



L.B. Clarke Middle School Chronicle

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5th Grade Forward Exams This Week

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have completed taking the new Wisconsin Forward Exam. This is the state test that has replaced what was the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) and then last year's Badger Exam.

The 5th graders will begin testing this week. They will take the English Language

Arts Exam on Monday and Tuesday, and then the Math Exam on Thursday. We will be conducting make-ups on Wednesday and Friday.

Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast on these days. Being rested and ready is important for them to do their best!

Upcoming Events...

May is a busy time of year at L.B. Clarke! Here is a rundown of the month's big events...

- April 30th-May 26th— **Two Rivers Public School District Art Show** at the Lester Public Library (see below).
- **8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip**— The 8th graders will leave at 2:30pm on May 3 and arrive at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania at about 6:30am on May 4th. They will then travel to Washington D.C. and Mount Vernon, Virginia from May 4th-6th. The night of

May 6th, they will leave to return home, making a stop at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on the way. They will return home at about 5:30pm on May 7th.

- **BOGO Book Fair**— May 9-13— Buy One Get One Book Fair. Enough said!
- **Grandparents Day**— May 13th 9:30-10:30am. Please join your grandkids conversation, snacks, and fun!
- **Spring Concerts:**
 - Band— May 16th 6:30pm
 - Choir— May 23rd 6:30pm

2016 Two Rivers Public School District Art Show

The 2016 District Art Show, located at Lester Library, begins Saturday, April 30th and Closes on May 26th.

Reception and Art Awards will be the evening of Wednesday, May 18th.

- Elementary Awards start at 6:00 p.m.
- Middle and High School Awards will be presented starting at 6:30 p.m.

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April 30th

Saturday School- 8:30-11am

April 30-May 26

Two Rivers Public School District Art Show @ Lester Public Library

May 3-7

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

May 9-13

LBC BOGO Book Fair

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May 14th

Saturday School- 8:30-11am

May 16th

Spring Band Concert— 6:30pm @ TRHS

May 18th

Art Awards Ceremony— 6:30pm at the Lester Public Library

Before you...



THINK!

T - Is it true?

H - Is it hurtful?

I - Is it illegal?

N - Is it necessary?

K - Is it kind?

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

Depart: May 3rd

Return: May 7th

Photos and information about the trip's progress will be shared on the district's Facebook page.



Grandparents Day

Friday, May 13th

9:30-10:30am

We invite our grandparents to join us for an hour of conversation, cookies, coffee, and fun!

Tour the building, play games, or just chat.

Spring Music Concert Series

Band

May 16th @ 6:30pm

Choir

May 23rd @ 6:30pm

Both Concerts are at Two Rivers High School



10 Valuable Digital Age Skills to Take Beyond School By: The Global Digital Citizen Foundation



The following list contains some useful and versatile abilities for any modern student to have. They're digital age skills for work and for life in our ever-changing world. Add and subtract as you like, and offer up some suggestions. Remember, as the world changes, so will the skills we need to make our way in it.

1. Personal Branding

Today, we live our lives online. Our identities are out there for the world to see. Websites, blogs, and social media present facets of who we are. They showcase our values, opinions, accomplishments, dreams, and desires. How do your students look to the world? More importantly, how do they look to prospective employers and educators? This is what personal branding is all about.

It's estimated that over 90% of people click on the first item in search results. That means students must put their best foot forward always. Personal branding is a digital age skill that can make or break a potential job opportunity or a spot in a prestigious college or university. It's something students must take very seriously.

2. Portfolio Building

Online portfolios are a quick and convenient gallery for student greatness. Students should

start creating records of their work as early as possible. As their experience and skills grow, so will their body of work. Check out this post on using online tools to build portfolios.

Students can also build simple starter portfolios on Facebook and Pinterest. This article from Mashable features another 20 great portfolio-building tools.

3. Online Searching

Today, information is everywhere online. The Web is a living breathing juggernaut of digital content. It is growing and expanding at an amazing rate. According to Cisco, global IP traffic will be in the zettabytes by the end of 2016. They also estimate that almost 2 zettabytes of data will be produced online annually by 2019. 1 zettabyte is equal to about 1 billion gigabytes—yikes.

Knowing how to navigate this ocean of information is one of the most crucial digital age skills students can have. It will help them know good information from bad information. It can assist them with many daily living and working tasks.

4. Proper Citation Practices

At some point, students will be drawing on the expertise of others to support their own work.

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Part of this is honoring that work and effort that helped them and others learn. We do this by properly citing sources and respecting the intellectual property of others.

This article shows you how to search for and attribute images. This one is on basic best practices for citation. When it comes to building bibliographies, there are lots of online tools available. Try out EasyBib, Zotero, or Citation Machine.

5. Image/Video Editing

Digital age skills include basic media editing. Everything has a visual component to it nowadays. The projects we do and profiles we manage are largely visual in nature. We are also inherently visual learners. It makes sense for students to possess basic video and image editing know-how. 6. File Conversion

File conversion is another useful overall skill to have in the digital age. Much of the information we share with colleagues and employers is done online. We communicate and share files with co-workers online. We send electronic files of projects to clients for approval and consideration. Much of this is done by file sharing on the cloud. We also convert files for use on the Web. This applies to social media, websites, and more.

Understanding how to maximize file size for various applications and tasks is good stuff to know. It's about knowing how to convert and compress image, video, sound, and doc files for various purposes. It's about knowing what files to use when for things like coding and printing purposes.

Many subheadings fall under the file conversion umbrella. It's a broad area to get into. Students should start small and build their knowledge one skill at a time.

7. Coding

Coding is arguably one of the most important digital age skills we can have. Coding is being taught more and more in schools worldwide. It's beginning to be recognized as an essential ability for the future. Sites like Code.org are bringing computer science to the mainstream. It's more accessible than ever now, and

today everyone can learn. Explore these 12 sites where students can learn to code for free.

8. Blogging

This is more than just about sharing content and perspective. Good blogging exercises writing, researching, and editing skills. It's an incredible arena for creativity and specialization. Edudemic even makes the case for blogging being one of the best learning tools students can have.

Getting started with a blog is a snap nowadays. There plenty of sites that will get students out of the gates. Students can try WordPress, Tumblr, or Svtble.

9. Presentation Building

Building a good presentation can be a boon to any business or creative venture. You know when you've walked out of a good presentation. You feel educated, inspired, and entertained. The rules of making great presentations are the guidelines for success.

A great presentation is an extension of intention and idea that evolves into an impression. This should be an impression that's left on the viewer long after the presentation is over. Great presentations entertain, and inspire thought and action.

One of the best people you'll watch regarding presentation mojo is Garr Reynolds. If students want to know about the art of perfecting 21st-century presentation, they should watch the TED Talks video by Reynolds.

10. Creating a Website

Last but not least in our digital age skills list is website creating. This is partly in tandem with coding. It's also about knowing the aesthetics of website appearance and functionality. You can build the best website in the world on the back end. That said, if it's ugly and clunky up front, people won't go near it. It has to look good to the eye and feel good to the cursor.

What other digital age skills do you think are important to have?