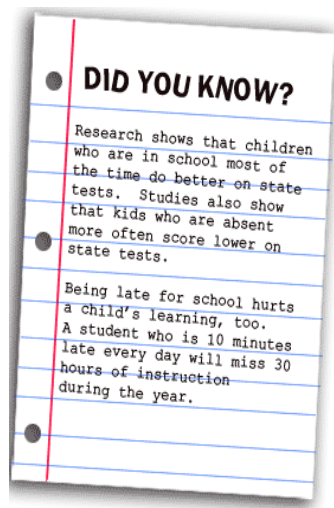


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Clark Middle School



I encourage you to focus on the positives this month. Living with an attitude of gratitude is one of the best things we can do for our own mental health. I am thankful for how hard our students, staff, and families have worked to make learning successful for many of our students at Clark. We have found ways to stay connected and build an amazing school community. I am thankful to be your Clark Principal.

Thank you,

Bennetta Orchitt
Principal



We are thankful to be your Clark Staff supporting our students, families and community!

Thanksgiving Blessing

What is Blessing?

Thanksgiving Blessing puts faith into action and brings together people of good will for a common goal: provide a Thanksgiving meal for families who might otherwise go without.

This event occurs every year due to the time and effort of churches, religious organizations, social service agencies and volunteers who bring this ambitious endeavor together on behalf of our neighbors.

Congregations and volunteer groups gather food – often rising to the challenge of collecting 500 cans of vegetables or 1,000 packages of stuffing – to help one of the distribution sites.

Anchorage Distribution Sites (11/21/22):

Mt. View Community Center: 11pm-7pm

315 Price Street (99508, 99514)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 2pm-7pm

13111 Brayton Drive (99507, 99511, 99515, 99516, 99518, 99523, 99540, 99587)

New Season Community Development, Inc.: 2pm-7pm

639 International Airport Rd. #24 (99502, 99507, 99517, 99519)

Central Lutheran Church: 2pm-7pm

1420 Cordova Street (99501, 99503, 99510, 99512, 99513, 99520, 99524)

St. Patrick's Parish: 2pm-7pm

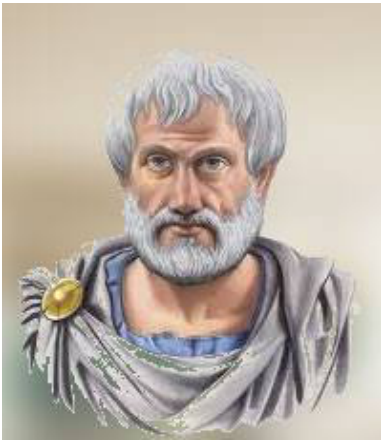
2111 Muldoon Rd. (99504, 99509, 99521)

Joy Lutheran Church: 2pm-7pm

10111 E. Eagle River Loop Rd. (99505, 99506, 99567, 99577)

News from The Academic Teams...

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“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.”

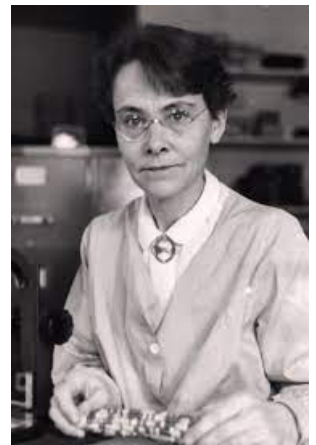
Congratulation! Clark scholars you made it through the first quarter. Students didn't think they could do it, but they did it. Yay!!!

This month in Language Arts, we are finishing up unit 1 Stories of Change. Students will be learning how change interferes/ impact individual lives along with learning and exploring different literacy terms. In writing, students will be learning how to formulate an academic essay using the MLA format exposing students to the 11 steps of expository writing. In Social Studies, students will be wrapping up the Economics unit moving into immigration. In Science it's all about ecology, learning how organisms depends on the physical world to survive.

McClintock

Greetings, Team McClintock Parent/Guardian!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Semester 1. It was great to see all of you at Student-Led Conferences back in October. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Team McClintock teachers with any questions or concerns you may have as we move forward in the semester. We are looking forward to traveling with your student to the Anchorage Museum on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, for our first field trip of the year. We are looking for more chaperones for this event, so please email cash_ellie@asdk12.org to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for your continued support of the good work your student is doing at home and at school!



