



# **Clark Middle School**

## ***November***

## ***Newsletter***

## **2022**



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A MESSAGE FROM

# Mr. Graber

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Well, it's amazing how quickly the year is passing by. As the weeks go by it's hard to believe that we are almost ready to celebrate several holidays or special events in November and December. For those that will be celebrating, please enjoy the time with family and/or friends. If traveling, be safe.

Thanks for your continued support. The CMS staff continues to challenge your son/daughter daily whether it be in regular, high ability or special needs classes—all are challenged to do their best. Parents, please continue to check Skyward for updates on how your child is progressing in school. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher, counselor or administrator. Naturally, your child's teacher should be the primary contact in regard to academic related questions. If a conference is necessary, we can do them in-person or via Google Meet.

A huge "shout out" to all students in regard to their acceptance of ALL kids at CMS. I am proud of their efforts, especially our peer mentors, who work with our students with special needs. The bond that is formed over the year is priceless and the "learning" that occurs provides all students with a different outlook on life, so THANK YOU!

As we move through the year, there are numerous activities that will be taking place at CMS or LCHS. I encourage you to check the school website for detailed information pertaining to events, times and locations. For example, this year the holiday band and choir concerts will be held at LCHS to accommodate the patrons. Our Thanksgiving break will begin on Wednesday, November 23rd and students will return on Monday, November 28th.

Over the past few weeks, the administrative team has been dealing with a lot of cell phone related issues. I ask you, as parents, to please monitor your child and their activities on their cell phones. It seems that Snap Chat, private group chats, and other Apps seem to be causing numerous problems because the children do not realize the ramifications/repercussions of their actions. Any help from you in this area would be appreciated.

Are you interested in a part time job? If so, please fill out an on-line application on the LC website. There are many openings for bus drivers, paraprofessionals, substitute nurses, kitchen help, and daily substitutes. We would love to have you become part of the LC family.

The safety cones in the parking lot are there for several reasons. The main one is student safety. On several occasions recently, several cars have driven right through the cone areas. Our goal for all students is to walk across the parking lot where there is supervision by either Officer Nick Stamate, SRO, or Mr. Graber, principal. If you are picking your child up and want to cross where there is supervision, please do but wait on someone to assist you with crossing. On December 6th, all 5 th grade students will be participating in CogAT testing. Students that have already been identified in high ability will not have to complete testing in that area. Depending on how a child scores, the student may be required to do additional testing (IOWA tests) to determine if they qualify for high ability. Once a child qualifies in 5 th grade, the student will be able to take high ability classes for their duration of time at CMS. If a student qualifies in math, we also place them in the high ability class for science; if they qualify in ELA, we place them into the Social Studies class as well. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Letters were mailed to all parents in October regarding the upcoming tests. Until next month, stay safe.



Hello,

It is hard to believe we are already in November. In just a few short weeks the holiday season will be here and winter will be upon us.

Speaking of winter, winter sports have officially begun!!! We would love for you to come out and support the Clark Coyotes. Best of luck to all the athletes and coaches!!

With the time change, it is getting dark early and many students are walking or riding their bike to and from school. Please remind your child to 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 directly supervised by a staff member.

Just a reminder tutoring is offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to receive additional help or make- up missing work.

Did your child come home without their glasses, jacket, lunch box or water bottle? Did they misplace a book? If so, please have them check the lost and found located just outside the main office.

Over Fall Break, I had the pleasure of chaperoning 32 8th grade Clark students on the Washington D.C. trip. We were on the go the entire time and I can say with confidence, students made memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all the students for your exemplary behavior.



***Mrs. Beach***  
***Assistant Principal***







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### **Personal Safety Presentations**

Per Indiana law, every year schools need to provide a personal safety lesson for students. The goal of this law is to help children better recognize appropriate vs. inappropriate behaviors and use their critical thinking skills to make safe and healthy choices. This year's lesson will go over some of the warning signs for abusive situations, provide information about healthy relationships and personal boundaries, and cover online safety issues middle school students may encounter. 5th and 6th graders will be given a formal presentation by the school counselors outside of the classroom and 7th and 8th graders will be shown an informational video in their Advisory class. A letter will be distributed to parents by the corporation soon providing the dates of these presentations.

### **7th Grade Naviance Career Lesson**

The counselors will be going into the Digital Citizenship classes each semester to provide a career lesson through Naviance. This particular lesson with 7th graders has them looking at how they learn best. Students will be taking a survey and based on their answers to the questions asked, they are given all sorts of information on learning styles that work best for them and recommendations on how to help them study better.

### **Academic Assistance**

The school counselors provide ongoing academic assistance to their students throughout the school year, especially to those that are really struggling. Grades for the 1st nine weeks of the year are now available to be viewed on Skyward. If you feel that your child needs some extra support in academics, please reach out to your child's counselor. We are happy to provide tips and suggestions to students and provide any pertinent resources to parents/guardians that could help facilitate student success in the classroom!

Lake Central High School Field House Open for Walking on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

St John, IN - October 20, 2022

Lake Central School Corporation will permit access to the fieldhouse for walking on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM from November 14, 2022 through March 22, 2023. There will be no walking during winter break (12/26/22 - 1/8/23 resuming on 1/9/23), or on any school holidays.

Also, on November 16 and February 1, there are large athletic events taking place so the parking lots will be busy on those evenings.

