



Scholar of the Week

November 18-22 was American Education Week.

Similar to last year, each class was given a question each day to answer. The students who wrote the correct answer received a small reward. On Friday, the culminating activity was the C/S version of "Are You Smarter than a Jaguar?" There was a student team VS. a parent team. Fun was had by all as the game ended up a tie!! Thank you Mrs. Guenther for your help in making American Education Week enjoyable and fun.



Pictured above is **Ashlin DeBoer** with Jay Spaans, Douglas Electric rep. Ashlin was chosen as **Scholar of the Week** for November 24th. Ashlin DeBoer has a 4.25 GPA. She's taking dual credit courses while being involved in various activities like sports, National Honor Society, yearbook, and band. Her favorite classes are chemistry and physics. She wants to go into environmental sciences after high school. She's not sure yet where she wants to go to college. For being named our Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week, she receives a \$250 scholarship from Douglas Electric Cooperative, which is a local Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

Title I Transition Night

Preschool teacher, Kylee Hongslo & Title I Director, Kristine Gillette hosted the event that was held recently at the Stickney campus. The youngsters had fun as they played games, made a craft with their parents and enjoyed at snack.



Title I Tidbits

Happy
Holidays!



We are now in 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.

Why not give the gift of books instead of toys this holiday season!

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

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| 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!***



The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Every year the U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools, schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. In South Dakota, the Department of Education is able to nominate three schools to become a National Blue Ribbon school. One of these three schools must have a high percentage of students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Each year, The State Department of Education generates a list based on a school being in the top 15% of schools using on a combined percentage from performance on ELA and Math SD state assessments. In addition, a school also has to have at least 10 students in each tested grade and has to meet state performance the year they are nominated and the year they will receive the award. We also look at past year's performance to see if a school traditionally scores well over time. In addition, a high school must also be in the top 15% for graduation rate. There cannot be any complaints against the school for civil rights and SPED violations. If a school had any testing irregularities or on-going accreditation issues, they will be removed from the eligibility list.

Once the committee approves schools from the list, the SD DOE informs schools that they will be nominated for the award. If that nomination is accepted, they then go through a lengthy application process with US DOE. Once a school receives the National Blue Ribbon award, they have to wait five years before being eligible again. Corsica-Stickney Elementary was nominated in the Exemplary High Performing School Category.

Being a National Blue Ribbon school is an absolute high honor. We work every day to deliver a first rate education to our students here at Corsica-Stickney Elementary. We spend a lot of time looking at our student data and strive to make sure we are meeting the needs of all of our students. By receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award, it truly validates all of the work that is put in, and certainly says so much about our students and school communities. It is truly a group effort and we are so proud of the students and staff here at Corsica-Stickney Elementary.



Principal Ferra Kemp and Teacher Kristine Gillette represented C/S Elementary in Washington DC when the awards were handed out. They are pictured here with Aba Kumi- Director of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, Office of Communications and Outreach, US Department of Education.



All-State Choir



Alto Carly Lagge, bass Jaylen Kemp, soprano Jordyn Gerlach and tenor Trever Bartelt participated in the 900+ member South Dakota All State Chorus held Nov. 1 and 2 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. Guest director Andrew Last shaped and fine-tuned the enormous choir all day Friday and most of Saturday, preparing the students for an amazing concert Saturday evening. Our Corsica-Stickney musicians learned and memorized the music for approximately a month and a half before the weekend. To their credit, when their quartet was randomly chosen for a spot-check, they were able to give a solid performance for the judges. The performance will be rebroadcast on PBS at various times during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. See if you can catch a glimpse of our local musicians in action!

Mrs. Kim Zomer, 7-12 Vocal Instructor

Augie Band Festival

Three C/S students took part in the Augie Band Festival held recently. After being nominated by their director, Ms. Dianna Hannah, they attended rehearsals on Friday & Saturday and then presented the concert on that Saturday evening for the public. Attending were: Trever Bartelt on trombone, Sierra Heidinger on sax and Colin Pennings on tuba.



