

Above: Getting the rules on the first day of school from the principal!



Right: Mrs. Reichert's first graders... ready to start a new year.



Above: Elementary teachers ready for a new year as well! 😊

# Meet the new faces:



My name is **Linzi Olinger** and I am the new elementary guidance counselor as well as an aide throughout the school. I grew up just down the road in Wessington Springs but recently moved to Corsica with my fiancé, Landon De Boer. I attended South Dakota State University and earned my bachelor's degree in human development and Family Studies. I am now working on earning my Master's in School Counseling through Northern State University. I am excited to be here in the Corsica-Stickney school district and I am looking forward to the school year ahead!

My name is **Jailey Baumiller**. I grew up and currently live in Stickney with my boyfriend, Ben, and our 2 dogs. I attended MTC's SLPA program and graduated last spring. I am working at the Corsica/Stickney Elementary school as a paraprofessional and I have been loving getting to know all the kids.



Hello Corsica-Stickney Patrons! I am **Kelly Selland**. We met briefly last year when I filled in as the fifth-grade teacher in the first quarter. I will be the K-5 PE teacher this year. I am excited to be in a new, exciting role.

I live near Storla, SD. My family consists of my husband, Brett, and daughters, Shelby and Myah. I am an animal lover and have numerous pets, all of whom are rescues. I enjoy several hobbies that include watching basketball, scrapbooking, walking, traveling, reading, and interacting with my pets.

The students have been very patient with me as I attempt to put the correct name to their smiling faces! I look forward to spending the year with your children!



**Jessica De Vries:** I have been a stay at home mom/farm wife for the past 17 years working part time at several different places including the United States Postal Service as a substitute rural mail carrier for the past 5 ½ years, and will continue to do on weekends and in the summer months.

I received my Bachelor of Science degree from Dakota Wesleyan University in which I majored in Criminal Justice/ Behavioral Science. I am currently finishing up a couple of classes online to become fully certified with the South Dakota Department of Education.

I am married to Daryl De Vries, and am the mother of four amazing kids, along with two bonus girls, Cameron Kostal (Desirae), Carson Kostal (Jessica), Daryan De Vries and Quinten De Vries. We live on our farm southwest of Corsica 11 miles, where we continue to run our cow/calf heard along with some dirt farming. Most of my spare time is spent either working in my garden or on the farm, golfing, spending time at the river and just being with my family.

Someone recently asked why I decided to join the world of education and that was easy for me to answer. I love teenagers! I will be an empty nester here in a few short years and it scared me that I wouldn't be able to be around teenagers anymore. I love their spice for life and every day is a new day and you never know what you are going to get with them. Teenagers keep life spicy.

I will be teaching several classes this year to include: Employability, Relationships, Nutrition and Health I & II, Child Development, Leadership and Service, Interior Design I, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade FACS. I will also be helping out as an Assistant Track coach and the FCCLA Advisor. The year is off to a great start and the kids have been amazing.



# Title I Tidbits

## Welcome Back



It is always so exciting to be back in school with the students. They come back with such excitement for the school year and we hope to build upon and sustain that excitement throughout the year!

We are a Title I school here at Corsica-Stickney Elementary. That means that we can work with **any** and **all** students in grades K-5 who may need a little extra help in Reading and Math. Students may be with us for a short time or may get extra help all year. We are here to help the students be successful in the areas of reading and math.

Mrs. Koch works primarily with students in grades K-2 and Miss Gillette works primarily with students in grades 3-5 and with the EL students. We may go into classrooms and work with students or pull out small groups to work with one on one.

We as teachers have set goals for this school year and the focus is on increased reading and writing proficiency at all grade levels. We have set a goal of 87% of our students be proficient in each of the four categories of ELA/Math on the South Dakota ELA/Math Assessments. All students in grades 3-5 will score 70% or above on the LA. Math and Science SD State Assessments. We will also be focusing on Learning Outcomes. Teachers will communicate the focus or learning outcome for the lessons they teach with their students at the beginning of each lesson and review the outcome at the end to reinforce the lessons learning outcome each day. Students will then know the reason behind the lesson or activity they are completing. These learning outcomes are tied directly to the South Dakota State Standards. Hopefully through explicit teaching and identification of the learning outcomes an increase in student proficiency will be achieved in all areas.

Again, this year, we are making it a goal school wide to make reading more fun this year. Each month we will be doing different things in our classrooms and as a school to promote the joy of reading. We will be having a daily DEAR time (**D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead). We started with 5 minutes and hope to increase the duration each month until we are reading for 20 minutes or longer at all grade levels.

