

*From the desk  
of Ron Swier:*



**Sr. parents**-- Next week I will be giving your son/daughter a bookmark with an address so all can get the FSA ID for the new FAFSA meeting coming up. This cannot happen until after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

I have a **financial aid info. night** on Dec. 18, starting at 5:30. The **FAFSA is all new** this year so I encourage all of you and your child to attend. The new FSA ID will take from 7-10 days to get. If you already have been on the site in the past you should have your ID. Call me at the school if you have questions. Mr. Swier

**ASVAB Assessment** on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> for Juniors

C/S School will be taking donations to build a type of "Center Piece" on the Stickney Campus incorporating the stone "Public School" sign from the front of old Stickney building and join it with the memorials that were in front of the former building. Please consider donating to this project. Donations can be mailed in or dropped off at either office. Below is a sketch of the current construction portion of the Elementary building...the red portion is what is being worked on presently and the memorial will be in front of this new section.



**2023-24 Corsica-Stickney Elementary Student Council**

**Advisor: Ferra Kemp- Elementary Principal**

(Officers and representatives will serve for one school year)

**Student Council Officers: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Members**

- President: Emersyn Veurink
- Vice President: Brooklyn VandenHoek
- Secretary: Remi VandenHoek
- Treasurer: Tatum Wright

**Student Council Representatives:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Crosby VanGanderen, Otto Vilhauer, Jayce Blom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Cohen Plamp, Lennox Wright, Rory Nelson

All-State Choir Selections:

- Soprano-Jacey Kemp,
  - Alto-Saylor Lefers,
  - Tenor-Jett Kemp,
  - Bass-Jason Muck,
  - Alternates:  
Cali vanden Hoek  
& Tanner Bartelt.
- Congratulations!



The Athletic Booster Club has been busy painting Jag prints in front of houses of people who have donated to their club. Contact the club or the school if you want in on the fun.



**New lockers in the Elementary Building!**







This year at Corsica-Stiekney Elementary, we have a focus on improving literacy. For the month of September, we invited guest readers to come read to our students. A big thank you to all who came, including Suz De Boer, Karla Vandenberg, Michelle Koch, Sherry Schumacher, Joy Rabenberg, Tye Hosman, Carter Wright, Jaczy Kemp, Jesse Tortieill, Cassidy Woerner, Ashlyn Leifers, & Else Gerlach.





# Missionary returns to visit



Mrs. Moser and her family hosted a missionary from overseas that their local church helps support. Thangneison Leivon, a missionary from Cambodia, returned and visited the Stickney and Corsica areas again the past few weeks. While he was here, he was able to come to the school and share about his culture with some of our students. Thangneison demonstrated Kung Fu moves to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes. Mrs. Casavan also invited him to teach Soccer techniques to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade PE classes which was both entertaining and informative to the students.



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Ali Wiczorek & Cali Vanden Hoek's humorous duet "Sandwich Bags: Wear Them On Your Pants" advanced to the CBH meet in Mitchell on 10/10.

All other performers and pieces (listed below) advanced to the district meet in Mitchell on 11/8:

Tanner Bartelt & Jaxson Muck's humorous duet "Black Market Arts"

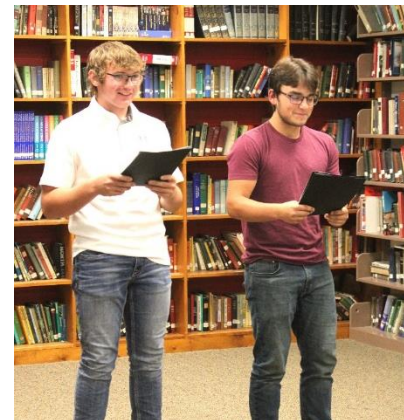
Karen Go's poetry "Don't Pass By Me" & "Angela's Words"

Ali Wiczorek, Cali Vanden Hoek, Tanner Bartelt, Jaxson Muck, Jett Kemp, Connor Strid's readers theater "Podcast in the Attic"

Pictured bottom right is the Reader's Theater group along with coach Cassity Kerner.



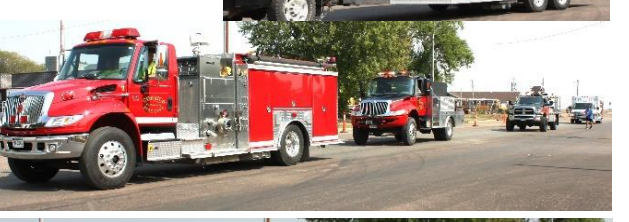
## Oral Interp has local contest





# Go Jags Homecoming 2023

Go Big Black



Mighty, Mighty, Seniors





Ashlyn Lefers, Elese Gerlach,  
Queen Jacey Kemp, King Carter Wright,  
Tye Hosman, and Jesse Torticill.



