

# 2018 DECEMBER



## **Pictured above is Spanish 1.**

The Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 classes celebrated the holiday El Dia de Los Muertos. This Mexican holiday is a two day festival where people decorate the graves of their loved ones who have passed. El Dia de Los Muertos includes local foods, decorating altars, candles and spending time with family. The students made decorations for the holiday and enjoyed cultural activities.

**Below: Spanish 2-** Devin Vanderham, Hayden Plamp, Kayla Fischer, and Kayla Wisdom created art projects for Dia de Los Muertos.  
Not pictured: Carly Lagge



## **Regional Oral Interp Results:**

Christian Clairmont moved on in Poetry

Jacob Wogner moved on in Storytelling

They will compete in Watertown November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Avery Broughton is alternate in Humorous

Kassidy Watters, Taryn Rexwinkel, Camden Plooster, Paige Wright, and Carly Lagge are alternates in Readers Theater



Title I transition night was held for the area 3 year olds. They enjoyed a funny turkey book, games, crafts and snacks. A night of fun was had by both parents and students. Highlights were the "Turkey Pokey" and eating the "Turkey" for snack!







# Sports Honors

**Left: Great Plains All-Conference for football-** Caysen Eide, Brady Tolsma, Jaden Barse, & Blake Moke,

**All-State 9A for football-** Caysen Eide and Jaden Barse

**Right: Academic All-State for football-** Haley Johnson, Caysen Eide, Jaden Barse, and Heather Johnson



**Left: Congratulations to the following players for being selected Volleyball CBH All-Conference.**

Bridget Burke- Honorable mention

Courtney Menning- 3rd team

Raven Barse- 2nd team

Raven Barse, Courtney Menning were also named **All-Conference in the Great Plains conference** this past season and Bridget Burke was named honorable mention.

**Academic All-State for Volleyball:**

Right: Bridget Burke, Abby Dethlefsen, Haley Johnson, Heather Johnson, Courtney Menning, & Kassidy Clark.



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**9th grade - Physical Science – Studying about Force, Mass and Acceleration. Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of motion describes how the forces exerted on an object, its mass, and its acceleration are related.**

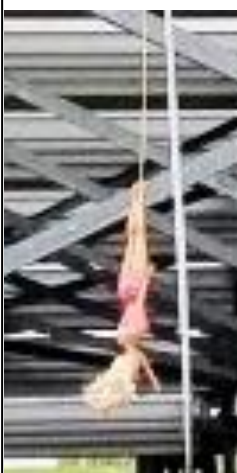
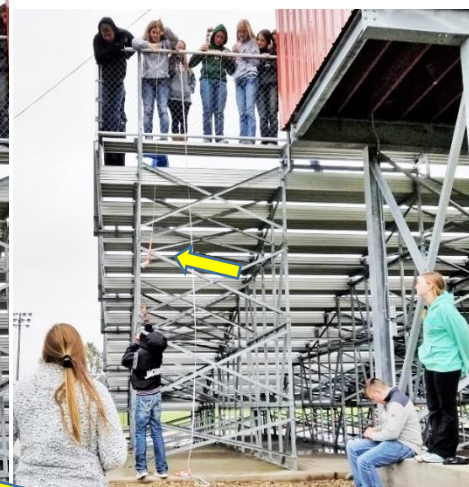
So....., what kind of a lab can we do that is interesting, fun, and of course educational while still being safe! A demolition derby in the parking lot (at 3:36 pm when school lets out, it may look like one!) rubber band war, trampolines and dunking basketballs in the gym.... Hmmmm, not happening as administration will not approve! Hey, here's an idea... what if we get a couple of volunteers, tie rubber bands around their ankles, and then push them off the lab table... yes, that will work, Bungee Jumping!!!  
..... using Barbie Dolls of course!

In this lab with Barbie Dolls and rubber bands, the students will gain an appreciation for the simulation and the beauty of mathematics in science by determining the relationship between the number of rubber bands and the jump height that will allow a safe jump for Barbie and still be exciting.

