

Santee Community School

Home of the Warriors

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Warrior News

APRIL 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



Elementary Principal Corner — Mrs. Nagel

Students and Staff are “Marching” into spring. It is hard to believe how fast the year is going. We are now into our last 9 weeks of school. Please make sure your student is at school, as we will have our State Assessment and our NWEA MAPS Assessment in April and May. These are important for us to evaluate our programs and needs for student success.



Kindergarten Roundup took place on March 24th. We welcomed 18 boys and girls for a morning of kindergarten activities, tour of the school, and meeting our staff. It was a very fun and productive day. We can’t wait to have them with us next year. Thank you parents for bringing them to our Kindergarten Roundup Day.

Attendance is still a big focus for the school. Students do many hands on learning activities, which are hard to make up if students are not in class. We love having your children in school.

Social Skill of the Week – With the assistance of our Guidance Councilor, Mr. Oswald, the PK-12 staff and students are focusing on a social skill of the week. This week it is greeting people. Practice greetings with your student at home. Our next skill will be how to appropriately get the teacher’s attention when needing help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
March 31st – K-3 Alice in Wonderland – 10:00 – 5:00

April 3rd – Students 8:00 – 10:00 Educational activities
Staff 8:00 – 10:00 PLC PD

April 5-6 - AdvancED Review

April 7 - 4-6 grade Play - “Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter” in Norfolk 8:00 – 3:00

April 14 – 17 No School – Happy Easter

April 18— Students 8:00 – 10:00 Educational activities
Staff 8:00 – 10:00 PLC PD

April 19 -21 NeSA testing



....for more exciting news from Santee Community School don't forget to check out the school website at www.santeeschools.org

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Twitter, Instagram



Mrs. Steffen—2nd Grade News:

Second graders have been busy this last month! We just finished up a science unit studying and learning about habitats. The students created a habitat booklet, and then they each created their own habitat using shoeboxes and art supplies. They were very creative! In social studies, we learned about cultures from around the world, and now we are writing a culture report. The students were broken up into four groups and each assigned a country to write about – Norway, Madagascar, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. They will write about their country's language, religion, celebrations, food, etc. I am proud of their hard work!



Aiayana displaying her wetlands habitat.



Neveyah with her rainforest habitat.



Thomas and Drake worked together to create an ocean habitat.

K-3 News....

On Friday, March 31, the K - 3 grade students enjoyed watching the play **"Alice's Wonderland Adventures."** It was performed by the Wayne State College theatre department. The students enjoyed a live theatre performance, getting autographs from the actors and actresses after the play, and taking pictures with their favorite characters. **It was a great live performing arts experience!**



Happy April from the Third Graders! We have been extremely busy!

Mrs. Hrbek has us working hard reading our novels, learning about fractions, ecosystems, and researching a Caribbean island. We will write a report and prepare a slideshow of our island. We are teaming up with Mrs. Nelson and our Digital Citizenship specials class to do the power point.

We will be doing the NeSA test beginning April 19. Please make sure all students get adequate rest. It is important everyday, not just at test time. Some of our students have been extremely tired.

I am extremely proud of my third graders. They are applying themselves to their learning, being responsible for all their assignments getting done, helping each other out, using manners, and being an overall good student and person. Thank you for sharing your child with me! It is a rewarding experience to see them learn, grow, and become more independent everyday.

Please come visit our classroom and see what we are learning! We would LOVE to have you!

Mrs. Crosley shares - Elementary Assessments at SCS

The NeSA-ELA, NeSA-M, and NeSA-S is the Nebraska's ELA, math, and science achievement tests. **All students in Nebraska in grades 3-8 will take the ELA and math tests. All students in grades 5 and 8 take the science test.** The Nebraska Department of Education will send out score reports for students and schools in early fall.

There are several things parents can do to positively contribute to their child's success. Encourage your child to put forth their best effort with positive statements expressing confidence in their abilities and their efforts. A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast will go a long way to help your child best show what they know and are able to do on the test. Finally, being in school during testing is very important. Please reschedule any appointments that may take your child out of school on the testing dates listed above. As always, we appreciate your support!

Spring Concert and Community Night

When: Monday, April 24

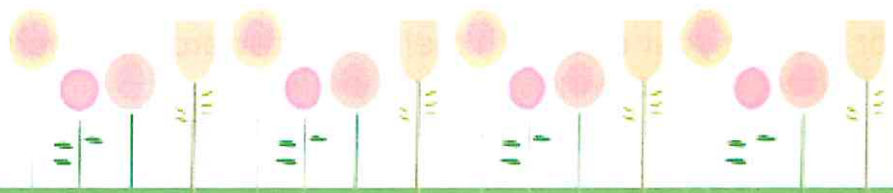
Who: K-12 Music students

Where: Santee Community School

Time: 5:00 pm



We invite ALL community members to join us for an evening of music. Whether or not you have a student musician onstage, we value your presence and support in the audience. A celebratory dinner for all attendants will follow the performance.



