



Dates To Remember

*Santee
Community
School
Newsletter
September
2018*

3rd - No School

5th - MAP testing begins till the 14th

6th - VB @ Macy 5 pm

**7th - Football @ McCool Junction 7pm depart @
1:52 pm**

11th - ESU Hearing Screenings

Home VB triangular Niobrara & St.Mary's 5:30 pm

13th - VB @ Walthill w/ Omaha Nation 5pm

14th - NO Preschool

17th - MAP make up testing till 21st

18th - Junior High VB vs Omaha Nation (H) 3 pm

20th - VB @ Walthill w/ Winside 5pm

21st - FB 3pm & VB 5:30pm @ Walthill

24th - VB vs Flandreau 6pm

25th - Junior High VB vs Omaha Nation (H) 3 pm

26th - Miles of Smiles

Parent Teacher Conferences 4-6

Junior High VB @ Walthill 3 pm

27th - VB vs Elba (H) 3pm

FB vs Elba (H) 6 pm

28th - NO SCHOOL

Warrior Gear can be purchased through our current FanCloth catalog now until September 14. All money is due on or by September 14 for your order to be placed. Stop by the front to order.



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Welcome Back!

It has been a great start to the school year and we are so happy to have students back in the building. It truly is students' presence that makes our school come to life. There were many changes that occurred this summer. I hope that everyone has had a chance to stop in and visit to see all of the great things that are happening at Santee Community Schools.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Nagel, Mrs. Poppe, and Ms. Goeden to our teaching staff. They have been working hard to get to know our students, parents, and community. We have also been fortunate to welcome Mrs. Newcomb, Ms. Wickett, Ms. Harte Ms. Roberts, and Mr. MakesRoomforThem to our awesome classified team.

As a staff, we are all working hard to ensure that our students have access to the best possible educational experiences, whether that be our new STEM Lab or our career and technical education experiences.

We want to thank everyone who voted in the Bond election. We will soon begin planning for an addition to our building. It is an exciting time to be a Santee Warrior! Please be sure to mark your calendars for Sept. 26 for parent/teacher conferences, coronation, and our community night. Our staff motto this year is: "We are here to make good things happen for other people!" That motto refers to students, parents, and the community. Thank you for being part of our Team.

As always: I'm **Proud to be, Team Santee!**

Sincerely,

Kari Garwood-Daniels, Superintendent

From
the
Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take this time and welcome you to a brand new year at Santee Community School! We are glad to have you as part of our school family and hope you are looking forward to the 2018-2019 academic year.

Santee Community School has many things to be proud of. The district is fully accredited as a quality school system by AdvancED, we have an Infant and Toddler room with a Step Up to Quality Rating of 5 (a select few at this high level in the state), and a 3yr old and 4yr old Preschool program with a Step Up to Quality Rating of 4 (only two in the state). We have added new staff members, changed some rooms around, and implemented STEM labs for K-12. Please ask your student about the amazing learning that is taking place in there.

We are working hard to carry out our school's Vision Statement "Santee Community School ensures students are prepared to be successful members of society. This is through our Warrior Virtues as well as our 4C's – Career Exploration, Cultural growth, Character development, and Community involvement.

We are extremely proud of our school, students and staff for their continued commitment to high academic standards and improved student achievement and growth. Our continued focus is on attendance and the importance of being in school every day. We look forward to seeing our students here.

Parents if you have questions or concerns during the year are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or the school principal. We thank you for allowing your student(s) to spend their day here with us.

Sincerely,

Cindy Nagel

Elementary Principal



Welcome to
our jungle!

