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Community School

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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 the back page...

October has lots and lots of activity for students!

Oct. 27—

Community Night: Parent and STUDENT Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00, Meal and more info coming!

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS: I would like to thank everyone for the nice welcome as I began my duties as the Superintendent at Santee Community Schools. As superintendent, I serve a number of different roles which seemingly start with the financial component. The old budget ended on August 31 and a new budget, recently adopted, started September 1.

My duties include assisting the Board of Education with their governance of the school district. We have been spending time with getting to know the policies and reviewing them.

Duties also include watching over the buildings and grounds. In June, the school started with a major re-work of the Heating/cooling system in the west end of the building. The old system did not provide enough heat in the winter and did not cool enough when things were hot outside. There were no repairs for it anymore so it is being replaced. A new system is almost complete and should be good for many years to come.

The school system is also involved in a continuous school improvement process. There are two major goals, the first is to get 80% of the students to grade level as indicated on the spring MAP assessments, and the second is to get the attendance rate to 91%. The school has been working on these goals and I join in to help guide the efforts.

My background has been primarily in small schools. I grew up in a small community and graduated from a Class D high school (there were no D-1 and D-2 schools then). My wife, of 31 years, also went to a small school, and we made a commitment that our children would have the same opportunities which small rural schools offer.

While in high school, I set a goal to become an educator. I realize everyone may not like school like I do, but I want to encourage everyone to do their best and support the school system because our youth only have one opportunity to receive a free public education – together we can all help make it a very good one.

Tom Carlstrom

How you receive school

Communication:

~Monthly Newsletter

~EZ message—Automated

phone/text/emails to parents!

~web-site www.santeeschools.org

~Marquee / Sign

~Notes Home



Introducing a couple of our New Staff....



Ms. Ward
Kindergarten

How long have you been teaching? 2 Months

Favorite Sports Team? Iowa Hawkeyes

Family? My mom and my sister. We spend our times watching Cops and Tyler Perry movies.

Do you have Any Pets? My mom doesn't like them.

What three things should every teacher own?

1. A timer
2. Glitter
3. Lots of lots of staples

Who was your favorite teacher and why? My elementary language teacher. She inspired my love for teaching and reading.

How did you know you wanted to be a teacher? I knew if I could spend hours with my 15 cousins, I had to work with children.

What advice would you give to your high school self? Don't date in high school, it 's so not worth it. Spend all the time you can with your family and friends.



Ms. Kopejtka
2nd Grade

How long have you been teaching? Six Years

Favorite Sports Team? Nebraska Huskers

Family? One daughter, Reagyn

What three things should every teacher own?

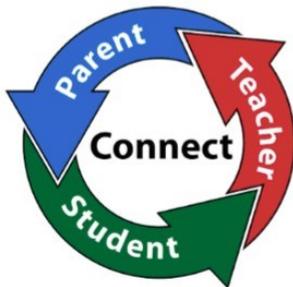
1. Bins
2. Totes
3. Label Maker

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Gary Chvala...he showed me passion for teaching and helping students learn life lessons.

How did you know you wanted to be a teacher? Ever since I was little...I had some amazing teachers reaffirm the fact that I wanted to teach

What advice would you give to your high school self? Be involved in everything and try something new!

Santee Community School Fall Family/Teacher Conferences October 27, 2015



Fall Family/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday

October 27, 2015 from 3PM to 7PM. All parents/

guardians and students are encouraged to attend. All

attendees will have an opportunity to visit with your

student's teachers and get a ticket for a free meal served from 3PM-7PM in

the MPR. Also, students who attend will receive a classroom incentive.

More details to follow.



**WE LOOK
FORWARD
TO HAVING
EACH OF
YOU
ATTEND
THIS
EVENT!**



Teachers and Staff are all focusing on reading, you will notice the main theme throughout the newsletter is reading. Take a look at the facts below and see how they relate to your child as you read the news articles from classroom teachers!

A CHILD SPENDS

7,800 hours a year **OUTSIDE** school

900 hours a year in school

Which teacher has the **BIGGER** influence?

The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is **reading aloud to children.**

It's highly unlikely you'll ever say a word if you've never heard the word. It's nearly impossible to understand a word in print if you've never said the word. If you've never said the word or read the word, how in the world will you be able to write it?

ALITERATE *Adj. adjective*
Able to read but not interested in reading.

When you read to a child, you leap into the **RARE** words that help most when it's time for school and formal learning.

Only **54%** of 4th graders read something for pleasure each day.

