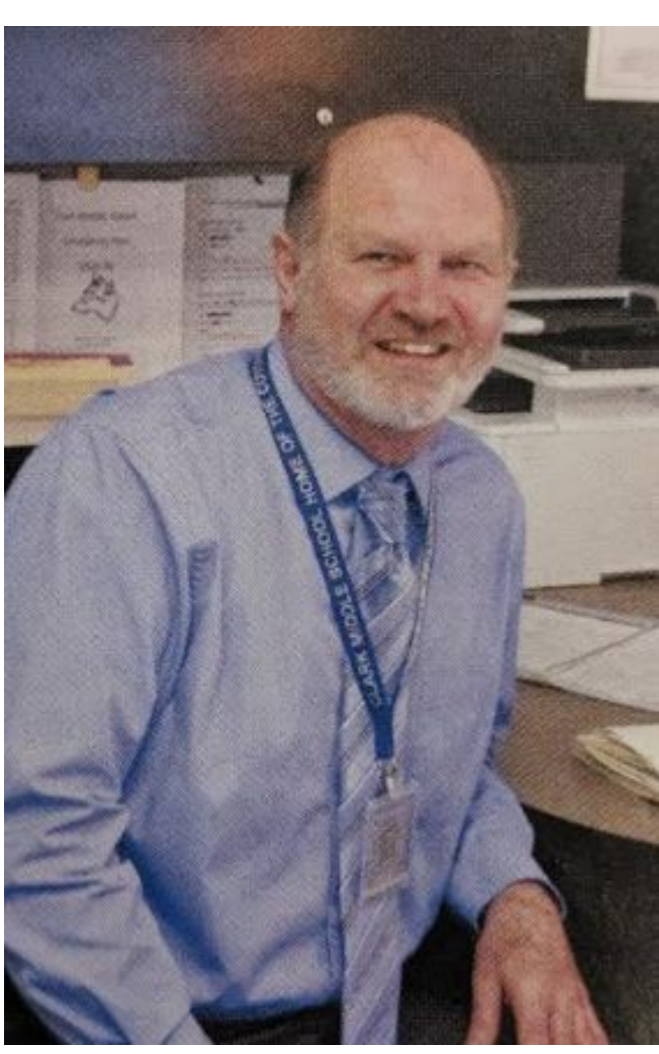




# Clark Middle School September Newsletter 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM

*Mr. Graber*

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are halfway through September. The students have been doing a great job so far and I hope their efforts, hard work, and daily attendance continue throughout the year. Thanks to the CMS staff for providing engaging and challenging lessons every day. It's appreciated.

As we begin the school year, I want to welcome the following new staff to CMS:

Mrs. Rachel Bolz—ELA teacher for grades 6/7

Mr. Michael Bratcher—Digital Citizenship teacher for grades 5-8

Ms. Callie Case—5<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Morgan Hirschfield—Science teacher for grades 7/8

Mrs. Rebecca Schultz-Maniel—teacher for students with special needs in grades 5-8

Mrs. Brandi Panozzo—teacher for students with special needs in grade 7/8

Mr. Matt Schneider—PE/Digital Citizenship/and SS grade 7

We are very happy to have our new staff join us here at CMS. They are dynamic educators and I am sure will do a great job educating your child(ren) here at CMS.

A special "Thank You" to the students that have volunteered to say the Pledge of Allegiance over the PA every morning. The students have been doing an excellent job and it's a great way to start our mornings. Students can sign up in the main office and then I do a random drawing every Friday to see who is doing the pledge the next week. Students have appreciated the little ice cream token as well for helping out. Thanks again for your help.

Our Open House was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> and thanks to the parents, we had a FULL HOUSE. The front and back parking lots were filled. Hopefully if you attended, you were provided with information that will provide success for your child this year. If you ever have a question, please reach out to the teacher first, then the counselor and finally the administration. In most cases, the teacher will be able to solve or provide the necessary information for you. However, please understand that the administration and counselors are also available if needed. If a conference is requested, we are able to do them in-person or via a Google Meet. Please let us know what works best for you.

Riley's Children's Hospital is one of our major fundraisers for the school year. Over the next few months, we will be having some "fundraising opportunities" and I hope that you will be able to

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support CMS. Our goal is \$1.00 per student, so we need to raise \$1081.00. More information will be provided in our announcements and over the PA for the students.