The Platte-Geddes Jr. High Festival was held Tuesday, Nov. 19 in the Platte-Geddes Elementary Gym. The following students participated:

in band -- Jacey Kemp and Ali Wieczorek

in choir -- Elese Gerlach, Cassidy Woerner, Brenna Beckman, Saylor Lefers, Devon Zobel, Jarrett Olawsky, Levi Van Zee, Caleb Baumiller and Tate Tolsma. The public was invited to the concert that afternoon.

Jr. High Festival



VB-Dig Pink night



VB



| Region 6 | | Seed Points | W-L |
|----------|--|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Burke | 44.265 | 29-5 |
| 2 | Corsica-Stickney | 42.444 | 20-7 |
| 3 | Avon | 41.704 | 17-10 |
| 4 | Kimball/White Lake | 41.346 | 14-12 |
| 5 | Gregory | 41.259 | 15-12 |
| 6 | Platte-Geddes | 40.926 | 12-15 |
| 7 | Andes Central/Dakota Christian | 39.379 | 12-17 |
| 8 | Tripp-Delmont/Armour | 38.740 | 8-17 |



Congratulations to the VB players pictured left for being selected All - Conference from the Great Plains Conference. 1st team- Morgan DeLange, Raven Barse, and Alexis Tilton. Honorable Mention- Paige Wright.



Corsica-Stickney Jaguars

[Print Schedule](#) | [View Team Roster](#)

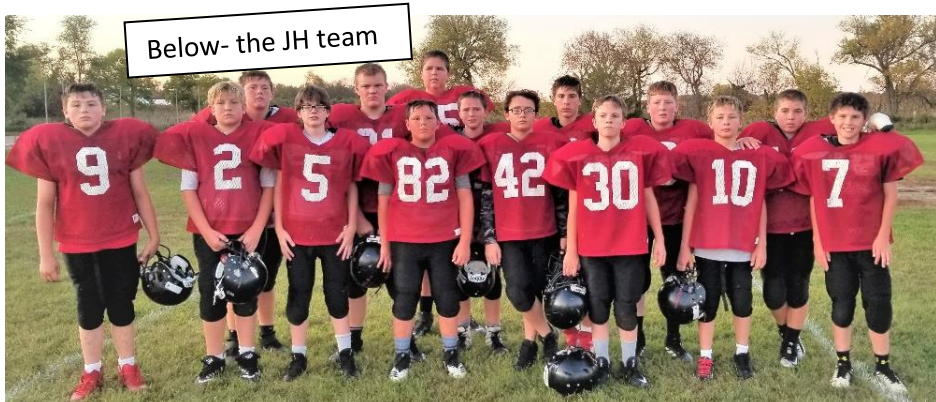
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| 0 | Aug 23 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Colome | Colome | 18-22 | L | 30 | 1-7 |
| 1 | Aug 30 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Irene-Wakonda | Corsica | 22-19 | W | 44 | 3-5 |
| 2 | | | OPEN | | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Sep 13 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Hanson | Alexandria | 0-44 | L | 36 | 4-4 |
| 4 | Sep 20 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Viborg-Hurley | Corsica | 6-56 | L | 39 | 8-0 |
| 5 | Sep 27 | 2:00 p.m. CT | Sunshine Bible Academy | Sunshine Bible Academy | 46-16 | W | 44 | 2-6 |
| 6 | Oct 04 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Burke | Corsica | 14-54 | L | 39 | 6-2 |
| 7 | Oct 11 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Tripp-Delmont/Armour/AC/DC | Corsica | 8-6 | W | 44 | 2-6 |
| 8 | Oct 18 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Alcester-Hudson | Alcester | 34-42 | L | 36 | 5-3 |



FB

Congratulations to the following football players pictured below for receiving all conference in the Great Plains Conference:

Hayden Plamp
Brendan Wentland
Caden Van Drongelen
Adam Joachim-Honorable mention



Below- the JH team





Veteran's Day Programs

Above Right-C/S Senior, Isaac Hinker, a member of the SD National Guard, was the emcee for the Veteran's Day program in the Corsica gym.



