

# Santee Community School

## Newsletter

January 2018



### January Dates To Remember

Jan. 5th - Jr. High BB @ Elkhorn Valley (Tilden) 2 pm \* High School BB vs St. Edward (A)

Jan. 8th-19th MAP TESTING

Jan. 8th - Jr.High BB @ Omaha Nation 3pm/4pm

Jan. 9th - Puppets Assembly 8:25 am \* High School BB vs Winside (A)

Jan. 11th - High School BB vs Allen (H) 6:15 pm

Jan. 12th - NO PRESCHOOL \* HS BB vs Cornerstone Christian @ Bellevue 5pm

Jan. 15th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 16th - High School BB vs St.Mary's @ O'Neill 6:30 pm

Jan. 18th - Jr High Boys BB vs Marty (H) 4 pm

Jan. 19th - HS BB vs Stuart (H) Parents Night

Jan. 20th - Jr High BB @ Bloomfield Tourney TBA

Jan. 22nd - TEACHER PLC DAY - Bus & Breakfast will run at regular time. Academic classes will start at 10 am. 8 am - 10 am individual academic support with cultural activities for PreK-12th grade. Attendance is expected for all students.

Jan. 23rd - HS BB vs Elba (A) 5 pm

Jan. 25th - Jr High BB @ Niobrara 3pm/4pm \* HS BB @ Niobrara 6:30 pm

Jan. 27th - NVC Tournament TBA

Jan. 30th - Jr High BB vs Bloomfield 2pm/3pm (H)



# LITTLE WARRIORS

Thank you to the parents that joined us for our Holiday gathering. A thank you to Santa who came to see us.

Happy New Year! We are starting the new year with some cold temperatures. Please dress for these cold temperatures.

The Learning Highway Starts Here is going to be the theme as we start a Roads unit. There will be some interesting learning going on about roads and transportation.

I will be sending a calendar out soon with things going on in Preschool soon.

## Dates to Remember

Jan. 12 No preschool only.

Jan. 15 No school

*-Mrs. Stewart*

## 2nd Grade

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the nice, cold weather! Here is a quick summary of our last couple weeks in 2017. The students wrapped up a habitat unit in science by creating their own dioramas of a particular habitat. I was very proud of their hard work and creativity! We took a semester test on everything we learned in math so far – numbers, counting, place value, addition, subtraction, money, shapes and time. The kiddos did an AWESOME job! We are now starting a unit in measurement. I am really impressed with my second graders this year, I can't believe it's already half over! They are growing up and a great group of students to work with! Have a wonderful New Year!



Jake's rainforest habitat



Dasan's woodland forest habitat



Lluvia's arctic habitat

*-Mrs. Steffen*

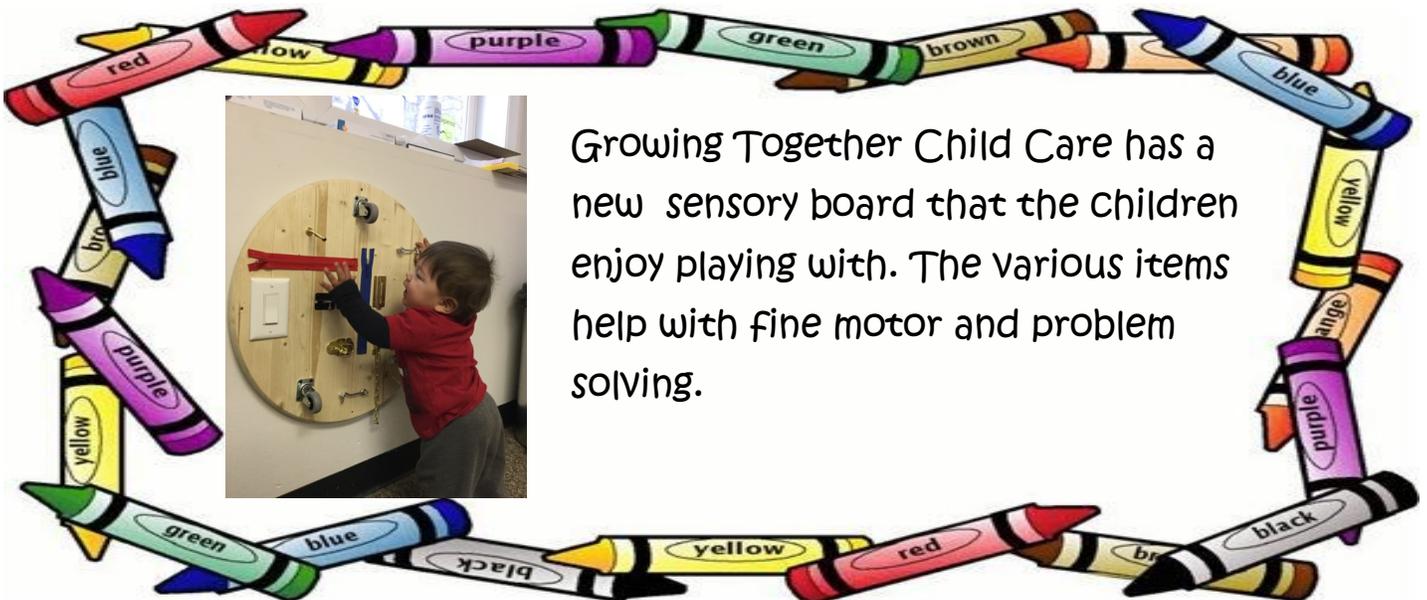
## Santee Food Science Popcorn Experiment

