



# Wilber Clatonia Elementary Newsletter

Principal: Mrs. Christine Radcliff

Twas the week of Christmas and all through the school  
 The students were crazy excited, but I was trying to remain cool!  
 Their homework isn't quite finished, they are slowing down on work  
 But when the teachers try to make them, they simply give back a smirk!  
 We're all tired, we're cranky, but the break is soon coming  
 But I stop and think, what a Scrooge I'm becoming!  
 So I join in their chatter and I really stop to enjoy  
 The last days before Christmas with each girl and boy  
 They are so excited, and a buzz with holiday cheer  
 And then tests to close out the semester start to appear  
 Whether math, science, or reading test it is not new  
 And of course there's a classroom one or two  
 The last day of 2017 will finally come for each of these creatures  
 Then we can start all over again in January with our  
 wonderful and well-rested teachers!

I hope this holiday season brings you and your family time to enjoy each other and time to catch up. The weather has been a little misleading for December, so our students do not act like it should be Christmas break already. We are all working tirelessly to finish up odds and ends here so we are ready for the two week holiday break. Our last day of school is Friday, December 22nd and we will return with students on Thursday, January 4, 2018!

I want to make sure to thank each and every student, staff member, and community member that has reached out to help others this holiday season. As we finished our food drive the final count was over 600 items collected on just the elementary side! Wow way to go! We also had a generous family donate a box of meat, the FFA chapter donated fruit to go along with the food drive. This will all go to our families for the long Christmas break, so each child has food on the table during a stressful holiday season. Thank you to all that helped make holidays a little happier for those who need a little help! We are in such a loving and supportive school community, making sure everyone has some holiday cheer. Thank you for that and thank you for teaching your children to think of others!

We all cannot believe how fast this first semester of school has flown by. We will be ending second quarter on Friday, December 22, 2017. Which means report cards will be right around the corner! With that brings the beginning of second semester and 2018! Second semester will begin on Thursday, January 4. Teachers will come in on Wednesday, January 3 for professional development, meetings, and to work on finalizing report cards. With the second part of the year comes winter testing sessions for our NWEA/MAPS tests (this is the standardized test we use to look at our student's achievement prior to taking the state Ncsca-Nebraska tests in the spring). This winter we will have grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 take part in those tests. As a team, we felt that giving second graders that online testing opportunity and gathering data prior to third grades high stakes testing would be beneficial to the students and the teacher's data banks. The second graders just completed winter testing this week and 3, 4, 5, 6 will begin January 9th. Watch your child's classroom newsletter for exact times and dates of your child's MAPS testing!

In wrapping things up, I would like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all of the very best wishes with health and happiness for 2018! Thanks for making 2017 so wonderful! Mrs. Radcliff

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**E**xcellence

**Helping every student be the best they can be!"**

Elementary Phone  
 Number 402-821-2141  
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 402-821-3013

**School Start Time**  
**is 8:05 am**

Regular Elementary  
 School Hours:  
 8:05-3:35  
 Wednesday Elementary  
 School Hours  
 8:05-2:35

**Meal Prices:**  
 K-6 Breakfast \$1.50  
 K-5th grade Lunch \$2.60  
 6th grade Lunch \$2.80  
 Milk \$.40

**Lunch Times**  
 K-3 11:20 AM  
 4-6th 12:15 PM



**Happy New Year!**

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Closing school during adverse weather conditions is never an easy decision. All we can promise is to give our very best effort. We make every effort to make the following contacts when we are going to close school.

As a parent, you can make the decision to keep your child home or come to school and get your child whenever adverse weather conditions exist.

KOLN/KGIN TV in Lincoln—CBS

KLKN TV In Lincoln—ABC  
KFAB 1110 AM In Omaha  
KWBE

KWBE 1450 AM in Beatrice  
KZKX (96KX) 96.9 FM In Lincoln

And our Alert Solutions Messaging System

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## Dates to Remember:

December 23-Jan 3:	<b>No School</b> Winter Break
January 3:	PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Elem commons
January 4:	First Day Back for Students
January 5:	<b>1:00 pm Dismissal</b> for Wrestling (AM Preschool Only)
January 15:	<b>No School</b> RTI Data Day K-6 (Preschool will have school)
January 25:	Soup and Song grades 5-12 perform
February 7:	PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Elem commons
February 8:	Parent Teacher Conference 5-9 PM
February 9:	<b>NO School</b> Parent Teacher Conference 8 AM to Noon
February 16:	<b>NO School</b>
February 28:	<b>1:00 PM Dismissal</b> Wolverine Academy
March 7:	PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Elem commons
March 28:	Kindergarten Round-Up (No School for KD students)
March 29-30:	<b>NO School Spring Break</b>
April 2:	<b>NO School Spring Break</b>
April 4:	PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Elem commons
April 13:	Family Fun Night
April 25:	<b>1:00 pm Dismissal</b> Wolverine Academy
May 1:	Spring Concert 6:30 pm
May 2:	PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in Elem commons
May 2:	Preschool Preview
May 3 & 4:	6th Grade Campout
May 7:	5-6 grade Track & Field day 1:00 pm
May 8:	K-4 Fun Day 2-3 pm
May 9:	Elem Talent Show 1:30 pm
May 11:	Elementary Awards Ceremony 8:10 am
May 11:	Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 am
May 11:	<b>Last Day of School for Students noon Dismissal</b>
May 12:	High School Graduation

### Food Drive



The Wilber Clatonia FBLA & Elementary Student Council Holiday Food Drive ran from November 27 to December 15th. As of **December 15th 607 items** of food were collected in the Elementary. Mrs. Moormeier's classroom collected the most with 110 items.

