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# Santee Warrior News

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## School Day

- 7:45 Breakfast,
- 8:05 First Bell
- 8:10 Class Starts
- 3:54 End of Day
- Afterschool Program ends 5:00

*Check out the calendar attached , , there is A LOT of activities this month!*

**I CAN! I WILL! I DO!**  
I can...be successful today!  
I will...overcome the challenges I face today! I do...accept responsibility for myself today!



## Superintendent's Corner...



This is my favorite time of year and I am excited to be able to celebrate Spring with my Santee family! The 2013—2014 school year has brought many challenges as well as accomplishments for our school district, and we have pulled together and persevered. The Nebraska Department of Education recently came to Santee and we reviewed our progress to correct deficiencies in a variety of areas in regards to Rule 10. Rule 10 is every district's "checklist" of rules and regulations for operating an educational facility. I am happy to report that we made several significant changes in our operations and we will continue to work on those still in need of correction. We will carry a "probationary" status by the NDE through next year however our accomplishments will provide a solid foundation for us to achieve new goals moving forward through the summer months and into the 2014-2015 school year.

## Warrior Pride In Our Community Day

Earth Day is fast approaching! Our school is coordinating efforts with the tribal housing and transportation departments to conduct a "Warrior Pride In Our Community" day! There will be posters around the community giving more details about the clean-up that will take place. Students will form "green teams" and will compete for prizes to see which team collects the most trash. Precautions will be taken to keep students safe during the event. Let's all work together on this project and show our "Warrior" pride towards our community!



As I was growing up my dad's father, Grandpa John was quite the character. In his early years he worked in the coal mines of Kentucky - his family of 12 children lived just down the road from the famous country music star Loretta Lynn. He was a hard-working man but a very humble man with lots of "war" stories to share with his grandkids. One thing he did was to always show gratitude towards others, frequently using the phrase, "Many thanks." At this time I would like to thank community members, parents, teachers and staff for the warm welcome I have received upon our arrival to Santee. I appreciate each and every one of you and would like to say, "Many thanks!"



## News From the Principal—Mrs. Bilbrey

We all know how it is. As the days get warmer and the end of the year draws near, it is a challenge to keep the learning going and the kids energy inside the classroom. The last few months of school are an intense time. By reading with your child all summer you can ensure that skills will be maintained. Below you will find some simple guidelines to make reading an enjoyable event not only in the summer, but all year long.

Let kids pick out their own books--- Book choice is a strong motivation for readers young and old. Let kids pick out books at the library or bookstore. It's almost a sure thing they'll want to read them.

Set goals and reward reading----- Reward reading with more reading. Stop by the library or bookstore for the next book in your child's favorite series.

Let your kids see you read----- Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in the doctor's office while you wait, and stuff a paperback into your purse, pocket, or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.

Make reading together fun and memorable----- Parents can convey important positive impressions about reading by making reading an experience their children will remember and cherish.

Create loving associations with books and reading-----Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling-another way to show your love as a parent, grandparent, or caring adult.



**Mrs. Plumbtree:** The Sophomore class went over to head start in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. It is a tradition to read to another class so the Sophomores thought it would be nice to go and read to the younger children. When the Sophomores were asked if they would like to participate in this event they immediately said yes. They stated that as young elementary students they could remember how the high school students would come read to them and how cool that was when the big kids came into your class. They said they hoped when they became high school students that they would have the chance to read to the younger students, remembering what a good experience it was. When it came time to go and read to the head start children some of the Sophomores were not quite as sure that they still wanted to do it, but once they were over at the head start facility I had a hard time getting them to stop reading because it was time to go back to class. Overall I think it was a very rewarding time for the younger and older students alike and I think they will all have good memories about Dr. Seuss Birthday trip. The Sophomore students that participated were Samantha Hoffman, Sheree, Star, Teshay, Jaylon and Jonnathan.

## Kindergarten Gold News – Mrs. Zimmerman

March seemed to fly by in Kindergarten Gold! We had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday at the beginning of the month. We learned about him as an author, read his stories, and made some fun art projects to go along with his books.