Right-Josh Geppert was the guest speaker in Corsica. Josh has been a member of the Army National Guards for over 6 years, and is currently an E-4 specialist. He has been deployed once and was stationed in Iraq at Talil Air Force Base and talked about his experiences in Iraq. Josh is a 2006 graduate of Plankinton High School. In addition, Josh is a 2012 graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University with a degree in sports management. Currently, Josh works at Aurora Plains Academy as clinical operation personnel. Also, Josh is the head wrestling coach for Mount Vernon / Plankinton / Corsica-Stickney.



The Jazz band and C/S HS band played patriotic selections.

A group of students also visited Leisure Living and the Jazz band performed.



Right-Colin Pennings reading an essay for the residents.





Veteran's Day Program 2019

November 11th, 2019

10:00am

Corsica Stickney Elementary Gym

Color Guard

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem sung by Cadyn Plooster

"All American Me and You" CS Elementary

"America the Beautiful" - (Audience Sings)

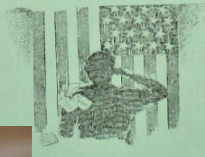
Speaker: Dan Bosma

"Thank you Soldiers" CS Elementary

"God Bless America" - (Audience Sings)

(Please stand and remain standing for the retirement of the colors)

Retirement of Colors



Designed by: Reed Woerner

Lieutenant Colonel Dan Bosma of the SD National Guard, was guest speaker in Stickney. He talked about the 8 qualities of being a soldier and applied it to how students could reflect those same qualities in their daily lives at school and at home. Dan has three daughters in our school district. The Elementary students sang patriotic songs to the local veterans that attended the program, while students read the history of Veteran's Day.





Special Speaker Visit

Mt. Vernon and Corsica-Stickney JH & HS students traveled to the Plankinton school to join the student there to listen to US Navy Master Chief Special Warfare Operator Edward Byers Jr. After more than 22 years in the Navy, Mr. Byers has a long list of awards and honors including a Purple Heart and a Congressional Medal of Honor. Byers told the audience about the strenuous training he overcame to become a Navy Seal and how we are to continue to get back up after being knocked down. That perseverance, courage, patriotism, integrity, sacrifice and citizenship are invaluable character assets that we all can benefit from in our daily lives. He recounted the events in the Middle East as his SEAL team worked to rescue an American citizen who was abducted along with others. One of Byers comrades was killed during the mission and explained how that event changed him, both as a soldier and as a person.

Isaac Hinker and Hunter Pranger, local students that are in the SD National Guard, are pictured left receiving coins from the speaker, US Navy Master Chief Special Warfare Operator Edward Byers Jr.



Oral Interp Contests



We had a good day at District Oral Interp on November 6th:

We tied for 1st overall with 30 team points total. We also advanced in the following categories:

Storytelling (Jacob Woerner 1st Place)
 Serious (Carly Lagge 3rd Place)
 Non-Original Oratory (Colin Pennings, 3rd Place)
 Duet (Jacob Woerner and Colin Pennings, 1st Place)
 Reader's Theater (Carly Lagge, Camden Plooster, Taryn Rexwinkel, Paige Wright, Jacob Woerner, Avery Broughton, 2nd Place)

We were also alternates in the other two categories:

Humorous (Avery Broughton, 4th place)
 Poetry (Trevor Bartelt, 5th place)

