

# Santee Community School

## Newsletter

February 2018

### February Dates To Remember

**Feb. 8 - Preschool & Kindergarten dismissal @ 12pm K-12  
Dismissal @ 1 pm**

**Feb. 8 - 9-12 Assembly @ 11:30 Sponsored by SSN Youth Program & Mark Henry**

**Feb. 8 & 9—DPI hosted @ Santee Community School**

**Feb. 9 - NO SCHOOL**

**Feb. 12 - 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.**

**Feb. 15 - Parent Teacher conferences 4-6 pm**

**Feb. 19 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day**

**Feb. 22 - NO School PreK - 3rd Grade ONLY**

**Feb. 23 - No School PreK - 6th grade ONLY**

**Feb. 28 - Joe Starita Cultural Speaker @  
8:40 am**



## Elementary Principal Corner



This newsletter is full of information on the “WHY” for education. What do we stand for as a school district? Looking at this question through the lens of a student – not just asking, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” but also asking “What do you want your life to look like?”

The school has a huge responsibility to make the answer to that question come true.

The school’s Vision Statement needs to summarize the answer to that question and the Mission statement needs to state goals to achieve the Vision. The school is focusing on four C’s to accomplish this Vision – Career, Character, Culture, and Community. This newsletter is going to give you information on Career Education and how it is one “WHY” we need to be in school to learn and develop skills. Please take time to read the newsletter.

We have many important dates in Feb. Please make sure to check the school calendar often. We will be hosting the Dakota Plains Invitational Basketball Tournament for boys and girls. We will have an early release on Thursday and no school on Friday. Please check the calendar.

The PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff will be attending the Nebraska Literacy Conference Feb. 22 and 23. Due to this great opportunity the Pre-School through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will not have school those dates. The 4-6 grade students will have school on Feb. 22 – as they will be attending “The Lightning Thief” theatre production in Norfolk at the Norfolk Arts Center. Permission slips will be handed out for that event.

There will be NO school for 4-6 grades on Feb. 23.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Feb. 8 – DPI 1st-12th dismiss at 1:00

**PK- K dismiss at 12:00**

Feb. 9 – **No School** – DPI Tournament

Feb. 12 - **PLC Day – busses will run at regular time – regular school day**

Feb. 19 – **No School** – President’s Day

Feb. 22 – No School – PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Feb. 23 – No School – PK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade



# CHECK IT OUT!



**Vision Statement:**

Santee Community School ensures all students are prepared to be successful members of society.

**Mission Statement:**

Santee cares for students through career exploration, cultural growth, character development and community involvement.

*The focus for February is **career exploration**. The newsletter includes information about career exploration and career and technical education (CTE). Be sure to look for information on how students are exploring careers in every class in the news articles in this edition.*

## With CTE—Students Succeed!

In order for students to succeed, we need to prepare them for the ever-changing world, which means not only college readiness but career readiness to achieve in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We believe that career and technical education (CTE) offers a unique opportunity to engage students in a variety of experiences incorporating academic, creative and technical skills with specific goals of preparing students for all of like that comes after high school.

Career and technical education helps students develop a long list of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. At Santee, we are focusing on:

1. **Initiative and Self Direction:** Students will learn to self-start on tasks and projects, and reflect on progress to reach the next steps.
2. **Productivity and Accountability:** Students are responsible for productivity, effort, positive attitude, and social behavior.
3. **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Students and teachers will apply the above skills to a variety of projects, and adapt to the needs of each task.

