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Clark Middle School

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th 2023



Hello Clark Families,

In a few weeks, The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) and the Alaska Science Assessment will be administered to students in Grades 3-9 (English language arts and mathematics) and grades 5, 8 and 10 (science) each spring during the state-designated testing window. AK STAR and the Alaska Science Assessment are state-required assessments that provide students with the opportunity to show their understanding of important skills in these content areas at their grade level. We do not want our students to get overly concerned or anxious about the tests, but to approach them with a positive attitude and to do their best.

Here at Clark Middle School, we want our students to understand that they can achieve anything; our students have endless potential! Regardless of the type of assessment, we encourage our students to approach all testing opportunities with passion and tenacity. We want them to walk away feeling proud and successful. Most importantly, these assessments are a method to celebrate their learning and knowledge!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your ongoing support!

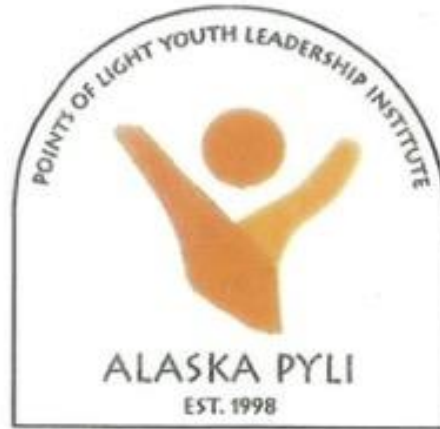
Thank you,

Bennetta Orchitt

Clark MS Principal



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Sports physical at Clark Middle School

This spring, the school clinic at Clark can help 8th graders get ready for high school sports. Use this QR code to request an appointment at the Clark Clinic or leave a message at 907-742-7782.



Fall sports include: running, swimming, volleyball, tennis, gymnastics, riflery, flag football (girls), and football (boys). Most sports start at the end of July or early August. Don't wait until the last minute to schedule a physical at either your regular doctor or the school clinic.



Cross-Country Skiing

As the *coach for Cross-Country Skiing*, we are halfway through the season, we have four more meets: Feb 15th at 6:00 (Kincaid Park); Feb 22nd at 6:00 (Service High School); Feb 28th, Tuesday 6:00 at Bartlett High School; and March 2nd Thursday 6:00 pm at Kincaid. Come cheer our students on. Lots of excitement, skiing, parents, teachers, and volunteers. All the middle schools come out and compete. It is a skiing Wonderland! I will send invitations to the ski parents for our end-of-season party, on March 3rd- from 3:20-4:45 pm. I will have a sign-up sheet for parents to bring something. Ski on.....

Kindest Regards

Tina Parchman M.A.T.
Ski Coach



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SCHOOL! <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/alaska/anchorage/clark-middle-school>



Hello Clark Families,

We are approaching the end of the school year and that brings all sorts of exciting moments including getting a yearbook! That's right, remember getting all those fun signatures and drawing on people's faces? Well, now it is time to pass the torch to your Clark student and get them a yearbook so they can have this experience.

Parents and students can purchase the Yearbook through Ms. Christina Russell or go online to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and enter Clark Middle School code 14424123. *Lifetouch is requesting that all books are ordered by April, 1st.*

This image is a sneak peek to see what it is like this year.



News from The Academic Teams...

6TH Grade TEAM ARISTOTLE



ARISTOTLE “Doing the right thing, in relation to the right person, at the right time, to the right extent, in the right manner, and the right purpose.”

Language Arts [Marissa Ridgley Ridgley_marissa@asdk12.org](mailto:Marissa_Ridgley_Ridgley_marissa@asdk12.org)

Yay! It's Flower Blooming Season! This month in Language Arts, students will be concluding the novel *Walk Two Moons* with an evaluation assessment of Unit 2: ***Powers of Change*** by writing an informative literary response. In writing, students we will be continuing Unit 3 ***Identifying Claims in Arguments*** and concluding the unit with writing an argumentative essay. Students are also learning how to eloquently and effectively quote/ reference information from a text in their writing to enhance their writing abilities. In Science students will be continuing learning about ***energy***, concentrating on potential and kinetic energy, and moving into different types of energy focusing this month on solar and thermal energy. They are also exploring different energy sources as well. In math students will be learning how to incorporate addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division using decimal numbers.

Writing Patrick Moran moran_patrick@asdk12.org

The 6th grade Social Studies unit for 4th quarter is titled "20th Century Conflicts." Understanding the impacts of conflicts within a global, local and personal perspective. Analyzing the impacts on communities and people. A focus on WWI, WWII, Cold War, and Terrorism. In March our focus will primarily be on WW1 and then into WW2. -Mr. Moran

The Academic Teams Continues...