Visitors should park in the front of the school near the pool and enter through Door C, turn right, and sign in prior to entering the fieldhouse. Walkers will be asked to sign an injury waiver upon entering the facility for the first time.



# OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

For October, Clark Middle School focused on the employability skill set of time management and organization. Clark staff looked for students who were getting to class on time, using time in class wisely, keeping track of their materials, and completing assignments in a timely manner.

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

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Vincent Delonjay Emily Mikula Beckham Hutton Hugh Tripp Lena Neth Ava Hulverson Maci Goeringer Eliott Paul Adalynn Carroll Liam Recupido	Emma Graber Emma Friesema Sophia Truong Amy Pieta Rylan Kleminski Allison Yott Ava Hutton Hadleigh Smith Arianna Martinez	Khloe Lehman Anna Brumm Garrett Burwell Madeline Underwood Wes Lalach Keith Johnson Ella Burk Lauren Lambert Lily Svetlin Kenley Lalach Evelyn Kaminski Corinne O'Connell Ashtyn Adams Amariyana Flores	Loghan Alvarez Elizabeth Conroy Anthony Washington Isabella Siatta Matthew White Jocelyn Dunkerley Jack Crowley





# November Birthdays!

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

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Brady Alexander Bryce Beitler Reagan Cox Logan Frechette Ke'mari Goss Caleb Gurley Gabriel Hawkins Matthew Levinson Londyn Malloy Nolan Mosar Megan Russell Lily Schriner Brody Sideris Ava Slmpson Nikola Sparavalo Cody Travis	Sophia Bennett Emerson Carl Noach Carson Cameron Carthron Stephanie Davis Glenn Gervais Aiden Glista Courtney Hajduk Sitota Hunt Brianna Jacobs Grace Johnson Leo Keelan Aiden Lopez Macy McDonald Declan Montalbano Erica Outlaw - Lowe Gianna Pogorzelski Vivian Polusky Anthony Rico Damion Rodriguez Tyler Rybicki Juniper Slmmons Abigail Urbanczyk Thien Vu Stefan Vukas Mark Wolfe Collin Wood Mariah Woods	Dru Barkauskas Dylan Berger William Brach Ella Burk Morgan Dominik Xavier Garcia Austin Germeraad Lana Gibson Jacob Giegerich Jaedon Gonzalez Gavin Guillory Sadie Haartman Philip Hupke Roxann Martinez Ava McQuillan Orueta Cruz Addison Osika Kaden Puskarich Ishmeet Singh Coleton Sullivan Noah Yamat Alexander Zarlengo	Benjamin Balong Laurent Csanyi Layali - Nina ElMatar Camden Elmore Armani Herrera Edgar Herrera Addison Karagias Avery Knight Margarita Medina Nizar Musleh Benjamin Potchen Isabella Reyes Sadie Salazar Leilani Taylor Maximo Vargas Rowan Wilson





# CLARK STAFF *Birthdays*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JAY SIMMONS

ALINA CARLY

LISA WILLIAMS

ANN DOWNEY

ANGELA BARTOLOMEO

SYLVIA GARCIA

TRACY CHANDLER

KELLY HEMPENIUS

SANDY MORGAN

CINDY McCOY

MARIA RAICHLE

LAURIE ROSINE

LISA CHMURYNSKY







## Project LIT Family Challenge

Create a Literary Gingerbread House with your family for a chance to win a prize!

Due: December 12

Location: Bring them to the library

Prize: Candy and a copy of a book of your choosing (up to \$15.00)

Winners announced December 15

Pick up an application in the library or office.







# Project LIT News

October's Murder Mystery Dinner Party was a hit! Forty-four students dressed in costume and met in the library for a dinner of pizza and cookies in order to discover who committed a crime. We found that Stella Mousetis was the perpetrator and Levi Ribelin was the victim. A lot of fun (and sugar) was had by all!

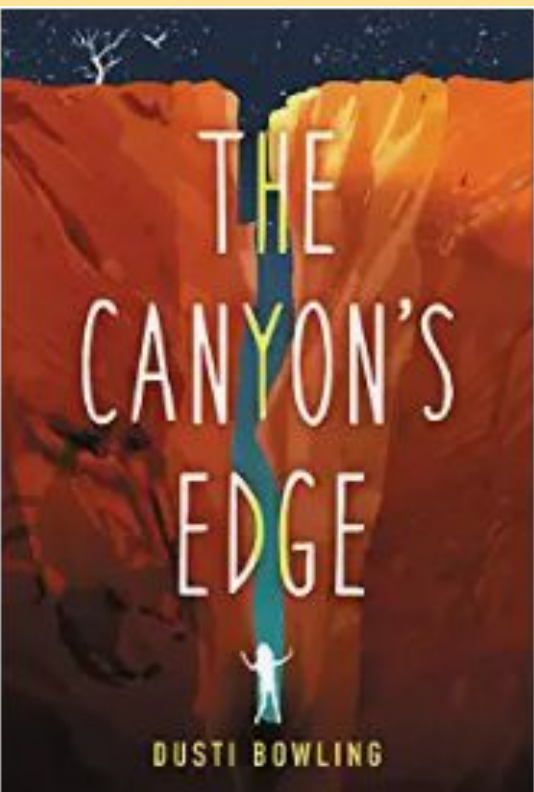


## Project LIT November events:

Wednesday, November 9 8:00 AM Discuss Murder Mystery Books  
Receive Books in Verse (Book 3)

