

Santee

Community School

Home of the Warriors

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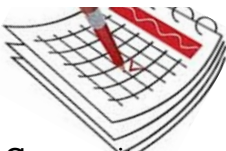
Warrior News

MAY 2017

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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
- 3:33 7-12 End of Day
- Afterschool Program ends 5:00



May 1—Community Clean Up Day

May 10—Preschool Graduation 5:00

May 12—Class of 2017 Graduation

May 15-Science Fair

May 16—Kindergarten Graduation—2:00

May 17—Last Day of school Dismiss @ 2:30

SUMMER SCHOOL

Mon-Thurs 8:30-2:30

June 5-29

July 4-8th NO SUMMER SCHOOL

July 10-Aug 3rd

Elementary Principal Corner—Mrs. Nagel

Wow it is hard to believe we are heading into May. This will be the final newsletter till next fall. It has been a great year of building new procedures and routines, expectations for learning, and collaboration with staff, students, and community. It has been my privilege to serve as the PreK – 6 Administrator this past year. I am looking forward to next year and our continuing goals to make education a relevant, rigorous, and successful experience for all students.

Please take time to read this newsletter, as it will have lots of information about summer school and upcoming events. We have three different graduations coming up to celebrate student achievements – Preschool will hold graduation on May 10 (last day of school for Preschool), HS graduation is May 12, and Kindergarten graduation is May 16 (last day of school for Kindergarten). The last day of school for all students is May 17.

Students are busy completing the State Assessment NeSA and will start our school end of year assessment MAPS next week. Please encourage your student to do their best as the MAPS data shows growth of student learning as well as grade level information. Besides being great testing students, we are also Scientist in the 4th -6th grade preparing for our Science Fair on May 15th, we are Engineers in the Preschool with “Code-a-pillars” and “Mouse Coding”. We are Authors completing various writings along with Readers completing reading novels and activities in all grades.

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it
if you can dream it, you can become it.

by William Arthur Ward



Summer School will be offered again this year. Please note the dates and information about our program offered for K-5 and upper grades. The K-5 program

will be a fun Literacy program called “Lit Camp”. Activities and lessons will be around various stories, poems, and other literacy genre. It will be a great educational experience for all children.

Little Warriors—Preschool News

Little Warriors Preschool-The 4 year old room are learning about Kindergarten. Some things are the same and some things are going to be different than preschool. We are excited to move to Kindergarten. We have started to do the end of the year testing. I think they are ready to move to their next educational step. The 3 year old room are learning about insects. Both classrooms watched butterflies be born and we released them outside on April 24.

There will be **NO Preschool on Wednesday, May 10**. We will be getting ready for their **Educational Journey Celebration** (Graduation).

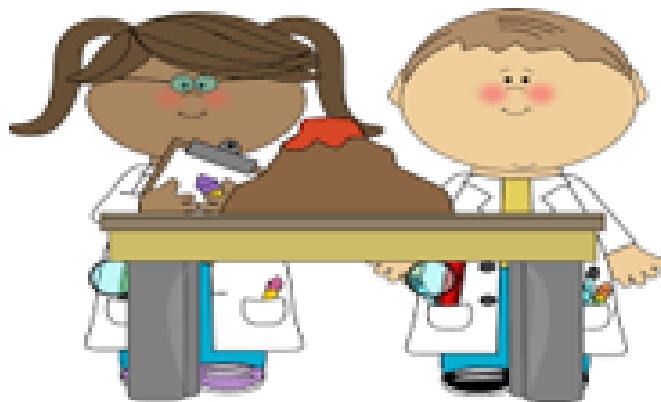
More information will be coming as it gets closer.



Learning to be an engineers. The children programmed the mouse to find the cheese.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR!!

Santee Community School is excited to announce that we are hosting our 1st Annual Science Fair on Monday May 15, 2017. Everyone is invited to come in and look at the wonderful creativity and knowledge of our future leaders! This has been a great experience that has encouraged our students to think and act like young scientists. The students have been working hard for the last two weeks on getting their displays to be perfect for their parents/guardians and the community ☺ We hope to see you all there!