Practicing patience

In today's world, youngsters often have instant access to information, songs, and movies. As a result, they might not learn patience. Encourage your child to get better at waiting patiently with these tips.



family member raise his hand when he thinks 1 minute has gone by. They should raise their hands again when they think it's been 5 minutes. Repeat the activity, but this time, ask each person to do something he enjoys like reading or drawing. Does the time seem to go

Set an example. Let your youngster see you waiting calmly during challenging situations. In a traffic jam, you could say, "It looks like we'll be sitting here for a while. Would you read your story to me?"

Discover strategies. What does "wait a minute" or "wait 5 minutes" look like? Look at your watch, and have each

faster? Your child will learn that staying occupied will help him be patient.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Write a winning argument

My daughter Lucy has been asking for a cat for months. So when she told me that she was learning to write "arguments" in school, I asked her to write me a letter arguing why we should get a cat.

A few days later, Lucy handed me her letter. She had stated her claim—"Having a pet helps kids become responsible." She even gathered evidence. She talked to three friends and wrote about how they care for their animals.



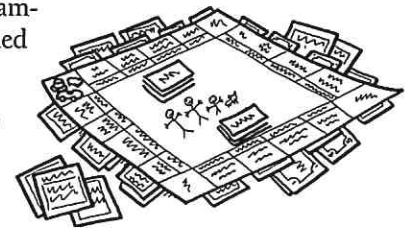
Finally, she considered my side, saying she knew I was worried I'd end up doing all the work. So she proposed a rule: She would have to feed the cat and scoop out its litter box before going out to play.

Lucy's letter worked, and we're going to the animal shelter this weekend to adopt her cat. Now she sees that writing a good argument can pay off!♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Make a personalized game

What's more fun than family game night? Playing a game your child designed herself! Consider these suggestions.



1. Family-opoly. Have your youngster create a personalized Monopoly game. She might name properties after people, places, or things that are important to your family (say, her grandparents' native country or her brother's college mascot). After she makes the board and property cards, use Monopoly money and game pieces to play her version.

2. Trivia, Family Edition. Encourage family members to write questions about your family on index cards, with the answers on the backs. *Examples:* "What breakfast dish is Dad famous for?" or "How did we celebrate Mom's 40th birthday?" Stack the cards with the answers facing down. Your child draws one and reads the question aloud. The first person to answer correctly keeps the card and asks the next question. When all cards have been used, the player with the most wins.♥

Q & A

Believe it—or not?

Q: My child believes everything in TV commercials. How can I help him understand what's accurate and what's exaggerated?

A: Try this eye-opening activity. Let your son take photos around your home. Half should make your house look good, and the other half not so good. For example, he could snap a shot of a freshly vacuumed room with the bed made and one of an overflowing trash can and a dirty wall.

Now, look through the pictures. Have him imagine he is "selling" your house by showing only the flattering pictures. Is he giving the full story?

Explain that this is how commercials work, too—advertisers want to show their products in the best light. Together, watch commercials, and talk about the "other" side that you're not seeing.

You could also read product reviews to get a more complete picture. Your son will learn to think critically about information he sees and hears.♥



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SORTING

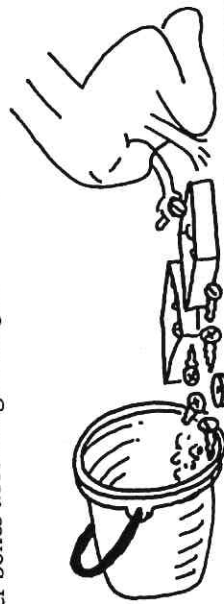
A treasure trove of tools

Encourage your youngster to learn the nuts and bolts of sorting.

Ingredients: tools, nails, screws, nuts, bolts, washers, variety of containers

Your child can help you do a little spring cleaning by organizing your tools, screwdrivers, washers, nails, screws, and other hardware. Challenge him to sort them by category into separate containers (say, flathead screws in one box and Phillips-head screws in another).

Next, he could break down the categories even further and sort again. For instance, he might sort each group of screws into smaller boxes according to length—short, medium, and long.



PLACE VALUE

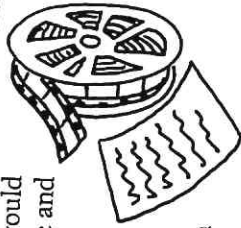
Have each family member write any number, 0–9, and hold up her paper. Your child calls out a number with all the digits (say, 361 or 613 for 3, 6, and 1). Players arrange themselves to form the number and name their values. **Example:** The person holding a 3 in the hundreds place would say “I’m 300.”



