

# Clark Middle School

Welcome to a great year of  
Learning.

Establishing High Expectations  
Through Rigor, Relevance and  
Relationship Building

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## STUDENT CONFERENCES

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

*Wednesday*

**October 23, 2019 Student**

**Dismissal 11:45am**

**CLOSED Lunch 11:45-12:15**

**Conference 12:15-3:00pm**

**Teacher Dismissal 3:15pm**

*Thursday*

**October 24, 2019 Student**

**Dismissal 11:45am**

**Conference 12:15-3:00pm**

**CLOSED Dinner Break 3-4**

**Conference 4:00-7:00pm**

**Teacher Dismissal 7:00pm**

*Friday*

**October 23, 2015**

**No School For Students**

**Teachers PD Day**

**7:45am-11:30am Teacher**

**Dismissal 11:30pm**



You will soon be receiving information in regards to scheduling your Student Led Conference. Student Led Conferences will be held:

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Conferences 12:15pm-3:00pm**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Conferences 12:015pm-3:00pm**

**Closed Staff Dinner 4:00pm-5:00pm**

**Conferences 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**School Closed for Students**

Conferences slots are 20 minutes in length so your child can work with you through his/her portfolio. The core teachers will be available, and will drop in throughout the conference. I encourage you to allow enough time to also visit the Math, elective and PE teachers before or after you scheduled Student Led Conference. If you would like more information regarding Student Led Conferences there is a wealth of information on our middle school Web site called the Middle Link. The site is <http://www.asdk12.org/MiddleLink/SLC/>.

We are well into this school year; please make sure you are working with your child towards success at Clark Middle School. Nightly checks of schoolwork, looking over homework, having your student explain his/her assignments and contacting teachers are excellent ways to be included in your child's schooling. Students achieve far greater results when we establish team effort to help them along. From school as well as home.

Currently we offer after-school tutoring on Monday through Friday. If you are interested in having your child participate in the Extended Day Learning After School Program, please have your student pick up an application form in the front office or see any one of the counselors. We definitely want our students to be successful at Clark so we encourage all families to take advantage of these wonderful extra curricula enrichment programs that support student learning.

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Chekedia Rias 742-4715

Registrar: Mrs. Lillian Lopez 742-7765, Attendance Secretary: Ms. Angelita Hernandez 742-7763,

Administrative Assistant of Finances and Procurement: Mrs. Christina Russell 742-4727

# Student Led Conferences

## FALL STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

Student Dismissal 11:45am  
Conference 12:15-3:00pm  
Teacher Dismissal 3:15pm

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

Student Dismissal 11:45am  
Conference 12:15-3:00pm  
Teacher Dinner Break 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Conference 4:00-7:00pm  
Teacher Dismissal 7:00pm

Getting students to accept more responsibility for their learning and actions becomes more attainable when they take a pivotal role in the conferencing process. Student-led conferences shift the focus from talking about students to talking directly with them.

### The Role of the Student

In a student-led conference, the student tells the story of his/her learning. Using a portfolio representing work samples from the respective time period, a student describes his/her educational growth. This is an opportunity for students to make learning active, to self-reflect and evaluate performance, and to discover who they are as learners. In a student-led conference, the student showcases not only strengths but also set goals to improve in areas of weakness.

### The Role of the Parent

Parents should be active listeners and ask for clarification on things they do not understand  
Parents are asked to provide feedback to their child

If you still have questions or concerns after the conference please contact your grade level counselor to set up an appointment with your student's teachers

### Suggested Questions for Parents to Ask During Student Led Conferences

- \* What are the main things you hope to accomplish this year?
- \* What are some things you cannot do now but hope to achieve soon?
- \* What is your favorite piece of work? Why?
- \* Describe your favorite activities or subjects?
- \* What activities or subjects are hard for you?
- \* What experiences at school do you find most satisfying?
- \* What experiences frustrate you the most?
- \* What are the most important things you are learning this year?
- \* What goals have you set or do you want to set?
- \* What do you need to do at home to improve your learning environment?
- \* What do you need to do in class to improve your learning environment?

\*How can I help you?

# STUDENT LED CONFERENCES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The following schedule is for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Student Led Conference. Students will be dismissed at 11:45am on Wednesday and Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. One evening of parent teacher conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The additional time is provided for schools to utilize the Student-Led Conference model. Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> is an in-service day with the morning dedicated to an in-service to meet professional development needs of our school.

