



# Clark Lane Connects

Clark Lane Middle School

October 2023

## glows & grows

**GLOW:** Many students actively participated in MAP testing by coming to school on time and adhering to all expectations! *Great job!*

**GROW:** PRIDE behavior lessons are **October 2nd** to support our students in following our behavior matrix grid. *Please refer to it in our CLMS handbook!*

Hello CLMS Parents and Guardians! We hope you find this edition of **Clark Lane Connects** very informative and interesting. We have included information about the Habits of Work Rubric, our CLMS Yearbook competition, the WHS Lancer Fair, Device Insurance Protection, Getting to Know the Counselors, Science Department and many others, as well as World Language, PE, Unified Café and PTO news! *Please enjoy this newsletter!!!*

*Mr. Sachs & Mrs. Howard*



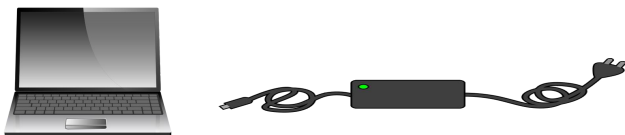
James M. Sachs  
Principal



Tomeka K. Howard  
Assistant Principal



## REMINDER for ALL STUDENTS!



Bring your school-issued device with you to school **EVERY DAY!** Be sure to charge your device or bring your charger with you!

Also, don't forget to bring a refillable water bottle with you to school *daily!*

Thank you for your attention! 😊



### Clark Lane Middle School

Main Office, Press 1  
Report Absence, Press 2  
Nurse (Health Office), Press 3  
School Counseling Office, Press 4  
Assistant Principal, Press 5



To reach teachers by email: first initial, followed by last name @waterfordschools.org  
For example: [jsachs@waterfordschools.org](mailto:jsachs@waterfordschools.org)

To view Clark Lane's staff directory:



NOTE: To report your student's absence, you can also email: [clms-attend@waterfordschools.org](mailto:clms-attend@waterfordschools.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Mark your calendars!**

Mon., October 2 – PRIDE lessons at CLMS  
Wed., October 4 – Lancer "Walk" to WHS for Lancer Fair, 8th grade only (info included)

Mon., October 9 – School Holiday, No School





Clark Lane Middle School...

# Connecting with Parents

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## HOW: Habits of Work...what is it?

The purpose of this rubric is for students (and their parents) to understand the difference between a student's work habits (organization, participation and timeliness) and his/her academic achievement (the quality of the work the student submits).

Habit #1: Prepared for class	4 Almost Always	3 Regularly	2 Sometimes	1 Rarely
A. I arrive to class on time.	I almost always arrive to class on time.	I regularly arrive to class on time.	Sometimes I arrive to class on time.	I rarely arrive to class on time.
B. I have my materials.	I almost always have my materials.	I consistently have my materials.	Sometimes I have my materials.	I rarely have my materials.

Habit #2: Meeting Due Dates	4 Almost Always	3 Regularly	2 Sometimes	1 Rarely
A. I complete and submit my work on time.	I turn in almost all of my work on time.	I turn in most of my assignments on time.	I turn in a lot of my assignments <u>after</u> the due date.	I rarely turn my work in by the due dates.

Habit #3: Active, Engaged Student	4 Almost Always	3 Regularly	2 Sometimes	1 Rarely
A. I work on assigned tasks.	I'm almost always engaged in my learning. When assigned a task, I work on it.	I usually use class time effectively. I work to complete assigned tasks.	I need frequent reminders during class to begin working on assigned tasks.	I rarely work on assigned tasks when given time in class.
B. I use feedback to revise and improve work. I use redo/retake when possible.	I almost always use teacher feedback to revise my work in progress.  I almost always take advantage of the retake/revise policy.	I often use teacher feedback to revise my work in progress.  I often take advantage of the retake/revise policy.	I sometimes use teacher feedback to revise my work in progress.  I sometimes use the redo/retake policy to revise my work.	I rarely use teacher feedback to revise my work in progress.  I rarely take advantage of the retake/revise policy.

What  
you need  
to know

The rubric (also found in the Clark Lane Student Handbook) is based on the principle that Clark Lane Middle School will:

- Clearly communicate expectations for academic achievement and work habits.
- Show how students are making progress in their classes.
- Support a fair grading system.

Important

Mid Trimester 1  
is October 19th!

Be sure to check your student's progress on Power School!

## Drop off Procedures/Times

Parents may drop off students no sooner than 7:15am. Students wait in the cafeteria before proceeding to Homeroom.

Students who arrive after 8 am MUST be signed in at the Main Office (in the back of the building) by a parent/guardian. Please accompany your student into the building.



## Early Dismissal Procedure

We ask that you *make every attempt* to **NOT** dismiss your student after 2:15 pm, unless a note was given in the morning. It is a disruption to the end of the school day and traffic management.







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## COMING IN NOVEMBER!

**MORE INFORMATION WILL  
BE COMING SOON!**



### BUY A YEARBOOK NOW!

*There's nothing else like your  
school yearbook!*

### ORDER YOURS TODAY!

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**DID YOU KNOW...**Clark Lane's  
schedule follows a six day rotation and  
there are six periods a day (A-F)? On  
Days 4-6, the periods flip flop (F-A)!

