



'Rider News

From The Desk Of Superintendent Todd Porter

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Now that the temperatures have risen and we approach the end of the school year, it is important to remember that learning can continue throughout the summer. There are some very simple things you can do during the summer to help students avoid the "regression" that many students experience, therefore requiring an amount of time in the fall to catch up to where they stand at the end of the year.

If your child is a candidate for summer school, it is important that you take advantage of this opportunity. Whether it be for working on reading skills, or any other academic areas that they may struggle in, it's a good idea. At the high school level, credit recovery is possible and a very good idea for those students who are lacking in credits or need to make up a previous failing grade. It's only a few hours per week, but it's amazing how much can be accomplished when a student is in a very small group setting or working on an online course. Take advantage of the opportunities that are put in place for your child. There is much to gain from a summer school session.

For those students who

are advanced learners, this is a great time to pick up a college class from Mid-Plains Community College, either online or in person. Those students who take extra credits before they graduate statistically do better than their peers who do not take advantage of this opportunity. It can really pay off monetarily, as well, since University courses can be so expensive. If a student can finish a semester early or add a second major or minor to their time in college, take advantage of the opportunity.

Finally, get your kids involved in summer programs like 4-H, summer camps that sometimes are free, trips to a local museum, or working at a summer job. Keeping the mind active and learning continuously throughout the summer is advantageous. Physical activity is very important to every child, as well. Vigorous outdoor activity helps the body and keeps children from getting into a rut. Summer is a great break, and can be an opportunity to really have some positive growth. Have a great summer!



Last Day Of School
May 16, 2019
Elementary
Dismissal 12:45 PM
Jr/Sr High
Dismissal 1:00 PM

Special points of interest:

- May 3 - Seniors last day
- May 6 - Elementary Spring Music Program 7:00 PM
- May 11 - High School Graduation 10:30 AM
- May 13-NO SCHOOL at Jr/Sr High School
- May 13 - Elementary Field Day 12:00 PM at the Jr/Sr High track

High School News - Mr. Springer

The 2018-19 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 11th Graduation. **** May 16th 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 work when school resumes. Summer school will be Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 starting June 3rd

The class schedules for next year are 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 Monday May 13th. 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 please come watch our youngsters compete. They appreciate the support!

Elementary News - Mrs. Latta

School is winding down and we've had another great year at Southwest Elementary! Our students and teachers have put so much effort into making academic progress and we are all hoping our state assessments will show just how hard we've been working. At the same time, we remember that state assessments are only one part of what we do each and every day. Our students have also grown physically, socially and emotionally throughout the year and we look forward to what the future holds for each and every one.

Summer is full of fun things to do: swimming, playing outside, climbing trees, going to the park, getting ready for the fair, and lots and lots of other activities.

One summer activity we love to talk about is READING! It's so important to continue encouraging your child to read when school is not in session. Here's a great website with 8 ideas to help you encourage summer reading: <http://www.thethinkerbuilder.com/2015/05/8-ways-to-encourage-summer-reading.html>

There are lots of good books and fun activities going on at the Bartley and Indianola libraries this summer, so check it out!

Calendar:

May 6 Preschool through 4th Grade Music Program @ 7:00 p.m. at the high school

May 13 Kindergarten through 6th Grade Field Day @ Noon at the high school track

May 16 Last Day of School

June 3-27 Summer School 8:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

Have a great summer!

Southwest Schools Music - Mrs. Roggenkamp and Mrs. Hengen

Music Contest Ratings

We had our first contest for 5th-8th grades on Friday, April 5th, in Cambridge. Here are the results:

Elementary:

Elementary Band, Superior & Outstanding Elem. Band (trophy)

Elementary Choir, Excellent

Minary/Hodge (vocal duet), Excellent

Atleigh Nelms (alto sax), Superior & 1st place Elem Woodwind Solos

Payton Truksa (alto sax), Excellent & 2nd place Elem Woodwind Solos

Allison Van Pelt (alto sax), Excellent

Jadyn Walz (flute), Excellent

Tommy Rucker (alto sax), Excellent

Adams/Walz (flute duet), Superior & 1st place Elem Woodwind Ensembles

Sax Quartet (Nelms, Van Pelt, Truksa, Williams), Superior & 2nd place Elem Woodwind Ensembles