Young adults between age 15–19 (the largest concentration of high school and college students) reported spending **2.23 hours** a day watching television

only **12 minutes** a day reading

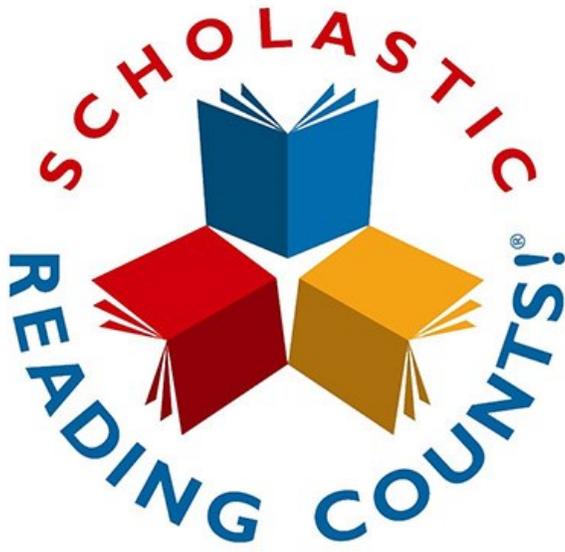
OF CHILDREN 8–18 YEARS OF AGE:*

- 53%** read no books in a given day
- 65%** read no magazines in a given day
- 77%** read no newspapers in a given day

* Kaiser Family Foundation 2010

Source for all except if another source is noted below the fact. Trelease, Jim. *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, 7th ed. New York, Penguin Publishing, 2013.

Library News: Mrs. Nielsen



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

We invite you to **visit our Scholastic Book Fair** and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Book Fair Dates: October 26, 2015 – October 30, 2015

Available to purchase during the school day and on Oct 27 during P/T Conferences.

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Student Absenteeism and Truancy: Thank you for getting your children to school on time, it makes my job and Steph Moose a lot easier! We are checking on students who are absent right a way in the morning, as we aim to reach our school improvement goal of 91% attendance rate. Please remember to call school right away, if your child is going to be absent. **Many thanks, Mr. Jones and Steph**

ELEMENTARY NEWS

21stCCLC After School Program News...

Your child has the opportunity to participate in Santee Community School's 21st Century Community Learning After-School Program. The After School program will begin on Monday, August 31, 2015. We will be working with students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. The After-School program will be held Mondays – Thursdays from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Open Library

The school library will be open on Saturdays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The school library is also open Monday – Friday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to Speech and Language— Mrs. Kanaly

I have provided speech and language services to students at Santee Community School since 1997. I received my Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders from the University of South Dakota in 1995 and my Master's degree in Speech Pathology in 1997. I am licensed by the state of Nebraska and hold a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association. I take part in continuing education classes to further my knowledge base, which allows me to bring in new ideas to my therapy. Here are 10 ways to improve communication with your child:

1. Give wait time.
2. Don't over correct.
3. Treat your child as a full communication partner.
4. Be a good model.
5. Turn off the TV.
6. Read, read, read.
7. Ask open-ended questions.
8. Repeat words often.
9. Draw conclusions and explain consequences.
10. Praise your child for talking.

3rd Grade News...

Mrs. Hrbek



Hello everyone!

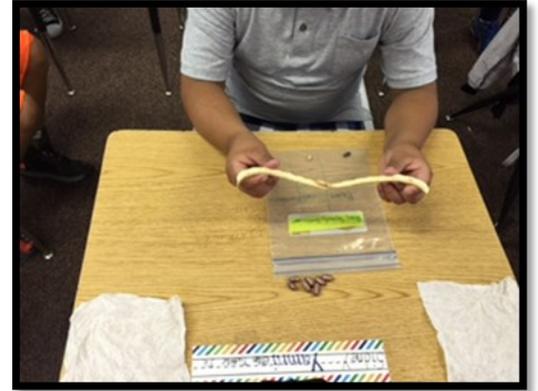
The Third Grade class has been hard at work! The students keep rising to my expectations! Keep up the great work!

Here are **some** things we have been working on: physical properties of matter, temperature, addition of two digit numbers, our weekly social skill, Achieve 3000, possessive nouns, run on sentences, main idea, and writing our numbers to 1,000. We are incorporating the Dakota language in our everyday routine so we don't forget some of the words we are learning.

I am extremely proud of all the families of my third graders. We have had perfect attendance almost every day! Way to go! Thank you for making sure your child is here on time. Learning is much easier when you are consistently in school. Good job everyone!

I would like to thank the visitors that we have had stop in and see us hard at work. You are always welcome to come see us. We would love to have you visit! The kids like to share what they are learning!

