

RAIDER NATION NEWS

APRIL 1, 2013

Busy, Busy Kindergartners!!!

Mrs. Breunsbach's kindergartners have had a busy couple of months celebrating Groundhog Day, Dr. Seuss, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. They have been working hard on addition and subtraction in math, learning about our body systems, watching our caterpillars make chrysalis' and waiting for butterflies, and planting sunflower seeds. (See pictures below)



SOUTHERN ELEMENTARY IS SAVING LABELS!!!

Alex Bender and Hunter Rath (at left) have worked very hard trimming and counting 4,108 Campbell's labels, 5,380 Boxtops for Education, 470 Nestle Pure Life Water labels and 457 Land O'Lakes milk tops during their "life skills" class. Thank you boys!! And thank you to everyone who donated their boxtops, labels and milk tops!

SPRINGTIME



The Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Gene Haddix

Dear Students, Parents and Patrons,

Southern Public Schools is developing an arrangement with Head Start and ESU #5 to expand our Preschool services. The partnership between Head Start, ESU #5 and Southern Public Schools would provide another option for preschool families in our district that do not meet the guidelines for Head Start or services for the current preschool run by ESU #5. We are currently involved in meetings to work out all the details. Once all parties in the partnership have approved the plan, we will be contacting prospective families in early April with specific information about the expanded program and the eligibility guidelines.

The seniors are counting down the days to graduation. By the time you receive this newsletter, the seniors will only have twenty-six days of school left. Where has the school year gone? The remaining days of school always seem to go fast with all the spring activities. Please come and enjoy the many school activities as we bring this school year to a close. I know the staff and students will appreciate all your support and attendance at the spring events.

Hope you all have a Happy Easter break! Go Raiders!

Mr. Haddix



From the Desk of Mr. Jeff Murphy,
Secondary Principal

Although it may not appear or feel like Spring, we are heading into that last stretch of the school year. I want to remind you of some dates when school will not be in session. On Thursday,

March 28, Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1st we will be on a Spring break. School will be dismissed at 12:50 pm at the Elementary and 1:00 pm at the Secondary on Monday, April 15th as Southern will be hosting the JR High MUDECAS Quiz Bowl. Please come out and support our students. There will be no school on Friday, April 19th. It is hard to believe that we are headed into April. We will be wrapping up another school year in a month. Please pay close attention to the school calendar and the school web site for changes or school activities that will be occurring. If we all keep our fingers crossed, we may finally get some of that Spring weather that we all have been hoping for.



Elementary Principal's Update
By Mr. Jerry Rempe

We have now begun the State testing schedule and I would just like to again ask for your help in making sure that your child knows the importance of this test. I would also like to thank all of you who attended our Family Game Night on March 12th. Once again, this was a great success. It would not have been possible without your attendance and the attendance of our staff. An important date that I would like to share with you is April 15th. We will be dismissing school early due to Southern hosting the JH MUDECAS Quiz Bowl. The elementary will dismiss at 12:50 pm. For your advanced planning and weather permitting, Fun & Field Day will be held on April 26th.

Southern Elementary Students Experience Science through Distance Learning

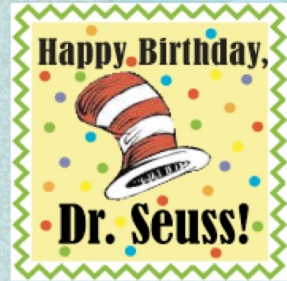
The pictures below were taken during an activity presented by ESU 5 Science instructor Dave Henning. Students and teachers experienced Newton's Law of Motion by riding a hovercraft. The hovercraft was powered by a leaf blower. ESU 5 Science instructors Dave Henning and Derek Niss present distance learning lessons to students in 3rd to 6th grades. Lessons cover a wide variety of content related to state standards. (contributed by Mr. Hookstra)



Fun with Dr. Seuss

Miss Royal's Kindergarten class celebrated Dr. Seuss Week by dressing up as the Cat in the Hat. They had Officer Davidson, Mr. Rempe, and Janet Roberts visit and read some of Dr. Seuss' books to them throughout the week. They also made Green Eggs and Ham and talked about the many places they want to go. (picture at left)

Left: Mrs. Swanson's students enjoy Dr. Seuss' Wacky Wednesday!



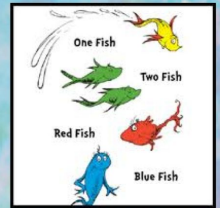
Chief Davidson (above right) and Mr. Denner (right) share their reading skills with the first graders.

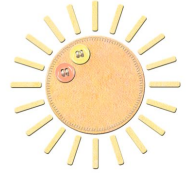
Contributed by Mrs. Swanson





SOUTHERN ELEMENTARY'S DR. SEUSSSTASTIC SNACK COMPETITION !!!





