



May 2018

'Rider News

From The Desk Of Superintendent Todd Porter

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Special points of interest:

- May 4 - Seniors last day of school
- May 7 - Elementary Spring Program in Bartley @ 7:00 PM
- May 12 - High School Graduation 10:30 AM
- May 14 - Elementary Field Day at high school 12:00 PM
- May 17 - Last Day of school. Dismissal Elem 12:45 PM HS 1:00 PM

As we approach summer break, many kids and parents alike wonder what they will fill their time with after school is out. One of the much researched issue educators and parents alike deal with is the regression many kids make in terms of academic achievement over the summer. Summer can be a great opportunity to fit in some important learning opportunities, which include keeping kids physically active. They need to get outside and play, participate, whatever you want to call it. That doesn't mean that every child will be on an organized team sport or attend sports camps, but the chance to be outside and walk, run, play catch, fish, help in the yard, ride a bike, etc., is important.

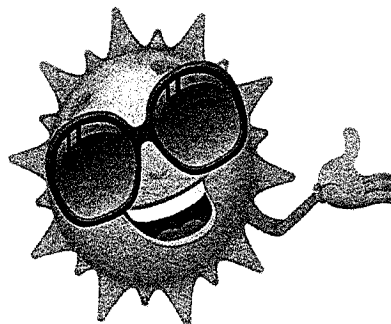
There are many activities that can help your child gain academic enrichment over the sum-

mer. There are many free camps, workshops, activities in 4-H, church activities, library activities; that can be absolutely free to be a part of. If you can, send your child to a camp this summer. If you can get your child into swimming lessons, that can be a lifesaving skill. Find something that interests your child and keep them busy. You'll be surprised at how many activities you can find that will be a positive and keep your child's mind learning and active. Always, always know who you child is with and what kind of company they are keeping. Let's keep our children safe.

Most importantly, read something. Read anything. It doesn't need to be an actual book, although reading books and building a strong vocabulary will help each and every student. The act of reading

something, whether that be in print or on a screen, is reading, and developing and maintaining that skill. Reading is the central aspect of almost every subject, since understanding what a task is or what is going on in any particular class usually revolves around reading and listening skills. A manual on how to use a tool or put together a bike is technical reading, a very important skill. Read, read, and read. It will help fight that regression in academic skills that can occur over the summer break.

Have a very pleasant summer!



High School News - Mr. Springer

The 2017-18 year has been a great educational success at the Junior/Senior high school. The staff and the students have spent a lot of time working toward reaching the goals they set back in August.

The month of May is a short month in terms of school. These are a few dates that you may want to keep open on your calendar. **** May 12th Graduation. **** May 17th is also the last day of school. Teachers will be in and out the following week as they get their rooms ready for summer cleaning.

Summer school will once again take place this year to help students catch up on credit recovery. In the Junior High the summer school program is designed to get the students who may be low in English or Math skills extra help. This will hopefully ensure they are ready for the next level of course works when school starts. Summer school will be Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30

The class schedule for next year is finalized. We have spent a lot of time working to ensure students are able to take the classes they wish. However, there is a slight possibility that a specific class may not fit. If you have not visited with your child I would encourage you to ask them what they signed up for in the fall semester. The schedule is designed to fit the request students made this year. So when the fall term hits it is hard to make changes and still get the classes they want.

***** Reminder To All Parents and Patrons*****

We are again hosting the elementary field day this spring. It was a great success last year and the kids really enjoyed the events. They are very excited again this year to see if they can improve from last year. The event will start at 12:00. If you are available to come watch our youngsters compete please do so. They appreciate the support!

If you should have any questions please call or stop in.

Elementary - Mrs. Latta

The end of another school year is at hand. Where does the time go? I can tell you where it goes at school. It goes into kindergarten students learning the sounds of the letters so they can now read books! It goes into new, bigger teeth replacing the baby ones they've lost. It goes into 4th graders learning about the history of Nebraska. It goes into 5th graders moving from squeaks and squawks on a saxophone to earning a superior rating at music contest. And it goes into the growth spurts that have moms and dads scrambling for pants and shirts that are long enough and big enough. All these wonderful changes happen because time moves on and teachers, parents and students all work hard together to make them happen. I'm so proud of the progress our students have made this year.

Remember to encourage your children/grandchildren to READ READ READ this summer. There are lots of good books and fun activities going on at the Bartley and Indianola libraries, so check it out! J

Calendar:

May 7	Preschool through 4 th Grade Music Program @ 7:00 p.m. at the high school
May 14	Kindergarten through 6 th Grade Field Day @ Noon at the high school track
May 17	Last Day of School
June 4-28	Summer School

Have a great summer!

