



Clark Middle School *April Newsletter 2023*



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A MESSAGE FROM

Mr. Graber

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Happy April! I hope this newsletter finds everyone ready for Spring. With the rain and sunshine (hopefully seeing it soon), the grass will turn green, trees will begin to bud, and the critters will start to be visible. I can't wait for Spring and to be outside.

At Clark, the students and staff are gearing up the ILEARN testing sessions which will begin on April 17 and go through May 12. See the schedule below for actual testing times during the testing window:

ILEARN TESTING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 17—testing from 8:47-11:19 (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, April 18---testing from 8:47-11:19 (Grades 5-8)

Wed-Friday (Regular schedule—make up testing)

Monday, April 24—testing from 8:47-11:19 (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, April 25—testing from 8:47-11:19 (Grades 5-8)

Wednesday, Apr26—testing from 8:47-10:25 (Grades 5/6 ONLY)

Thursday-Friday (Regular schedule—make up testing)

Parents, please help us with the testing process by doing the following items:

- Have your child in attendance daily. Students are required to take a practice test in each subject area prior to the regular tests. If they are absent, then it delays the process.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast the days that we are testing.
- Please try and schedule appointments, if necessary, in the afternoon so that your child can come to school for the tests.
- Please remind your child that no cell phones or smart watches/devices are allowed in the testing area except for those that are needed due to medical issues. As principal, I have to notify the IDOE in regard to students that will have a medical device on them during the testing sessions.
- All make up tests will take place during the school day. Students that are absent will need to check their CANVAS accounts to see what assignments need to be completed.

Thank you for your patience with us as we continue with our new entrance procedures. I have heard many positives about the changes that have taken place. As a reminder, please send in a note with your child if you are going to pick them up early so that they will be ready when you arrive. With medical issues, our school nurses will bring your child to the door and speak to you regarding the medical concerns. Thanks again.

Congratulations to our Band and Choir departments for receiving Gold and Gold with Distinction ratings. They were AWESOME!! Kudos to Mrs. Arroyo and Mr. Walton. Also, a special congratulation goes out to Harper Whiteman, JR ALL STATE BAND selection winner, and Audrey Bergman for placing Gold with Distinction in her solo and ensemble performance at the state level.

Audrey is only the 2nd CMS recipient to win this honor. Great job.



Spring track is here! Can't wait to see our athletes perform in the events. If you have time, come out and cheer for the Coyotes. All track meets take place by the football field area and the schedule can be found on Eventlink.

Summer school letters were sent out by our Central Office during the week of April 3-7. If you receive a letter, please consider signing your child up for summer school. Summer school will take place at CMS this year and transportation is provided. Unfortunately, there is criteria that is considered in regard to those individuals who have received letters. If you have a question, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor.

Mrs. Churilla, last names A-Har Ms. Vail, last names Has-Pin Mr. Biscan, last names Pio-Z

Communication is still the key for success. As a reminder, CMS offers free tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday morning beginning at 8:00. Students can visit any teacher that they have for additional help. Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or issues.

Until next month, stay safe.

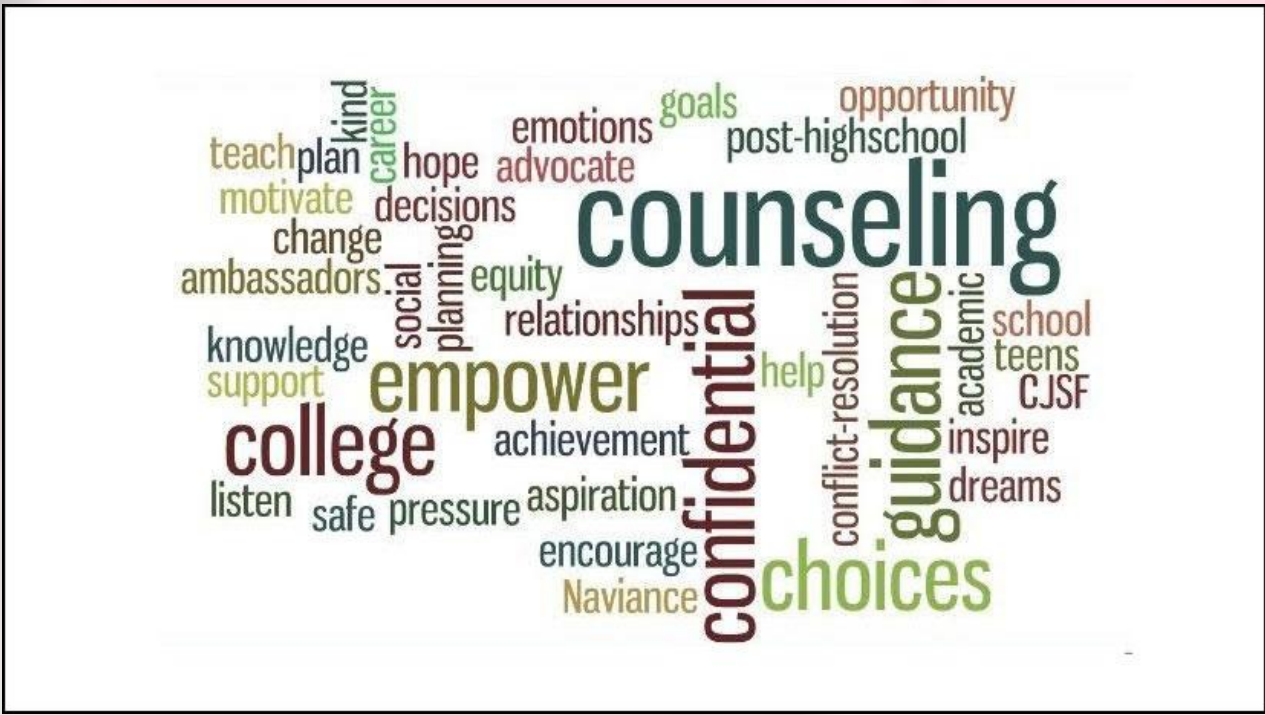
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on March 17-19th. He dropped times and is now ranked 13th in the State for the 50 Breaststroke for 11-12 year olds, 14th in the State for the 100 Breaststroke, and 22nd in the State for the 100 Butterfly. All of these accomplishments come at the heels of having hand surgery and missing some time in the pool. Never discouraged, Cole used his time designated for swimming to work out and stay in shape for the season. Cole is now ready to start baseball season all while continuing to earn straight A's. Congrats to Cole for being an amazing Coyote!

