

Mark your calendars:

May 1-JH/HS Spring Concert-700pm in C May 5-NHS/FCCLA Awards-7:30pm in C May 9 and 10-All-School Play-7:00pm in C May 13-5th Grade DARE Graduation- 2:30pm in S May 15-Preschool Graduation-2:00pm in S May 15-HS Awards Night-7:00pm- in C **May 16-Last Day of School-Dismiss at 1pm** May 16-Elementary Awards-12:00pm in S May 17-Baccalaurete/Graduation-4:30pm in C





Reminder you can find a copy of our Title I School wide plan, LEA Plan, Parent/Teacher/School Compact, District Parent Engagement, and School Parent Engagement policies on the school's webpage under the Academics tab or Students tab.

FYI you can see what assessments your student will be taking by checking out the school website Home Page and clicking on South Dakota District Testing Dates 24-25.





The Junior 2025 Prom Theme of Neon Disco was a hit. The event was well attended and 9-12 students enjoyed the Glow Crazy atmosphere. After nonstop dancing to the CS Entertainment music, students enjoyed bowling at Village Bowl. Once students returned to Corsica, students received breakfast buffet at Corsica Travel Plaza and were able to win a variety of prizes provided by junior class after-prom fundraising. Thanks to all who donated to these prom happenings. It is truly enjoyed by many of our student body at Corsica-Stickney High School.



Royalty: Sophie/Tanner, Queen Cali & King Jaxson, Sydney/Jett





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 30 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.

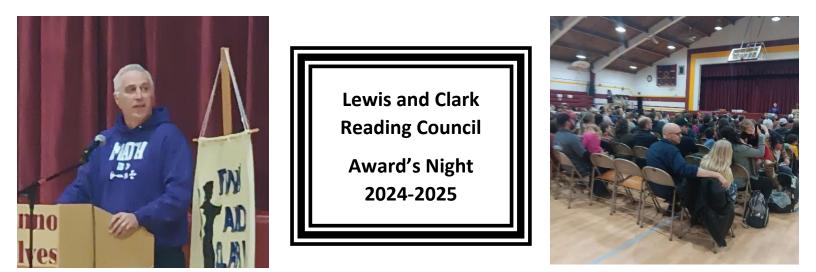
What is "Summer Slide" you may wonder? Here are some scary statistics regarding Summer Slide. **Children who don't** read over the summer will lose up to three months of reading achievement. Reading loss is cumulative: **Students** who don't read during the summer could be three years below grade level by 5th 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.

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Math Sushi	Stack the States		Endless Alphabet	

Below is a list or websites and apps that are a great resource for students to use in the summer.

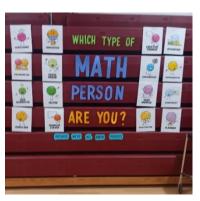
We the teachers, staff, and administration here at the Corsica-Stickney Schools want to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer vacation. We thank you for all your support during this 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to another great year beginning in August!



The Lewis and Clark Reading Council held its annual Award's Night on Thursday April 3, 2025 at the elementary gym in Menno. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Kevin Smith, a professor at DSU in Madison, SD.

He wrote a book titled "Yucky!" The book is about a student who hates everything about Math but after a while, she discovers that there is more to math than just numbers. He gave a brief presentation about the book and his writing process. He talked about illustrating the book. He discussed how he got his inspiration for some of the characters. He took some audience questions and then gave away one student and one adult t-shirt related to his book. He stuck around for our award's ceremony and then did a book signing.

Awards were handed out to the winners of the Young Authors, Young Illustrators, Poetry Cabaret, Reading Challenge, and Family Literacy contests. Students who won at the State level received those awards that night along with the local medals and certificates. All winners selected a new book from the tables after receiving their awards.









STICKNEY, SD – Two compassionate members of the Corsica - Stickney Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter, Karen Go and Gyver Vanden Bos, have made a big difference in their community through a heartwarming project. Their initiative, which involved making and donating 15 fleece blankets to Stickney EMS, showcases the spirit of service and generosity that FCCLA promotes.

Karen and Gyver, both dedicated students, were inspired to give back to their local first responders. Recognizing the oftenoverlooked needs of emergency medical personnel and the patients they serve, they decided to create fleece blankets to provide warmth and comfort during critical moments. Their project not only benefited the local EMS but also highlighted the importance of youth involvement in community service.

"It was a rewarding experience to work on something that will directly help people in our community," said Karen Go. "We hope these blankets bring a sense of comfort to those in need." Gyver Vanden Bos echoed the sentiment, adding, "We wanted to support our first responders and the individuals they help. A warm blanket can make a big difference for someone experiencing an emergency."

The duo spent hours selecting materials, cutting, and tying fleece blankets to ensure each one was soft, durable, and ready for use. Once completed, they personally delivered the blankets to Stickney EMS, where they were warmly received by the emergency responders. "We are incredibly grateful for this generous donation," said a representative from Stickney EMS. "Having these blankets on hand will help us provide extra care and warmth to our patients during transport."

The project aligns perfectly with FCCLA's mission of fostering leadership and service in young people. By identifying a need within their community and taking action, Karen and Gyver demonstrated how even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact. Their efforts serve as an inspiration to others, encouraging more students to take part in community service projects. Whether it's making blankets, volunteering time, or supporting local organizations, the message is clear: kindness and generosity can go a long way. "With their "Fleecing Amazing" project, its evidence that it's the little things that matter, it doesn't have to be a huge production, to make an impact on others. I'm very proud of these kids, and their willingness to think of others. Our communities are blessed to have so many amazing teenagers that are making a difference behind the scenes. " added chapter adviser Jess De Vries.