Counselor's Corner - Mr. Loshbaugh

Seniors

- ◆ Any scholarships you receive should be viewed as gifts and treated as such. Please express your gratitude by writing thank you notes promptly. Also, be sure to make a list of all scholarships you receive to give to Mr. Loshbaugh for the graduation ceremony program.
- ◆ At graduation seniors will receive a packet containing many items needed to claim their scholarships and a final transcript. Please do not lose this packet.
- ◆ Be aware of orientation days at your selected college.
- ◆ Start a list of dorm room items.
- ◆ Check out the "Students Transitioning to College" section at EducationQuest.org.
- ◆ Tips for college loans: borrow wisely and borrow only what you need even if it is less than the amount offered in your award letter. File the FAFSA at fafsa.gov each year you attend college, continue to look for scholarships while you're in college, and keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nslds.ed.gov.

Juniors

- Continue campus visits and try to have your college choices narrowed to four (4) by the fall.
- Pay attention to the scholarships and awards this year's seniors are receiving. This will help prepare you for applying next year.
- This year's seniors had 7 students make RPAC all-conference Academic team by scoring a 24 or higher on the ACT. This is a nice award and high ACT scores makes it much easier to find scholarships.
- Please remember all college bound students should take the ACT 3-4 times by January 2019 in order to maximize scholarship opportunities.
- Register by May 4th for the June 9th ACT.

Farewell and Good Wishes to all!

Elementary Enrichment Rockin' Riders - Mrs. Deselms

The Southwest Elementary Rockin' Riders is comprised of students from the 6th grade Leadership Class. Each month the group meets and plans activities for students in grades PK-6. They may also plan and organize an activity that benefits members of our community and surrounding areas.

The group of February Rockin' Riders planned a fun activity that included students and staff members at our school. They placed jars in the library filled with candy hearts and had each class and staff members "guesstimate" the amount in jar. Winners enjoyed some yummy treats.

February Rockin' Riders were Austin Thompson, Gavin Hammond, Hunter Blume and Scott Hodge.

March Rockin' Riders helped the elementary celebrate Easter by having all the students decorate an Easter egg. The eggs were then displayed on a bulletin board in our hallway. It was very colorful! The March Riders also collected items for DASAS (Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services). Students and staff brought paper products, soaps, and cleaning supplies to school and the Rockin' Riders delivered over 500 products to DASAS. Thank you to everyone who gave generously to this project.

March Rockin' Riders were Trenton Custard, Avery Mcconville, Zylandra Redden and Aden Schaffet.

April Rockin' Riders decided to acknowledge students who display good penmanship skills. They asked students to write about their favorite summer time activities and then judged the contestants by the ones who used the neatest handwriting. Winners were rewarded with an extra recess in the park. The best part was that they could invite a friend to join them for recess!

"Giving Back" is the title given to the service project organized by the April Rockin' Riders. Elementary students and staff donated bottles of water, granola bars and packs of gum that were then donated to the Armed Forces Reserve Center in McCook. The snacks will be shared with the Army Reserve and National Guard troops that serve there. As the Riders stated in the note they handed out to students, "They have done so much for us, the best we can do is just give back".

April Rockin' Riders were Nathan Rippe, Tristan Martin, Haylee Thomas, and Olivia Cooper.

Elementary Quiz Bowl

In March, our Elementary Quiz Bowl team competed at the Maywood Quiz Bowl. The team earned second place in this competition. Southwest Elementary was represented by sixth grade students Avery Mcconville, Haylee Thomas, Austin Thompson, Hunter Blume, Nathan Rippe and Jarrett Hitt.

The Southwest Quiz Bowl team also faced some great competition at the E.S.U. Quiz Bowl in April. Southwest finished in fourth place. Team members included Avery Mcconville, Haylee Thomas, Austin Thompson, Hunter Blume, Nathan Rippe, Jarrett Hitt, Ambie Custard, Olivia Hodge, Allison VanPelt and Amelia Minary.

In May Southwest Elementary will hold an in-house quiz bowl. Students from fifth and sixth grade teams compete against one another. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place teams in this event. It is a fun afternoon and a great way to celebrate another successful quiz bowl season.

SOUTHWEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

May 2018

Elementary 308-364-2613
 Toll Free 855-364-2067
 Junior/Senior High 308-692-3223
 Toll Free 855-692-3172

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MOTHER'S DAY	RPAC JH Track at Dundy Co./Stratton @ 10:00 PK-4th Spring Music Program at Bartley @ 7:00	Golf vs. Hitchcock Co. at McCook @ 9:00 TR Best of the Midwest at Sutherland @ 3:00 JV TR at Decatur Comm. @ 3:00 JH Track at Cambridge @ 2:00	Sports Physicals Gr. 7th-11th @ 8:00	District HS Track at Cambridge @ 10:00 3rd Grade Field Trip	Senior Graduation Practice @ 9:30 HS Cheer Tryouts @ 5:00	GRADUATION @ 10:30																																																	
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SOUTHWEST SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

May - 18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Salad Bar Daily Milk served daily	All Breakfasts Cereal/Cooks Choice	1 Elementary Lunch Pop Corn Chicken	2 Elementary Lunch Pepperoni Dipstick	3 Elementary Lunch Breaded Beef Pattie	4 Elementary Lunch Chicken Gravy/Biscuits	5
Menu subject to change		High School Lunch Orange Chicken	High School Lunch Turkey Slice	High School Lunch Hot Dogs	High School Lunch Chicken Nuggets	
6	7 Elementary Lunch Pancake Sausage Stick	8 Elementary Lunch Tiffy Burger	9 Elementary Lunch Lasagne Casserole	10 Elementary Lunch Orange Chicken	11 Elementary Lunch Pizza	12
	High School Lunch Ham/Cheese Wrap Up	High School Lunch BBQ Pork Sandwich	High School Lunch Chicken Gravy/Biscuits	High School Lunch Turkey Hoagie	High School Lunch Pop Corn Chicken	
13	14 Elementary Lunch Field Day	15 Elementary Lunch BBQ Pork Sandwich	16 Elementary Lunch Chicken Fajita	17 Elementary Lunch Sack Lunch	18	19
	High School Lunch Hamburgers	High School Lunch Chicken Fajita	High School Lunch Grilled Cheese Sandwich	High School Lunch Sack Lunch		
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Board of Education Meeting

Southwest Public Schools

District 179

April 9, 2018

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 9th, 2018 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Jason Kloeping, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: John O'Dea and Jason Neseth

Visitors: Don and Donna Behnke, Jolene Miller

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to excuse absent board members John O'Dea and Jason Neseth. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board-approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Donna Behnke invited the school board, Superintendent Porter, and Principal Springer to the Senior Breakfast on May 11th at 8:00 am at St. Catherine's hall.

Awards & Recognition-The Elem. Quizbowl placed 2nd at the Maywood Quizbowl. State FBLA was April 5th thru 7th. The participants did very well with Alex Porter placing 5th in business law. FBLA with the XJC's had an Easter egg hunt on March 25th. FFA participated in State FFA April 4th thru 6th. Many of our FFA members placed in different divisions. Students also went to the McCook Paint In on April 6th and there was a team that received 3rd place.

John O'Dea entered at 7:38 pm.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the March 12th, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Mr. Porter informed the board that there was interest from some students for Girls Golf and Ms. Sara Roether

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will be the girl's golf coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the bid from Esslingers in the amount of \$43,856.23 for an addition to the Industrial Arts Shop. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Principal Kathy Latta entered at 8:25 pm.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve admission prices to \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. The board voted to keep Activity Passes the same. \$20.00 for a student pass, \$45 for an adult pass, and \$85 for a family pass. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve updated policy #5008-Pregnant or Parenting Students. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the donation of an Audiometer from the Southwest Public Schools Foundation. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the resignation of Mary Peters, elementary special education instructor, with thanks for her service to the district. Ayes: Kloeping, Teter, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported that himself and Mr. Springer went to the NRCSA conference March 22nd and 23rd. He reported the school improvement external visit went very well and he is appreciative of our whole staff and all their hard work. He will be going to ESU & RPAC meetings in the next week. He informed the board that graduation practice is on May 11th at 9:30 am.

Principal Latta reported that the elementary had kindergarten orientation on March 12th and currently have 16 students registered for next year. She wanted to inform the board that after speaking with an NDE Early Childhood Representative and the two preschool teachers, it was decided to have two mixed age classes next year for preschool. Letters will be mailed out April 10th informing parents of which class, morning or afternoon, their child will attend. Latta stated that 1st thru 6th grade will be taking their field trips in the next month. Summer School Staff has been hired and student invitation letters have been mailed.

