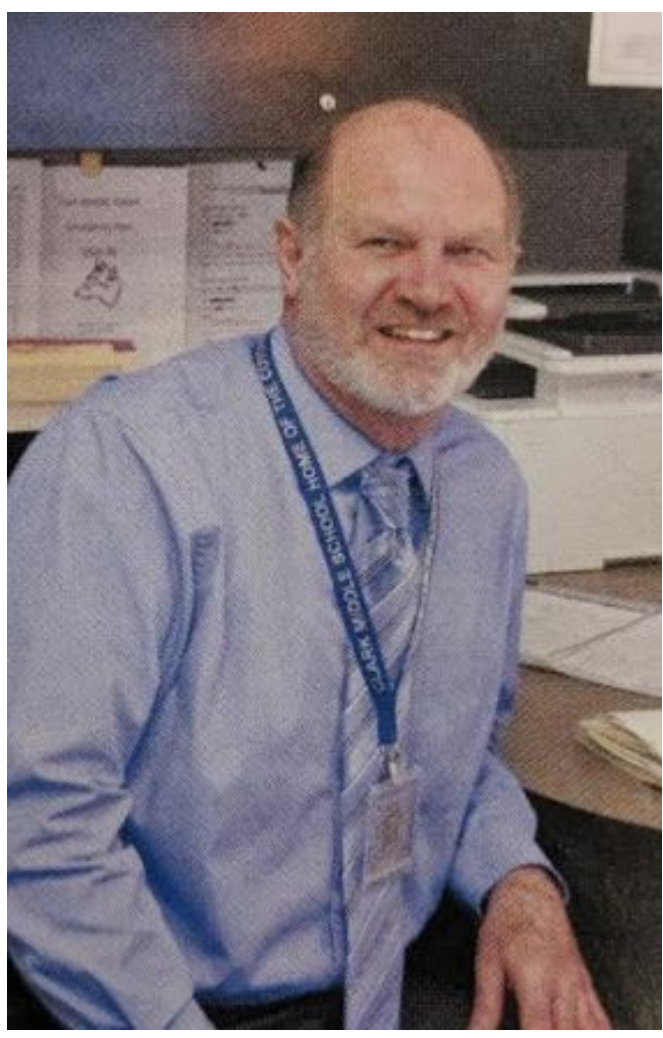




# Clark Middle School May Newsletter 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM

*Mr. Graber*

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Wow!!! As the days of the 2021-2022 school year come to a close, I want to “Thank You” for your continued support this past year. As a school, we have endured many things....coming back from a pandemic, COVID cases continuing, masks vs. no masks, Google meets, some parent conferences in person while others via technology; however, in all of the above situations, we were able to provide the support and effort as expected. So, thank you for all your help this year. Take a minute to “pat yourself on the back” as parents, staff members, stakeholders within the community, and our students. Together, the team approached survived this year.

As summer approaches, I encourage you to keep communication lines open in regard to summer items. For example, if you are moving to a new house or apartment, please make sure that you contact the school and provide the updated information as you will need to provide residency if necessary. please check the school website frequently as information will be posted there for school supply lists, open building days in August, as well as fall sports and physical dates. Also, for those students that have medical needs, please make sure that the nursing staff has updated doctor’s orders for your child prior to the start of the school year. Medical information can be provided to our school nurses who will be available on the open building days in August.

A special “Thanks” goes out to our excellent students this year that were involved in so many daily activities, concerts, clubs, sporting events, competitions, state contests, and so many more events. As principal, I am proud of our students and their accomplishments this school year. When you have over 1075 students in the building from grades 5-8, the CMS students are fortunate to have the diverse opportunities where they can let their “light” shine. Thank you for being an active part of the CMS student body.

As we bid farewell to the 2021-2022 school year, we also say “Congratulations and Happy Retirement” to Mrs. Karen Bowman, school counselor. Mrs. Bowman has served the students of Lake Central for over 3 decades while working at Kahler Middle School, Lake Central High School, and now Clark Middle School. The students and staff wish her a happy retirement. Enjoy your days of traveling, spending time with your family, your grandkids, and your place in Michigan. You have been an incredible colleague and guidance counselor. Best wishes and Thanks again for your service to Lake Central Schools.

Thanks again for your help and support this year. As you begin your summer vacations, please be safe with your travels and I look forward to seeing the students back at CMS next fall for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to email me at [sgraber@lcscmail.com](mailto:sgraber@lcscmail.com) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Take care and be safe.

Mr. Graber



# Mrs. Beach

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



As we near the end of the 2021-22 school year, please have your child check the lost and found for any missing items. Over the semester we have gathered several jackets, lunchboxes, books, water bottles, and glasses. The lost and found is located just outside the main office by door "A". Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year.

Clark's Unified Game Day will be held Tuesday, May 13th with the rain date of May 16th. Students in the Applied Skills classes and their peers 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.

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.

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. I truly hope all of you have a wonderful summer!