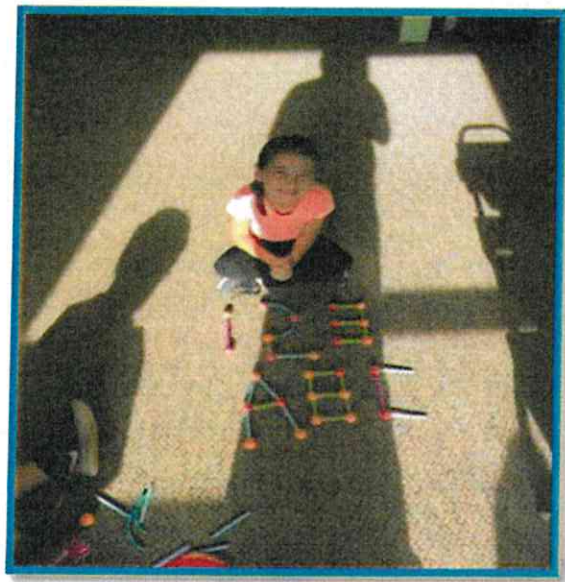
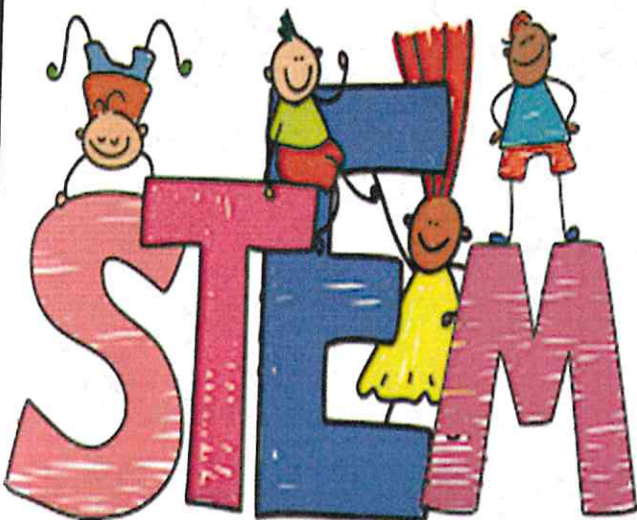
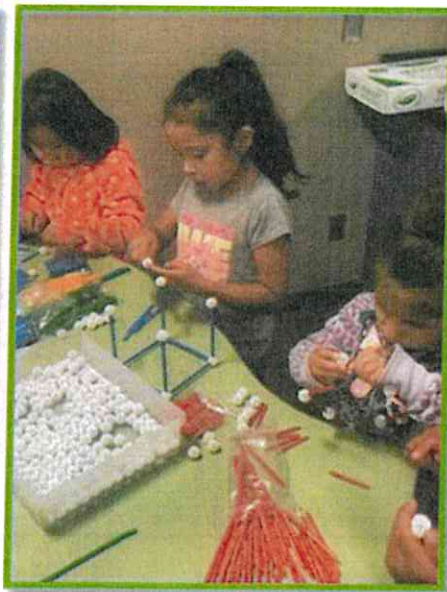
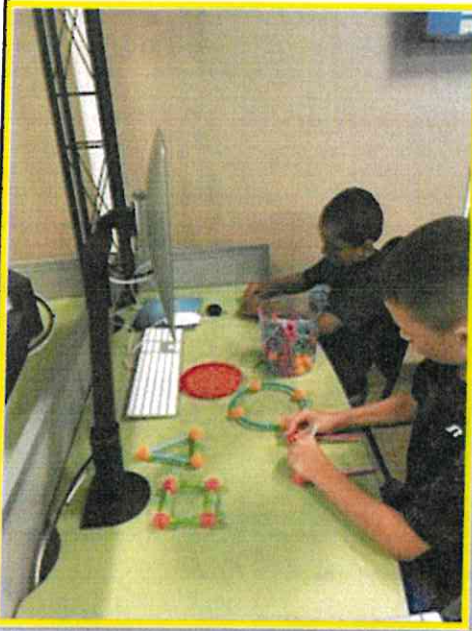


Kindergarten sure has been busy
this year! The students have been
having so much fun creating art to
help decorate our jungle.

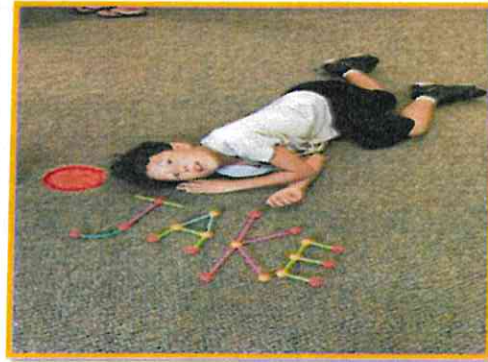
Elementary STEM Lab

Welcome back to school!! New to the Santee Community School this year is the STEM Lab. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The STEM Lab provides problem-based learning for our students. STEM Lab students are observant, persistent, curious about how things work, risk takers, problem solvers and questioners! Feel free to come into the lab anytime and observe your child being creative -Ruth LaPlante

The K-3 grade students have been learning about Mechanics & Structures by building 2D & 3D shapes, making polygons with the geometric shapes, coding with the robots and engineering and design by building bridges with Legos.