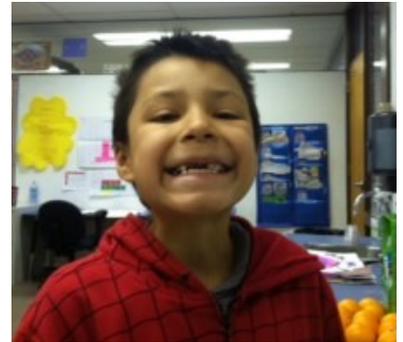


In reading we are reading new stories everyday and are learning new sound blends. In language we are learning about using the past, present, and future tenses with different phrases. The kindergarteners are progressing very well in math this semester. I am so proud of them! The students are now able to sort various shapes and put them onto a graph. Speaking of graphs, the kindergarteners can look at a graph and, quickly, tell you which has the most, the least, and the same (if any). Now that spring has finally arrived, we will be starting a unit in science about living things and we will be planting our own grass to watch it grow.

I cannot believe that we are already in the last quarter of the school year. I am working very hard to prepare your children for first grade for the remainder of the year. Besides academic work, we are working very hard on social skills and following directions, especially 2 and 3 step directions. The students have come very far this year and I am so proud of their progress. Thank you families for all of the support at home; keep it up for the rest of the year! :)

## 2nd Grade Student of Month— Bradley Strickland

Favorite Food: Ravioli  
Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite Subject: P.E.  
Favorite: X Men Future Days of Past



## Kindergarten Blue News – Ms. Black

Thank you to everyone who came to Parent/Teacher Conferences. It's hard to believe we are in our last nine weeks. In Reading we are starting to read three and four word sentences. In Language we are learning about a dentist, a city, a dental assistant, and a farm. In Math we are telling time to the hour and students are having fun learning about geo boards. In Science we are learning about oceans.



## Ms. Wakeley—Business/Technology Teacher

On April 10<sup>th</sup> six students will be competing at the Wayne State Business Competition Day. Adrianna D., Jaylon, Donovan, Brady, Kiana, and Kaylee will travel to Wayne State to show off their business and technology skills and knowledge. Students from 26 schools will attend the competition where they are tested over their skills and knowledge in business and technology. Although Santee students haven't previously competed, I am very anxious to build our business/technology program as I feel it is very important and useful for the students' futures! I look to make this event a tradition as well as add other events that our students can attend in order to gain experience in business and technology!

Our students participating will be competing in the following:

<b>Accounting I:</b>	Kaylee, Kiana
<b>Digital Citizenship:</b>	Adrianna, Brady
<b>Business Communications:</b>	Jaylon
<b>Consumer Smarts:</b>	Donovan



## Counselor News by Mr. Oswald:

ROTC Students from Lincoln Public Schools and University of Nebraska-Lincoln worked with students 5-12th graders on character, leadership and goal-setting. Kids really enjoyed it and learned a lot from these students!



## 5TH GRADE ~ MRS. NIELSEN & MRS. LAPLANTE

The fifth grade students have just completed their Nebraska State Standards Science test.

In the upcoming weeks, they will be completing the state Reading and Math tests. During this testing time, it is important that students are well rested and ready to do their best on these important tests.



In the upcoming month, students will be using the Ipad to create their own story-books. The students will be using the website Storybird. This website allows students to write their stories and then has art available for the illustrations. These stories will then be part of a presentation at the NETA conference in Omaha.

