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Community School
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Warrior News

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School Day

- 7:30 Front Door Open
- 7:35 Breakfast
- 8:05 Announcements
- 8:15 Class Starts
- ENDS...3:30 ELE & 3:35 7th-12th
- 9th HR 3:45-5:00

7-12 Principal Corner — Mr. Hoffman

The second semester is well under way at Santee Community School. The basketball season has concluded with both teams ending their seasons in sub-districts. Both the **boy and girl's basketball teams experienced successful seasons** with many highlights and remaining competitive throughout the season. We appreciate all the effort and hard-work of both the coaches and players to make the season a great success. Thanks for the countless hours of practice, late night meals, and balancing school work.



We are busy with **academic hearing** informing students and parents what is required to meet the graduation requirements and where each student is in regard to meeting these requirements. Remember that once a student is in 9th grade, all classes count toward graduation. Please check the status of your student's progress at school often. Any courses failed will need to be made up. Each class passed is worth 10 credits. 270 credits are required for graduation.

The Santee Sioux Tribe and Santee Community School have partnered to add a School Resource Officer (SRO) and Cultural Specialist. We want to welcome Natalie Torrez and Redwing Thomas to these positions and for supporting our students. You may have already been in contact with our SRO if your child has truancy issues. Remember that Truancy is illegal. **Attendance in school** is mandatory until your child has either graduated or turned 21 years of age. Tribal code will be enforced regarding truancy. If you have any questions, please contact the school. We will help and support wherever we can to ensure your child's attendance at school.

We have also **completed our Winter NWEA MAP** testing. I would like to report that many students met and exceeded their test goals. We saw some great gains in many students and look to have more improved results this spring. Congratulations to our students for their efforts. Thanks to our staff for helping to prepare our students for this success.

Finally, when you **look at your child's grades**, if you notice they have and incomplete (INC) grade, they are to attend 9th hour after school to finish their incomplete work. This is an opportunity for students to complete work and get caught up. This is also helping students to pass classes and thus add to their credits toward graduation.

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NEW..Welcome, Student Resource Officer–SCS/SSN

Dear Student and parents of Santee Community School:

Greetings. I am writing to inform you that I, Natalie Torrez, am the Student Resource Officer of the Santee Community School also known as Truancy Officer of the Santee Sioux Nation.

With this position I will be managing the Truancy Diversion Project as Truancy Officer approved and provided by the Santee Sioux Nation. This means I will handling all Truancy matters within the Santee Community School in collaboration with the Santee Sioux Nation, the Dakota Tiwahe Service Unit (DTSU), Tribal Courts, and Santee Police Department. I will be the liaison between all of these Departments working together for a successful school year for you and your child/children.

Please know that as a collaborative group effort we will strive to help you, the parent with any Truancy issues. We are not trying to work against you in any way possible. For continuation and funding purposes this job was created to help Santee Community School keep your child in school for the attainment of their High School Diploma, preparing them to be more successful adults. As we all know, the children are our future, and to help them along the way to be successful adults we ALL need to work in collaboration with each other to be in school as much as possible, for the best outcome of your child/children today.

Since 2009 the Santee Sioux Nation has their own laws and regulations as a Sovereign Nation, which included laws against Truancy under Compulsory Education. It states that “Mandatory Attendance” at a State and/or Federally funded school is required for children age 6-18 years or until the child has obtained their High School Diploma or has completed the program of instruction offered by the school which elects not to meet the accreditation or approval requirements pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located.

In regards to Truancy for Students and parents/caregivers, you can legally be charged and prosecuted for failure to send your child/children to school with penalties to include fines, jail time, and/or both, to the extent of determining the family is “in need of services” which opens up a broader and more defined case for possible child removal and placement where the Santee Sioux Nation deems fit.

