

From the desk of Ron Swier:
June $10^{\text {th }}$ ACT test $\ldots$ registration deadline is May $5^{\text {th }}$.

Upcoming events:
May 4-JH/HS Spring Concert at 7pm
May 8-NHS/FCCLA Awards at 7:30pm
May 11-Awards Night at 7pm
May 13 -Graduation at $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
May 16-last day of school-dismiss at 2pm
May 23 -school auction (tentative)

## Lewis and Clark Reading Council Award Night

The Lewis and Clark Reading Council held its annual Award's night on April 20, 2023 in Menno, South Dakota. This is a night we honor our local and State winners of the Young Author's, Young Illustrator's, Poetry Cabaret, Reading Challenge and Family Literacy contests.

The evening began with a presentation by local artist Lee Friesen. Mr. Friesen was a former teacher in Menno and lives on a farm near Olivet, South Dakota. He wrote the book, If You Give a Farmer a Pickup. He read aloud his book and talked to the students about writing and the inspiration behind his book. He gifted every winner in attendance with a folder of goodies and a journal of their very own.

After his presentation, we awarded all the winners in the various contests with medals and certificates. Each winner got to pick a new book from the book tables as well, for all of their hard work. We then drew names for winners of the 4 raffle baskets that were available that night. Everyone was then treated to delicious cookies.




It is hard to believe that the calendar says May already! We are nearing the end of the academic year and looking forward to summer vacation. Summer is a time for relaxation and time with family. I do want to say summer is also time to have some brief, fun academic time as well. Summer slide is something that we know is possible but hopefully can be avoided by simply spending $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes a day reading! Summer is a great time to use technology to play some academic games that help students keep their math and reading skills sharp.

What is "Summer Slide" you may wonder? Here are some scary statistics regarding Summer Slide. Children who don't read over the summer will lose up to three months of reading achievement. Reading loss is cumulative: Students who don't read during the summer could be three years below grade level by $5^{\text {th }}$ grade simply from not reading during the summer. This cumulative loss makes it very difficult to close the achievement gap that exists during the school year alone. Summer reading loss has been identified as one of the three major obstacles to get students to reading proficiency. The other two obstacles are students who are chronically absent in the early grades and students who enter kindergarten unprepared. (Sources: Reading is Fundamental website, ASCD Article, "Slowing the Summer Slide")

The GOOD NEWS is that it can be prevented easily by encouraging your child to read or reading to them as little as 30 minutes per day. Establish a routine and a time each day to set aside for reading and math activities.

Below is a list or websites and apps that are a great resource for students to use in the summer.
www.khanacademy.org www.funbrain.com www.storyonline.net
https://www.biblionasium.com/ http://en.childrenslibrary.org/ wwww.stroyory.com
www.mathplayground.com
https://grammaropolis.com www.funbrain.com
www.starfall.com
www.PBSKids.org
www.readingbear.org
www.uptoten.com
ABC Mouse.com
99math
https://www.readingbear.org/
https://www.ixl.com/ela/topics
https://figurethis.nctm.org/

## Apps

Splash Math
Sight Word Ninja
Word Wagon
Stack the States

We, the teachers, staff, and administration here at the Corsica-Stickney Schools want to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer vacation. We thank you for all your support during this 2022-2023 school year. We look forward to another great year beginning in August!


## Working Together

 ProjectMrs. Fuerst's FACS Child Development Class went to the Corsica preschool one day and helped them make a craft as part of a class project. The preschoolers each made a flower with petals where each petal was a letter of their name. They colored and decorated their pictures as well.



The $5 / 6^{\text {th }}$ graders traveled to Armour for the annual vocal contest on April 10 after the original date was snowed out on March 31. Several solos and duets performed along with the girl's group, boy's group and mixed choirs. Accompanying them on piano was Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Albrecht.


## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The School Counselor, Mrs. Mica Foxley, arranged area speakers to come talk to the sixth-grade class about respect this spring. The group learned about what respect looks like in many different areas of life. The speakers included Mike Tuschen, Gregg Olawsky, and Lacey Wieczorek






State Testing Kickoff....Counselor Mica Foxley organized a mini pep rally to kickoff the beginning of state testing for students in Grades 3-6. All the younger classes gathered in the gym and sang the school song to the older kids as they entered the room. Good lucks and High-Fives wishing them well were common.