Our goal at Santee Community School is that CTE will become an integral part of every student's education so that all students graduate from high school globally competitive for work, prepared for postsecondary education and ready for life as positive, contributing members of our community and global society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Check out our goals for CTE in our priority plan posted on our website: <http://www.santeeschools.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/District%7CPriority%20School%20Progress%20Plan>

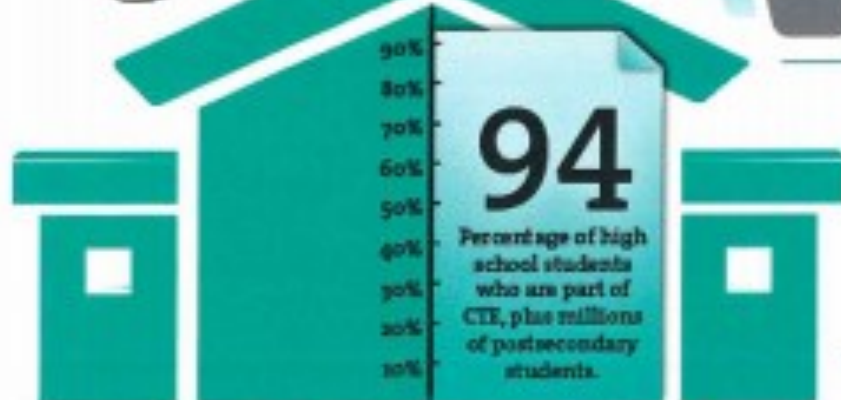
# What is Career and Technical Education?

ACTE



Fulfills employer needs that are

**High** skill wage demand



Includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more.



Integrates with academics in a rigorous and relevant curriculum.



Features high school and postsecondary partnerships, enabling clear pathways to certifications and degrees.



Prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills.



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Creating Success for Careers

# Little Preschool News/Careers



Career exploration starts in Preschool. We have looked at different careers.

Here are some pictures about different careers.

We are being engineers with the Code-A-Pillars.

Together we worked as architects by building car ramps in the block area.



They are being artists in the writing area.

The Little Warriors have been working on the road study. We have been learning about different places a road can take us. We have also explored different types of transportation that uses a road. We discovered that not all vehicles use a road. We have made different types of transportation vehicles that has helped us learn our names, shapes, numbers, and jobs that we can do when we get bigger.

The Preschool staff would like to say thank you to all parents and guardians that attended the Bright Awards Breakfast on January 30, 2018.

February dates to remember:

- February 8th- out at 12 due to DPI Tournament
- February 9th- No School due to DPI Tournament
- February 15th-Parent-teacher conference 4-6
- February 19th- No School Presidents Day Holiday
- February 22-23- No Preschool staff training in Kearney



Hello, I am taking this opportunity to recognize the Jr. High girls basketball team for completing the 2017-18 basketball season. Our team finished the season with three wins and six losses. The girls played well in every game, and continued to get better as the season went on. I want to thank the fans and school for supporting the team, and to Mr. Folkers for helping coach this season. Overall, I am very proud of the girls and was pleased with the success we had this year. I hope our girls continue to work hard in the classroom and the court during the offseason.

Thank You

Coach Kameron Runnels



## Third Grade

Welcome to the terrific third graders news! They have been working hard, being responsible, and rising to Mrs. Hrbek's expectations. Even though we had some snow days, they still stuck with the routine and expectations. These qualities are very important for life.

We will be doing lots of writing in February! We are exploring our United States as we cover the midwestern states. Please come visit us and see us being responsible learners that are here on time, on task, and trying our best!

### 2nd Grade News

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day in school yesterday doing a couple different activities – finding 100 words in the classroom, writing about what we would do if we had 100 dollars, and creating a picture of what we will look like when we are 100 years old. Can't believe how fast this year has gone by! In science we began a unit on weather and students have been learning about different weather patterns and the water cycle. In math we began our unit on fractions and the students are doing a really great job identifying and writing fractions! We finished up our MAPS testing last week and all of the students did an awesome job – I was so proud of them! They all reached their goals and were very happy with their scores. We hope you have a great week and stay warm!

Mrs. Steffen

## 6th Grade News

January 29, 2018

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is here

It's time to celebrate and cheer

But before we look ahead

Let's think of all we've learned instead

Reading, Writing and Science too

Social Studies, Math and Classroom rules

We learned how great a friend can be

With kindness, trust and honesty

We learned to always give our best

NO matter how hard the test gets!

