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Santee

Community School

Home of the Warriors

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Warrior News

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School Day

- 7:30 Breakfast,
- 8:05 First Bell
- 8:10 Class Starts
- 3:40 End of Day
- Afterschool Program ends 5:00

Check out the
Calendar on
back page!

**Winter Concert
Monday De-
cember 21st at
5:00PM - this is
our December
Community
Night, and
there will be
food and BIN-
GO - thank
you!!!!**

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN AFFORDED TO SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

This letter is to inform you that our school district was named one of the three priority schools by the Nebraska Department of Education. Announcement was made public at noon, Dec. 4th. We want our community to be aware. This is something that is to be looked at as a positive for our district and shared accordingly with students, parents and members of the community. We all want what is best for the students and will look at this as an opportunity to do just that.

"The following tables represent the framework of the new system of quality and accountability for Nebraska. This system exceeds the requirements in LB438 and aligns some of Nebraska's regulatory requirements under the umbrella of quality, accountability and school improvement. The system is designed to classify all schools and districts into one of four areas: Excellent, Great, Good, Needs Improvement/Priority. The classification system is designed around tenets including: College and Career Ready; Assessment; Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Student Success; Educator Effectiveness; Transitions; and Equal Opportunities and Access. The new classification system will also align with the accreditation of school districts and serves as a blueprint of continuous improvement for each school and each school district in Nebraska. Schools and districts will be classified and recognized annually. Schools and districts classified as Excellent and Great will be recognized by the State Board of Education. Any school or district falling into the classification of Needs Improvement will be required to submit an action plan to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) that outlines the steps underway to make improvements. The three schools most in need of improvement will be designated as Priority Schools. Priority Schools will be required to work with an NDE intervention team to create an intervention plan. The Priority D R A F T School intervention plan must be submitted to, and approved, by the State Board of Education."

How you receive school

Communication:

~Monthly Newsletter

~EZ message—Automated

phone/text/emails to parents!

~web-site

www.santeeschools.org

~Marquee / Sign

We are looking forward to collaborating with the different entities that are willing to help us become the best we can be.

<http://aquestt.com/>





Fabulous Third Graders.... Mrs. Hrbek & Jody

The third grade has had a lot to be thankful for this season. Here are a few of our thanks:

1. We are thankful for the snow because we got to make snowmen!
2. We showed our thanks and appreciation to our veteran's by making a banner for the Veteran's Day pow wow.
3. We all read and passed at least 10 books for Accelerated Reader and went to Pizza Hut in Yankton to get our pizzas!
4. We are proud of Jazelle Bickerstaff for becoming the new MIA-POW princess at the Veteran's Day Pow Wow.
5. We are thankful for our elders. We made placemats and a poster for Santee Nutrition and Springfield Assisted Living for Thanksgiving!



Little Warriors Preschool - Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Kuipers, Ms. Denney

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays from the Little Warriors Preschool.



Mark your calendar Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 12:00 we will be having a fashion show. More details to come!

After School Program Happenings...

Third-Fifth grade activity calendar

December 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 SPARK Activity	3 Cooking	4 Crafts
7 Crafts/s wim	8 Music	9 SPARK Activity	10 Cooking	11 Crafts
14 Crafts/s wim	15 Music	16 SPARK Activity	17 Cooking	18
21 Crafts/s wim	22 Music	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
28	29	30	31	School Resumes Jan. 5, 2016

The students have been staying very busy during the afterschool program. We are gearing up for December and looking forward to all of the fun Christmas crafts we have planned ☺

Parents please remember, your child can still attend afterschool program and go to practice once practice starts. However, they cannot hang around the school until practice starts, they either have to be at afterschool program or go home until practice begins.



Ms. Knight working with the students on the flutes at afterschool music ☺

LIBRARY NEWS: Mrs. Nielsen

The library has recently received more new books. These new books include books for elementary and high school readers. The library also has numerous magazines available including; Popular Mechanics, Sports Illustrated, ESPN, Seventeen, Ranger Rick and ZooBooks.

OPEN LIBRARY:

The school library is open each evening for students to come in to read, complete activities, or study. The library is normally open from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. On Saturday, the library is normally open from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Please check the Isanti News Facebook account for any announcements.

