

## Appreciation and Celebration

Thanks to **Keyes family** for sponsoring the staff breakfast this week!

Congratulations to **Chase Whiddon** who was recognized as the Student of the Month for the pillar of Caring! Pictures to come next week!



**Daniel Ballinger** was awarded the Eagle Scout Rank by Troop 823 in Stuart. It is the highest achievement one can have in scouts. He has been a scout since first grade, starting with Cub Scouts, then was in Webelos before joining the Boy Scout troop. Becoming an Eagle Scout involves being in several positions of leadership within the troop, earning at least 21 merit badges and planning, developing, and giving leadership to others in a service project helpful to the community. Daniel has earned 76 merit badges. Each of the round patches represents a Merit Badge. Way to go, Daniel!

Shout out to **Norah Pericchi** for her help Friday night for the Family Science Night at SeaWind Elementary. She was the first volunteer to arrive, and she stayed long after other volunteers left to help clean up. As noted by a SWE elementary teacher, "Clark should be very proud to have students like her attending and representing your school."

**Katie Berger** completed her first half marathon (Disney's Princess Half) last weekend! 13.1 miles takes dedication and we are proud of you!

**Jordyn Golden** was coxswain for the boy's novice four and the mixed high school four bringing home silver for both events. **Lucas Guaglardi** is also a member of the rowing team. Good work!

**Griffin Pollis** took 1st place in the Silver Fleet last week during the 2019 Midwinters Club 420 Championship Regatta. He was called on by his coach to help a team from San Diego who was down a team member due to injury. 104 boats raced for 2 days and on Monday the fleet split into Gold and Silver for final race day. Check out the awesome picture of Griffin!



During this month of Caring, **Clark's Interact Club and Keystone Club** combined efforts with all students in Block 3 classes taking part in the Coin War collections and social media reachouts for contributions,

combined with the sale of 'blood drops" to staff, students, &our sponsoring Rotary Club of Stuart-Sunrise and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County to **raise just shy of \$800!** A huge thanks to all who contributed and got the message out for this drive in support of finding cures for blood cancers!



**BEATING CANCER IS IN OUR BLOOD.**

Eight Clark mathematicians participated in the **IRSC Math Olympics** today as pictured below. Thanks for representing Clark so well with Math club sponsor, Mr. Bicksler! Left to right: **Prashant Jha, Helly Patel, Paige Deforest, Ethan Hux, Anya Simmons, Emily Osborne, Caroline Riggs, and Alex Perez.**



### **Announcements and Reminders**

**The 4th Annual Clark Prom Fashion Show fundraiser is being held TONIGHT at 7:00pm** in the Knowledge Room at Clark. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the event. We will have some awesome raffle prizes up for grabs along with some snacks and drinks. Come out to support and cheer on your friends who are modeling! All ages are welcome.

We were privileged to have **Dr. Nick Brown speak to our students for Black History Month** this week to discuss Black History and Citizenship. For those who missed the assembly, he shares this two minute video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEahF\\_7Brts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEahF_7Brts)

IRSC Pruitt campus is hosting **Speed Communication**, an amazing opportunity for students to learn employability skills and from our local professionals. (see attached flyer)

**Lyric Theater is looking for youth performers** and auditions start next week. Info [here](#)

**Reminder to students about anonymous reporting of concerns.** You can submit an email through our

Student online  
anonymous suggestions  
box

website on the home page under announcements

**The MCSO and MCSD also have a "See Something, Send Something" app** or direct link [here](#) . It's always better to report any concerns about a friend or classmate's well being than to keep quiet and something bad happen. You can also always speak to any Clark staff member if you don't feel the need to be anonymous.

**Reminder about leaving early and planned absences from our handbook:**

- Requests for excused absences for high-school courses for family travel or vacation must be submitted in writing a minimum of two weeks in advance for Executive Director's approval. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in unexcused absence(s).
- If the student must leave campus before the end of his/her scheduled school day, the following steps must be taken:

1. See Student Services in Room 137 (Knowledge Room office).
2. Student Services contacts parent/guardian to obtain permission to leave early.
3. Upon receiving permission, student and parent must sign out in the log book located at the front desk. Before a student can be released to anyone, authorization must be verified through Student Services.

Students scheduled to be in a class in the Clark building are NEVER to leave the building without the knowledge of a Clark employee.

### **Info for Parents**

There has been a lot in the news recently with online challenges, inappropriate content, etc., so we wanted to share a statement from the MCSD and also an article as a reminder to always be aware of your student's internet use. Remember, that smart phone is a pocket-sized computer so the chance to get in trouble just about anywhere at any time is there. What we know, is that whether Momo can be traced fully or is a "hoax," the fact remains that kids are getting into trouble in MANY ways from things they see, hear, do, and say online. You can never be too aware or cautious when it comes to your student's online identity and behaviors. Here at Clark, we have seen the same trend as many schools with students choosing video games and social media over school work if left on their own. Students are obsessed with their social media profiles and almost absorb a new identity that leads them form online "friendships" and can lead them away from positive influences. We appreciate the opportunity to share some ways to help parents in this tough realm.

**An article:** "Remember, It Is Important To Monitor Your Child's Online Activity" [article here](#)

### **MCSD IMPORTANT INTERNET SAFETY UPDATE: MOMO CHALLENGE**

\*\*\*Attention Martin County Parents\*\*\*

As you may be aware, a number of stories have appeared in local and national news lately about something called the "Momo Challenge." "Momo" is essentially a form of cyberbullying that parents have reported seeing on social media platforms used by children – Instagram, WhatsApp and even YouTube Kids. Parents have shared that a scary, bird-like female figure is appearing out of nowhere while children are watching videos on these platforms and encouraging them to harm themselves or others.

We are alarmed by this latest internet scheme that appears to specifically target our youngest population. The safety of our students will always be our top priority here in the Martin County School District, so we want to share a few important tips with you that will help you talk with your child about internet safety.

- ❖ Remind your child about the importance of “see something, say something.” Encourage them to come to you, a trusted adult at their school, or their school resource officer if they see a video or photo on the internet that encourages them to harm themselves or others.
- ❖ Remind them that their personal information is just that – personal. They should never give out their name, address, phone number or any confidential information to anyone outside of their family, law enforcement or an employee of their school. Let them know that they should alert you immediately if they are ever asked to give out this type of information while surfing the internet or using apps on a phone or tablet.
- ❖ Set privacy restrictions on the devices your child has access to in your home. There are numerous apps available in the Google Play and App Stores that will let you limit what sites and apps your child is able to access, as well as set time limits for device usage.
- ❖ Monitor what your child is doing online. YouTube Kids is a popular platform that is viewed by many of our youngest children, which presents a prime opportunity for hackers, criminals and other unsavory characters to try and interact with kids. Make sure that you know what your child is watching – the Momo Challenge has been known to “pop up” in cartoon shows, such as Peppa Pig, as well as in the popular Fortnite videos.
- ❖ Keep the conversation going. Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in, no matter how dangerous or scary they may seem. Please speak with your child about peer pressure, and how they should never do anything they are uncomfortable with whether online or offline. If they are unsure about what they are hearing or being asked to do, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

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**“Work to Your Potential, Not Your Quota” –Grant Cardone**