ELEMENTARY STEM LAB



Greetings, Santee Community! Thank you all for such a warm welcome into my first year here. I am quickly getting a handle on names and personalities as I approach some major goals for my students this year.

Freshmen are beginning to learn the history of the novella with a Steinbeck favorite, "The Pearl." This novel introduces the importance of community building and moral action and I am looking forward to our meaningful discussions along the way.

Sophomores are beginning with a longer text, "The Book Thief," as we discuss the importance of our role in humanity. I intend to work with these students on their reading skills as well as their ability to interpret a deeper meaning behind this historical text.

Juniors are already hard at work with their introduction speeches. They're learning the format of a speech along with the strategies and techniques necessary for public speaking. Soon, we'll be preparing for the ACT Writing portion of the ACT they'll be taking this spring. We'll work on format and practice with examples so that this spring is just a review for the real thing.

Seniors are preparing for their life after high school. We started the year out by prepping our resume and discussing career options. Next, we'll dive into some British Literature and study the romance and history of "Romeo and Juliet."

My creative writing course is a small group and they're beginning to open up with their writing skills. We agreed that the short story would be a great unit to start with, so we've started the year out by reading and answering prompts together. We'll continue in this way as we evolve into other genres of writing including poetry, critical analysis, and graphic novels.

Drama is a new course for me this year. I'm very excited to be working with this variety of students as they have already shown a willingness to connect and understand the deeper meaning and motivation of plays. We will study a number of plays including "Fences" by August Wilson and "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen. My hope is to take these students to several plays this year and potentially, we may develop our own one-act play for the community.

I appreciate the opportunity I have teaching here and look forward to a wonderful year!

-Ms. Goeden

First Grade News

All about August-

Photo Time



Reading

We have been working on lots of different book!
If you see a fist grader ask them about Mrs, Mcfee or Grumpy Rhino!

Math

We have been experimenting with different ways to show numbers; tally marks, digits, and tens charts!



Birthdays

Lynniyah- 25th

Important Dates

- Maps Testing this month
- Parent Teacher Conference Sep. 26th
- No School -Sep. 28th



Third Grade News

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The Fab Five are off to a great start! Jo-sey, Jake, JJ, Lluvia, and Shelby are super hard workers and lots of fun.

This is what the Fab Five have been up to:

English Language Arts: nouns, -ug, vocabulary,
comprehension, oral speaking,
fluency and story elements

Writing: paragraphs and punctuation

Math: addition and subtraction of 4 digits

Science: What is a scientist? Types of scientist that they
picked and are researching

STEM: We LOVE STEM!

Robots and coding- oh my!

Social Studies: Where in the world is Santee? Midwest
States

Miss Donna and I are very proud of the hard work and determination these fine students are showing. It is going to be a great year! Stop in and see us anytime!

Mrs. Hrbek
Miss Donna
Fab Five

Elementary Special Education:

Hello Family and Friends of Santee Community Schools!! What an exciting new year! Some of the changes this year include new classroom assignments and the additional help of Mrs. Crossman with grades 4-6 and Miss Pedersen with grades K-3. We have been busy getting things into routine, providing interventions and getting reacquainted with one another as the school year starts. We are looking forward to all the exciting things to come this year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at Santee Community Schools 402-857-2741 and we would be happy to help. We are:

"Proud To Be Team Santee"



Music Notes: Welcome back, musicians!

Anpetu waste, friends! We're back for another year of practice, large and small ensembles, creative composition, and listening analysis in the music classroom. This year is special because we have the largest 7-12 band yet since we brought band back four years ago. Look forward to hearing us at home games; we are working on our ensemble skills (playing as a team is harder and takes more patience than individual practice). I am proud of our progress so far! Any band students (5th – 12th grade) can take their instruments home to practice if they sign a check-out form. Feel free to ask your student to play at home so you can hear what they are working on!

Niobrara Valley Conference Choir Clinic: Monday, November 5, 5:00pm

High school choir will soon be preparing for NVC conference clinic on Monday, November 5, in Stuart. This is a great chance to sing a variety of classic and fun new repertoire with a huge choir, and learn some skills from a music teacher other than me. **The performance will be in Stuart this year, and all community members are encouraged to come hear the impressive choir! Parents, if you want a ride to the evening concert, please let me know so we can prepare a vehicle and driver.**

Warrior Choir:

Calling all musicians!! Every Santee musician from 4th grade on up knows the National Anthem – most of us have it memorized! **Five minutes before each home varsity game**, we honor our country with the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Any student who is brave and willing can join the Warrior Choir in singing the anthem at these times. Students get extra points for extracurricular music performance, and we take a picture that gets featured on a bulletin board between the Music Box and the Multipurpose Room, where everyone can see and congratulate these students on their school spirit and lovely singing!

