



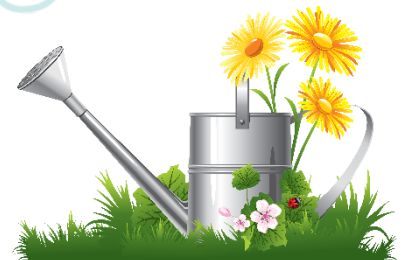
April 2026

Smarter Balance Testing will be for 3rd and 4th graders April 14-17 and April 21-24



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 25-26.



Title I Tidbits

Spring
has
Sprung!



It is hard to believe that the calendar says April already. We are thankful though as we look forward to warmer weather! This month we are gearing up for the South Dakota Math, English Language Art(grades 3-5), and Science(grade 5 only) Assessments, formally known as, Smarter Balanced Testing. No matter what your personal feelings are on high-stakes testing, there is no escaping the reality that these assessments will be an important part of your child's academic experience. Every parent wants to see their student to experience success in the classroom. So, what is the best way to help your child prepare for high-stakes tests—and keep a healthy mindset while doing so? **Here are some simple tips for parents to help your child be at his or her best on testing days.**

1. Make sure your child gets a **good night's sleep** and **eats a healthy breakfast** on testing days.
2. Try not to put too much pressure on the student. Reinforce that as long as they work hard and do their absolute best you will be proud of them.
3. Keep a **positive attitude** about testing in general around your child and emphasize their ability to demonstrate what they have learned.
4. Remind the students that the **test is important and it is important that they try their absolute best.**
5. Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early. Remind them they don't have to be done just because the students around them are finished. **Take your time and do YOUR best work.**
6. Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully. **There is no reward for being the first one done!**
7. Remind them to answer all questions even if they are unsure of the answer. Remind them to do their best and make the best guess as needed.
8. A **positive attitude** goes a long way! Help your child **feel positive** and **confident** about taking the test and doing their best.

The assessments will be given to students in grades 3-5 beginning the week of April 13th and ending on April 30th. The students will be testing from about 8:45 a.m. till about 10:30 a.m. each day. Please if at all possible, try to schedule appointments around this testing schedule. Attendance is so important during this time period. **Each individual teacher will be sending home testing information in the days to come.** Thanks for your support in making this a positive stress free testing month.

BBB ends their season with a 10-12 record.

We beat Gregory in the first round of region play.
Lost to Lyman in 2nd round.





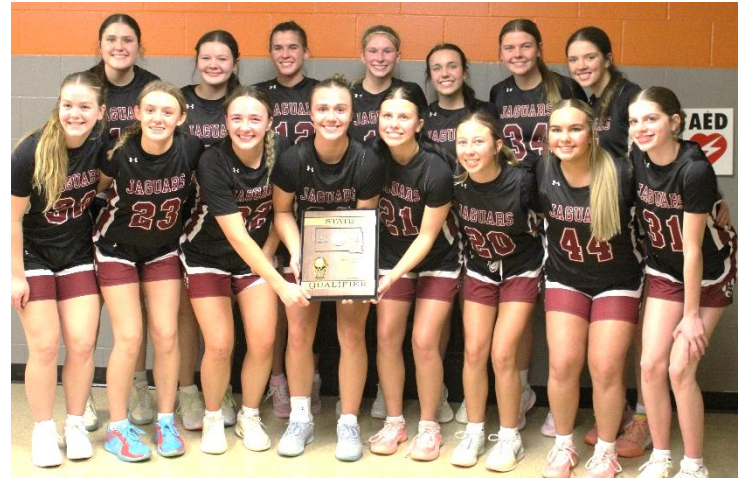
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GBB ended the season with a 19-6 record.

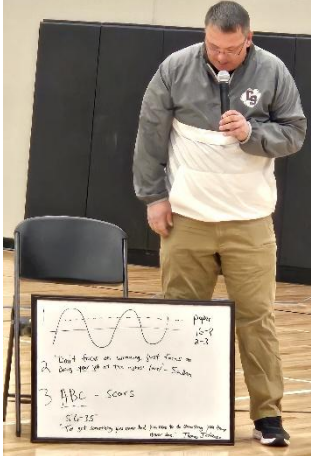
They beat AC/DC in the first round of region play. Beat Gregory in 2nd round to advance to the SoDak 16...beat Waubay-Summit to advance to the State B's.

Going in as 8th seed, beat #1 Lyman, lost to Ethan in the semi-finals and beat #2 seed, Parkston, in overtime for 3rd place.

Chosen for the All-Tournament team was Braylee & Hadynn.

