

RAIDER NATION NEWS

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Mrs. Sabey's 2nd Grades Receives the First Ever Respect Trophy

Mrs. Sabey's class was chosen as the class that was the most respectful at the elementary in the month of September. They get to keep the trophy in their classroom for the whole month and earned a special treat from Mr. Rempe!



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

As the Fall sports season ends, I am so proud of our students for their competitiveness, dedication, and sportsmanship in all their activities. Raiders, keep up the great decision making, being respectful, responsible and safe. You might not have achieved all your goals, but you are still winners for dreaming and pursuing those goals! Keep setting positive goals! So proud of you! Go Raiders!



Southern Public Schools will be using the following procedure in case of bad weather. The Superintendent will occasionally announce an emergency early school dismissal, late start, or cancellation of school due to extreme heat, snow or ice. School closings will be announced on a public announcement that can be found on KWBE and KNDY radio, KOLN/KGIN-TV channel 10, KLKN-TV channel 8, THE SOUTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' IRIS ALERT SYSTEM and The DISTRICT WEBSITE. Parents should assume that school is open and a regular schedule is being followed if there is no announcement concerning the District. Please do not call the school or individual staff members to find out whether school is being canceled. Parents who do not believe it is safe to transport their students to school may keep their students home after contacting the district office.

Southern Public Schools enrollment as of the last Friday in September is as follows: PK-12th Total-393, K-12th-369, PK-24, K-6th-184, and 7-12th-185. Compared to 2014-15, which had an enrollment of PK-12th Total-416, K-12th-390, PK-26, K-6th-197, and 7-12th-193. We have 23 less students for the 2015-16 school year.

The District's assessed valuation for 2015-16 is \$383,353,244. The 2015-16 District's General fund levy is \$1.03552. The Bond fund levy is \$.026349. The Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund levy is \$.005270. The total of the levies for 2015-16 is \$1.067139. The 2015-16 levies total is \$.026854 less than the 2014-15 levies.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Go Raiders!

Mr. Haddix

From the Desk of Mr. Jeff Murphy, Secondary Principal



As we move into the second quarter of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to express how proud we are of our students, not only in the classroom, but also while participating and attending extra curricular activities. Our students have shown great respect and responsibility and have shown tremendous school spirit during activities. Success is not always measured by the grade a student receives or the score at the end of a game. Success can be measured by how the student or athlete has grown over time, by what they have learned, and how they conduct themselves in different situations and environments. We feel that all of our students have grown and been successful during the first nine weeks of school. We encourage you to be supportive of your children, ask them questions about what they are doing and learning and talk to them about what THEY can do to be better students in and out of the classroom. ALL students need your support to guide them towards success. Also, congratulations to the Southern junior high football team as they finished the season 6-0 and congratulations to the high school football team as they finished their season with a record of 5-4.

Thank you for your support of Southern Schools.
Go Raiders!

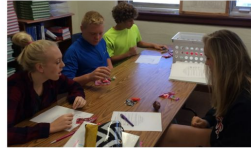
Mr. Murphy

Elementary Principal's Update by Mr. Jerry Rempe



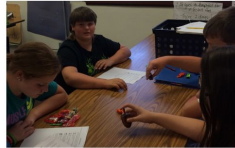
Well, we zipped through the first quarter and are well on the way into the 2nd quarter. We have a few important dates that we would like to make sure everyone is aware of this coming month. We have our first concert for our elementary students happening on November 17th. The 4th Graders will be in action starting at 7 pm that night at the High School. Another important date is November 18th. There will be No School that day due to a Teacher Inservice. Finally, we will begin our Thanksgiving break on Wednesday, November 25th with No School on that day. Please check your school calendar for other important information.

Parents, one final reminder, we will be beginning our Winter Sports Seasons, so please make sure that you read through the handbook about the expectations of our students at these activities. The student did a great job during the Fall Sports Seasons, keep up the good work!



Mrs. Cordry's 8th graders study the Holocaust

After spending a month studying the Holocaust and reading "Night", and autobiography of a survivor, Elie Weisel, the students learned about dreidels and had the opportunity to "play" with them in English 8.



Mrs. Cordry's Classes

Each quarter, the student in each period of Mrs. Cordry's classes with the highest score receives a small gift for his/her hard work. This quarter it was: Kimberly Kapustka for Speech, Drake Adams for English 9, 2nd period, Claire Hookstra for English 8, 4th period, Dillon Brown for English 12, Mariah Murphy for English 9, 6th period, and Lauren Trauernicht for English 8, 7th period! Good Work!!

