

The Raider Nation News

JANUARY 1, 2013

Jr. High Girls Finish Successful Season

The 2012 Southern Jr. High Girls basketball teams had a very successful season with winning records by both teams and placing high at recent tournaments. Final regular season records include:

7th Grade: 5 - 1 season with 1st place finish in Wilber-Clatonia Tournament.

8th Grade: 4 - 2 season with 2nd place finish in Wilber Clatonia Tournament.

The above standings were taken into final tournament action at the 2nd annual Bobcat Shootout at Peru State College. As a combined team in the 7th/8th grade division, the Lady Raiders played a 5 game round robin tournament at Peru State against Falls City Sacred Heart, Nebraska City, Falls City Public, and Worth County (Missouri). In continuing their strong season, these Lady Raiders finished 2nd place in this tournament taking home some nice hardware. Congrats to the Jr. High Lady Raiders on their success and a great 2012 season.

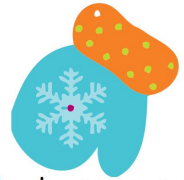
Pictured below: Back row, L to R : Student Manager Tiffany Christen, Coach Mike Ringen, Erin Hagood, LaCole Young, Emily Zvolanek, Elizabeth Harding, Kyra Maguire, Shelby Cresse, Coach Alicia Callahan; Front Row: Madison Zvolanek, Megan Moore, Sammie Anderson, Sydney Bennett, & Sarah Garrels. Not pictured: Taylor Vanover (Injury)



The Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Gene Haddix

Dear Students, Parents, & Patrons,

I trust that everyone is enjoying the Christmas break. I am looking forward to all the activities that will be happening at the school in the next few months. If the second half of the school year goes as fast as the first, it will soon be graduation day and summer time. Sorry to mention graduation Seniors and Senior Parents! Raiders, keep up the good work in the second semester.



Each year I include in the newsletter information about the Southern Public Schools demographic. The following is information about our school district.

Southern Public Schools Demographics for 2012-2013

Elementary student enrollment grades PK - 6	206 students
High School student enrollment grades 7 - 12	192 students
Total valuation of the district	\$230,438,422
Tax rate for the General Fund	1.096207
Tax rate for Bond Fund	0.189800
Tax rate for Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	0.023670
State Aid	\$1,813,606.53

Class III School District

Have a fun & safe break! See you all next semester. Go Raiders!

Mr. Haddix



Elementary Principal's Update by Mr. Jerry Rempé

As we are gearing up for second semester, we have a few reminders for you. We will be starting the after school program on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013. If you have been notified that your child is able to attend, please make sure that you return the permission forms as soon as possible. Also, if your student is being dropped off in the mornings, he/she will not be able to enter the school until 7:45 a.m. and breakfast will start at that time. We will see your children back in school on Jan. 7, 2013. I hope you are having a safe and happy holiday vacation.



The Hope Crisis Center visits Mr. Day's Health Class

Mrs. Cari Emerson and Ms. Mandy Van Laningham from the Hope Crisis Center were guest speakers in Mr. Day's Health class. The Crisis Center, located in Fairbury, covers 7 counties in southeast Nebraska. The students were informed about different types of abuses that affect lives each day. Mrs. Emerson, the abuse advocate for a victim, explained her role to the students and services she can offer to people who have been abused. Ms. Van Laningham is the educational outreach person for the Crisis Center. She presents domestic and spousal abuse prevention programs to schools, churches, community and civic organizations. Her presentation about dating abuse shows a pattern of violent behavior that a partner used against a girlfriend/boyfriend. She stated that each year approximately one in four adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional or sexual abuse by their dating partner. Approximately one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner and up to 60% of students are in an abusive dating relationship before high school graduation.

Some safety tips shared with the class were:

Trust your instincts, if a situation makes you uncomfortable, try to stay calm and find a way to remove yourself from the situation.

Consider double-dating the first few times you go out with a new person.

Assert yourself when necessary. Be firm and straight forward in your relationships.

Red flags for people in a relationship to look carefully for were presented to the class.

These included: changing a lot since the relationship started, constantly calling or texting and getting mad if there is no response, making their partner embarrassed or ashamed in public, acting jealous a lot and frequently accusing the other person of cheating or flirting, and making their partner feel "owned" or like a possession. Before leaving the class, the presenters provided the students with a 24 hour Confidential Crisis Line that is open 7 days a week. That number is 1-877-388-4673.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

JAN. 1 TO JAN. 4 - No School for students

JAN. 7 - 3rd Quarter Begins

**JAN. 14 - Southern Board of Education Meeting
Pioneer Conference Instrumental
Music Clinic**

JAN. 21 - UNK Honor Band and Choir

JAN. 24 - 2nd & 3rd Grade Vocal Music Concert

JAN. 26 - MUDECAS Speech

JAN. 31 - Pioneer Conference Art Exhibit



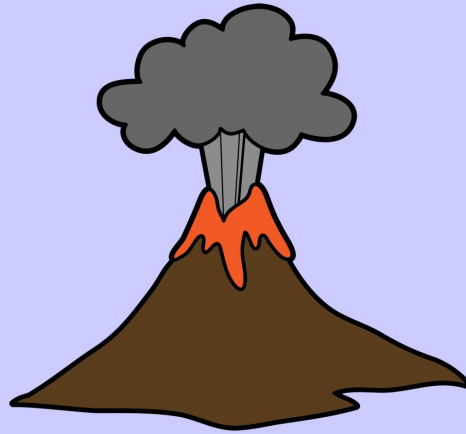
At left: Sweet and Sassy ladies prepare to warm-up for the Christmas Concert. L to R - Alexis Thrasher, Madison Bennett, Mariah Canfield, Rozlyn Cole and Tejai Turek.

At right: The following students were selected by audition to the UNK Honor choirs and Honor band to be held in January at UNK. Over 1,000 students auditioned. Congratulations on being accepted!! Tejai Turek, Festival Band; Alexis Thrasher, Women's Chorus; and Jordan & Jacob Harding, Festival Choir.



At left: Mrs. Swanson's First grade classroom celebrated the holidays by watching Polar Express in their pajamas. It is a story about a boy who is whisked away by Santa while still in his pajamas.





The Fifth Graders have finished studying volcanoes. As a project, some of the students tried to create a volcano. Vinegar and baking soda or Diet Coke and Mentos (the favorite) were used for the eruption. There were quiet eruptions, which create a shield volcano and there were explosive eruptions forming cinder-cone volcanoes.

Volcano





Merry Christmas from Mrs. Breunsbach's Class



Students from Mrs. Cordry's speech and English 12 classes delivered gifts to the Good Samaritan Center in Wymore, NE on Dec 21, 2012.

This & That



Left & Right: The elementary celebrated Christmas on Dec. 21st with class parties. In the afternoon, the students enjoyed watching the movie "Brave" while eating popcorn and drinking juice. The day concluded with the annual Christmas sing-a-long.



Left and Below: Mrs. Breunsbach's kindergarteners are mad scientists! They are learning what scientists do: 1) Ask a question, 2) Form a hypothesis, 3) Test the hypothesis, 4) Observe & record, & 5) Form a conclusion.