**Dates:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 - Middle School Conferences  
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Middle School Conferences  
Friday, October 25, 2019 – No School for Students – In Service Day

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Middle School Schedule – Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

Student Dismissal	11:45am
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>12:15-3:00pm</b>
Teacher Dismissal	3:00pm

### **Middle School Schedule – Thursday, October 24, 2019**

Student Dismissal	11:45am
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>12:15-3:00pm</b>
Teacher Break	3:00pm-4:00pm <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>4:00-7:00pm</b>
Teacher Dismissal	7:00pm

### **In-Service Day – Friday, February 25, 2019**

*In-Service Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*

*You are Cordially Invited*

## **Men Make A Difference Day** **Monday, October 14, 2019**

Clark Middle School is urging all fathers and significant male role models to participate in Men Make A Difference Day (**October 14, 2019**). Research indicates when fathers and significant male role models are involved students:

- (a) make better grades;
- (b) have greater motivation to succeed in school;
- (c) have higher self-esteem;
- (d) have less health and emotional problems;
- (e) more confidence;
- (f) are less likely to use drugs;
- (g) girls are less likely to engage in premarital sex, and
- (h) are less likely to become teenage parents.



On October 14, 2019 fathers, uncles, brothers, sons, nephews and significant male role models in the lives of students at Clark Middle School are encouraged to participate in **Men Make A Difference Day** by attending this special event: have breakfast with your student and visit their 1<sup>st</sup> Period classroom. We are inviting you to observe the student's daily routine, participate in classroom instruction, and get involved in the excitement of teaching and learning.

Clark Middle School, suggest six easy ways men can become involved in a student's education:

1. Observe your child's classroom at least twice a year.
2. Participating in at least one Parent-Teacher Conference and/or Individual Learning Plan (IEP) meeting.
3. Attend at least one extra-curricular (non-sporting) event this school year.
4. Attend at least one extra-curricular event this school year.
5. Assist a student with their homework assignments.
6. Volunteer this year at your student's school

For more information on how you can support Men Make A Difference Day [10-14-2019] contact 742-4700.

## **Men Make A Difference**

**Date:** Monday, October 14, 2019

**Time:** 7:15-8:15am Breakfast with your student(s)  
8:15am – 9:15am Attend 1<sup>st</sup> Period Class  
9:15am Dismissal

**Location:** Clark Middle School Multipurpose Room

**RSVP:** Call 742-4700 and confirm your attendance and the number of adults who will be attending.

*Mark Your Calendar!*





# Men Make A Difference Day

October 14, 2019



<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:15 – 8:15am	Continental Breakfast with your student(s) Room Welcome / Celebrations	Clark MS Multipurpose
8:15 – 9:05am	Visit Student's 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Classroom	Classrooms

**Men Make A Difference Day** is when we call all significant male role models to collectively meet together, have breakfast then, observe their child's classroom, in show of positive support for their child/student. Research has shown when men are involved in the lives of children, academic achievement and self-confidence increases greatly.

Clark scholars, this is your opportunity to show your role model how important he is to you. On October 14, 2019. Clark Middle School will host our **11<sup>th</sup> Annual "MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"**. Students are encouraged to invite their male role model of choice: Father, brother, cousin or Adult Father Figure/Friend of the family. We welcome strong male role models to be a part of this important day for Clark students.

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Role Models Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Moving From Good to Great!*

## NAEP 2019-2020 Parent/Guardian Notification

Clark Middle School  
October 7, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

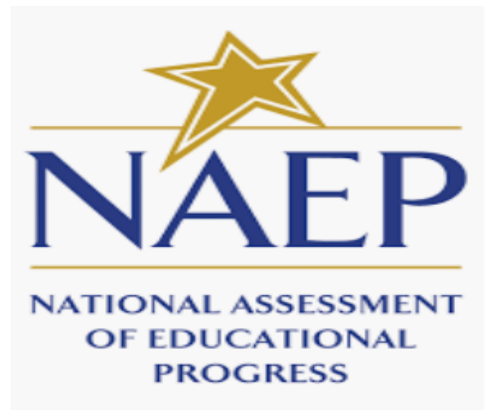
Clark Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on December 10, 2019. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the account. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policy makers, and the public.

