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A monthly newsletter from the Pettigrew PTO

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Pettigrew Elementary PTO Parents

From the Principal's Desk: Mr. Kevin Dick



Anticipation for Next Year!!!

As the school year comes to an end, we want to remind all our families of the importance of monitoring the social and emotional health of our children with intentionality to maintain positive growth. We all want the same thing for our students and our children. We want them to be happy, to overcome challenges, to have positive emotions, to build meaningful relationships, to be engaged in life, and to attain authentic accomplishments.

As we reflect on this unprecedented year, we want to assure you that Pettigrew Elementary will continue to focus on the social and emotional well-being of our students. As part of that commitment to our students and families, we have chosen to adopt a new social-emotional learning platform called 7 Mindsets. This program promotes self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. The students learn the mindsets each week through engaging lessons, activities, discussions, journaling, and reflective exercises.

The 7 Mindsets are based upon three years of research that started with a simple question: What do the world's happiest and most successful people have in common? The research revealed that the game-changing commonalities of happiness and success are based on how the world's most successful people think. The 7 Mindsets are Everything is Possible, Passion First, We are Connected, 100% Accountable, Attitude of Gratitude, Live to Give, and The Time is Now.



The goal is to encourage positive conversations, connections, and relationships at school, at home, and in the community. Each week they will share in fun and engaging activities to empower growth, happiness, and success.

We continue to appreciate the support you have shown to our school staff and the culture of Pettigrew. PTO has also been very supportive and embraced our efforts in this area, and we anticipate their continued support as we seek to engage families in this program. We have had one fund-raiser to support this new program with Boss Pizza and Chicken over the spring break weekend that our Pettigrew parents supported in terrific fashion and we were able to raise \$414.66 for this new program. We are actively pursuing other funding to bring more components of this comprehensive program into play next year, as we work to implement it. We look forward to building our students' success and capacity for growth and living life to the fullest with this program!

It's time to update information!

Parents/Guardians of students currently enrolled in the Sioux Falls School District can now complete the Annual Information Update (Online Registration) for each one of their students through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. It is important that household information for ALL students is updated prior to the start of the school year. You may log in to your Parent Portal account using this link.

<https://parentview.sf.k12.sd.us/campus/portal/siouxfalls.jsp>

After logging into the Parent Portal, select the 'More' option from the left Menu and then select the link for Annual Student Information Update. If you have forgotten your password, please call your school or Central Services at 367-8432 to reset your password.

End of Year Plans

At the end of the year, we anticipate a few events that will look similar to events we have had in the past. The difference is that due to the continuing pandemic, the district is still not able to welcome guests or parents onto our campus for these events. As we continue to practice our safe procedures, we continue to appreciate all the support we have enjoyed from our families. To celebrate our Attitude of Gratitude, we will have a shoe-collection and donation, yet again, this year. See other information circulated about this donation opportunity. Also, we will have a brief celebration of awards and recognition with each class of students during the last week of school. We will be hosting a field day on our campus near the conclusion of the school year. Each of those events will be closed to parents or visitors. We do anticipate a special recognition activity for our fifth-grade students at the end of the day, on the last day of school. Please watch for more information about that event as it draws near.

What a year it has been!!! Thanks for helping us through it and making it great!!! Pettigrew Panthers rock!!!!



A Year Like No Other

by Dr. Jane Stavem, Superintendent



As the school year draws to a close, it may go down in history as both the longest and shortest year ever. Many things have felt different, but there are just as many or more things that feel completely normal, especially at this point in the year.

Over the past two weeks I've attended elementary, middle, and high school recognition events and marvel at the accomplishments of our students.

- Our students have stayed in the classroom and excelled academically.
- Our students have stayed on the field and the court and played competitively.
- Our students have stayed on the stage and performed beautifully.
- Our students have stayed the course and completed the year successfully.

As things unfold across the country there are many districts that have only recently returned students to the classroom, and just as many that will not see students in person at all this year. When I think about the future of our SFSD students, particularly our seniors moving on from this year, they will have a tremendous advantage compared to many of their peers. I'm so proud of the resilience they have shown and their accomplishments.