Wednesday, November 30 8:00 AM Choose Secret Santa  
Discuss Book 3

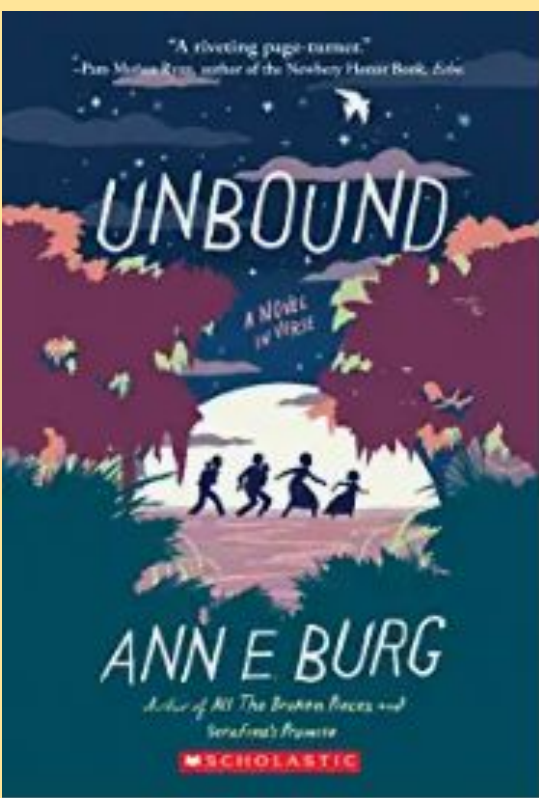
November's books are books written in verse. While these look like poetry, they read like a normal novel. These are a quicker read and often a little more heartfelt, due to the emotionally charged word choice of the authors.



adventure



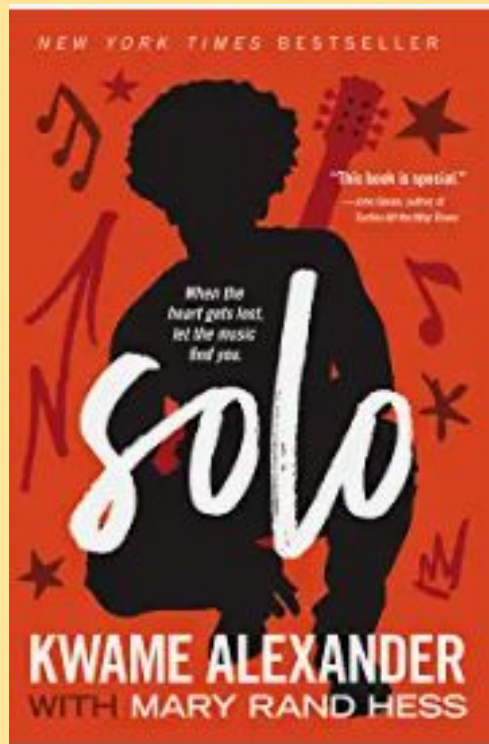
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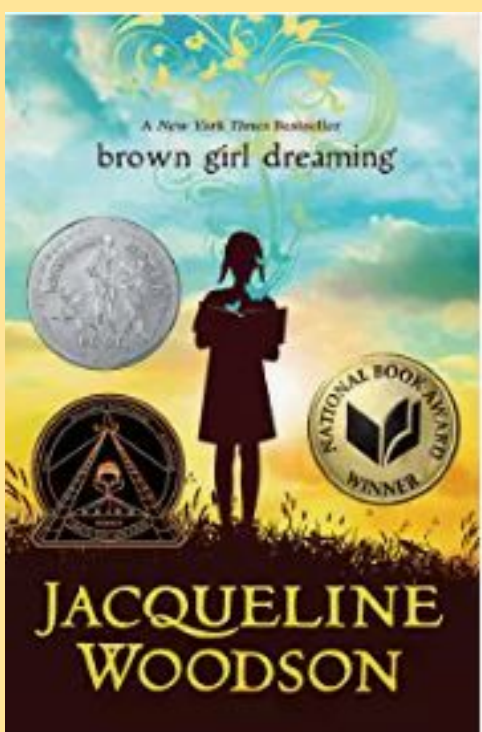
historical fiction



historical fiction



realistic fiction



biography

Project LIT is an established, extracurricular activity for 7th and 8th grade students.



# Halloween Dance

Everyone had a howling good time at Clark's annual Halloween dance. A special THANK YOU goes out to the staff and students who made this event possible!



## The earth has how many layers???



Mrs. Cooper's science classes displayed their fantastic projects and their knowledge of the earth's layers in this awesome activity! A great job was done by all!