Pidamiyaye,
Miss Knight



Preschoolers are having fun playing with friends and new toys. We have been working on the rules for the classroom, recognizing our first name, and writing our name. Next Friday, Sept. 14 there will be no preschool classes for the 3 and 4 year olds due to a training.



Our Fantastic Fourth Graders!

Fourth grade is off to an awesome start! We spent the first couple of school days getting to know each other and setting our class expectations. From that point on we have been spending our days learning and having fun! This year, fourth grade is focusing on responsibility: what it means and what it looks like in our day to day lives. The students have already taken a huge amount of responsibility for their learning by creating a list of class rules and class jobs...which include keeping our class environment clean, completing our class work, and taking care of our class pet, Norm the Hedgehog!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Crossman



- 2nd - MaKayla
- 4th - Jake S.
- 7th - Trina * Siemona
- 12th - Zailey
- 14th - Rhykon
- 16th - Jazelle
- 18th - David * Rhylee
- 19th - Neveyah * Aubrinee
- 20th - Gabriel
- 21st - Devonna
- 25th - Lynniyah * Angelynna
- 26th - Taneice

Happy Birthday

To You

From

Santee Community School



2ND GRADE NEWS

AUGUST 2018

TEACHER'S CORNER

Welcome back to school! We have survived the first couple weeks of school and the students are transitioning into second grade very well!

Charissa Avery is our classroom para and we are fortunate to have her extra help as well. Have a great Labor day weekend and we look forward to a great year!

Mrs. Steffen

BIRTHDAYS

August 6 - Karma Torres
August 20 - Mason LaPointe

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Reading - The Princess & the Pea
- Word Work - letter sound/ recognition review
- Writing - simple sentences
- Math - place value
- Science - scientific method
- Social Studies - map skills

New to 2018-19 introducing

Career and Technical Education

Career and technical education (CTE) is the practice of teaching specific career skills to students in middle school and high school. This year Santee Community school will begin to focus on a new path for students.

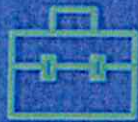
What Is Career & Technical Education?

CTE focuses on teaching tech-based and career-oriented skills.
It has 16 different "tracks" students can take.

Health Science



Business



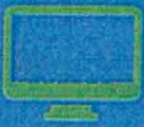
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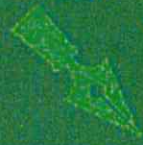
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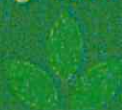
Government



Law



Agriculture



HS

Construction

Training

Arts

Here are ten quick facts about CTE

7.4 million secondary students and 4 million post-secondary students are interested in CTE nationwide

93% of CTE students graduate high school, which is 10% higher than average

78% of CTE graduates enroll in post-secondary education full-time

Between 2012 and 2022, there will be 50,557,900 job openings for CTE graduates

Students enrolling in post-secondary CTE courses are eligible for federal financial aid

CTE students are 50% less likely to drop out than non-CTE students

81% of high school dropouts say real-world skills education would've kept them in school

For every \$1 of government funding in CTE, taxpayers earn as much as **\$12.20 in benefits** in return

Technical and applied science graduates earn **\$2,000 to \$11,000 more per year** than those with a bachelor's degree

27% of people with an associate's degree or less out-earn those with a bachelor's degree

I look forward to serving your child! -Mrs. Crosley

Hello! My name is Jason Folkers and I am the Elementary Guidance Counselor here at Santee Community Schools. This is my first year in this position, but my 2nd year here at Santee. I really enjoy the kids, culture, and staff that has been introduced to me so far here in Santee. It really feels like home.

This year we are implementing a program called Second Step to grades Kindergarten-6th, and I will be the person instructing the students.

Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to encourage children to thrive. More than just a classroom curriculum, Second Step's holistic approach helps create a more empathetic society by providing education professionals, families, and the larger community with tools to enable them to take an active role in the social-emotional growth and safety of today's children. It's a difference you can feel the moment you step through the doors to a Second Step school: a sense of safety and respect grounded in the social-emotional health and well-being of the entire school community.

Periodically I will be sending things home that you can do with your children. It is not homework, and it is not meant to be challenging. It is more of a check and connect with your children to see what they are learning that week and if they can give examples. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at school or email me at jfolkers@santeeschools.org. I look forward to a great school year, as it is already off to a great start!