The students devised a realistic way of attaching the bands to Barbie's ankles and then dropped her from the lab table (1meter high) as if she were jumping. Rubber bands were practiced with to determine the number required for one meter. Then the class went out to the bleachers by the football field and Barbie was to jump from a height of 5 meters. The students were to estimate and predict how many bands they would need for that height. To be realistic to Bungee jumping, the bands had to be replaced after a certain number of jumps, just in case the bands were stretched out and faulty, so that Barbie would not be injured or harmed.

The students were able to make graphs of their trials – and other things became factored in, for example, the temperature inside the classroom was a lot different than it was outside. So, there were adjustments needed to be made as the rubber bands obviously do not stretch as well outside in the cold.

A fun and interesting experiment to say the least.





## Title I Tidbits

Happy Holidays!

We are now at the time of year that we find ourselves inside more spending quality time with our families. This is a great time to engage in some family friendly activities that promote literacy. There is plenty of research that says that children raised in homes that promote family literacy grow up to be better readers and do better in school than children raised in homes where literacy is not promoted.

We know that promoting family literacy is important to future reading and school success. While family literacy activities are often based in reading, there are lots of other ways families can implement literacy activities at home: through picture books, songs, poetry, storytelling, playing board or card games, visiting a library, and reading together.

Family literacy is defined as home literacy activities that provide literacy skill-building opportunities for young children while enhancing literacy skill development in all members of the family. These activities should be started as early as preschool and continue throughout High School. Modeling reading to children is also important for literacy development at all ages.

Here is a list of board games that promote literacy for all ages

Tall Tales	Scrabble	Old Maid
Sequence Letters	Monopoly	Go Fish
Sequence Junior	Boggle	Bingo
Apples to Apples	Hedbanz	Yahtzee
Read My List	Dominoes	Memory

Reading literacy involves phonics, decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Math literacy involves, number sense, problem solving, computation, and explanation. These are the skills that we teach in school and we hope you will help us reinforce them at home by taking the time to implement some family literacy activities in to your daily schedules. Our joint efforts will result in our students being more successful in our schools.

All of us here at school wish you and your families a safe a happy Holiday Season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





## Service Projects

*NHS donated two baskets to support the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. Junior NHS members pose with the baskets.*



*Pictured above right: NHS members that helped make blankets.*

*The Corsica American Legion Auxiliary Unit 274 sponsored the National Honor Society with a project of making blankets for veterans living at Leisure Living and at the Nursing home in Corsica.*

*The students, along with the Auxiliary, presented the blankets to the veterans. The extra blankets that were made will be sent to the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs to be donate to the veterans living there.*



*Below: Ashlin, Jordyn and Carly pose with the blankets at Leisure Living.*

*NHS members went to Corsica Nursing Home to present blankets to the veterans living there.*



*Pictured right with the blankets are from left, front row-- Veterans James Oakland, Royce VanZee, Leonard DeVries, John Olivier, Delmar Van Genderen; back row-- Auxiliary VP Helen VanderWal, Auxiliary Secretary Cecelia Oakland, Auxiliary President Jill Burns; NHS members: Jordan Gerlach, Ashlin DeBoer, and Carly Lagge. Not pictured: Junior Noteboom and Sylvan Van Zee.*

*Thank you Veterans!*







### All-State Choir

**Left:** Sierra Heidinger, Jenna Bamberg, Jaden Barse, & Christian Clairmont attended the 66th Annual South Dakota All-State Chorus & Orchestra in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on October 26 & 27, 2018. They have been rehearsing with Mr. & Mrs. Davis since September, and they attended choral workshops at USD & DWU to help them prepare for this event. The chorus was comprised of 928 singers representing 145 high schools. You can watch the concert online at [sdpb.org](http://sdpb.org) anytime if you were unable to attend the concert.