*Click here for the daily rotation!*



**Misplaced something?  
Think you left it at school?  
Check the **LOST & FOUND** table in  
Clark Lane's cafeteria!**





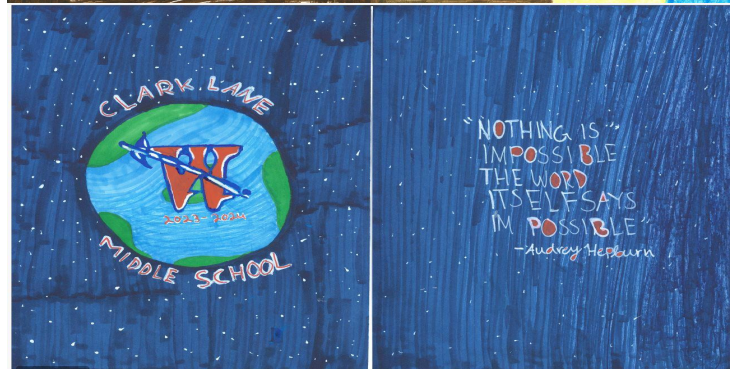
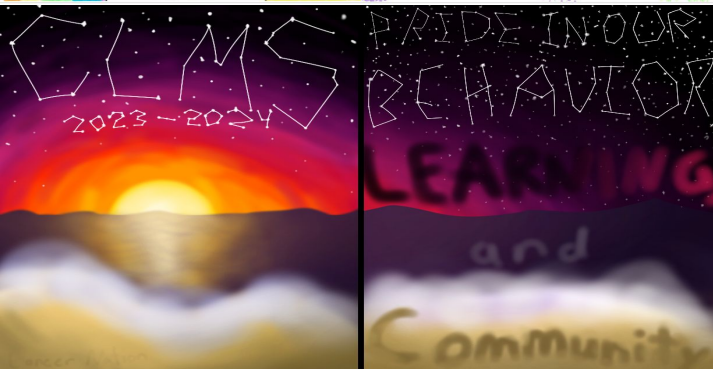
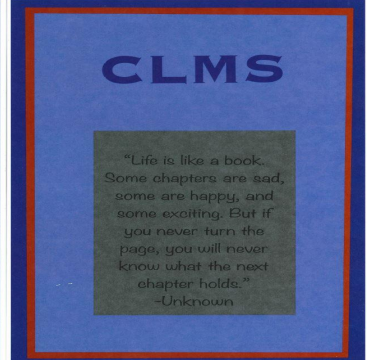
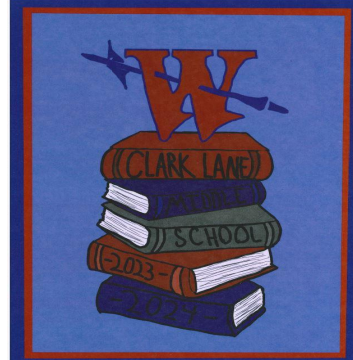
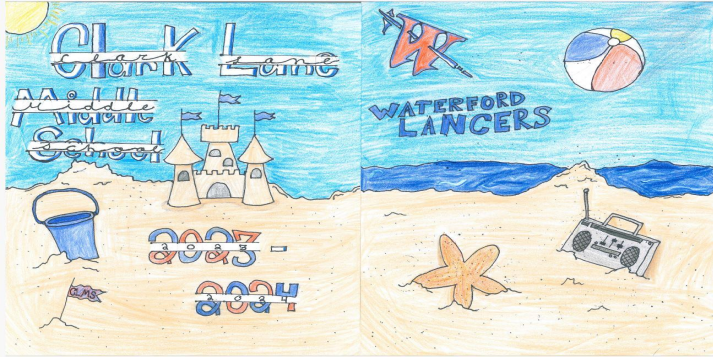


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**DID YOU KNOW...**the cover for our school yearbook is designed by one of our talented students? Designs are in for the 2023-2024 Yearbook Cover Design Contest. A special SHOUT OUT to CLMS Art teacher, Mrs. Provo-Parker for helping all our artists. Here are the seven entries for this year's cover:



Students and staff will be voting on their favorite cover. We'll announce the **WINNER** of the Yearbook Cover Design Contest in next month's edition of the **CLARK LANE CONNECTS!**

Stay tuned!





Clark Lane Middle School...

# Connecting with Parents

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8th grade students visit the

**LANCER FAIR @**

**WATERFORD HIGH**

**SCHOOL**

Wednesday, October 4th



Eighth grade students and their teachers will take a bus from Clark Lane Middle School to Waterford High School on Wednesday, October 4, a tradition that started several years ago, to familiarize our middle schoolers to Waterford High. The 8th graders from Clark Lane can expect to meet the Administrative Team at the high school, to interact with some high school students, to get a tour of Waterford High School led by students from all grade levels and most importantly, *to get a glimpse into all the great clubs, athletic teams and extracurriculars offered at Waterford High School. How exciting!*

Some of the clubs, athletic teams and extracurriculars include (*but are certainly not limited to*):

Golf, Swimming, Track, Fencing, Lacrosse, Tennis, Cheerleading, Science Olympiad, Wrestling, Volleyball, French Club, Art Club, Mock Trials, Key Club, Envirothon, ASL Club, Latin Club, Model UN, WATERFORDrama, Landscaping & Garden Club, Diversity Coalition, Dance Club, ChemClub, Science Bowl, GSA & Yearbook, to name a few! *What a selection!*



# Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's School Counseling Office

October 2023

## ASK THE COUNSELORS...

### WHAT IS A QUALITY YOU LOOK FOR IN A FRIEND?

"Integrity", says Ms. Chen.

Ms. Dolce says, "Someone who is genuine, empathetic, honest, dependable, has a good sense of humor, is a good listener and someone who challenges me, but accepts me as I am."

According to Ms. Dinatali, a friend should be someone who is honest, loyal and kind.

*Ms. Dolce's favorite quote (and she has a few): "It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great."*

*For Ms. Dinatali, it's a toss up between:* "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." OR "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."



*Ms. Chen's favorite quote:*

Despite all forms of differences, we all want the same things, we fear the same things, and we dream about the same things.

- Isabel Allende

If students need to see their counselor, they should stop in the School Counseling Office and set up an appointment with Ms. Abate.