Congratulations to Cole Evans on his amazing swim season. Cole is a 6th grader who just began swimming 16 months ago and has already qualified for 3 State Cuts. He earned a cut in the 50 Breaststroke, 100 Breaststroke and 100 Butterfly. He swam in the State swim meet at the IUPUI Natatorium





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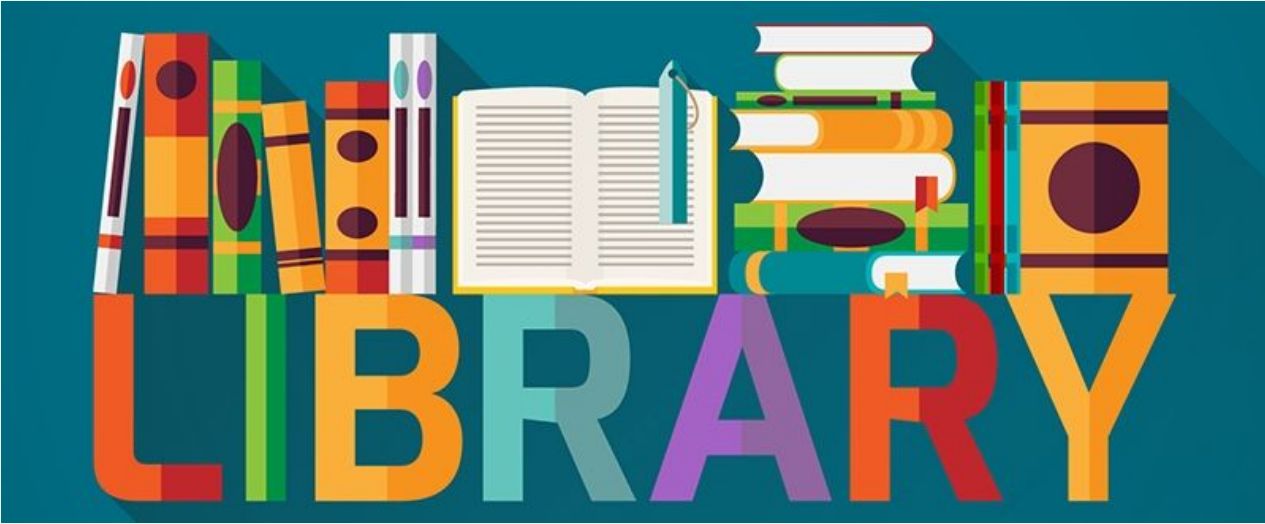
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Last names (Poi-Z)

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.

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.



