

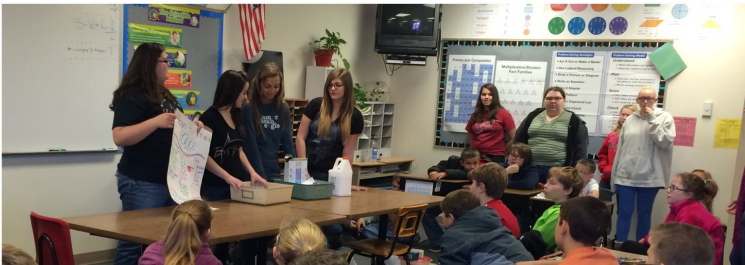
Raider Nation News

December 1, 2015



Science Club hosts Science Show for the Elementary

On November 13th, the Science Club put on a Science Show for the 5th graders at the elementary. Each Science Club member did a science demonstration and explained how it worked to the class. Demonstrations included the making of a comet, making "goo" (glue and borax polymer), a magnetic cannon, cornstarch and water, gravity demonstration, coke and mentos, and making cups that made chicken sounds. The Science Club meets after school on Mondays and is made up of junior and senior high school students who are interested in exploring science activities. Members who put on the show were: Whitney Wooton, KateLynn Lovell, Ashlyn Saathoff, Luke Creek, Allison Dunn, Tabitha Parde, Sara McCrimmon, Sable Nolan, Tiffany Christen, Celeste Pierson, Gabriella Hirschler, Draven Pearson, Jayden Harding, Tayha Eppens, Madalyn Hildebrandt and Courtney Woutzke. by Miss Jennifer Dunekacke



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Superintendent's Corner by Mr. Gene Haddix



I cannot believe we are about to end the first semester of school. It has been a semester filled with many great achievements by our students. We are so proud of their successes. I am looking forward to the start of our winter activities at Southern Public Schools. I know the students are ready to continue their successes during the winter sports, music, drama and speech activities. Please attend and support the students in all of their activities. I know the students appreciate your positive support. Keep up the Raider spirit!

The School calendar has the students dismissed at regular time on December 18, 2015 for Christmas Vacation and returning on January 4, 2016. As we have already held our inservice on Nov. 18, 2015, students and teachers will return to start the third quarter on January 4, 2016 at regular time.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Go Raiders!

Mr. Haddix

**From the desk of Mr. Jeff Murphy,
Secondary Principal**

'Tis the season for giving and once again this year, Southern Student Council put together a project that raised money to donate to the Wymore food pantry so that they can purchase items to help those in need when the holiday season comes around. Every year, Southern puts together a plan that will get the students and staff involved in a project that will be very beneficial to our community. This year, each school organization and staff member had the opportunity to make a monetary donation and Student Council will present a check to the food pantry. The community should be very proud of all of our students, staff and organizations for their support of this project.



**Elementary Principal's Update
by Mr. Jerry Rempe**



As we wind down the end of the semester, I just have a few reminders of things that will be coming up. Our 5th & 6th grades will be having their Winter Concert on December 15th starting at 7:00 p.m. This concert will be both Vocal and Instrumental. The next item will be the start of our winter sports seasons, and with that a reminder that during the games, students should be seated in the stands for the safety of both the athletes and the officials. If they need to use the restrooms or the concessions, try to do so during the breaks in quarters or the halftime. Finally, we will be having our traditional end of the semester movie in the afternoon on Dec. 18th. This will also signal the end of the semester for our students. We will dismiss at our regular time that day and will resume school on January 4th. I hope that you have great Holiday break!

Things keep moving along very rapidly. We are already past the midway point of the second quarter and your child's mid-quarter grades went out on November 13th. We encourage you to talk to your child about their grades and what they are doing in their classes. If you have questions about any of the classes, please call and visit with your child's teachers.

Winter sports season has started and the calendar is packed with activities. We hope to see you out cheering on the Raiders basketball and wrestling teams. The winter break will be upon us before we know it.
GO RAIDERS!!!!

