



# L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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## State Assessment Update

This year brings changes to state exam schedules for all schools. The new state Math and English Language Arts (ELA) exams will be in spring instead of fall. This is a positive change as it allows us to more accurately measure growth over the course of the school year.

The only state assessment in fall this year will be the 8th grade Science and Social Studies Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE). **Our 8th graders will test on the morning of October 28th.**

Each of the exams will be 40 minutes in length. Students will have a snack before and a break between exams.

Please be sure to help your 8th grader get to bed early, get plenty of rest, and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the exam.

All grade levels 3-8 will take the new state Math and ELA assessments beginning in March. These assessments are now computer based.

Elementary students in grades K-2 will begin the PALS assessment this year and high school students in grades 9-10 will take the ACT series. These assessments are computer based as well.

If you have any questions please contact school. Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Spaeth and Mr. Wester

## Calling All Veterans!

Veteran's Day is approaching quickly and we would like to honor all veterans during our **Veteran's Day assembly on November 11th, at 2:15 p.m.**

If you, a relative, or someone you know is a veteran, we would love to have you as a guest of honor during our assembly. There will be time after the assembly for students to have cake and juice/coffee with invited guests.

**Please find the Veteran's Day invitation in Friday folders this week and return to school with your child on Monday, October 27th.**

***Thank you for your service!***



## Check Out The L.B. Clarke Webpage!



If you take the time to check out the L.B. Clarke website you'll see we've made some changes. Here's a quick summary:

- **Remind**- by signing up for Remind, you'll get text messages from LBC when we send reminders out about events at school.
- **Google Calendar**- We have attached a Google calendar to the main page. You can add this to your own Google calendar as well.



## Upcoming Events

### October 24th

1st Quarter Activity Night 6-8 p.m.

### October 30th

6th Grade Trip to Kettle Moraine

### October 31st

HALLOWEEN! Trick or Treat Safely!

### November 6th

1st Quarter Mini-Course Day

### November 7th

NO SCHOOL- In-service for Teachers

### November 10th-14th

Parent Teacher Conference Week

### November 10th

Band Boosters @ TRHS Band Room 7p.m.

### November 11th

Veterans Day Assembly 2:15 p.m.

### November 13th

LBC All-School Conference Night

### November 17th

LBC Students Attend HS Musical a.m.



1. Look for the Best in Others
2. Dream Big
3. Choose Positive Influences
4. Speak with Kindness
5. Start A Chain Reaction

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To (321) 732-6102



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**PTO Candle Sale:****October 13th - November 10th**

Ask in the office  
for an order form  
or details

**1st Quarter Activity****Night is Tonight!**

Friday, October 24th

All L.B. Clarke students are  
welcome to join us for our  
first activity night of the  
year. Activities will include:

- Pumpkin bowling
- Dodge ball tournament
- Pumpkin carving
- Haunted Hallway
- Sardines (Hide and Seek)
- The Barf Buffet and more

**Admission is \$4 or \$3 if  
you come in costume!**

**Activity Night is 6-8 p.m.**

**Please pick your child up  
promptly at 8 p.m.**

**Only LBC students may  
attend**

**Eight Lessons About Leading Kids From Derek Jeter's Dad** By: Dr. Tim Elmore

The sports world was consumed this summer with Derek Jeter's farewell to the New York Yankees (and baseball fans everywhere). He got applause from every ballpark because Jeter played the game with class. He ended his career at Yankee stadium with a walk-off single that won the game. He worked hard, kept a great attitude, was a great teammate, and was very competitive—but never once, in 2,903 games of major league baseball, did he get ejected from a game. Yep, he is different.



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When asked how and where he learned to play the game—he refers to his father. From his own lips, here are eight lessons we learn about leading kids from Derek Jeter's dad:

**1. Never let anyone outwork you.**

Derek said he watched his dad work relentlessly as a substance abuse counselor. He never claimed to have the biggest talent, but he taught his kids to “work hard and never let anyone outwork you.” That way, it's not about giftedness but work ethic.

**2. Inspire your followers by doing what you want done.**

Derek's dad modeled the way in everything from optimism to passion to fun around the house. Derek said his proclamation that he'd play shortstop for the Yankees came from his dad who played college baseball: “I wanted to be like him.”

**3. Don't project on kids, but push them when it's time.**

His dad never once pushed him into baseball, but once he showed a passion for it, Jeter's parents helped fuel it. Many an evening, Jeter and his sister Sharlee could be seen fielding grounders or taking swings in the yard with dad.

**4. Be tough, but fair.**

Like most teens, Derek had clashes with his dad, but he said later, “While he was tough, he was always fair.” Dad would explain the reasons why he'd set up the rules and boundaries in the house. It provided emotional security for the kids.

**5. Agreements are better than rules.**

Every August, Jeter was presented with a contract drawn up by his Dad on a legal pad, permitting him to play sports only if he complied with a series of expectations that included posting high grades, participating in extracurricular activities and avoiding drugs or alcohol. Derek never once violated that contract.

**6. Explain your leadership values.**

Derek remembers, “There were a lot of times when you clash with your parents, but they were pretty good at explaining things. When you're a kid, you don't always agree, but my parents were always good at explaining, ‘Why.’” This helps kids follow.

**7. Err on the side of optimism.**

Derek says the greatest lesson he learned from dad was to stay positive. Even in his 32-game slump in 2004, Derek put his uniform on, expecting to get a hit. He'd talk to his dad every day about the potential of that new day. He knew slumps would pass.

**8. Constantly express appreciation.**

Derek tells us, “My parents have always been supportive—daily.” So on Father's Day, he expects that he'll tell his Dad, ‘Thanks,’ but that is not anything unusual—Jeter thinks that is an appreciative sentiment that should be relayed more than once every 365 days.

When you lead kids well, the relationship evolves from supervisor to consultant to friend. Their relationship has matured over the years, but Derek Jeter says that he knows with any pressing issue, Dad is still one of the two people he'd turn to first. “We're more friends than anything,” Jeter said. “I think as I've gotten older, you still have the father-son relationship, but we've become closer friends. He's still my Dad, but more so, a friend. I'd definitely go to him first with anything.”

How could a parent or coach want anything more?