In 4th grade Science the students have been learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. They have learned that all living things grow and change as they progress through their life cycle. As an experiment, to watch the slow progress, we planted 3 types of seeds: a sunflower seed, squash seed and a bean



We put the seeds inside of a plastic ziploc bag with moist paper towels and hung them on the window. Each day for 2 weeks we will observe the seeds and keep track of the progress in our Observation logs. The kids were very excited to find out their seeds

In other news, the students have been working very hard on all of In other news, the their other subjects, especially Math.

They are really improving on their problem solving skills. Please continue to practice with your child at home on how to tell time on an analog clock. This is very important as we are learning quarter til, quarter after and half past. Also, I usually send homework home every night, so please make sure your child is bringing that home and their planner also should be signed.

As always, thank you for letting me work with your child.



K-12 NEWS

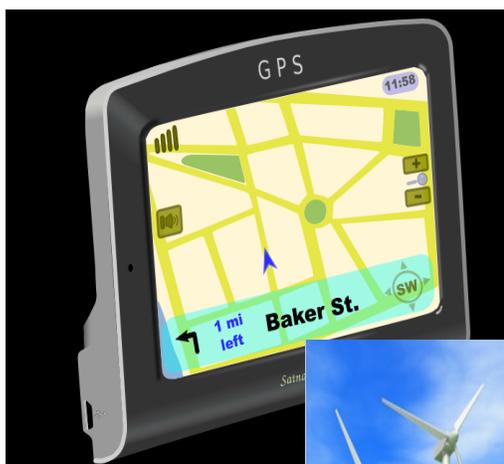
Greetings from Sixth Grade!!

Mrs. Crosley.....

We are progressing quickly in sixth grade! We have moved out of DI Mastery Reading and have moved into Prentice Hall Literature. We have also moved out of DI Language and have moved into DI Comprehension BI.

We have been moving slowly in math. Our skills were rusty after a long summer break.

In October we will have an afternoon of using GPS to find a locations and later in the month we will **design and build our own wind turbines**. Thanks to the School Enrichment Programs UNL Extension in Knox County!!



HALLOWEEN

is fast approaching

Happy Hauntings and stay safe.



Miles of Smiles

On **October 27**, 2015, North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) will offer the *Miles of Smiles* program at Santee Community School. *Miles of Smiles* is a school-based fluoride dental program, available to preschool, elementary and middle school students within the nine county health district.

Miles of Smiles utilizes Public Health Authorized Registered Dental Hygienists to conduct a dental screening, fluoride application, and give a toothbrush and toothpaste to students. Fluoride can be applied 4-6 times per year and can decrease cavity development by approximately 38%.

North Central District Health Department is an approved Medicaid Provider. A \$15.00 donation is requested for children **not** covered by Medicaid/Kids Connection, but there is no fee to participate in the program and **children will not be denied services due to inability to provide a donation.**

NCDHD offers clinics in all schools that are interested across the 9-county health district. For more information about the *Miles of Smiles* program, contact Sara Twibell, Outreach Coordinator for NCDHD at (402) 336-2406 or Chelsey Chohon, RN – School Nurse at the school.

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 3:45 -
5:00

Zero Hour

Monday-Friday 7:30
am-8:00

All students wel-
come!



College Access Activities Begin!

We are beginning to prepare for college access activities. Just this month, we have had visitors from Wayne State College, Northeast Community College, and Nebraska Indian Community College. Visitors from the colleges come to speak with seniors, juniors, and other interested high school students about what college is like, how to apply, and answer any questions students may have. In October, University of Nebraska Kearney will visit and hopefully University of Nebraska Lincoln too. We will once again be hosting an “Apply to College Day” for seniors to research colleges, complete college applications, search for scholarships, and learn about financial aid for college. Students will also be taking the ACT (if registered), the PSAT if they choose, and the ASVAB to explore career and college readiness. It will be a busy month!

