



From the desk
of Ron Swier:



Financial Aid Information Night tentatively for Jan. 23@5:30pm.
8th grade Career Fair in Wagner on Jan 18th.



The Elementary students each made an ornament to place on the school's Christmas tree displayed at the Aurora Co. Courthouse.
On Dec. 15, Jim Guenther joined Mrs. Kemp as they took the 5th grade students to sing for the public at the Open House at the Aur. Co. courthouse.

Kate Clites was a guest reader...she is pictured above surrounded by the students! 😊 Below is Preschool dad, Chris Plamp as he reads to the class while Mrs. Menning holds one his puppies he brought along.



Happy New Year!



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Happy
2024!



The **New Year** has 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

Pre-schoolers

- 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.

Set aside a time every day to read or have your child read. Unplug, disconnect from technology and get lost inside the covers of a book! Make 2024 a year of Literacy! Happy New Year!

2023-2024
Corsica-Stickney

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Program

6TH, 7TH, & 8TH CHOIR ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE ARR. ANDY BECK
 ISSAY, ISSAY ARR. PHILIP KERN
 CHRISTMAS IN ABOUT 3 MINUTES ARR. MARK WESTON

HIGH SCHOOL BAND AFRICAN BELL CAROL ARR. ROBERT SMITH
 A FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS ARR. JAMES SWEARINGEN

6TH GRADE BAND HAVE A SWINGIN' MERRY CHRISTMAS ARR. DUGLAS WAGNER
 SLEIGH RIDE ARR. MICHAEL STORY

7TH & 8TH GRADE BAND DANCE OF THE SLIPPERY SLIDE TROMBONES DAVID SHAFER
 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ARR. JOHN WASSON
 MARSHMALLOW WORLD ARR. MICHAEL STORY

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON ARR. JILL GALLINA
 JAZZ GLORIA BY NATALIE SLEETH
 THE FIRST NOEL ARR. RUSSELL ROBINSON

COMBINED CHOIR PEACE, PEACE ARR. FRED BOCK

DIRECTORS: MRS. FERRA KEMP & MRS. MIRANDA PAULSON
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THE MUSIC PROGRAM

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



HS-MS
Christmas
Concert



CORSICA-STICKNEY
2023-2024
Elementary
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

5th Grade Band
Merry Kismist!..... Arr. Victor Lopez
Nuttin' For Christmas..... Arr. Michael Story

K-5th Grade
Joy..... K-5th
Christmas Countdown

10. Silver Bells..... Soloists: Madelyn Blom & Tatum Wright K-5th
9. Deck the Halls..... K-5th
8. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree..... K-5th
7. 'Tis the Season..... K-5th
Soloists: Emersyn Veurink & Brooklyn Vanden Hoek

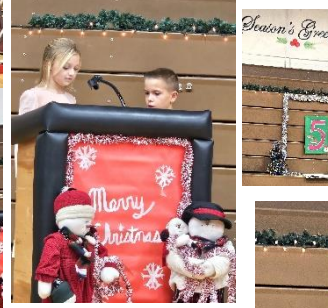
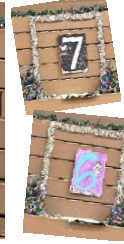
6. Frosty the Snowman..... K-2nd
5. Jingle Bells..... 3rd & 4th recorders, 2nd Percussion
4. Holiday Lights..... K-5th
3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town..... K-5th
2. Great to be a Kid at Christmas.....
Soloists: Lylla Vanden Hoek & Rami Vanden Hoek
1. We Wish You a Merry Christmas..... K-5th

Speakers: Madelyn Blom, Alton De Beer, Kinley Inwo, Allee Klein,
Jannell-Ray Mendenhall, Paxton Palmquist, Jacoby Plooster,
Brooklyn Vanden Hoek, Lylla Vanden Hoek, Rami Vanden Hoek,
Emersyn Veurink, Tatum Wright.

Directors: Mrs. Ferra Kemp & Mrs. Miranda Paulson
Thank you for your support of the Music Department.
Happy Holidays!

Elementary Concert Christmas Countdown

The Elementary presented their Christmas concert on Nov. 30th to a full house. Band director, Miranda Paulson and Vocal director, Ferra Kemp teamed up to present a wonderful old-fashioned countdown to Christmas. The 5th graders introduced the songs and had solos as they read about Jingle Bells to Frosty to Santa coming to town as he was pulled in sleigh across the gym.



10..9..8... ..3..2..1





Boys Basketball



High School



7th Graders



8th Graders



Seniors



The C/S Basketball teams are gearing up for another year of exciting B-Ball. Luke Bamberg will be back coaching the boys and Kyle Wieczorek will take over the head coach position for the girls. Be sure to take in all the action...either in person or watch on [Jags.live!](#)

Good luck Jaguars!