At Clark Lane Middle School, the school counselors deliver a comprehensive school counseling curriculum for students in grades 6-8 that covers three primary domains: **academic, career and social-emotional learning.** Topics of lessons include: *organization and time management, bullying and social media, stereotypes, empathy and self-advocacy, to name a few.*



School Counselors make it better.



Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's

# Health Office



*Making Healthy Connections between home and school*

**October 2023**



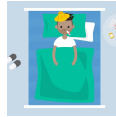
**Don't forget!** If your child has any injuries, please make sure you report it to the health office.



## Reminder from the Health Office

In an effort to help keep our school healthy, please...

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.



## What you need to know!



If your child needs a yearly physical, a sports physical, health care, vaccines or flu shot (available starting **October 1st**), we have a School Based Health Center. Check out the webpage by clicking on the QR code:



**To directly contact the School Health Office, call: 860-437-6977**

**Confidential faxes may be sent directly to the Health Office 860-437-2179**



**UCFS Healthcare**

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER  
at Waterford Public Schools

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# News from IT

October 2023

especially for Clark Lane Middle School



MY SCHOOL BUCKS

**IMPORTANT**  
**PURCHASE WPS DEVICE PROTECTION BY OCT. 15TH!**  
**Grades 4-12 Only**

Using MySchoolBucks you can:

- Purchase Device Protection in our WPS online store
- Pay invoices (new charger, etc.)

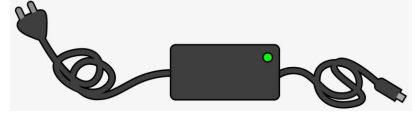
Get started in 4 easy steps:

1. Download the MySchoolBucksmobile app or visit [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)
2. Create your free account
3. Add your student
4. Browse the WPS online store to locate WPS Device Protection

Store

The district is only offering this until Oct. 15th, so don't miss out on this opportunity. After that date, families will not be able to purchase this protection and will be responsible for the full cost of repair on your child's school issued device.

Repair Cost With Device Protection	Repair Cost Without Device Protection
 = \$0	 = \$75
 = \$0	 = \$40
 = \$0	 = \$350



Students are REMINDED to bring their devices to school every day, preferably charged and ready to go! There is a limited number of Chromebooks for students to borrow throughout the day on a *first come, first serve* basis.

Students who need to borrow a Chromebook should go to library after checking in at homeroom!

For information about Waterford Public School's One-to-One Device Program, click on the QR code here:



FYI: All Chromebooks are labeled with a Waterford Public Schools asset tag. Asset tags should not be removed, modified or tampered with in any way!

MY SCHOOL BUCKS



**Problems with your Chromebook?**

**Email:**

**[techsupport@waterfordschools.org](mailto:techsupport@waterfordschools.org)**

NOTE: Mrs. McKenna is available for tech support at CLMS on Tuesdays & Thursdays.





Connecting with our 7th grade

# Osprey Team

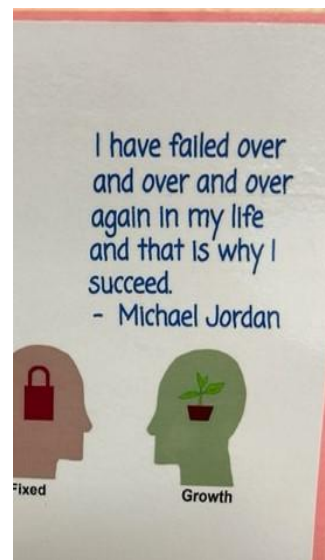
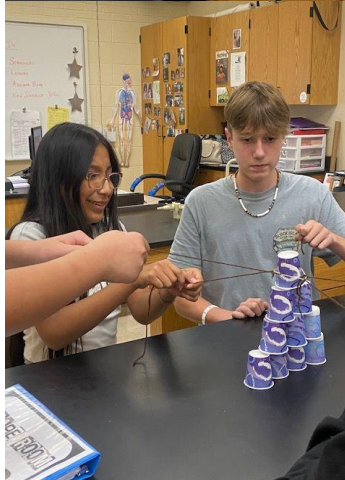
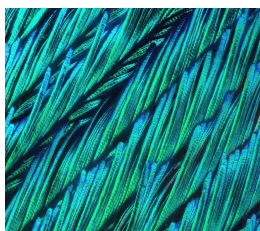
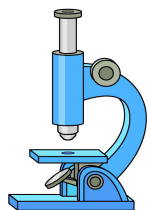
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## 7th grade Science News



Osprey science students began the school year learning how to collaborate as a group by participating in the pyramid cup challenge and an escape room.

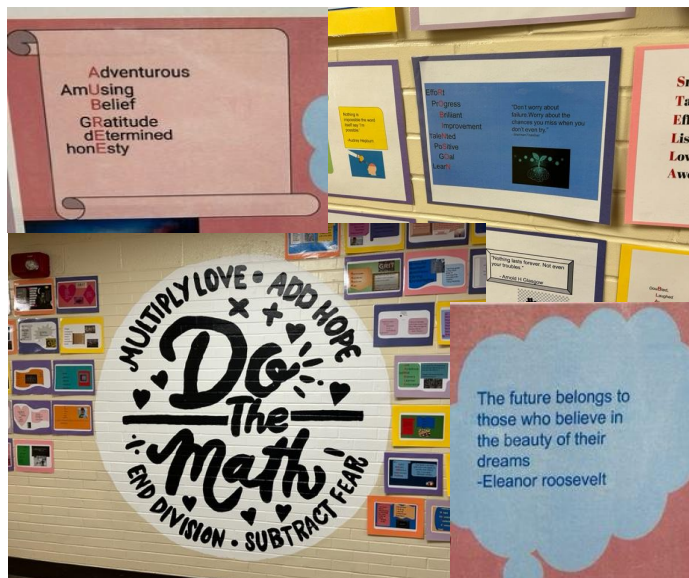
Mrs. Quiles reports, "Students are studying the nature of science which includes learning how to use a light microscope. Students examined various prepared slides including cotton, wool, sugar and salt, as well as butterfly antennae, camel fur and peacock feathers."