Clarinet Trio, Superior

Alex Lashley (trumpet solo), Good

Riley Cure (tuba solo), Superior & 2nd place Elem Brass Solos

Genevieve Hildebrand (vocal), Excellent

Abigail Schultz (vocal), Excellent

Fritz/Fritz (trombone duet), Excellent

Jr. High:

JH Band, Superior & Outstanding JH Band (trophy)

JH Choir, Superior

Aubrey High (vocal), Superior

Elizabeth Townsend (vocal), Excellent

Jadyn Adams (vocal), Excellent

Mixed Vocal Ensemble (Kimberly Hoffmann, Delaney Critchfield, Gracie Fries, Gage Overton, Clayton Hardy, Kady Ramsey, Avery McConville, Kiana Martin, Aubrey High, Sophia Schluckebier), Superior & 2nd place JH Vocal Ensemble

Girls Trio (Sophia Schluckebier, Haylee Thomas, Brianna Rae), Excellent

Aubrey High (trombone), Superior & 3rd place

Brianna Rae (trumpet), Excellent

Trumpet Ensemble (6 students), Superior & 1st place Brass Ensembles

Hammond/Weaver (trumpet duet), Superior & 3rd place Brass Ensembles

Kaden Day/Caylin Barnett (snare duet), Superior & 1st place Percussion Ensembles

Kady Ramsey (bells), Superior

Kiana Martin (alto sax), Superior & 1st place JH WW Solos

Avery McConville (alto sax), Superior

Schluckebier/Thompson (clarinet duet), Superior

Adams/Lampe (flute/trumpet), Superior

Music Contest Results Continued:

Our high school District Music Contest was on Thursday, April 18th, in McCook. Here are our scores:

High School:

Mixed Choir, Superior
Concert Band, Excellent
Elaine Roggenkamp & Raelynn Minary, vocal duet, Superior
Lanie Overton & Brie Shald, vocal duet, Superior
Austin Adam & Alyse Foster, vocal duet, Superior
Jazmine Walz & Cassidy Wilcox, vocal duet, Superior
Mixed Vocal Quartet (Lanie Overton, Suzanne Roggenkamp, Austin Adam, Brett Soderlund), Excellent
Girls Ensemble, Excellent
Elaine Roggenkamp, piano solo, Superior
Alyse Foster, vocal solo, Superior
Julia Holdcroft, vocal solo, Superior
Lanie Overton, vocal solo, Excellent
Suzanne Roggenkamp, vocal solo, Superior
Lillie Schultz, vocal solo, Excellent
Brie Shald, vocal solo, Superior
Brett Soderlund, vocal solo, Superior
Elaine Roggenkamp, vocal solo, Superior
Kailee Miller, flute solo, Excellent
Kirkland Nicholson, flute solo, Excellent
Suzanne Roggenkamp, baritone solo, Superior
Caleb Shald, trumpet solo, Superior
Caleb Shald & Paul McConville, trumpet duet, Superior
Alyse Foster & Kailee Miller, flute duet, Superior
Suzanne Roggenkamp & Jesse Roland, baritone duet, Superior

Sixth Grade Orientation - Mrs. Wilson

May is right around the corner and that means the sixth graders have been working on transitioning to seventh grade. Moving from the elementary to the junior high school is a huge step in their academic career. Many students are faced with a lot of questions about the unknown of next year. As a sixth grade instructor, I try to help dwindle those fears along with the open communication of our junior high instructors and administrators. To eliminate some of those fears the sixth grade has moved all of their school supplies into their lockers to simulate the bell schedule of next year, worked on ways to become more organized, put combination locks on their lockers, and instructors have provided realistic expectations of what middle school will be like and implemented those expectations into the last quarter of school. Probably the most important activity used for transitioning from sixth to seventh grade is sixth grade orientation. The sixth graders will go through what a typical day in junior high life is like with the help of the student council members. They will enjoy lunch with the junior high and high school students, receive a tour of the building, get to experience what a junior high classroom setting is like, and ask Mr. Springer a lot of questions they have for next year. This day is filled with excitement and hopefully eases the butterflies of becoming a junior high student.