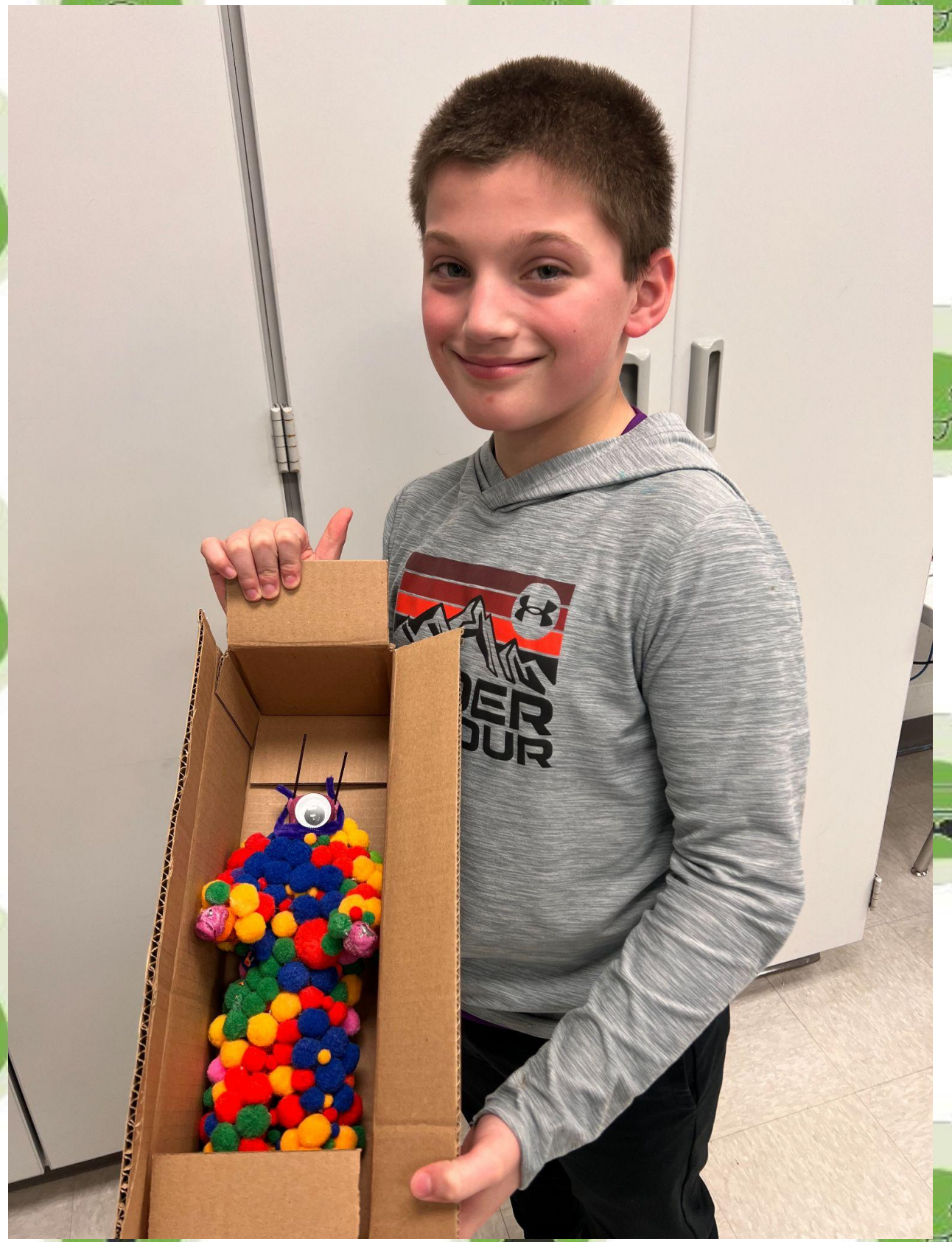
Happy Retirement

The Help Club joined forces with Mrs. Genovese in the Library to thank our custodians for keeping our school clean throughout the year. The banner was created by the Help Club to express our school's appreciation for all the work they do to keep our school clean and to bid a fond farewell to our beloved custodians, Joan Niemzyk, Dale Lambert, and Terri Woelfer who are retiring after this school year. We wish you all the best in your retirement! We'll be a mess without you!





Ms. Szymaszek's 5th-Grade class traveled the universe and studied the planets on a quest to create the perfect aliens! After learning about the planet, students put their creativity to work designing aliens. They had to consider the atmosphere, composition, atmospheric pressure, gravitational pull, and all other characteristics of their chosen planet. They would then try to imagine what kind of life could exist on the planet they researched.



April Birthdays

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

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Luke Adraneda Simona Azmy Victoria Dietz Nathan Ellis Franciszek Ferek Myles Hanson Christopher Keith Olivia Kozak Leo Martinez Joshua Nowinski Sofia Pritchard Alessa Ribaldo Anthony Rossi Max Schultz Connor Smith Alana Tipton Kane Warrens	Serena Castro Brody Chandler Josef Czaajka Maxwell Jonas Noah Krauklis David Majewski Avery Mrzlock Brylee Mynes Blake Newtoff Charlotte Pairse Joshua Ptaszek Santino Rodriguez Payton Silvas Richard Spisak Madison Webster Bentley Wucka	Aubree Chraca Olivia Daliege AAva DeNormandie Sophia Gomez Isabella Heusinkveld Peyton Hoogeveen Ryan Janik Philip Kersten Kemiyah Lee Williams Bobby Haralambos Stella Mousetis Matteo Salazar Francisco Sanchez Reed Sepulveda Katelyn Smith Addisyn Spencer Lily Svetlin Anthony Walker	Micah Amescua Madelyn Bley Austin Carlson Yezzen Eid Ezekiel Elders Matthew Flores Clinton Guendling Jayden Hartford Rose Innis Kate Kijewski Ryland Mesko Kailynn Paat Zoe Polusky Nicholas Romeli Joseph Roppolo Kyle Schmidt Nevaeh Smith Gideon Ziegler

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF

Allison Castle	Maria Serrano	Michaela Mantel	Emily Brink
	Heather Davis	Dan Pimentel	