READING

Invite your child to pretend you’re a movie producer and he’s “pitching” a book to you. He can choose a book he thinks would make a great movie and summarize its plot.

Next, he should explain why he believes audiences would want to see a film based on it.



MUSIC

Ask your youngster to personalize a song for your family. She can make up new words to a familiar tune, perhaps including hobbies or interests. (**Example:** “Ella kicks a soccer ball, soccer ball, soccer ball...” to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”)



Now let her teach her song to everyone.

Character Corner

CURIOSITY

Create a “curiosity zone” where family members can place interesting or unfamiliar objects like a spark plug or a garlic press. Let your youngster try to figure out what they are and how they’re used.



DIVERSITY

Learning words in sign language will show your child that people communicate in different ways. Have him write down words you each want to know the signs for, such as *play* or *homework*. Look them up online, and use the signs during conversations.



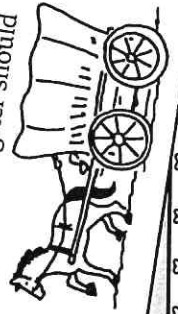
DECISION MAKING

Listing “pros” and “cons” can help your youngster make a good decision. Say she wants to accept a birthday party invitation but has plans with another friend for the same time. A “pro” might be having fun celebrating a birthday, while a “con” could be disappointing her friend.



VOCABULARY

Using your child’s vocabulary list, take turns making up sentences and leaving blank spaces where the word goes. **Example:** “The wagon rumbled across the ____.” Say your sentence aloud, and your youngster should look at his list to figure out which term belongs in the blank (*prairie*).



Congratulations!

We finished _____ activities together on this poster.

Signed (parent or adult family member)

Signed (child)

Prime Time Family Reading....opportunity....

The Santee Community School is hosting Prime Time Family Reading on Monday nights in the library. The last night for this program is Monday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m. Families are invited to participate in this reading night.



Participants are given two books each evening to take home and keep

Audience: Up to 25 parents/caregivers and their 4 to 10 year old children

After School Program

The After School program will **begin an attendance incentive program on April 4.** Students will need to be in attendance at the After School Program for 6 out of 6 days, from April 4 – April 11, to be able to participate in the incentive. Students who meet the **attendance requirement** will be going to bowl and have pizza in Bloomfield at Curt's Lanes.

Students K – 6 are welcome to attend the After School program held at the school each day from 3:45 – 5:00 (M-Thurs) and 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Thank you.

After School Program Staff

Music Notes: Spring Concert is Monday, April 24

Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit

Anpetu waste, friends! Our K-12 ensembles are soon going to begin dress rehearsals for our **Spring Concert on Monday, April 24 at 5 P.M.** There will be a meal to follow. *All K-12 music students are required to perform. Students need to be seated with their grade group in the bleachers, with music and dress clothes, by 4:45 P.M. If anyone needs help finding dress clothes, please see Miss Knight as soon as possible.*

The concert will showcase the progress of the K-12 choral ensembles, as well as the upper level band. The 5th and 6th grade students, who only get twenty-five minutes per week on instruments (and the same amount of time for choir), have been doing their best to develop sound on their instruments. For students who enjoy playing and want to get better faster, I encourage them to take their instruments home and practice. Parents and guardians, I rely on your support and patience with this. Once you have signed an instrument check-out form for the school year, your child may take his or her instrument home to practice any time, as long as the instrument is back at school for band practice! The more time spent blowing air into the horn (or practicing rhythms on drum pads), the more quickly musicians can develop a good sound, as many of you probably remember from your school years. Santee musicians have impressively good ears for quality tone, but need to be reminded that the physical skills take time to build, so we must not get discouraged! We will formally check the instruments in during the last two weeks of classes.

Lexi Saul and Hannah Sheridan shine at NVC Band Conference! Congratulations on two of our high school band students who were able to attend the NVC conference in Elkhorn Valley! The ladies had a very full day of rehearsals with esteemed clinician and Assistant Director of Bands at Wayne State College, Dr. Josh Calkin. We had the chance to perform three prepared pieces with an approximately eighty-member band made up of students from across the eastern half of the conference (plus Miss Knight on trombone, because there weren't enough brass players that day). My chops were shot by mid-afternoon, but Hannah and Lexi were still going strong! The evening concert was well attended by parents and music lovers from various schools in the conference. If you get the chance, please congratulate the two fine musicians who represented Santee Community Schools with respect, finesse, and positivity! Below are some rehearsal pictures from NVC. [Pidamiyaye](#), [Miss Knight](#)