You child (will/may) take a mathematics or reading assessment.

The assessment takes about 90 minutes for most students, including transition time and directions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, **if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by November 15, 2019.**

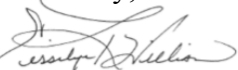


There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do his or her best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

Contact : **Counselor: Ghislaine Gillespie** at 742- 7770 or at [Gillespie.Ghislaine@asdk12.org](mailto:Gillespie.Ghislaine@asdk12.org) if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Clark Middle School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,



**Principal, Cessilye Williams**

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports

# News from the Assistant Principal,

Mr. Allen Wardlaw



Welcome, Welcome, Welcome back for another month of an AWESOME 2019-20 School Year.

## Sports and Activities:

As we approach the end of the first quarter, students have the opportunity to join three additional sports, **Boys Basketball, Wrestling** and **Volleyball**. Wrestling begins October the 11th and Volleyball on the 11th. Please grab a sports and activities packet anytime during the school year. These forms are always available in the Main Office.

## Enrichment Opportunities:

Young men at Clark Middle School are cordially invited to participate in our **Fifth Annual Male Leadership Academy**. We are honored to have two of our School Business Partners to assist with providing leadership workshops for our students. One of Clark Middle Schools' business partners, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will host the Youth Leadership Seminar/Workshop series during the academic school year. Enroll your son in this awesome leadership series.

## University of Alaska Anchorage Academy



**UAA Health Professions Academy** – Facilitated by UAA Advisor Mr. Carey Brown

Students who desire to participate, please fill out the application and turn it in to the front office.

Students will meet at Clark Middle School every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's from 10:00-12:00 for UAA Sessions.

The joint Kick Off Brunch was held at Clark Middle School, Saturday, October 5, 2019 with great success!



**UAA Leadership Fellows Junior** - Facilitated by UAA Professor Dr. Terry Nelson

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## Attendance Matters:

GREAT Attendance is ONE of the most important things that a student needs to have throughout their school career and beyond. At Clark Middle School we want students in school every day. When students miss school, they are impacted in a variety of ways. One, students miss instruction from their teachers. In class, teachers are breathing life into their curriculum. When students are absent from school, they end up with an assignment to complete without the full lesson provided to them. Second, students miss opportunities to connect with their peers. And miss out on the social moments that allow students to grow c great citizens within our community.

Clark Middle School, where Every Day is a Great Day for Learning!

## More News from the Assistant Principal, Diane Maples...

From the desk of  
Diane Maples, Assistant Principal



Ask your student about this video watched during lunch. View the entire video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWXkX9axcWs>

Come join us at our **Safety Committee Meetings**, held the first Thursday of every month at Clark Middle School, from 7:30 am – 8:00 am.

### PRACTICING SAFETY

**A boy opens his box to discover he has no lunch.** He's embarrassed and sad. His classmates open their lunches and proceed to eat. He pretends to go to the bathroom so no one would notice his empty. But what happens when his classmates show kindness?



This is the heartbeat of SAFETY at Clark Middle School. A school where we are a family; where all are expected to look out for one another, practice respecting each other, and celebrate our similarities and differences. A school where we practice taking care of each other.

## Upcoming Picture Dates

- **Picture Retake Day, October 09, 2019.** Simply return your original package on **Picture Retake Day**. Watch for reminder flyers to come home, first week of October. You can order on **mylifetouch.com**. Use AK029009Q1

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Volleyball** Team & Individual Photos, **November 14 & 15**
- **Wrestling** Team & Individual Photos, **November 15**



## Sports in October & November

- **COED Wrestling**, Practice starts October 11, 2019
- **Girls' Volleyball**, Practice starts October 15, 2019





## Cross Country Running – Making Great Strides

### By Raymond Lewis, Head Coach

*Hello to all Clark Falcon Supporters: ...our team is off to a great start as we now enter into our 3rd week of training. The team is working extremely hard and has bonded together as a group; a group who helps and encourages each other on a daily basis.*

*Speaking on behalf of the coaching staff that includes Coach Kris Sperry and Coach Shronda Service, we are all extremely pleased with the efforts of our team and their desire to **"be the best that they can be"** which is our theme this year.*

And the **best they that they can be**, is showing up on the trails! More news to come.