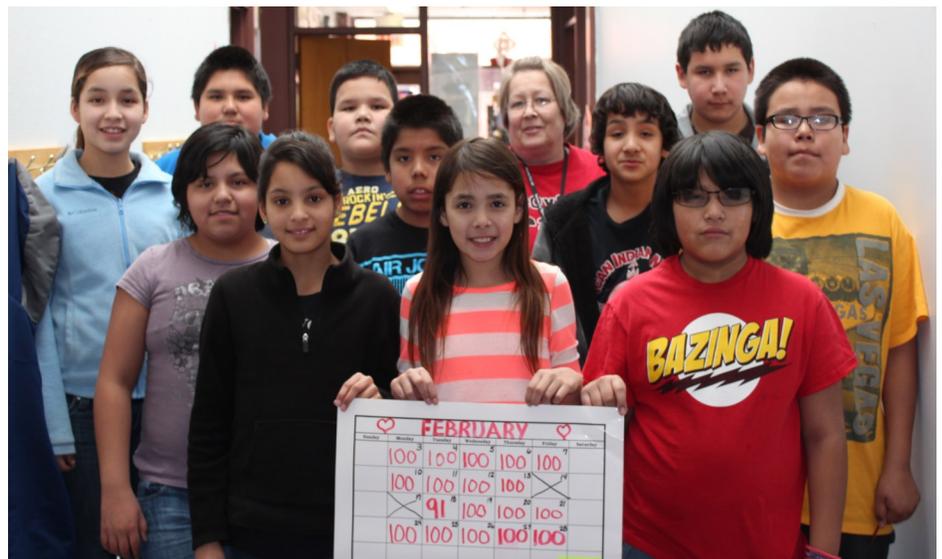
## 4TH GRADE ~ MRS. FOLCK & LACI

Hello from the fourth classroom! We worked very hard this month on our token system rules: having a positive attitude, being respectful and responsible. Our whole class worked together to win the 500 ticket prize- a class pizza party! The top contributors were Romeo White (113 tickets) and Jordayn LaPlante (100 tickets. Next, we are hoping for a popcorn and movie party worth 1,000 points. Our big NeSA tests are coming up within the month of April. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Also, we were thinking about using smudging in our classroom every week. This will help us focus on having good attitudes and treating everyone respectfully. As always, if you have any questions

**BEE RULES: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL AND BE RESPONSIBLE!**

### *Salutations from Sixth Grade — Mrs. Crosley*

The sixth grade reached their goal of 100% attendance for the month of February!!! We took a trip to the LASER BARN in Yankton as a reward for their attendance. Yes, I know there is one day that has 91% attendance. When you total the days and divide the final score is 99.5% and that rounds to 100. Congratulations to my students for achieving their goal.





## **Student Services**

**By: Ms. Leader**

News, March 26, 2014

### **After-School Program:**

Monday: Math

Tuesday: English

Wednesday: Social Science/History

Thursday: Science

**All students welcome!**

## **Students Participate in Career Simulation**

Wednesday March 26, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from Santee and Niobrara had the chance to participate in a career simulation day at the community center. Representatives from UNL, NICC, UNL Extension Office, and Knox County Extension office were on hand to answer questions about careers and post-secondary options. Several community members were available to respond to questions about various employment options.

To begin, students previously completed a career analysis to determine their top career based on their interests. They were given a card with a certain level of education that they had “completed.” Students could then try to “get jobs” based on their interests. IF their level of education was insufficient, they had to visit one of the schools to acquire more skills/education. Once they completed their education, they could reapply for the job.

Each job description included information relating to wages, duties, opportunity, and pros/cons. Students had to decide if they wanted to keep that job or go on for more schooling to move up the ladder. Students asked many very good questions and learned a lot!

Students also heard from the various employer representatives about their specific jobs and paths to get to where they are. One of the key points was that you don't always necessarily start or finish where you thought you might, and there are many “stepping stones” along the way. Students also learned that education is a key factor in how easy or hard it is to get the job that you want. Some students started with a “Drop Out” card, which took them much longer to get the job they wanted. They learned however, that it is still possible!

Once the career simulation was complete, students participated in a personality inventory to learn more about themselves. They learned whether they were “blue,” “green,” “orange,” or “yellow.” Knowing this helped them determine the type of people they might easily get along with in a job or school and also people they may want to avoid being around when they are focused and learning. Ask your son or daughter what color they are! The kids definitely had a fun day! We are looking forward to doing it again next year!

# Industrial Tech News — Mr. Evans



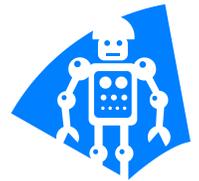
The Industrial Technology Education department has been hard at work. The "Elite 8" Skills/USA team is making process in their preparation for the April 16th-18th State Skills Contest. We have student involved in; Crime Scene Investigation, Photography, Community Service, Welding Sculpture and many other contests. We are going to put a lot of time and effort into contest. We are very much looking to let people know we are here and being competitive.