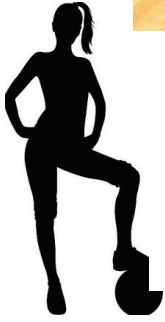




Girls Basketball



High School



7th Grade



8th Grade



Wrestling

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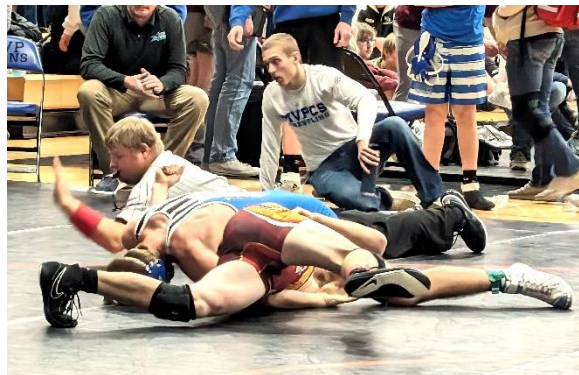
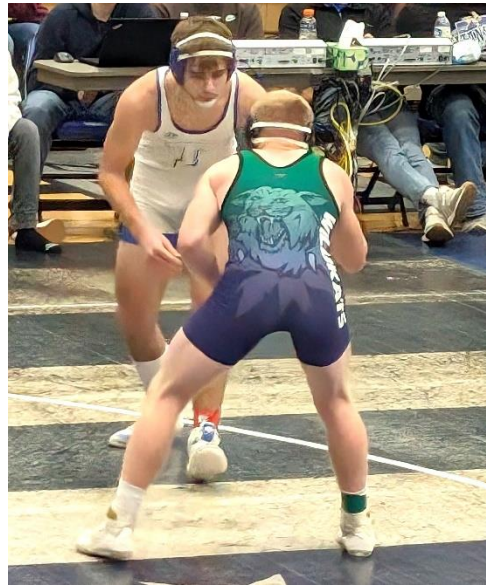


Tate Tolsma received fourth place at the Ken Ruml Invitational Wrestling Tourney in Howard (picture below). Tate is a junior at Corsica-Stickney and is wrestling this year in the 165lb bracket for the MVPCS wrestling team. They have participated in a couple duals, the KWLPG invitational and in Plankinton Saturday December 16, where Tate place 2nd (picture below).



2023-2024 Wrestling Schedule

- Nov 30-Presho
- Dec 2-KWLPG Invite
- Dec 7-Garretson
- Dec 9-Howard
- Dec 16-MVP Tourney
- Dec 22-McCook Central Invite
- Jan 6-Bandit Invitational in Miller
- Jan 20-Little B Tourney in Parkston
- Jan 25-Beresford
- Jan 27-Wagner Invite
- Feb 3-Volga
- Feb 6-Mt. V Invite
- Feb 17-Region 3B Tournament-Miller
- Feb 22-State Tournament in SF



FCCLA Projects



Corsica-Stickney FCCLA had two STAR events in November. Tanner Bartelt, Jett Kemp and Jaxson Muck (pictured left) sponsored a hygiene drive. Tia De Boer, Cali Howard (right), and Hallie Faber (not pictured) sponsored a Bingo event that was a food drive. All the hygiene and food items were donated to the Aurora and Douglas County food pantries. The bingo event also allowed the FCCLA chapter to make a monetary donation to each food pantry. Thank you to everyone who supported these students in their projects.



Mrs. Strand's 3rd graders helped Mrs. Menning's preschool and Mrs. Reichert's 1st grade students in making gingerbread houses. Not sure if they had more fun making them....or eating them! ☺



First Grade was asked.....What would you give mom and dad for Christmas gifts?

- Bryer Blom- I would give my mom & dad a golden retriever, because my dad wants a dog.
- Rae Nelson- I would give my mom a card, because she would like it. I would give my dad a new pair of shoes, because he would like them.
- Kailahni Obago- I would give my mom and dad a new car, because they could use it for going on vacation.
- Oliver Johnson- I would give my dad a PS5 to play with me and I would give my mom a Christmas tree to put an ornament on.
- Lane Donker- I would give my mom a basket, because she could put fruit in it. I would give my dad an Xbox, because he likes to race with my grandpa.
- Avaya Harris- I would give my mom makeup, because she loves makeup. I would give my dad some tools, because he loves to fix things.
- Ellie Groeneweg- I would give my mom cups, because she drinks coffee. I would give my dad a new phone, because his doesn't charge.
- Emma Bultje- I would give my mom and dad a shirt, because I think they would like it.
- Leighton Blom- I would give my mom & dad a new car, because I think they need it.
- Boyd Johnson- I would give my mom & dad a photo of me & my brothers & sisters, because it would be a cool gift!
- Anita Olson- I would give my mom & dad cars and I dog, because it would be nice!
- Hayes Mulder- I would give my dad an ice shack, so he can put ice fishing lures in it. I would give mom a cooking pan, so she can cook food for us.
- Charlie Wright- I would give my mom and dad a Christmas card, because I could get more presents!
- Violet Boyle- I would give my mom and dad a watch, because they would like it.
- Zander De Beer- I would give my mom a coffee cup, because she likes to drink coffee.
- Alanna Tornow- I would give my mom new cups, because we need more with lids & straws. I would give my dad a blue pickup, because he needs a new car.
- Asher Prickett- I would give my mom & dad a TV, so they can give Brailey a new one.

