



# Santee Community School

## Newsletter

April 2018

### Dates To Remember

2nd - No School \* NO TRACK @ CREIGHTON DUE TO EASTER MONDAY

3rd - ACT for all Juniors

4th - Miles of Smiles

5th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm to 6 pm \* Crofton Golf Invitational 10 am

10th - Track @ Hartington 1 pm

11th - Lifetouch Spring Pictures starting @ 9:30 am \* Golf Ewing Invitational @ 9 am

12th - Track @ O'Neill 9 am \* Golf @ Laurel 10 am

16th - Golf @ Ponca 9 am

18th - Track @ O'Neill 9 am

20th - District Solo & Ensemble @ Osmond

23rd - Spring Music Concert @ 6 pm

23rd - 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 Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Attendance is expected for all students

24th - Golf @ Neligh 9 am \* Track @ O'Neill 10:30 am

28th - Track @ Atkinson 9:30 am

30th - Santee Golf Invitational @ 12 pm





It is hard to believe how fast the months are going by. I am looking forward to warm weather and the spring smells of new flowers and grass.

The past few newsletters the school has been focusing on what do our Mission and Vision Statements really mean to the direction our school is moving. This newsletter we are focusing on the next “C” – Community.

At the Santee Community School, we believe it is important for families, community resources, and schools to work together in supporting student success. We value family and community partnering for the success of all students.

When schools and community organizations work together to support learning, everyone benefits. Partnerships can serve to strengthen, support, and even transform individual partners; resulting in improved program quality, more efficient use of resources, and better alignment of goals and curricula (Harvard Family Research Project, 2010).

With that being stated, it is always challenging to find ways to make sure our Santee families and community are positively involved with the school. By having the “C for Community” in our Mission and Vision statements, it is a constant reminder of the importance of the support and respect our community offers our staff and students and likewise the support and respect that our staff and students offer our community. This is one of the most important relationships we can establish together that will pay dividends for years to come as we all work diligently to make Santee Schools and the community of Santee a great place to learn, work, and grow.

April will be a testing month for students. Please make sure students are in school and well rested. Parent Teacher Conferences are April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to visit with classroom teachers. It is always exciting to share the great things our students are doing.

Have a great Easter Break.

# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS

APRIL 2018

## TEACHER'S CORNER

Happy Spring! We have been enjoying the beautiful weather this week in second grade. The students are working very hard on their recycling project and we have had students from other grades and teachers bring in plastic and aluminum cans! We continue working hard on academics as well as having fun too. Have a great week!

Mrs. Steffen

## BIRTHDAYS

April 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

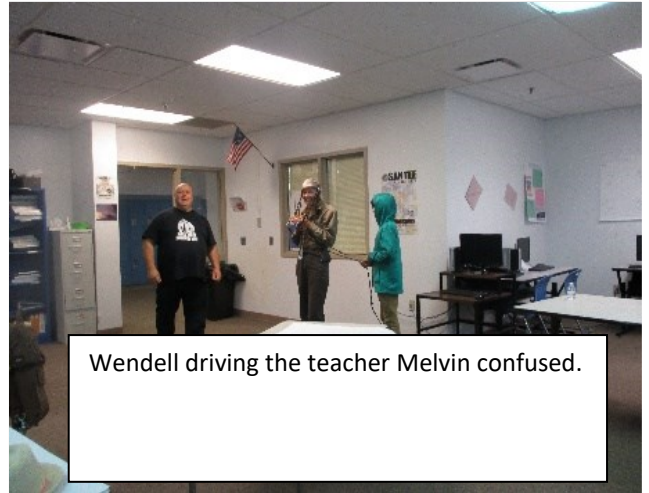
- Reading - synonyms
- Grammar - pronouns
- Writing - writing a friendly letter
- Math - rounding to the nearest ten and hundred
- Science - solar system
- Social Studies - citizenship