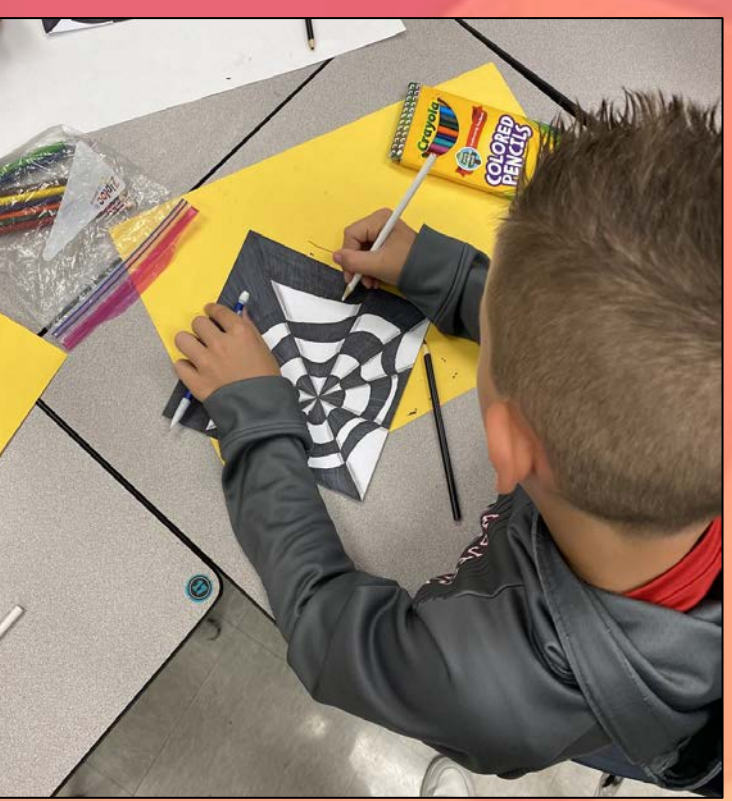
# 3D CONE PAPER DRAWING

## *Math is Art*

Prior to Fall Break, students in Miss Bonick's 5th Grade class completed an optical illusion art project. Students integrated various math skills set in order to complete the activity.

Students used rulers to create intersecting lines, as well as, determining the center of the paper. Students drew various concentric curved lines, alternating the direction of the curve to create a pattern within their project.

Allowing students to utilize math skills within other areas demonstrates that math is truly all around us!



Ms. Bridgeman's class explored the science of matter in a hands on experiment making PANCAKES. What better way to see a liquid become a solid than watching everyone's favorite breakfast transform before our eyes!





# Coding with Mr. Pimentel

Mr. Pimentel's 7th grade class learned about computer coding while programming their robot ball to follow a path they created.



Ms. Bonick and Ms. Szymaszek challenged their students to test different candy and create the biggest reaction when dropped into pop! The results were amazing!





# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM EXHIBITS



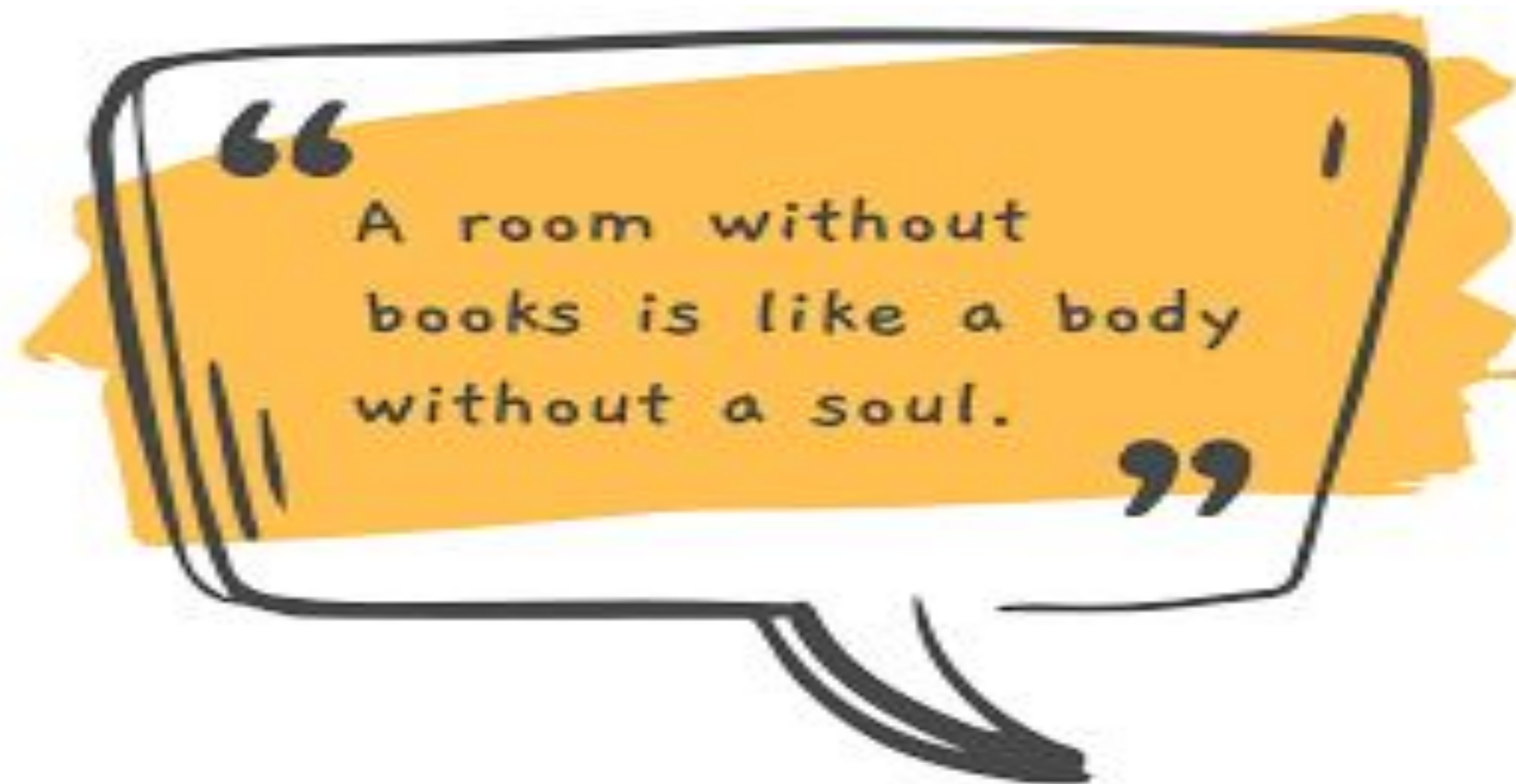
The fifth grade social studies students brought history to life with their Native American Museum Exhibits! Each student created a model that represented a specific group that was studied in class. They showed incredible creativity and resourcefulness!





