

**Southwest
Schools**

Southwest 'Rider News

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Special points of interest:

- May 3 - Elementary Music Program. 6:30 PM at the High School
- May 8 - High School Graduation 10:30 AM
- May 10 - School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- May 19 - Last Day Of School

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - Dave Hendricks

Student Handbooks

The principals and superintendent will be working on new Student Handbooks over the summer. Our principals and athletic director have attended workshops this spring to review current handbook rules and regulations, and been given information concerning the latest state regulations and NSAA rules that all districts will have to adopt. Our goal is to put into place a student handbook that clearly identifies the rules which all students must follow to make our school a safe and orderly environment for everyone. The Board of Education will review and approve the Student

Handbook at their July meeting. Comments concerning the current Student Handbook should be addressed to the building principals.

Board of Education Approves Guidelines for Future Planning

At their April 12th meeting, the Board of Education prioritized short and long range plans to be used as a guideline during the next few years when considering various district objectives. Board members, staff, and administration submitted ideas/suggestions for discussion at the board's February 24th special meeting held in Bartley. A copy of the April 12th

guidelines is enclosed in this newsletter.

Guideline Scale:

- 1's are considered of the highest priority.
- 2's are considered needing to be addressed in the near future.
- 3's are considered important and will move up as higher priority items are addressed.

If patrons of the district would like to discuss the guidelines or have additional suggestions for the board to consider, please contact Dave Hendricks, Superintendent of Schools, at 692-3223.

**Southwest High School
Graduation
Saturday, May 8, 2010
10:30 AM
Southwest High School
Bartley, NE**

Last Day of School is
May 19, 2010
2:00 PM Dismissal
Happy Summer!!

Southwest FFA State Results - Mr. Roggenkamp

Southwest FFA attended and competed in contests at the Nebraska State FFA Convention held April 7th-9th at Lincoln, NE. Over 130 chapters from across the state and over 4,000 FFA members registered for the convention. Southwest FFA was honored to have four of its members receive the State FFA Degree at the ceremony held Friday evening in Pershing Auditorium. The State FFA Degree is awarded annually to the top 3% of Nebraska FFA members from across the state and is the highest honor a state can bestow upon its members. **Dylan Helberg, Matt Oltmer, Tiffany Quaduor, and Chris Dunn** all were able to receive the gold pin of the State FFA Degree and receive the certificate indicating that they had reached this honor.

State competitions are also held at the State FFA convention. After qualifying through district participation, teams from all twelve districts assemble to compete in Leadership Skills events and Career Development events. Southwest FFA was able to represent its chapter well by competing in nine such competitions.

Welding- 4th place in the state. Derek Dack, Purple-7th in Arc, Chris Dunn, Blue-14th in MIG, Nathan Parks Blue-17th in OXY.

Ag Sales- 9th place in the state. Justin Brooks-Blue, Dylan Helberg-Red, Chris Dunn-White, Nathan Parks-White.

Meats Team- 9th in the state. Matt Oltmer-Purple, Chase Downey-Blue, Tanner Teel-Blue, Heath Teel-Red.

Agronomy Team- 10th in the state. Sierra Deterding-Blue, Allie McConville-Blue, Madison Mousel-Blue, Mattie Uerling-White.

Natural Resources Team- 13th in the state. Blake Storrs-Blue, Shelby Hubbert-Red, Katelyn Sughroue-White, Tyler Van Pelt-White.

Farm Management Team-14th in the state. Dylan Helberg-Blue, Tiffany Quaduor-Red, Kenton Kircher-White, Matt Oltmer.

Ag Mechanics- Chris Dunn-Red, Brandon Storrs, Justin Brooks, Chris Dunn.

Sr. Livestock- Dylan Helberg-Blue, Matt Oltmer, Nicole McConville, Bret Neel.

Jr. Livestock- Cassa McConville, Matt Goodenberger, Kate Kelley, Justin Daffer.

CALLING ALL STARS!!