## Clark Athletics

For the 2022-23 school year we are changing from FamilyID to [Final Forms](#). You can find the link to register on the Clark Athletics website. After a parent/guardian registers, students need to log into Final Forms (using their school email) and complete part of the registration. [IHSA physical forms](#) can be turned into Mrs. Smith or uploaded into the "files" in Final Forms prior to tryouts/season starting. Reminder that all physicals for the 2022-2023 school year need to be dated 4/1/2022 or after. If you are having a hard time scheduling a physical exam with your child's physician, you can go to any Midwest Express Clinic or CVS Minute Clinic for a physical exam. Please make sure to take proper forms with you. We are hoping to have a Middle School Physical Night in the beginning of August also.

## Fall Sports 2022-2023

**Cross County:** Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader can participate in cross country. Optional preconditioning will take place August 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 9-11a.m. Meet at door J. Questions: please contact Coach Cooper or Coach Grimler

**Volleyball:** Any 7th or 8th grade girl interested in trying out; there will be open gym (optional) August 8th & 9th from 9-11a.m. Tryouts will take place after school August 10th (4-6p.m.) and August 11th (4-5:30p.m.) Questions: please contact Coach Hudi or Blackwell

**Football:** Any 7th or 8th grader can participate in football. Practices will start before the beginning of the school year in August. Please keep an eye out for information regarding fall sports at the end of July. Questions: please contact Coach Putman





## Mr. Stablein, Assistant Principal



Wow! It's hard to believe the end of the year is here! I would like to take a moment and thank the parents, students, and staff for making my first year as assistant principal a truly memorable one! Looking back, I have a lot of great memories!

I would also like to take a moment to wish the Class of 2022 good luck as they enter high school. I had the opportunity to work with many of these students when they first entered Clark as 5th graders. Seeing them four years later makes me proud of how much they've grown.

Finally, I would like to update everyone on the safety bucket initiative. We are so close to our overall goal of raising \$36,000 to fund the program. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to donate or have questions.

Again, thanks so much for a great year! I look forward to seeing everyone again in August.



What does Clark do on a 90 degree day? Mrs. Davis and Mr. Schassberger's 6th grade Science classes spent some time capturing the sun's energy to COOK! Our students learned about the principles of light and heat and the scientific process. They used aluminum foil and black construction paper to reflect and conduct heat from the sun, and plastic wrap to trap that heat within the box to use it as an oven. A special THANK YOU to Gelsosomo's for donating the pizza boxes for this activity!







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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! Once you're ready to apply, visit our [Enroll](#) page with your parent or guardian for more information.



After an amazing career of over 30 years in teaching and counseling, we would like to wish Mrs. Karen Bowman the best of times as she begins her retirement this June. Mrs. Bowman will be spending her summer traveling and visiting family and friends! Congratulations Mrs. Bowman and THANK YOU for all you have done!







Don't Bee Late to sign up for Washington DC - Extended payments plans available!!

Exciting news!! We still have room on our Washington DC trip next year!

Our Trip ID is 200249. Use this to sign up at

[worldstrides.com/signup](http://worldstrides.com/signup) or by phone at 800-468-5899.

Please don't hesitate to send me an email if you have any questions. My email is [bgustas@lcscmail.com](mailto:bgustas@lcscmail.com). I'm excited about this trip and I hope your child can join us!

Mr Gustas





# STOP THE SUMMER READING SLIDE

Your children have made great gains this school year in reading comprehension. Let's keep the ball rolling with fun summer reads!

## Did You Know?

According to *Scholastic*, students lose an average of 20% of their school-year gains in reading during the summer months.

in *The Power of Reading*, Stephen Krashen states that "no single literacy activity has a more positive effect on students' comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, spelling, writing ability, and overall academic achievement than free voluntary reading."





# SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FROM PROJECT LIT

CLARK'S PROJECT LIT MEMBERS VOTED ON THEIR FAVORITE READS OF THE YEAR IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU KID-APPROVED TITLES FOR THE SUMMER.

## 5th Grade



*Lila and Hadley*, Keplinger  
*Property of the Rebel Librarian*, Varnes  
*Becoming Muhammad Ali*, Patterson  
*Ali Cross*, Patterson

## 6th Grade



*The Size of the Truth*, Smith  
*Where There's a Whisk*, Schmitt  
*Broken Strings*, Walters

## 7th Grade




*I Must Betray You*, Sepetys  
*The Inheritance Games*, Barnes  
*Instructions for Dancing*, Yoon