We would like to Thank everyone that gave the Gift of food.

**January 15: No School for Elementary:  
No School for Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Elementary will be holding an  
Data Retreat for teachers.  
Preschool will be having school.**

**February 8 & 9 : Parent –Teacher Conferences**  
will be held Thursday, February 8th, 5-9 PM and Friday, February 9th, 8am—  
12:00 noon. A reminder of your scheduled times with your children's teacher  
will be coming home with your students the end of January. We will use the  
same times as the first P-T Conferences. The National Honor Society members  
will be providing child care during your conference times in the Elementary  
Commons area.

**End of First Semester-Report Cards:**  
December 22nd is the end of the first semester. Report cards will be mailed in  
the middle of January.

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP:

Wilber-Clatonia Elementary Kindergarten Roundup will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Children who will be five years old on or before July 31, 2018, are eligible for kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact the Elementary Office at 821-2141 to enroll your child for next year. If you know of any new families that have moved into the school district, please advise them to contact the elementary office. 402-821-2141

## Pre-School Registration:

We will begin taking applications for the Pre-School Program for the 2018-2019 school year the beginning of February. Pre-School will be available for 4 year olds (child must turn 4 by July 31, 2018) and is available for all special needs children. Please call the Elementary Office 821-2141 if you are interested in this program. If you know of any new families that would meet the age requirement please advise them to contact the school. 402-821-2141



## Schools in Session

### Proactive Suggestions for Head Lice

Head lice tends to be a *silent* visitor, therefore early detection makes treatment much easier. Head lice are spread through close personal contact, such as; sharing personal items such as; combs, brushes, hats, coats, scarves, helmets, barrettes, hair ties, and bandanas, or at sleep-overs, etc.

Parents are encouraged to check through their *child's hair for 5-10 minutes every week.*



### **Cold Weather Outdoor Recess**

- Students must have boots and snow pants (K-3rd) to be in the snow.
- Sidewalks will be cleared for those students without boots or snow pants
- Students must be on sidewalks or basketball court if they do not have snow gear.
- Stay Safe and Keep off of the retaining walls
- Snow stays on the ground
- Ice is dangerous STAY OFF
- Keep out of mud

**These rules are in place to keep students safe, dry, and to allow for all involved to have fun!**



### **Indoor Recess in Elementary Gym**

- Walking feet (no running or chasing games)
- Teachers go into the equipment room
- 2 basketballs per basket for Knock-Out
- Line up on green lines when the whistle blows
- EVERYONE helps to CLEAN UP
- Safety comes first

### **K-3rd Grade Indoor Recess**

- Jump Ropes are for jumping
- Hula hoops may spin on the body
- Colors and games stay in the corner
- Puzzles stay by the cart
- Lego's stay by the box
- Duck, Duck, Goose in center of gym
- Be respectful of other games



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REMINDERS:



### WINTER SPORTING EVENTS

We are into the winter season of sports and special programs that take place in the gym or auditorium. At school we will be reminding children of appropriate behaviors at sporting and special events. Please help us teach the children these behaviors.

At sporting events:

- Remember that you are there to learn about the sport.
- Sit in the bleachers, leaving only at break times.
- Support the teams, events, and participants by watching
- Parents/guardians should supervise students during these outside of school day activities.



### Winter Weather Is Here, Have Children Prepared:

Be sure your children have appropriate clothing for outside recess during cold, snowy weather, they need to have hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants. An extra set of clothes in the book bag is appreciated.

One of the easiest and most effective ways to prevent illness and the spread of germs is to wash your hands thoroughly and often. Please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently. Another good idea is to wash mittens, gloves, hats and coats often. (Young elementary students use those clothing items often to sneeze into or wipe runny noses). During the busy holiday season it is important for students to get plenty of rest (regular bedtimes) and a balanced diet to help prevent illness and help with quick recoveries if the flu does hit.



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### FLU & FLU Like Symptoms:

Reminder: with the flu season here if your child has a temperature of 100 or above, symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, or suspicious contagion students shall remain out of school for at least 24 hours. They should be temperature free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications or until after the last symptom is seen before returning to school.



### Preschool Additional Days

With School getting out a few days sooner in May the Preschool classes needs to add a few days during the school year. They will be adding:

January 15	Both groups will hold classes at their normal time!
February 7	<b>PM Class</b> will attend 8:00-11:15
February 14	<b>AM Class</b> will attend 8:00-11:15
April 4	<b>PM Class</b> will attend 8:00-11:15



### PTO Box Top Collection

To turn in your box tips just put them in an envelope or baggie include your child's name and teachers name and send them to school with your child. Each classroom has a bucket in their classroom to collect the box tops. Keep on collecting for the spring collection.

Did you know: that Wilber Clatonia Elementary PTO has earned \$25,811.68 since 2004 from the collection of Box Tops for Education! Keep up the good work!!!!