Band Trip 2016 Fund Raiser

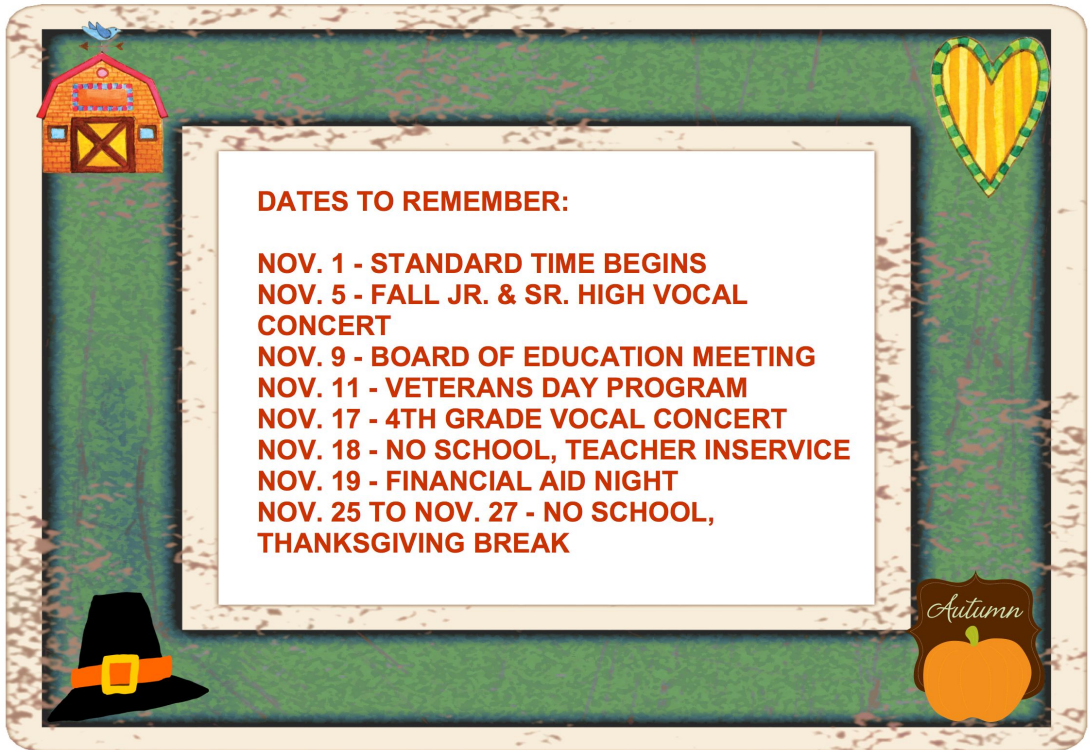
High School Band Members will be raising funds for their band trip to Minneapolis through sales of the Club's Choice frozen foods. Their sales dates are October 26-November 9th. There are a variety of foods available like pizzas, cookie dough, soups, desserts, nuts and candies. There is even an option of direct shipping to your home throughout the school year. Every time you place an order through the company website, some of the proceeds go to the student of your choice. If you prefer not to purchase items, you are most welcome to give the student a donation for their trip. Checks can be made out to Southern Public Schools, and in the memo write, Band Trip Account, and the student name.

We appreciate any help you can give the students. This is their 4th year of fundraising for this event. Students need approximately \$600 for the trip package. If you would like to buy Club's Choice products and you would like a band student to stop at your home, please email Ms. Gerdes and let her know your name and address. Her email is sgerdes@southernschools.org. The band trip is May 26-29.

Holocaust Workshop

Mrs. Cordry attended a workshop at Doane College in October about teaching about the Holocaust. She had the privilege to meet Holocaust survivor Beatrice Karp. Picture at right.





Important Dates from Mrs. Goes:

Junior, Seniors and their families are invited to attend Financial Aid Night at Southern High on Nov. 19th at 6:00 pm. A representative from Education Quest is the presenter. Many helpful hints about the financial aid process will be shared with the families in attendance. There are many changes coming to FAFSA beginning in 2017. Please stay on top of these changes. They will be discussed at the meeting on November 19th.

All Juniors are scheduled to take the ASVAB test on November 4th. The military provides a proctor for this test and will interpret the results for our students a few weeks after the test if given. The interpretative sessions has a career interest inventory included.

Seniors interested in attending a community college should take the COMPASS test on November 4th. This year, SCC staff are traveling to Southern to give the test to interested students. There is no fee for this test. Seniors should sign up in Mrs. Goes' office.

Vocational Rehab is offering the ASSETT test to all high school students who need accommodations for a college entrance exam. This has been scheduled for November 12th. Contact Mrs. McKinney if you have questions.



Pioneer Day

The Southern Fourth Graders participated in the annual Pioneer Day at Homestead National Monument and Filley Stone Barn. Students learned about quilting, pioneer games, early farm equipment, candle making and spinning wool at the Homestead. The 4th graders were able to experience what it was like to be true "cornhuskers" while visiting the Stone Barn as they picked corn, loaded it into a horse pulled wagon and shelled the ears of corn. Students also learned about blacksmithing and marble making at the barn. Schools throughout the area were invited to participate in one of three days of this educational opportunity. Students had fun on this educational pioneer experience.

By Mr. Kane Hookstra

Congratulations to the Jr. High Football Team on another undefeated season!!!





UNL CHEMISTRY DAY

Six Southern Students attended Chemistry Day on October 3rd at UNL. The theme for this year was *The Chemistry of Color*.