We have built into our classrooms daily Math Talk or Math Meetings to work on counting, skip counting, number sense and basic addition, subtraction, and multiplication review. We will be focusing on Number sense, Measurement, and Data and Math Reasoning as specific areas that need improvement at all grade levels.

We will begin Reading and Math intervention time each day in September. Once we get our Benchmark data, we will be placing students into groups for specific intervention on skills they need more work. In grades K-2 they will get 15 minutes of Reading and 15 minutes of math intervention time per day. In grades 3-5 they will get 15 minutes of reading intervention per day.

We encourage you to help us by encouraging your children to take **20-30 minutes** each day to read either as a family, with a partner, or by themselves. Have discussions with your children about what they are reading and ask them to tell you what the story is about. If we work together both at home and school students will easily succeed at meeting our goals. **Counting with your child by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's etc. is encouraged.** **Also having them practice addition, subtraction, or multiplication flashcards at home can also help.**

**Measurement facts can also be discussed at home. How many minutes in an hour? Hours in a day? Days in each month, months in a year? Inches in a foot? Feet in a yard? Yards in a mile? Ounces in a cup? Cups in a quart? quarts in a gallon? Etc.**

Here are some examples for questions you can ask your student before, during and after they read.

#### Before Reading:

- ~ After looking at the title and headings, I think this book will be about...
- ~ I'm wondering if...
- ~The picture makes me think that...
- ~I already know some things about...
- ~What do you think this book is about?
- ~What are you wondering?
- ~Do you know anything about...

#### During Reading:

- ~ This reminds me of...
- ~ I'm wondering about...
- ~ I'm picturing...
- ~ This makes me feel...
- ~ I predict that...
- ~ I noticed...
- ~ What are you thinking now?
- ~ What are you picturing?
- ~ Does this remind you of anything?
- ~ Why did you think that?
- ~ Have you ever...
- ~ What do you think will happen next?
- ~ What was your favorite part? Why?
- ~ Who was your favorite character? Why?
- ~ What did you like? Not like?
- ~ What did you learn?
- ~What was the most interesting? Why?

#### After Reading:

- ~ I never knew...
- ~ I found... very interesting because...
- ~ This reminds me of...
- ~ My favorite part was... because...
- ~ My favorite character was... because...

We are looking forward to a great year here at Corsica-Stickney Elementary. Thanks for all you do to foster your child's education!

Ms. Gillette Title I Director



Football



**CORSICA-STICKNEY JAGUARS**

Varsity Football • 2024-25



Roster

#	Name	Year	Position	Height	Weight
10	Waylon Bolte	JR	RB/LB	6'0"	175
13	Connor Wright	SO	RB/LB	5'7"	132
14	Max VandenHoek	FR	RB/LB	5'6"	132
19	Ethan Vanden Hoek	FR	RB/LB	5'6"	100
20	Brayden Oule	FR	RB/LB	5'6"	130
21	Driftin Mulder	SR	QB/S	6'1"	170
25	Caden Baumiller	SR	RB/DB	6'0"	160
30	Sawyer Schmidt	SO	RB/LB	5'8"	155
32	Cody Keizer	SR	RB/LB	5'7"	150
33	Charlie Lefers	FR	RB/LB	5'5"	146
35	Owen Van Dam	FR	TE/DE	5'9"	132
45	Brody Muck	JR	OL/DL	5'7"	225
50	Quinten De Vries	SO	OL/DL	5'10"	238
52	Connor Strid	JR	OL/DL	5'9"	226
64	Brock Hinker	SR	TE/DE	6'2"	187
76	Jaeryn Denning	FR	OL/DL	5'10"	250
79	Wyatt Timmermans	FR	TE/DE	5'9"	126
80	Jaxson Muck	JR	OL/DL	5'7"	188
84	Tate Tolsma	SR	RB/LB	6'1"	178
87	Braxton Truesdell	FR	OL/DL	5'8"	166
88	Jarrett Olawsky	SR	OL/DL	6'3"	240
89	Elliot Van Zee	FR	OL/DL	5'9"	158

Above left: Seniors, Back: Tate Tolsma, Brock Hinker, Jarrett Olawsky  
Front: Caden Baumiller, Driftin Mulder, and Cody Keizer.

Left: Cheerleaders: Saylor Lefers, Ali Wieczorek, Paige Timmermans,  
Brailey Mulder, Cadyn Plooster, and Lexi Gerlach.

