



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



Stamp Design Winner

C/S Elementary had two first place winners this year!! Left: Will Hosman in 2nd grade won first from 118 entries while Mackenzie Vanderham in 4th grade beat 155 other entries to win first in her division. These winners received a very cool page of stamps featuring their artwork on them.



Elk's Hoop Shoot Winners

Pictured left are this year's local winners:

11/12 yr. Girls-Ali Wieczorek
Boys- Driftin Mulder
9/10 yr. Girls-Gabby Olson
Boys-Jett Kemp
8/9 yr. Girls-Macayla Gerlach
Boys-Brooks Blom

Turkey Challenge

Elementary Student Council officers are pictured below with just a portion of this year's donations to the food pantry. This year we collected evaporated milk, canned vegetables and boxed stuffing mix.





Tom Roberts, Author visits the Elementary School

Tom Roberts is originally a farm-boy from the Ipswich/Aberdeen area of South Dakota, but he and his wife, Tammy, have been long-time residents of Sioux Falls. His affiliation with the Children's Home Society began several years ago as a volunteer Santa Claus for the kid's Christmas Party. In 2002, he and Tammy produced one of his stories, *'Twas the Night Before Christ*, into a book as a fundraiser for Children's Home. The project was a great success and eventually led to Tammy joining their staff as a Development Officer. In the Spring of 2009, Tom too was invited to join their team as an Event coordinator and subsequently published his second and third books, *Santa's Prayer* and *The Little Lost Sock*, an audio collection of his stories on a CD entitled, *The Home Collection*, and his fourth and fifth books, *Return to the Farm - A Christmas Journey* and *The Greatest Gift-The Wise Ones' Journey*. This fall he released his sixth story, *On That One Christmas Eve*.

Tom kept the elementary students captive with his "Grinch" imitation as he recited the entire story of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* from memory. He also recited a couple of his books, including *The Little Lost Sock* and *On That One Christmas Eve*.

After he was finished, the audience was able to ask him questions and purchase his books if they so wished.



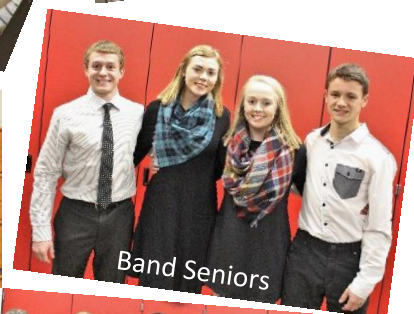
Christmas Concert



The C/S Elementary Christmas Concert was held on November 29th in the Elementary gym in Stickney to a large crowd. The 5th & 6th grades bands played and then k-6 grades participated in the choir portion of the program. HS students, Kassidy Watters, Bailey Dykstra and Kayden Muck shared their musical gifts by accompanying the grades as they sang.



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FCCLA Happenings

Flocking the Town

As part of a FCCLA/Senior Project Bridget Burke, Courtney Menning, and Kassidy Clark "Flocked" the towns of Corsica and Stickney throughout the month of October. Pink flamingos were placed in resident's yards and money was collected in order to move the flock. A total of \$585 was raised. The money collected was donated to the Douglas County Pink Ladies, Stickney's Helping Hands Club, and the breast cancer institute. Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Flocking" fundraiser, you all played a part in raising awareness for breast cancer!



Coats for a Cause

As part of an FCCLA project, Raven Barse, Paige Wright, and Lauren Bruinsma organized a coat drive. Over 120 coats in a variety of sizes were donated and then cleaned. Coats were then donated to Blessings Repeated in Plankinton, VFW Veteran's Hospital, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.



National Family Week

The week of November 21-27th was National Family Week. The Corsica-Stickney FCCLA chapter promoted the importance of family by creating a hallway display featuring FCCLA members and their families. A Family Movie Night was held on November 26th. Over 100 students and families gathered together to watch *Incredibles 2*, eat popcorn and treats, and spend time as a family!





FCCLA/NHS Christmas Party

On Thursday, December 6th, FCCLA and National Honor Society Members gathered together to celebrate Christmas. At the annual Christmas party chapter members spent time caroling at Leisure Living and Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Corsica, played games, and participated in a gift exchange. A fun time was had by all.



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Christmas

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Happy New Year!

The new year brings us setting goals and thinking about what we will change to improve in the upcoming year. I encourage you to make this year a year of literacy. You are your child's first and most important teacher. Give them the gift of a lifetime.....teach them to read! Below you will find a checklist of literacy ideas for toddlers and preschoolers.