As Truancy Officer for the Santee Sioux Nation, I hope to help you as a parent and student with resources and education to avoid prosecution and/or child removal by a set of standards and procedures to get your child to school and become a positive and healthy contributing member of our Nation and society as a whole. We will incorporate this through Truancy Diversion Project and meet monthly to discuss ways to increase your child’s attendance.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at Santee Community School if you should have any questions, comments or concerns regarding Truancy Law, and how it affects you, your child and/or family. I will be more than willing to help you and your child make it through this endeavor, because like you I am a parent, and believe the children are our future, and it is our job to get them there so that they will be here to take care of us as we get older. Thank you once again.

**Natalie Torrez, Truancy Officer
Truancy Diversion Project Coordinator/Student Resource Officer**

Elementary Principal News —Mrs. Nagel:

The school year is flying by. It is hard to believe February is coming to a close. The preschool and elementary have been doing many learning activities. Please visit with your student about the best part of their learning each day. This is one of the best things you can do at home to support your student's learning growth. Just simple questions for example:

What was the best part of the day today?

What questions did you ask about your subjects?

What was something new you learned today?

What did you practice with success?

Conversations about learning is being emphasized in many of our classroom by journaling, exit tickets, "What did I learn" charts, A/B partners sharing learning, and even stating one thing they did well that day after school.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY – Thursday, March 2 is "Read Across America Day". Students and staff will be doing many activities in honor of a great author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. He was born March 2, 1904.



Many of the beloved Dr. Seuss books have a theme or a lesson within the story itself.

Take time to share a book with your children

Talking is more powerful than listening



- The person doing the most talking during a lesson is doing the most learning.
- We need to create more learning opportunities for pupils to talk and **listen to each other**
- We talk so we can remember, process and understand.

Ways to Support Learning at Home

Sick kids should stay home from school if they have a fever, are nauseated, vomiting, or have diarrhea. Kids who lose their appetite, are clingy or lethargic, complain of pain, or who just don't seem to be acting "themselves" should also take a sick day.



Otherwise, it's important that kids arrive at school on time every day, because having to catch up with class work and homework can be stressful and interfere with learning.

If your child is missing a lot of school due to illness, make sure to check with the teacher about any work that needs to be completed. It's also a good idea to know the school's attendance policy.

Sometimes students want to stay home from school because of problems with classmates, assignments or grades, or even teachers. This can result in real symptoms, like headaches or stomachaches. If you think there's a problem at school, talk with your child — and then perhaps with the teacher — to find out more about what's causing the anxiety. The school counselor or school psychologist also might be able to help.

Also try to avoid late bedtimes, which can result in tardy and tired students. A consistent sleep schedule can help.

Make Time to Talk About School

It's usually easy to talk with elementary students about what's going on in class and the latest news at school. You probably know what books your child is reading and are familiar with the math being worked on. But parents can get busy and forget to ask the simple questions, which can have an effect on children's success at school.

Make time to talk with your child every day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well.

Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers.

Besides during family meals, good times to talk include car trips (though eye contact isn't needed here, of course), walking the dog, preparing meals, or standing in line at a store.

These early years of schooling are an important time for parents to be informed and supportive about their child's education.



March 2 – Read Across America

March 6 – Prime Time Reading 5:00 – 6:00 in Library

March 7 - Title I Community Night – 5:00 – 6:00 in Multi Purpose Room

March 9 – School Board Meeting 5:00 in Library

March 10 – End of 3rd Quarter

March 11 – Day Light Savings - Spring ahead 1 hour

Kindergarten



The **Kindergarteners** at Santee Community School are having a busy start to the New Year! We have been busy learning how to make predictions, blend sounds to make words, and add numbers up to 20! We have also started reading buddies! The kindergarteners meet with their second grade buddies every Tuesday and Friday to show off their new reading skills! The kindergarteners



and second graders use this time to practice their new skills AND to make new friends!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your students do not hesitate to visit with me at the school.



Jessica Crossman
Interim Kindergarten Teacher
Or send me an email! jcrossman@santeeschools.org

Title 1 Spring Community Night!



Students and families of Santee Community School are invited to enjoy our Spring Community Night! Students, K-12, and their families will enjoy math, reading, and science themed activities followed by a community supper on:

Tuesday March 7, 2017

5:00-6:30 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to re-connect with your student's teachers while enjoying fun activities as a family!