### Elementary Honor Choir

**Above right:** Ben Gerlach, Delanie Slaba, and Saylor Lefers attended the 2018 Elementary Honor Choir presented by South Dakota Music Educators Association. The rehearsal and concert was held at the Rapid City Civic Center on October 27, 2018. There were 493 students that auditioned in April 2018. 135 students from South Dakota were selected to prepare music with their directors, and perform an amazing concert under the direction of Lisa Cameron.

Music

### Jr. High Region V Music Festival

The following students were selected to attend the Region V Jr. High Music Festival held in Platte, SD on November 13, 2018.

**Right:** Choir Back Row: Grace Wolbrink, Brenna Beckman, Ashlyn Lefers, Kendall Olawsky, And Danae Dykstra  
Front Row: Braxton VanderWal, Caleb Baumiller, Devon Zobel, Elise Gerlach

**Far right:** Band Back Row: Jaden Plooster, Payton DeLange, Lucas Krogstad, and Kayden Muck  
Front Row: Jacey Kemp, Bailey Dykstra, Mara Lago, and Cassidy Weener



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### Freshmen Festival Choir

**Left & Below:** The following freshman were selected to perform at the SDMEA Freshman Festival Choir on November 15, 2018 in Mitchell, SD at the Performing Arts Center.

Back Row: Rachel Gerlach, Kylie Olson, Waylon Torticill, Cole Feenstra, Taylor Feenstra, Casey Tolsma, Megan Strid  
Middle Row: Josie Bartelt, Kyanna Clark, Katelyn Lau, Erynn Gerlach, Colin Pennings, Emily Wehri  
Front Row: Mrs. Tanya Davis, Morgan Clites, Cora Heidinger, Marisa DeLange, Jacob ...

### HS Gregory Festival Choir

**Below:** Back Row: Devin Vanderham, Adam Joachim, Isaac Hinker, and Keith Stetson  
Middle Row: Trevor Bartelt, Paige Wright, and Morgan DeLange  
Front Row: Kayla Fischer, Ashlin DeBoer, Carly Lago, Jaiay Baumiller







**Animal Coverings** and how they protect the animals in the wild was the topic of a 2<sup>nd</sup> graders science project. By smearing lard on a gloved hand and leaving the other one unprotected and then plunging them both into ice cold water students were able to compare the insulating properties of fat and leather. Students enjoyed touching and examining the various skins and leathers brought in by Mrs. Schumacher. They were surprised by how tough it was to try to tear cowhide.



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**Solid or Liquid???** 5th Grade is learning about solids, liquids, and gases and how matter changes states. To fully grasp the concept of states of matter, students made "oobleck" which holds the properties of both a solid and a liquid. The students performed a series of lab tests then wrote statements defending their original hypothesis of whether it is a liquid or solid. Want to see for yourself? Mix 2 parts corn starch for every 1 part water and play with it...a few drops of water either way can make a big difference in your final product.



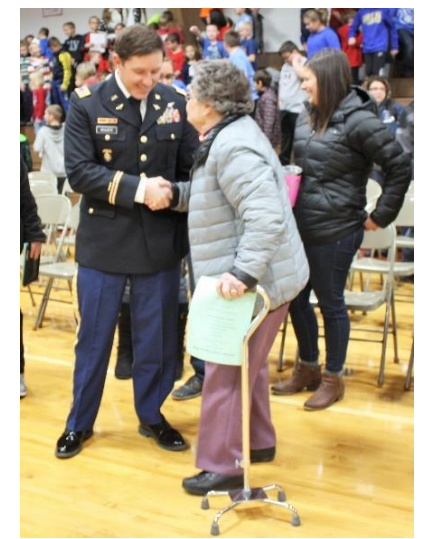
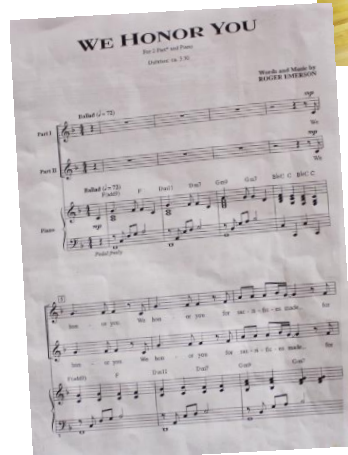