## What's Happening in 7th grade Math?

Osprey students had an early lesson on growth mindset. Ms. deCastro reports, "Students created an acrostic with their names, chose a quote that meant something to them and then found a picture that would remind them of growth mindset."

*Awesome job, math stars!*





Connecting with our 6th grade

# Egret Team

October 2023

## News from the Egret Teachers



The Egret team had their first team meeting to celebrate all that they have accomplished at CLMS! We are all so proud that **they have mastered their schedules, lockers, transitions, agendas and more.** Mr. Sachs and Mrs. Howard joined us for this celebration! *Way to go Egret kiddos!*



and our 6th grade

# Heron Team



Heron Team students have transitioned nicely to Clark Lane Middle School! Students have found **success with opening lockers, navigating the hallways, and adjusting to new schedules and classroom routines.** We have been working on building a sense of community through activities and lessons within each core classroom. Students designed posters about their favorite things and t-shirts that represent who they are.

*Heron teachers are proud of their students and look forward to a great school year!*





# Connecting with Family & Consumer Science

@ Clark Lane Middle School

October 2023

## Meet the teacher!

Mrs. Loguidice is in her 45th year teaching! Wow! That's just amazing! We are lucky to have her at CLMS where she is our Family & Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Loguidice shares, *"I've never had a kitchen accident!"*

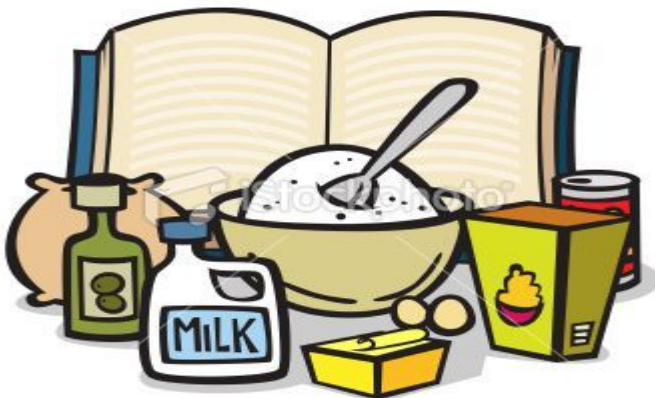


Mrs. Loguidice enjoys reading, spending time with her family, going to the beach and cuddling up next to her cat, **Aubie**, a cat she rescued from **Forgotten Felines**, a cat shelter Mrs. Loguidice volunteers at weekly.



Some of her favorite foods include:

- most seafood
- roast beef
- pizza
- **ANYTHING** chocolate!!
- fruit
- most vegetables



Students at Clark Lane Middle School have the opportunity to take **Introduction to Culinary Skills**. They explore the many facets of nutrition and basic food preparation. They learn about kitchen safety and management, food safety and sanitation, cooking skills and basic nutrition and will have the opportunity to prepare many recipes in class. Mrs. Loguidice says, *"Students learn lessons that taste good and last a lifetime!"*

Eighth grade students who have taken Intro to Culinary can take the **Advanced Culinary Skills** class, where they'll learn more about meal preparation and food presentation, along with sharpening their other skills from the introduction course.



Mrs. Loguidice is starting a **BAKING CLUB** this year. Listen to announcements for more information on how to join! This club will start on October 23rd in L100!



Connecting with Clark Lane's

# Music Department



October 2023

*Spread the word!*

**Clark Lane Middle School's Jazz Band** is starting on Tuesday, October 3rd. If you play a band instrument, guitar, piano or bass, see Mr. Robarge for more information!



**Come join us!**

The 7th and 8th Grade Bands will be performing with the Waterford High School Pep Band for the high school football game on Friday, October 27th!

*Be there!*



**ATTENTION  
MUSIC  
STUDENTS!**



See your music teacher for

*Eastern Regionals Audition*

*Music*

as soon as possible!



**CONCERT DATES**



Winter Concert for Grades 7 and 8 is on **Tuesday, January 30th**

Winter Concert for Grade 6 is on **Wednesday, January 31st**

*More information will be shared  
as those dates get closer.*



# Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's Physical Education Department

October 2023

## *A message from the PE Team at Clark Lane*

The PE classes will be utilizing **Stenger Farm** throughout the **2023/2024** school year. It is considered a field trip—we do leave campus, but it is only for their PE period and we will return for their next class. We will inform students a class ahead of time so they can come to school prepared (appropriate footwear, jackets, hats and gloves as the weather gets chilly etc.). We are always excited to utilize our community's resource and have our students engage in **adventure and outdoor education!** If you do **NOT** want your child attending our Stenger Field Trips at all throughout the year, please send a note to administration and an alternate assignment will be given to your child.

*Thank you so much in supporting our PE Team's full curriculum here at CLMS!*

—PE Team

*Ms. Shannon, Mrs. Livingston & Mr. Lloyd*



# Art Department

October 2023

## Art News



Shared by CLMS Art teacher,  
Provo-Parker

Mrs.

In addition to our foundation art classes of General Art, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Murals, CLMS is happy to announce that **we have added two new choices for classes**. Cutting Edge Art and Textiles will round out our roster of art classes.

**Cutting Edge Art** offers students the opportunity to learn how to use new technology to create an art product. Students use and expand their prior knowledge of the elements of art and the principles of design to develop projects to be cut and engraved on our art room laser cutter.