Sincerely,
Jason Folkers



Plant studies class 8/23/18

From the Ag Classes

Have you seen the white flowers waving over trees and fence lines? Do you recognize this scene?

Maybe a little closer.



If so, you are not the only ones.

The plant studies class is making the most of the good weather by exploring the outside and observing the woodland flora. The class decided to see how long the vine clinging to the tree was.

It was a struggle getting the vine off because it had had tied itself up in the branches. Wild cucumbers have tendrils or slender structures that curl around anything they touch. The vine was over 40 feet long!

Back in the classroom, the students identified the vine as the Wild Cucumber.

Wild Cucumber (*Echinocystis lobata*) is a member of the cucumber or gourd family, the Cucurbitaceae. There are both male and female flowers. The female flowers stay close to the stem. The male flowers try to reach the sky. They are the ones that give the vine the white frosted look. One plant can cover a whole tree and weigh 150 pounds.



Each year there is a plant that grows more than normal. This year it is the Wild Cucumber. Watch as you drive down the road watch for the white male flowers waving in the wind.

Authors: Plant Science Class Dominic Alvarado, Arthur Denny, Casey Freiburghouse, Sonny Thomas and Bianco White

Photographer: Dominic Alvarado, Agricultural Instructor, Irene Graves

Report to PARENTS

Make Every Day Count: Boost School Attendance

To stay on track in school, students need to be present every day. Missing 18 or more days of school in a year puts a child's high school graduation at risk, according to *AbsencesAddUp.org*, a national chronic absenteeism prevention campaign. Being absent for just two days every month of the school year can put a child behind academically.

Students with regular attendance are more likely to read well by third grade and score higher on tests. They also tend to be more engaged in school and feel better about themselves.

Put your child on the path to success with these attendance strategies.

Make school a priority. Every absence (excused or not), can impact a child's academic achievement. Talk to your child about how important their education is. Make daily routines for homework and waking up on time for school.

Maintain communication with teachers and keep an eye on your child's academic progress. If your child seems disconnected from school or is prone to skipping class, try signing him or her up for an after-school activity. A report by the University of Minnesota found that students in an after-school program attended 18 more days of school and missed nine fewer than their peers.

Make a plan. If your schedule or transportation situation makes getting your child to school a challenge, ask for assistance. Make a carpool or transportation plan with other parents or family members, or ask your school principal for community programs or school initiatives that may help.

Report in. Know your school's attendance policies. If an absence or early dismissal is unavoidable, contact your school. If your family's religious observances fall on school days, let teachers know early in the year which days your child will miss.

Carefully weigh sick days. If your child is sick, talk with your health care provider to determine whether they should stay home from school. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home, find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (for example, after 24 hours of antibiotics).

Before keeping your children home, make sure they aren't faking symptoms. Regularly feigning sickness may be a sign that your child is anxious about facing a challenge at school, such as bullying.



Schedule wisely. Know your school's calendar, and arrange doctor and dentist appointments after school, on weekends, or during holiday breaks, if possible. Resist the urge to schedule vacations when students will miss school. This gives students the impression that school is not a priority.

Help students complete assignments. When your child has to miss school, make arrangements with teachers

to pick up a packet of make-up work. Ensure that your child follows through, and be available to explain concepts or monitor their work. If your child's absence will be lengthy (for surgery, for instance), alert teachers as soon as you know and pick up assignments as the days go on.

Web Resources

Absences Add Up offers a list of reasons why kids might miss school, and offers solutions for parents looking to keep their kids learning.
www.absencesaddup.com/reasons-why-kids-miss-school

This infographic, **How Sick is Too Sick fo School?**, can help families decide which symptoms should keep students at home.
<http://bit.ly/2cuqbv6>

Attendance Works offers research, webinars, and handouts designed with elementary and middle-level parents in mind.
<http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/>



*Santee Community School and
Santee Sioux Nation*
Truancy Diversion Project

206 FRAZIER Ave. E. NIOBRARA, NE 68760
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August 30th, 2018

Greetings Parents/Guardians of Santee Community School:

I am writing to inform you that the Truancy Diversion Project is up and running again this year. I meet with Parents/Guardians and the Student on a Bi-Weekly basis when TRUANCY starts to develop, and we work together to DIVERT the attendance issue to a positive attendance without issue. I am excited this school year to be working with you and your child(ren). Please know that I am here as a resource to help you and your family stay out of Tribal Courts and our Social Service Program (DTSU). This requires us to work together throughout this school year to improve our overall Daily Attendance Rate, increase student growth, and achieve our goal for our children to Graduate High School.