# Grant Round

## 57 Recipients



**Allison Castle**

### **Middle School Book LOVE**

Unfortunately, I have noticed a rising disinterest in reading for pleasure amongst my middle school students and that even includes my high ability eighth graders. Even though daily independent reading is something I value and allot time for in all three of my ELA blocks, there are still students that choose to fake read during those 15 minutes. Ideally my dream as an educator would be to catch those students reading as much as possible- even “sneak” reading like I did as a child. This negative attitude towards reading truly saddens me to my core. I strive, as a parent of three young children and an educator to our youth, to show the many benefits and true joy of being a life-long reader. I can talk about it all I want, share data and real-life examples of the many benefits of independent reading, but until my students actually connect with “that” book, they will never truly understand. For those students that I do have who are already “those” readers, I want to continue to offer an ever-changing selection of novels in my classroom library for these eager readers to get lost in. My hope is that those that have not found the right book yet will do so with these new selections based on student feedback, research, and professional development workshops I have attended (Donalyn Miller and Penny Kittle).

After a tumultuous past two years with all things COVID, I have seen so much more stress and anxiety with all of my students. To help alleviate some of this stress and anxiety, I plan to use middle school book love as a way for my students to get lost in a book while developing a love and appreciation for the many benefits independent reading has to offer.

**Jeff Emond**

### **Student Selections and Further Readings**

Kylene Beers and Robert Probst have argued that students read best when what they read is relevant to them, reflects their experiences, and challenges their comfort zone. I will use the grant funds to build a classroom library that accomplishes these goals. I conferred with students—reluctant readers and bookish boys and girls—to hear what texts hooked them this year.

Their responses reflected a true diversity: many students gravitated to books with parallel worlds and video game themes relevant to them (*Ready Player One*, *Unplugged*), others cherished books with a diverse cast of characters in which they could find reflections of themselves (*The Running Dream*), and others still drifted to classics (*The Hobbit*, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*). My list is focused on these student choices, plus my own further reading suggestions: books to give to students after reading something in class that piques

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their curiosity. To that end I added titles, including more nonfiction titles, that correspond with class readings (*The Curse of the Mummy*, *The Great Chicago Fire*, *His Hideous Heart*, *Allies*). Finally, inspired by students and coworkers, I have added books that connect to TV and film as a way to engage students with their prior interests, especially original literary works that are part of a "shared universe" with movies/TV, but tell a unique story (*Avatar*, *A Tale Dark and Grimm*).

**Laurie Rosine**

### **Building School Community Through Project LIT**

I was lucky to have LCEF fund my grant called Building School Community Through Project LIT. Project LIT is a reading club for grades 7 & 8. Members become experts on the coolest books out, and they share their love of reading with others. We will do a few school-wide contests this year (with books as prizes, of course!) in addition to our Summer Reading Campaign in May.



## **Lake Central Education Foundation!**



**Book Fair**  
**November 28 through**  
**December 2**  
**Clark Library**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become bolder, prouder, and stronger readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

This year, we are hosting a **Parent/Grandparent night on Tuesday, November 29 from 4:30 until 6:30**. What a better way to kick off the holiday shopping season, than shopping for books!

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/clarkmiddleschool4>

Catch you at the Fair!