Construction class has started the process of building a storage unit. They are doing safety training and planning and should hammering nails some. Sheree and TeShay did an excellent floor layout plan, we will using their plan as a guide for floor construction. I have been teaching for 28 years and their work is a good as any students that I have ever seen. Great job girls.

Computer Aided Drafting has been working on dimensioning of parts that they drawing earlier this semester. We have purchased 2 new computers with 3D software. We also have purchased a 3D printer, called MakerBot. We will be able to produce 3D parts very soon, hopefully. The ability to design and create in 3D will give our student a huge advantage in modern technological world.

Welders are practicing and honing their skills. We are currently working in Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Oxy/Fuel Welding and Plasma Arch Cutting. We have a lot of project work to complete and good daily progress is very important.

Robotics class students are building and programming their LegoBots. The robots are very useful in understanding the basic design of robotics and the basic process of programming robots. We are very excited about robots and ability to learn programming.



The 7th grade ITE Class is hard at work making individual project. We apply sawing, filing and sanding techniques to complete a student designed project. The student project will then be Laser Engraved with their unique logo. We will also be designing and constructing model rockets. Time permitting and with good student behavior continuing we will also be able to build Mouse Trap Derby Cars. The 7th graders have begun to make process and growth on their ability to good students and learners. Thanks for all the Parent support on making our 7th grader better learners!

Auto Tech Class is working on Steering and Suspension. We again have been using the Transit Building as a training center. I would like to thank the Tribal Leaders for the use of this valuable resource!

The entire Career and Technical Education Team including: Brenda Leader, Savannah Wakeley, Don Oswald, Kevin Finkey and myself (Bob Evans) have been working hard to acquire data and support for a grant. The grant is specially designed to help Santee Community School provide the technical skill necessary for your students to be on tract to be career ready as they leave our school and continue on to post-secondary education. We already have the most valuable part, our students, we are working very hard to the facility, equipment, supplies and resources to help our students be career ready. The grant is driven by "Dreaming Big" and we are. If all things fall into place we could become leaders in the nation in "Home Growing" work force. More information to follow. This is a very exciting time for Career and Technical Education. Thanks for allowing the opportunity to work with your children!!

## Girls BASKETBALL

Basketball season has come and again once again, and once again I would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who helped us throughout the season. I would like to thank Steph Moose for being my assistant coach. I would like to thank all the basketball girls for coming out and giving it their 110% effort for the whole season, and finishing the season as a team. I will never forget all the things we did together, all the trips, practices and games. I would like to thank the parents, grandparents, guardians and fans, for always being there for me and the basketball girls. I would like to thank the administration for coming to the games and supporting us, and the teachers and staff for helping out at the games and coming to watch us and cheer us on. I would also like to thank Waylon LaPlante and Sidney Tuttle for all the rides to games and helping me when I had questions. Your support and comradery will be forever remembered.

In any season of sports there are hundreds of people that have to be involved and committed to make these school activities work in order for any season to be a successful one. To often do people forget to tell others thank you for your time thoughts, and support, it really is all the little things that do matter.

I hope that I did not forget anyone. It really is all the little things that you do, that really matter, and I want you to know I appreciate everyone of them. Coach Plumbtree

## JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

The Jr. High boys just completed their basketball season. The young warriors finished with a 7 and 3 record. Highlights of the year included scoring over 60 points 3 times, beating Walthill and then beating Niobrara by the score of 49-29. The Niobrara game was exciting since the kids know each other so well, but also because it was parents night for boys and girl Jr. high and boys and girls varsity basketball teams. The large crowd created an electric atmosphere and the boys responded with a great game. Team members include Daniel Archambeau, Michael Hoffman, Roberto Hoffman, Esai Padilla, Adonis Strickland, Justyce Torrez, Chandler Tuttle, Lightning Wakute, Brevin Sheridan and Drevon Perry. I want to congratulate the boys on a fine year and also tell everyone there will be an eighth grade traveling team again this year.

Coach Zimmerman

## SENIORS 2014 — ATTENTION.....

**Ms. Wakeley will be creating the Senior Video for graduation. Please give your pictures, ASAP. Baby, middle years and Senior Picture.**



## English News 7-12 — Ms. Hunhoff

The last 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks have begun and students are working on staying focused for the rest of the year. NeSA testing will be happening towards the middle of April, so the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are busy preparing for that. I would also like to thank the parents who came to parent-teacher conferences. I enjoyed visiting with everyone.