Toddlers

- I read with my child every day, even if it is just a few minutes.
- I encourage my child to bring his favorite books to me so that we can read together.
- I point to pictures and name them out loud, and encourage my child to point to pictures while we read.
- I watch to see if my child sometimes makes eye contact with me when I read aloud. That tells me he/she is paying attention to me and the story.
- I talk with my child throughout the day about things we are doing and things that are happening around us.
- I try to be patient when my child wants to read the same book over and over again.
- I encourage my child to "play" with books-pick them up, flip them from front to back, and turn the pages.
- Sometimes I listen when my child "pretends" to read a book-he/she holds the book, goes from page to page, and says words, even though they're not the words on the page.
- I give my child paper and crayons so he/she can scribble, make pictures, and pretend to write

Preschoolers

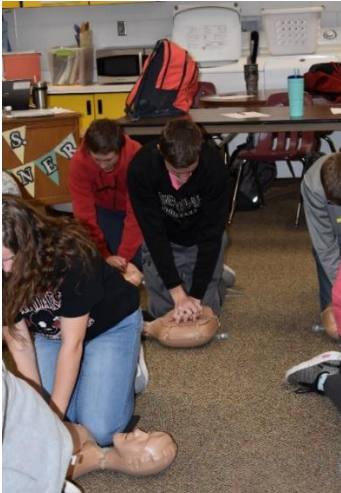
- I help my child hear and say the first sound in words (like "b" in boat).and notice when different words start with the same sound (like "boat" and "book")
- I help my child hear words that rhyme (like moose, goose, and caboose)
- I introduce new words to my child, like "bow" and "stern" which mean the front of a boat and the back of a boat.
- I talk with my child about the letters of the alphabet and notice them in books, like "c" for canoe.
- I point out signs and labels that have letters, like signs and foods in the grocery store.
- I encourage my child to find the joy and fun in reading. Usually, I let my child choose the books we read.
- I let my child pretend to read parts of the book when we read together.
- I talk with my child about stories and make connections to things that happen in our own lives.
- I ask "what," "where," and "how" questions when I read with my child to help him/ her follow along and understand the stories.
- I help my child write notes or make books (like an alphabet book), even if his writing only looks like scribbles or marks.
- I have my child use a scissors and practice cutting on a line and around shapes.



CPR TRAINING



On November 28th, twenty-four students at Corsica-Stickney High School took part in a CPR training course. Nicole Neugebauer, the Douglas County Armour Ambulance Director, visited the Health class as part of the class curriculum. As part of the training the students participated in a variety of activities. Students viewed a video demonstrating the CPR procedure, as well as stressing the importance of learning CPR in order to help save lives. Students were instructed the “Hands-Only” CPR procedure, which focuses on using chest compressions to save lives. Students got a hands on approach to doing CPR through the use of “Annie Dolls,” and they were able to demonstrate the skills they learned. The number one reason people are afraid to give CPR to someone is they are afraid they are doing it wrong, any CPR is better than no CPR. Through this training course Corsica-Stickney students now have the knowledge and skills in order to save lives!