# MOMENTS IN 7TH GRADE AG CLASS

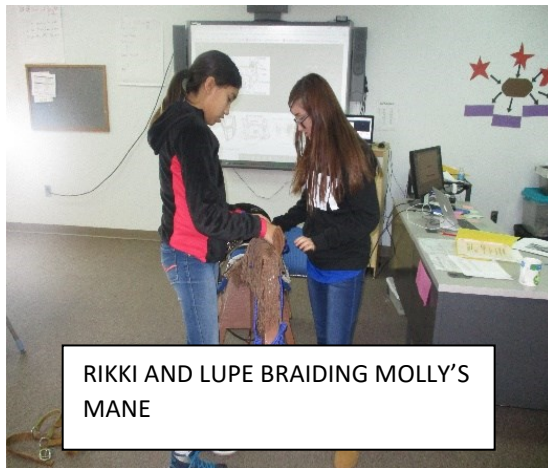
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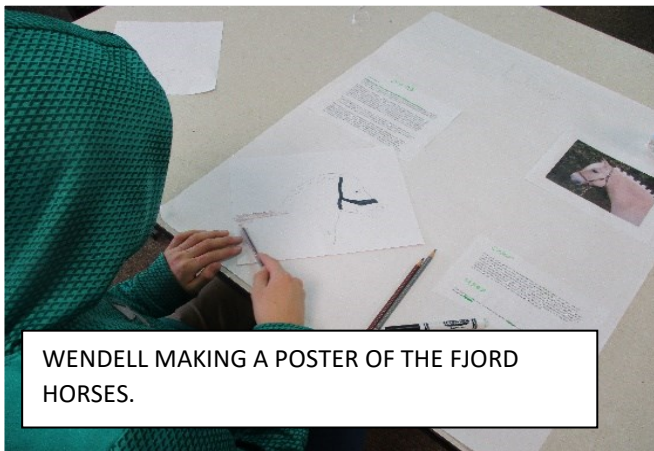
STAR THE HORSE PUPPET WORKING WITH LUPE, RIKKI, TIERAHNEE.



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RIKKI AND LUPE BRAIDING MOLLY'S MANE



WENDELL MAKING A POSTER OF THE FJORD HORSES.



TIERAHNEE SHOWING HER SKILLS ON MOLLY

## Music Notes: Congratulations to NVC Band performers!



Anpetu waste, friends! Our high school band students have been preparing three challenging pieces for the NVC Band Clinic in Verdigre on March 20. This year, senior clarinet player Khalib Whipple was able to attend several full band rehearsals – and he was often the only one on his part, demonstrating bravery and professionalism in the face of a long day. Senior flute player Lexi Saul, pictured below, finished her final NVC concert strong. When asked which piece of music she liked the best out of the nine prepared pieces over the last three years, she replied that she enjoyed all of them!

### Upcoming Performance: District Solo and Ensemble Contest, April 20

Lexi is working on a flute solo for district contest in Osmond, where she will be rated based upon several musical categories by a professional flutist. Miss Julene Kay will accompany her on piano.

### Spring Concert: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade concert in the SCS multipurpose room on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the culmination of our spring musical learning, and we look forward to seeing you all there. We will have an optional meal at 5 PM and the concert will begin promptly at 6.

### Upcoming Musical Field Trips

Please be on the lookout for information I will soon send home regarding two optional musical field trips. The first is open to 7-12 musicians and music lovers, and is the Band Extravaganza Concert, held at USD on Sunday, April 15 at 3pm. The second is open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade music students, and is the Jazz Machine / Ebony & Crimson singers at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, on Sunday, April 22, at 2pm. Both concerts are free, and timing ensures students will be fed and return home at a reasonable hour. More information on these shows is coming soon!