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

<p>Xavier Abell Brady Alexander Madison Alexander David Alvarez Giselle Alvarez Micah Amescua Henry Andree Ambreal Anthony Daisy Avalos Addison Baker Tyler Baldauf Samantha Bandyk Alexander Barajas Jesus Barajas Jake Barick Jordan Barkowski Olivia Barsich Miranda Bates Bryce Beitler Ivy Belicek Christopher Belko Sophia Bennett Elanor Berg Audrey Bergman Jailah Billot John Bley Kara Bley Talia Boehrnsen Ireland Bonilla Cody Boyle Ella Brandon Brenton Brauer-Mercurio Ella Burk Lucas Burnett Emerson Carl Nathaniel Carney Adalynn Carroll Adrian Catolin Mia Chambers Thomas Chimino Audrey Cisneros Owen Clark Gianna Clarke Katie Cnudde Madelyn Cochran Elisabeth Colburn</p>	<p>Elliot Comparon Delaney Condit James Conroy Cameron Cook Ethan Cordova Kendall Cox Laurent Csanyi Mason Deem Joseph DeSchepper Melanija Djurich Sofija Djurich Madelyn Dorn Jacob Dowling John Duke Sophia Dukes Connor Durkin Ryan Durkin Aiden Edders Nathan Ellis Jacob Emanuele John Estep Audrey Fealey Franciszek Ferek Jakub Ferek Liam Fontanetta Logan Frechette Austin French Ethan Fridrich Connor Friesema Genesis Galindo Devin Garletts Jayson Gasior Blare Gatlin Austen Germeraad Jake Gerritsen Glenn Gervais JR Mason Gilbert Aidan Glista Maci Goeringer Noah Goeringer Jean Goggin Eva Gonzalez Micah Gonzalez Ke'mari Goss Eden Gramke Gavin Green Sullivan Grimler</p>	<p>Gavin Guillory Grace Gutierrez Sadie Haartman Courtney Hajduk Peyton Halajcsik Hanna Hallett Gwendolyn Hankins Jonah Hardesty Kaylee Harwood Helena Hasier Avery Hawkins Logan Hays Lukas Hays Marshawn Henson Isabella Heusinkveld Kathryn Hiller Bryson Hines Peyton Hoogeveen Ava Hulverson Mikael Hunt Sitota Hunt Ava Hutton Beckham Hutton Abigail Innis Kate Isom Hozen Jiang Grace Johnson Liana Johnson Sasa Jokic Derek Jones Benjamin Jongsma Manmeet Kaleka Jaxson Kerman Taylor Kerner Jaxson Konicki Aiden Kowal Olivia Kozak Lucy Kruit Matthew Kulig Gino Lale Lauren Lambert Samantha Lane Camryn Lavery Matthew Levinson Lillian Lothian Gabriella Luken Aleksa Lukich</p>	<p>Brayden Lynch Kaelynn Maddox Morgan Manns Luka Manojlovic Milan Manojlovic Ava Marinkovich Nathan Marinucci Novak Marjanovich Adrianna Markovich Londyn Martinez Michael Mayer Clara Mendoza Declan Messmer Jack Messmer Braden Mitchell Connor Molitor Alexander Moll Ethan Moore Sofia Munoz Alexia Murawski Sama Musleh Aubrey Neal Lukas Neese Blake Newtoff Connor Novosel Macey Novosel Allie O'Connor Henry O'Leary Grady O'Shea Addison Osika Eliot Ostryzniuk Erica Outlaw-Lowe Oluwatoni Owolabi Jacob Paat Kailynn Paat Kylie Panzica Zoe Panzica Charlotte Parise Rachel Pasko Jaydan Perez Nicola Pezzuto Amy Pieta Josephine Pietrzak Zoey Pigors Joaquin Pineiro Anthony Plascencia Gianna Pogorzelski</p>	<p>Carson Polovina Vivian Polusky Nicholas Preusser Abigail Puskarich Izabella Puvtoski Alessa Ribaldo Athena Rienstra Jorge Rios Carter Robertson Roberto Rodriguez Santino Rodriguez Janelle Rokita Anthony Roppolo Tristan Rothchild Gabriel Ruano Averi Russell Tyler Rybicki Liam Rykiel Jackson Safranek Sidra Salah Sadie Salazar Zoe Salgado Adrian Sanchez Sophia Sanchez Joshua Sautter Collin Scheuneman Kayla Scheuneman Hayden Schmidt Kyle Schmidt Natalie Schneider Sawyer Schoon Lily Schriener Justin Schuck Andie Schultz Macy Schultz Chyler Schuster Colton Seale Connor Silvas Te'Lor Singleton Michael Sirbas Parker Sisk Nikola Slavich Katelyn Smith Jacob Socia Joshua Soto Richard Spisak Addison Steffek</p>	<p>Luca Storino Grace Sullivan Garrett Suroviak Lily Svetlin Ben Szafasz Jack Szafasz Jude Taharwah Ethan Tampuskas Rylan Tatum Chloe Tawls Leilani Taylor Benjamin Tobias Milana Tran Sophia Truong Jacob Turley Zavier Turner Zachary Tyburski Madeline Underwood Abigail Urbanczyk Lilliana Uribe Addison Usher Brittany Usher Jovan Uzelac Kyle Velazquez Penelope Velazquez Kevin Villalvazo Sophia Vjestica Joseph Walz Tyler Webb Maggie White Matthew White Aliana Williams Keilan Williams Jeffrey Wisz John Wojtczak Mark Wolfe Heidi Wright Brody Yates Zachary Yates Aidan Youmans Vanja Zakula Filip Zarozny</p>
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MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

For March, Clark Middle School focused on the employability skill set of self-discipline. Demonstrate self-control and behave in accordance with rules with minimal direction.

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

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Lucas Burnett Miles Corbett Isabella Cruz Landon Gilmartin Olivia Kozak Leo Martinez Jacob Paat Avery Simaga Ava Simpson Kevin Villalvazo	Samantha Bandyk Alexandra Cabrales Anya Giedemann Emma Graber Daziah Johnson Morgan Manns Arianna Martinez Claire McCaw Ava Naddy Trevor Popa Abigail Urbanczyk Alexander Webb	Ellie Carlson Ava Denormandie Connor Durkin Ethan Fridrich Morgan Hampton Quinn Hooker Jaxson Konicki Samantha Smith Coleton Sullivan Chloe Tawlks	Kyla Caulfield Mariah Dattulo Lukas Hays Isaac Hernandez Diedra Keelan Megan McCloskey Christian Moore Lucas O'Shaugnessy Caylie Tucker

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet the Staff - 5th Grade and Special Ed



MS. BETH SZYMASZEK - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 6 Years at Clark: 3

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Buffalo Wild Wings

Outside of School Activities: Going to the gym

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I want to go to Italy

Family: I have 3 siblings, I am the youngest child. I have 4 nephews, 1 niece, and 1 great niece.