## Quyana Girls' Basketball Player #16 and Coach, Tina Parchman

Good sportsmanship builds teamwork, character, and teaches respect, honor, discipline, kindness, inclusion, resilience, perseverance, and character-building skills that last a lifetime.

Sportsmanship is defined as ethical, appropriate, polite and fair behavior while participating in a game or athletic event. When a basketball player plays by the rules, is fair to his opponent, is gracious when she loses, help an opponent who may have fallen over, these are examples of sportsmanship.

And this is what this Clark Falcon did on the floor on September 17, 2019. In a game against Romig C1 Team, held at Mears Middle School, she and a Romig athlete tripped over each other in a valiant effort to gain possession of the ball. Both fell to the floor. Clark Falcon #16 helped her opponent up with an extended hand followed with an, "Are you okay?", before proceeding down the court to help our team score.

**Quyana! To Basketball Player #16 for showing off the Clark CLASS we are known for!**

# Mark Your Calendar

## October

- ▶ Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> X-Country Run Practice Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Academy Kick-Off
- ▶ Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball
- ▶ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> X-Country Run Meet Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Tournament #2
- ▶ Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Picture Retakes
- ▶ Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Parent/Student Luncheon 12-1p.m. Library
- ▶ Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> X-Country Run Championships Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Practice Begins 3:30p.m.
- ▶ Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Native Leadership Indigenous People
- ▶ Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Men Make A Difference Day
- ▶ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Native Leadership
- ▶ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Practice Begins 3:30p.m.
- ▶ Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Girls BB End of Season Celebration
- ▶ Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Locker Clean-Out
- ▶ Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Dance
- ▶ Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> State Release Day (**N0 School**)
- ▶ Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> –Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- ▶ Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Weigh-In

## November

- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Wrestling Meet @ Mears 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> National Junior Honor Society
- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Discipline Committee Meeting
- ▶ Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Native Heritage Month-Rock Your Mocks
- ▶ Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Meet @ Romig 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Parent Café Breakfast
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Safety Committee Meeting
- ▶ Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> State Release PDD [No School for Students]
- ▶ Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @ Clark 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Poultry Speak Classroom Competition
- ▶ Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Poultry Speak Classroom Competition
- ▶ Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball JV1, JV3, C1, C3
- ▶ Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball V, JV2, C2, C4, @ Hanshew 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Wrestling @ Central 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Native Heritage Family Night
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Poultry Speak School Competition
- ▶ Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Poultry Speak School Final Competition
- ▶ Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday [No School]
- ▶ Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday [No School]

# Clark Middle Schools

## Attendance Guide

### For Students and Families



Daily attendance is one of the most powerful predictors of school success and on-time graduation. Our goal is to have every student at school on time every day. We are asking for your help and partnership in getting your student to school every day. Whether you need to maintain your student's excellent attendance or improve future attendance, it will not only help your student be successful this school year, but will prepare your student to do well in the future at college and at work.



Our **GOAL** is for students to miss nine (9) or fewer days during the school year.

#### 9 or/ FEWER DAYS of ABSENCE

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
No more than 2 days	No more than 2 days	No more than 2 days	No more than 2 days

We understand students may miss some school; however, those times should be limited. Attendance is so important that each student's attendance data is transferred to his/her permanent records at the end of the school year. Attendance is also recorded on all students' transcripts. We hope the information below will help you understand our attendance policies and procedures.

Please feel welcome to contact our student's school or one of the Administrators [742-4700] if you have any questions related to attendance.

### Valid Excuses for Absences

- ❖ Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program;
- ❖ Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical counseling, dental or optometry) for the student or person for whom the student is legally responsible;
- ❖ Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- ❖ Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- ❖ Court, judicial proceeding, or serving on a jury;
- ❖ Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- ❖ Absence directly related to the student's homeless status;
- ❖ Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member.
- ❖ Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion); and
- ❖ Principal (or designee) and parent, guardian, or emancipated youth mutually agreed upon approved activity. The school principal (or designee) has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence.

# Attendance Guide For Students and Families

~ Continued ~



## Notifying the School to Excuse Absences

We miss your student when they are absent, and we value their contributions to our school. We ask you to help ensure that your student attends school regularly. If your student is going to be absent, please contact our Attendance Secretary at 742-4700. The attendance voice mail system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If prior notice is not possible, you may call, send an e-mail, or written note upon the student's return to school.