The Southwest Schools Foundation will be hosting a community play as a fundraiser for the foundation. Linda Clark will be directing the play to be presented in early August. This is a great opportunity for those who desire to perform and spotlight their acting ability in an effort to support the school scholarship program the Southwest Schools Foundation provides. Anyone who is out of high school (alumni, patrons, friends of the school) who would like to perform in the play needs to either contact the school at 308-692-3223 or email Linda Clark (lclark@esu15.org) to sign up for auditions. Lights, Camera, Action!!!!

Sixth Grade Transition - Ms Snyder

In the sixth grade we have been preparing for the transition of going into Junior High. This quarter we moved all our books to our lockers in the hallway. At the beginning of each class, the students have been going to their lockers to get the materials needed for that class period. They have been doing a wonderful job of staying organized and bringing what they need for each class. We also had an orientation at the Junior/

Senior High building. On April 22nd we left at noon for our orientation. We ate lunch, answered questions, toured the building, and observed some classes. Mr. Springer then took time to answer any questions they had after the tour. The sixth graders are very excited to participate in the various activities offered to them next year, and to be in the new building.

Anatomy News - Mrs. Probasco

On Thursday March 11th, Physician Assistant Kyleen Klinkbiel came and talked to our class about her career. She explained to us that she practices medicine, diagnoses and treats patients and does exams. Kyleen is a busy lady because she attends a lot of meetings, call coverage, and much paperwork. I really enjoyed her talk to our class because I'm really interested in the medical field. - Jenna Carfield

On March 18th, Dr. Shelly Kasper-Cope visited Mrs. Probasco's science classes at Southwest High School. She shared information about her career as a Family Physician and told the students what it took to become one. It allowed students who might be

interested in such a career to get a better understanding of what the job entails. It was a very good opportunity for the classes and provided a lot of information about such an important role in our community. -Shelby Hubbert

Dr. Shelly Kasper-Cope went to the Southwest High School on March 18th to talk to the science students. They all learned about her job which is a Family Physician. She talked about what she does on a typical day and also her learning experiences. The students were very interested in what she had to say, and it gave them all good insight on what they might want to do when they think about college years. -Nicole McConville

Madison Scott came to visit Mrs. Probasco's science classes on Friday, April 16. She is a graduate of UNK as a Biology major. Graduating with a Bachelor in Science degree she has been spending her days as a part-time phlebotomist at the hospital, taking blood and is now ready to move to Denver in August to attend PA school. In her time as a graduate assistant, Scott has become interested in research and had her research published in health journals as well as the hospital's weekly newsletter. Scott has always loved science, "Having taken every science class available" she has yet to decide exactly what she wants to do with her knowledge and interest in Biology research. -Jasmine Day

Southwest FBLA - Mrs. Barger

Seven members of Southwest FBLA attended the State Leadership Conference in Omaha on April 8-10. The opening ceremony included the National Anthem sung acapella by Southwest member, Erin Kelley. The chapter received the Sweepstakes Award and was recognized for completing the Go Green Project. Jordan Brooks received a plaque for being Southwest

FBLA's nominee for the Who's Who Award. April Guthrie received an honorable mention in the Business Communication competition (she was in the top 5% of 675 students taking the test). Mariane Wright and Ashlee Minard received an honorable mention in the Web Page Design competition (they were ninth out of 16 teams).

The FBLA Installation of Officers was held in the high

school auditorium on Monday, April 19. New officers installed were: Jordan May, President; Amber Daffer, Vice-President; Kascade Tollman, Secretary; Anissa Morosic, Reporter; and Kassidy McConville, Historian.

PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS

Tyler Leak placed in the top 20th percentile nationwide in the National Financial Capability Challenge which the Personal Finance Class took online on April 6.



