A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Members of the Clark Schools Community,

These past few months have been most unusual ones for our schools. I would like to thank you once again for all of the cooperation, flexibility, and understanding that was shown throughout our transition to remote learning. Amidst the busyness of closing the school year in such a unique way, we were still able to see many of our students receive awards and scholarships. These honors are obviously a result of their superior work in the classroom and on the field or stage. With that being said, the generosity of this great community of ours is what makes all of this possible. This outpouring that we are most appreciative of was beyond evident at the virtual Senior Awards Ceremony on the evening of June 15. I must say that this event is one of my personal favorites throughout the course of the entire school year due to the warmth and joy that can be clearly felt. ALJ Valedictorian Bobby Lukasiewicz and Salutatorian Heidi Compton are deserving of a special acknowledgement for their extraordinary academic achievements. Although these various honors that you will see highlighted throughout this issue of Pride are noteworthy in and of themselves, they give our students a definitive advantage as they embark on their next steps.

I am very much looking forward to each school’s promotion or graduation ceremony. Many thanks for all that was done to help celebrate our students at the various grade levels from the lawn signs to the steadfast focus on being together with our high school graduates on the ALJ football field come July. In these summer weeks that lie ahead, please make certain to take the time needed to recharge with family and friends. During such a challenging time as the one that we are experiencing now, when given a choice, let us be certain to choose kindness. I hope to see many of you around and about. I encourage and look forward to the conversations.

Stay Crusader Strong!

Edward Grande

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Students Attend Virtual Field Trips

Students at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School in Clark recently participated in virtual class field trips. Sixth graders visited Philadelphia, seventh graders visited Washington DC, and eighth graders visited Ellis Island. Students visited the sites and were required to answer questions. Principal Rick Delmonaco stated, “We wanted the kids to experience a virtual class trip since all the trips were cancelled this year. Each grade level team came up with the spots to visit. The English teachers assigned questions to go along with the trip. Teachers gave “bonus” points in the other subject areas. It was a nice way to begin the Memorial Day weekend.”

He continued, “The virtual field trips were a way for students to experience a tourist site. Hopefully, it piqued their interest to actually visit the locations when travelling is permitted again. We wanted to try to make up for the disappointment of not being able to have a class trip this year.”
**ALJ 2020 Awards Honorees**

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Arthur L. Johnson High School Named National School of Character

Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark was recently named a 2020 National School of Character by Character.org. National certification is the highest level of distinction bestowed by Character.org. Schools receiving this designation have demonstrated excellence in establishing a school culture that exemplifies and brings to life The 11 Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character. Edward Bucior, Assistant Principal of ALJ, stated, “Collectively as a school community, we promote and instill positive core values for our students. We have the best students, teachers, parents, and community! Our stakeholders are fully invested in creating upstanding leaders within the community. There’s your “image” and then there’s your “character”. “Image” is doing the right thing when everyone is watching. “Character” is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Both are important, but your character is what defines you! At the end of the day, character is not something you simply acquire, but rather it is something that is developed. Our students have been developed to be leaders within our building and community.” He continued, “The Character Committee just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that has helped ALJ get to this point. I want to thank the Board of Education and Superintendent Mr. Edward Grande for supporting ALJ throughout the process. I want to thank our teachers, students, parents, and community members for the work that they put in on a daily basis and for all of the support they gave during the application process.”
CARL H. KUMPF EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS

Valedictorian ........................................................................................................................................................................ Grace Wright
Salutatorian ......................................................................................................................................................................... Vania Oliveira
Physical Education ................................................................................................................................................................ Adam Vargas
Gwen Cahill
Sportsmanship .................................................................................................................................................................. Steven Vigliotti
Elisabeth Brighouse
Outstanding Athlete ...................................................................................................................................................... Krista LaBianca
Joe Ortega
Math Award ................................................................................................................................................................. Gianna Casamento
Algebra Award ................................................................................................................................................................... Taylor Norman
Geometry Award ................................................................................................................................................. Romeo Cifuentes-Beach
Language Arts Award .......................................................................................................................................................... Eva Sarantidis
Science Award ....................................................................................................................................................................... Grace Wright
History Award ..................................................................................................................................................................... Vania Oliveira
Spanish Award .......................................................................................................................................................................... Noah Stout
Italian Award ......................................................................................................................................................................... Dillon Cahill
Vocal Music Award .............................................................................................................................................................. Talia Fabrizzio
(Chorus)
Instrumental Music ...................................................................................................................................................... Kyle Gunsiorowski
(Band)
Drama Award ....................................................................................................................................................................... Mark Hansen
Art Award .................................................................................................................................................................. Isabela Mierzejewski
Computer Programming ....................................................................................................................................................... John Uniakie
Faculty Award ............................................................................................................................................................................ Noah Stout
Citizenship Award ............................................................................................................................................................... Talia Fabrizzio