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 13 - Jr. & Sr. High Christmas
Concert and Cake Auction

Dec. 14 - Board of Education Meeting

Dec. 15 - 5th & 6th Grades Vocal &
Instrumental Music Concert

Dec. 18 - End of First Semester &
Second Quarter

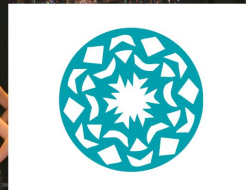
Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 - Christmas
Break

Jan. 4, 2016 - Third Quarter Begins

Southern Harmony Receives Best of Class Trophy at PSC Show Choir Festival

The members of Southern Harmony performed at the Peru State College Show Choir Festival on Oct. 28th. Students left school at 5:15 a.m. to perform at 8 a.m. and worked with a guest clinician, Tom Gerking from Sloan, IA. Southern students then watched other schools perform their individual shows. Southern was awarded the Best of Class Trophy. Members of Southern Harmony are: John Lonnborg, Rozlyn Cole, Mariah Canfield, Whitney Wooton, Jalan Fields, Ethan Zvolanek, Alexis Benson, Kaylee VanWinkle, Allison Dunn, Taylor Shaw, Lydia Davidson, Jordan Cookus, Justin Meints, Josh Gould and Loren Canfield.

by Miss Stephanie Mendyk





Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week activities were held October 29th at the Elementary in Blue Springs. Our elementary students were joined by the Junior and Senior High students for several activities including a balloon release. Please enjoy these pictures of their activities.



6th Graders Attend Sportsmanship Pep Rally

On November 6, 2015, the 6th grade students attended a Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally at Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The students listened to inspiring messages from several UNL athletes and head coaches John Cook and Mike Riley. The students also participated in several fun activities, dances and competitions. The students then ate lunch in the Haymarket and toured the International Licorice Factory. Picture below. By Mrs. Dee Bednar



FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference

Nine FBLA members attended the National Fall Leadership Conference held at the Hilton Omaha on November 6th. Members were able to attend various workshops to learn about resumes, leadership skills, and fundraising ideas for their chapter. At right, not pictured: Madeline Heard.
by Mrs. Jamie Schluter



Counselor's Corner by Mrs. Patty Goes

It's time to prepare for the FAFSA if your son/daughter is planning to attend college in the Fall of 2016.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA to qualify for low-interest student and parent loans.

Follow these steps to prepare for, and complete, the FAFSA and the financial aid process:

Contact the college(s) you applied to and ask for their FAFSA priority filing date. Some types of financial aid are awarded first-come, first-served, so submit the FAFSA before that date.

Complete your 2015 taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information.

Gather student and parent items: Check the EducationQuest website for a list.

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
- * Food Stamps
- * TANF
- * Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- * WIC

Complete and file the FAFSA electronically at fafsa.gov before your college's priority date.

Expect a Student Aid Report acknowledging that your form was processed.

Expect Financial Aid Award Notifications in the spring from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. The notifications will detail the financial aid assistance the colleges are offering (could be a combination of scholarships, work-study and student loans).

Apply for student and parent loans (if necessary) in the summer through your college.

All students in Grades 7-11 will be registering for 2016-17 classes in late January. Parents will need to sign their request sheet before we can enter the class requests into the computer system.

Seniors and their families should be watching every possibility for scholarships if they are planning to attend college. Mrs. Goes has many listed on the Southern Schools web page. It is listed under High School staff pages.

The end of first semester is quickly approaching and the talk of preparing for state tests becomes an everyday discussion. For your calendar needs, grades 4, 8 and 11 will take the state writing test during the timeframe of January 18 - February 5. Grades 3 - 8 and 11 will take the reading and math tests during

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timeframe of March 21 - May 6. Grades 5- 8, and 11 will also take a science test during this time.

All classrooms are preparing for these tests as well as learning the necessary curriculum to prepare for life after high school. Everyone can help prepare our young people for these tests and life after high school. Talk to them about your career and share your responsibilities. Talk to them about how education builds a foundation for life long learning. It takes all adults in our young people's lives to build their assets for a healthy, caring and responsible life. Thank you for your efforts and may you and your family enjoy time together. Merry Christmas!

