

The Raider Nation News

February 1, 2013



Snow Angels Visit Southern Elementary

The Liberty Auxiliary Unit 346 donated coats, gloves, hats, a scarf, 25 boxes of crayons and wet wipes to the Kindergarten class at Southern Elementary. All items were very much appreciated, especially on cold winter mornings. The ladies pictured above are: l to r, Marsha Barr, Myna Lee Barr, Marcia Husa, Marilyn Goosen, and Virginia Larsen.



**WHAT DO YOU
DO WHEN
THERE'S NO
SNOW????
YOU MAKE AN
INDOOR
SNOWMAN LIKE
THE SOUTHERN
PRESCHOOLERS
DID!!!**



The Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Gene Haddix



Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons,

Southern Public Schools will replace the gym bleachers this summer. The bleacher seats are a contoured seat module designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and durability. The seat has a unique waterfall front that allows the fans to tuck their ankles back. This provides superior comfort by taking pressure off the posterior and creating 30% more knee space between the person seated at the next row. The telescopic bleacher system is controlled by a fully automatic power system designed to open and close wall-attached bleachers at the touch of a button. The new red and black bleachers will be a great improvement for our gym and fans' comfort. Johnson County Central has this bleacher system in their gym.

January has been an excellent month for the Raiders. February should be an exciting and productive month, too, as the students strive to do their best in all the scheduled activities. Please see the activities calendar and come out to watch the talent of our students as they perform. Our students continue to represent Southern Public Schools well in the fine arts areas and athletics.

January has been a good month for our Wrestling and Basketball teams. I am so proud of their conduct and their competitiveness. How exciting it was to have our basketball teams represent Southern Public Schools well at the Holiday Tournament and MUDECAS Tournament.

The Wrestling team is having good success with several individuals placing at the wrestling meets, too. Thanks to the cheerleaders, student body, staff and fans for your support.

Keep up the great work!

Let's make February even better! Happy Valentine's Day!

Go Raiders!

Mr. Haddix



From the desk of Mr. Jeff Murphy,
Secondary Principal



Elementary Principal's
Update
by Mr. Jerry Rempe

With images of the terrible tragedy in Newtown, CN, still in our minds, I am sure that we are all asking ourselves, "Are our children safe when we send them to school?" I am not sure there is any school that can say that a terrible tragedy will never happen there, but I can tell you that all schools, including Southern, have taken and will continue to take the necessary precautions to protect children the best that they can. Southern has an outside committee that comes in yearly to do a safety audit on our school district. Every year Southern receives high marks on the safety of our buildings and we also receive recommendations in areas that we can make improvements to help keep our students and staff safe. We take these recommendations very seriously and are always looking at ways to make our district a safer place for your child. A reminder that when you come to the high school, you have to be "buzzed" in. Our secretaries have been asked to be very cautious when letting individuals into our building during the school day. We ask that you please be patient with them, as they are doing this for the safety of your children.

Just a reminder that we have Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for February 7th at 3pm to 8pm. The Elementary will be dismissing at 1:20 p.m. that day.

I would like to congratulate the Boys Varsity basketball team for their Class B Division Championship at this year's MUDECAS Basketball Tournament. I would also like to congratulate the Girls Varsity basketball team on their 3rd place finish in the Class A Division of the MUDECAS Basketball Tournament.

Band News

On Saturday, Febr. 9th, the Senior High Band will be attending the show, "Drum Line Live!" This show is an extension of the movie "Drumline" and is about black college marching bands. The movie shows the level of musicianship and pride expected at the college level. This show will continue to entertain crowds as the movie did.

Band members and parents of Band Trip 2016 will be serving a Potato Bake meal during the girls and boys high school basketball games on Tuesday, Febr. 5th. Students are raising funds for their trip to Minneapolis in the spring of 2016. These students are in grades 6 - 9 now and in the school year 2015/2016, they will be 9th to 12th graders in HS Band. (Please see the flyer inside the cover of this newsletter.)

The Band Trip 2016 also has a Casey's Pizza and Donut Card Fundraiser going on. The pizza cards are \$15 and include a free medium pizza when you buy a large pizza. The card has 10 punches so you get 10 free medium pizzas. The donut card works the same way; you buy 6 donuts and you get 6 free. That card also has 10 punches. The cards will be available for purchase during the games on the 5th as well as from any band trip member. They will be sold until the end of February.

World Book Online Resource is Available for Home Use

Our media centers would like to remind you that World Book Online is a service provided to us by ESU 5 and can be accessed from home by any Southern student or staff member.

The link is www.worldbookonline.com

The ID is esu5wb

The password is home5

World Book Online contains three levels for schools--World Book Kids for Kindergarten to 3rd grades, World Book Student for grades 4 to 8, and World Book Advanced for high school students.

World Book Online is a great resource for school assignments and also contains interesting activities that can be done at home.

Log on and see how enjoyable learning can be!

Dates to Remember:

Febr. 1 & 2 - Pioneer Conf. Art Exhibit @ HTRS

Febr. 7 - Early Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conf.