## Varsity Volleyball • 2024-25

### Roster

#	Name	Year	Position	Height
1	Calli Vanden Hoek	JR	L	5'3"
2	Cadyn Plooster	SO	DS/S	5'5"
3	Sophie Delance	JR	SMH	5'9"
5	Braylee Bordewyk	SO	SMH	5'8"
7	Remi Nelson	08	DS/S	5'3"
9	Claire Gerlach	SO	MH/RS	5'9"
10	Paige Timmermans	SR	OH/RS	5'6"
11	Maceyia Gerlach	SO	RS/OH	5'8"
12	Hadyyn Johnson	FR	OH	5'7"
14	Calli Howard	JR	OH	5'6"



# Volleyball

## Junior Varsity Volleyball • 2024-25

### Roster

#	Name	Year	Position	Height
2	Alexis Gerlach	FR	L	5'1"
2	Cadyn Plooster	SO	S	5'5"
3	Emily Beckman	FR	OH	5'2"
4	Marliou Belanger	SR	OH/RS	5'3"
5	Braylee Bordewyk	SO	MH/OH	5'8"
7	Bralley Mulder	FR	RS	5'7"
7	Remi Nelson	08	S	5'3"
10	Brooke Howard	FR	DS	5'3"
11	Maceyia Gerlach	SO	OH/MH	5'8"
12	Hadyyn Johnson	FR	OH/MH	5'7"
14	Calli Howard	JR	OH/MH	5'6"
18	Faith Plamz	08	MH/RS	5'7"



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# Cross-Country

Our Cross-Country season is off to a great start!  
Members this year include: Addison Krogstad, Reed Woerner, Brayden Bordewyk, Olivia Boyle and Jonathan Watters, coached by Nikki Reichert.

Our schedule of meets for the year

Sept. 3	Gregory Golf Course	Gregory
Sept. 9	Scotland Golf Course	Scotland
Sept. 16	Wagner Meet at Ft. Randall Golf Course	Pickstown
Sept. 25	Fish Lake Golf Course	Plankinton
Sept. 28	Platte Golf Course	Platte
Oct. 3	GPC Meet & Burke Meet at The Burke Golf Course	Burke
Oct. 10	Parkston Golf Course	Parkston
Oct. 16	Region 3	TBD
Oct. 26	Hart Ranch	Rapid City



**CORSICA-STICKNEY**

**CROSS COUNTRY!**



# Homecoming 2024



HOMECOMING COURT



Homecoming is set for Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Football Game at 7:00 PM vs TDA/AC/DC Thunderhawks (Colors: Carolina Blue, Grey/Yellow/Black) vs the CS Jaguars in Corsica. Athletic Boosters will be sponsoring a tailgate in the Commons by the Football Field Prior to the Game. Monday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, Coronation at 8:00 PM in Corsica, followed by the burning (lighting) of the 'J'

Above: Homecoming Candidates: Saylor Lefers, Paige Timmermans, and Ali Wiczorek Driftn Mulder, Brock Hinker, and Tate Tolsma.

Check the school website link for the most up-to-date info.

## Meet our newest foreign exchange student! 😊



Welcome to South Dakota

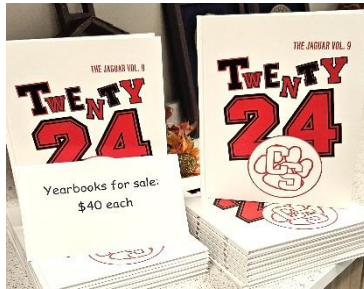
*Who are you/where are you from:* My name is Marilou Belanger, I'm from Canada, but more precisely I'm from Quebec. We mostly talk French there, but English is still a big part of our languages.

*Tell us about your family:* My parent grew up in Quebec. I have an older sister and two younger stepbrothers. I got my love for basketball from my dad, he was an awesome player.

*Why did you chose here:* I didn't specifically choose South Dakota, the Hellenga family chose me, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

*What do you hope to learn from being here:* I hope to improve my English and leave South Dakota completely bilingual, but I also want to leave with memories and new experiences with people I'll never forget.

Overrun 2024 yearbooks are available to purchase. \$40 each...contact either office if you are interested in buying one.



Below: The Elementary building construction is done! Finishing touches are being completed and grass has been sown. The new entrance to the administrative offices and the new commons are ready for a new school year.

### CORSICA-STICKNEY SCHOOL ADDITION COMPLETED JUNE 2024

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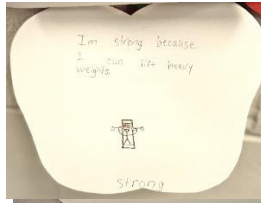
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# JAGUAR

# NATION



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Welcome



Above: Preschool Corsica Campus



Left: Preschool Stickney Campus



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