**Textiles** is a class that offers students the opportunity to design fabric banners to enhance environments in our school. Students will design, build and hand and machine stitch their banners.

### CLMS Art Department Wish List

Gift certificates for paints and painting supplies are always welcome!

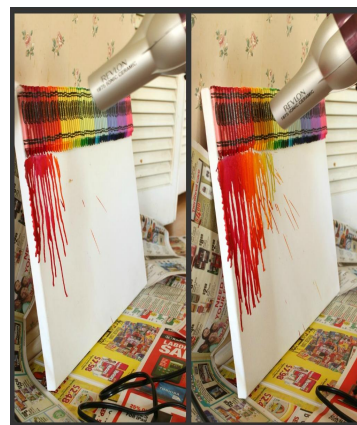


## Science & Art

### MAKING EXTRAORDINARY connections

In this special elective offered at Clark Lane this year, students created art while identifying the connections to science. In mid September, students created *slime*, *crystal gardens*, *crayon canvases* and *wave bottles* while connecting to chemistry, the color spectrum, melting points and density. *Wow!*

Thank you, Mrs. Quiles (7th grade Science teacher), for sharing!





More from our

# Art Department

October 2023

## Community Mural

The CLMS Community Murals located in the M-Wing of Clark Lane Middle School is a dedicated space for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff to purchase an individual mural space for \$10.00. The donation helps to offset the costs of paint and materials involved in preparing and producing this mural.

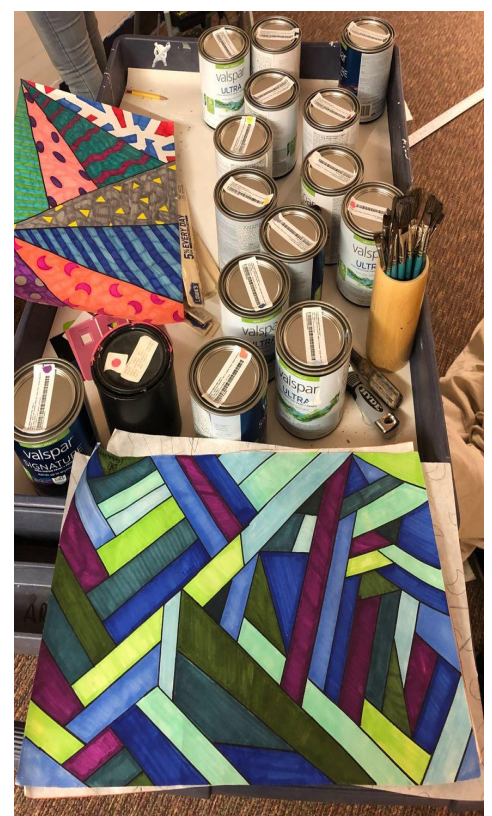
Our *Community Mural* provides an opportunity for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to design and paint a mini-mural before they move-up to high school, leaving a visual legacy at Clark Lane Middle School.

Below see a sample of a student's work.



Contact Mrs. Provo-Parker at CLMS for details.

[lprovoparker@waterfordschools.org](mailto:lprovoparker@waterfordschools.org)



# Explorer's Café at Clark Lane

*Making connections through food...*

**October 2023**

Did you know that twice a month there is a breakfast café at Clark Lane Middle School hosted by our own students? Students enrolled in the *Explorers Program* and *Explorers Elective* transform the culinary room into *The Explorers Café*, a restaurant that serves a variety of breakfast dishes for teachers and special invited guests.

*How did it begin?* Five years ago, Miss Sullivan and Mr. Lloyd started running a coffee cart. Students would prepare and deliver coffee to teachers on Fridays. Then, Miss Sullivan and Mr. Lloyd applied for a grant from the state of Connecticut and received \$6,000 to turn their little coffee cart into a **fully functional breakfast café** complete with coffee pots, dishes, a square system, cooking utensils and all the other equipment needed to run a small restaurant. Students in the *Explorers Program* get to *practice job skills by working a variety of jobs within the café including: chef, dishwasher, cashier, waitress and delivery person.*

Money earned in the café is used to fund field trips within Waterford to learn about our community and to Stop & Shop where we purchase the food needed for the next café!

The café is now run by Miss Sullivan, Mr. Nemeth, Mr. Nevins and Mrs. Long, *as well as their students. Great job!*

Stay tuned! Next month,  
you'll meet the crew of the  
*Explorers Café!!*

*Interested in visiting or learning  
more about our café?*

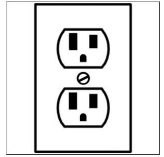
Please reach out  
one of us!







Connecting our corner of the globe to yours  
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## Dans la classe de français



**6th graders** are just finishing up their first unit on Greetings and Salutations and after their first quiz, we'll begin talking about the geography of France and they'll learn about all the places around the world where French is spoken! *Did you know there are twenty nine countries around the world where French is an **official** language?*

**7th graders** are still working in Unit 1, which focuses on nouns and subject pronouns. They'll soon be learning how to conjugate regular -er verbs in French. *Click the code and check out the song they'll learn to help them memorize the verb endings!*



**8th graders** are reviewing regular -er verb conjugations and will be working on describing people using physical description vocabulary very soon. We've just been reviewing adjectives to describe personality traits. *Ask them to describe themselves in French! Intelligent? Sérieux? Courageux? Créatif? Sportif?*

## A classe linguae latinae

**6th graders** have just finished a unit about the geography of the Roman empire and the provinces which have become our modern-day countries. We are now just beginning to look at a new list of vocab, and learning how sentences in Latin go together in preparation for a story we will be reading together in class.

**7th graders** have completed a short review of topics covered last year, such as vocabulary, geography, and the Roman provinces. We are now beginning a new unit in our story where students will begin to identify different parts of more complex sentences, such as direct objects and prepositional phrases. They will soon begin learning about the Roman villa.