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PROM NOTE:
Promenade will begin at 8 pm. Bleachers will be set up and we are asking that everyone be seated on the bleacher side of the street. Thank you.



Conference Speech Contest
Rachael Cole received a superior in informative speaking & Alexis Thrasher received a superior for serious prose at the Pioneer Conference Speech Contest.

COOKIE DOUGH!!!!!!



Southern Elementary would like to thank the parents, relatives, community & staff members for supporting the Elementary Cookie Dough Fundraiser! We sold 1260 tubs of dough for approximately \$6000 in profit to be used on elementary programs and projects! There was a tie for top seller, KD Brigid Garton and 4th Gr. Zayda Taylor with 35 tubs each.

Southern JR-SR High School Third Qtr. Honor Roll

Superior Honor Roll		Regular Honor Roll	
96.0 to 100.00		93.0 to 95.99	
Matteo Mazzanti	12	Whitney Acton	12
Alexandra Meyer	12	Jacob Creevan	12
Kaitlyn Shepardson	12	Zachary Creevan	12
Derrick Vanover	12	Tyler Shalla	12
Taylor Zvolanek	12	Johnathon Spier	12
Chaysen Bednar	11	Nicole Zvolanek	12
Kelsey Buss	11	Kenneth Ames	11
Ashley Meints	11	Katelyn Billups	11
Haley Trauernicht	11	Jeryn Creek	11
Abbee Buss	10	Shelby Creek	11
Rachael Cole	10	Kiersten Zvolanek	11
Renee Jackson	10	Ellie Edmond	10
Rozlyn Cole	9	Dana Keedy	10
Emily Meints	9	Matt Lane	10
Kyra Maguire	8	Sydney Saathoff	10
Ethan Zvolanek	8	Brielle White	10
Preston Acton	7	Dillon Dorothy	9
		Tiffany Elliott	9
		Luke Creek	8
		Sam Hookstra	8
		Taylor Vanover	8
		Emily Zvolanek	8
		Sarah Garrels	7
		Dylan Hereth	7
		Sara McCrimmon	7
		Justin Meints	7
		Trevin Saathoff	7

Note From Mrs. Goes: Families wanting more information about a variety of colleges should attend the college fairs this Spring. April 7th from 1 to 3 pm at UNO and April 14th from 1 to 3 pm at SCC-Lincoln. For more details about the college fairs, visit EducationQuest/org.

Senior Scholarship Interview Day
Southern High School's 2013 Senior Scholarship Interview Day will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013. Any organization or group wishing to be a part of this interview process should please contact Mrs. Goes at the high school (402-645-3326) by Monday, April 15th. Organizations that have participated in the past should have received a letter in mid-March from Mrs. Goes asking for verification of their involvement this year. Usually over 20 seniors compete for scholarships that award over \$3,000 each year. Alumni that want to contribute to this cause can also donate to the Southern Foundation. We appreciate all donations and your continued support of Southern Public Schools graduates.

CAREER ACADEMY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Students from Career Academy attended Professional Development Day on March 20 at Doane College. They completed a Strength Finders inventory and listened to Jerlene Mosley from Gallup explain the 34 talent themes that this inventory identifies. Identifying your talents then helps you make decisions about careers and working with others. These students also had the experience of a mock interview with adult volunteers across the state and participated in a team building exercise with Christina Lyons from Gage County MAPS and Heather Lee from Beatrice Chamber of Commerce. Over 200 students across 15 counties and 37 school districts were invited to participate in this event. Southern students involved were Kelsey Buss, Nicole Zvolanek, Kiersten Zvolanek and Whitney Acton. These four students, as well as Chelsea Michaelis and Shelby Baehr who were not able to attend this event, are involved in the Career Academy Program. (picture at left)



College Prep Speaker

All 8th & 9th graders gathered in the auditorium on March 13th to listen to a Northwest Missouri State College staff member speak to them about preparing for college while you are still in high school. Among other reasons, on average, college graduates earn about \$1.7 million more throughout their adult life than high school graduates. Keys to college success are study habits, motivation, course selection, interests and commitment. Students should begin this process in their 8th grade year by recognizing their own personal strengths and weaknesses, analyzing their interests and values, participating in extracurricular and community activities and listening to family for advice

Southern Students Visit Wayne State College

College Access has been busy providing college visits to high school students. On March 22, 18 students traveled to Wayne, NE, for a group college visit of the Wayne State College campus. They were able to visit with a professor of their interest area as well as take a tour of the entire campus. Group college visits allow students to gain information about college costs, programs and individual opportunities that make that campus different from the rest. Students also get to experience a lunch in the campus cafeteria and often times, get a souvenir from that college. All students who participate in College Access activities get a chance to win an IPAD or a Kindle Fire at the end of school year. (Picture at right)



MUSIC



Enjoy these pictures from recent concerts: High School Concert Choir (above) and Elementary & Junior High Instrumental & Vocal Recital (below).