**Veteran's Day Program 2018**  
 November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 10:00am  
 Corsica-Stickney Elementary Gym

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Color Guard  
 Welcome  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 National Anthem: (Audience Joins in Singing)  
 "America the Beautiful" - (Audience Sing)  
 Speaker: CW3 Matt Mulder  
 "We Honor You": Musical Munchkins  
 "God Bless America": (Audience Sing)  
 (Please stand and remain standing for the retirement of the colors)  
 Retirement of Colors



C/S School honored veterans on November 12<sup>th</sup> with programs at each campus. Chief Warrant Officer 3, Matt Mulder was the guest speaker in Stickney. He shared a slideshow from his recent deployment to Syria. The Stickney American Legion post provided the color guard while members of the elementary student council helped with the program in Stickney. The Musical Munchkins performed "We Honor You" to attending veterans. Taps was provided by Jim Guenther and Mike Davis.





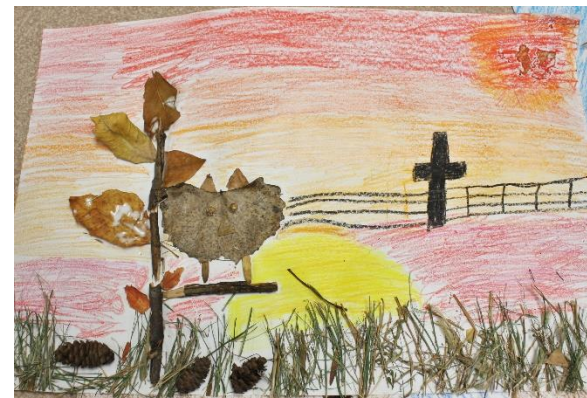


Corsica campus speaker was LT Colonel Dan Bosma, while the Corsica American Legion provided the color guard. The C/S All-State choir sang the national anthem and the Jr High & High School choirs performed as well while Mr. Davis & his brass group played a rousing patriotic tune as Taryn Rexwinkel & Ashlin DeBoer provided the piano accompaniment.

Shown below bottom is Abby Dethlefsen and Bridget Burke, NHS members, as they present blankets to Corsica American Legion Auxiliary President Jill Burns.







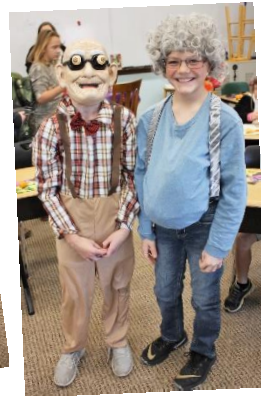
Mrs. Olsen's Fifth graders created nature art. The only stipulation for this project was that anything the students used to create their "scene" had to be found in nature. She showed a few examples but the students MORE than exceeded her expectations! The imagination and creativity used really speaks to each student's talents and interests. This was a great art project!!