The Stickney Fire/ Ambulance Crew receiving the blankets: Right to left back row: Chris Plamp, Marshall Spaans, Austin Agler, Ben Matzner, Mike Vanden Hoek, Paul Matzner, Jason Wolbrink, Marla Agler, Kimberlea Lessman Gyver Vanden Bos, Karen Go and Vicki Gerlach are in the front row.

Vocal Contest







Youth Band Festival

On April 1st, nine Corsica-Stickney 5th graders attended Mitchell Area Band Festival. Mrs. Paulson and students traveled to Mitchell in the morning to the Performing Arts Center where they practiced all day with other area students. At 4 pm, the 5th grade band, consisting of over 100 students, performed for friends and family under the direction of Del Hubers.

On April 4th, Corsica-Stickney 5th-8th grade students participated at the annual Vocal Contest in Armour. Mrs. Kemp helped Mrs. Paulson prepare and accompany:

- 23- 5th grade solos,
- 5- 6th grade solos,
- 4- 7th grade solos,
- 2 -8th grade solos.

On top of the solos, Corsica-Stickney also had: 1-6th grade duet (Tatum Wright & Emersyn Veurink), 1-7th grade trio (Avery Ogle, Celia Kenyon, and Olivia Van Genderen),

1-7th grade sextet (Brynlee Plamp, Matte Timmermans, Kynzie Mulder, Briella Johnson, Evelyn Vilhauer, and Olivia Boyle).

The 5th & 6th graders sang 3 songs together: 5th & 6th Mixed sang "Sing Cantate Domino" receiving a I+, 5th & 6th Girls sang "Peace" receiving a I, 5th & 6th Boys sang "Michael Finnegan" receiving a I.

The 7th & 8th graders also sang 3 songs together: 7th & 8th Mixed sang "Eijah Rock" receiving a I, 7th & 8th Girls sang "All Through the Night" receiving a I, 7th & 8th grade Boys sand "Rio Grand" receiving at II.









Preschool Transition Night



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By Bill Martin Jr d John Archambault

Corsica-Stickney Elementary held their Spring Preschool Transition night on April 14th. Boys and girls who will be turning four and will be attending preschool in the fall of 2025 were invited to come. Ms. Gillette explained a little about the Title I program and the transitions that we assist with throughout the school year. Parents registered their student for the upcoming school year.

Students were read the book <u>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</u> by Bill Martin Jr. They sang some songs with Mrs. Kemp. We then did a craft with the help of the parents. Students were given a packet of activities to do over the summer to get ready for preschool and a treat at the end of the night. We had a great turnout and look forward to having all of our new preschoolers here in the fall!





Back Row From Left: Lily Lefers, Braylee Bordewyk, Sophie De Lange, Paige Timmermans, Hadynn Johnson, Cadyn Plooster, Daryan De Vries, Brailey Mulder, Cali Howard Middle Row From Left: Briana Lefers, Brooke Reimnitz, Marilou Belanger, Saylor Lefers, Remi Nelson, Kynzie Mulder, Mary Krogstad, Brooke Howard, Bristol Nydam Front Row from Left: Brynlee Plamp, Briella Johnson, Matte Timmermans, Evelyn Vilhauer, Olivia Boyle, Avery Ogle. *Not Pictured Olivia Van Genderen*



Boys Track





Back Row From Left: Sawyer Schmidt, Caden Baumiller, Tate Tolsma, Driftin Mulder, Waylon Bolle, Jaxson Feenstra, Quinten De Vries, Weston Schmidt.

Middle Row From Left: Wyatt Timmermans, Bryce Wieczorek, Aiden Clites, Reed Woerner, Braxton Truesdell, John Mosley, Tate De Boer, Ethan Reimnitz.

Front Row from Left: Elliott Van Zee, Charlie Lefers, Slater Lefers, Brayden Bordewyk, Dylan Beckman, Johnny Watters, Noah Reimnitz. *Not Pictured: Graham Van Genderen, Brody Muck*





Student of the Month





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Scholar of the Week

By Erik Thorstenson-Dakota News Now

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CORSICA, S.D. (Dakota News Now) - Brock Hinker is a senior at Corsica-Stickney High School and is our Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week.

Brock credits others for his success in school. "Both my brothers always pushing me, my parents too and coaches, friends, everything," said Brock. Brock has stayed busy in sports with football, basketball and track and field, along with chorus to go with an almost 4.0 GPA.

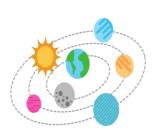
"Brock is a great kid. He really has taken his academic responsibilities seriously. He works incredibly hard and he's a quiet kid. He's a very quiet leader," said Corsica-Stickney principal Brittney Eide.

"All the people, everybody knows everybody and you just feel like almost more of a family rather than just going to school, you know? It's like a sense of community more in a small town," said Brock.

He has a plan for college, and to serve his country. "I'm going to go to basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for the South Dakota Army National Guard and then, AIT from there. And then in the spring semester, 2026, I'm going to start college at USD for a finance degree," said Brock. "Being in the National Guard just says a world of things about that young man and his determination. He's already going to Guard weekends as he's a senior in high school as kids in that situation do. I can't wait to see what this young man is going to do. He has ridiculous amounts of potential," said Eide.

"Yeah, you just as well make the most of every opportunity and push yourself the most you can because when you look back at it, you can't redo it, can't relive it. You're just committed and you'll never regret doing more work," said Brock.

For being named our Scholar of the Week, Brock gets a \$250 scholarship from the Douglas Electric Cooperative, which is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.



The 5th Grade Solar System Projects

The 5th Graders are learning about the Solar System and were tasked with building a model of it. They were able to paint Styrofoam balls to make the planets. It was interesting to see how each one applied their own individual touches to their projects.

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