

Eagle Express



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News from the Superintendent

Dear Patrons,

First of all I hope you all had a great Christmas season full of memories and laughs. Even though the breaks never go as planned it's always great to see friends and family and make those memories.

Second semester is up and going and already busy. It actually started before break was over with CCHS having basketball games on the first Friday of the year and we have been busy every since. Our kids and staff are always working hard to represent our schools well. Make sure and tell them thank you when you see them. One last item on second semester. Make sure you're watching the app/website and social media pages for calendar updates. Second semester is full of little changes, student days off, scheduling changes, weather causing adjustments, etc. We try our best to get info out in a variety of ways to make sure and reach as many people as possible.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. We have a great group of board members that also work hard for your kids and our communities. We are thankful for their caring nature as we make decisions about the future of our schools. Starting January 13th your BOE members will be: Deb Ohlde, Kirstin Werenecke, Grant Knoettgen, Shawn Taddiken, Bill Genereux, AJ Goeckel, and Karla Ostermann. Thank you to the two departing members, April Fahey and Steve Kieffer, for their service to USD 224 the last 4.5 years.

We are all excited for what the second half of this year is going to bring. Each semester presents its own challenges and celebrations and highs and lows. However, at the end of every semester the positives FAR outweigh the negatives and we know we're going great things for our students and communities. If you'd ever like me to speak to your group about the great things happening in USD 224 please contact me at 785-446-3444 x 3 or 4.

Have a great January.

Sincerely,
Art Baker

USD 224 Superintendent/CCHS Principal

FYI...

No School January 20—
Teacher in-service in
Concordia.

January 31- Hall of Fame
induction ceremony be-
tween varsity basketball
games. Reception in gym
afterwards to congratu-
late the honorees.

February 1— Washington
County Spelling Bee @
Clifton-Clyde Middle
School Auditorium

February 3-8
National School
Counselor Appreciation
week.

Parent Teacher (GS) and
Student Led Conferences
(MS and HS) February 17.
No class that day.



Early Eagle Storytime

Reminder of the USD 224 Early Eagle Storytime that takes place at each public library. Early Eagle Storytime is a community program that allows kids to gain exposure to and practice early childhood academic and social skills in a structured setting with other kids of similar age. This outreach program, sponsored by USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, is available free of charge to any child 0-4 years of age (until they are enrolled in our preschool). Kids work under the direction of a certified Early Childhood Teacher completing hands-on activities, listening to stories, to help make practicing these skills fun.



Meeting times:

CLIFTON: Clifton Public Library 10:30am-11:15am

CLYDE: Randolph Decker Library 9:30-10:15am

Spring 2020 Meeting Dates Jan. 10, 24 Feb. 7, 28
 Mar. 6, 20 Apr. 3, 17
 May 1

Archery in the Schools

Back in November Mr. Wurtz attended a training on the Archery in the Schools program sponsored by Kansas Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. After receiving the materials over Christmas Break the students have been excited to try it out in their middle school PE classes.



Eagle Enterprize Coffee Shop is now taking orders online!!

Eagle Enterprize is Open to the Public on
Wednesdays and
Fridays from 7:45am-8:30am!

To order coffee or hot cocoa you can take a picture of the QR code to the left of this article, or call CCHS.

Eagle Enterprize is located in the FACs room just inside the front doors of Clifton-Clyde High School.

Inaugural Hall of Fame Class Announced!

USD 224 Clifton-Clyde has officially announced its inaugural Hall of Fame class, which will be inducted on Friday, January 31, between the varsity girls and boys games vs. Frankfort High School.

USD 224's first hall of fame class is in celebration of their 40th graduating class of Clifton-Clyde High School. Our first induction class honors a state championship team, 2 great staff contributors, a former student with national recognition, and a husband/wife pair who have supported the schools since day one of their 40-year marriage.

Nominees for membership were accepted this last fall. Membership in the Hall of Fame is open to graduates, former personnel, or long-time supporters of Clifton-Clyde Schools. Nominees may be living or deceased. An individual may not nominate himself or herself. Candidates are eligible for membership in the following four categories: staff member, service (support for Clifton-Clyde Schools), student (student, student/athlete), or team.

Here is the list of the 2020 Hall of Fame class:

1995 2A Girls State Championship Volleyball Team

The 1995 Clifton-Clyde High School volleyball team finished their year 29-5, including not losing a single set during their state championship tournament run. This was the first 2A state title won by the Clifton-Clyde Eagles. 9 of the 12 of the team members went on to participate in athletics at the collegiate level. Many ladies on this team were also a part of 3 state championship track teams ('93, '94, '95) and the 1996 state championship runner-up basketball team.