**8th graders** have completed a review unit on parts of speech, and we are now beginning a unit on the Trojan War. We will soon also be revisiting the perfect and imperfect verb tenses in preparation for the stories to come.



## En la clase de español

**6th graders** have just finished learning how to use greetings, introduction and farewell expressions in Spanish. In the next few classes they will learn about Spanish speaking countries. They will choose a country and create an infographic to share with their class.

**7th graders** are working on talking about activities they like and/or dislike to do. They will learn to ask friends about which activities they enjoy or prefer. As we navigate through this unit, students will learn about Hispanic people who have had a positive influence in the U.S.A. and the activities they like to do.

**8th graders** are learning about healthy and unhealthy lifestyle. They are exchanging information while expressing their opinion about food choices and healthy habits. Students are also exploring traditional foods in Spanish speaking countries such as 'Ropa Vieja', a traditional dish from Cuba.

# CONNECTIONS CLUBS

After School Clubs @ Clark Lane Middle School

October 2023

The Connections Program offers a variety of afterschool clubs for students here at Clark Lane Middle School. These clubs offer students the ability to get involved in activities they enjoy after school and to meet new people and

*connect* with the school.

Staff members offer a variety of clubs after school for our students. *Some of these clubs include:* Baking Club, French Club, Perler Bead Club, Rubik's Cube Club, Student Council, Stress Free Club, GSA, Hogwarts Club, Spanish Club and Clark Lane United (Diversity Club), to name a few.

Clubs are generally offered for twelve weeks, so in the spring, there may also be new club offerings, while some clubs run the entire school year.

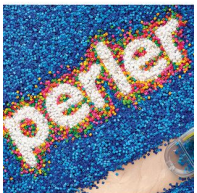
Generally, club meeting days & times are announced over the morning announcements; however, **there is also a bulletin board outside of the Assistant Principal's office where staff members post club flyers!** Students: *be sure to check this out! Get involved!*

After School Clubs

GET INVOLVED!



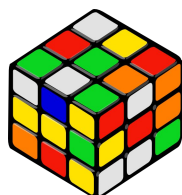
Student Council



GSA



club de español



## Information about Late Buses



Late buses run **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** unless there is a faculty meeting, which is typically the first Monday of the month. *If late buses are not running on a particular day, it will be announced.* Students take the late bus that goes to their area of town. Students **will be issued a bus pass** from the adult they are staying after school with, or they can get picked up in lieu of taking a bus. Late buses arrive at school at 3:40 pm.



**COME JOIN MR. BARRY FOR**

# Clark Lane Players

*Clark Lane's own Drama Club*



Stay tuned for more information about club  
meeting times and this year's production!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# Connecting with Staff

October 2023



In each of our monthly issues, we'll introduce you to our staff here at **Clark Lane Middle School** and give you a little *up close and personal*. In this issue, *you'll also meet the following NEW staff members*:

**Jennifer Briggs**, Executive Secretary *to the Assistant Principal*  
**Jill Long**, Support Center teacher  
**Melanie McKinnon**, Paraprofessional  
**Yvette Morales**, Paraprofessional  
**Lisa Sachatello**, Math teacher  
**Carson Shook**, Science teacher

## Did you know...

there are six teams at Clark Lane?  
In sixth grade, we have the Herons and Egrets.

In seventh grade, we have the Coral Team and the Ospreys.

In eighth grade, we have the Sea Stars and the Terrapins.



## This month's **STAFF** spotlight



**Mr.  
Rocha**

8th grade,  
Social Studies  
S109

This is Mr. Rocha's third year in Waterford. He grew up in New London and Waterford and has two German Shepherds: *Aja & Lucy*.

Mr. Rocha spent six weeks abroad over the summer in the Canary Islands, the Cape Verde Islands, Barcelona and Lisbon.

Mr. Rocha enjoys astrophotography, traveling, camping, hiking, fishing, basketball, football, cooking, lifting and swimming. He's looking forward to boys basketball at CLMS. Go *Lancers!*



Some of his other favorites:

Favorite Subject in Middle School:  
Science...who knew?

Favorite Candy: **REESES**

Favorite Season: **Summer**

Favorite Food: **Cheeseburgers!**

Favorite Hot Beverage: **Hot cocoa**





# Connecting with Staff

October 2023

This month's

**STAFF**  
*spotlight*



***Mrs. Fedor***

Literacy Intervention  
C200

This is Mrs. Fedor's 16th year in WPS. She enjoys *traveling, cooking, being with her family and reading* (of course!). In fact, her favorite book is **The Beach House** by James Patterson. **Fun Fact-** *This is where her son's name came from!*

When asked what she is looking forward to this school year, Mrs. Fedor replied, *"Improving and growing right alongside my students."*

Some of her favorites:

Favorite Candy? **Peanut M&Ms**

Favorite Season? **SUMMER**



Favorite Food? **Tacos**

Favorite Holiday? **Thanksgiving**

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

**Language Arts AND History** ❤️

This month's

**STAFF**  
*spotlight*



***Ms. Corazzelli***

6th grade,  
Social Studies  
C207

This is Ms. Corazzelli's 22nd year teaching in WPS. (She taught eight years in Griswold.) Ms. Corazzelli enjoys *traveling, reading, going to Broadway shows and rubber stamping*. She spent her summer reading, sleeping late and going to the movies!

Ms. Corazzelli grew up in Groton, CT and her favorite subjects in middle school were Social Studies and Art.