When you believe that you can grow

A shining star is what you'll show!

So think of all we've learned so far

What's your all -time favorite part?

### **May favorite thing I have learned so far is...**

Benny: Science about inherited traits.

Akeam: Science about heredity and cells.

Jason: In science learning about cells.

Brandon: PE learning new games.

Layla: Science learning about patterns.

Jayquin: Math we learned how to divide.

Angel: I enjoyed reading The Middle Five.

Adelia: Science when we learned about patterns.

Wambdi: In math we learned about shapes.

Brad: Reading The Middle Five.

Sidney: Science, cause I passed most of my tests.

Hoksida: Recess can be dangerous.

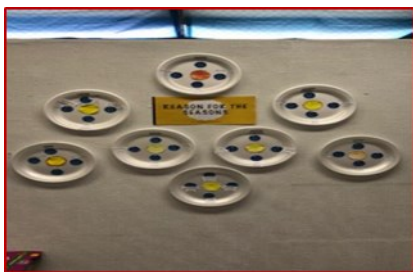
Marisol: English, because we read The Middle Five.



# Mrs. LaPlante's 4th Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students just finished up their unit on Changes to Earth's Surface. I would say the student's favorite part was learning more in depth about the layers of the Earth. They remember learning the layers from 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but thought it was cool how more information was added on .

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been learning about Earth & Space. So far, they have made a diagram demonstrating the motions of Earth, the Moon and the Sun, they have done activities on the phases of the moon, and they are able to describe characteristics of planets in the solar system.



## *Bright Awards Breakfast*



Reina, Talia, Aiyana, Nate and Timmy were all presented awards at the honoring ceremony celebrating student achievements on January 30, 2018. Thank you to all of the parents that attended the ceremony



Congratulations to all students for completing their MAP testing. They all put forth their best effort

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying Careers In Science. Last week we were on a quest for leeches. The students are learning that there are so many different careers out there that they never even knew existed. Classifying living things will be our focus for this week.



Walking into a winter wonderland~ thanks to our students and paras who transformed our hallways into the winter theme. Pictured is the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student's penguin art work.

## Special Education Department

Hello friends and families of  
Santee Community School,



I would like to give a warm welcome to the newest addition to the Special Education Department here at Santee Community School, Bridget Kuchar. Bridget graduated from Wayne State College with her Bachelors Degree in Special Education. She will be working specifically with the high school students. Bridget is a resident of Bloomfield along with her husband and three children.

The Special Education staff would like to remind families to feel free to call or visit the school whenever there is a question concerning your child. You can reach Julene Kay, Stacy Pedersen, Heather Lancaster, or Bridget Kuchar at 402-857-2741.

### **A few of the sixth grades students who received a gift from Dean Jacobs when he went to the Amazon!**



- Feb. 7 - Daeonnah Henry
- Feb. 11 - McKenzie Runnels
- Feb. 17 - Khalib Whipple
- Feb. 18 - Nelia Denney
- Feb. 19 - Marquis Tuttle
- Feb. 21 - Tierahnee Tuttle
- Feb. 23 - Asa DeCory
- Feb. 24 - TaMarie Bruguier
- Feb. 25 - Orin Archambeau

*Happy Birthday  
To You  
From  
Santee Community*



## Internal Communication Committee

As part of our school improvement process, staff members of the Santee School found that communication needed improvement. To help improve communication, a Communication Committee was formed, and its members broke into two sub-teams: Internal and External. One of the goals of the Internal Communication Team is to better promote student achievement to its community partners. The team felt that one way to accomplish this goal is to plan and present a monthly honoring of students who achieve in various areas.

Our first Honoring Ceremony was titled "Bright Awards Breakfast" and held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 during breakfast. Students with Perfect Attendance, Stellar Attendance, Gold Honor Roll (4.0) and Blue Honor Roll (3.5-3.9) were honored. Parents and community members were invited to attend and rolls, coffee and juice were provided. Our next Honoring Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 27. More information will be forthcoming.