7TH Grade TEAM GALILEO



Writing Yuan Bank bank_yuan@asdk12.org

Hello everybody! Team Galileo is learning so much this quarter! This month in Writing, each student will be reading narrative stories and creating our own fable to be published. In Science, we will work through the motion and energy movement. We will look at Newton's laws of motion. There will be a Quarter three test before Spring Break. In Social Studies during the first week of March, students will be judged on their National History Day project

and then will move onto the study of Asia. In Language Arts, students will continue learning about argumentative stories and writing. We are so excited to see what the students will do this month!



8TH Grade TEAM MARIE CURIE

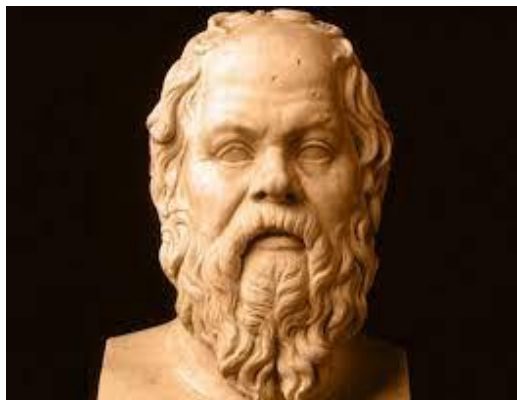
ELA/Writing contact: Tina Parchman parchman_tina@asdk12.org

ELA/Writing

Our unit for Writing and ELA on “The Challenge to Make a Difference,” includes many examples and information about how our young people of today are making the world a better place. We are also exploring poetry (FOUND Poems) and poetry devices: metaphor, simile, and personification. We are utilizing Flocabulary, Peardeck, Canvas, and Kahoots to implement fun and engaging activities into this unit. The students will present a multimedia campaign to the class: “Truth to Power Protest Projects” and we will invite you. The dates for the presentations are Feb 27th and Feb 28th.

We continue to learn *writing and grammar techniques* to help our students write quality essays: transitions, organizational structures, Introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusions. We are applying these techniques to multimedia presentations, using correct grammar and spelling, organization flow, bulleted information for presentations, and verbal and speaking strategies.

8TH Grade TEAM SOCRATES



Science: Jason Patterson Patterson_jasoin@asdk12.org

Social Studies: Michael Moberly moberly_michael@asdk12.org

Writing: Scott McDonald mcdonald_scott@asdk12.org

Edward Kelkis kelkis_edward@asdk12.org

Socrates is really excited for March. Students will be signing up for **high school classes** on March 7th for both Bartlett and East, and then after Spring Break, we will be heading to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on March 23rd and 24th. **Please remember to submit your child's permission slip and \$5 for the AWCC trip no later than March 6th.**

Science:

Jason Patterson Patterson_jason@asdk12.org

In Science 8 we have converted the science room into Mars for our project "Destination Mars". For this long-term project, students will think critically and use the engineering design process to solve Mars-based problems. In order to do this the students will program and design a build around their very own Mars rover. March into April will include scientific and fundamental concepts on genetics and the diversity of life. In Social Studies, students will be transitioning into an intensive study of Colonization, Revolution, and creation of the United States of America. The focus of this look-back in history will be to have students look forward to the next stage of human colonization in space. English Language Arts is finishing *The Giver* and *Fahrenheit 451* by the end of Quarter Three. When we return from spring break, we will be completing Module 2 for the end of March and moving into Holocaust studies in Module 3 by examining *Night*, by Elie Wisel. Writing will be finishing looking at writing historical fiction narratives and moving into writing their own poetry.

Writing Department Update:

Writing: Scott McDonald mcdonald_scott@asdk12.org

The Writing Department is looking forward to finishing our narrative unit and beginning our poetry unit after Spring Break. Look forward to more information coming home with your students about the Poetry Speak competition, which will take place in late April. Students will learn more about the competition after Spring Break and will begin working on selecting poems and creating their own poems to share with their peers.



CLASS OF 2027
YOUR INVITED TO...

Bartlett High School's
Freshman Fair

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 | 6:00p- 7:30p

SEE YOU THERE!

ASD Migrant Education



Dear Clark Middle School Scholars and Families,

As the new Migrant Education Student Success Coach, I am so excited to be here and to be a part of the Clark community!