By: Jayna, Skylar & Adrian

We are the Agriculture Food Science Class. All semester we have been researching different ways to pop popcorn and different types of popcorn flavors. We tried different ways to pop popcorn and figured out which one was the best. We started off in the concession with the citation popper that Ms. Kay taught us how to use. The issue was that we made too much and it made a huge mess. So we searched alternatives ways of popping popcorn. We learned to make it in the microwave and it was too unstable. Things happened like it burned, didn't pop, and sometimes blew up. Finally we got an air popper and it is the best out of all options. It's less messy and pops the appropriate quantity for our research. Then we started on the flavors. To get the flavors we worked in the concession stand to buy the flavors. Some of the flavors were butter, taco seasoning, chili, caramel corn, and cinnamon with sugar. Sara Bathke came in and provided us the stuff to make caramel corn. We did a survey for the administration to tell us which flavor was the best. Mr. Hoffman's favorite was the sugar with cinnamon and Alonzo's was the chili flavor. Our goal is to take our data board and report to the science fair at the state FFA convention in April 2018.



Trying the chocolate coated popcorn



Growing Together Child Care has a new sensory board that the children enjoy playing with. The various items help with fine motor and problem solving.

Fabulous First Grade!

I hope that everyone had a fabulous winter break filled with joy and time with family! It is great to have all of your fabulous students back in school! The start of the New Year means the start of MAPS testing. Many of you remember your student talking about this test at the beginning of the school year. The test will cover the areas of reading and math. I know that each and every student is more than capable of meeting grade level expectations! Having your student continue to practice reading and math skills at home is an excellent way to prepare for the test! Many parents have requested extra math and reading material to be sent home with their students for extra practice. If you would like material or need more material feel free to stop by the classroom and grab some practice pages or reading books!

As many of you have heard I did have my baby on December 13, 2017. I will be out of the classroom on maternity leave until February 1<sup>st</sup>. However, feel free to send me an email if you have any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Crossman



Welcome Back! I hope you all had a blessed holiday season!! If you are like my house, we have been fighting illness all of break. I just received word from the Health Department that they are already seeing cases of influenza in the area.

Please see the flyers about "When to keep your child home from school" and "How to prevent the flu"!

This is also the time of year that we tend to see an increase in Head Lice! Please do your part and check your child(ren)'s hair often and treat as needed. We will continue to do head checks at school but can only do so much in the Health Office. We will continue to send home shampoo/treatment as needed.

Any questions or concerns, please let us know in the Health Office!

-Nurse Chelsey & Paula

## Special Education Department

Hello friends and families of Santee Community Schools,

Sometimes as parents/guardians and friends we hear lots of information about how to best help our students grow and succeed academically, socially and emotionally. One way this can be done is by reading to children at home. There are tremendous benefits to reading to children. These benefits include 1.) Boosting School Readiness, 2.) Success in School, 3.) Love of Books, 4.) Teaching Coping Skills, 5.) Family Bonding Time and many, many more (<https://www.kidcentraltn.com/article/benefits-of-reading-to-your-child>). When reading to a child, items to be read do not only include books, but also magazines, newsletters, newspapers, etc. As always parent/guardian input, questions, and concerns are always welcome. Please feel free to contact the Special Education faculty, Julene Kay, Stacy Pedersen, Heather Lancaster, or Bridget Kuchar at Santee Community Schools 402-857-2741.