S r U e M a M d E i n g R (Keep reading a part of Summer) - Mrs. Overton

It's almost here. No more fighting with kids to go to bed or fighting with kids to get out of bed. Aaahhh. . . Summer! HOWEVER, we need your help to keep their little brains working and retaining all that information we stuffed into them this school year. Research has shown that children who continue to read during the summer vacation perform better in the fall when school resumes. This seems like an easy task to get a child to read a book, but I know, that isn't always the case. Here are some ideas to keep the learning increasing instead of decreasing over the summer.

- Make a reward for every 10 books read for PK-2nd kids and every 3 books read for 3-6th. Rewards could be a picnic, going to a movie, planning their favorite meals for a day, an hour or two with a parent without siblings, etc.
- Read the book before you rent the movie.
- Make reading a family time, by reading a chapter book before bed, or on a trip in the car. Even if the child isn't reading all the time it is still good for them.
- Sign your child up on <http://bookadventure.com/>. It is a website that is ran similar to Accelerated Reader. Your child can read a book and then take a test on-line to win prizes from the site.
- Earn T.V. time by reading. For example they might have to read 15 min. in order to earn 30 min of T.V.

National Honors Society - Mrs. Rice

The Southwest National Honor Society held their 2010 Induction ceremony on Monday, April 19th. There will be 3 new members for next year and we will be losing seven hardworking seniors. I would like to thank everyone who has supported the NHS fundraisers this year as well as our Community Service Projects. The current members will be taking their bi-annual trip the last week of May to Omaha to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House & the Children's Hospital. If anyone has pop tabs they would like to contribute, please bring them to the High School, or contact a National Honor Society member!



Back Row: Sierra Deterding, Allie McConville (new), Mattie Uerling (new), Ashlee Minard, Anissa Morosic (new), Daniell Blume, Tyler Leak

Front Row: Holly Wolfe, Jordan Brooks, Miranda Sheets, Shelby Hubbert, Erin Kelley, April Guthrie

Attention
Preschool
Parents:
If you have turned in an application for preschool, be sure to watch your mail in July for information on school visits to be held in August.

2:00 Dismissal on May 18 & 19
For all Students

Summer! - Ms. Keenportz

School is over and now how do we spend our summer? Use the summer to explore and expand your child's knowledge.

- Look at different colors, shapes and patterns
- Taste a variety of summer time foods
- Listen to sounds and make a guessing game
- Use your sense of smell to experience the smell of rain, flowers, new foods
- Ask lots of questions and have your child ask you questions about the world around them
- Take the summer and use your imagination
- Do different art projects with a collection from your vacation
- Ask your child to tell you a story, vice versa
- Illustrate a story your child has made up
- Put on a puppet show for friends and family
- Summer take time to talk and read
- Make a book together
- Play vocabulary games like I spy, or Guess my animal
- Play with words and their sounds

What rhymes with _____?

Match pictures to their sound

CAN OF FUN

Take a plastic or cardboard can from icing, potato chips, or drink mix. (Avoid tin cans because the edge can be sharp.) Write summer activities so they can be cut in strips and placed in the can. Let children cover their cans with paper and decorate with drawings, stickers, or collage materials. Put the strips of summer fun in the can. Choose a strip from the can each day and do the activity. Hint! You can also use a plastic sand bucket or seasonal cup for this project.

Let's Get Messy! - Summer's the perfect time for getting messy and being creative!

Mud Pies (Not edible, but definitely great fun!)

4 cups dirt

1 cup flour

Mix the dirt and flour with water until it molds and sticks together. Shape into cookies, pies, birds' nests, and other shapes. Dry in the sun.

Squirt! Squirt!

Save spray bottles from cleaning products. (Make sure you rinse them out well first!). Fill them with water and let the children squirt each other, water plants, clean lawn furniture, etc. *Adaptations:* A sponge, a paintbrush, and a bucket of water will also entertain children for hours. They can sponge off a tree, their riding toys, or themselves. They can paint the house or playground equipment.