PJ's Day!

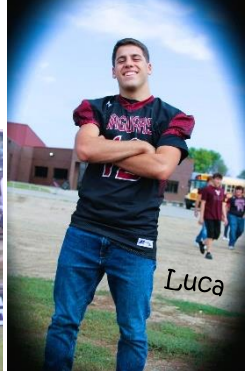
Barbie Day!



Queen  
Jacey  
with the  
game ball



Friday Night Lights



Luca

2023-  
2024



Can't touch this...





# Homecoming 2023



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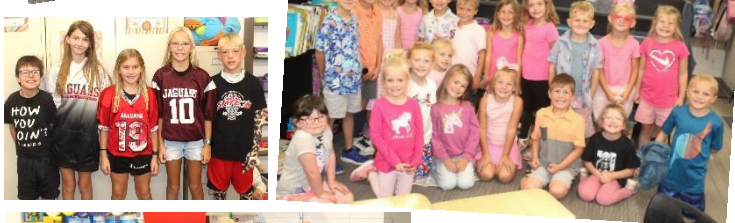
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# Title I Tidbits

Top 10  
Benefits of  
Reading for  
fun Everyday



The American Library Association has found a strong connection between daily independent reading and overall student performance. Here are the top 10 benefits of independent reading on a daily basis. **We encourage YOU to encourage your students to READ!**

1. **Reading exercises our brain** – Reading is a much more complex task for the brain rather than watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.
2. **Students who read often get better at it-** Practice makes perfect in almost everything students do and reading is NO different.
3. **Reading teaches students about the world around them** – By reading a variety of books, students learn about people, places and events all around the world.
4. **Reading IMPROVES concentration** – Students have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when reading. If they read often, they will develop the skills to do this longer.
5. **Reading develops a student's imagination** – When students read their brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. When students are engaged in a story they are imagining how a character looks and is feeling. Students then bring this knowledge into their daily lives.
6. **Reading IMPROVES vocabulary and language skills** – Students learn new words as they read. They learn how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features in their writing and speaking.

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7. **Reading is FUN** – A book doesn't take up much space, so students can take them anywhere and never be bored.
8. **Reading helps a child develop EMPATHY** – As students develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation they are reading about.
9. **Reading is a GREAT way to spend time TOGETHER** – Reading together, bedtime stories and visiting a library are great ways of spending time together.
10. **Children who read often ACHIEVE better in SCHOOL** – Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Students who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

We the Staff of Corsica-Stickney Elementary have made it our GOAL this school year to instill in our students the importance of reading for fun every day! We are having **Drop Everything and Read** time each day in our classes. We have had guest readers come in each week and read a story aloud to our students in September. In October, we are going to have an Author study. Students in Grades Pre K-2 will study/Read Eric Carle books and students in grades 3-5 will study/read Beverly Cleary books. Each month throughout the rest of the school year we will be doing something different to promote the joy of reading for fun!

I encourage you all to encourage your students to take time to read independently every day. The benefits will come to them ten-fold in the long run!