Early release ½ days are back. Our first early release day was September 13th followed by October 11, November 8, December 13, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9th. Students will be dismissed at 1:10 on these days. Lunch times vary so please see the information below:

6 <sup>th</sup> grade: 9:55 -10:23	8 <sup>th</sup> grade: 11:01-11:29
7 <sup>th</sup> grade: 10:28-10:56	5 <sup>th</sup> grade: 11:34-12:02

Tutoring began on September 6 and continues every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the year. Tutoring is from 8:00-8:30 and students can see any teacher where they want extra help. In most cases, it might be a 1 on 1—depending on how many students show up. Tutoring is designed for students to come and ask the staff questions about the “how to’s” of completing a problem. In most situations, subject area teachers can assist all students pertaining to their subject. For example, Mr. Putman (SS) can help all grades levels with Social Studies related questions. Students do not have to go to their assigned teacher unless they choose to.

Alert Now Messaging System.... At Clark, we primarily use the *Alert Now* messaging system to contact parents in the event of an emergency or a way to communicate important information. Just so you are aware, at times, we send the information via an email or voice mail message. Please take a moment to check Skyward to ensure that your most current phone number and email address are on file. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Fall sports are well underway and the kids are doing phenomenal. If you have time, please stop by and watch an exciting volleyball, football, or cross country meet. In addition, the cheerleaders and dance teams perform at most of the football games. The schedules for the fall sports teams are available on the school website. We love to have your COYOTE support.

Until next month, stay safe. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the administrative staff members if you have a question or concern.

Mr. Graber



**–BE A PART OF THE CLARK PTO–**

The Clark PTO is looking for parents who would like to join and help make CMS a great place to work and learn! If you are interested, please join us at any of the following meetings.

October 4	Nov. 1	Dec. 6
Jan. 10	Feb 7	March 7
April 4	May 2	

All meetings will be held at 9:30 AM in the main office



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### **5<sup>th</sup> grade Bullying Presentation**

On September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the school counselors gave a presentation on bullying to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students met in the LGI, where the counselors engaged the students in conversations about what bullying is and how to try and prevent it..."Speak Up, Reach Out, and Be A Friend"

### **New Student Breakfast**

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the counselors, along with administrative staff and cafeteria staff, held a breakfast for students new to Clark Middle School/LC district. The cafeteria staff prepared a pancake and sausage breakfast for students to enjoy. Students participated in a couple of "get to know you" activities. It was a great opportunity for students to get to know each other. As the breakfast ended, each new student received some Clark "swag"!

## **21st Century Scholars**

To become a 21st Century Scholar, first you have to apply! To apply for the 21st Century Scholars Program, students must meet the following requirements. Once you're ready to apply, visit our [Enroll](#) page with your parent or guardian for more information.

- Be a resident of Indiana, both when applying and when receiving the scholarship (determined by the residency of the parent or legal guardian)
- Be one of the following:
  - U.S. citizen or U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island)
  - U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C (Alien Registration Receipt Card)
  - [A non-citizen](#) with one of the following designations ([Un no ciudadano](#) con cualquier de las designaciones que siguen):
    - Refugee
    - Asylum Granted
    - Indefinite Parole and/or Humanitarian Parole
    - Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana public or private school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education.
  - Children in foster care may apply after the 8th grade.
  - Homeschooled students are not eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program.
- Be a member of a family that meets the income eligibility guidelines. See chart below for current income guidelines.
  - A student in foster care does not need to meet this requirement.