Above: Lexi with stand partner Genesis, from Niobrara



Above: Hannah with stand partner Tiana, from Ewing

Santee's April 2017 Lunch Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 CHICKEN ALFREDO FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	4 SALISBURY STEAK ROLL FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	5 CHICKEN STRIPS TRI TATORS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	6 QUESADILLAS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	7 GRILL CHEESE FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	8
9	10 PIZZA GARLIC STIXS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	11 SPAGHETTI GARLIC TOAST FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	12 SUPER CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	13 EGGS ROLLS RICE FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18 CORN DOGS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	19 HOT HAM N CHEESE FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	20 CHICKEN SANDWICH FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	21 SWEET N SOUR CHICKEN FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	22
23	24 BISCUIT N HAMBURGER GRAVY FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	25 WALKING TACOS REFRIED BEANS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE	26 BBQ RIB SANDWICHES FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	27 RAVIOLI FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	28 HAM N AU GRATIN POTATOES BUNS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR	29
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Santee's April 2017 Breakfast Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 EGGS- TAC-GO W/ CHEESE N SAUSAGE FRUIT JUICE MILK	4 CINNAMON ROLLS FRUIT VEGGIES MILK SALAD BAR 2ND CHOICE CHEF SALAD	5 EGG MCMUFFINS FRUIT JUICE MILK	6 SCRAMBLED EGGS TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	7 CREAM OF WHEAT FRUIT JUICE MILK	8
9	10 WAFFLES BOILED EGGS FRUIT JUICE MILK	11 FRENCH TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	12 COLD CEREAL FRUIT JUICE MILK	13 DUTCH WAFFLES FRUIT JUICE MILK	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18 FRENCH TOAST STIX FRUIT JUICE MILK	19 GRILLED EGGS TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	20 CEREAL FRUIT JUICE MILK	21 MAPLE PANCAKES FRUIT JUICE MILK	22
23	24 BOILED EGGS WAFFLES FRUIT JUICE MILK	25 OATMEAL FRUIT JUICE MILK	26 BEAR CLAWS FRUIT JUICE MILK	27 MALT O'MEAL TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	28 SCRAMBLED EGGS TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	29
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High School Activities

NVC Art Show

will be held at Spencer and is Open to the Public, April 27 5-8:00 and April 28, 8:00-to Noon.



Santee Warriors

Golf Team:

Thomas Macias
Tate Ferguson
Joe Johnson
Michael Hoffman
Khalib Whipple
Cetan Thomas



Good Luck with your season!

4/4 Crofton Invite

4/12 Ewing Invite

4/13 LCC Invite @ Laurel

4/17 Ponca Invite 11:30

4/25 NVC Invite @ Ewing



Santee Warriors Track Team:

Ashleigh Wabasha

Trina Campbell

Kaylee White

Dimitryus Wabasha

JH: Leila Wabasha & Jose Becerra

Good Luck with your season!

4/4 @ Creighton 1:30

4/11 @ Hartington 11:30

4/13 O'Neill Invite @ O'Neill 9:00

4/19 St. Mary's @ O'Neill 9:00

4/25 Boyd Cnty Invite @ O'Neill 10:30

4/29 NVC @ Atkinson 9:30

Coaches: Ken Hajek, Jeremy Peter, Nicole Smolek

HIGH SCHOOL Quiz Bowl TEAM

TIED for 7th place out of 17 Teams! **Congrats team!**

Mr. Evans sponsored our students at the NVC Quiz bowl competition. He is very proud of our students and school and the effort put forth!

At the Plainview Meet: **Ashleigh** made the finals in the 200m and finished 8th place. Pretty Cool Ashleigh!

Santee Community School

ACTIVITY CALENDAR — April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 PROM TBA	
2	3	4 Golf Crofton Invite @ 10:00 Track Knox County @Creighton 1:30	Welcome AdvancED Visitation Team / Accreditation		6	7 4-6 Grade Play in Nor- folk 8-3:00	8
9	10 Prime Time Reading for Students/ Parents in the Library 5:00 Board Meeting 4:45	11 Track Harting- ton CC Invite 1:00 AQuESTT	12 Golf Ewing In- vite 9:00	13 Golf Laurel/ Concord/ Coleridge Invite @ Coleridge 10:00 Track O'Neill Invite 9:00	14 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	15	
116	17 Golf Ponca In- vite @ Laurel 11:00 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	18	19 NeSA Testing Track St. Mary's @ ONeill 9:00	20 NeSA Testing JRS. ACT TESTING (Right here at Santee!)	21 NeSA Test- ing NO Pre- school-Staff @ ESU1	22	
23	24 Spring Con- cert @ 5:00 Community Night	25 Golf NVC Invite @ Ewing 9:00 Track Boyd Co. Invite @ O'Neill 10:00	26 Preschool Mouse Coding Activity— Knox County Extension	27	28	29 Track NVC Invite @ Atkinson 9:00	
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