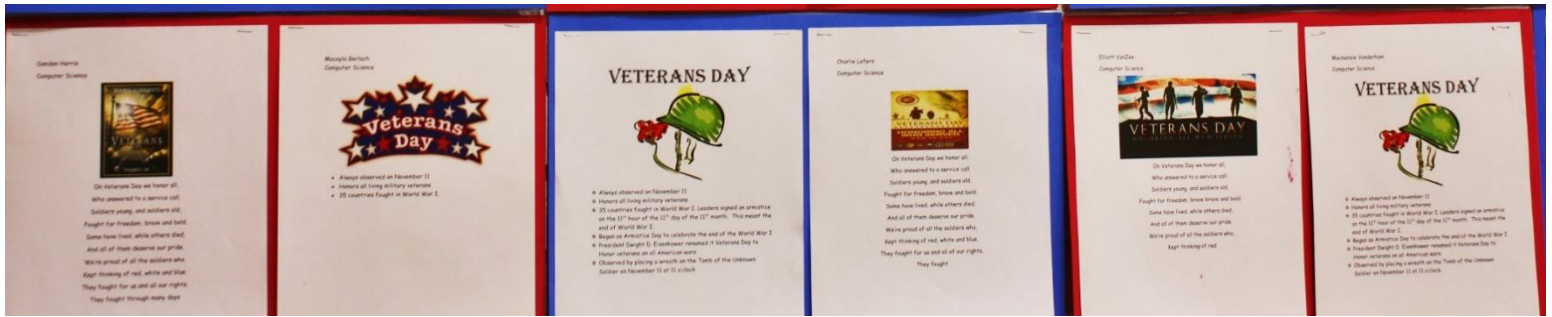




# Halloween Fun



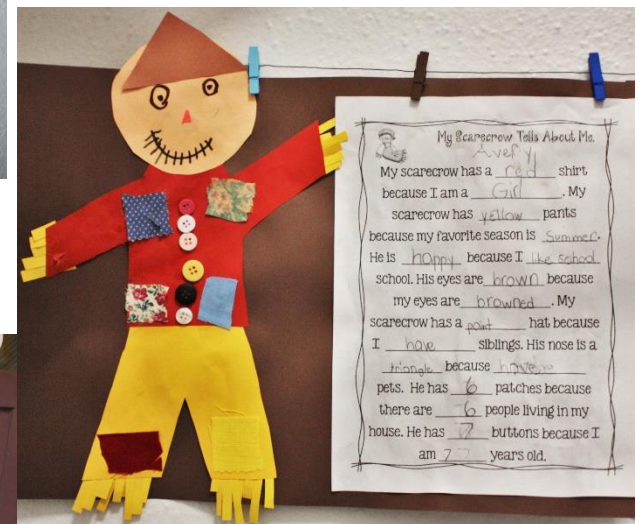




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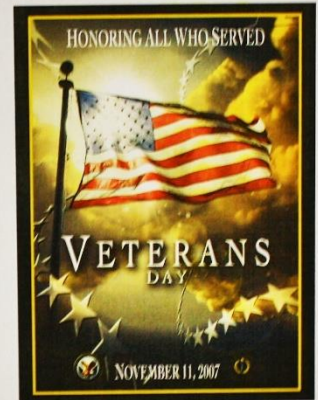
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Camdon Harris  
Computer Science