### Notification shall include:

1. Name and spelling of the student.
2. Name and contact information of person providing the excuse and their relationship to the student.
3. Dates of absence
4. Reason for absence (see above for list of excusable absences)

## Unexcused Absences

Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria above for an excused absence.

- ❖ Parent notification – The School will notify the student's parent or guardian in writing or by telephone whenever the student has failed to attend school.
- ❖ As a means of instilling values of responsibility and personal accountability, a student whose absence is not excused will experience the consequences of his/her absence including progressive discipline. A student's grade may be affected if a graded activity or assignment occurs during the period of time when the student is absent.
- ❖ Three unexcused absences in a month - When a student has three unexcused absences in one month, our dedicated team of educators will communicate with parents to schedule a conference with the parent/guardian and student to identify the barriers and supports available to ensure regular attendance. We will then, develop a plan which may require an assessment to determine how to best meet the needs of the student and reduce absenteeism. As always, we appreciate the help and support from our families.

## Early Dismissal

An early dismissal will be excused or unexcused using the same rules applied to absences.

## Request for Planned Excused Absences

- ❖ Extended vacations during the school year or leaving school prior to the end of the school year are highly discouraged because students missing class lose essential instruction.
- ❖ Families must request prior approval for an excused planned absence. An "Excused Absence Form" can be picked up at the Front Desk/Attendance Secretary to request prior approval. Your student will need to take the form to all teachers to indicate the current grade and share assignments. The form must be returned to the Front Desk/or Security for signatures.



## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING

Allen Wardlaw, Assistant Principal

If you are interested in serving on the school **Discipline Committee** team or attending any of the discipline meetings please let me know. The Committee meets at **7:30a.m. in the Library** each month during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the administrative team.

Friday, September 6, 2019

**Friday, October 4, 2019**

Friday, November 1, 2019

Friday, December 6, 2019

Friday, January 10, 2020

Friday, February 7, 2020

Friday, March 20, 2020

Friday, April 3, 2020

Friday, May 1, 2020



## SAFETY MEETINGS

Diane Maples, Assistant Principal

Safety is a priority for our learning community. With a safe environment, students, staff, and parents are able to focus on academic success. The Clark staff has developed an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that is available to parents in the main office for review. The Clark Safety and Emergency Committee meet at **7:30a.m. in the Library** each month during the school year. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the committee.



Thursday, September 5, 2019

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Thursday, May 7, 2020

# Clark Parent Leadership Team

*You Are Cordially Invited to Attend*

The School Leadership (SLT) is the primary school based vehicle for parents to work with teachers and the Principals to establish school priorities, discuss budget alignment to educational priorities, and evaluate your school's progress.

Administrators, parents and teachers comprise the School Leadership Team. Through active participation on the School Leadership Team have the opportunity to directly influence higher expectations, collaborative planning and a joint planning community.

The School Leadership Team is instrumental in providing input into the development of our Title I School-wide Plan that sets annual goals for the school in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Attendance and School-wide Discipline. As goals are set, systems will be put in place to measure achievement of those goals.

Clark Middle School's Leadership Team is scheduled to meet monthly. The meeting schedule is listed below:

Thurs. <b>September</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Breakfast	8-9am	Library
Thurs. <b>October</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Luncheon	12-1pm	Library
Thurs. <b>November</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Breakfast	8-9pm	Library
Thurs. <b>December</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Luncheon	12-1pm	Library
Thurs. <b>January</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Breakfast	8-9am	Library
Tues. <b>February</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Dinner	5:30pm-6:30pm	Dinner
			6:30-8:00pm	<i>Visit Classrooms</i>
				<i>Enjoy Learning Activities from</i>
				<i>our Learning Community</i>
Thurs. <b>March</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Breakfast	8-9pm	Library
Thurs. <b>April</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Student Luncheon	12-1pm	Library



All parents and teachers are welcome to attend. Parents who have questions, ideas or suggestions for the School Parent Leadership Team but cannot attend a meeting may leave a message in the main office or contact the Principal, Cessilye Williams @ 742-4730.

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## I am Interested:

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*

Phone Number: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

List your student(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Dates can be found on Clark Middle Schools Facebook Page  
as well as our Clark Middle Schools ASD Website

# School Business Partners

## We Appreciate Your Service

Thanks to Clark Middle School's business partners. Their support enhances the education of our students!