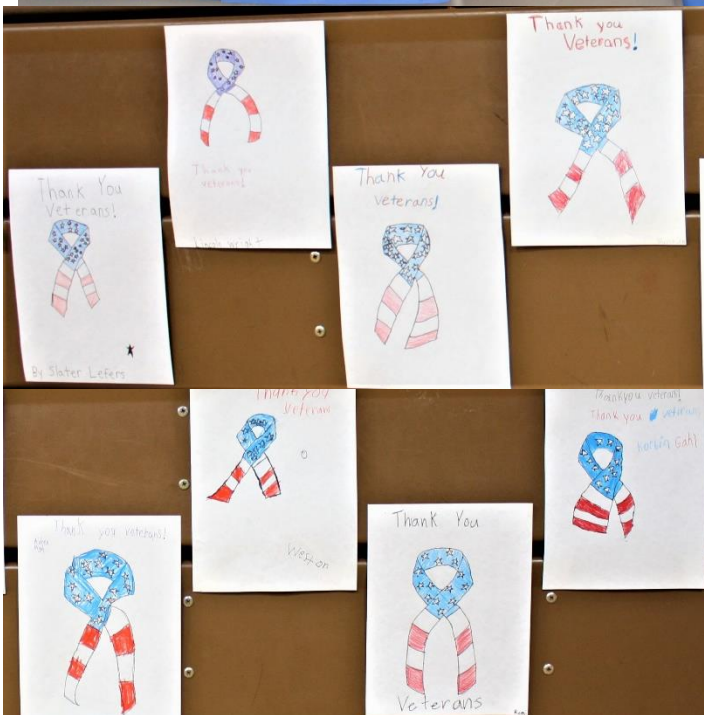
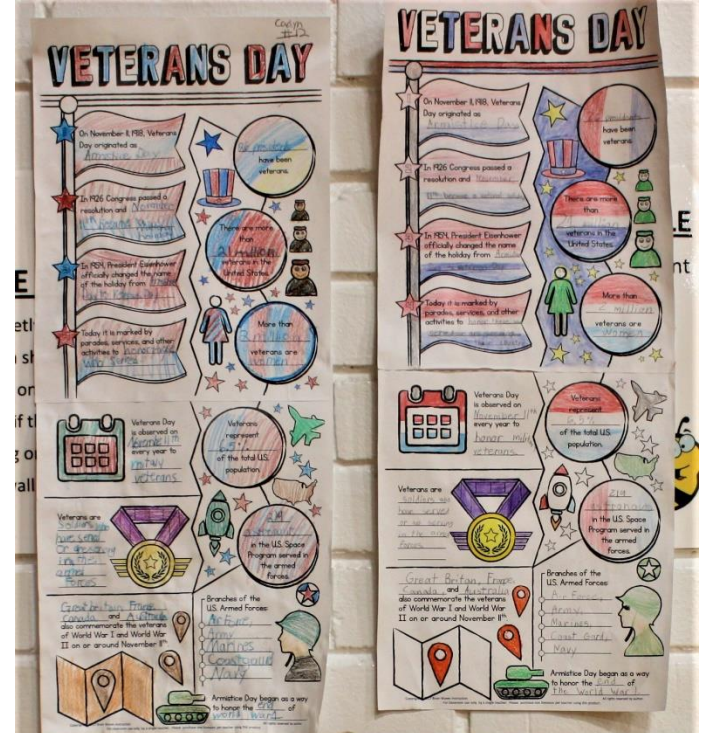
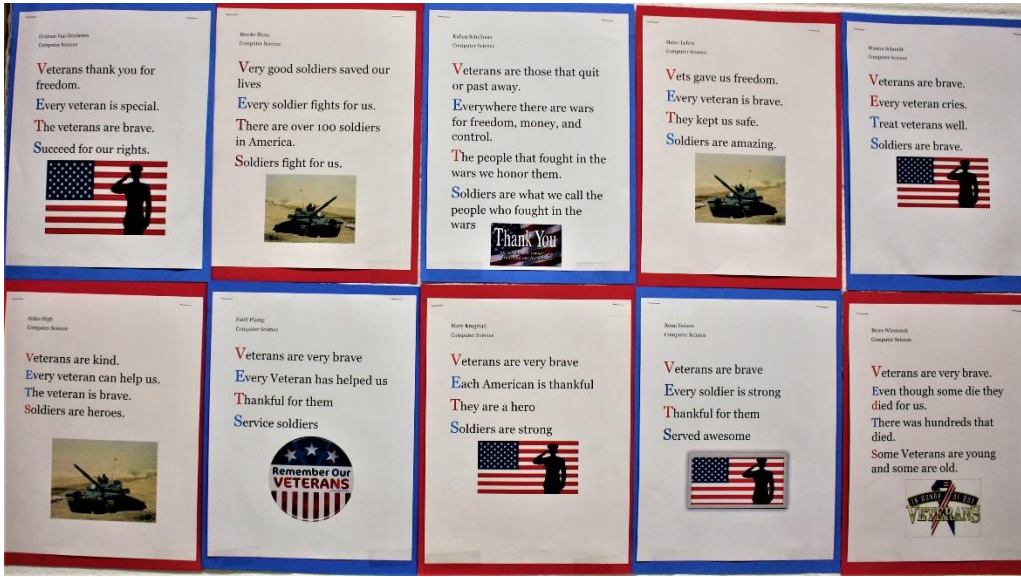
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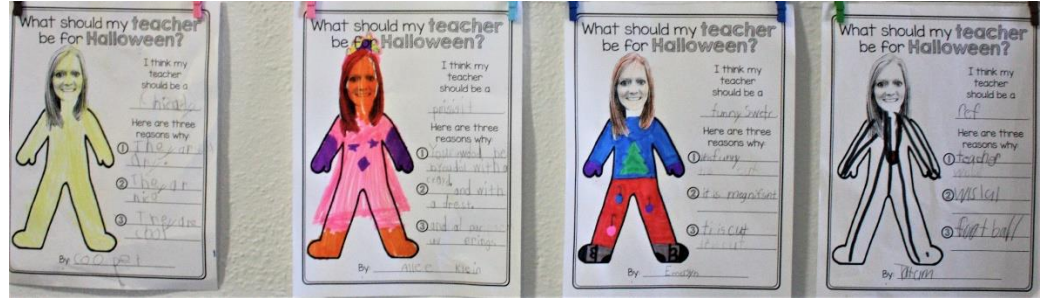