On Veterans Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days

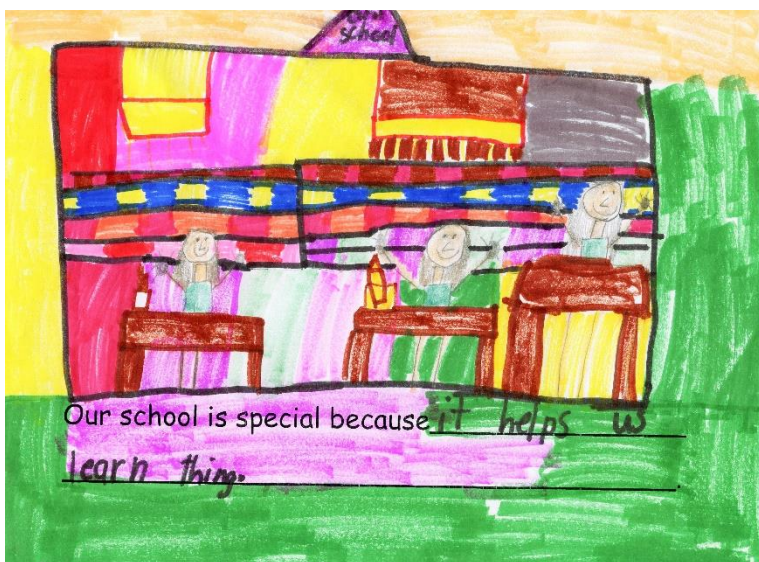




Corsica-Stickney Public School teaches kindness and brings children together in many ways. For example, our school has buddy reading to help children of many ages to bond. We also have Smile-O-Grams every month to appreciate the kids who have gone out of their way to help other people. Unlike some schools, Corsica-Stickney makes sure that every child is not only progressing academically, but also has a good life at home. We have amazing counseling and a caring principal who makes sure that everyone is happy. Some larger schools have children who are unhappy and are being physically or mentally bullied at school or at home. Our school is filled with happy, healthy individuals. We have delicious and balance meals every day. The play areas are very safe and entertain the students. Our teachers and staff have provided us with stellar technology and books that are in amazing shape. These are just some of the many reasons that Corsica-Stickney School is an amazing school to go to, especially if you want to be happy and get support for whatever you need. I am so grateful to go to Corsica-Stickney Public School.

During National Education Week, the elementary students were asked what makes our school special. Each class had a winning entry (there was a tie in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) which are shown here. At left you will find the grand prize winning entry by Saylor Lefers.

I think stickney school is special because we have opportunity to tryout for school plays with sherry. I also think that it's special because the teacher like and want to help you learn more everyday. I also like how when we make mistakes our classmates and teachers are there to build and cheer u up. I like how we have the chance at recess to hangout with our friends and talk with the kids that we don't get to talk to everyday because the maybe live in the country or in corsica. I like how we celebrate holidays and get to know our teacher class mates better everyday.







What makes our school special?

My school is special because it lets children learn that they can always be themselves. We have great teachers. Corsica/Stickney Elementary School has good coaches in all the sports. We do fun arts and crafts. This school has good exercise breaks. I like this school because it taught me that I could always learn when I try. It has fun challenges for boys and girls. Corsica/Stickney Elementary School teaches kids to be patient and to treat people how you want to be treated. It teaches you and me about history and science. I like Science because you get to go to the Science lab sometimes and do fun activities. You become very close to your classmates. You get really close to your teachers that once it's the end of the year you don't want to leave them. The lunch they serve at this school is good food. We once had to clean up the playground and it was pretty fun. As you can see there are lots and lots of things that makes my school Corsica/Stickney Elementary School makes it special.

Welcome to 3rd grade!!!



Our school is special because it's all about learning and teaching  
and knowing new things, even teachers or helpers can help you too.



Our school is special because everyone is kind every day,  
and every one gets to learn new thing every day too.

Brailen Mulder

Corsica-Stickney School is a great school in many ways. I think one main reason is because we always get a second chance to do better and fix our mistakes. We have a great staff, they are great because they always do the best of their ability to help a child. The staff is also very good at knowing what a child needs are and being able to understand them. The bus drivers are also very good at what they do. Their job isn't very easy either they have to be able to control the children so they are safe. They also have to listen to all of the noises and people talking while driving, and that takes a lot of concentration. Our sports coaches are also very good at what they do. They teach us everything we need to know to play and what we need to know about the game. They also try to make us better at what we are playing. Overall I think Corsica-Stickney School is a great place to grow up and figure out what you want to do with your life.



# 2018 TURKEY CHALLENGE



We will once again be participating in the annual area schools Turkey Challenge to collect canned goods for the Aurora County Food Panty. This year they will be filling Christmas boxes. Donations will be accepted until Monday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. You may drop your donations off at the Elementary school office or Ron's Market.

This year C/S Elementary will be collecting  
canned vegetables, evaporated milk &  
boxed stuffing mix.

*Thanks for your support in helping our school win the traveling trophy last year...let's keep the tradition going and win again this year!!*