Migrant Education's mission is to make student success more achievable by providing helpful resources, services, and activities. The Program is open to any children, ages 3-19, who do not have a high school diploma.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under the age of 20 who accompany their parents or guardians for seasonal fishing, agricultural work (including berry picking), or logging. Families are interviewed by a recruiter to begin determining student eligibility.*

**Children 14 and older may perform the qualifying work without a parent or guardian.*

To contact a recruiter, please call (907)742-4231. You can find program information at: www.asdk12.org/migrated.

Sincerest regards,

Tamara Rothman,

Migrant Education Student Success Coach, Clark Middle School



2023 JNYO and NYO Games

When our ancestors had successful hunting and fishing trips, they would return to the village to share how and where they were successful. Survival depended on their willingness to help each other. Today athletes competing in NYO Games are the only sports events in the world where athletes from different teams help each other to be successful in the games and in life.

Clark's students were able to participate and enjoy the different NYO events in their regular scheduled P.E. classes beginning Feb. 13-24.

Clark's 2023 JNYO Competition – February 24, 2023 – begins at 4.m. – UAA Seawolf Complex Center.

Clark's 2023 NYO Competition – April 20, 2023 – Alaska Airline Center (3550 Providence Dr.).

Come cheer for Clark's Indigenous JNYO and NYO Athletes!

Information is available online: nyogames.com.

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Grades 6th -7th

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Call Christine Willock at (907) 793-3195 or Christine_willock@citci.org



Contact: Yani Morley morley_yani

Traditional Culture Regalia for 2023 Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony

In preparation and to keep in mind for 2023 eighth grade recognition ceremony (sometime in May), to have your child represent their Alaskan Indigenous Culture by wearing appropriate traditional regalia for their ceremony.

Please watch for more details to come!

Clarks' Indigenous Leadership Academy for 2022-23

21 Alaskan Indigenous Students will be recognized for their academic accomplishments by successfully completing the first quarter with a grade point average (GPA) from a 3.0 to 4.0, in which they are invited to join the academy.

Please watch for acknowledgements/awards coming soon.

2023 March Dates to Remember

March

1st -5th – FUR RONDY Charlotte Jensen Native Arts Market – Dimond Center

10th – End of Third Quarter

3rd – FUR RONDY – Blanket Toss – 5:30 – 7pm – 3rd and E Street

13th -17th – ASD SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

20th – Fourth Quarter Begins



Congratulations Raquel Mark who won 1st place in Clark's 2023 Spelling Bee Contest!

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING

Elizabeth Hermanson, Assistant Principal, Contact: 907-742-4724

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 7:30am each month in the Clark Library during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the Administrative Team.

Friday, September 2, 2022

Friday, October 7, 2022

Friday November 4, 2022

Friday December 2, 2022

Friday, January 13, 2023

Friday, February 3, 2023

Friday, March 3, 2023

Friday, April 7, 2023

Friday, May 5, 2023



SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Carl Snider, Assistant Principal, Contact: 907-742-7724

If you are interested in serving on the school **Safety Committee** Team or attending any of the discipline meetings, please let me know. The committee meets at 7:30am each month during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the Administrative Team.

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Thursday, May 4, 2023



Dates to Remember

March

- ▶ 3/1 FUR RONDY (3/1-3/5)
- ▶ 3/2 Cross Country Ski Meet 6pm @ Kincaid
- ▶ 3/2 Safety Committee Meeting
- ▶ 3/2 Boys BB – C1-2 5:30 @ Clark, C3 5:30 @ Hanshew, C4 6:30 @ Gruening
- ▶ 3/3 FUR RONDY – Blanket Toss 5:30-7pm @ 3rd & E St.
- ▶ 3/3 Discipline Committee Meeting
- ▶ 3/3 Cross Country Ski End of Year Celebration 3:20-4:45
- ▶ 3/6 Deadline for Team Socrates Permission Slips and \$5 For field Trip
- ▶ 3/7 Bartlett High School Freshman Fair 6-7:30pm
- ▶ 3/10 End of 3rd Quarter
- ▶ 3/13 Spring Break Begins
- ▶ 3/17 Spring Break Ends
- ▶ 3/20 4th Quarter Begins
- ▶ 3/23 Family Math Night
- ▶ 3/23 Team Socrates Field Trip @ Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (3/24 & 3/24)
- ▶ 3/29 8th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures
- ▶ 3/31 Sports Pictures

April

- ▶ 4/6 Safety Committee Meeting
- ▶ 4/7 Discipline Committee Meeting
- ▶ 4/18 NJHS Rehearsal
- ▶ 4/20 Family Science Night
- ▶ 4/20 NJHS Ceremony
- ▶ 4/20 NYO Competition @ Alaska Airline Center