Ms. Gillette  
Title I Director



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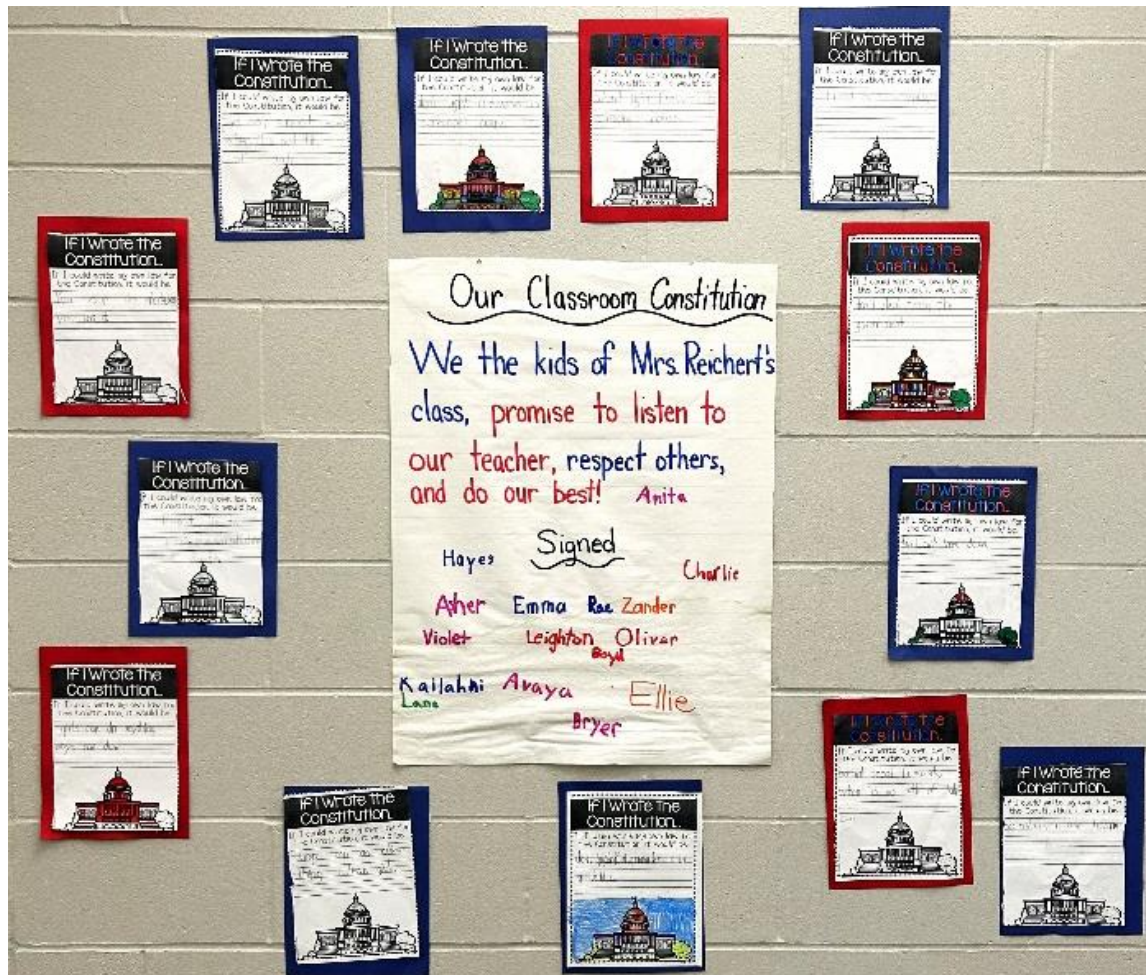
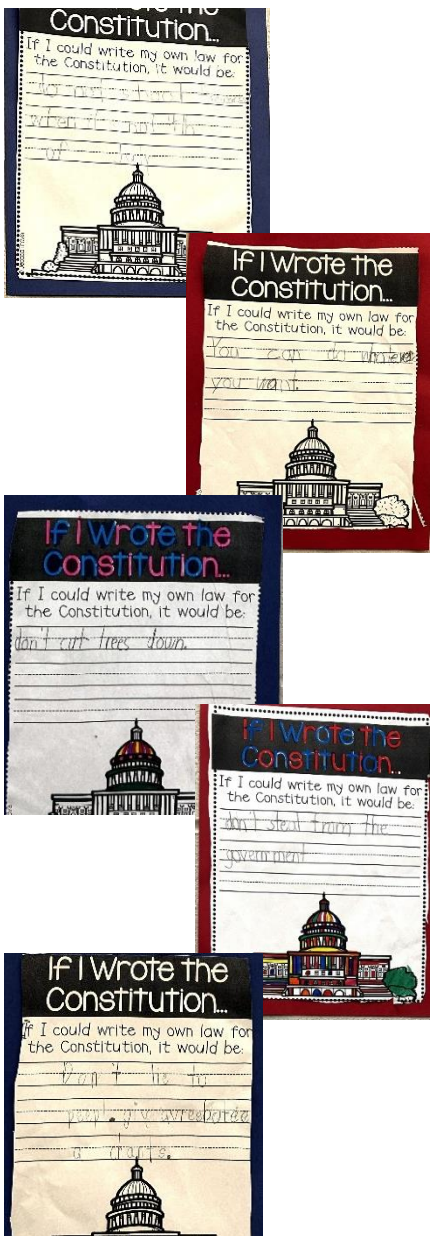


First grade celebrated **Constitution Day** (9-17-23). They learned about the constitution, wrote their own constitution for the classroom and everyone came up with their own law for the constitution.