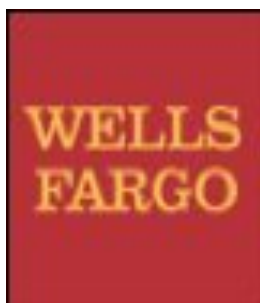
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**DRUG FREE"**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**



11/09/2019



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### Monday, November 04, 2019

– “Team up against Drugs” wear team jerseys of your favorite team.



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### Tuesday, November 05, 2019

– I’m A “Jean”-ius I’m DRUG FREE” wear jean & Clark T-Shirt in support Red Ribbon Week advocating for a drug free lifestyle.



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### Wednesday, November 06, 2019

– Join the Fight Against Drugs, wear camouflage gear in support of the military and their families that suffer and sacrifice for our FREEDOM.



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### Thursday, November 07, 2019

– “Lei off Drugs” Wear your lei in support of Red Ribbon Week advocating for a drug free lifestyle.

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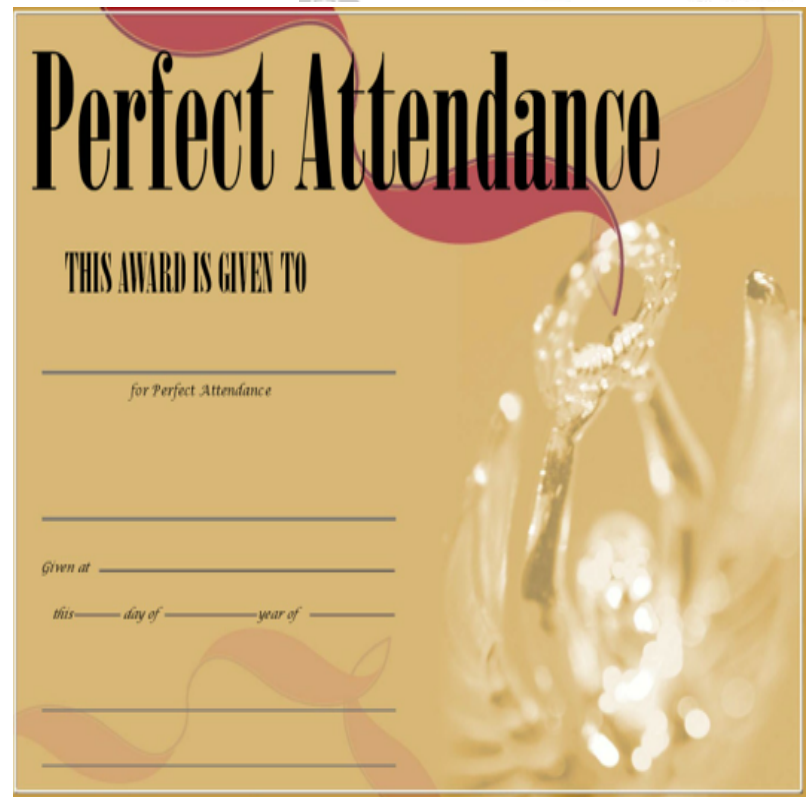
### Friday, November 08, 2019

“Guys in **Ties**, Girls in **Pearls**” Taking a visible stand against drugs by -- “Guys in **ties**, Girls in **pearls**,” and dress in professional attire & attend the school dance. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle, make a difference.





# 100% ATTENDANCE



at·tend·ance

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noun

noun: **attendance**

1. the action or state of going regularly to or being present at a place or event.  
"my **attendance** at school is 100%"

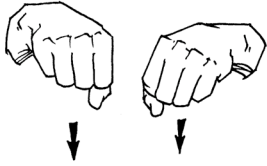
synonym **presence, appearance**

m **More**"please confirm

s: your attendance"



Deaf



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# Deaf Awareness Week

Deaf Awareness Week is recognized internationally during the last full week of September. The purpose of the week is to spread awareness of deafness itself, but also to help expose people to challenges facing deaf people and the ways in which they overcome those challenges.

Deafness exists in a multitude of degrees as well as from a variety of causes. Some people are very mildly hard of hearing, only struggling with high frequency sounds or in busy areas with high volumes of noise, while others hear nothing at all. A person could be born deaf or become deafened later in life by illness, age, or result of accident.