Our District has provided learning in the classroom all year because of the courage and tenacity of our SFSD staff. They showed up under uncertain circumstances, adjusted their way of teaching, changed the structure of the classroom, and altered their daily practice in order to keep kids in school, and we're grateful. They have functioned as a team, and I am equally proud of their resilience and accomplishments this year.

We missed having our volunteers and people coming to our buildings on a regular basis, and we hope many of those missing pieces can be restored for 2021-22. We became acutely aware of the impact of so many partnerships when we had to do without those connections this year. Our goal is to revitalize and renew those important community relationships as we grow forward next year.

Sioux Falls is an amazing place and we have so many things for which to be thankful. As someone new to the community, I have been overwhelmed more than a few times at the number of people and organizations who care deeply about the well-being and success of both our students and families and our entire School District. So many have contributed time, resources, and expertise all in an effort to have great opportunities for all of our children. I recently met someone who has been volunteering at SFSD events for 63 years! That is a legacy of commitment so many have demonstrated, and we are grateful!

The community embraces our schools and believes in the value of public education. The city welcomes diversity and partners with us as we continue to grow in our ability to make everyone feel seen, valued, and included. I am so grateful for the way this District pulled together and stayed the course. Families, students, staff, and the community – together, we all made this year a reality for our children.

We have great opportunities to grow, improve, and innovate moving forward, including our upcoming summer programs for students, two new schools opening in the fall, and a celebration of the SFSD 150th year. Our new District Priorities will guide the work as we envision a bright future for our children. Thank you for staying the course, and congratulations on the successful completion of this historic school year!



**Summer
Skate Cards
Just \$6.00 each**

Skate for \$1.00
Admission All Summer Long!

Summer Skate Card
Skating Schedule
Starts June 1st

(Card good for each of these sessions)

SUN	12-2PM, 2-4PM
MON	Closed for Private Parties
TUES	Closed for Private Parties
WED	12-2PM, 2-4PM 6-8PM
THUR	12-2PM, 2-4PM
FRI	12-2PM, 2-4PM 6-8PM
SAT	12-2PM, 2-4PM 6-8PM

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How it Works

Purchase a Skate Card for \$6

Skate for **\$1**

Admission Per Session

(\$3 Skate Rental Rate Applies If Needed)

Cards available for purchase
online from

April 1st - May 31st

Your school receives \$1 from
each card purchased

Order your Summer Skate Card Online Today at **www.skatecitysd.com**

Cards available for pickup at the rink two days after purchase



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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 3-7, 2021

Celebrate the outstanding teachers of our community who have changed lives by donating to the Sioux Falls Public Schools Education Foundation.

Since 2008, the Foundation has awarded more than \$659,000 through their Public School Proud Grant Program, which benefits students and teachers in the Sioux Falls School District.

Donors can recognize their favorite teacher(s) with a \$25 donation to the Education Foundation by visiting their website: sfeducationfoundation.org

#PublicSchoolProud





KIDS K-5 SUMMER READING 2021

May 22 - August 15



Siouxland Libraries welcomes kids in grades K-5 to participate in the *Tails and Tales* Summer Reading Program. Registration begins May 22 at any branch of Siouxland Libraries.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM VIDEO