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

<p>Emma Ace Luke Adraneda Brady Alexander Brock Alexander Jackson Alilovich Zoey Alilovich David Alvarez Ambreal Anthony Carolyn Archer Octavio Avina Simona Azmy Megan Bailey Addison Baker Samantha Bandyk Alexandra Banis Alexander Barajas Jake Barick Jordan Barkowski Brooklyn Barrett Olivia Barsich Damien Beavers Bryce Beitler Ivy Belicek Kinsley Bell Elanor Berg Eric Berg Brandon Bergner Natalia Bernal Jailah Billot Madelyn Bley Isabella Bluett Talia Boehrnsen William Brach Emily Brakebill Ariannie Bravo Abigael Brennan Mia Bribiesca Eva Brumm Zachary Brumm Jerome Burkes Lucas Burnett Garrett Burwell Alexandra Cabrales Arwen Cahill Noah Call Emerson Carl Aaron Carlson Nathaniel Carney Noach Carson Leah Castle Serena Castro Mia Chambers Victoria Chavez Ryan Cho Aubree Chraca Nathan Clark Owen Clark Katie Cnudde Madelyn Cochran Delaney Condit Elizabeth Conroy James Conroy Aowynn Cooper Laurent Csanyi Josef Czajka Olivia Daliege Madison Daniels Hailey Danielson Michael Denny II Mason Denton</p>	<p>Gabe DeVries Kellan DeVries Xavier Diaz Kayla DiFilippo Tessa Dobrovits Rousseau Dojcinovski Madelyn Dorn Michael Dorneanu Jacob Dowling John Duke Sophia Dukes Ryan Durkin Gabrielle Eggert Nathan Ellis Liliana Espinoza Cole Evans Elliot Failor Franciszek Ferek Jakub Ferek Daniel Flora Amariyana Flores Haliegh Foster Austin French Connor Friesema Genesis Galindo Samira Galindo Devin Garletts Zachary Garza Jake Gerritsen Michael Gerritsen Glenn Gervais JR Lana Gibson Anya Giedemann Mason Gilbert Evan Gillette Landon Gilmartin Jaxon Glinski Mackenzie Glinski Noah Goeringer Eva Gonzalez Frank Gorczyca Emma Graber Owen Graber Eden Gramke Gavin Green Sullivan Grimler Gavin Guillory Caleb Gurley Grace Gutierrez Dominic Guy Sadie Haartman Julene Haigh Morgan Hampton Kaylee Hanson Jonah Hardesty Jett Harper Kaylee Harwood Avery Hawkins Jacob Hays Logan Hays Lukas Hays Alondra Hernandez Fabian Hernandez Wyatt Hester Kathryn Hiller Nathan Holmquist Peyton Hoogeveen Quinn Hooker Marlo Houk Skylar Hubbard Mikael Hunt</p>	<p>Sitota Hunt Beckham Hutton Rose Innis Kate Isom Ava Ivankovic Evelyn Jacobo Weston Janota Elena Jevdosic Hozen Jiang Mason Johnsen Elizabeth Johnson Maxwell Jonas Derek Jones Jake Jones Benjamin Jongsma Addison Karagias Christopher Keith Jaxson Kerman Kate Kijewski Avery Knight Lia Kostopoulos Aiden Kowal Olivia Kozak Quinn Krugman Lucy Kruit Liv Labadie Vincenzo Lale Kenley Lalich Michael Laschober Camryn Lavery Natalie Lawrence Skylynn Lessentine Matthew Levinson Isabella Lira Christopher Lopez Lillian Lothian Jacob Lovell Bradley Luchene Enzo Lucido Gabriella Luken Aleksa Lukich Armaita Manhani Milan Manojlovic Haralambos Manousopoulos Makeo Maragh Ava Marinkovich Nathan Marinucci Adrianna Markovich Islaya Martinez Leo Martinez Londyn Martinez Roxann Martinez Devyn Mathews Hunter Mazzucca Caedence McCabe Clarisse McCaw Macy McDonald Ivan Medina JR Margarita Medina Tyler Medina Alessandra Melicharek Adrian Mercado Declan Messmer Colby Mestrich Adalyn Miller Maxim Mills Alexander Moll Declan Montalbano Ethan Moore Avery Mrzlock Sofia Munoz</p>	<p>Brylee Mynes Ava Naddy Aleena Navarro Alexa Neal Aubrey Neal Chloe Neal William Nellemann Adam Nowinski Lucas O'Shaughnessy Jeffrey Olson JR Kylee Onik Mia Onohan Jackson Orlick Gavin Orrico-Feltz Eliot Ostryzniuk Oluwatoni Owolabi Jacob Paat Kailynn Paat Kylie Panzica Caylon Parker Eliott Paul Josephine Pietrzak Julia Pietrzak Hayden Pinto Anthony Plascencia Trevor Popa Mihailo Popovic Tithi Prajapati Nathan Preusser Nicholas Preusser Izabella Puvtoski Mckinley Radtke Johnny Rambo Allison Ramirez Caine Renko Alessa Ribaldo Anthony Rico Athena Rienstra Carter Robertson Alex Rodriguez Giuliana Rodriguez Roberto Rodriguez Preston Ross Anthony Rossi Tristan Rothchild Mya Ruff Tyler Rybicki Sidra Salah Adrian Sanchez Brooke Sarcinella Joshua Sautter Luca Scartozzi Kaylie Schaffenberger Kayla Scheuneman Nolan Schilling Alaina Schmidt Kyle Schmidt Lily Schrinier Max Schultz Chyler Schuster Allison Sciupider Caleb Scott Colton Seale Reed Sepulveda Anna Shawver Charles Shimala Claire Shires Ryder Short Brody Sideris Connor Silvas Payton Silvas</p>	<p>Avery Simaga Jameson Simmons Ishmeet Singh Parmeet Singh Parker Sisk Mackenzie Skiff Kailey Skurka Conner Smith Katelyn Smith Kodiak Smith Matthew Smith JR Samantha Smith Soleil Snyder Lucca Sochacki Vito Sochacki Joshua Soto Ryan Stabler Mason Stasiak Luca Storino Alyssa Stosich Lily Svetlin Derek Swing Daniel Szpak Jayden Szura Conrad Szymanski Frank Taffora Jude Taharwah Ethan Tampuskas Chloe Tawls Andrew Thiros Clayton Thrasher Alana Tipton Milana Tran Georgia Urban Abigail Urbanczyk Kaleb Vanness Maximo Vargas Kevin Villalvazo Sophia Vjestica James Weber Aidan Wells Alyx Wernersbach Maxx Wheeler Kendra White Maggie White Matthew White Aliana Williams Keilan Williams Franklin Wilson Rowan Wilson John Wojtczak Mark Wolfe Smaragda Xidas Annalise Yanez Allison Yott Aidan Youmans Vanja Zakula Filip Zarozny Zachary Zimmerman Daniela Zych</p>
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The following companies and individuals supported the Emergency Bucket Drive for LC. Because of their generosity, 800 buckets with supplies were distributed this week to all of our schools.