Technology today helps many deaf people to communicate with ease and independence. Hearing aids have been digitally mastered for clearer amplification of sound. Cochlear implant technology has been improved and is an option for those who are able to access and interpret sound through an electronic replacement of normal sound. FM auditory training systems and audio field systems are available for more focus on a main speaking voice in a variety of settings. Deaf people use vibrating alarms for awakening, message reader boards for public announcements, flashing light appliances for doors and phones to alert them to incoming visitors or communications, video telephones and relay services for personal and business communications in sign language, and multiple smart phone features for regular contact with friends and family. Advances are being made constantly in technology that benefit deaf and allow them to function autonomously.

We continue to challenge ourselves in all areas. What a hard working group!

We will continue to focus on examining how American History is applied to our lives today. Students will focus on the American Indian cultures throughout early America and compare to how they live today. In science, we will begin applying skills we learned in math to examining data as we complete experiments in flight, insulation, and other cool ways. All other subjects are pushing students to their limits and beyond! Look forward to reading book reviews to be completed daily as well as math practice.

Important Dates: Come and Join the Fun!

Pizza Takeover at the Dimond Round Table Pizza

beginning at 6:00 PM

Tuesday Night Family Sign Language Classes Continue at Russian Jack Elementary from 6:00 - 7:30

# Clark Middle School FALCONS



## Student Creed

I am a student seeking to be a SCHOLAR  
The standard is  
excellence today and tomorrow

I am discipline, focused and on time

I am organized, respectful and responsible  
I am on a mission to elevate myself, my  
community and humanity.

I am a Clark Middle School SCHOLAR!

# Scholar Vocabulary

**ALTRUSISTIC** (al troo is tik)

Unselfishly generous; concerned for others

⟨ When one country gives aid to another country it is generally for reasons that are not entirely **altruistic**.

⟨ Many people are attracted to teaching for **altruistic** reasons rather than financial ones.

⟨ A mother's love is often cited as an example of **altruism**.

**AMBIGUOUS** (am big you us)

unclear or doubtful in meaning

⟨ When writing an essay, try to avoid making **ambiguous** statements.

⟨ The language used in advertising is often deliberately **ambiguous**.

⟨ Homonyms - words that sound the same but mean different things - are sometimes **ambiguous** when used in speech; **pair/pare/pear** is an example of this

## TEST PREP PRACTICE QUESTION

The following sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence contains no error, select choice E.

Whereas the caterpillars of most butterflies are  
A B  
harmless, moth caterpillars cause an enormous  
C  
amount of damage on plants, forest and shade  
D  
trees, clothing, and household goods. No error  
E

- A. (A)
- B. (B)
- C. (C)
- D. (D)
- E. (E)

## *Dates to Remember*

### October

- ▶ Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> X-Country Run Practice Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Academy Kick-Off
- ▶ Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball
- ▶ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> X-Country Run Meet Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Tournament #2
- ▶ Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Picture Retakes
- ▶ Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Parent/Student Luncheon 12-1p.m. Library
- ▶ Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> X-Country Run Championships Kincaid
- ▶ Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Practice Begins 3:30p.m.
- ▶ Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Native Leadership Indigenous People
- ▶ Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Men Make A Difference Day
- ▶ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Native Leadership
- ▶ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Practice Begins 3:30p.m.
- ▶ Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Girls BB End of Season Celebration
- ▶ Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Locker Clean-Out
- ▶ Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Dance
- ▶ Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> State Release Day (**N0 School**)
- ▶ Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences
- ▶ Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> –Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- ▶ Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Weigh-In

## *Dates to Remember*

### November

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- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Wrestling Meet @ Mears 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> National Junior Honor Society
- ▶ Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Discipline Committee Meeting
- ▶ Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Native Heritage Month-Rock Your Mocks
- ▶ Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Wrestling Meet @ Romig 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Parent Café Breakfast
- ▶ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Safety Committee Meeting
- ▶ Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> State Release PDD [No School for Students]
- ▶ Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Wrestling @ Clark 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Poultry Speak Classroom Competition
- ▶ Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Poultry Speak Classroom Competition
- ▶ Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball JV1, JV3, C1, C3
- ▶ Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball V, JV2, C2, C4, @ Hanshaw 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Wrestling @ Central 3:30PM
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Native Heritage Family Night
- ▶ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Poultry Speak School Competition
- ▶ Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Poultry Speak School Final Competition
- ▶ Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday [No School]
- ▶ Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday [No School]