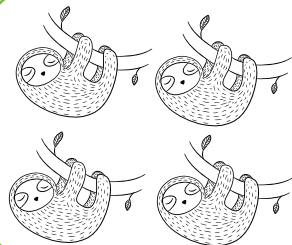
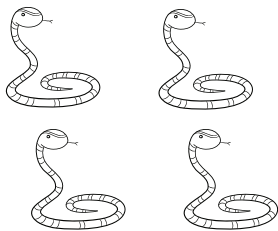
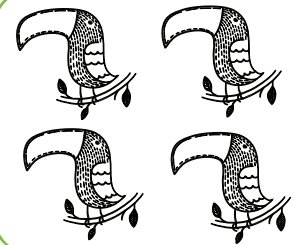
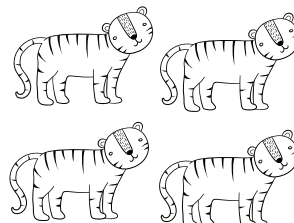
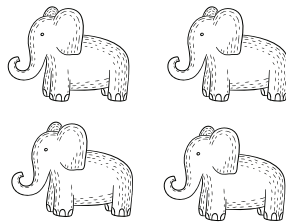
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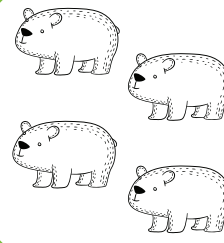
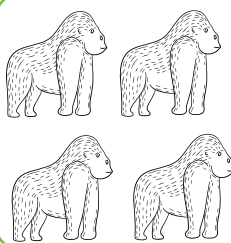
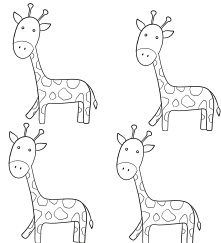
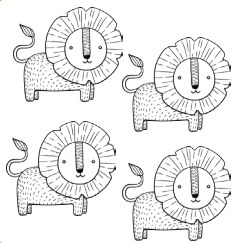
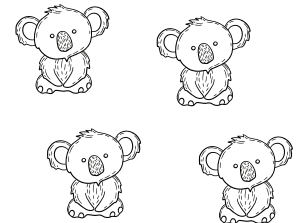
2021 summer reading program MAY 22-AUGUST 15, 2021

Color one item for every 15 minutes you read. Minutes can also be logged online at siouxlandlib.readsquared.com or through the READsquared app.

1. Visit Siouxland Libraries to pick up the Take Flight bead packet and chain.



7. Visit Siouxland Libraries to get your Leaping Leopards bead packet.



12. Congratulations! Visit Siouxland Libraries to get your Whale Tale's finisher's bead packet and to select a raffle ticket.

**Completed your log? Keep reading to earn more raffle tickets.
Receive 1 ticket for every 10 hours of reading.
Visit siouxlandlib.org/summer-reading to view the prize packages.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____



summer mission log

Part 1: Complete any four to receive the Safari bead packet.

- ☐ **Try Something New:** Check out an Adventure Kit, Discovery Kit, Reading Kit or try Book Butler.
- ☐ **Family Storytelling:** Gather your family and write a story together. One person will write the opening sentence of the story. Then, pass the paper around so each person can add a sentence. Repeat until your story is complete. Read and enjoy your tale together.
- ☐ **Reading Tails:** Read aloud to an animal with a tail, such as a pet, a squirrel in a tree—but don't touch, or an animal at the zoo.
- ☐ **Animal Songs:** Make up a song about animals where you rhyme with the word "tale."
- ☐ **Origami:** Fold an origami zoo. Ask a librarian to help you find books on origami.
- ☐ **Bookflix:** Use our database Bookflix to choose a book about an animal with a tail or a fairy tale.
- ☐ **Get Creative:** Build a fairy tale castle with items found in your home, such as Legos, marshmallows and toothpicks, cards, toilet paper rolls etc.

Part 2: Complete any four to receive another Safari bead packet.

- ☐ **Take a trip:** Visit a library or city park that is new to you.
- ☐ **Fairy Tales:** Check out and read a fairy tale from your library.
- ☐ **Play a Game:** Check out a board game from the library.
- ☐ **Entertainment:** Check out a movie or music CD from the library or on Hoopla.
- ☐ **Use a Device:** Read an eBook or listen to an eAudiobook from Overdrive.
- ☐ **Animal Art:** Create an animal, real or imaginary, using scraps of paper.



For every 10 hours of reading, choose one raffle ticket. Visit any Siouxland Libraries branch or www.sioxlandlib.org/summer-reading for more information about the prize packages.