Favorite thing about teaching: Getting to know my students

MISS KENDALL BONICK - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 8 years

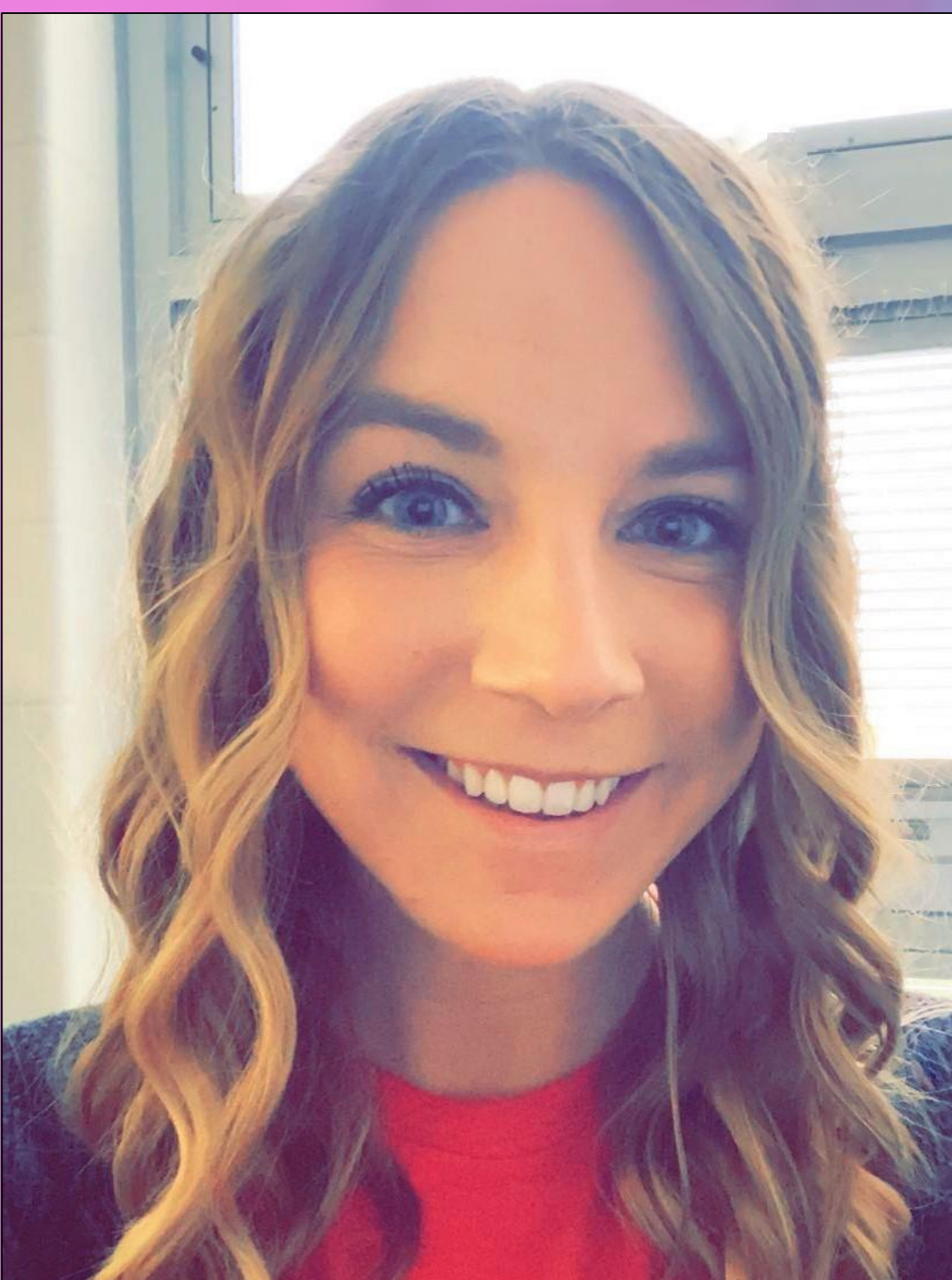
Favorite Food: Chick Fil' A Sandwich

Outside of School Activities: I enjoy being active and outdoors.

Favorite Quote: "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X

Something Your Students Do Not Know: I am obsessed with true crime documentaries, podcasts and books.

Reason You Became a Teacher: To inspire a love of learning at a young age.



MRS. TORI THOMPSON - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 6 Years at Clark: 5

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Tacos

Family: Married to Mr. Alex Thompson (teaches at the high school), have a son named Blake (10 months old), and three cats named Finn, Kaplan, and Kyber, Mr. Studer (substitute) is my brother

Outside of School Activities: Playing with my son Blake

Favorite thing about teaching: Creating and building relationships with students and their families

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MRS. SHANNON PIERZCHALSKI - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 9.5 Years at Clark: 8

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite Food: Salami and cheese

Activities you enjoy: Singing and performing

Book you are currently reading: A Court of Mist and Fury

Favorite Quote: "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." - Gandalf

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I'd love to see Scotland!

Family info: My husband's name is James and we have two daughters: Saya (7) and Coraline (4)

My students don't know: I originally wanted to teach Kindergarten! I taught a temporary Pre-school class before working at Clark. Looking back, I'm SO glad I jumped to 5th grade! It's the best grade!!!

Why did you become a teacher: I always loved helping and teaching my younger sister and cousins as a kid. So when I grew up, I knew I had the heart for it!

Favorite thing about teaching: Getting to know my students and having great class discussions!

MRS. TAMMY HART - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 10 Years at Clark: 8

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Activities you enjoy: Spending time with my family.

Book you are currently reading: My Sister's Keeper

Favorite Quote: "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" -Dr. Suess

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I traveled to Australia in 2014. It was an amazing time, and we even got to see P!nk in concert while we were there.

Family info: My husband and I have a blended family, with seven kids ranging from ages 30-14. They have added three daughter-in laws, a granddaughter, and grandson (on the way) to our family.

My students don't know: I used to be in politics. I was the County Assessor in southern Indiana.

Why did you become a teacher: I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference in their lives, to hopefully inspire them to become the person they want to be.

Favorite thing about teaching: I love those "A-ha" moments. Interacting and teaching the kids that form a connection means the most to me.



MRS. MICHAELA MANTEL - 5TH GRADE

Years of Service: 7 Years at Clark: 3

Favorite color: Burgandy

Favorite Food: Anything Italian!

Activities you enjoy: Reading, working out, cooking, and crafting!