Febr. 11 - Board of Education Meeting

Febr. 14 - Valentine's Day

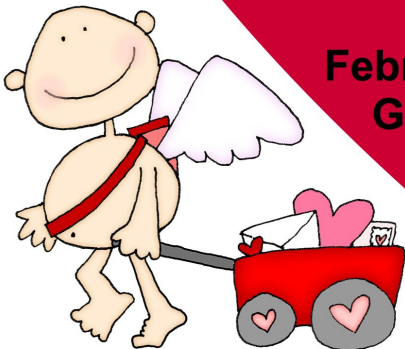
**Febr. 16 - NSIAAA/NCA Cheer & Dance
Competition**

Febr. 18 - No School, Presidents' Day

**Febr. 18 - Student Council Convention
held at Southern**

**Febr. 20 - Pioneer Conference
Speech**

**Febr. 26 - 5th to 12th
Grade Instrumental
Concert**



Mrs. Cordry's 2nd Quarter Honor Winners

Taylor Vanover, Rozlyn Cole, & Luke Creek (pictured at right), were among the students receiving top honors in Mrs. Cordry's classes for 2nd Semester.

Not shown are: Tiffany Elliott, Dana Keedy, and Keaton Borgman.



6th Grade Science News

The 6th grade students in Mr. Hookstra's and Miss Bartels' science classes have been learning about the properties of matter. In this demonstration, students created a 9 layer tower of density. The display shows how ordinary household items are able to be "stacked" according to their different densities. Miss Dunekacke, Jr. High Science teacher, provided collaborative information for these elementary students. (See picture below)



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Mrs. Breunsbach's kindergarten was busy in January! We studied about snow and the water cycle, hibernation, penguins, and Martin Luther King, Jr. We also celebrated the 100th day of school! We are working hard in reading and learning to add!

Future Runnin' Raider Night!

On Tuesday, Febr. 5th, the Southern Raider basketball teams would like to invite all Southern Elementary students to attend the home basketball games against Lewiston. The JV girls will start at 4 pm followed by the boys JV, girls varsity and boys varsity. It will be free for all elementary students. Please wear Southern Raider apparel or Southern colors (red, black & white) and you get in FREE! Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to support your Raiders. Wear Red, be loud, and cheer on your Raiders!

Counselor's Corner

It's FAFSA Time! EducationQuest and Southern Public Schools are offering one on one meetings at Southern Jr./Sr. High on February 12th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Les Monroe from EducationQuest will meet with families individually to help complete this process.

If you're a college-bound senior, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for state, federal and college-based financial aid. Submit the form before your college's FAFSA priority date because financial aid is awarded first-come, first-served. Priority dates usually fall between March 1 and April 1. To learn your college's priority date, check the financial aid section of their website or contact their financial aid office.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA:

Request a PIN

Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for you and one for a parent at pin.ed.gov. The PIN is your signature for the electronic FAFSA and is used to track your financial aid application.

Complete your taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Within three weeks after you and your parents electronically file your tax forms, your IRS data should be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA. See the "[Paying for College](#)" section at EducationQuest.org for more details about IRS Data Retrieval.

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2012 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2012 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CD's, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that your or your parents live on and operate.
- 2012 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2012 Workers Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2012 such as housing/food/living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC

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FAFSA Continued:

Complete and file the FAFSA

Complete and file the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. The colleges you list on the application will receive the results.

If you're filing the FAFSA and would like *free* personal help, call the EducationQuest Lincoln office at 800-303-3745. Call *now* as appointments for February 12 will be filled fast.

Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound is a unique program for 9th through 12th grade students at Southern High School who have academic potential and who are interested in obtaining a college degree. The purpose of the Upward Bound Program is to assist and encourage talented high school students to achieve their educational goals. Upward Bound helps its participants succeed in high school and prepare for and enroll in college. The program encourages students to think about how they want to contribute to the future and how they can prepare to face the challenges that lie ahead -- at no cost to the student or family. The combination of intensive study and organized recreation helps foster confidence, teamwork, leadership, responsibility and friendship.

Upward Bound Academic School Year Program

In the Upward Bound Program, students receive:

- Tutoring in support of their present high school classes.
- Guidance and support in selecting academic, career and post-secondary opportunities.
- Workshops and group activities to build self-confidence and self-reliance.
- Enrichment activities to develop creative thinking, effective expression and positive attitudes toward learning.
- Cultural awareness through exposure and participation in cultural activities, tours of historical and geographical sites, and visits to other educational facilities.
- Friendships and relationships developed by meeting others who share similar goals.

Summer Program

The Upward Bound Program includes a summer component during which students attend academic enrichment classes on the campus of Southeast Community College.

The summer program consists of an intensive six-week learning experience to further enhance students' academic and motivational levels. Students have the opportunity to attend several college tours and earn an out-of-state educational/cultural/recreational trip.

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Bridge Academy

The summer Bridge Academy is a college experience for participants who have graduated from high school. Students take college classes, explore career and educational options, and learn how to succeed.

Eligibility

A student may be eligible for Upward Bound if she or he:

1. Is between the ages of 13 and 19 and has completed eighth grade but not entered 12th grade.
2. Is a legal resident of the United States.
3. Has a need for academic support to successfully pursue a program leading to a post-secondary degree.
4. Comes from a family who meets the income criteria as established by the Department of Education, and/or is a first-generation student (neither parent has a four-year college degree).

Participants will be selected through a formal screening process. Students admitted to the program sign a contract agreeing to make their academic studies and personal development a priority. Participants are willing to do their best.

Melissa Decker, Upward Bound Coordinator, will be explaining the Upward Bound Program to all 8th graders during 6th hour on February 13th.

Registration for 2013/2014 Classes

Parents of 8th through 11th graders should be talking to your students about classes for next year. Beginning with the Class of 2015, graduation requirements are different than the previous classes. Registration for classes for 2013-2014 will begin the end of January and will only have about a 10 day window to complete the process. Read page 70 of the Parent Student Handbook to determine which graduation requirements will be needed. Only senior high classes are used to meet graduation requirements. College requirements should also be researched to assist in the class registration decision.