Pidamiyaye,

Miss Knight



# TESTING



## Upcoming Testing Dates:

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

ACT - Juniors

**Tuesday, April 10 - Friday, April 20**

Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) -

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will complete State English Language Arts and Math tests

Grades 5 and 8 will also complete a State Science test

**There are several things parents can do to help their child prepare for the upcoming tests:**

1. A good night's sleep
2. A nutritious breakfast
3. Being in school during testing is very important

***SIXTH GRADE WILL BE HATCHING EGGS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL! LET THE GAMES BEGIN.... ASK YOUR STUDENT HOW THEIR EGGS ARE DOING.***

***- MRS.CROSLEY***



# LITTLE WARRIORS

Little Warriors Preschool has been busy. We have been learning about Dr. Seuss.



We made a Fox in Socks puppet. Worked on some rhyming words while reading the book.

We started the Pet study. We are learning about different pets, the place they live, characteristics about each animal, and to take care of a pet. Here we are making our pet dog.



Some upcoming dates to remember: Monday April 2-NO School -Easter Monday. Friday and Saturday April 13&14-NO Pre-school due to staff attending a workshop. Wednesday April 18- No Preschool staff will be attending a GOLD training. Monday, April 23- Music concert 5:00 meal -6:00 program.

2nd - Deonna R.

19th - Jamison M.

3rd - Nathan S. \* Austyn S.

21st - Stevie P.

5th - Jason F.

24th - Rudy J. \* Foster C.

6th - Sonny T.

29th - Raelynn B.

4th - James K.

*Happy Birthday*

7th - Oscar M.

*To You*

9th - Nathaya S.

*From*

10th - Presley K.

*Santee Community*

13th - Shanise S.

*School*

14th - Clayton L.

15th - Guadalupe R.

16th - Calvin C.

*April Birthdays*

*Happy  
Birthday!*





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FCS CLASSES

QUIZ BOWL, NDN TACO MAKING, ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREAT, RIBBON SKIRT & SHIRT MAKING





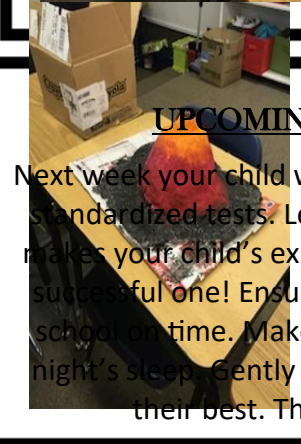
# Mrs. LaPlante's 4th Grade Home Room Class

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students just finished up their unit on Changes in Matter. They did some fun activities on changing things from solids to liquid, liquids to solids etc. Their favorite was making candles that they got to take home.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students just finished up their Chapter on Introduction to Plants. The students learned that plants are an incredibly important kingdom of organisms. They are multicellular organisms with the amazing ability to make their own food from carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. They provide the foundation of many food webs and animal life would not exist if plants were not around. We are also in the process of attempting to grow radish plants so they can see the growth development. So far we have not seen any progress, so keep your fingers crossed.



The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders on volcanoes on March 19<sup>th</sup>. They also constructed 2 volcanoes that they had erupt after they gave their reports.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Next week your child will be taking our state's standardized tests. Let's work together and make your child's experience a positive and successful one! Ensure your child arrives at school on time. Make sure they get a good night's sleep. Gently encourage them to do their best. Thanks so much!

## Purpose And Direction

### Community School Partnership

Our Purpose and Direction team has discussed our community partners and how we have done this year working together. So far, we are looking at our Vision and Mission Statements to make sure they reflect the good attributes of our school. We know this is an ongoing process, however, building relationships is important to us at Santee Community School and we want to know how we are doing.

The Purpose and Direction team is asking all individuals and businesses that have an interest in Santee Community School to please complete the Community School Partnership Assessment located in this newsletter and return it to Leah Hrbek, Amber Knight, Kristy Mackeprang, or the front desk.

We have a great community and want to keep strengthening relationships with everyone. Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return the quick survey!

## Preschool Community Partners

This time we are talking about community. In Preschool, we are partners with the dentist office at the clinic. They provide us with fluoride treatments and the Miles for Smiles program. The WIC office has provided us with toothbrushes and toothpaste which we use each day. We visit the fire station and get to the sirens.