News from The Academic Teams Continues...

Socrates Team

Team Socrates is happy to have met with so many of you at conferences last month and were so impressed by how students showed their success in the first quarter. In science class we just finished the quarter one exam on chemical interactions and now we are headed into geology and the history of the earth. For Social Studies, we have begun the Economics/Household Budgeting unit; students have researched their “dream jobs”. In the coming couple of weeks, they will complete applications for these jobs and create a sustainable household budget. Writing will be starting argumentative writing and looking at rhetorical appeals to support our claims. Language Arts will be looking into how writers create utopian and dystopian societies.



Writing Department Update:

As we progress into the second quarter, writing classes will shift from informative writing into argumentative writing. We will be looking at making a claim, using facts and information to support the claim, and closing essays with a call to action. Much of our daily writing involves argument; we usually want our readers to respond in some way. If we want action to take place, we convince others using evidence and reasoning. Students will be learning how to back up their desires and views with evidence, reasoning, and rhetorical appeals.



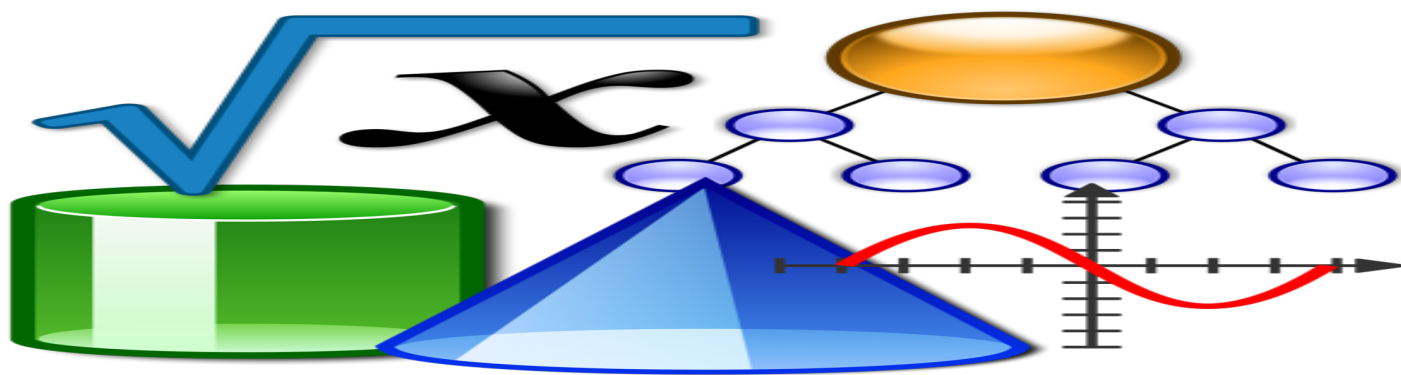
Marie Curie Team:

Ms. Parchman ELA/Writing

We Hope this month finds you well. Students have been writing their “Definition of a Hero” essay and many of them have used examples from their families, Historical heroes, and ‘Negation’ strategies- what a hero is not to highlight what a hero is to them. We have studied many excellent grammar and writing techniques: parallel structure, appositive phrases, prepositional phrases, and sentence variety.

In ELA we are reading essays about Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass along with articles and essays about War heroes and Historical heroes. The students are making great progress in how to analyze text, annotate for different purposes, and write well-constructed short answers questions based on what they have read. These strategies will help them navigate English in High School. Our next unit in ELA is called, “The Challenge of Utopia,” and we will be reading the novel by Lois Lowry, *The Giver*.

Math News...



The math department was so happy to have met so many of you at conferences last month. Looking forward to enjoying Thanksgiving next!

Geometry will be working on Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

Algebra will be working on Graphing Linear Equations and Graphing Linear Inequalities

Pre-Algebra will be working on Solving Equations

Math 8 will be working on Graphing and Solving Linear Equations

Math 7 will be working on Real Numbers which means Negative Numbers

Math 6 will be working on Decimal and Fraction Operations.

Science News.....

Science is a way of thinking...

...the science teachers at Clark MS share a teaching philosophy that is well stated by Robert Hutchins, "It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts; it's to teach them to think."