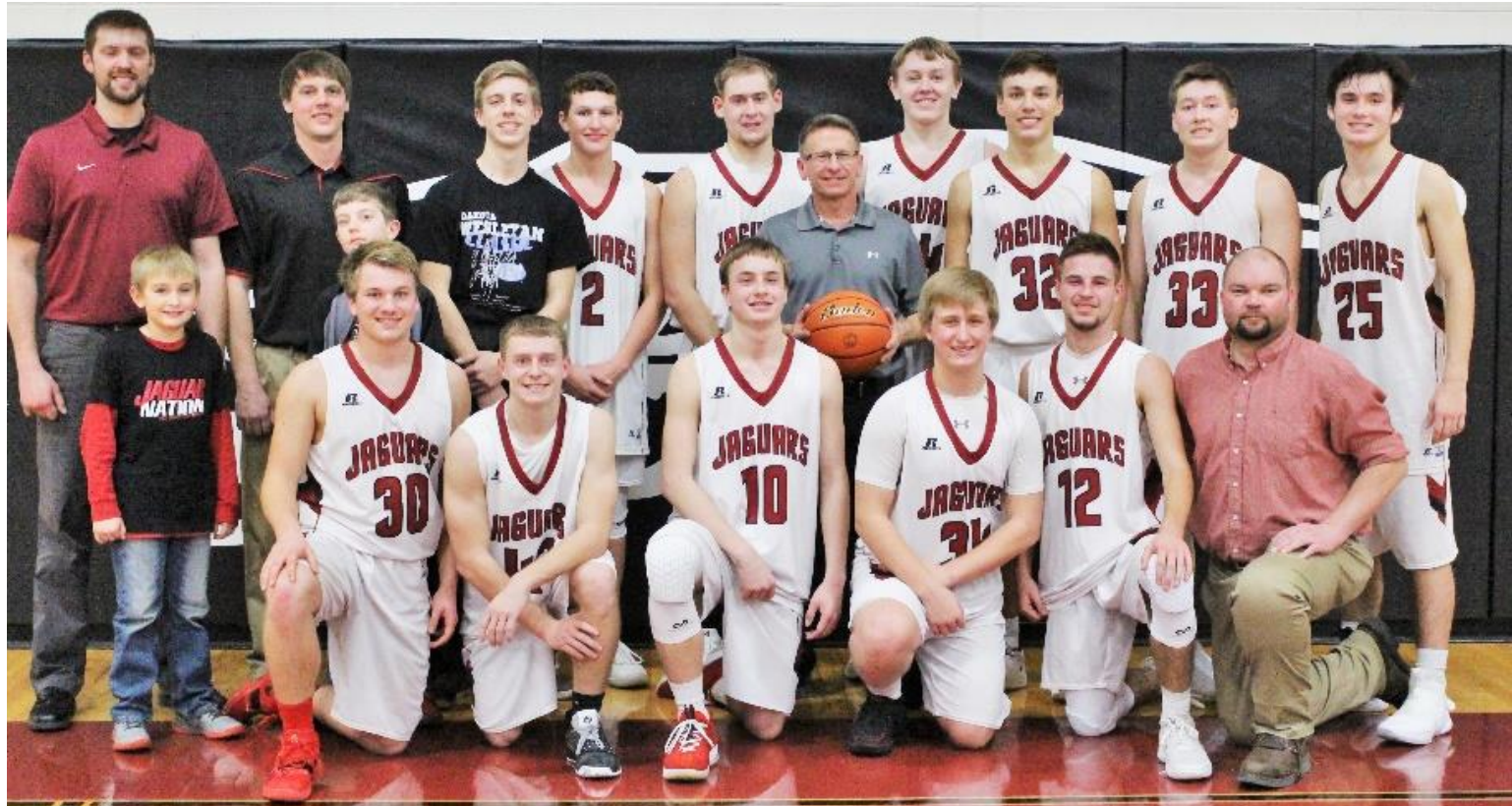


Left: cast of One-Act Competitive Play-**Nameless**, directed by Heather Hanson. *When a teenage boy suddenly passes away in a car accident there is a sense of loss amongst his friends and family. Nameless takes a look into the lives of those who are impacted by sudden death of someone whose life was ended much too soon and reminds the audience of the precious gift we are all given: life.*

Below: cast of One-Act Non-competitive Play-**The Audition**, directed by senior, Christian Clairmont. (not pictured-Megan Strid). *One of the toughest parts of any play is getting through The Audition! This process can be long and grueling, and every once in a while you get a little bit more than you bargained for. Watch as the director, Ms. Torrence, and her faithful stage manager try to get these big personalities through auditions and on stage.*

DESSERTS & DRAMA: The Corsica-Stickney FCCLA Chapter is sponsoring a Free-Will Donation Dessert Buffet prior to the productions of the school plays on January 10th, 2019. Dessert Buffet will run from 6-7PM in the High School Commons, with the school plays starting at 7PM. All proceeds will go to student director, Christian Clairmont's mother, Dana Russell who was diagnosed with cancer in September 2018.





Congratulations to Coach Mike Tuschen

Who achieved a milestone on December 14, 2018...by reaching his 500th win!!
What a legacy! When asked about this outstanding achievement, this is what he had to say:

500...AND
COUNTING

This is my response to the 500 wins.

I want to thank everyone involved with the basketball program for the past 33 years.

I want to thank my family for all their support and sacrifices throughout all the years. Having a great family to be there for me has meant a lot!

I want to thank all my assistants. Assistant coaches are a big part of a basketball family. They have many tasks in our program that really help in the success of our basketball program. Along with my assistants, I want to thank my student managers and statisticians for all their work and time devoted to the program.

I want to thank the parents for all their hard work, dedication, and support throughout all these years.

