

As promised, now that I am back at work, here is last week's news and another e-news will be sent Thursday of this week.

Safety Information

This morning, shortly after 11:00 am, per request of the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Clark and IRSC went into lockOUT status. You should've received a text/phone call and subsequent email about this situation as soon as we were able to send. As shared in the email blast to parents, a resident at the behavioral health center nearby left without permission and was apprehended by authorities within approximately 20-25 minutes. LockOUTS (external potential threat- caution being taken) are different than lockDOWNS (internal threat and choice to evacuate or shelter in place as practiced). This has been shared at parent and student meetings, emails, and students and staff practice safety drills monthly as required by current statute. I have attached the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) adopted by the MCSD (and Clark) that gives a simple explanation for all potential emergencies a school might face. In short, we are able to override our outer doors in an emergency so that even an ID card will not work to gain entrance. All students remained in their classrooms with restricted movement and staff members, including our SRO, monitored all exits/entrances. Ms. Judd visited each classroom to make sure students were safe and understood the lockout status. We communicate as quickly as possible once there is a situation and therefore, if you did not receive ANY notification, please contact Ms. Judd at ljudd@irsc.edu 772-419-5758 or Mrs. Kohuth dkohuth@irsc.edu 772-419-5751 so we ensure your contact info is current.

The staff and students here on campus did a wonderful job and we want to ensure you all that they were safe. If you have feedback for us or questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Celebration and Appreciation

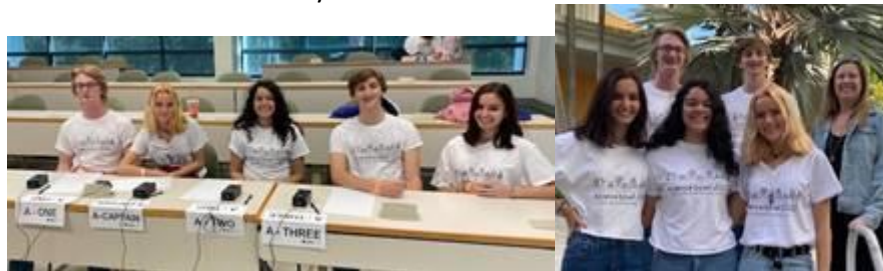
Thanks to the family of **Jade Nunez** for staff breakfast last week!

The Clark caring student for last week was **Larissa Coleman** for recent kindness shown to Mrs. Mercado with a yummy donut on her birthday and a handmade flower candle for Valentine's Day. What a very thoughtful and appreciated gesture!

Clark's Interact Club created Valentine's treats for the people of LAHIA (Love and Hope In Action) to provide a holiday greeting to them. This annual service project is appreciated! Interact Secretary **Anja Simmons** is pictured presenting the Valentine's treats to a LAHIA volunteer.



Congrats to Mrs. Bartow's Science National Honor Society students, **Laura Roberts, Dillon Hansen, Ryan Potawsky, Kaitlin Mulcahy, and Eliana Cotton**, for excellent participation in the South Florida Science Bowl in Miami on Saturday.



Announcements and Updates

Thanks to all for the support for the **NHS Create for a Cause Friday night! Over \$1000** was raised that will be donated to NAMI.

Pledge to Vote through our SGA will be happening next week. More details will be shared in our assembly tomorrow and in this Thursday's e-news.

Attention seniors! Grad Bash payments are due. Don't lose your space and your deposit for this memorable night. Also, *if you are earning your AA degree*, check your IRSC email for important information on how to get your diploma and pay for the ceremony. Grad info is available on our website.

Our Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraising goal is \$750. That is just \$3 per student. If we reach this school wide goal, Interact will match the funds with a donation to Water for South Sudan (to not take away from that yearlong drive!) AND the winning class for Coin Wars/Online giving will be provided an Olive Garden luncheon in March (Ms. H's class is currently in the lead)! Online donations accepted until end of February at school wide or classroom specific links below. Blood drops to be sold the remainder of this week for \$1 each. We are currently short of the goal and need all of your support for this worthy cause. <http://events.lls.org/pages/pb/Clark-Advanced-Learning-Center-2020>

Interim grades are posted in FOCUS. Please remember, these were pulled last Friday and may have changed since then, so please check the current grades for high school courses. The Clark DE grades will be posted in FOCUS through 2/28. I have attached a tutoring schedule for Clark classes if your/your student's grades are not where they should be. Don't be afraid to reach out for help!

Interested in attending the inauguration in DC next year? MCSD is coordinating a student trip. Total cost is approximately \$1900. March 10 @ 6 pm – parent orientation at SLC on 10th street (behind JD Parker Elem).

Questions? Contact Dr. Mark C. Malham, Coordinator of Social Studies & Special Projects, MCSD at (772) 223-3105, #158

The Florida Dept of Ed is launching a contest and campaign, "The Facts. Your Future." This is a new multi-faceted campaign to heighten youth understanding of the dangerous effects of substance abuse. Through assemblies, evidence-based strategies, and FAQs, "The Facts. Your Future." campaign provides Florida's youth with the facts surrounding substance abuse and how it negatively impacts their lives. The

goal is to provide students with factual information so that they can make well-informed, educated decisions about their future.

Students in middle and high school can participate in “The Facts. Your Future.” Video competition with more than \$30,000 in cash prizes awarded to the winners and their schools. Visit www.fldoe.org/thefactsyourfuture for more information.

South Fork High School’s musical production of **Les Miserables** is this week. Clark student, **Julia Howe**, is in it as a Lead. The shows are Feb 27-29, 2020. Tickets are \$10 students/seniors and \$15 for Adults. Here's the link to purchase tickets or get them at the door on the show day. <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/35958>

There is a poster for this and the MCHS student production next to the vending machines. Check it out and support our local talented students!

Reminder- early dismissal is this Wednesday. IRSC classes meet as usual, but buses will leave at 12:15 and no school lunch available. Also, Clark and IRSC are CLOSED this Friday, Feb. 28.

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