Bubble Cups

Cups, Straws, Liquid dish detergent

Fill the cup half way with water. Squirt in some dish detergent. Give children a straw and tell them to BLOW! (If you'll put a pin prick at the top of the straw, it's less likely that they'll suck up soapy water. I'd also have children practice blowing on their hand with the straw before putting it in the cup so they could get the idea.) The bubbles will spill over the cup and are fun to pat on arms, legs, etc. It's great to run through the sprinkler after you "paint" your body with bubbles. *Adaptations:* Add a drop of food coloring to the solution to make colored bubbles. Give children a pan of water and an egg beater. (Most children have never seen one of these before except in books!) Add a squirt of detergent to the water and let them "beat" up some bubbles.

Music Contest Results - Ms Gosnell

On Saturday, April 17th, Arapahoe hosted the Elementary/Junior High Music Festival. It was a beautiful day for music making and the students did a great job. . . .

The four large ensembles that performed were the Junior High Band, 6th Grade Band, Junior High Girls Glee, and the Junior High Choir. Both the 6th Grade Band and Girls Glee received an *excellent* rating, while the band and choir both received a *good* rating on their performances.

Band students receiving *superior* ratings on solos and ensembles include: MaKayla Brooks and Brooke Ruggles, flute duet (Woodwind Ensemble 1st Place Trophy); Brenton Ellis, Asic Helberg, and Austin Minard, percussion trio; Erin Greenlee, clarinet solo; Erin Greenlee and Jane Reiners, clarinet/saxophone duet; Arianna Gutierrez and Neta Penner, clarinet duet; Asic Helberg, Austin Minard, and Jane Reiners, saxophone quartet; Natalie Longnecker, alto saxophone solo; Natalie Longnecker and Ashlee Morosic, saxophone/trumpet duet; Michael Lord, snare solo (Elementary Percussion Solo 1st Place Medal); Ashlee Morosic, trumpet solo; Jane Reiners, alto saxophone solo (Junior High Woodwind Solo 3rd Place Medal); and Miranda Wordekemper, violin solo (Strings 3rd Place Medal).

Band students receiving *excellent* ratings on solos include: Kyle Van Pelt, tenor saxophone solo; and Miranda Wordekemper, trombone solo.

Vocal students receiving *superior* ratings on solos and ensembles include: Arianna Gutierrez, vocal solo; and the Fifth Grade Girls Ensemble (Elizabeth Adam, Jacy Ahlemeyer, Jill Fitzsimmons, Claire Rasmussen, and Isabella Ryan.)

Vocal students receiving *excellent* ratings on solos and ensembles include: Elizabeth Adam, vocal solo; Megan Helberg, vocal solo; Micah Hinz, vocal solo; Noelle Hinz, vocal solo; Andrew Lepper, vocal solo; Eighth Grade Girls Ensemble (MaKayla Brooks, Abby Daffer, Megan Kelley, Shelby Malleck, Kenzie May, Kaylee Potthoff, Brooke Ruggles, Ashley Ryan, Haley Teter, and Miranda Wordekemper); Seventh Grade Girls Ensemble (Karoline Day, Michelle Greene, Erin Greenlee, Noelle Hinz, Kara Jackson, and Jane Reiners); Fifth Grade Mixed Ensemble (Elizabeth Adam, Jacy Ahlemeyer, Geoffrey Day, Jill Fitzsimmons, Drew Hofman, Alec May, Drew Minard, Claire Rasmussen, Isabella Ryan, and Kaden Van Pelt); Sixth Grade Mixed Ensemble (Kristine Callahan, Alan Hammer, Korin Jackson, Natalie Longnecker, Michael Lord, Ashlee Morosic, Neta Penner, Karlie Swink, and Kyle Van Pelt, Makayla Wright); and Sixth Grade Girls Ensemble (Kristine Callahan, Madison Dimmit, Megan Helberg, Korin Jackson, Neta Penner, Karlie Swink, Ali Townsend, and Mackayla Wright).

Students receiving *good* ratings on solos include Erin Greenlee, Kara Jackson, and Haley Teter.