Many Positive changes are coming our way in regards to our collaboration efforts with the Santee Health Center, Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Courts, the Dakota Tiwahe Service Unit and Santee Law Enforcement to curb the current Truancy Issues we face today.

Please note and remember the following information as tips and guides to stay out of Tribal Court and Truancy Diversion Program:

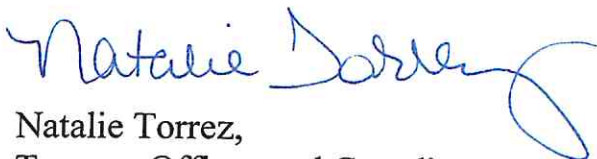
- Make sure your child attends school EVERYDAY school is in session and that your child is on time to school/class.
- Bring in all documentation as it is provided to you to Excuse your child's absence. ***(I will only accept Dr. Notes up to 10 Business days after the appointment, any longer than that, if no note is provided to the front office personnel then they can NOT go back and have the absence changed from Unexcused to Excused.)**
- Please make sure you READ the student and parent HANDBOOK. ALL attendance information is in it as it relates to Eligibility and participation in after school activities and Truancy.
- Please KNOW and remember that the ONLY allowable EXCUSE for absences are for Medical appointments of the child and Funeral Leave for members of your child's IMMEDIATE Family.

- Cultural activities (i.e. Pow-Wow's, Horse Rides, Ceremonies, etc.) are NOT an ALLOWABLE Excuse according to the Compulsory Education Code of the Santee Sioux Nation, and will NO longer be granted so. Cultural activities usually happen when school is NOT in session and is considered a Privilege to participate in, so if you plan on attending such activities; it would be nice to plan ahead and maybe save your absences for such an occasion, i.e. The 38+2 Honoring Horse Ride that takes place in December, if your child is at 8 total absences for the semester and the ride requires your child to be gone for 5 more days, this makes your child Truant and possible charges filed against you and the child for exceeding the maximum allowable days to be absent for the semester. Therefore, either your child does not go or you justify the absence in front of the Judge.

Please note that I really wish you and your child a successful year in all of their educational and future endeavors. The Truancy Diversion Program should be viewed and utilized as a resource to help your child be successful in their educational journey in hopes of being a self-sufficient productive member of OUR society.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Compulsory Education Code, Truancy Diversion Project, Attendance Policies and Requirements. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Natalie Torrez,
Truancy Officer and Coordinator

CC: FILE



Dear Parents or Guardians,

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) and your school are partnering together to bring additional dental health services to your elementary and middle school students through our *Miles of Smiles* program. These services will be available at your school on **Wednesday September 26th, 2018.**

After five years of *Miles of Smiles* being offered at your school, Santee Elementary School has been selected to participate in a dental sealant program. Public Health Authorized Registered Dental Hygienists will conduct a dental screening; apply fluoride varnish treatment and sealants if needed. Sealants are a thin plastic coating placed on the chewing surfaces of teeth to prevent cavities.

- If your child has Kids Connection/Medicaid or private dental insurance, we will be billing for these services. Please include your insurance information on the back of this page.
- If your child does not have dental insurance, a \$15.00 donation is appreciated. However, if you are unable to pay, **your child will not be refused service.**

Children participating in *Miles of Smiles* will also receive a free toothbrush and toothpaste. A note will be sent home with your child to let you know what was done during the visit. This service does not replace regular checkups by your family dentist. Your child should receive a complete dental exam from his or her dentist at least once a year.

Please fill out the form on the back of this letter and return to your child's teacher today!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sara Twibell'.

Sara Twibell, Outreach Coordinator

Santee Elementary School
DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM
 Wednesday September 26th, 2018

*Please Print Below

Child's Legal Name: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____
Month Date Year

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Male Female

What services would you like your child to receive? (Check all that apply)

Dental screening

Fluoride varnish

Sealants (if needed)

None

Do you have a family dentist? Yes No

If yes, name of dentist: _____

Does your child have any allergies, including latex? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Does your child have Medicaid / Kids Connection? Yes No

Medicaid / Kids Connection #: _____

Does your child have private dental insurance? Yes No

Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____ Group #: _____

Name of policyholder (subscriber) on insurance card: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Comments: _____