MONDAY MAY 15TH

9:00-10:00 JUDGING
10:00-10:30 BREAK
10:30-11:30 EVERYONE WELCOME
11:45-12:30 BREAK/LUNCH
12:30-2:30 EVERYONE WELCOME

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ruth LaPlante 402-857-2741



Some of the students preparing for the Science Fair ☺



May News

By Mrs. LaPlante



OUR LEARNING:

The 4th grade students just finished up their unit on Earth & Space. They learned a lot about the inner and outer planets and their distances from the sun. We also did an activity with Oreo cookies demonstrating the phases of the moon ☺

The 5th grade students have been learning about changes to the Earth's surface.

Studying erosion, weathering and deposition was very interesting to them ☺

They also discovered that depending on where you live a VOLCANO MAY POP UP IN YOUR BACKYARD!

The 6th grade students just finished up their chapter on Inheritance and Adaptations and began a new chapter on Introduction to Plants. So far, they have learned "Where Plants Grow the Best" and "How Did a Tree Travel Halfway Around the World."

Feel free to come in any time and check out what your child is learning ☺

UPCOMING TESTING:

The students will begin MAP testing on May 2-5, 2017. Please make sure your child is prepared for testing and gets plenty of rest ☺

HAPPY SPRING



4th Grade students doing an activity on the Solar System.



5th grade students learning about the different types of rocks on a field trip to Mrs. Avery's class ☺

4th graders learning about the States of Matter with Root beer Floats. The particles in the liquid (root beer) are far apart. The particles in the solid (ice cream) are close together. The particles in the gas (foam) are far apart and quickly slide past one another.



What Happens to Children DURING THE SUMMER?



During the summer months, disadvantaged children tread water at best or even fall behind. It's what we call

"SUMMER SLIDE"

while better off children build their skills steadily over the summer months.



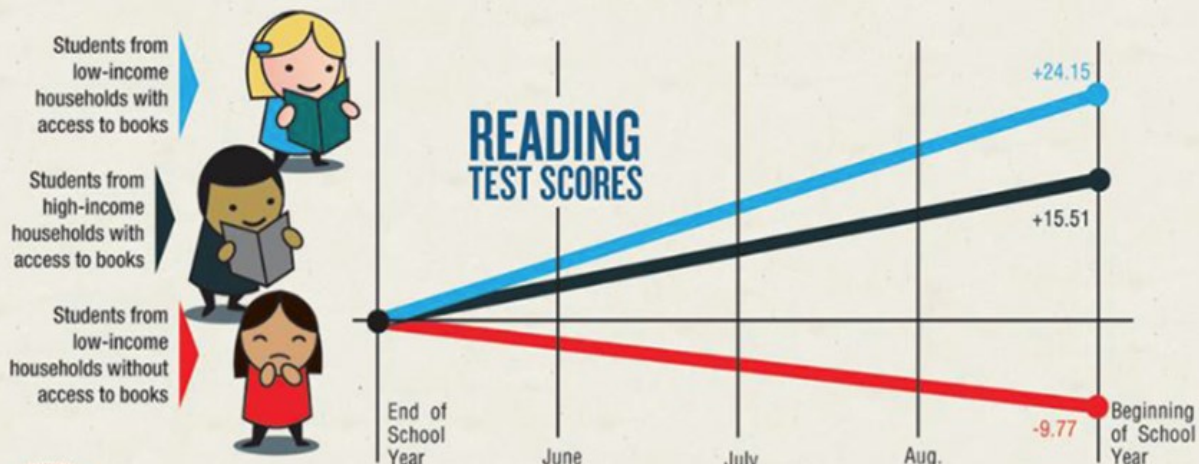
SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

accounts for about two-thirds of the ninth grade achievement gap in reading.⁷

Mrs. Crosley wants **all** students to **read** for 30 minutes a day throughout the summer!

KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Studies show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill – especially for kids in need.



SOURCES: 1. Change in scores between end-of-year and following year testing as shown by the California Aptitude Test. (Slates, S. L., Alexander, K. L., Entwistle, D. R., & Olson, L. S. (2012). Counteracting summer slide: Social capital resources within socioeconomically disadvantaged families. *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk*, 17(3), 165.)

Mrs. Nielsen Librarian, 21stCCLC Coordinator

Summer School

Santee Community School will be offering summer school. Dates for summer school are June 5 through June 29, and then July 10 through August 3, 2017. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for grades K – 5. This year's theme for the K- 5 students will be "Summer Has a Whole New Story - Santee LitCamp".

Students in grades 6 – 8 will also be able to attend summer school. The students in these grades will be working on skills that will help them transition into middle school and high school.

Credit Recovery will be offered for high school students from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Children that will be entering Kindergarten this fall are eligible to attend summer school.

Summer school is open to all children that live in the Santee School district.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. All students ages 0 – 18 can eat free at the school.

Open Library

The library is open each evening from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Your child is welcome to come and participate in the various activities that staff has planned for the evening. Please watch Facebook for announcements concerning Open Library.

The school library will also be opened this summer on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays.

After School Program

This past month several students were able to attend an



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tendance incentive trip to Curt's Lane in Bloom-
field. Stu-
dents en-
joyed bowl-
ing and
eating
pizza.



Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records

April 26, 2017

Attention Parents/Guardians, Former Students, Eligible (Adult) Students:

Special Education records, which have been collected by the Santee Community School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or the provision of Special Education in the district, must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after Special Education services have ended for the student. **Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates, completes his or her educational program at age 21, or moves from the district.**

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of Santee Community School's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who are no longer receiving Special Education services for at least five (5) years beyond the age of twenty-one (21). **This includes records for individuals whose year of birth is 1991 or earlier. It also included students who graduated high school in 2012 or earlier.** The records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the school district otherwise.

After five years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records in writing or in person at the following address:

Special Education Records
Santee Community School District
206 Frazier Ave. E
Niobrara, NE 68760
402-857-2741

Request copies of records before Friday, May 26, 2017

Music Notes: Ms. Amber Knight

Music Notes: Congratulations on your concert, musicians!

Anpetu waste, friends! Thank you to all who came out on the 24th to support our school musicians in their final concert of the year! Spring is a very busy season and we appreciate having a big audience. I received many positive comments about the performance from community members, and want to make it clear that the entertainment you witnessed was due to hard work and extra rehearsals from our dedicated musicians. I am, as always, proud of the growth our program is witnessing!

Check out MOE pic's on the next page!!!



District Music Recap: Well done, Ezra Lyons!

This is the first year since I arrived in Santee that we were ready to send a high school student to district music contest. Unlike district contests in sports, each musician is competing against himself or herself for their best possible score. Ezra traveled to Osmond Community Schools on Friday, April 21st, to play a prepared trumpet solo for a judge. Mrs. Kay came with us to accompany Ezra on the piano. Accompanied solos are not easy; the musicians must listen well to each other and spend some extra rehearsal time preparing. Ezra did an excellent job in his first judged musical performance, receiving a Division II – Strong. Great work, Ezra, and way to represent Santee musicianship in another musical community!

Summer Instrument Lessons

During the summer, I spend a lot of time with my family down in Lincoln. I am also taking classes toward my Master of Music degree so that I can better serve young musicians, and giving a presentation about electronic music programs at NNNC Summer Tech Institute. However, I am going to try to devote some time this summer to working at the school and offering instrument lessons. Some of our young musicians really enjoy band, and it is difficult to get back into the groove once you have stopped playing for a while. I will communicate my availability when I have a more concrete summer plan.