The 1995 team was coached by Head Coach Susan Lervold and Assistant Coach Valerie Beikmann. Team members include: April (Bechard) Fahey, Jill (Beems) Billinger, Lynelle (Bergstrom) Feight, Sarah (Bowman) Chavey, Molly (Burdick) Skocny, Cindy Debes, Kirstin (Jackson) Wernecke, Cindy (Knoettgen) McBroom, Manager Julie (Koch) Simpson, Manager Jessica LeDuc, Brooke (Lervold) Barnes, Brynn (Lervold) Saskowski, Heather (Tillinghast) Oentrich, and Leslie (Tremblay) Ohlman.

Bill Bechard

Longtime Clifton-Clyde teacher and coach Bill Bechard will also join in the inaugural class. Mr. Bechard's 37 year career with USD 224 included being a solid and steady English and Speech teacher, as well as a highly successful assistant and head coach. Mr. Bechard was the first and long-time athletic director. He was also an ambassador of all things Clifton-Clyde to all who interacted with Clifton-Clyde Schools. He was a strong proponent of the Clifton-Clyde communities and tried his best to ensure that the towns didn't lose their identities during the merger. During his coaching tenure, Mr. Bechard was the head or assistant coach on 12 of the 15 state championship and state runner-up teams in Clifton-Clyde High School history.



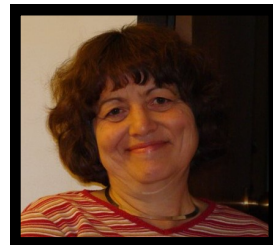
The gymnasium at Clifton-Clyde High School is named in his honor and was dedicated on December 12, 1997. Mr. Bechard, who passed away August 22, 1998, was inducted into the Kansas State High Activities Association Hall of Fame in the class of 2000.

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Irma Jean Blaha

During her 38 year teaching career with USD 224, Mrs. Irma Jean Blaha received many honors and was highly regarded as a challenging, caring, and hardworking teacher that pushed her students to achieve more than they thought they otherwise could. Mrs. Blaha was highly instrumental in the early years of Clifton-Clyde FBLA and built the program to a standard that was the envy of many in the state as it was a Gold Seal Chapter every year under her leadership. Her FBLA teams placed highly at state and national competitions year in and year out utilizing skills they learned from her and are still using today to be successful members of society. Under Mrs. Blaha's guidance many state FBLA officers were elected including two state FBLA president from CCHS and one National FBLA officer.



In addition to her school and FLBA service, which included extensive community service opportunities, Mrs. Blaha has been involved in local 4-H clubs, Washington County Extension and County Fair, the area Catholic Churches, and Brantford community projects.

Mrs. Blaha was the Kansas FBLA Adviser of the Year in 1996 and represented Kansas FBLA at the National level at the 1996 National FBLA Conference. Mrs. Blaha was a 2001 honoree on the National FBLA-PBL Adviser Wall of Fame and also recognized in 2011 for her 30 years of service for Kansas FLBA as an advisor.

Lindsey (Roy) Eusterwiemann

Mrs. Lindsey (Roy) Eusterwiemann is a 1995 graduate of Clifton-Clyde High School. While in high school Mrs. Eusterwiemann was a member of many different activities, groups, teams and graduated co-salutatorian. After graduation from CCHS, Lindsay received her degree in Journalism and Advertising with a minor in Speech from Kansas State University. Post-college Mrs. Eusterwiemann began working with Hallmark Greeting and at 32 years old was named Vice-President at Hallmark Cards making her one of the youngest VPs ever in a company with over a 100-year history.



A tragic boating accident in 2013 almost claimed Lindsey's life and left her with an amputated left leg, severely injured right leg and injured right arm. Through a challenging recovery process, Mrs. Eusterwiemann learned impactful lessons on how to harness disruption and find clarity in the chaos. In 2017 she delivered a TED Talk titled "What Trauma Taught Me About Happiness" which has over 100,000 views.

She still serves as the vice president of Hallmark Greeting while also functioning as the chief marketing officer. She also continues to tour the country speaking about perseverance.

Barb and Ray Dean Knox

When it comes to giving and supporting the students and staff of USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, nobody has done that more prevalently, or privately, than Barb and Ray Dean Knox. Long before the establishment of Knox's Shop, Barb and Ray Dean were supporting USD 224 with their time and finances. From buying books many years in a row back in the 90's that helped jump start the Accelerated Reading program at the younger grades, to allowing the use of equipment anytime something is needed by the district, to buying items for organizations to raffle off, to constructing the CCGS sign that hangs on the school, these two have been behind it all. Also, you would be hard pressed to find a ball program or an FFA shirt without their name on it as a sponsor. Not only have they made significant contributions to USD 224, but also many other organizations within the boundaries of our district that have positively affect our students, staffs, and families.



Barb and Ray Dean celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary earlier this year. Barb is the current CCMS secretary and both she and Ray Dean are owners of Knox's Shop in Clifton.