Book you are currently reading: Black Brother, Black Brother & Just the Nicest Couple

Favorite Quote: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Europe

Family info: My husband's name is Kevin. I have one brother, and 6 nieces and nephews!

My students don't know: I played the violin until I graduated high school.

Why did you become a teacher: I became a teacher to make an impact on students' lives, to help them find a love for reading, and to help them grow both in and out of the classroom.

Favorite thing about teaching: My favorite thing about teaching is seeing students grow in their confidence, meet their potential, and show true empathy towards their classmates.

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MS. NATALIE GOUWENS

Years of Service: 9 Years at Clark: 2

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite Food: Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Going out to different restaurants and social gatherings

Book you are currently reading:

Favorite Quote: Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Anywhere - I love to travel/vacation

Family info:

My students don't know: I have a second job as an interior painter.

Why did you become a teacher: To be there for children and help them grow.

Favorite thing about teaching: Every day is a new adventure.

MS. LAUREN BRIDGEMAN

Years of Service: 8 Years at Clark: 7

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite Food: Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Coaching baseball and spending time at the beach in Michigan

Favorite Quote: Kind people are my kind of people

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I'd love to travel to Bali

Family info: I have two boys Tyler (13) and Kaden (7)

My students don't know: I am the oldest of three sisters

Why did you become a teacher: I became a teacher so I could make learning fun for students

Favorite thing about teaching: My favorite thing about teaching is watching students grow from the beginning of the year to the end of the year and being part of their achievements



MS. LISA WILLIAMS

Years of Service: 11 Years at Clark: 5

Favorite color: Red

Favorite Food: Crab Legs

Activities you enjoy: Movies

Favorite Quote: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Paris

My students don't know: I have two children

Why did you become a teacher: I enjoy helping students learn

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MR. NOAH IRETON

Years of Service: This is my first year

Favorite color: Black

Favorite Food: Wings

Activities you enjoy: Reading and taking care of my various pets at home

Book you are currently reading: "In the Shadow of Man" by Dr. Jane Goodall

Favorite Quote: My job, my mission, the reason I've been put onto this planet, is to save wildlife. And I thank you for comin' with me. Yeah, let's get 'em!

-Steve Irwin

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Id like to travel to Australia

Family info: I have one brother and 2 step sisters

My students don't know: I probably play just as many video games as they do.

Why did you become a teacher: I like learning and teaching about science

Favorite thing about teaching: Learning things I either forgot, or didn't know before.

MS. ALINA CARLI

Years of Service: 10 Years at Clark: 4

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite Food: Tacos

Activities you enjoy: Hiking, camping, and kayaking!

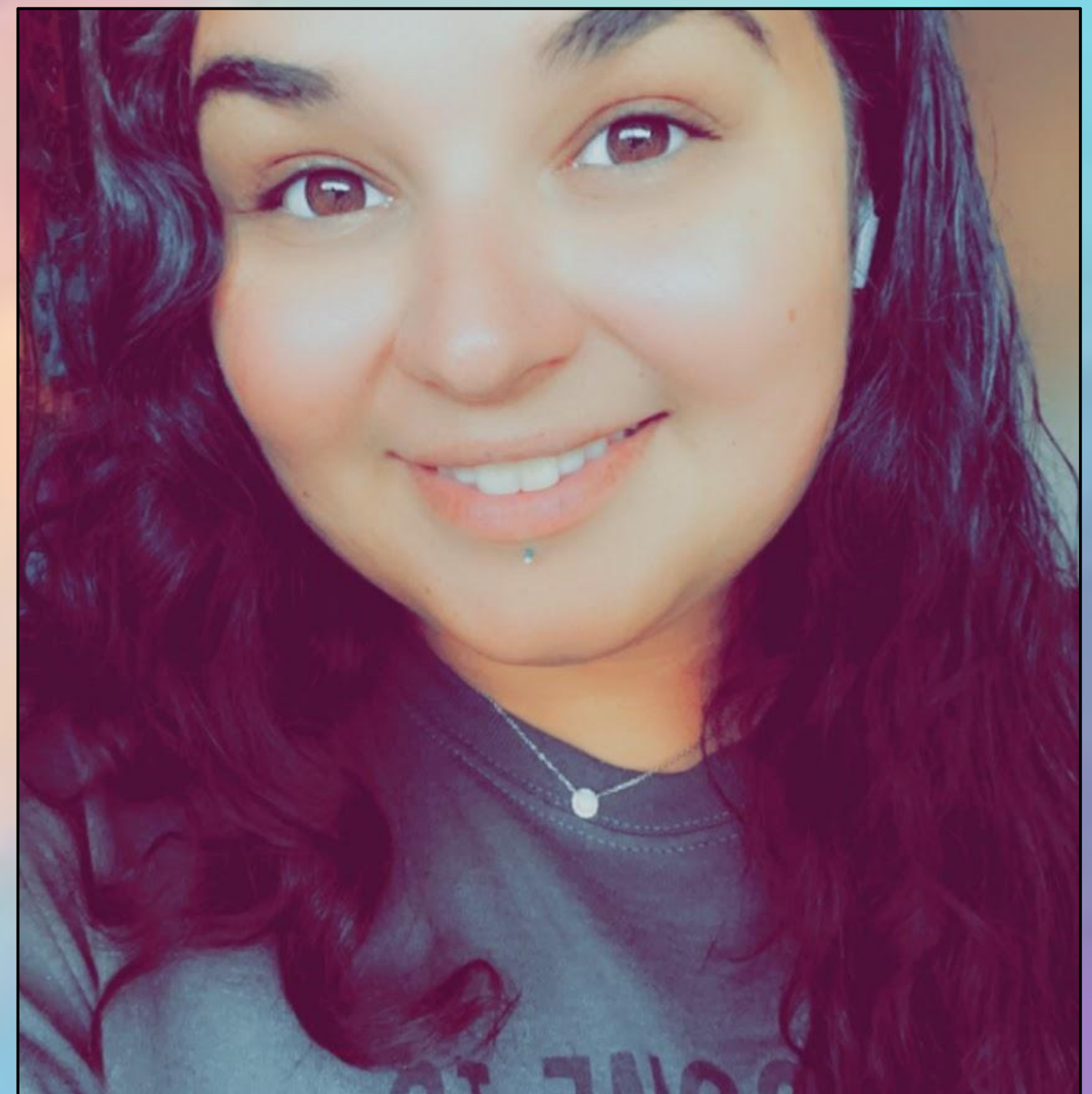
Favorite Quote: "Your journey is not the same as mine, and my journey is not yours, but if you meet me on a certain path, may we encourage each other."