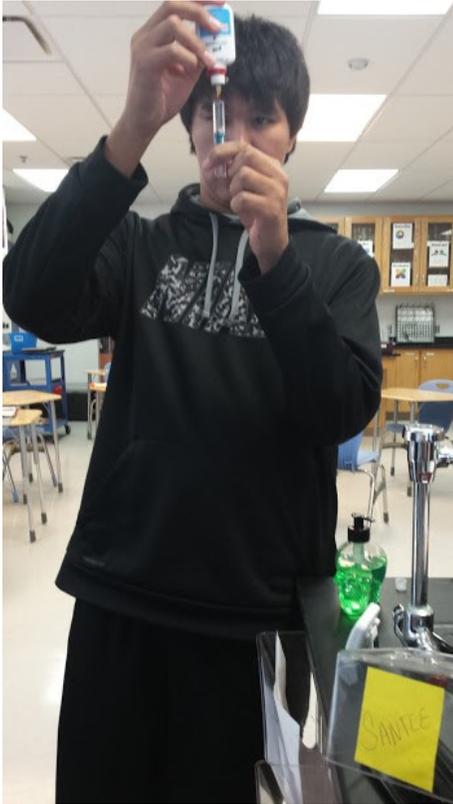
School and Community Relations

All students have received their computer logins to access the computers here at school. Along with this, they have received a GoEdustar login to check their grades and assignments, a school e-mail to communicate with their teachers and counselors, as well as a few other computer logins to access specific websites used for classroom learning. Parents can have access to GoEdustar to check on student progress too! If you would like an account set up or your login reset, please contact me at the school and I can assist you right over the phone. Other means of communication between school and home include the school newsletter (you’re reading it), the school website (<http://www.santeeschools.org/>), the marquee sign out in front of the school, and the monthly school board meetings. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s education, please contact an administrator at the school to assist you with your concerns.

School Improvement Efforts

Our primary foci at the moment for school improvement are our “grade-level performance” and our “92% attendance” goals. Students have been receiving small rewards for each week that they have perfect attendance. We are also working on some ideas for larger incentives for quarterly and semester attendance. We are implementing a new program called Skills Navigator to assist teachers with locating “missing skills” so that they are able to help students in a more effective manner. Skills Navigator is a web-based program that kids can use at home too! More information will come as we learn.

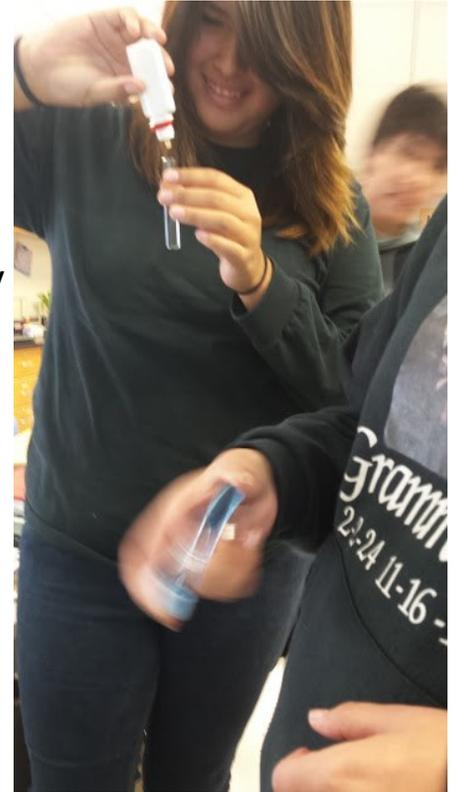
High School News



Science News 7-12

Mrs. Avery

Our lab is full of technology but nothing is better than hands on science. Some old fashioned, hands on lab work. Water testing, amorphous solid bending, and using the triple beam balance.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Daly and Herman, 1987.)

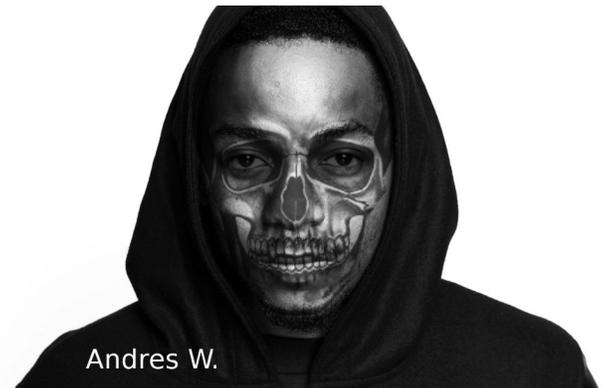
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

High School News

Mrs. Nelson—Business/Technology

Digital Media Class:

This year we offer a Digital Media class and we are using a photo editing program called GIMP. This program is a free download program and is similar to the Photo Shop program. We have learned how to cut out images and put them on other backgrounds, how to format words and titles, red-eye removal, resizing images, and how to blend pictures together. The students have done a really good job editing pictures. The student pictures are images they chose to blend together into one picture.



Oct 29-Nov 1 *MR. EVANS*
**SKILLS/USA MID-AMERICA LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE IN COLUMBUS**

High School News

7th Grade Reading—Mrs. Swalley

It is important for students to be able to read at their grade level. Students, who are able to read at their current grade level, are able to understand their textbooks. For example, if a 6th grader is reading at a 3rd grade level, it will be tough for them to read and comprehend a 6th grade Social Studies, Science, or Literature textbook. In the teaching strategy book, “Vocabulary strategies that work”, which makes a connections in Reading, states:

*“Most students need 25 minutes a day to **MAINTAIN** their current reading levels. However, students who are 2 or more grade levels below their grade placement need to read **90 MINUTES A DAY TO CATCH UP.**”*

It is important to know, your student’s reading level. It is also very important to support your student at home in reading. As a parent, you have a huge role in your child’s education and success.