Presidential Gold Certificates

Dillon Cahill
Gwendolyn Cahill
Romeo Cifuentes-Beach
Talia Fabrizzio
Emily Fernandez
Kyle Gunsiorowski
Olivia Huff
Miriam Lakkis
Marc Manning
Isabela Mierzejewski
Riley Milford
Taylor Norman
Tania Oliveira
Vania Oliveira
Nina Sangiuliano
Eva Sarantidis
Noah Stout
Nila Tasharofi
Gabriella Weintraub
Grace Wright

Presidential Silver Certificates

Muhammad Asim
Madison Bridgewater
Elisabeth Brighouse
Nicholas Decker
Mark Hansen
Thomas Huff
Julia Kleczymski
Jacob Kolibas
Damian Mnich
Reese Passuth
Sean Patterson
Antonio Rafoa
Ava Ranski
Natalia Rojas
Keira Thompson
Martin Venezio
The Carl H. Kumpf Middle School’s National Junior Honor Society recently held a virtual induction ceremony on Thursday, May 21st. 15 new members were inducted into the chapter.

The night began with the Kumpf Choir singing the National Anthem. Principal Rick Delmonaco and NJHS Advisor Suzanne Hamilton provided opening remarks. NJHS Officers Talia Fabrizzio, Vania Oliveira, Kyle Gunsiorowski, Eva Sarantidis, and Tania Oliveira relayed the cardinal principles of honor society scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Each inductee had an opportunity to thank the important people in their lives. They then were given the NJHS Pledge administered by Assistant Principal Amanda Clarke. The night concluded with a speech by current NJHS President Talia Fabrizzio who explained what NJHS meant to her.

In addition to achieving a cumulative, weighted average of 4.25 students also had to demonstrate strong examples of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Upon return to school, new inductees will be awarded membership cards and medals, which they will wear at graduation.

NJHS Advisor Ms. Hamilton stated, “While it might not have been the traditional NJHS Induction Ceremony that everyone was expecting, this year was certainly memorable. This was our first ever virtual ceremony, and we were still able to honor these remarkable students in a unique way.”

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**Distinguished Honor Roll**

Dillon Cahill
Gwendolyn Cahill
Riley Milford
Tania Oliveira
Vania Oliveira
Noah Stout
Grace Wright

**K-TV Awards**

Antoinio Rafoa – 39-40
Dillon Cahill – 37-40
Grace Wright – 37-40

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**CARL H. KUMPF EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS (CONT’D)**
Clark Public Schools is proud to announce 2019-2020 Arthur L. Johnson High School’s valedictorian, Robert Lukasiewicz, and salutatorian, Heidi Compton. “I am so proud of Bobby and Heidi,” Principal Jennifer Feeley said. “They have modeled how to excel in academics while still being active in sports and extracurricular activities. They are great representatives of Arthur L. Johnson and the graduating class of 2020.”

Robert Lukasiewicz is the top-ranked senior and will lead the way to graduation in June 2020. He has earned the highest cumulative grade point average for his four years at ALJ. In addition to working towards an AP Capstone Diploma, he has completed fourteen AP courses throughout his high school career. He plays an active role as an academic student achieving inductions into the National Honor Society, of which he is Vice President, Science Honor Society of which he is President, and Italian Honor Society of which he is President. His high academic achievements are balanced by his involvement in extracurricular activities such as: Varsity Tennis of which he is captain, Key Club, Italian Club, Science League, and Varsity Basketball Team. In Robert’s junior year, he was awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award. The Dwight D. Eisenhower award identifies a high school junior who exhibits exceptional performance and potential in the areas of academics, athletics, community service, good citizenship and leadership. Robert will be studying engineering at Notre Dame in the fall.