On Thursday, April 22nd, McCook hosted District Music Contest. Both music and band students from Southwest, grades 9-12 competed. It was a long, rainy day, but the students who participated did quite well.

The two large ensembles that performed were the Southwest High School Band and the Girls Glee. The band received a *superior* rating while the glee received an *excellent* rating.

Band students receiving *superior* ratings on solos and ensembles include: Danielle Blume, alto sax solo (NSAA Outstanding Performance Award); Jennifer Foster, clarinet solo; Jennifer Foster, Kate Kelley, and Cassidy McConville, clarinet trio; Tiffany Greene and Cascade Tollman, flute duet; April Guthrie and Kourtney McConville, snare drum duet; Dylan Helberg and Ashlee Minard, saxophone duet; Erin Kelley, piano solo; Erin Kelley, flute solo (NSAA Outstanding Performance Award: Honorable Mention); Erin and Kate Kelley, flute/clarinet duet; and Autumn Rae, trumpet solo (NSAA Outstanding Performance Award: Honorable Mention).

Vocal students receiving *superior* ratings on solos and ensembles include: Erin Kelley, vocal solo; Skyler Murray, vocal solo; and the senior girls ensemble (April Guthrie, Erin Kelley, Kimberlyn McConville, Katie Messersmith, Ashlee Minard, Tiffany Quador, Brooke Ryan, and Mariane Wright).

Band students receiving *excellent* ratings include: Danielle Blume, piano solo; Amber Daffer and Cassa McConville, alto sax duet; Jasmine Day, clarinet solo; Cassidy McConville, clarinet solo; Cascade Tollman, flute solo; and Blake Storrs, snare solo.

Vocal students receiving *excellent* ratings include: April Guthrie, Erin Kelley and Allie McConville, vocal trio; Sierra Meador, vocal solo; and the freshmen sextet (Emily Fitzsimmons, Chloe Hauxwell, Taryn Jacob, Kelsey Longnecker, Cassa McConville, and Lauren Ruggles).

Ms. Gosnell, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Roggenkamp would like to thank all the students for their hard work. What a terrific way to end the Southwest Music Department's year of music!

Southwest Booster Club Report April 2009-2010

Income:

National Motor Club (Indianola Bank)	\$4,340.11
National Motor Club (Bartley Bank)	\$1,807.68
Donation from Schaffert Mfg.	\$ 400.00
Volleyball Tourn Concession	\$ 145.61
Hamburger Feed at Football	\$ 386.97
Membership Donation	\$ 25.00
Interest	\$ 37.25

Expenses:

Shoulder Pad & Helmet Racks Purchased & New Winder	\$ 1,236.13
Kindergarten T-Shirts	\$ 164.78
DVD Burner for Athletic Dept.	\$ 483.24
Food for Football team traveling	\$ 395.54
Food for Volleyball team traveling	\$ 100.70
Food for Basketball team traveling	\$ 141.80
Parents Night Flowers	\$ 438.00
Bike Helmets for Bike Rodeo	\$ 114.24
Checks Ordered	\$ 11.75

Elementary News - Mrs. Rasmussen

It is hard to believe that summer vacation is right around the corner. I am proud of how hard our students have worked, and how much they have learned. Please encourage your child (ren) to read during the summer months, so they can hold on to all they have worked so hard to gain.

The month of May brings the AR field trip. Students who met their goals in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade will be heading to Dancing Leaf Lodge for

a fun day in the great outdoors. Students who reached 150% of their goal will have pizza with the principal as well. This year the elementary will be holding a Minute to Win It competition, instead of the annual Talent Show. Parents are welcome to come and watch the students race against the clock. Please look for more details in a note home in the next week.

May 18th and 19th our school will dismiss at 2:00, due to semester test at the Jr/Sr

High School. The 19th is the last day for students. Look for report cards to come home with the students on that last day. Enjoy your summer! If you have any questions or comments please contact me at school 364-2613.

2010-2011

School Year

Begins

**August 18,
2010**



