

Eagle Express



Sept., 2019

News from the Superintendent

Dear Patrons,

As of the publication of this newsletter we are exactly 4 weeks into the school year. Crazy that we're that far already, but we've settled into the routine and we couldn't be happier with how the school year is going and how well everyone is doing.

On the first day of school we had 337 students in grades preschool through senior. That's a first day increase of 4 from last year and the 3rd straight year of an increase. Since the first day we're had some students move in and others move out. The official count day for schools is September 20 and I suspect we'll be in the 335 range this year.

"When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I'm optimistic". That quote by Carl Rogers described perfectly how after this year's Watermelon Festival. I heard so many positives about USD 224 students. These positives are from how well they helped at the derby (both helping KOC concessions and cleanup), how well they ran the softball concessions, how well they painted downtown, how well they helped serve at the ice cream social Sunday night, how well they served at the biscuits and gravy breakfast, etc. I've said it many, many times and it's still true... we have great kids! Make sure and tell kids, and each other, how much you appreciate them when they do something positive.

As many of you hopefully saw last month we did a video on all of the upgrades to our facilities that took place over the summer. I have received very positive reviews from those of you that did see it. As of right now the plan is to do a highlight video at the beginning of every quarter. So, look for the next one to come out late October or early November and highlight new classes and programs that have been implemented for the 2019-20 school year.

Again, the school year is off to a great start and we're really excited to continue to implement the changes made over the summer and look at additional ways we can improve for our students and community. As always, if you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely,
Art Baker
USD 224 Superintendent/CCHS Principal

FYI...

—Early Eagle Storytime will begin Sept. 20 at both public libraries. Storytime in Clyde will be at 9:30am and Clifton at 10:30. Early Eagle Storytime is open to all kids 0-5 and lead by USD 224 Preschool teacher Mrs. Jackie Kindle. Please contact the school or either public library for more info and dates.

—In the past couple of years USD 224 has made many improvements and facility upgrades. Obviously, we're going to continue that, but we're going to be looking for public and staff input on priorities. Be on the lookout this fall for a survey on this topic.

—Oct. 2— CCGS and CCMS school pictures and fall sports pictures. Also, CCHS picture re-takes.

No School September 23 or 27

Sept. 23 Student Led Conferences grades 6-12

Parent-Teacher Conferences PreK-5



Thanks to a generous donation from the St. John Catholic Church USD 224 has been able to establish an Eagle Pantry. This pantry is available for all teachers to grab things that students may need, as well as, for high school students to grab from when needed so they're getting what they need without the embarrassment. The pantry contains clothing, snacks, easy meal items, toiletries, and gift cards to buy other items as needed. Thanks again to the church for their support of our students.



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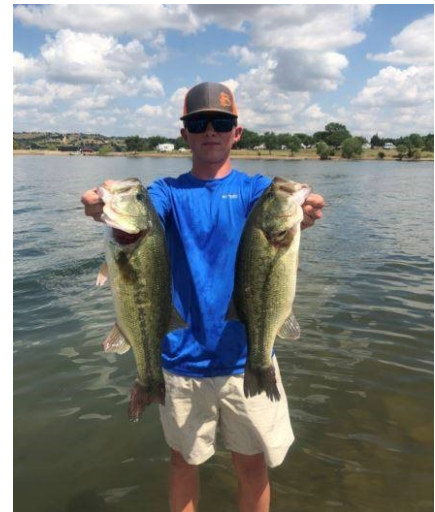
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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Clifton-Clyde High School September Student of the Month!

Gavin is a senior at Clifton-Clyde and the son of Lisa and Brandon Koch. Gavin is a member of football this year, FBLA for 4 years, power lifting for 2 years, and Clifton-Clyde Eagle Anglers bass team. Gavin has received multiple medals at power lifting meets including 1st place in squats and bench. He is an active fisherman and was on the state champion team with Matt Barnes at the Kansas BASS nation high school state championships. Gavin and Matt went onto nationals and placed at the national tournament at Kentucky Lake. Gavin also won two fishing tournaments over the summer and continues to be an avid fisherman. Gavin's future plans include going to the Navy.



Congratulations to the CCGS August Student of the Month, Nellie Fahey.

Nellie is a 3rd grader at Clifton-Clyde Grade School and is the daughter of April and Rocky Fahey. Nellie's nomination stated, "Nellie is always willing to help when we have new students and is very helpful walking the Kindergarten students at the end of the day. She is a positive student who works very hard to achieve her goals! Nellie is very kind, caring, and shows respect to her classmates and staff. She works hard in the classroom and is rocking and rolling towards meeting her AR goal. Nellie always has a smile on her face and makes everyone feel welcome."



Congratulations to the CCMS August Student of the Month, Elisa Sorell.

Elisa is an 8th grader at Clifton-Clyde Middle School and is the daughter of Brad Sorell and Adrienne Carswell. Elisa's nominations stated, "She always has a smile on her face and shows respect to peers and adults. She is willing to help anyone that asks. Elisa works hard and sets high goals for herself. She takes great pride in meeting and exceeding her goals."



Note from E3

SAVE THE DATE!!! The 5th annual Haunted Hay Rack at Hartman Farm will be Saturday, Oct 26th, 2019! Please help us celebrate an incredible 5 year milestone! During the first four years we are very proud to announce that thanks to the 130 plus volunteers and all of you who choose to spend the evening allowing us to entertain you at the very best of our ability, we have run through approximately 2400 riders for a total of roughly \$12,000. 100% of that ends up helping our students, staff, and school in one way or another! The most important stat, however, is to our knowledge, we have had zero injuries or incidences to riders/walkers and only one minor breakdown due to last year's mud! Every year we have attempted to improve from the year before, however, we have always looked at year 5 as a very special milestone and we do not think you will be disappointed!!! Please do not miss YEAR 5!



Congratulations to Lucky 4 4-H club (above) on winning the USD 224 Clyde Watermelon Festival Bale Decorating Contest. Second place goes to the CCMS Cheerleaders (below)! Thank you to everyone that voted and decorated. Also, thanks again to Larry Koch for the bales!



In the past 6 months the USD 224 Board of Education has purchased two new vehicles to continue to update our fleet. The top picture is the new maintenance truck replacing one that



was 20 years old. The bottom picture is our new Ford Transit which replaced a van that was hailed out. The Transit can hold more students than a suburban and was quite a bit cheaper. This vehicle is also the maximum capacity that can legally be carried by



a school vehicle without the driver being required to have their CDL. Thanks to Wildside Creative for finishing off these vehicles and making them something we can all be proud of.