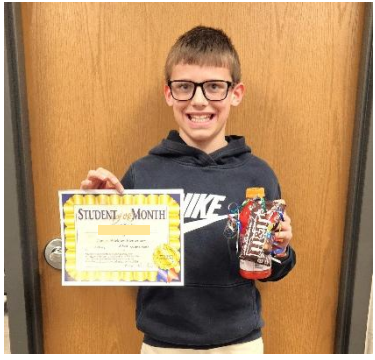


Corsica-Stickney upsets top seeded Lyman in 'B' quarterfinals



Congrats!





Teacher of the Year Award 2025-2026

Congratulations to Corsica-Stickney School’s 2026 Teacher of the Year Mrs. Jacque Boyle! Mrs. Boyle has been a middle school and high school teacher at the past 15 years. Jacque was nominated for, “Consistently going above and beyond for all students, whether they are in her classroom or simply need extra support. She makes time to explain concepts in multiple ways until students truly understand, showing patience, dedication, and a deep commitment to student success...Beyond the classroom, she generously gives her time to coach JH volleyball, all while balancing the responsibilities of her own family. Her kind heart, constant encouragement, and willingness to share a smile makes her a valued leader and role model within our school.” The Teacher of the Year announcement was made on Wednesday March 4th at a school assembly. Mrs. Boyle family was there to surprise her.



Corsica-Stickney Elementary

March 16, 2026

Spring Concert

Arranged and Directed by Ferra Kemp
Accompanied by Beth Maas

5th Grade Band

1. Warm-ups
2. Heroes & Glory
3. Rock-it

K-5th Choir

1. Mary Had a Little Blues
2. J'entends le Moulin (I Hear the Mill)
3. Circle of Life
(Soloists: Gage Spaans, Hadley Denning, Cohen Plamp, and Brandi Wolbrink)
4. Dry Bones
5. It Don't Mean a Thing
6. Mountain Music
7. America the Beautiful
(Please join us in the first and second verses... found on back of your program...then the students will finish the song.)

Thank you all for coming!!



C/S Elementary enjoyed Read Across America Week 2026 this month. Every day was a different Dr. Seuss theme. They ended the week with the student council presenting a Reader's Theater with Thing 1 and Thing 2 creating havoc among the students as the Cat in the Hat eggs them on in their mischief.

Monday: **My Many Colored Days:** wear as much of your favorite color as you can

Tuesday: **Cat in the Hat:** dress like twins (Thing 1 and Thing 2)

Wednesday: **Wacky Wednesday:** wear crazy outfit

Thursday: **Oh, the Places You'll Go:** wear a college shirt

Friday: **Sleep Book:** wear pajamas



School Presentation Sparks Enthusiasm for Electricity

The room buzzed with excitement as fourth and fifth graders at Corsica-Stickney Elementary School learned the fundamentals of electricity and electrical safety on March 4. Co-ops in the Classroom is an interactive program offered to area schools by Central Electric Cooperative and its wholesale power provider, East River Electric Power Cooperative. Protons, neutrons and electrons were a major topic of discussion as students took an educational journey into the exciting world of electricity. Tara Miller of Central Electric taught the kids about the history of electricity and electric cooperatives. Jennifer Gross of East River Electric engaged students in hands-on demonstrations. Plankinton Area Foreman Jon Reichert showed the kids his safety gear and even let one of them try it on for size. Children learned about electrical safety, generation, conservation and economics. A Van de Graaff generator demonstrated the movement of electrons with some hair-raising results. “Playing with static electricity can be fun and educational,” Gross said. “The Van de Graaff generator shows how electricity travels. Students get a kick out of seeing their hair stand up and shocking their friends.” Another device that invokes a lot of excitement is the pedal-power bicycle generator. Students became power plants as they provided energy for lights and small household devices. “The pedal power turns the concept of electricity from something abstract into something tangible,” Gross said. “By providing the energy needed to turn on a light bulb, the students are able to quantify how much more energy an incandescent light bulb requires compared to an LED.” Kids also learned about electrical safety in town and on the farm. By the end of the presentation, students developed a new understanding and appreciation for electricity.

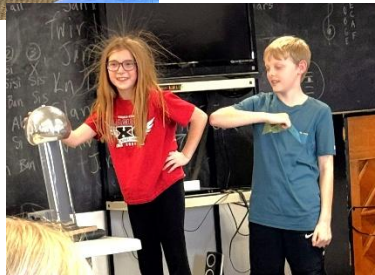


Jon Reichert: Central Electric's Plankinton Area Foreman Jon Reichert helped teach fourth and fifth graders about electrical safety.



↑ Line worker: Rory Nelson demonstrated how safety gear is used in the field. Pedal Power:

Static: A Van de Graaff generator demonstrated the movement of electrons with some hair-raising results for Brandi Wolbrink (L) and Addi Reichert (R).



↓ A pedal bike generator taught students to conserve energy by using LED light bulbs. Oakley Van Dyke .