It was an awesome response from our community. Thank you to our donors for caring for our students and staff!!

Dawn Reynolds Pettit Lanmark Realty Theresa Scherzinger Victoria Molenda Nastassija Thigpen Tammy Munoz Jessica Buikema Brittney Brewer Jamie Weston Nicholas Berns Amanda Norcutt Megan Lowe Aimee Coe Kimberland Anderson Mallory Carroll Courtney Erickson Karen Johnson Kelly Stoming Kelley Mish Kate Perschon Julie Hankins Lora Matuska Mike Seljan Cristina Flores Michele Kutemeier Freddy Sylvester Mary Gatlin Heather Gillette Lee Ann French Marissa Newtoff Anna Furtek Melissa Campbell Jill Kaminsky Laura Szafasz Jennifer Pawlak Colleen Romeli Melania Socia Sheila Stamour Kathryn Kwasniak Amy Alder Nicole Taylor Heather Helmuth Dianne Prisco Richard Richard Vanessa Sebek Mary Beth Nickolaou Sarah Wagner Jeffery Cripe Jane Bertagnolli Carolyn Jacobs Lauren Llanes Catherine Romba Gregory Calderwood Lisa Kerman Nicasio Castagna Eden Dragicevich Marina Kolar Sharon Cornwell DeAnn Alleva Laura Castaneda Tiffany Sherrill Nicole Ostryzniuk Katie Kanupke Michael Rossi Charmeri Thom Linde Kemp Gabriela Dorneanu Alison Petrovich Semiramis M.Grady Angela Anekwe Jennifer Chiabai Terry Mucha Lawrence Veracco Louise Tallent	Elana Arens Christine Scheele Tim Doyle Tamara Kenney Jessica Mullen Daniel Bruhn Karen Stevens Rosi Bodnar Neely Frye Melissa O'Neal Laura Baxter Julie Salmen Elise Smith Lindsay Orth Lauren Rapp Kim Denner Margie Berger Jessica Reynoso Stacey Poortenga Dawn Reynolds Pettit Theresa Scherzinger Victoria Molenda Nastassija Thigpen Tammy Munoz Jessica Buikema Brittney Brewer Jamie Weston Nicholas Berns Amanda Norcutt Megan Lowe Aimee Coe Kimberland Anderson Mallory Carroll Courtney Erickson Karen Johnson Kelly Stoming Kelley Mish Kate Perschon Julie Hankins Lora Matuska Mike Seljan Cristina Flores Michele Kutemeier Freddy Sylvester Mary Gatlin Heather Gillette Lee Ann French Marissa Newtoff Anna Furtek Melissa Campbell Jill Kaminsky Laura Szafasz Jennifer Pawlak Colleen Romeli Melania Socia Sheila Stamour Kathryn Kwasniak Amy Alder Nicole Taylor Heather Helmuth Dianne Prisco Richard Richard Vanessa Sebek Mary Beth Nickolaou Sarah Wagner Jeffery Cripe Jane Bertagnolli Carolyn Jacobs Jessica Buikema Lauren Llanes Catherine Romba Gregory Calderwood Lisa Kerman Nicasio Castagna	Eden Dragicevich Marina Kolar Sharon Cornwell DeAnn Alleva Laura Castaneda Tiffany Sherrill Nicole Ostryzniuk Katie Kanupke Michael Rossi Charmeri Thom Linde Kemp Gabriela Dorneanu Alison Petrovich Semiramis M.Grady Angela Anekwe Jennifer Chiabai Terry Mucha Lawrence Veracco Louise Tallent Elana Arens Christine Scheele Tim Doyle Tamara Kenney Jessica Mullen Daniel Bruhn Karen Stevens Rosi Bodnar Neely Frye Melissa O'Neal Laura Baxter Julie Salmen Elise Smith Lindsay Orth Lauren Rapp Kim Denner Margie Berger Jessica Reynoso Stacey Poortenga Dawn Reynolds Pettit Theresa Scherzinger Victoria Molenda Nastassija Thigpen Tammy Munoz Brian Kissinger Nachiket Magesh Robert & Laura Modrowski Melody Wolff LCHS Class of 2021 Marathon Kahler MS PTO Clark MS PTO Watson PTO Peifer PTO LC Education Foundation Dyer United Methodist Church Welch's Stop & Shop Caleb S. Johnson Law LLC LC Blitz, Inc St John Township Trustee Schererville Firefighters 4279 NIES Engineering Dyer Girls Softball League Town of Schererville Angry Betty Brewing Fraternal Order of Police 169 Town of Dyer
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# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - The SPECIALS Team



### Mrs. Christina Arroyo - Choir/Music

Years of Service: 15 years Years at Clark: 10

Favorite color: Royal Purple

Favorite Food: Giordano's deep dish pizza

Activities you enjoy: Theatre, arts and crafts, cake decorating, Cubs baseball, traveling with my husband to visit the different MLB stadiums.

Currently Reading: Criss Cross by James Patterson

Favorite quote: "When you can't control what is happening, control the way you respond to what is happening. That is where your power lies."

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Italy

Family: Married to David Arroyo; 3 daughters - Teresa(17), Gabi(14), and Emily (7). Two cats named El Mago and Luna.

My students don't know: I was born in Los Angeles, CA. I'm a true, blonde, valley girl.

Why did you become a teacher?: I became a teacher because I knew how powerful music could be in someone's life and I wanted to share that gift with others.