Principal Springer reported the Juniors and Seniors will be having a date/rape assembly on April 10th. He discussed the Class of 2018 graduating status in May and asked President Teter and Secretary Kloeping to sign the diplomas after the meeting.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

SOUTHWEST MUSIC CONTEST RESULTS

The high school Band and Choir went to Imperial on Friday, April 20, to compete at District Music Contest. The students performed well and had a great day. They are scored on a 5 point system, with 1 being the highest, 5 being the lowest. Here are the results:

Band – 1 (Superior)

Choir – 2 (Excellent)

Alex Porter, tuba solo, 1 and Outstanding Soloist

Julia Holdcroft, vocal solo, 1 and Outstanding Soloist

Alex Porter, vocal solo, 1

Brett Soderlund, vocal Solo, 1

Suzanne Roggenkamp, vocal solo, 1

Lanie Overtone, vocal solo, 1

Elaine Roggenkamp, violin solo, 1

Harley Remington, snare solo, 1

Alex Porter & Brady Porter, vocal duet, 1

Suzanne Roggenkamp & Elaine Roggenkamp, vocal duet, 1

Austin Adam & Alyse Foster, vocal duet, 1

Barbershop Quartet, Austin Adam, Alex Porter, Brady Porter, Brett Soderlund, 1

Mixed Vocal Ensemble, Austin Adam, Lanie Overtone, Alex Porter, Lillie Schultz, Natalie Shald, Stevie Wadle, 1

Brady Porter, vocal solo, 2

Alyse Foster, vocal solo, 2

Ashley Kragelund, vocal solo, 2

Lillie Schultz, vocal solo, 2

Brady Porter, percussion solo, 2

Suzanne Roggenkamp, baritone solo, 2

Kailee Miller, flute solo, 2

Natalie Shald, flute solo, 2

Stevie Wadle, bells solo, 2

Cambridge Music Contest Results

5th - 8th grade music students competed in the Music Contest in Cambridge on Friday, April 13. We had a wonderful day full of beautiful music. Here are the results:

Jr. High Choir – 1

Elementary Choir – 1

Jr. High Band – 2

Elementary Band – 1

Elem Large Instrumental Champion: SW

Girls Jr. High Vocal Solo: Brie 3rd place

Girls Elem Vocal Solo: Jadyn Adams 1st place

Girls Elem Vocal Solo: Olivia Hodge 2nd place

Elem Brass Solo: Nathan Rippe 2nd place

Percussion Ensemble: Caylin/Kaden 3rd place

Jr. High WW Solo: Kirkland 3rd place

Jr. High Mixed Vocal Ensemble (One Voice, One Song) – 1

Mixed Vocal (8th Grade Girls: Something Told the Wild Geese) – 1

Kadyn Ramsey, bell solo – 1

Caylin Barnett & Kaden Day, snare drum duet – 1

Avery McConville, bari sax solo – 1

Jarett Hitt, sax solo – 1

Payton Truksa, sax solo – 1

Kiana Martin, sax solo – 1

Kirkland Nicholson, flute solo – 1

Raelynn Minary, clarinet solo – 1

Elem Sax Ensemble – 1

Elem Flute Trio – 1

Nathan Rippe, trombone solo – 1

Brianna Rae, trumpet solo – 1

Brie Shald, vocal solo – 1

Amelia Minary, vocal solo – 1

Jadyn Adams, vocal solo – 1

Olivia Cooper, vocal solo – 1

Avery McConville, vocal solo – 1

Austin Thompson, clarinet solo – 2

Atleigh Nelms, sax solo – 2

Allison Van Pelt, sax solo – 2

Aubrey High, vocal solo – 2

Sophie Schluckebier, vocal solo – 2

Olivia Hodge, vocal solo – 2

Kimberly Hoffmann & Clayton Hardy, trumpet duet – 2

Elem Trumpet Trio – 2

Mixed Vocal (7th Grade Girls: We Shall Overcome) – 2

Shayla Emory & Jadyn Walz, vocal duet – 2

Brie Shald & Raelynn Minary, vocal duet – 2

McKenna Hylton & Alexis Wayman, vocal duet – 3

Southwest Public

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Address Service Requested



Southwest High School Graduation
10:30 AM Saturday, May 12, 2018

Southwest Elementary Field Day
12:00 PM Monday, May 14, 2018

Last Day of School
Thursday, May 17, 2018
Elementary Dismissal at 12:45 PM
High School Dismissal at 1:00 PM