- Alanna Tornow- (absent)
- Hayes Mulder- do not shoot fireworks when it's not 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Rae Nelson- Don't steal from the government.
- Anita Olson- Girls can do anything boys can do.
- Emma Bultje- do not shoot fireworks when it's not 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Asher Prickett- read books on Sunday.
- Zander De Beer- don't light fireworks in someone's house.
- Violet Boyle- don't cut trees down.
- Leighton Blom- don't go to people's houses.
- Oliver Johnson- no robbers in our town.
- Avaya Harris- don't lie to people.
- Bryer Blom- Boys can do other things than girls.
- Boyd Johnson- don't light fireworks in someone's house.
- Kailahni Obago- help others.
- Charlie Wright- don't light fireworks in a building.
- Ellie Groeneweg- do whatever you want.
- Lane Donker- don't not shoot guns at gas stations.



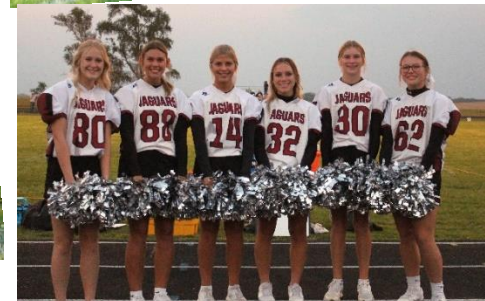
The purpose of **Constitution Day** and **Citizenship Day** is to ensure that students in our country have an increased knowledge and appreciation of this valuable and important document of freedom. The Constitution is a handwritten document which is over 200 years old. It is a living document that protects our rights and freedoms. Why September 17? This is the day that the original document was adopted in 1787.







HUSTLE, HIT  
AND NEVER  
*Quit*







volleyball 







**Scotland 9/5/23**

Girls Varsity: Elese Gerlach finished 28<sup>th</sup>

Girls JV: Addison Krogstad finished 24<sup>th</sup> with a new PR

Boys JV:

- Brayden Bordewyk medaled 10<sup>th</sup>
- Reed medaled 13<sup>th</sup>
- Ethan finished 16<sup>th</sup>

**Wagner 9/6/23**

Girls Varsity- Addison medaled 13<sup>th</sup> (lettering for the year)

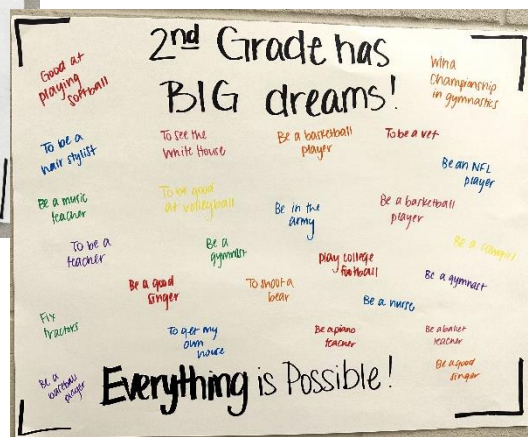
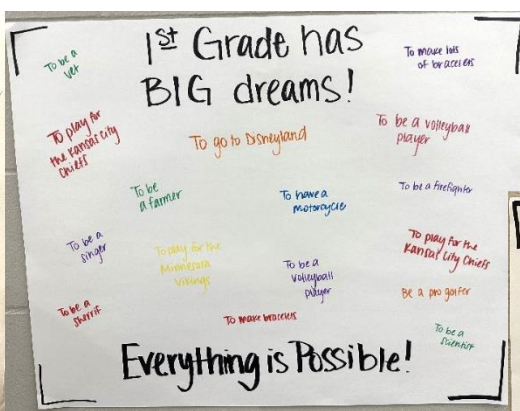
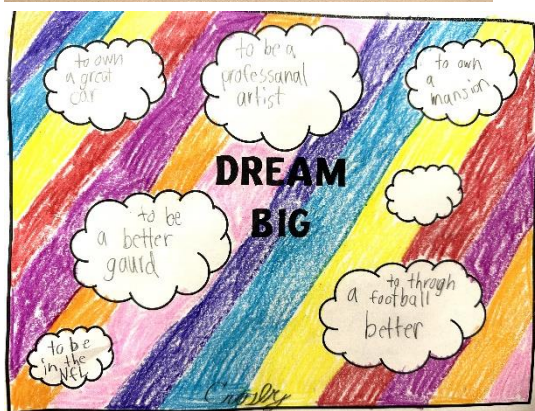
Boys Varsity- Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team

- Ethan medaled 11<sup>th</sup> (lettering for the year)
- Reed medaled 13<sup>th</sup> (lettering for the year)
- Brayden medaled 14<sup>th</sup> (lettering for the year)





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In classroom guidance time with Mrs. Foxley, students have been dreaming big! This year we started a new curriculum called **7 Mindsets** where we will be focusing on positive ways of thinking that will help us with social-emotional wellbeing!

