORA</p>	<p>ADALYNN CARROLL            KE'MARI GOSS            DREW SENSOR            NICK PEZZUTO            ADAM KROL            ADALYN MILLER            ADAM KROL</p>	<p>EMMA PLATOPOULOS            EVA GONZALEZ            RYLAN TATUM            A"VION BATES            EMMA FRIESEMA            MACY BLACK            NIKOLA SLAVICH            EMMA FRIESMA            ALLISON RAMIREZ            EMMA FRIESMA            SOPHIA BENNETT</p>
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APRIL 12TH 2025

6PM TO 10PM



# DUELING FOR DOLLARS



A FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY  
HELP NETWORK

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP CONTINUE TO FEED OVER  
800 LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN WEEKLY!

FEATURING:

RAFFLES  
50/50  
HORS D'OEUVRES  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



HALL OF JUSTICE  
220 S MAIN STREET  
CROWN POINT IN

SCAN TO PURCHASE \$50 GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS  
OR VISIT [WWW.COMMUNITYHELPNET.ORG](http://WWW.COMMUNITYHELPNET.ORG)





## GRANTS AWARDED TO 14 LCSC TEACHERS

Nearly \$7,500 was awarded in Grant Round #62!



*"Taking Education to New Heights"*



**Front Row:** Brian & Teena Less of the Law Office of Brian E. Less, Melody Wolff, Louise Tallent, Jennifer Miller, Kristy Bashara, Allison Castle, Tina Genovese, Tracy Chandler, Jennifer Frazier, Mark Sperling of IUN School of Education, Sue Schweitzer. **Back Row:** Alex Samuels of Scott's U-Save Tires & Auto Repair, Dawn Czarnik, Kevin Grace of Strack & Van Til, Lea Kerber, Brenna Krygsheld, Sheri Venturelli, Kayla Klein, Mike Seljan, Zack Seljan, and Adam Robertson.

Our latest Grant Round #62 was presented at the Lake Central School Board meeting on March 17th, 2025. A total of \$7,474.07 was awarded to 14 recipients for a variety of exciting educational projects:

- Jennifer Miller, Watson: Pardon my Place Value?
- Lea Kerber & Brenna Krygsheld, Bibich: Conscious Discipline Baby Doll Circle Time
- Christine Zeldenrust and Jennifer Neidy, Homan: Learning Wrap Ups: Reading Learning Palettes
- Crystal Lippie, Bibich: Sensory Regulation
- Kayla Klein, Heather Davis, and Tracy Chandler, Clark: Hal Clark Monarch Project
- Laura Rosine, Grimmer: Manga Mania in the Middle Schools
- Sheri Venturelli & Kristy Bashara, Bibich: Decodable Readers for Kindergarten & Intervention Groups
- Tina Genovese, Clark Middle School: Taylor Swift Eras Reading Challenge
- Dawn Curosh, Homan Elementary: Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)
- Alyssa Olund, Homan Elementary: Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)
- Kim Martin, Homan Elementary: Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)
- Melissa Vander Woude, Homan Elementary: Soaring into S.O.R. (Science of Reading)
- Allison Castle, Clark Middle School: Poetry in Motion
- Jennifer Frazier, Bibich Elementary: Ms. Frazier's Fonics Phun!

Thank you to all of the teachers who came out to the meeting, as well as our own LCEF board members and Partners in Education (see below for more information).

For more details on each project from Grant Round #62, click [HERE](#).





# THANK YOU 2025 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION!

Our new Partners in Education program was just launched, and we are so excited about the result! Nearly 30 businesses and individuals/families have come on board in support of the Lake Central Education Foundation, laying the groundwork for our 2025 program year. We hope to grow this from year to year so that we can do more and more for Lake Central schools. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Partners in Education.

## CHAMPION PARTNERS:



## HERO PARTNERS:



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWEST**  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



**The  
Czarnik  
Family**

## INSPIRATION PARTNERS:



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**Susan & Bill Popa**

**The Seljan Family**

## ADVOCATE PARTNERS:



## FRIEND PARTNERS:

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For more information or to support the Lake Central Education Foundation, visit [lakecentralef.org](http://lakecentralef.org). You may also contact [admin@lakecentralef.org](mailto:admin@lakecentralef.org) or (219) 682-8917.



Please join us at  
our next meeting  
as we host  
**IN\*SOURCE**  
**My Way 2 Work**  
**LC's TAP**



Lake Central School Corporation  
Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

Facebook Group: [LCSC SEPAC](#)

# Transition to Adult Life

Wednesday,  
April 16, 2025  
6:00 pm

Lake Central High School  
8400 Wicker Ave,  
St John, IN 46373  
Kay Trapp Room - Door E

Transition planning is a special kind of planning.

It involves coordinating school and non-school experiences to prepare for life after high school.

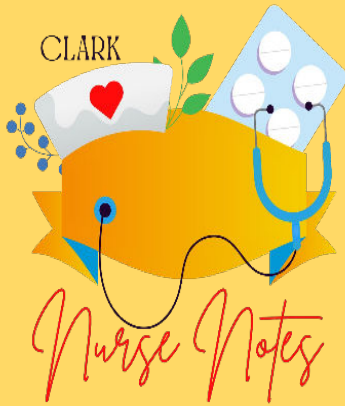
The ideal outcome of good transition planning is successful movement into adulthood.

This planning requires thinking about postsecondary education, training, and employment.

It also involves planning for aspects of independent living, like self-care, transportation, resource management, and recreational experiences with family and friends.



[www.westlake.lcsc.us](http://www.westlake.lcsc.us)



If your child has any medications in the nurse's office, please be sure to pick them up by the last day of school. Any medications that are not picked up will be discarded. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

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# SAFETY FIRST

## Parents/Guardians

When picking up your child early from school, they must have a note in the morning notifying the office of what time and who will be picking them up. Your child's safety is very important to us. Have your child bring the note to the office before going to class in the morning.