During the month of November, students will continue intensive scientific investigations where they will learn to think like a scientist. We will continue using rigorous Pre-AP strategies and activities where the students will think critically to create solutions to problems. This includes making claims supported with evidence and then explaining their reasoning/logic. The rigorous scientific content will be learned through inquiry-based and student-centered activities while being based on the Next Generation Science Standards.



Cross Country Running



Hello to all Clark Falcon Supporters.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone that supported our awesome men's and women's cross-country team! They finished the season on a beautiful day at Kincaid Park running some of their best times of the year. It was an eventful year running which included running in torrential rain, high winds, and hail, yet they never wavered. I am so proud of them! The team worked extremely hard and bonded together as a group that helped and encouraged each other daily at practice and meets. I am extremely pleased with the effort of our team and their desire to "be the best they can be" which was our theme for this year. Along with "be comfortable being uncomfortable." I hope you will encourage our team and show them thanks for representing Clark during this season when you see them in the halls of Clark. On a special note, Congratulations to Amin Amir for finishing in 9th place in the championship meet against 172 other eighth graders in the Anchorage school district. Job well done! Again, they have all done a great job of representing us as a school and making us proud to be a Clark Falcon.

Coach Lewis

Anchorage School Based Health Center

Anchorage School Based Health Centers offers medical services, including physical exams, at Clark for families that cannot get to a doctor's office in the community. Parent consent is required. ASBHC also partners with Alaska Behavioral Health to offer therapeutic counseling at Clark. For more information, please leave a message at 907-742-7782.

Resource Collab Team News...

Ms. Coleman, Mrs. Emmal, Mrs. Misi, and Mrs. Swisher are special education teachers we provided direct students services in the areas of reading (ELA and Science), writing, affective skills, social skills, and study skills. We support your scholars meet their IEP (Individual Education Plan) goals and work with the general education teachers in various ways to also meet your scholar's academic and social-emotional needs.

Special education is meant to provide support for a student to not only succeed academically but also to enable that student to live as full and independent a life as possible. Research has clearly proven that children with significant intellectual disabilities have a hard time generalizing what they learn across different environments. An example of this is when a child is taught to make change for a dollar bill in a pretend classroom store, he or she may not be able to successfully perform this task in an actual grocery store, especially when the store is crowded. The classroom store does not represent the actual environment of the grocery store. For this reason, when necessary, it is very important that special education students receive instruction in environments outside of the school building, such as actual grocery stores, in order to help prepare them for life after school. This type of special education is known as “transition” services.

Parents should remember that the term special education encompasses a broad range of both academic and non-academic services. The specific services will depend on the individual needs of the particular child.

Understanding the services your child needs and which of those services are the responsibility of the school district will help you to become a more effective advocate for your child.



October was full of snow, laughter, and fun projects! Our students have begun their iPad Projects! This will be an ongoing project and more will be shared with families as we go. In November, we will continue to develop students' skills in a variety of areas, including technology use, scientific method, and digital citizenship. We will be focusing on copyrights and what we leave behind when we post things on the internet.

AKSDHH gear are available to order! We have hoodies, vests, t-shirts, hats and more! If you would like to order anything or see the inventory list, please contact Clara Baldwin (Assistant Director of AKSDHH) via email at baldwin_clara@asdk12.org.






Upcoming events for AKSDHH:

- Jr. NAD Pizza Night – November 17, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Round Table Pizza

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL RED RIBBON WEEK

“DRUG FREE LOOKS LIKE ME!”

10/31/2022 - 11/04/2022

Monday 10/31	Tuesday 11/1	Wednesday 11/2	Thursday 11/3	Friday 11/4
Camouflage Day	Sports Day	Hat Day	Disney Day	Clark Color Day
				
Join the fight against drugs by camouflage gear.	Represent your favorite sports teams to show support for living a drug free life.	Hats off to a drug free lifestyle. Wear your favorite hat to school.	Walt Disney famously said, “If you can dream it, you can do it”. Dream big, Clark and dress up in a Disney inspired outfit.	Wear Clark gear or dress in Navy and Gold to support our drug free pledge as a Clark family.