Heidi Compton will be graduating Arthur L. Johnson High School as 2019-2020 ALJ salutatorian. Heidi’s stellar academic efforts at Arthur L. Johnson High School have led her to inductions into the National Honor Society where she serves as Secretary; the Science National Honor Society; the Italian Honor Society; and Tri-M, our Music Honor Society. Heidi also participates in activities that highlight her leadership ability, communication skills, and passions. These activities include our Varsity Field Hockey Team of which she is the Captain, President of the Senior Class, Science League, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Student Council, Recycling Club, Italian Club of which she is the President, Core Team at St. Agnes Church, Heroes and Cool Kids, and Peer Leadership. Volunteering occupies much of Heidi’s time. This past summer, for example, she created and led an environmental program for children at our local library that included weekly lessons and activities. Her AP Capstone research study also had an environmental focus. She has been an active member helping others in her community volunteering at Home for Good Dog Rescue and various food and clothing drives. This coming fall she will attend Vassar College to major in English and Political Science while also playing Division III Field Hockey.

Clark and Garwood School Nurses Participate in Joann’s Fabric Donation Project

Arthur L. Johnson High School Nurse June Curti of the Clark Public School District and Lincoln Franklin School Nurse Karen Lukacovic of the Garwood Public School District have been busy making masks for the Joann’s Fabric Donation Project. This project, sponsored by Joann’s Fabric Shop, provides fabric and instructions to those willing to make masks. The masks are then donated to those in need. The masks will be used by individuals that are not in an area of high concern for contracting the Coronavirus. They are washable and can be used over again by the owner of the mask.

For more information on how you can participate visit, https://www.joann.com/make-to-give-response/
Winter Athletic Awards at Arthur L. Johnson

Student Athlete Award - Robert Lukasiewicz - Boys’ Basketball
Bobby currently has a 4.99 G.P.A. and is ranked #1 in the Class of 2020.

The Crusader G.P.A. Challenge - Boys’ & Girls’ Track and Field Teams with a G.P.A. of 3.91. Members of the Boys’ Girls’ Track and Field Teams were:
Boys: Aedan Kelly, Matthew Kowalenko, Joseph Greenbush, Gregory Lordi, Matthew Zukowski, John Brighouse, Aidan Ford, Andrew Pereira, and Brett Makowsky
Girls: Katie Hannah, Julia Kalynchuk, Nicole Randazza, Gina Rizzuto, Megan Tinger, Carly Tarentino, Sarah Scepkowski, and Aria Hicks.


The Team Most Valuable Players were: Boys’ Basketball – Matthew O’Connor, Girls Basketball – Katie Ledden, Wrestling – Matthew Lordi, Ice Hockey – Nicholas Galati, Boys’ Winter Track & Field – Gregory Lordi, Girls’ Winter Track & Field – Carly Tarentino, Swimming – Christian Festa (Boys) & Skye Sener (Girls), Bowling – Dylan Evans, and Cheerleading – Isabella Tallo.
Booster Club and Athletic Awards
Handed out to Senior Student - Athletes

Robert Lukasiewicz .................................................. U.C.I.A.C. Scholar Athlete Award
Nicole Randazza .......................................................... U.C.I.A.C. Scholar Athlete Award
Jacqueline Minniti ......................................................... N.J.S.I.A.A. Scholar Athlete Award
Taylor Turek .................................................................. Outstanding Athlete (Female)
Evan Parenti .................................................................. Outstanding Athlete (Male)
Lily Gull ........................................................................ Booster Club Book (Female)
Max Carmino ................................................................. Booster Club Book (Male)
Jenna Wiese .................................................................. Booster Club Santaguida (Female)
Patrick Brennan ............................................................. Booster Club Santaguida (Male)
Emma Hilton .................................................................. The Richard Superak Field Hockey Scholarships (1 this year)
Patrick Brennan), Max Carmino Patrick Grady ................. Felter-Sot Scholarship (1...3 this year)
Lia D’Angelo .................................................................. Louis Peragallo Scholarships (Female)
Stephen Harrington ........................................................ Louis Peragallo Scholarships (Male)

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School
Redesignated a School to Watch

167 exemplary middle-grades schools in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Virginia have been named “Schools to Watch” as part of a recognition and improvement program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

Each school was selected by state leaders for its academic excellence, its responsiveness to the needs and interests of young adolescents, and its commitment to helping all students achieve at high levels. In addition, each school has strong leadership, teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction, and a commitment to assessment and accountability to bring about continuous improvement. The National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform is an alliance of educators, researchers, national associations, and officers of professional organizations and foundations dedicated to improving education in the middle grades.