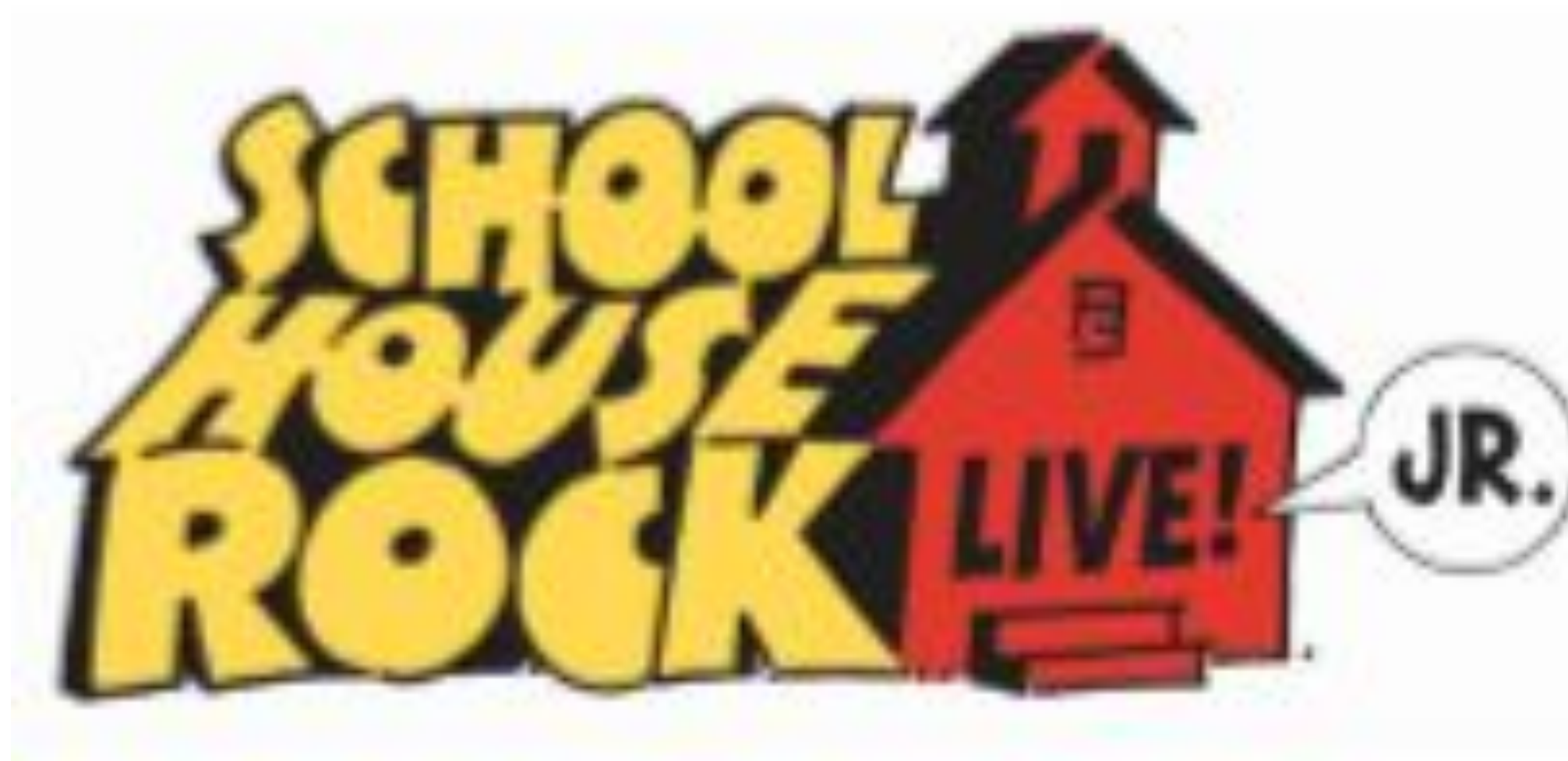
## 8th Grade



*The Girl in the Headlines*, Jayne  
*Internment*, Ahmed  
*They Both Die at the End*, Silvera







The Clark Theatre Guild performed School House Rock, Jr., Live , April 7,8, and 9 in the LGI. All 3 performances were to a sold out crowd!! The cast and crew were glad to be able to come back and perform again, to a live audience, after 2 years. Mr. Gustas and Mrs Arroyo would like to thank all the parents, staff, students and administration for coming to the show and supporting the theatre.







On Friday, May 13, 2022, Mrs. Finley’s advanced Social Studies class will participate in a virtual We the People Congressional Hearings competition. This will be the first time in three years that we’re competing!

Students work in small groups and have to present a 6 minute speech about a specific topic of the Constitution. After that, they must answer 4 minutes of questions from experts in understanding the Constitution-lawyers, professors, and judges.

Please make sure to wish the kids luck when you see them.

7th grade students are beginning work on their 4th quarter project -- THEME PARK RIDES. They are incorporating their knowledge of Newton's 3 laws into the design of a creative and workable small scale theme park ride. The creativity and variety of rides may include roller coasters, pendulum rides, ferris wheels, etc... Students are excited and energized to have this as their final project of the school year!



A friendly reminder from the Nurse's office...  
If your child has any medication and/or any supplies in the nurse's office, please pick them up by the last day of school. Any medications/supplies that are not picked up will be discarded. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!