From the Health Office - Nurse Chelsey



Miles of Smiles on March 29th starting at around 8:15am

School Guidelines include:

A student is sent home with a fever 100.5 or higher, vomiting, or diarrhea, needs to stay home until they are fever free and free from vomiting and diarrhea for 24hours.

If your child has been sick at home, do not send to school until they have been fever free for 24hours without taking fever reducing medicines (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) and have not had vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

Please **remember to keep the Office Staff updated on student illness** so that we can track the number of kids out ill and tell us the symptoms they have or the diagnosis the Doctor gave them.

Any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me or the school!! 402-857-2741

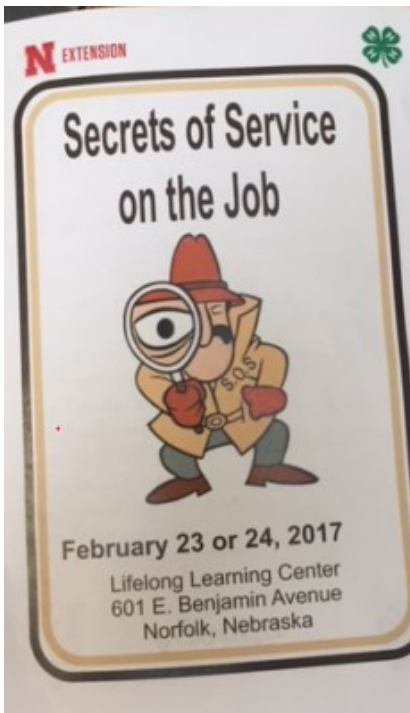
Little Warriors Preschool News

We are learning so many new things. Both classes have finished the Ocean study. The 3 years olds will be starting a Transportation Study while the 4 year olds will be starting a Clothing Study. The children will be having some fun with these studies.

Parents/Caregivers remember **Kindergarten Roundup** is coming up soon. March 24 from 8-11:45. We will have breakfast and introduce children to the Kindergarten room and teacher. Hope to see you on this day. Any child that will be 5 on or before July 31 can attend.

Title 1 Spring Community Night! Tuesday,
March 7th

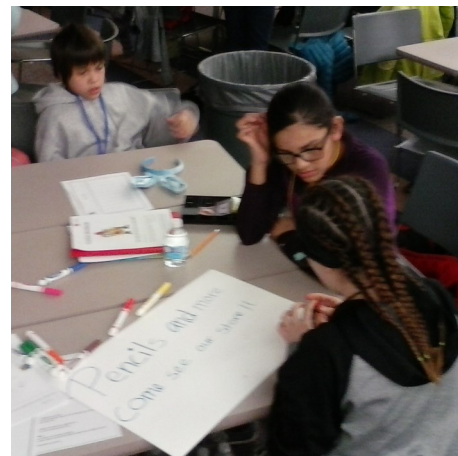
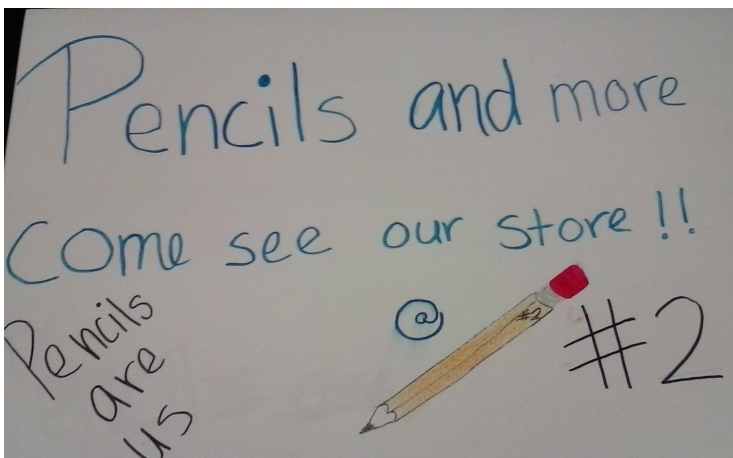
Everyone one welcomed, 5:00 activities followed by meal



Mrs. Crosley & Mr. Chambers & students attend Entrepreneurial Workshop.