Congratulations to our basketball teams for their performance at the 2017 Mead Holiday Tournament!!

Girls were the Champions (2nd Year in a row)

Santee 68 Osceola 38 First Round

Santee 38 Omaha Christian 37 Championship Game

Boys were the Runner-up

Santee 68 Osceola 50 First Round

Santee 33 Mead 54 Championship Game



## Information from the Truancy Officer

Welcome to 2018 all students and families. My Office wishes you all well and to have a grand second semester.

Please know that I will be conducting Truancy Diversion Project (TDP) 3 times this month. If you, the parent, receive a letter from me, please make every attempt to attend the meeting. A lot of information about your child will be discussed, and you as the parent need and should be present for it all.

I would like to have EVERY parent refer to the Student Handbook in regards to the Attendance Policy of your child at Santee Community School. Many changes occurred this past year, that I am not sure you are fully aware of. The handbook is available on the Santee Community School website and/or a hard copy can be obtained at the front desk of the school if you didn't receive one at the beginning of the school year. Please contact me at the number listed below if you should have any questions about the Santee Sioux Nation's Compulsory Education Law and/or the State of Nebraska's Compulsory Education Statute/Law.

Lastly, I would like to remind ALL STUDENTS and PARENTS that the Santee Community School under the Nebraska State Statute/Law under Compulsory Education, does NOT recognize EXCUSED absences anymore, for any reason. "An absence is an absence", therefore I recommend that ALL parents keep the lines of communication open with ME and the school on behalf of your child/children and their whereabouts. Please call the school and/or me at the school in regards to your child's attendance. ONLY the Truancy Officer can excuse absences for Medical, Dental, Vision Appointments and/or Hospitalizations, to include Funeral Leave for IMMEDIATE Family members only. Any absence outside of those standards is considered UNEXCUSED, and will be prosecuted through Tribal Court once the child has accumulated 10 or more days of UNEXCUSED Absence. Please know that this is not a threat, but a reality, supported by the Santee Sioux Nation and other Tribal Programs, to get your child through the educational process in hopes to become a responsible adult. I will do all in my power to help you get through this, but I need your full cooperation and participation in Truancy Diversion if you should be called upon.

Let's ALL start the New Year off on a good note, in the right way, and work together to get your child/children to school ON TIME and present ALL DAY every day school is in session.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you once again and please have a wonderful second semester.

Sincerely,

Natalie Torrez,  
Truancy Officer of the Santee Sioux Nation  
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**Music is an outburst  
of the soul.**

Frederick Delius

### **Music Notes: Back in the practice room again!**

Anpetu waste, friends! Fresh off the success of our December concert, your student musicians are starting or continuing more difficult pieces for spring, continuing or beginning composition projects, and getting back into the swing of practice with new repertoire.

The December concert went beautifully, thanks to the participation of our dedicated students, the wonderful attendance of the community and families, and the support of staff and administration. We had a great turnout for the delicious meal, and our students made us proud onstage! Thanks to all who came, especially those who stayed for the entire concert! Our ensembles appreciate and take notice of your support, and it is heartwarming to see a full audience.

### **Upcoming Performance: NVC Band plays in Verdigre on Tuesday, March 20.**

High school band students are beginning to work on three pieces of greater difficulty – two jaunty, rhythmic tunes and a beautiful folk song – to be performed with the entire east NVC conference on March 20th at 7pm. This is our students' chance to play with a large band comprised of players from Verdigre, Niobrara, Santee, and several other schools in the area. The show is free and will be a great time; please come and hear our kids play if you can!

Below are some pictures from this winter's Warrior Choir singing the National Anthem, and members of the young drum circle posing before singing the Dakota Flag Song. Great job, singers!!!



## Elementary Principal Corner

The school year is flying by. It is hard to believe the second semester is here. As we look ahead to the New Year resolutions, make some goals with your student(s) about their learning and future plans. Please visit with your student about the best part of their learning each day. This is one of the best things you can do at home to support your student's learning growth. Just simple questions for example:

What was the best part of the day today?

What questions did you ask about your subjects?

What was something new you learned today?

What did you practice with success?

Conversations about learning is being emphasized in many of our classroom by journaling, exit tickets, "What did I learn" charts, A/B partners sharing learning, and even stating one thing they did well that day after school.