Kindergarten was askedWhat is your favorite Christmas movie?

11 said The Grinch, 5-Frosty the Snowman, 2 said Home Alone, 2- Elf, 2-Rudolph, 1-Santa Claus is Coming to Town, 1-Elf on the Shelf, 1-Christmas Puppy Movie, 1-Family Christmas Movie, and 1- The Star.

3rd Graders were asked to design a new Sleigh and describe what it would look like and what it would have on/in it.....

Garett Wiczorek

What would my sleigh look like?

If I had a sleigh would be like a time machine so I would be able to go fast when delivering presents. I will have a cookie machine so I can eat and have hot chocolate while auto pilot. I would have light all around the sleigh like the American Flag. It can turn invisible by pushing a button. This is what my sleigh would look like.

Brooklyn Dykstra

What would your Sleigh look like?

If I had a sleigh of my own it would have flowers that shine so bright that you can see them from outer space and diamonds on it to shine in the night. There would be lots of glitter to sparkle vary bright. Then the glitter falls off so whoever's house is messy it will be clean then they do not have to clean their house. When I push one button my sleigh would throw out lots of presents for kids to play with all year long. It would also have lights on the side that say MERRY CHRISTMAS that would shine as bright as the sun and 7,000 lights all over the sleigh to shine so bright it will hurt everyone's eyes. All the lights would be rainbow. It also would have a movie theater to watch The Santa Clause. When watching the movie we would have a popcorn machine to eat popcorn while I watch my movie. My sleigh will be the color turquoise so everyone can see it. I also will have a slide that would have loops so I can go very fast and it will be very steep. I would have different rooms like an art center that has 850 different crafts to do. Along with a reading center with 1,000 books that are stacked on top and a candy spot that has 576 candies. The sleigh could even go under water. When I need a rest it would have bean bags, blankets, and pillows. My sleigh will be the best out of all!

What would your Sleigh look like?

Brandi Wolbrink

My sleigh would look like a Hershey bar. The Hershey bar will have pop rocks in the chocolate which it will be red, white and blue. It will have pom-poms, the colorful ones with snowman pom-poms too. It will have garland with lights. The chocolate will fuel my sleigh. My seat will be able to be a bed just by pushing a button. It will also be able to shoot candy into the air. A couple other things it will have is a vending machine and coloring books.

Gage Spaans

My sleigh would like

If I had a sleigh it magic on it. I would put blue lights on the back. I would put reindeer on the front. In the sleigh I would put a Nintendo switch so I can play. Then have an ice cream machine with a roof on it. I would put a cookie jar in my sleigh and I will have a bed in the back of my sleigh. When I get thirsty I will have a water fountain and a slushy machine. In the back I will have a vending machine with chips and snacks. My sleigh would have it all.

Ryker VandenHoek

What would your Sleigh look like?

My sleigh would be invisible so that only I can see it. I would have tinsel on the side with blue lights. I would have a bag of toys for kids all over the world. My elves would drive the sleigh for me so that I can finish eating all the cookies in the back. My sleigh has a red roof in the back. Under that red roof is a world with gum drops and candy! There would be a gaming room so that we could play games while the elves are driving. In the front of the sleigh where the elves are driving there is a giant bow with a light. I would have 8 reindeer pulling the sleigh from the North Pole! The elves will fly down to the houses to check if there are fires going in the fire places. If it is all clear I hop off the sleigh onto the house. I'll hop down the chimney and put presents under the tree. When it is time to leave I fly back up the chimney to my sleigh and the elves will fly me back to the North Pole.

Mrs. Hongslo's 5th graders had to make a diorama of an ecosystem and explain it to the younger students.



Mrs. Reichert's first graders got to make themselves into elves...they printed their faces and cut out, then placed them on the bodies that they had colored.







Stickney site
progress update...



Concrete has been poured
and beams are being
installed....