Sponsored by National Family Partnership
www.redribbon.org

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





Hosted by: Anchorage School District, Title I
Led by Love and Logic Trained Facilitator
Meg'n Gall

Dates: Every Monday (1/23,1/30,2/6,2/13,2/27,3/6) no class on 2/20 Presidents day

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Location: Zoom link will be provided weekly.

How to Register: Name
Child's school
Email address
Mailing address
Phone number

Questions and to register: Meg'n Gall
gall_megn@asdk12.org

Cost: Free

****Limited seats available

***** ***This is a class series.*** Registration is for all six weeks.

Topics to be covered:

- *how to decrease arguing*
- *increasing accountability while providing empathy*
- *setting limits*
- *avoiding power struggles*
- * increasing their problem solving skills*
- * increasing compliance with chores*

Diversity Festival

Bettye Davis East High

Saturday, December 3rd

12pm-5pm

Food

Community Resources

Prizes

Silent Auction

Family Engagement

Job Opportunity

Cultural Performance & Display



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For more info please email janetemmsley@gmail.com

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TITLE VI Indian Education Outreach

November - Native Heritage Month

Clark's Indigenous Students will be celebrating November Native Heritage Month by continue learning about different Alaska Native Traditional Foods, and Alaska Native Leaders who contributed to Alaska history, also



who has encouraged other Alaskan Indigenous People such as Benny Benson, Elizabeth Petrovitch and demonstrate and practice NYO Game event categories, showcase Alaska Native tradition and youth athleticism with events based on skills traditionally needed to survive in Alaska as well as students sharing their own experiences and stories in our "Talking Circle."

Join Title VI Indian Education Program with 506 Enrollment For!

When your child joins the Title VI Indian Education Program, they will become a member of an Indigenous learning community of over 7,000 Indigenous students. The Title VI team and its students serve these missions of Native Education values: Stewarding a community of Indigenous learners and leaders, passing on the knowledge and wisdom for Cultural Identity, and connecting each other with education support.

Services your child would also qualify for free services with ASD, which include:

School counselor for community resources and academic engagement

Indigenous leadership opportunities

Academic tutoring support and learning connections

Transition support between schools at ASD or rural Alaska

Cultural Enrichment and Summer Enrichment Programs

High school internships with ASD

To access the Title VI 506 Form online, please visit: asdk12.org/506 or call (907)742-7765.

For more information and program description, please visit our website: asdk12.org/Title VI.

CITC – Johnson O'Malley Grant (JOM)

Who is eligible? Alaska Native and American Indian students attending classes as ASD schools are eligible!

Students and Parents,

The CITC-JOM Native Students Activities Grant Program provides funding assistance to meet specialized and unique educational needs and enrich the educational experiences of Alaska Native and American Indian students enrolled full-time in grades Kindergarten – twelve (12) in the Anchorage School District (ASD).

The amount available per student is not to exceed \$300.00 during a school year (Aug 1-July 31). Cap of \$150 on sports gear and gym clothing requests.

Technology requests required letter of support from the teacher stating how the technology item will benefit the child. Technology requests (laptops, iPads, etc.) will be approved once every three years per student.

Submit application and proof of Indian blood to : CITC-JOM Native Student Activities Program, CITC, YES Department – 3880 San Jeronimo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 – jomprograms@citc.org.

For more information contact Diane Stone at (907) 793-3327.

Dates to Remember

November

- 11/3 Safety Meeting
- 11/4 Discipline Committee Meeting
- 11/10 Wrestling Meet 5:00pm
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/11 State Release Professional Development (**No School for students**)
- 11/15 Wrestling Meet @5:00pm
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Blessing: Mt. View Community Center 11am-7pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2pm-7pm, New Season Community Development Inc. 2pm-7pm, Central Lutheran Church 2pm-7pm, St. Patrick's Parish 2pm-7pm, Joy Lutheran Church 2pm-7pm
- 11/22 Wrestling Meet@ 5:00pm
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/29 Wrestling Meet@ 5:00pm

December

- 12/1 Safety Committee Meeting
- 12/2 Discipline Committee Meeting
- 12/3 Diversity Festival – 12pm-5pm
- 12/21 Classes Ends
- 12/22 State Release Grade Reporting Day. End of Second Quarter
- 12/23 Winter Break Starts
- 12/31 End of Winter Break