Also, I want to thank the communities of Stickney and Corsica for all their support. The financial support from our area has been unbelievable!! The businesses have been there every time they have been asked for a financial commitment. Along with the businesses, the booster club has also been a huge financial supporter throughout all the years.

Most importantly, I want to give a big thanks to the past and present athletes that I have had the blessing to coach. We all know that the hard work and dedication that it takes to be successful comes from the outstanding athletes that the Stickney and Corsica communities have given us. These athletes have not only given us their hard work and dedication, but also the great representation that they have given our communities. They have been great examples of what a true athlete is.

Thanks for the lifetime of memories throughout all of the years!!
Coach Tuschen





Basketball Season has arrived





5th Grade Presents Reader's Theater

With new content standards focusing heavily on oral presentation and verbal expression, Fifth graders have been working on developing public speaking skills. To put this into action, the students rehearsed a Reader's Theater titled "Thanksgiving with Mr. Looney" and presented it for elementary students and parents. In the play, Mr. Looney is quite... well, looney! He has a crazy idea to carve a turkey from a tree! They worked very hard on fluency, pacing, and expression. Fifth graders did a fabulous job on their presentations!





The Kindergarten class studied plants in their science unit this month. In the lab, they did activities that reinforced things such as learning parts of the plant & plant needs. They took apart a bean and examined the sprout inside with a hand lens. They also looked at different flowers and leaves to study the differences. Students then made paper sunflowers and labeled all the different parts.





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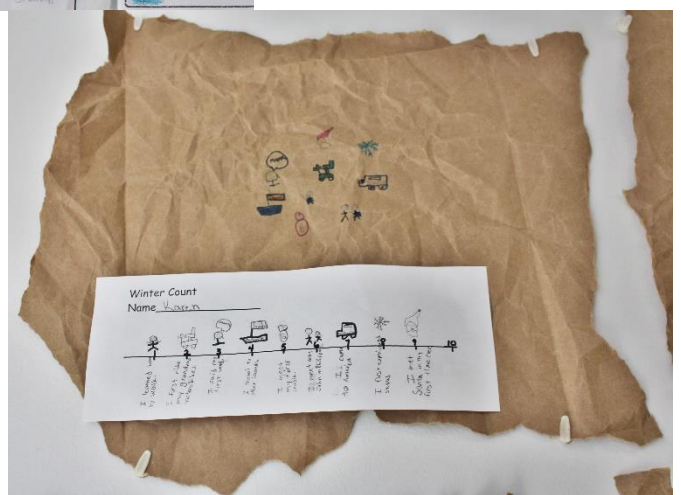
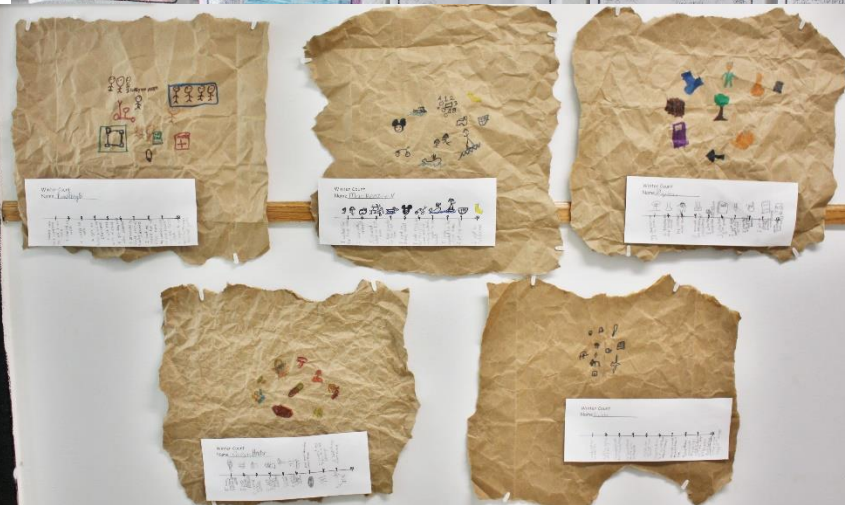


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Traditions Continue

2nd grade continued their "Dress a Santa" tradition resulting in some very interesting ideas. They then had to write a story explaining their costumes.

4th grade also continued their yearly tradition of the "Winter Count" projects. It is fun to see what students come up with for symbols to represent important events in their lives.





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2nd & 3rd grades
both painted
wood posts to
create some very
cute snowmen
....topped off with
a sock hat of
course!!