Southwest Public Schools

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> May 2019 </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			7:40am: NHS Meeting 2:00pm: Track @ Alma	SV Golf at Cambridge Last Day for Seniors Preschool Field Trip to North Platte		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am: JH RPAC TR @ DCS 7:00pm: PK-4 Spring Music Program @ Bartley	1st Grade Field Trip 10:00am: Golf Cattle Trail @ Med. Valley	3rd Grade Field Trip 8:00am: JH/HS Sports Physicals	District Track at Southern Valley 5th Grade Field Trip 10:00am: Golf at Bertrand	9:30am: Senior Graduation Practice	10:30am: Graduation	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NO SCHOOL AT HS Boys Golf Districts 12:00pm: Elem. Field Day @ Bartley 7:30pm: School Board Meeting	Boys Golf Districts Rockin Rider Field Trip (6th)	SEMESTER TESTS	SEMESTER TESTS End of 2nd Semester 1:00pm: Early Out	Teacher Workday State TR	State TR	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Boys State Golf In Kearney	Boys State Golf In Kearney				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
				5:00pm: NEW WEST ALL STAR GAME		

* = Event displays only on this view

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

May-19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider Salad Bar Daily Milk With All Meals						
			1 Breakfast Donut Holes/Cereal	2 Breakfast Muffins/Cereal	3 Breakfast Pancake Sausage Stix	4
			Elem Lunch Chicken Gravy w biscuits	Elementary Lunch Lasagna Casserole	Elementary Lunch Meatballs	
			Jr/Sr High Grilled Cheese	Jr/Sr High Lunch Chicken gravy w biscuits	Jr/Sr High Lunch Beey Nacho	
5	6 Breakfast Chero/Cereal	7 Breakfast Scone/Cereal	8 Breakfast Omelet/Cereal	9 Breakfast Oatmeal Round/Cereal	10 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito	11
	Elementary Lunch Chicken Nuggets	Elementary Lunch Beefy Nacho	Elementary Lunch Pizza Burger	Elementary Lunch Cavatini	Elementary Lunch Grilled Cheese	
	Jr/Sr High Lunch Hoagie	Jr/Sr High Lunch Goulosh	Jr/ Sr High Lunch Ham Slice	Jr/Sr High Lunch Pancake Sausage	Jr/Sr High Lunch Pizza Burger	
12	13 Breakfast Cereal Bar/Cereal	14 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs/Cereal	15 Breakfast Pop Tart/Cereal	16 Breakfast Cereal	17	18
	Elementary Lunch Hamburgers	Elementary Lunch Chicken Sandwich	Elementary Lunch Pancake Sausage Stix	Elementary Lunch Sack Lunch		
	Jr/Sr High Lunch NO SCHOOL	Jr/Sr High Lunch Turkey Slice	Jr/Sr High Lunch BBQ Pork Sandwich	Jr/Sr High Lunch Sack Lunch		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NO SALAD BAR THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Board of Education Meeting

Southwest Public Schools

District 179

April 8, 2019

Vice-President Ondrea McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on April 8, 2019 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Jason Neseth and John O'Dea

Visitors: Don and Donna Behnke, Ben and Nicole Springer

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Teter, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Klopping, J. McConville, O. 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.

John O'Dea arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Awards & Recognition-Students participated in State FFA and State FBLA this last week. Both teams did very well in their specialty categories. Our Golf team received Runner up at the Dundy Co./Stratton meet. Students also participated in Inter High Day, the Junior High/Elementary Music Contest, and the McCook Paint In. Those who participated received many awards and recognition. Congratulations to Donna Roggenkamp on receiving the Outstanding Music Teacher Award for Rural Schools at the NRCSA conference on March 21st.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2019 board meeting as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Klopping, 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: Klopping, O'Dea, J. McConville, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

The Board decided to keep the Activity Pass prices for the 2019-2020 school year the same. \$20 for a Student pass, \$45 for an Adult pass, and \$85 for a Family pass

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the placement of Jordan Lewis on the Southwest Public Schools Foundation Board to replace Nick Brost. Ayes: Klopping, O. McConville, O'Dea, Teter, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Mr. Porter discussed LB 399, American Civics Education Bill with the board and what their responsibilities will entail with this bill.

Superintendent Porter reported that on Wednesday, April 10th the Department of Education will be here for a lunch program review. Mr. Porter and Jody will be attending the NDE Data Conference on April 29th and 30th. He reminded the board that graduation is May 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Board Minutes Continued

Principal Latta reported the students have finished NSCAS ELA testing and are working on math and science this week. The Elementary music students participated in the JH/Elem music contest and did very well. Mrs. Latta wanted to thank the community for all the stuff the bus contributions. She said the school was overwhelmed by all the generous donations.