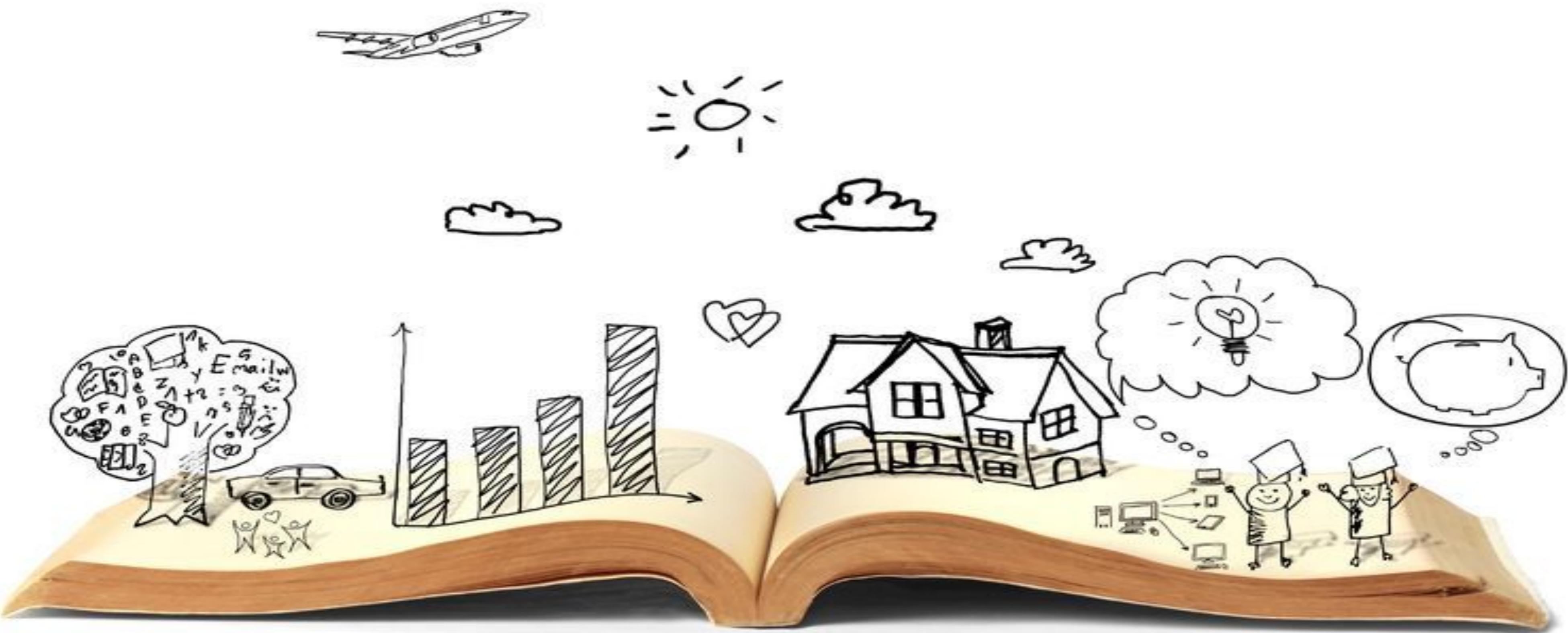


## Project LIT News

Project LIT's 22-23 school year started on August 17 with 46 enthusiastic 7th and 8th grade members. Our first novel theme was "Books to Film." While snacking on movie theater candy and popcorn, we discussed our first novels: *Divergent*, *Five Feet Apart*, *A Tale Dark & Grimm*, and *The Hobbit*. All students agreed that the books were better than the movies.

Our second round of books are mysteries. Students chose among *Rot & Ruin*, *Ali Cross: Like Father, Like Son*, *The Clackity*, *Truly Devious*, and *The True Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein*. We will celebrate our mysteries on October 26 with an after school Murder Mystery Dinner, where members have to actively solve a crime!

Books for Project LIT are provided by both our Lake Central Education Foundation and our LC Libraries. We want to thank LCEF and Mrs. Arens for their support. After reading the books, they are placed into Clark Middle School E/LA classes for all students to enjoy. Thanks also to Project LIT parents who provided snacks.





## Attention Clark Families:

The Veterans Day video is being updated, and we'd like to include more Coyote families this year. To make that happen, we need your help. If you have pictures or short video clips of family members who are U.S. Veterans, send them to Mr. Magdziarz at the email below. Please include name of the veteran, relation to student/staff member, branch of service, and other relevant information.

Deadline for pictures is October 28.

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# 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.



Mrs. Gonzalez



Mrs. Danielson



Ms. Rodriguez

The Clark Nurses office is open from 8 AM - 4 PM to help keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

September notes from the nurses...

Vision screening will take place on October 18th during the school day. All students will be screened and communication will be sent home if necessary.