On February 23, 2017 students attended "**Secrets of Service on the Job**" an interactive entrepreneurial education program.

Students were responsible for their own pencil business that included marketing, promotion, design and buy/sell of their own products (pencils). The workshop taught the importance of customer service in the workplace and responsible ethical behavior needed in the community and on the job. Our team made \$50.00 after all expenses were paid!



Mrs. Crosley Grades 4,5,6 English Language Arts (ELA)

All classes are currently working on text dependent questions. Text dependent questions requires students to use evidence from **texts** to present careful analyses, well-defended claims, and clear information to answer questions about their stories.

We are preparing for our NESAs testing.

As always, stay safe and happy.

Prime Time Family Reading...NEW opportunity....

The Santee Community School will be hosting Prime Time Family Reading nights. Prime Time Reading is a family reading and discussion program. A storyteller reads award winning children's books to the group. The discussion leader guides the group to building reading comprehension skills and models reading aloud.

Prime Time Reading nights will be held on:

March 6, 2017
March 13, 2017
March 20, 2017
March 27, 2017
April 3, 2017
April 10, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: SCS Library

PRIME TIME
FAMILY READING TIME



Audience: Up to 25 parents/ caregivers and their 4 to 10 year old children

March News

By Mrs. LaPlante

OUR LEARNING...

The 4th grade students are wrapping up their unit on weather. They have learned about the different measuring tools, Meteorologists and their jobs, how clouds are formed and the different types of clouds.

The 5th grade students finished up their unit on Ecosystems. They did a lot of fun projects on the different types of biomes and the organisms that live in them.

The 6th grade class finished up their chapter on Natural Resources. They had fun making a Renewable Resource Tree and doing a scavenger hunt on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

Next quarter all three classes will switch back to Social Studies.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 6: Prime Time Reading Night

March 7: Title I Community Night

March 10: End of 3rd Quarter

March 20: Isaiah & Brandon's Birthdays

March 29: Miles for Smiles

In Mystery Science, the 4th grade students examined clues about how clouds look and feel to discover what they're made of and how they form. In this activity, students made predictions on how many drops of "rain" their cloud could hold until it released "precipitation"

A collage of three photographs. The left photo shows a young boy sitting at a desk, focused on a project. The middle photo is a close-up of a large, fluffy blue cloud model sitting in a clear glass jar. The right photo shows another young boy at a desk, working on a project with a blue bottle.

Office of SCS Guidance Counselor – Mr. Oswald

Child subjected to abuse or neglect

School employees are MANDATORY REPORTER

When any Human Services school employee has **reasonable cause** to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or observes such child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect, he or she shall report such incident to the proper law enforcement agency or the Nebraska Department of Health and .

A concern for our students

Sexual Abuse - Statutory Rape

What is the Nebraska Age of Consent?

The Nebraska Age of Consent is 16 years old. The age of consent is the minimum age at which an individual is considered legally old enough to consent to participation in sexual activity. Individuals aged 15 or younger in Nebraska are not legally able to consent to sexual activity, and such activity may result in prosecution for statutory rape.

Nebraska statutory rape law is violated when a person has consensual sexual intercourse with an individual under age 16. It is considered statutory rape, **regardless** of whether or not it was consensual. It is a criminal act and can be criminally prosecuted. The individual whose age is below the age of consent is considered to be the victim, and their sexual partner whose age exceeds the age of consent is seen as the offender.