**LEARNING IS OUR
#1 PRIORITY!!**

Great Attendance

Great Attitude

Great Achievement

Equals SUCCESS

Health Office News....Nurse Chelsey



Cold and Flu Season is here so I thought I would send out a reminder on our school sickness guidelines:

Students who are sent home with a fever over 100.5, vomiting or diarrhea need to stay home until they are fever free or free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24hrs.

Most Illnesses are caused by two kinds of germs: bacteria or viruses. Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections – not viral infections. Viral infections just need to run their course and drink plenty of fluids and take ibuprofen/Tylenol as needed for comfort/fever. Also, if your child is placed on an antibiotic, please finish the prescription, even if they are feeling better!!

This is also the time of year we see an increase incidence of **Head Lice**. Please do your part and check your student's hair for live lice and nits. Remind them to not share hats or hair ties/brushes. Keep coats and backpacks away from other students' as much as they can. I routinely do checks and send home shampoo with students who need it. If you need any supplies, please contact me and I can send some home. I have found a new product that seems to be working well with Head Lice called Quit Nits and you can purchase it at Walgreens or some other stores. I also have a limited supply at school.

Wishing you all the Happiest of Holidays!! Please call me anytime at the school (402-857-2741) with any questions or concerns. Nurse Chelsey



Season's Greeting's to our Warrior Family!

During this season of peace and goodwill it is with pleasure that we pause and express our best holiday wishes and deepest appreciation for your support. May the warmth and love of the season fill your hearts and home. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Live, Love, and Laugh. Spend all the time you can with you Family. Have a safe Holiday.

Santee Community School Faculty!

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the 4th graders...

The 4th grade students enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and are excited for Christmas! We have some fun Christmas activities planned for the month of December.

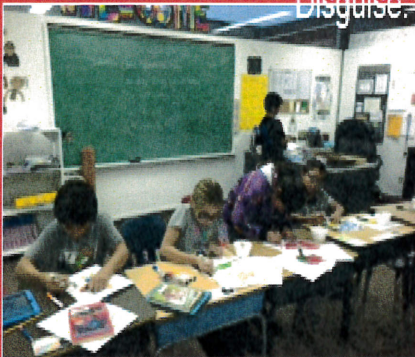
We have also been working very hard on publishing our own book! We chose to title our book "Turkey in Disguise." Each student picked out their own disguise for their turkey and wrote a story about it. They put a lot of effort into their work and the illustrations are awesome! The students and I are so excited to see their finished product ☺

For Math, we continue to work on multiplication. It is so important that your child memorizes their multiplication facts so they can gain that foundation in the mathematics field. This is going to benefit them not only in middle school and high school, but in every day life after school. We cannot move onto division until they have their multiplication down. So, please practice with your child on their multiplication facts at home.

In Social Studies we have been learning about "Native Americans on the Plains." The students have found this chapter very interesting and have even been looking for other books in the library related to what we are learning in Social Studies ☺ We also learned about earth lodges and tipis and how they were made. Each student designed their own model of a tipi out of paper (canvas) and sticks (poles). We also learned about different symbols and they painted some of the designs and symbols on their tipis.

As always, thank you for letting me work with your children ☺

Students working on their illustrations for "Turkey in Disguise."



Mrs. LaPlante

MUSIC NEWS ~ Ms. Knight

Anpetu waste, friends!

Your school musicians have been preparing pieces for the **Winter Concert on Monday, December 21, at 5pm.** In spite of holidays and snow days, we are ready to perform. This is the first



K-12 concert since I started teaching music here - yes, this year all of the high school musicians are required to be onstage as well! Many of them have never performed with me before, and they can use all the love and support our community has to offer. Please join us on the evening of the 21st for beautiful music, a delicious meal, and some bingo to follow!



Parents: All students need to be in their seats in the Multipurpose Room by 4:45pm, dressed and ready to go.

Please remind your students to dress professionally - no jeans, hoodies, sweatpants or t-shirts. Pidamiyaye! See you all there!



7-12 SCIENCE Dept.

~ Ms. Avery

Physical Science students have learned that polar and nonpolar substances dissolve when alike with twirly milk and they observed the pH levels of common items using red cabbage juice.



