

April

Clark Middle School Newsletter



April 3 - 6 Easter Break
April 14 - Early release

Students Leaving Early



If your child requires early dismissal, please send them in with a note stating the time you will be picking up. Students should turn the note into the office first thing in the morning, and we will issue a pass so they will be waiting in the office for you at that time.



PE Classes

Classes will be going outside if at all possible.
Please come prepared in case it is cold outside.

FROM PRINCIPAL GRABER...

Happy April. I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and ready for a great spring. It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is just around the corner. The CMS staff members appreciate your help this year as we wind down. Now that it's April, it is time for the state test called ILEARN. The state testing window is April 13-May 8 th . Please check the daily announcements for the tests that students will take each day.



Concerning the ILEARN test...

- Please have your child(ren) at school daily during the testing sessions. Most tests will finish before lunch.
- Students are not testing every day. I have built in a “regular day” during the testing week, which allows the CMS staff members to do make up testing, if needed. All tests will start at 8:47 daily as indicated on the schedule.
- All students will need a pair of ear buds or headphones. AIR PODS/Beats are not allowed for the test.
- Students can read their AR book once they finish the test.
- Due to state regulations, students are not allowed to have smart watches, cell phones, Meta glasses, or any type of electronic device in the testing area, except for their chromebook.
- All students were required to take a practice test prior to the summative tests.
- ILEARN is a computer adaptive test.

All of the summative tests are untimed. If students do not finish during the allotted time scheduled for the test, they will continue to finish their tests in the LGI.

During the week of March 30-April 3, the specials request form was distributed to the students. If your child has not returned the form, please remind them to turn it in to the main office at CMS. Students who do not submit a form will be scheduled in the rotation of classes (art/computers/gym/PLTW).

For parents of 8th grade students, the Awards Ceremony will take place on the last day of school, May 28th. If you have a family member that will be attending and cannot sit in the bleachers, please notify the main office and we will accommodate them with a chair on the main floor.

Unfortunately, we can only accommodate one family member with the individual on the floor due to the class size. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. with doors opening at 9:30. Please plan ahead as the gym is not air-conditioned. Please use Door I (gymnasium doors) to enter for the ceremony. Students must attend the awards ceremony if they plan to attend the dance later in the evening...6:00-8:00. Doors will open for the dance at 5:30pm.

And congratulations to the 2025-2026 CMS dance team!

Our CMS dance are STATE CHAMPIONS!

Please see the following accomplishments below:

NDA North Regional Championship

1st place - Jazz

1st place - Pom

Munster High School Dance Invitational

4th place - Jazz

1st place - Pom

Mount Vernon High School Dance Invitational

1st place - Jazz

1st place - Pom

Lake Central Dance Invitational

1st place - Jazz

1st place - Pom

North Regionals

3rd place - Jazz

1st place - Pom

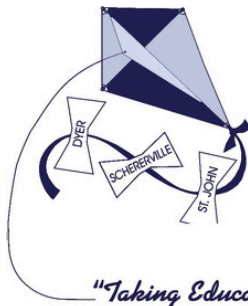
Junior High Sportsmanship Award

IHSOTA State Championship in Indy

****STATE CHAMPIONS**

Until next month, stay safe.

Mr. Graber



GRANT ROUND #64

The LCEF recently awarded nearly \$10,000 for 15 projects throughout Lake Central schools

"Taking Education to New Heights"



Grant Round #64 awardees—Front Row: Madison Dulski, Crystal Lippie, Kim Yelich, Amber O'Brien, Shannon De St Jean, Kristen Lazzaroni, Yesenia Corral. Back Row: Nick Karin, Lea Ann Kerber, Brenna Krygsheld, Joseph Correa, Julie Walker, Elizabeth Vossos, Kim Butler, Lynn Puzey

At the latest Lake Central school board meeting, the Lake Central Education Foundation awarded 15 grants to teachers throughout Lake Central schools. A total of \$9,823.07 was given in Grant Round #64 to fund a variety of innovative educational projects, impacting approximately 1,800 students:

- Crystal Lippie, Kolling Elementary: EnablingPlay\$745.70 Joseph Correa, Lake Central High School: Precision in Practice: Advancing to Professional-Grade Laparoscopic Simulations \$764.00
- Brenna Krygsheld and Lea Ann Kerber, Bibich Elementary: Independent Task Boxes \$799.18
- Stacy Bruckman and Brittany Lewis, Kahler Middle School: Project Lit Kahler Middle School \$598.99
- Amber O'Brien, Peifer Elementary: Decodable Readers \$800.00
- Yesenia Corral, Peifer Elementary: Decodable Readers \$800.00
- Shannon De St. Jean, Peifer Elementary: Decodable Readers \$558.88
- Morgan Garton, Peifer Elementary: Decodable Readers \$558.88
- Amanda Murzyn, Brittany Perry, Stephanie Trzupek, Julie Walker, and Kim Yelich, Watson Elementary: From Counting to Critical Thinking II \$769.00
- Elizabeth Vossos, Watson and Bibich Elementary: Breaking Language Barriers \$594.92
- Lynn Puzey and Kim Butler, Homan Elementary: Jingle Jangle Percussion Celebration! \$500.00
- Ashley Kostelnik, Watson and Peifer Elementary: Yard Games \$800.00
- Madison Dulski and Kari Michniewicz, Bibich Elementary: Indoor Gross Motor Equipment \$473.59
- NickKarin,Protsman Elementary:ElementaryPhysical Education Golf \$335.73
- KristenLazzaroni, Kolling Elementary: Sensory Room to Support Student Regulation and Behavior \$724.20

Thank you to all these educators for stepping up to take education to new heights for students! To see the full grant summaries, click [HERE: GRANT ROUND #64](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR TOP 2026 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION!

CHAMPION PARTNERS:

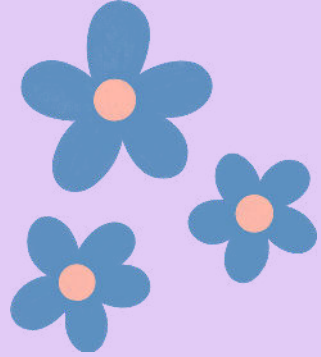


HERO PARTNERS:



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COUNSELORS' CORNER

Mr. Biscan

Miss Jacobs

Miss Vail

5th grade

On April 1st, the counselors spoke to the 5th graders about upcoming changes that will take place moving into 6th grade. The conversation focused on scheduling and classes, and students learned about specials choices for next year.

Specials forms are due to be turned in to the office no later than Friday, April 10th.



**HAS YOUR CHILD LOST SOMETHING?
HAVE THEM STOP BY OUR LOST AND FOUND.**

Library News

By: Tina Genovese

The Library hosted a craft session for Mrs. Hempenius's Applied Skills class on St. Patrick's Day. The students decorated foam Easter Eggs and enjoyed cookies. They had fun and did a great job with their craft!





NURSES' NOTES....



Parents, 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. Please see below for school medication policy and info for medication procedures for next school year. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Lake Central School Corporation Medication Guidelines

When possible, give your child medicine at home. Indiana Law 287 requires that schools observe certain regulations when administering medication to students. The following procedures must be followed and renewed each year. The complete Lake Central School Corporation medication policy is found in the Student Agenda.

Prescription Medications:

1. No prescription medication shall be given or dispensed unless a medication authorization form is signed and the medication is in the original container bearing the current pharmacy label and the child's name.
2. Written permission from the child's parent or guardian must also be on file at the school.

Non-Prescription Medications:

1. Over-the-counter medication requires medication permission form to be completed by the parent or guardian, stating the amount of medication and the hours for administration.
2. It must be brought in the original container labeled with the student's name.
3. Over-the-counter medication includes ibuprofen, acetaminophen, nasal sprays, cough and cold medication, cough drops etc..

For Self-Carry Medications:

1. Are for emergency medications only.
2. Self carry form MUST be completed and signed by physician and signed by parent/guardian and turned into the nurse's office.
3. Medication must have pharmacy label attached with instructions provided.

Please Note:

1. Medication forms are available at the school's main office, the nurse's office, or on Lake Central School Corporation/Clark's website.
2. Medications must be brought to the school and picked up from the school by a parent or guardian.
3. All medications must be picked up by the last day of school by a parent or guardian. Otherwise, all medicine will be disposed of according to the Lake Central School Corporation Medication Policy.