MAPS Testing will be the second week of January. Please make sure students are in school. These tests give us a "mid-year snapshot" as where we are as a school in growth of student achievement. Teachers use this information for student grouping and lesson planning going forward. Please take time to ask your student(s) about their RIT scores and their growth goals.

### Talking is more powerful than listening



- The person doing the most talking during a lesson is doing the most learning.
- We need to create more learning opportunities for pupils to talk and **listen to each other**
- We talk so we can remember, process and understand.

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Brrr it is cold outside. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately. We like students to go outside for fresh air for even small amounts of time so please make sure their have proper dress.

It is also the time of year we have lots of sickness going around. Please wash hands often. If your child is ill please make sure to call the school and let us know.



## Upcoming Dates

Jan. 8 - 19 – MAPS Testing



## Ways to Support Learning at Home

### Take Attendance Seriously

Sick kids should stay home from school if they have a fever, are nauseated, vomiting, or have diarrhea. Kids who lose their appetite, are clingy or lethargic, complain of pain, or who just don't seem to be acting "themselves" should also take a sick day.

Otherwise, it's important that kids arrive at school on time every day, because having to catch up with class work and homework can be stressful and interfere with learning.

If your child is missing a lot of school due to illness, make sure to check with the teacher about any work that needs to be completed. It's also a good idea to know the school's attendance policy.

Sometimes students want to stay home from school because of problems with classmates, assignments or grades, or even teachers. This can result in real symptoms, like headaches or stomachaches. If you think there's a problem at school, talk with your child — and then perhaps with the teacher — to find out more about what's causing the anxiety. The school counselor or school psychologist also might be able to help.

Also try to avoid late bedtimes, which can result in tardy and tired students. A consistent sleep schedule can help.

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## Make Time to Talk About School

It's usually easy to talk with elementary students about what's going on in class and the latest news at school. You probably know what books your child is reading and are familiar with the math being worked on. But parents can get busy and forget to ask the simple questions, which can have an effect on children's success at school.

Make time to talk with your child every day, so he or she knows that what goes on at school is important to you. When kids know parents are interested in their academic lives, they'll take school seriously as well.

Because communication is a two-way street, the way you talk and listen to your child can influence how well your child listens and responds. It's important to listen carefully, make eye contact, and avoid multitasking while you chat. Be sure to ask questions that go beyond "yes" or "no" answers.

Besides during family meals, good times to talk include car trips (though eye contact isn't needed here, of course), walking the dog, preparing meals, or standing in line at a store.

These early years of schooling are an important time for parents to be informed and supportive about their child's education.



We are off to a great start in 2018! The students are excited to be writing their assignments in cursive. We learned all the letters and practiced words before break. Our focus is on sentences and figuring out how to connect all those letters.

We have MAP testing coming up January 8-12. Students will need to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each day. They each have goals we have set for each subject tested.

Third graders are looking forward to a fun filled learning, creating, and exploring semester. Come visit us anytime!

-Mrs.Hrbek

### Mission/Vision Comments

1. What do you think most about the new mission/vision statement and logo?

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2. What don't you like about the new mission/vision statement and logo?

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3. What visions do you have for your children and your school?