Some of her other favorites:

Favorite Day of the Week? *Saturday*

Favorite Candy? **Twizzlers**

Favorite Season? **Spring**



Favorite Book? **"THE GIVER"**

Favorite Food? **Sushi**



She says she's looking forward to her 30th year. *"I'm still having fun! It's the perfect job for me."*

# Connecting with Staff

October 2023



## Ms. Shook

8th grade, Science  
S114

This is Ms. Shook's **second year** in Waterford. She has taught in Groton, Norwich, California and Montville before Waterford, and although she grew up in Niantic, she promises that she *always cheers for Waterford now!* 😊

Ms. Shook is an animal lover. She has **five cats and one dog** and is on the Board of a cat rescue nonprofit, so always has foster cats in her house; *right now she has eight!* When not tending to her pets, she enjoys gardening, playing flag football, kickball, yoga and painting. 🖌️

Some of her favorite things:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Sunday!**

Favorite Candy? **Watermelon Sour patch**

Favorite Season? *Spring* when her garden comes back to life!

Favorite Food? **Eggplant Parm** 🍆



## Mrs. Long

Support Center  
L203

This is Mrs. Long's **11th year** in WPS. She was here ten years as a para, spent three years in another district and is now back at CLMS!

She has two French bulldogs: *Minnie & Macy* and loves spending time in **NYC** going to **Broadway shows!** She spent the summer visiting her children in NYC, Arizona and Washington DC and spending time with her dad who is **93 years young!** In all of her travels, she's visited 34 US States!

Her favorite holiday is **Christmas** because all of her kids are home and when asked if she prefers chocolate or flowers, she responded: 🍫  
"CHOCOLATE!"

Mrs. Long says, "I am so excited to be back at Clark Lane. All five of my kids came through here and I have so many amazing colleagues and friends here."





# Connecting with <sup>NEW</sup> Staff

October 2023



**Ms. Sachatello**

6th grade, Math  
C204

This is Ms. Sachatello's **fourth** year in WPS. She spent her summer planning a golf tournament, spending time with friends and family and getting outside as much as possible- *beach, boating and walking!*

Ms. Sachatello enjoys reading, and when asked her favorite book, she says, "I read so many, I don't have one favorite- I love mysteries and historical fiction." She also enjoys golfing, walking her 13 year old Golden Retriever, **Roxy**, and riding her peloton.

Some of her other favorites:  
Favorite Holiday? **CHRISTMAS**

Favorite Subject in Middle School?  
*Math, of course!*

Favorite candy? Almond Joy

Ms. Sachatello says she is *excited to be branching out into middle school, specifically 6th grade.*



**Mrs. Briggs**

Executive Secretary,  
Assistant Principal's Office



Mrs. Briggs, who grew up in Ballston Spa, NY, is in her **first** year at Clark Lane Middle School as a staff member; however, she has three children that have or are going through the district. Mrs. Briggs spent her summer *visiting family and friends, at the beach and watching her kids play sports.* She has **one** tuxedo cat, **Mittens**.



Some of her favorites include:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Saturday**

Favorite Candy? Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Favorite Season? **Winter**



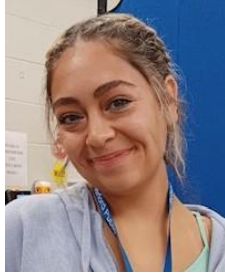
Favorite Holiday? *Christmas*

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

**Math**

# Connecting with <sup>NEW</sup> Staff

October 2023



## Miss Morales

Paraprofessional

Miss Morales, who grew up in Philadelphia, is in her **first year** in Waterford, although she did work for the ESY program over the summer. She also traveled in the summer to Texas, Philadelphia and New Jersey. She enjoys *journaling, singing, dancing, traveling and writing*. Miss Morales says, "I am looking forward to seeing how the children grow from the beginning to the end."

Some of her favorites include:  
Favorite Day of the Week? **Saturday**  
Favorite Season? Fall and Spring  
Favorite Food? **Fries and anything spicy!**  
Favorite Subject in Middle School?


**SOCIAL STUDIES**



## Ms. McKinnon

Paraprofessional

Ms. Melanie, as she is referred to by students, grew up in New London and is **new to Clark Lane Middle School** this year. She is looking forward to meeting new people and being helpful to others this school year.

She spent her summer in Orlando, Florida and enjoys spending time with her family, especially her  grandchildren.

Some of her favorites include:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Tuesday**

Favorite candy? **Swedish fish**

Favorite season? **Fall! It's football season!**



Favorite Holiday? **Easter**

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

*English*







# What's Cooking?



in Clark Lane Middle School's cafeteria

October 2023

BREAKFAST				
OCTOBER 2023				
WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12				
Milk only: \$.75				
Second Breakfast Price: \$2.75				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll Fresh fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Pancakes Syrup cup Diced peaches 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Sweet potato Roll Fruit Cup 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Breakfast Pizza Fresh fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk
School Holiday	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Sausage Biscuit Applesauce 100% Fruit juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Assorted Yogurt Giant Goldfish Apple slices 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Cinnamon French Toast Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or WG Maple Waffle Diced peaches 100% Juice Milk
Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Hardboiled Egg Giant goldfish grahams Banana 100% juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Banana Bread Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Oatmeal breakfast Round Mozzarella string cheese Fruit 100% Juice Milk
Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Hardboiled Egg Giant goldfish grahams Banana 100% juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Cheese Omelet Wrap Fresh fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Assorted Yogurt Giant Goldfish Apple slices 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Egg & Cheese on a Roll Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk
Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll Fruit 100% Juice Milk	Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Pumpkin Bread Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk	One FREE breakfast for all students daily. Please visit <a href="http://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> to add funds to your child's account.		



Students riding the bus who want breakfast in the morning **should report directly to the Old Gym once they get off the bus** and then immediately head to Homeroom for attendance.



If your student is a parent drop-off in the morning, those students wait in the cafeteria until the bell and can get breakfast there as they come in before Homeroom.