Favorite thing about teaching: My favorite thing about teaching at Clark is that I get the opportunity to educate and connect with students for up to four years of their lives!

### Mr. Dave Schaffenberger - PLTW/Technology

Years of Service: 19 years Years at Clark: 15.5

Favorite color: #2267d6 (yes, this is a color)

Favorite Food: Fried chicken and waffles, Bennigan's Monte Cristo

Activities you enjoy: Swimming, working out, gaming, and cooking

Currently Reading: 48 Law of Power

Favorite quote: It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of fight in the dog.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I have traveled to Orlando, Las Vegas, Seattle, San Francisco, Washington DC, Nashville, Pigeon Forge and many other locations in the US.

Family: It's just my wife and my sidekick Kaylie. No time for pets!

Why did you become a teacher?: I became a teacher because I like helping people and I had a love for learning about technology.

Favorite thing about teaching: Being able to explore different technologies that I otherwise wouldn't get to use.



### Mr. Mark Walton - Band/Music

Years of Service: 13 years Years at Clark: 10

Favorite color: Green

Favorite Food: Mexican

Activities you enjoy: Working out, writing music, and performing music

Currently Reading: Creating Innovators by Tony Wagner

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Barbados

Family: Wife, Kelly and daughter, A'Mya (19)

Why did you become a teacher?: I love sharing music with people, I love kids.

Favorite thing about teaching: I get to do what I love daily.



# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - The SPECIALS Team

GRAYSON - AGE 2



### Mr. Jay Simmons - Physical Education

Years of Service: 32 years Years at Clark: 14

Favorite color: Burnt Orange

Favorite Food: Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Golf and working out

Favorite quote: "Carpe Diem"

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Cancun

Family: I have 6 grandkids and 3 dogs

My students don't know: I'm really not a grouchy old man

Why did you become a teacher? June, July, and August

Favorite thing about teaching: Seeing former students who remember me and they ended up being successful in life!

### Mr. Dan Pimentel - Digital Citizenship

Years of Service: 23 years Years at Clark: 14

Favorite Food: Everything - I like to eat

Activities you enjoy: I enjoy spending time with family, exercising, attending sporting events, listening to music, and being outside.

My students don't know: I taught English/Language Arts for 4 years

Favorite thing about teaching: I get to meet so many amazing people.



### Mr. Michael Bratcher - Digital Citizenship

Years of Service: 5 years Years at Clark: 1

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Too many to list

Activities you enjoy: Cooking and building stuff

Currently Reading: I tend to be more of an article person

Favorite quote: "I'm growing older, just not up" - Jimmy Buffett

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Italy, Germany, and Greece

Family: Wife, Laura, works for federal government. Daughter, Emily, teaches at KV. I also have 3 less than intelligent dogs.

My students don't know: I make a great deep dish pizza.

Why did you become a teacher? I've always enjoyed the teaching and training aspects of my previous career. When I needed to make a career change, it really fit.

Favorite thing about teaching: I just love the "light bulb" moments when a student gets it.



# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Meet the Staff - The SPECIALS Team

### MRS. LORI SMITH - PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Years of Service: 16 years

Favorite Food: Ice Cream

Outside of School Activities: Traveling and Hiking

Favorite Quote: "Ability is what you are capable of doing, Motivation determines what you do, Attitude determines how well you do it."

Something Your Students Do Not Know: I taught 2nd grade at Bibich my first year teaching.

Reason You Became a Teacher: I wanted to coach and always enjoyed teaching at sports summer camps when I was in high school.



### Mrs. Sharon Lindow - Art

Years of Service: 8 years Years at Clark: 7

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite Food: Shrimp

Activities you enjoy: Reading, swimming, and gardening

Currently Reading: Sign Off by Patricia McLinn

Favorite quote: "It always seems impossible until it's done" - Nelson Mandela

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I would love to travel to Australia

My students don't know: I used to be a dirt bike rider

Why did you become a teacher? I wanted to help students be successful through learning.

Favorite thing about teaching: It is great when a student uses their creative talent to make a project their own!

Hello Clark Coyote Parents!

What a great start to the year we have had here at Clark Middle School. Just a few safety reminders for everyone starting with traffic. So far, this year traffic has been flowing pretty smooth, even with the addition of more car riders. Please remember to stay observant in the parking lot as we have a lot of students walking to and from school. Please yield and stop for pedestrians at all crosswalk areas. We have had a few complaints about vehicles not stopping for students as well as speeding vehicles. The St. John Patrol division has been and will continue to monitor Clark during drop off and pick up and enforce traffic laws as necessary. If you observe students walking or doing something in an unsafe manner, please let us know and we will address it.

Our SRO team have been working on several safety related projects this year and have recently completed our Emergency Safety Bucket Program. There is now an Emergency Safety Bucket in each classroom here at Clark Middle School. These emergency safety buckets contain supplies such as first aid kits and items needed for emergency situations. This program is district wide. If anyone has safety protocol related questions, please feel free to call me or you can go to the Clark Middle School website and view or Standard Response Protocols, which are on the home page. Lastly, I wanted to say overall this year has been fantastic!! The student's energy levels are up and School Spirit is very very high. Our recent pep rally was a lot of fun, and the staff and students did an amazing job! Thank you very much for your time and have a wonderful fall break!! 😊😊

Thank you, Ofc. Nick



# 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

Cold and Flu season is beginning. 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.