Students experimented with chromatography and spectrometry, got to make their own chromatography t-shirts, and toured the Hamilton Hall chemistry research labs. They also got to see the 3-D printer creating new textiles. Attendees were: Lynsey Carr, Luke Creek, Delsin Cary, Jennie Guy, Allison Dunn and Joe Bryan. By Miss Jennifer Dunekacke



FBLA Fall Leadership Conference

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Officers attended the annual Fall Leadership Conference in Omaha on September 30th. Officers include:

Rozlyn Cole - President, Taylor Vanover - Vice-President/Historian, Emily Zvolanek - Secretary, and Sarah Garrels - Treasurer. The conference is designed to train local officers and members, to share information on Nebraska FBLA activities and goals, and to provide a significant "kick-off" for a successful FBLA program of work. By Mrs. Jamie Schluter



MRS BREUNSBACH'S KINDERGARTEN

DURING OCTOBER WE WORKED VERY HARD IN READING. ONE GROUP BEGAN READING IN THEIR FIRST READING BOOK! IN MATH WE WORKED ON COUNTING BY 1'S, 10'S, AND 5'S, TELLING TIME, AND IDENTIFYING COINS. WE LEARNED ABOUT FIRE SAFETY AND THE FIREMEN CAME TO VISIT! WE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT COLUMBUS, SPIDERS, BATS, AND PUMPKINS. WHAT AN EXCITING MONTH! PICTURE AT RIGHT



First Grade Field Trip

**The first grade enjoyed a fun filled day at Roca Berry Farm. The students were able to enjoy all the activities the farm had to offer, including a Hayrack Ride to pick out their very own pumpkin. The students had a great time! Mrs. Siebrandt and Miss Betten
Picture at left.**



Second Grade Field Trip

**The second graders went on a field trip to Arbor Day Farm and learned a lot about apples. They got to see how apples were picked, sorted, washed and made into apple cider. They even got to taste the apple cider for themselves and take home a tree to plant! Mrs. Siebrandt
Picture at right**





Wymore Shining Stars Preschool

The Wymore Shining Stars class has had a busy month of October. We started off the month learning about fire safety. The Blue Springs Fire Department brought two fire trucks for us to see. We were able to pretend to drive the trucks, climb on the trucks, try on real firefighter gear and see a firefighter in all of his gear! We also loved hearing the sirens and seeing the lights as the firefighters left. We also were able to visit the gourd patch at Pinecrest Tree Farm while we were learning about pumpkins. The students were able to see the gourds growing on the vines!
Mrs. Manley Pictures at left



Blue Springs Shining Stars Preschool

The Blue Springs firefighters visited preschool for Fire Safety Week. Melvin Thomas, Brent Robinson and Derek Guiffre were our heroes of the day!!
Mrs. Koenig
Pictures at right



SOUTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MENU

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	3 SAUSAGE LINKS OMELET HASH BROWN MILK	4 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	5 SAUSAGE GRAVY ON BISCUIT FRUIT MILK	6 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	7
8	9 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	10 BREAKFAST BURRITO FRUIT MILK	11 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	12 BREAKFAST BAR POTATO STICKS MILK	13 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	14
15	16 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	17 POPART OR SAUSAGE LINKS FRUIT MILK	18 NO SCHOOL	19 PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE ON A STICK FRUIT MILK	20 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	21
22	23 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK	24 EGG & SAUSAGE BISCUIT FRUIT MILK	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 CEREAL TOAST FRUIT MILK					

SOUTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 FIESTADA BAKED BEANS MONSTER COOKIE FRUIT MILK	3 RAIDER BURGER FRENCH FRIES BUTTERSCOTCH BROWNIES FRUIT MILK	4 CHICKEN FAJITA REFRIED BEANS GRANOLA BAR FRUIT MILK	5 CHICKEN PATTY ON BUN POTATO WEDGES ROCKY ROAD PUDDING FRUIT MILK	6 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH POTATO STICKS CHERRY BAR FRUIT MILK	7
8	9 MAC & CHEESE LITTLE SMOKIES BLUEBERRY MUFFIN FRUIT MILK	10 BREADED BEEF PATTY BAKED POTATO BREAD FRUIT MILK	11 POLISH DOG ON BUN BAKED BEANS POTATO SALAD FRUIT MILK	12 BARBECUE MEATBALLS SCALLOPED POTATOES CARROTS FRUIT MILK	13 HAMBURGER GRAVY ON POTATOES GREEN BEANS PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH FRUIT MILK	14
15	16 AMERICAN SUB BAKED BEANS SUN CHIPS PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE FRUIT MILK	17 SUPREME NACHOS CORN BANANA CAKE FRUIT MILK	18 NO SCHOOL	19 ITALIAN DUNKER W/CHEESE CORN FROSTED GRAHAM FRUIT MILK	20 HOT TURKEY SANDWICH MASHED POTATOES BREAD PUMPKIN DESSERT FRUIT MILK	21
22	23 BARBECUE PORK SANDWICH HASH BROWNS BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER W/CHEESE FRUIT MILK	24 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRENCH FRIES CHOCOLATE CAKE FRUIT MILK	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 OMELET HASH BROWNS SAUSAGE PATTY BLUEBERRY MUFFIN FRUIT MILK					