SCS Native American Culture Day—11/25

In honor of Native American month, our school decided to have community members to come into the school and present on different cultural topics. These topics included:



- Beading by Kady Strickland—learn and start your own project
- Regalia presentation by Clarissa LaPlante
- Dream Catcher by Deana James making (subject to change)
- Equine/Horse nation presentation by Misty Thomas
- Medicine wheel/values presentation by Tim Cavillo
- Cedar/sage/sweet grass presentation—by Charles LaPlante



There is so much more to our Dakota culture that needs to be present in our student's daily lives so that as an Oyate we do not lose our culture, language, and way of life. If you or if you know someone who would like to present to our students on other cultural topics, we encourage you to contact us with names and invite any community member into our school to help us with this.



We hope to have another day like this and we hope you will join us along with your student/relative.

Pidamiya to the presenters for taking the time out of their busy schedule and be a part of our Dakota youth! Wopida tanka!



Student Services News — Ms. Leader



Contact Information:

bleader@esu1.org

(402)-857-2741 ext. 4075

Need Extra Study Time or Help?

9th Hour

Monday-Friday 3:40 pm-5:00

And

New this year!

Zero Hour

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-8:00

All students welcome!



Taking Responsibility

Is my child learning?

It's the first question on every parent's mind when it comes to education.

And the only way we can answer that question is through shared responsibility, shared accountability.

We have a responsibility to set a **high bar for every child**, regardless of the challenges the child may face, and provide the teaching and support each child needs to meet those expectations. That's the promise of public education and the right of every child.

We have a responsibility to set a high bar for every teacher. The teacher has the most direct impact on a child's success in the classroom.

Accountability means holding everyone with responsibilities to high standards of performance.

We look to **school districts and states** to invest in classroom resources and support teachers — set clear expectations, help teachers develop their craft, provide meaningful support that is tailored to the teacher's needs, and then provide a fair, multi-faceted review of how well teachers are serving the educational needs of our students. We also look to districts and states to drive improvements in schools that fall short year after year.

We look to **principals** to establish a safe, welcoming and rigorous school culture with a coherent and compelling vision for learning and growth. We look to principals to foster excellence by recognizing top teachers, providing support to help struggling teachers improve, and replacing those who aren't showing improvement.

We look to **teachers** to help every student learn — not just those students who are self-motivated learners. We look to teachers to model that love of learning — learn new ways to engage students, master their subject matter, seek advice and accept critical feedback, and get better at their craft every year.


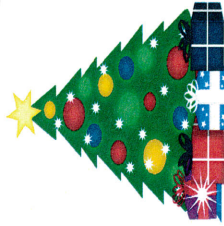
We look to **parents** to partner in their child's education — make learning a priority at home, advocate for their child, and understand how they can help make things better in their children's classrooms and schools.

And we should all look in the mirror and ask: What more can I do to improve educational opportunities for our kids?

See more at: <https://educationpost.org/issues/taking-responsibility/>

December 2015

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>GET OFF TO A Good Start Eat Breakfast</p>	<p>1 B; eggs sausage n toast L; chicken fried steak mashed potatoes gravy green beans FFVP; oranges</p>	<p>2 B; oatmeal n muffins L; ribs buns mixed veggies gems FFVP; carrots</p>	<p>3 B; cinnamon rolls fruit L; hamburgers ff FFVP; apples</p>	<p>4 B; french toast fruit L; chicken noodle soup carrots FFVP; celery</p>
<p>7 B; donuts fruit L; tacos fruit n veggies FFVP : grapes</p>	<p>8 B; eggs n diced ham toast fruit L; goulash fruit n veggies FFVP; melons</p>	<p>9 B; cereal toast fruit L; chicken strips broccoli fruit FFVP; pears</p>	<p>10 B; long johns fruit L; au gratins potatoes n ham veggies n fruit FFVP ; cauliflower</p>	<p>11 B; chocolate malt o meal toast fruit L; chicken mashed potatoes fruit FFVP; mushrooms</p>
<p>14 B; oatmeal n toast L; meatloaf mashed potatoes peas bun fruit FFVP; cabbage</p>	<p>15 B; breakfast sandwich fruit L; chicken alfredo green beans FFVP; lettuce</p>	<p>16 B; biscuits n gravy fruit L; tuna n noodles peas fruit FFVP: cauliflower</p>	<p>17 B; bagels fruit L; CHRISTMAS DINNER Ham potatoes n gravy corn buns fruit salad, PIE FFVP; nectarines</p>	<p>18 B; cereal toast fruit L; pizza cole slaw fruit FFVP; tangerines</p>
<p>21 B; eggs n toast fruit L; burritos refried beans FFVP; apples</p>	<p>22 B; french toast fruit L; loose meat baked beans fruit FFVP; honeydew</p>	<p>23 Winter Break</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 </p>
<p>BREAKFAST; FRUIT, GRAIN, JUICE, MILK, LUNCH; HOT LUNCH OR CHEF SALAD, FRUIT, VEGGIE BAR, CHOICE OF 1% OR CHOC..... OFFERED DAILY. 28</p>	<p>29 Winter Break</p>	<p>30 Winter Break</p>	<p>31 Winter Break</p>	<p>This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider Winter Break</p>