Clark Students Provide Rainbows of Hope During Uncertain Times

Students in the Clark Public School District created rainbow drawings to display in their windows with the phrase “Andra Tutto Bene,” meaning everything will be okay in Italian. Alessandra Bonacchi, Arthur L. Johnson High School Italian Teacher, started the movement with her own children and then decided to ask her students to join in. The idea soon spread to other schools in the district and even other districts are catching on. According to Bonacchi, children in Italy also displayed rainbow posters in their homes in response to the Coronavirus. Bonacchi stated, “A simple little thing can show unity and provide a smile to our little ones at this stressful time.”
The following 5th students received recognition for academic excellence:
The President’s Education Award for Excellence were presented to:
Melissa Bloom
Jack Campanelli
Cassie Conforti
Olivia Reese Fabros
Alfonso Giaquinto
Justin Huff
Gianna Lopez-Calleja
Riya Maheshwari
Isabel Martinez
Matthew Ortega
Jack Sarnecki
Samantha Siccardi
Celia Carnesi-Silberstein
Madelyn Stefanelli
Abigail Stout
Owen Szarszewski
Jacob Szczygiel
Kyle Thompson
Thatcher Wigginton
Charles Wilkinson

The following 5th grade students received recognition for academic achievement
The President’s Education Award for Achievement went to:
Ricky Higgins
Andrew Lane
Isabella Munoz
Manuel Rendeiro
Alexandra Savvis

The American Citizenship Award was awarded to
Kayla Martucci

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Creates Online Art Gallery

Mr. Tom Peitz, Art Teacher at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School in Clark created an online art gallery for his students’ work to be displayed this spring. The gallery, a tool used to connect the community during social distancing, features work from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Peitz stated, “I know the students were really looking forward to going to the Union County Teen Arts Festival this year. In order for the students to have a chance to show their work without social gathering, creating this website seemed to be the right direction. I am happy for the students to have their work shown to the Clark community while also maintaining social distancing. The site also serves as the CHK art bulletin board so student-work made in class and made remotely are shown as well.”
Student work can be viewed via the following link:
https://sites.google.com/clarkschools.org/chkart/home
VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL END OF YEAR AWARDS

Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence Award

Julia Kosiek
Broderick Meissner
Tara Mulvihill
Paige Porciello
TJ Kershaw
Olivia O’Callahan
Gavin Ford
Aja Yerovi
Amelia Hajduk
Alexandra Restrepo
Hari Grzankowski
Magdalena Panayoutou

Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Isabella Russo
Mason Danatzko
Savannah Arroyo
Anthony Corsentino
Addison Herko
Ethan Gerhart
Elle Reichenbach
Michael Syntscha
Sara Donkersloot
John Vrabel
Sarah Pereira

Clark Board of Education’s Virtual Showcase of Success

The Clark Board of Education recently celebrated the achievements of students and teachers as part of its virtual Showcase of Success. Each day, Superintendent Grande has been recognizing the efforts of students and teachers through his daily Honeywell announcements.

This year’s Governor’s Educators of the Year were recognized for educational excellence and their commitment to student learning. The Governor’s Educators of the Year Program recognizes “educational innovation, student achievement, the rewards of teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success.”

Janice Gossman – Arthur L. Johnson High School Educator of the Year - Art Teacher
Molly Cusick – Arthur L. Johnson High School Educational Services Professional of the Year- School Counselor
Thomas Peitz – Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Educator of the Year- Art Teacher
Steven Acosta – Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Educational Services Professional of the Year - School Counselor
Mary Jo Baker – Frank K. Hehnly School Educator of the Year- 3rd Grade Teacher
Cecilia Petela – Valley Road School Educator of the Year- 2nd Grade Teacher
Kristina Novello – Clark Preschool Educational Services Professional of the Year - Paraprofessional Aide

20 students were also recognized for earning perfect NJSLA scores scores on the 2019 Spring Assessment.

25 students also received the State Seal of Biliteracy. These students needed to demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid in all four domains of a world language. In addition, they were required to demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting the State high school graduation requirements for English language arts or through attaining the appropriate cut score on the ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs) assessment.
Hehnly And Valley Road Schools Celebrate Read Across America Day

Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School celebrated Read Across America with several guest readers including Board of Education President Steve Donkersloot, Superintendent Edward Grande, and members of the Carl H. Kumpf National Junior Honor Society. Special guests selected a Dr. Seuss book to read to a designated grade level.

Students at Valley Road celebrated with many special visitors including author Jerry Pallotta and The Cat in the Hat. Pallotta, author of over 90 children’s books including the Who Would Win Series, visited Valley Road School. Pallotta shared his books with the students teaching them about language arts, science, history, and math in the process. He explained to students how he got the ideas for his books and the importance of revising his work. He answered several questions from the students as well.

According to the National Education Association, “Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss.”

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Joseph and Lucas Agoglia of Valley Road School
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