Pidamiyaye, Miss Knight

Music Notes: Spring Concert Monday, April 24

Pidamiyaye, Miss Knight





High School Prom...



High School Social Studies ~ Ms. Jurries

Building Future Historians

The freshman and sophomore American and World History students have been working very hard creating **research papers**. Each student selected a famous historical person they found interesting and are writing their paper about them.

Some examples of historical figures that have been chosen are Sitting Bull, Jesse James, Jack the Ripper, Martin Luther King Jr, Pele, Houdini, and Walt Disney.



To support the students' eventful writing project, the whole school is getting involved! I have asked all adults in the building to help edit and offer advice to students about their writing if able.

This allows students to see people beyond their History and English teachers valuing their effort and writing skills. This also demonstrates that no one expects their work to be perfect on the first try, and that the teaching staff wants to help them improve and flourish as writers.

This is giving the students a chance to show off all of the hard work they have been putting into their research papers. If you have a student or know someone who is a freshman or sophomore, please join in the effort and ask them to tell you about their paper, or ask to read it and help them cultivate their skills. I am very proud of my students and how hard they have worked on this project, since research papers can be very intimidating. I also appreciate all the assistance from staff volunteering their limited extra time in helping students develop in their role as future historians.





2017 Santee Track

The track season is off to a tremendous start. At this point of the season, our student athletes have competed well at each invite and have committed themselves to the practice policy set by the coaching staff. The following individuals have represented Santee at the meets and are current track members - Ashleigh Wabasha, Kaylee White, Trina Campbell, Chandler Tuttle and Dimitryus Wabasha (high school); Leila Wabasha, DaWayna Wabasha and Jose Becerra (junior high). Ashleigh has earned one medal so far, a sixth place finish in the 100 at the Knox County Invite.

May 1 - 1st Annual Santee Golf Invite at Tatanka Golf Course @ noon
Teams include – Clearwater-Orchard and Neligh-Oakdale

**May 3 - 2016-2017 Activities Awards Night @ 5:30 PM in
Multi-purpose gym**

May 3 - Niobrara-Verdigre Golf Invite @ 9:30 AM

May 4 - Winside Track Invite @ 10:00 AM (Laurel-Concord)

May 8 - Randolph Golf Invite @ 10:00 AM

May 10 - Golf Triangular at Ewing @ 4:00

May 10 - District Track at Hartington

May 15 - District Golf at Beemer

**TRACK
GOLF
ACTIVITIES**

Santee Community School

ACTIVITY CALENDAR — May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ~Community Clean-up ~Santee Golf Invite @ Tatanka Noon	2	3 ~Golf NV @ Niobrara 9:30 ~AWARDS NIGHT 5:30 ~CTE EXPO	4 Track Winside Invite @ Laurel 10:00	5 MATH Students @ WSC	6
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week						
MAP TESTING May 1-5						
7	8 Golf @ Randolph 10:00	9 ~School Board Meeting 5:00 ~Last Day for Preschool	10 ~Golf CWC @ Ewing 4:00 ~District Track ~Preschool Graduation 5:00 ~Seniors Last Day ~Memorial Walk ~Soil/GIS Workshop @ ESU1	11	12 Class of 2017 Graduation 6:00	13
MAP TESTING May 8-12						
14	15 ~Golf Districts @ Beemer ~SCIENCE FAIR 4th-6th in Multi-Purpose Rm	16 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 Preschool Open House	17 Student Last Day Dismiss 2:30	18 Staff Work-day	19	20
21	22 Staff PD	23 Staff PD	24	25 SUMMER SCHOOL Mon-Thurs 8:30/12:30 June 5-29	26 K-7: 8:30-2:30 9-12:	27
28	29	30	31 May 31/June 1 STI / Norfolk Santee Staff Presenting~!	July 4-8th NO SUMMER SCHOOL July 10-Aug 3rd SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM 8:30-9:00 Breakfast 12:00-12:30 Lunch All students ages 0-18 can eat FREE		