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Out of all the Midwest states, I've traveled to multiple areas in Ohio and there are so many hidden gems there!

My students don't know: That I've taught preschool age for years!

Why did you become a teacher: I'm continuously learning, and aspire to make a difference in children's lives each and every day.

Favorite thing about teaching: Knowing everyday that I am making a difference❤️



MRS. JOANN TRISKA

Years of Service: 23 Years at Clark: 15

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Activities you enjoy: Swimming, gardening, reading, and listening to live music

Book you are currently reading: Instant Karma by Marissa Meyer

Favorite Quote: Hold on, it's gonna be a bumpy ride.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Traveling to Italy is on my bucket list.

Family info: I am married to my husband Jim. We have two children, Colleen and Jimi(who both attended Clark), and our dog Luna

My students don't know: I am currently learning to speak Italian.

Why did you become a teacher: I wanted to teach because I want to help kids. Every child needs a little help learning sometimes. I'm there to figure out how to get them to understand a concept that is difficult for them.

Favorite thing about teaching: Seeing the look of understanding on their faces when they finally do get something they have been struggling with.

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MRS. SUSAN SORRENTINO

Years of Service: 6 Years at Clark: 5

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Lobster

Activities you enjoy: Playing Music/working out

Book you are currently reading: Verity by Colleen Hoover

Favorite Quote: "I sigh that I miss you for I must own that I shall miss you when you have grown." William Butler Yeats

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Italy a few times but Bora Bora is on my list

Family info: 3 brilliant & talented kids (2 boys & 1 girl)

My students don't know: I studied Shorei Ryu karate for 6 years and was in the AKS's Top Ten Women Weapons Masters for 3 years

Why did you become a teacher: I like kids

Favorite thing about teaching: Letting kids know we DO care and we DO want them to succeed.

MRS. KIM FOLLMAR

Years of Service: 9 Years at Clark: 4

Favorite color: Carmine Red

Favorite Food: Mexican

Activities you enjoy: Camping, boating, hanging out in lake or the beach!!

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Married in Maui

Family info: I am married. I have a son and twin girls. Also, one granddaughter

My students don't know: I rode a camel!!

Why did you become a teacher: God has blessed me with the gift of having the passion, kindness, and love for those with special needs.

Favorite thing about teaching: The kids "teach" me more than I teach them.



MRS. KIM BUTLER

Years of Service: 21 Years at Clark: 15

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Reading, traveling, spending time with friends.

Favorite Quote: Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Costa Rica

My students don't know: My Daughter is a school psychologist with Lake Central.

Why did you become a teacher: I became an Occupational Therapist to help children and their families.

Favorite thing about teaching: Seeing the smile on my student's faces.

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MRS. BECKY SCHULTZ-MANIEL

Years of Service: 13 Years at Clark: 1

Favorite color: Purple

Activities you enjoy: Reading and walking the dogs.

Book you are currently reading: Hurricane by Jim Crow

MRS. KELLY DOMINIK

Years of Service: 17 Years at Clark: 8

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite Food: Chocolate

Activities you enjoy: Reading and painting

Favorite Quote: "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all!"

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Ireland

Family info: Husband and 3 kids, Amelia, Junior, Morgan 7th grade, William 4th grade

My students don't know: I have a red belt in Taekwondo

Favorite thing about teaching: Variety! You never know what each day will bring!



MRS. DEBRA CLAYTON

Years of Service: 3.5 Years at Clark: 2

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite Food: Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Bike riding, swimming, music, and basketball.

Book you are currently reading: 369 The Key to Your Dream Life

Favorite Quote: Know what you can, and can't control !

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Costa Rica

Family info: To us, family are friends, neighbors, co-workers , etc...

My students don't know: That I'm an only child.

Why did you become a teacher: To help kids see their gifts so they can use them to live!

Favorite thing about teaching: The next day is always a new day!

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MS. MELISSA SPANIER

Years of Service: 2 Years at Clark: 1

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Sushi

Activities you enjoy: Reading, walking my dog, time with friends.

Book you are currently reading: Such a Fun Age

Somewhere you have/want to travel: all the national parks one day!

My students don't know: I love to run! I have run 2 full marathons so far

MRS. BRANDI PANOZZO

Years of Service: 3 Years at Clark: 2

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Mexican

Activities you enjoy: Going to Sox games

Book you are currently reading: Lessons in Chemistry

Favorite Quote: Tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it. - Anne of Green Gables

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Highclere Castle in West Berkshire, England

Family info: I have been married for 11 years. I have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Why did you become a teacher: I have always wanted to be a teacher. I love teaching new things to students.

