

# The Raider Nation News

February 1, 2014



## Southern Kindergarten Has A Visitor From New Zealand

The Kindergarten class got a special visit from Maggie Clink in January. She is a New Zealand citizen who was visiting America. She wanted to visit an American school, so she spent the day in Mrs. Tjaden's kindergarten class.

She also toured the elementary doing a short presentation about New Zealand to the other classes in the building. It was a fun filled day of learning about New Zealand!



**It is the policy of Southern Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age or national origin in its education programs, administration, policies, employment or other district programs.**



## The Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Gene Haddix

Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons,

January has been another good month for the Raiders. I loved the Air-Sculptures created by the art students; they were really unique. I am looking forward to the upcoming play "Grease" to be presented by the Southern Students. Don't miss it.

The music students, who performed at the Sterling Basketball game, did an excellent job, and the singing of the National Anthem was outstanding. January has also been a good month for our basketball teams. They make the games very exciting right up to the last second of the game and they never give up.

The cheerleaders and sponsors did a great job with the little cheerleaders during the Sterling basketball game. Thank you to the cheerleaders, student body, sponsors, and the Raider fans for your support.

The Southern Wrestling team continues to medal several individuals at wrestling meets. Good luck at the Fairbury meet on January 31.

I am very proud of our students' competitiveness and spirit. Keep up the great work! Let's make February just as great or greater than January. Happy Valentine's Day!

Go Raiders!  
Mr. Haddix



From the desk of Mr. Jeff Murphy,  
Secondary Principal

Along with the many activities that are happening this month, February also means that it is time for our students to be deciding what their schedules will look like next year. Mrs. Goes will be meeting with students to help them decide what classes they will be taking in order to stay on track for graduation and meet state and local requirements. Please take the time to visit with your children about their class choices and what their plans are after High School. Talking about their future plans will help them determine what classes they should be signing up for. If you have any questions about classes or scheduling next year, please give Mrs. Goes or myself a call. State testing is also taking place in the months of February and March. Our staff has been stressing to our students the importance of the NeSA test. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously, as they do give us an indication as to what we, as a district, need to do a better job of covering in our classes.

Mr. Murphy



Elementary Principal's Update  
by Mr. Jerry Rempe

I can't believe that we have zoomed through the month of January already! I have a few things I want to make sure that everyone is aware of for the upcoming months. We will have Parent Teacher Conferences on Febr. 13th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. This means that we will have an early dismissal that day. The students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. It is nearing the time of year that we begin our state testing schedule. The 4th graders will begin the testing with State Writing the beginning of February and grades 3 - 6 will begin testing over Math, Science, and Language Arts at the end of March. A couple key things for parents to remember are that students need to be getting enough sleep and eating properly. We have been working hard throughout the year in an effort to continue to improve our scores. Finally, I would like to make sure you are aware that we will not have school on Monday, Febr. 17th.

Mr. Rempe



# MRS. CORDRY'S 2ND QTR. AWARDS

Receiving awards for most improved in Mrs. Cordry's classes are:  
Pictured below, left; Savannah Corter for speech; Alicia Pralle for English 8, period 4; Alexis Benson for English 9, period 3; Ashley Bartels for English 9, period 2; and Tiffany Christen for English 8, period 5.

Pictured below, center; Mrs. Cordry made scarves for the young ladies who received the top scores in her classes for 2nd quarter. Kyra Maguire for English 9, period 2; Rachael Cole for Speech; Hannah Keedy for English 9, period 3; and Sarah Garrels for English 8. Not shown is Tawny Gebhard for English 12.

Pictured below, right; Trevin Saathoff received a duck call for achieving the top grade in Mrs. Cordry's 4th period English 8 class.

WAY TO GO!!!!



## Dates to remember:

Febr. 5 - Elem. 6th Grade Grandparents Day

Febr. 10 - Board of Education Meeting

Febr. 12 - Elem. 3rd Grade Grandparents Day

Febr. 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences -Early Dismissal

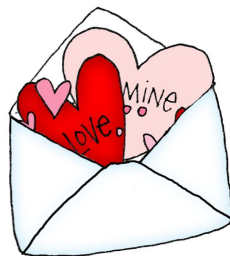
Febr. 14 - Valentine's Day

Febr. 17 - President's Day - No School

Febr. 19 - Elem. 5th Grade Grandparents Day

Febr. 25 - Elem. 4th Grade Grandparents Day

*Note: Southern Elementary students would like to invite their grandparents to have lunch with them. Grades 3rd through 6th will be celebrating in February and KD through 2nd grade will be celebrating in March. Call Southern Elem. to make your reservations. (402-645-3359)*





## Shining Stars Preschool

The morning class at Shining Stars has been learning about penguins. The children had the chance to experience what it is like to be a "daddy" penguin. They each held an egg on their feet to keep it warm, just like daddy penguins. They also did a science experiment about how the penguins keep warm. Each child stuck their bare hand in cold ice water. Then they put their hand in a bag filled with lard and submerged their hand again. The lard acts like the blubber that keeps the penguins warm as they swim and dive in the freezing water. Pictured above, left is Drake Troxel and above, right is Dehlyn Martin. Pictured below in the plaid shirt is Destiny Gerdes.





# Southern Students Attend Broadway Dreams Workshop

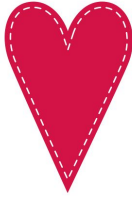
Kate Billups (Sr. Actress) and Renee Jackson (Pres. of Kids for the Arts Club) had the opportunity to take part in a Broadway Dreams Workshop in Omaha at the Holland Performing Arts Center from Broadway actor Craig D'Amico. Mr. D'Amico is the Education Director of the Broadway Dreams Foundation. He has performed on Broadway in the role of Tommy Keeler in the Tony Award-winning revival of *Annie*, *Get Your Gun* alongside Reba McEntire and Brent Barret.



## THANK YOU!!!

THE JUNIOR CLASS WOULD  
LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK  
YOU TO ALL OF THE  
PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND  
PATRONS WHO HELPED WITH  
THE WAFFLEMAN  
FUNDRAISER AND ATTENDED  
THE MEAL. IT WAS A HUGE  
SUCCESS AND WE REALLY  
APPRECIATE IT!!  
THE JR. CLASS, MS.  
ISHERWOOD & MS. WORKMAN





## SOUTHERN ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Jan. 23rd, Southern Elementary celebrated 100 days of school. Each group celebrated in different ways. For example, the first graders celebrated the 100th day by bringing a collection of 100 things to show the class. They graphed 100 M & M's and even got to eat some! Along with their many other activities, they each brought 100 snack pieces to share with their friends. The 2nd graders drew pictures of what they thought they would look like when they're 100 years old. They also wrote about what they would do if they had \$100 dollars. Some of the things they wanted to buy with \$100 included iPads, toys, games and even an airplane!