2015-2016 Winter Sports Schedule

Varsity Basketball



Dec. 3	Walthill	Home	5:00 pm
Dec. 4	Omaha Nation	Away	5:00 pm
Dec. 11	Elkhorn Valley	Home	5:30 pm
Dec. 12	Marty Indian	Home	6:00 pm
Dec. 15	Freeman Academy	Away	6:00 pm
Dec. 29-30	Omaha Nation Holiday Tourney	Away	TBA
Jan. 5	West Boyd	Home	6:00 pm
Jan. 8	St. Edward	Away	5:30 pm
Jan. 9	Crazy Horse	Home	2:30 pm
Jan. 12	Winside	Away	6:00 pm
Jan. 14	Allen	Home	6:15 pm
Jan. 16	Crazy Horse	Away	2:30pm MST
Jan. 19	St. Mary's	Away	6:30 pm
Jan. 22	Stuart (Parents Night)	Home	6:00 pm
Jan. 26	Elba	Away	5:30 pm
Jan. 28	Niobrara-Verdigre	Verdigre	6:30 pm
Jan. 30– Feb. 5	NVC Tourney	TBA	TBA
Feb. 11-13	DPI Tourney	Marty	TBA
Feb. 15-16	Girls Sub Districts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22-23	Boys Sub Districts	TBA	TBA



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WINTER CONCERT

WHEN: Monday December 21 at 5:00PM

WHERE: Santee Community School, Multi-Purpose Room

WHAT: Holiday concert at 5PM. After the concert a meal will be served and we will play our annual SANTA bingo.

WHO: Parents and guardians please com support your children as they perform for the community. We also invite other community members to come support the Santee Community School during our Winter Family Activity.



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR — DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 3:30 JV Boys 5:00 VAR Girls & Boys Home vs. Walthill	4 3:30 JV Boys 5:00 VAR Girls & Boys AT Omaha Nation ~Warrior Biz- Craft Fair @ Ca- sino 4-8	5
Any communication changes (phone, email address, etc) must be given to the Tracy or Cailee.						
6	7 Truancy Diversion 1:00	8	9 Little Warriors PK Fashion Show! 12:00	10	11 5:30 VAR Girls & Boys @ Home vs. Elkhorn Val- ley	12 ~ACT test ~8:00 6:00 VAR Girls & boys @ HOME vs. Marty Indian
MAP TESTING December 7 –18						
13	14 Board of Edu- cation Mtg @ 5:00	15 6:00 VAR Girls & Boys AT Free- man Academy	16	17	18 Staff Christmas Party	19
MAP TESTING December 7–18						
20	21 Truancy Diversion 1:00 ~Community Night—5:00 K -12 Christmas Concert	22 End of 2nd QTR Little Warriors Party 12:30	23	24	25	26
Winter Break Closed Dec. 23 thru Jan. 4						
NSAA Moratorium Dec. 23-27 ALL GYMS CLOSED						
27 GYM CLOSED	28	29 BB Holiday Tournament at Macy	30 BB Holiday Tournament At Macy	31	If your child is going to be tardy or absent, contact the school. 402-857-2741	
Winter Break Closed Dec. 23 thru Jan. 4						
Resumes Tuesday, January 5						