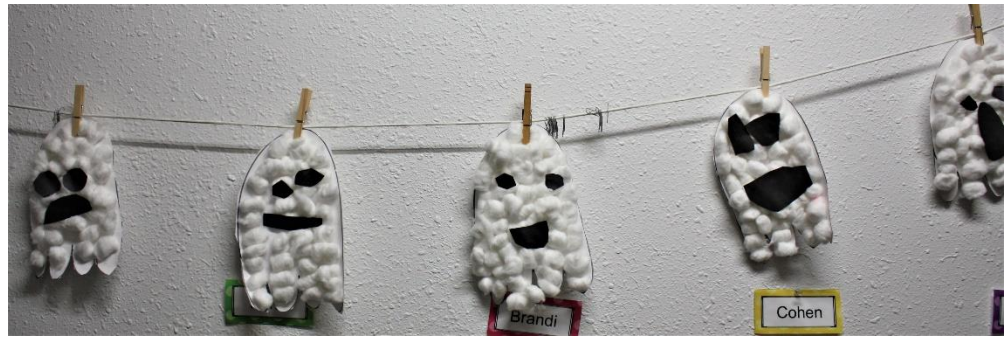
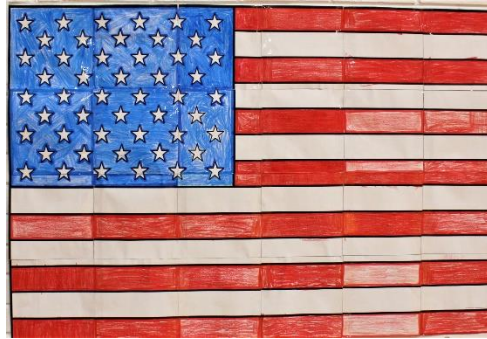
Storytelling-Jacob Woerner
 Duet -Jacob Woerner and Colin Pennings



Halloween 2019







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