Breakfast is **FREE** for all students.

LUNCH				
OCTOBER 2023				
WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12				
LUNCH PRICES Elementary: \$3.25 CLMS: \$3.50 WHS: \$3.75 Second Meal: \$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Meatless Monday!</b> Cheesy Italian pull-aparts Marinara sauce cup Broccoli w/ ranch cup Connecticut Cucumber slices Diced peaches Milk	<b>CT Grown for Kids Week!</b> Popcorn Chicken dipping sauce Smile fries Locally grown squash Dinner roll Applesauce Milk	<b>National Taco day!</b> Soft Tacos with Cheese Garden Fresh Lettuce & Tomato Brown Rice Salsa Cup Fiesta Beans Farm fresh Peas Milk	Put local on your Tray! Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo Pasta Ct grown Romaine Salad Garlic Knot Locally Grown Fresh Fruit Choice Milk	<b>CT Grown for Kids Week!</b> Pizza square Ct Grown Kale Caesar Salad Baby carrots/Ranch cup Farm Fresh Apple Milk
School Holiday!	<b>Level One Pasta &amp; Fire Balls</b> "Penne" with meatballs Game Zone Garden salad Joy sticks (bread stick) Princess peach(les)-diced Mario Milk	<b>National Smile day!</b> "Angry Birds" Chicken Drumsticks Game on emoji fries Power pellets (corn) Shields (dinner roll) Yoshi eggs (grapes) Mario Milk	<b>Power Up Pizza Slice</b> Hardcore Baby carrots/ranch Saved Game Spinach Salad Golden Apple Mario Milk	<b>Pacman Chicken patty</b> Bonus Baked beans Sweet Potato Gems Good Game Sidekick Mario Milk
<b>Meatless Monday!</b> Mac & Cheese Baby Carrots Peas Goldfish crackers Assorted fresh fruit Milk	Hotdog on a WG Roll Baked beans Sweet potato fries Orange smiles Milk	Chicken tenders Mashed potatoes & gravy Dinner roll green beans Peaches or craisins Milk	Pancakes Syrup cup Potato puffs Sausage patty Cinnamon apple slices Mango wango Juice Milk	Cheeseburger Oven baked Fries Lettuce & tomato Cucumber slices Fresh Fruit Milk
<b>Meatless Monday!</b> Pizza bites Marinara sauce cup Spinach Salad Diced peaches Milk	Orange chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Diced carrots Mandarin oranges Milk	Nachos with Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Salsa Cup Fiesta Beans Pineapple cup Corn Bread Milk	Chicken & Waffles Syrup cup Potato puffs Cinnamon carrots Diced pears Milk	Turkey & Cheese Grinder Cucumber slices/ranch WG Doritos Chips Dragon Punch/ 100% juice Fruit Choice Milk
<b>Meatless Monday!</b> Baked Italian Combo Mozzarella stick & Breaded Ravioli Caesar Salad Bread stick Diced pears, Milk	<b>Bat Shaped Chicken nuggets</b> Sweet & sour sauce Cup Ghostly Mashed potatoes Ghoulish Golden Corn Jack of lantern roll EEEK! Squeekick / 100% Egg Juice Mummy Milk	Please visit <a href="http://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> to add funds to your child's account.		

For information about Free/Reduced Price School Meals, click here:



# Join the CLMS PTO

Connect with us!

October 2023

The PTO is comprised of parents and staff of Clark Lane Middle School whose goal is to *promote the best interests of students at our school*. We support a positive learning environment and help provide materials and programming to benefit the school community.

Please note that the school **DOES NOT** share your information with the PTO; therefore, if you are willing to help with our activities, we need **YOU** to let us know!

The Executive Officers  
for 2023-2024:

Kate McDonald, President

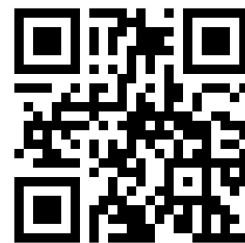
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Jen Juliani, Secretary

Paula June, Treasurer



For more information about upcoming events & fundraisers or to *get involved*, click here:



Mark your  
calendar!

## NOVEMBER CLMS PTO MEETING

Tuesday, November 28th | 5pm  
CLMS Library & Zoom



# PTO Fundraising

*Stay connected to what's happening...*

**October 2023**

*Hello Families!*

The next CLMS PTO fundraiser of the year will be the MCM Lyman Orchard Pies & Cookie Dough Fundraiser! We will be using the funds raised to support field trips and after school programs for CLMS students.



**Our school goal is to raise \$2,000!**

Visit <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/W29J> to sign up your student and access fundraising resources or *click here*:



Share your fundraiser link by email, text or social media to help spread the word. Orders will be made online only - no paper forms will be sent home.

Orders can be placed through October 14th.



All ordered products will be delivered to CLMS on Monday, November 20th - *more details will be provided about pick up from school that day.*

If you want to support the fundraiser, *but don't want pies for yourself*, you can choose to **donate a pie** instead! These will be given to Waterford Youth & Family Services as part of holiday food baskets.

Questions? Contact Kate McDonald, CLMS PTO President, at [kste78@hotmail.com](mailto:kste78@hotmail.com).

Thanks so much for your support!

*~Kate*





# **Second Annual Clark Lane Car Show**

**Parents, Guardians, Faculty & Staff Welcome!**



**Friday Oct 13, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM  
back of CLMS**

**VINTAGE ♦ NEW ♦ CARS  
TRUCKS ♦ JALAPIES**

**PIZZA for sale outside FOYER**

**BENEFITS CACTUS JACK Fund  
\$10 Donation Suggested**

**SUPERLATIVES!**

**BACK OF SCHOOL!!**

**-near our main entrance-**