Favorite thing about teaching: Getting to know the students



MR. CHRIS MUNDELL

Years of Service: 2.5 Years at Clark: 2.5

Favorite color: Red

Favorite Food: Reuben Sandwich

Activities you enjoy: Reading, hiking, and playing with my dogs

Book you are currently reading: Floating Dragon by Peter Straub

Favorite Quote: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." – Mahatma Gandhi

Somewhere you have/want to travel: I want to travel to Japan.

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MS. LINDA SESSA

Years of Service: 15 Years at Clark: 2

Favorite color: Black and White

Favorite Food: Chicken Parmesan

Activities you enjoy: Walking my dog and riding my bike

Book you are currently reading: Prince Harry's "Spare"

Favorite Quote: "Be yourself---there is no one like you!"

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Hawaii

Family info: I have three children and six granddaughters

My students don't know: I was married in England!

Why did you become a teacher: I enjoy working with children and seeing them grow and prosper.

Favorite thing about teaching: Talking to my students on a daily basis.

MRS. JODEE KRESPO

Years of Service: Years at Clark: 1

Favorite color: Gray

Favorite Food: Chicken Tacos

Activities you enjoy: Hiking and going to the beach

Book you are currently reading: Family of Liars

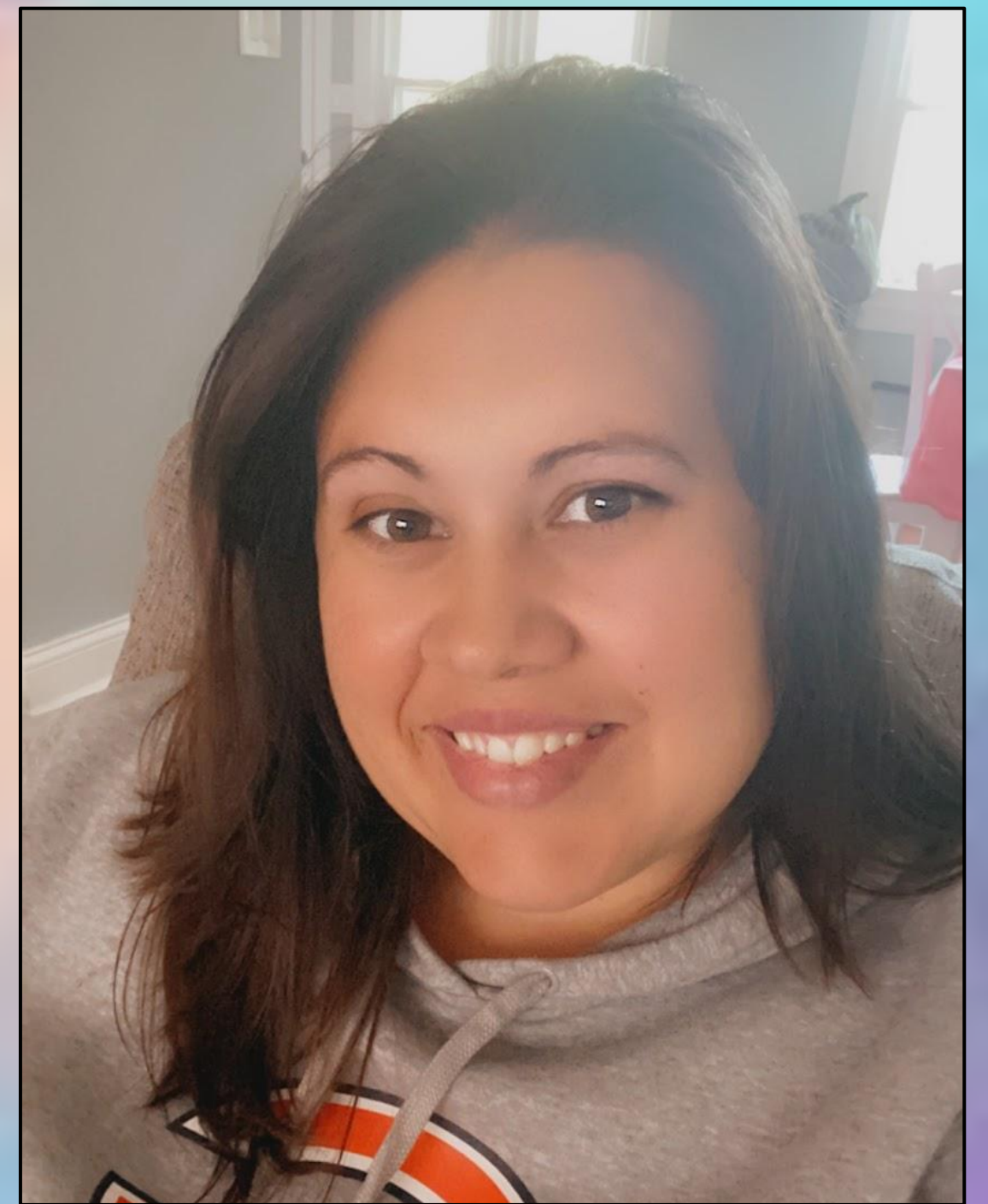
Favorite Quote: If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail (Benjamin Franklin)

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Italy

Family info: I am married and have four kids (all girls).

My students don't know: I love elephants

Why did you become a teacher: To help kids



MRS. CAROLINA MARTINEZ

Years of Service: 8 Years at Clark: 4

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Food: Pepperoni Pizza

Activities you enjoy: Walking, traveling and watching my kids play softball.

Favorite Quote: "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." - E.E. Cummings

Somewhere you have/want to travel: Hawaii and Mexico

Family info: I am married with 4 daughters.

Favorite thing about teaching: I love helping students achieve their goal.



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.
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Cold and Flu season is here.
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
Fever	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.
Diarrhea	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.
Vomiting	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has occurred.
Eye Irritation	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.
Cough/Runny Nose	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.
Rash	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.
Asthma	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.