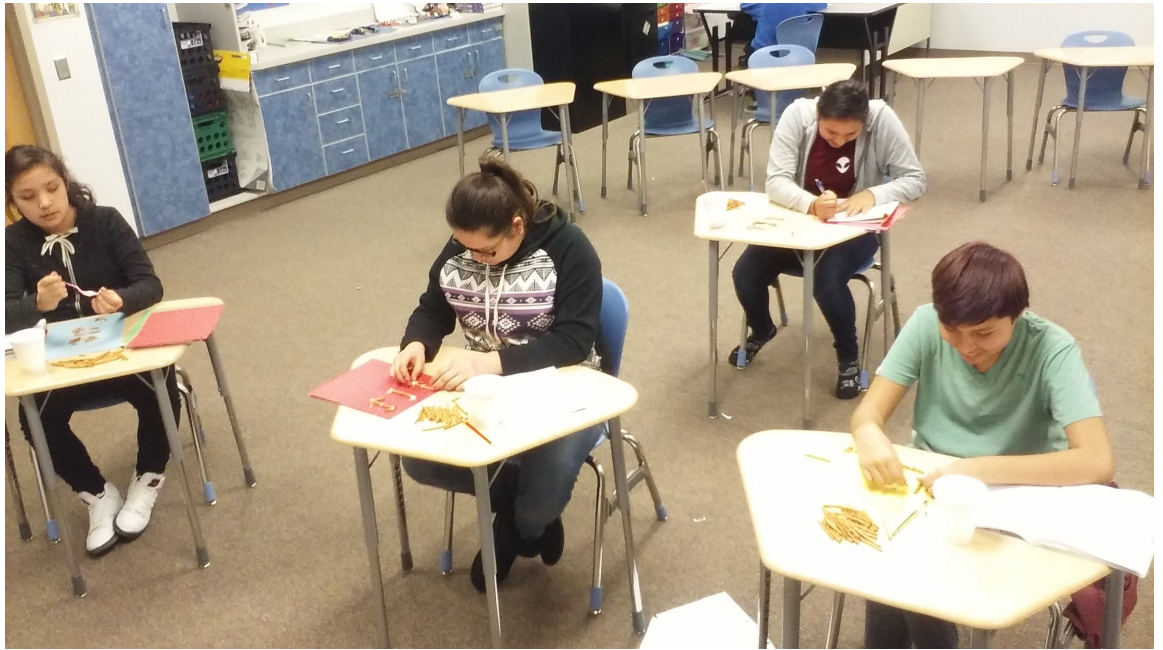
Nebraska does not have a close-in-age exemption. Close in age exemptions, commonly known as "Romeo and Juliet laws", are put in place to prevent the prosecution of individuals who engage in consensual sexual activity when both participants are significantly close in age to each other, and one or both partners are below the age of consent.

Because there is no such "Romeo and Juliet law" in Nebraska, it is possible for two individuals both under the age of 16 who willingly engage in intercourse to both be prosecuted for statutory rape, although this is rare. Similarly, no protections are reserved for sexual relations in which one participant is a 15 year old and the second is **over** the age of 16 year old.

Statutory rape is not the same as rape. The key difference between statutory rape and rape is that the only deciding factor between legal sexual activity and statutory rape is age.

Mrs. Winckler's classes...

Math students making and naming angles in Geometry this week.



School Lunch includes the Salad Bar, and Fresh Fruit Bar!



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR — March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 JH SKILLS USA Contest— Omaha	3	4
5	6 ~Prime Time Reading @ 5:00 in the Library	7 _Title I Family Com- munity Night 5:00	8	9 Board of Edu- cation Meeting 5:00	10 End of 3 Qtr.	11 Zoology Students Field Trip to Zoo Daylights Savings— Spring Ahead 1
12 NVC— Industri- al Tech leave @ 5	13 NVC Industrial Tech Day @ Chambers ~Prime Time e Reading @ 5:00 in the Li- brary	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 ~Prime Time Reading @ 5:00 in the Library	21 NVC Band @ Elkhorn	22	23	24 KINDER- GARTEN ROUNDUP LAST DAY to purchase Spring Life- touch Pic- tures	25
26	27 ~Prime Time Reading @ 5:00 in the Library	28 Golf Invite @ Ewing NV/ Clearwater/ Orchard	29 Miles for Smiles Skills USA leave @ 4:00	30 Skills USA con- test at Grand Island	31 Skills USA contest at Grand Island ~Track Plainview In- vite	APRIL 1 PROM