A cartoon illustration of a sheep standing on a tall stack of books. The sheep is holding a pencil and looking towards the text. The entire scene is enclosed in a decorative, hand-drawn border.

NeSA State Testing has begun!  
Science has been completed.  
Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades continue state testing through April.  
Students will be tested in Reading, Math, Please make sure your child is getting to school on time everyday to ensure they are getting adequate preparation to be successful!  
Parents/Caregivers:  
Thank you for all you do!  
Mrs. Crosley & Mrs. Mullanix

## News from Secondary 7-12th Principal, AD—Mr. Finkey

The final quarter of the school year has arrived. The fourth quarter officially began on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>. With the start of the start of the quarter comes the beginning of spring and the promise of many things to come.

Spring sports are underway, Mr. Zimmerman is again the golf coach for the 2014 season. They get underway on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a meet at Niobrara/Verdigree. The track team is being coached by Mr. Hajak and will be starting there season on April 4<sup>th</sup> with a track meet at Plainview.

Prom this year will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Frosted Fairy Tale" and is open to all Santee High School students. The grand march begins at 5:00 PM, with the dinner to follow at 6:00 PM. The dance will begin at 7:00 PM and will last until 11:00 PM. All the events will take place at the Santee Community Center and will be under the sponsorship of Mrs. Romkema and Ms. Hunhoff.

Graduation will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the multi-purpose room of Santee Community Schools. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM, with a reception to follow. The seniors last full day of school will be on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, the senior breakfast will be held in the multi-purpose room with graduation practice to follow. This years senior class sponsors are Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Avery.

We have two more community event nights planned for the year. Currently the April night is set for the 28<sup>th</sup>, and the May event is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please make plans to join us on those evenings.

Parents, you should be receiving regular mail communications from the Santee Community Schools, detailing student progress and attendance. If you are not receiving these communications, please check your Go-edustar account, or contact us here at the school.



### **Niobrara Valley All Conference**

Congratulations to  
Our Basketball  
Players:



**Jaylon LaPlante & Adrianna Duarte,**  
they received Honorable Mention.



## Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records

March 25, 2014

### **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 would include records for individuals whose year of birth is 1988 or earlier. **These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the school district otherwise.**

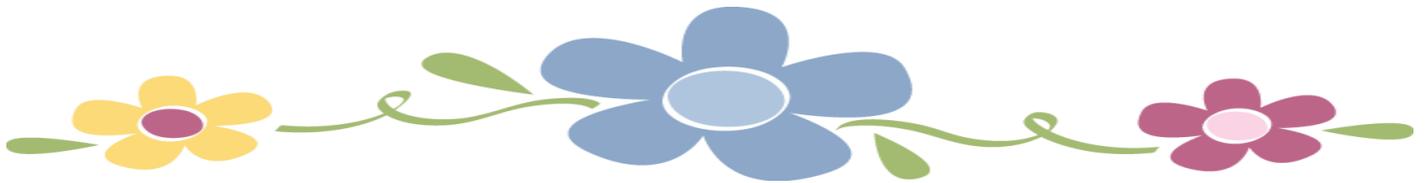
After five years, the records are no longer useful to the district, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. **The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records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

**Request copies of records before Friday, May 23, 2014**

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

# Santee Community School Communications Committee

March community night was held in connection with Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday, March 20, 2014. We had a great turn out. Many people made it to visit classrooms and enjoy a fried chicken dinner. We went through all the food! We had two high school and two elementary school drawings for \$50 HyVee gift cards and the winners of the cards were: Sheri Derby, Carol Trudell, Savannah Rave, and Tammy Sandoval. You did not need to be present to win.



April Community Night is going to be April 28, 2014. It is going to be a SURPRISE!!!!

We will have an event and meal from 5 to 7. Please watch around the community and listen to the radio for the announcement!



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from Santee Community  
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website at  
[www.santeeschools.org](http://www.santeeschools.org)  
or the marquee out front!