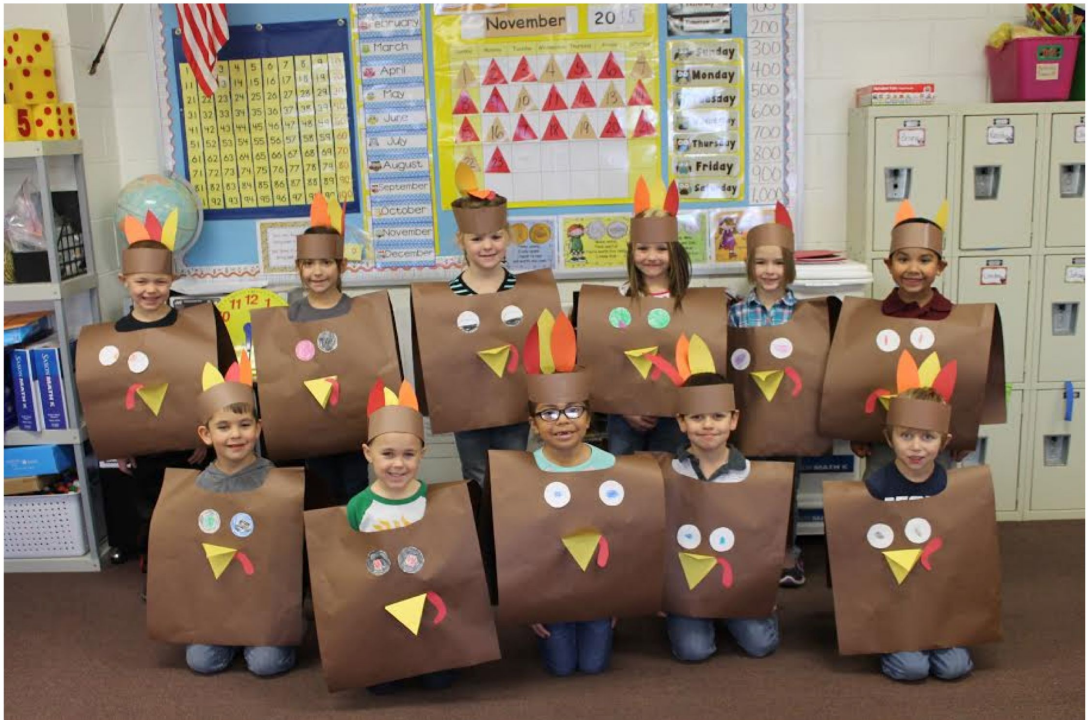
Mark your Calendar!!!!!!!

The Waffleman will be here Tuesday, January 19th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. during the basketball games with Diller-Odell.



Preparing for
Pioneer
Conference
1 Act Play
Competition In
Pawnee City on
November 18.





Mrs. Breunsbach's kindergarten learned about veterans, turkeys, Pilgrims, and Native Americans in November. We worked on more and fewer and counting and writing numbers to 100 in different ways. We did lots of reading! We wrote about things we are thankful for in our journals. See picture above. by Mrs Kalyne Breunsbach

Pioneer Conference Vocal Music Clinic

Southern Concert Choir students spent around 5 1/2 hours in rehearsal with other conference school choirs preparing for a concert in the evening with all five choirs combined. The director for the mass choir event was Dr. Jacob Bartlett from Peru State College. Each school also performed individually. Other schools involved during the day were Pawnee City (host school), Diller-Odell, Friend, and Sterling.

by Miss Stephanie Mendyk




Southern Public Schools Breakfast Menu

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Egg Breakfast Wrap Sausage Links Fruit Milk	2 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	3 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Milk	4 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	5
6	7 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	8 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Fruit Milk	9 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	10 Blueberry Muffin Ham Patty Fruit Milk	11 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	12
13	14 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	15 Sausage Gravy on Biscuit Fruit Milk	16 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	17 Breakfast Bar Potato Sticks Fruit Milk	18 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	19
20	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School Christmas Eve	25 No School Christmas Day	26
27	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School New Year's Eve	USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	

Southern Public Schools Lunch Menu

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fiesta Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie Fruit Milk	2 Chicken Nuggets w/Sauce French Fries Spice Cake Fruit Milk	3 Beef Stew Biscuit Cherry Cheesecake Fruit Milk	4 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Churro Fruit Milk	5
6	7 Ham Patty on Bun Nacho Chips w/Cheese Brownies Fruit Milk	8 Sloppy Joe Potato Smiles Cake w/Peach Topping Fruit Milk	9 Wagon Wheel Baked Beans Potato Chips Pudding Cup Fruit Milk	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Corn Garlic Bread Fruit Milk	11 Chicken Patty on Bun French Fries Rocky Road Pudding Fruit Milk	12
13	14 Raider Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Cherry Cake Fruit Milk	15 Breaded Pork Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	16 Ham Slice Scalloped Potatoes Bread Ice Cream Cup Fruit Milk	17 Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Spice Cake Fruit Milk	18 Popcorn Chicken French Fries Sugar Cookie Fruit Milk	19
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