Principal Springer reported that our new route bus is here and in use. The Coach bus broke down while in Lincoln for State FFA but has now been repaired. Mr. Springer wanted to recognize and thank the Southwest FFA and SR Farms for organizing the Hay Drive. They donated 10 semi loads and 2 pickup trailer loads of alfalfa to the flood relief victims. Students have signed up for classes for next year and the high school schedule is in its final stages.

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

Graduation is May 11th, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, J. McConville, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

From The AD - Mr. Roggenkamp

High School Physicals will be on May 8th, 2019. This is a great way for your student to obtain a physical prior to the summer lifting, sports camps, and other summer activities. This physical also completes the requirement that every student has for a physical to be on file with the school before they can start a 2019-2020 sport. This physical is "free" for our student athletes. Every year we have athletes who arrive the first day of practice for a sport only to be turned away from practice because they have not completed the NSAA requirement that a physical must be on file with the school before they can participate in a sports practice.

Starting on May 28th summer lifting, conditioning, and sports camps can begin. Our coaching staff will be handing out a schedule of camps and lifting dates that their sport will be conducting. Our athletic programs need to see an increased involvement in these programs. Athletes from other schools that we play in 2019-2020 will be training this summer to compete against us. We need to make a special appointment to train and gain skill in our respective sports programs. Please check with the head coach of your students' sports programs to see what activities are being arranged.

Next August we will be conducting a Parents/Player/AD meeting at the high school that is mandatory for your student athlete and parents to attend. August 8th is the date reserved for this meeting. Rules, paperwork, and team meeting will be held prior to the start of practice on August 12th, 2019. Mark your calendars now for **August 8th, 2019 at 6:30 PM** in the Auditorium

Second Grade - Ms Ruggles

As we wind down the school year, I am always amazed at how much my students have learned and matured. We have memorized our addition and subtraction facts. We are also learning some multiplication facts. Learning to add and subtract two and three digit numbers has been a lot of fun too. Add to this, counting money, telling time to the minute, fractions, measuring, geometric solids, perimeter and area. Please continue to practice with your child over the summer so they don't suffer from the summer slide. Give them some pocket change to count. Skip count by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, and 10's while riding in the car or taking a walk. Ask them to tell you what time it is when you see a clock. Most importantly, please continue to practice their addition and subtraction facts for a few minutes

each day.

In Science, we have been busy studying plants and animals. We are learning about their life cycles and needs. Our brassica plants are growing like crazy and they have beautiful yellow flowers. Our butterfly larva arrived and we are anxious to discover the different phases of the painted lady butterfly. This summer, please take some time to notice and enjoy all the wonderful plants and animals around you with your child.

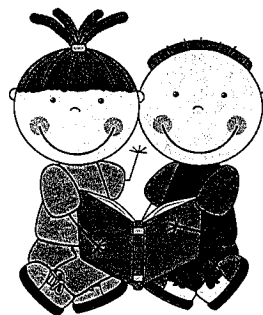
April was National Poetry Month and we really enjoyed reading, memorizing, and writing different types of poems. If you see a second grader, please ask them to recite "The Swing" by Robert Louis Stevenson. They will proudly say every line and stanza. Continue to read poetry and books over the

summer. As Dr. Seuss said, "The more that you READ, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Pre School - Mrs. May

Reading to your preschool children is one of the most important things you can do to develop good reading habits! Our afternoon preschool class stepped up to the challenge of reading 1,000 by the end of the year. On March 29th we read our 1,000th book. The class did this by reading at home and logging their books, reading in class as a whole group and choos-

ing to read on their own during free time. Our goal now is to try and reach 1,500 books by the end of the school year! As of today our book total is 1,150 books read.



If you see these kids or families tell them good job!

The Class of 2021 would like to thank everyone who supported their PoPt popcorn fund raiser! It was a huge success and will be doing it again next year! THANK YOU!!

Peg Rice, Sponsor

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FREE High School Sports Physicals
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Will be at the Southwest High School
Any student participating in any extra-
curricular activity (any sport or cheer-
leading) must have a physical.