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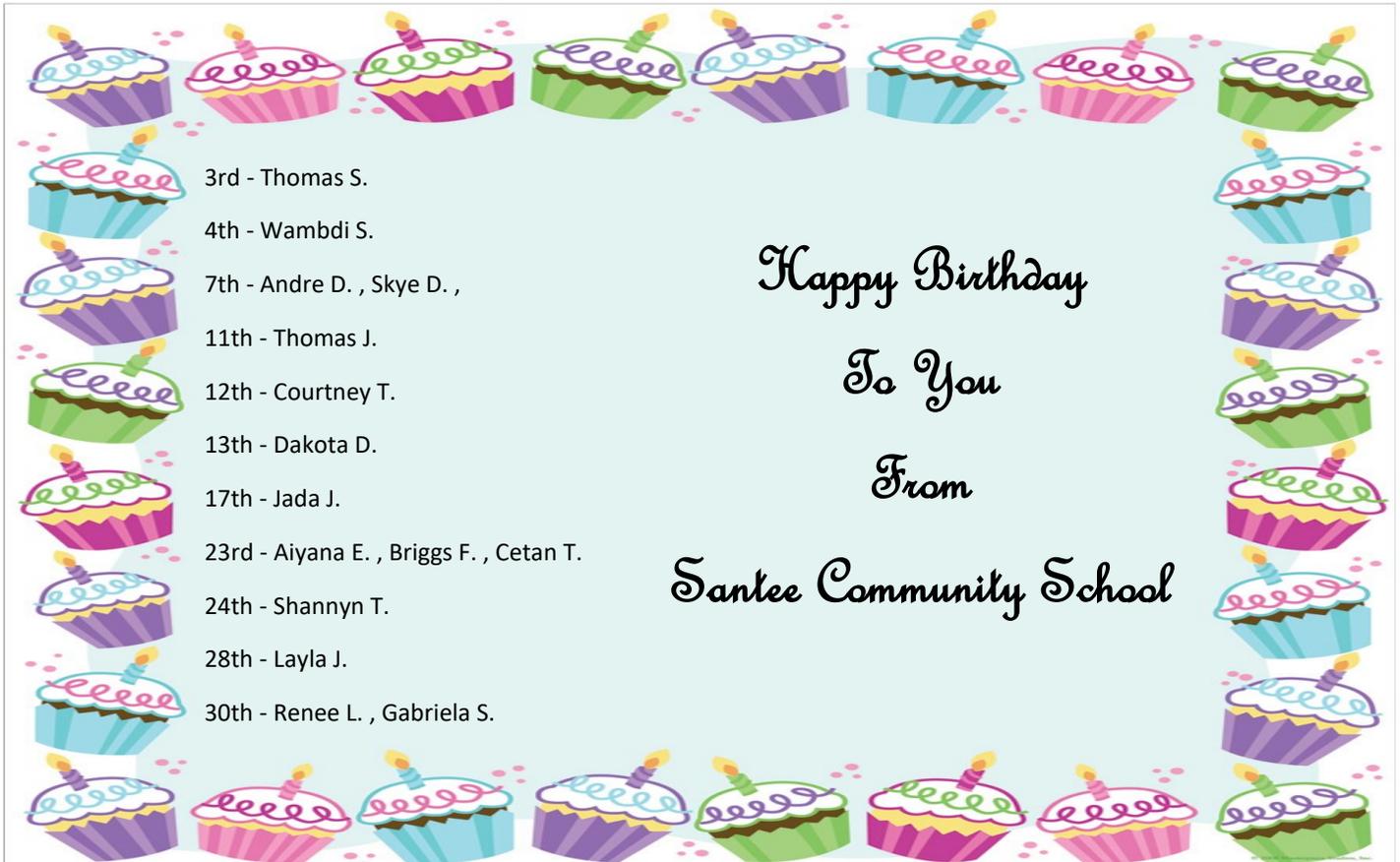
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4. What is your preferred method to be contacted by the school? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Return This Portion To School With Your Child or Drop Off At The Front Desk! Thank You !**



3rd - Thomas S.  
4th - Wambdi S.  
7th - Andre D. , Skye D. ,  
11th - Thomas J.  
12th - Courtney T.  
13th - Dakota D.  
17th - Jada J.  
23rd - Aiyana E. , Briggs F. , Cetan T.  
24th - Shannyn T.  
28th - Layla J.  
30th - Renee L. , Gabriela S.

*Happy Birthday  
To You  
From  
Santee Community School*

Mrs. Nagel provided the beef from her herd, a dehydrator, spices and an extruder. Mrs. Flying hawk also provided a dehydrator and from the school. The cooks from the kitchen lent us the bowls and spoons to mix in the spices.

## Things we learned from in Ag Class while making jerky



The extruder works best when:

1. meat pack in cylinder with no air pockets
2. flat opening of the tip is in straight line with the trigger
3. When applying the pressure to the trigger the speed of the movement across the rack effects the shape and thickness of the jerky ribbon
  - A. If you move fast the meat ribbon brakes
  - B. If you move slow the meat ribbon brakes



About the dehydrator.

1. Can put the jerky close together because it will shrink.
2. The jerky will sink about 40%
3. Must be checked every 4 hours
4. Need to rotate the trays for even drying.
5. To kill the food pathogens a temperature of 130oF must be reached

About the meats:

1. Beef is easier to chew more tender
2. Beef has more fat
3. Beef is Greasier.
4. Deer has more flavor



About taking surveys:

1. The customer is always right
  - A. Be nice you may want them to ask the for something else in the future.
  - B. No everyone wants to take a survey
  - C. Not everyone likes jerky