Please make sure that your student is reading at **least 20 minutes every night**. Read out loud with your students. You can break up reading times in intervals of five or ten minutes. Reading does not have to be reading a chapter novel straight through, it can be reading a newspaper, magazine article or it can be reading articles off the internet.

Attached is a weekly calendar that you can make copies and mark off times. There are two formats broke up into different time intervals. Also attached is a comparison chart of three students and their accomplishment, when they read for different amounts by time.

If you have questions or concerns about your 7th grader, feel free to call (402) 857-2741 ext.4076. Your time and cooperation is appreciated.

Choose style works best for you, make copies, post, mark off as you go!



READ FOR 5 MINUTES TAKE A BREAK AND COME BACK AND READ FOR ANOTHER 5 MINUTES UNTIL YOU HAVE READ 20 MINUTES FOR THE EVENING.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Coming Soon....

BOOK IT! read your heart out®

September 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Reading is the heart of education and the only way to get better at it is to do it. So, with the help of the BOOK IT!® Program, our class will be "reading our hearts out" for the next six months. Here is how we can raise a reader together:

ME (TEACHER)

- Each month from October through March, I will set a reading goal for your child.
- I will read aloud in class, show my passion for reading and basically be a walking book report to instill a love of reading in your child.
- When the goal is met, I will celebrate the achievement by recognizing your child with a Reading Award Certificate in front of the whole class!

YOU (PARENT)

- Review the goal with your child and set aside time at home to read every day.
- Be a role model by reading yourself and reading to or with your child to show that you, too, value books and the importance of reading.
- Make it a date! A little one-on-one time with your reading champ made even sweeter with a free, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza®, Passport to Reading and sticker from Pizza Hut®.*

*There is no purchase necessary and the pizza can be taken to go.

Sincerely,

Teacher's Signature



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From the Health Office:

Happy Fall Y'all!!

In October there will be lots going on in the Health Office!!

The UNMC Nursing Students will be joining us again to do annual required screening on all students Grades PK-12 along with some Educational Teachings as part of their Nursing School Requirements! We are excited to have them join us again and will be here on the 13th!!

Flu Shots are coming!! Santee Health Clinic will be here on October 8th to do Flu Shots on any students and staff that need/want them. Permission Slips will come home with students and must be filled out to get the Flu Shot!! If you would like them to get one and have not received a permission slip, forms will be at the front desk.

Miles of Smiles will also be here on the 27th to do a Fluoride Treatment and give out free dental supplies. Forms will also come home for this and must be filled out for students to participate!!

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about these programs or would like to discuss any other Health Concerns with me. **Nurse Chelsey**

Santee Community School

ACTIVITY CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5TH Day Home-coming Parade 11:45 Pep Rally 12:30 ~ FB vs Spalding Academy 2:00 ~VB @ 4:00	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev. Native American Symposium @ Wayne ~JR SRS -Knox County College Fair	6 JH VB @ Boyd County 4:00 VB TRI ~UNK College Visit 12:15	7 NE extension 6th Grade 2:00	8 JH FB @ Marty 4:00 Flu Shots	9 FB @ St. Ed 7:00 VB @ St. Ed 4:00 Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch with After School Program	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL Native American HOLIDAY	13 JH FB @ Winnebago 4:00 JH VB @ Winnebago 3:00 VB TRI @ 5:00 HOME Elkhorn Valley & Ewing ~UNMC PK-12 Health Screenings	14 PSAT 10:00 NIEA National Indian Education Association Conf. -Portland	15 Criminal Justice Career Day Norfolk	16 FB @ Walthill 2:00 VB @ Walthill 4:00 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip Norfolk Arts Center ~ END OF 1st QTR	17
18	19	20 Knox County VB @ Creighton Apply to College Day for SR's.	21 ASVAB 9:00 School Board Mtg. 5:00	22 FB @ Riverside (Cedar Rapids) 4:00	23	24 ACT in Yankton 8:00 a.m.
25	26 NVC VB Tourney	27 Miles for Smiles Scholastic Book Fair—Library DISMISS 2:-00 P/T Conferences: 3-7:00 COMMU-	28 NE Extension/Turbines 6th Grade 2:00	29 Skills USA Leadership Conference in Columbus OCT 29—NOV 1	30	31