_____ Among Us

_____ Art

_____ Science

_____ Slime

_____ LEGO®

_____ Volcano Explorer LEGO®

_____ Zoo



Looking for reading suggestions? Visit the Siouxland Libraries' Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/sioxlandlib> to watch The Book Report. Each video features 3-5 books on a variety of topics and genres. You may also visit any branch of Siouxland Libraries to get more great suggestions from librarians.



kick-off party

Tune in from home to watch and follow along with juggler Jason Kollum. Fun for all ages!

Two Performances:

Saturday, May 22 from 11-12 p.m.

Saturday May 22 from 2-3 p.m.

Registration required. Registrants also receive a Take-and-Make packet before the program to make your own juggling balls. While supplies last. Go to siouxlandlib.org or call 367-8700 to register.



reading invasions



Grab a lawn chair and head to the park. We are invading Sioux Falls city parks this summer to read! Visit the Bookmobile and the Reach Literacy table. Receive a special summer reading program bead by attending!

- **Friday, June 25, 6-7 p.m.**
McKenna Park
- **Sunday, July 18, 7-8 p.m.**
Terrace Park Bandshell area
- **Sunday, July 31, 8-9 p.m.**
Fawick Park

Visit siouxlandlib.org for more information.

more fun things to do

In Person

Attend a program at a library!

In June and July, we will have programs at the library. Each program will follow safe social distancing practices. Registration is required for some of the programs. Visit siouxlandlib.org/kids or call 367-8700 for more information.



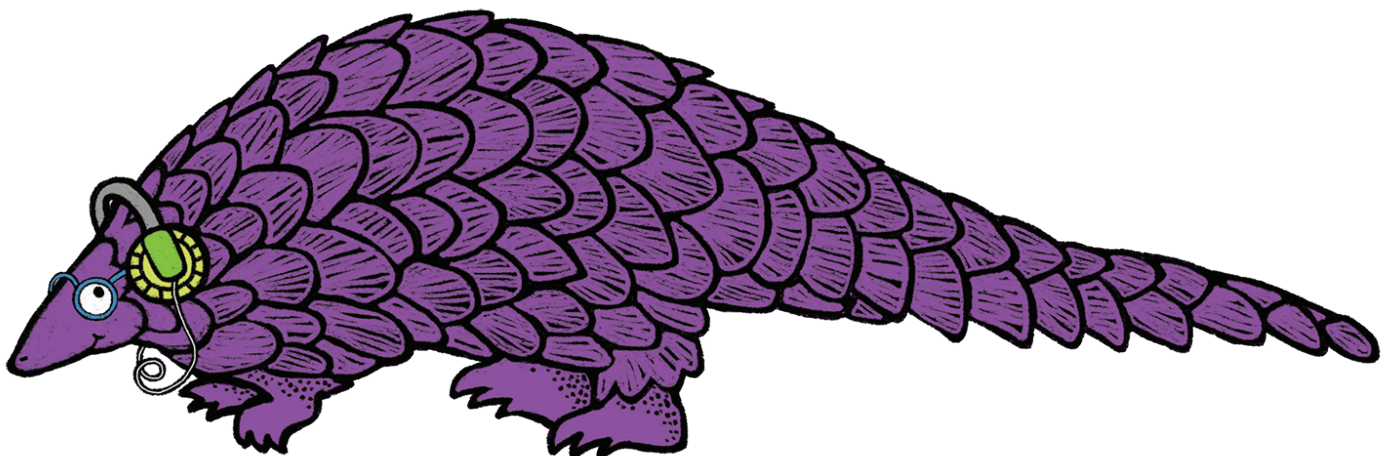
On Your Own

Take-and-Make Packets

Pick up an activity packet at any branch of Siouxland Libraries. Each packet has a reading list and a hands-on activity for you to complete. Available each Tuesday from June 8–July 13, while supplies last.

Mystery Kit

Solve the case of the missing snake. Registration required. Visit siouxlandlib.org or call 367-8700 to reserve a kit.



reading kits

Coming this summer! Help your child practice reading at home this summer with a reading kit. The kits are designed to help the beginning reader practice the reading skills of fluency, comprehension, background knowledge, and decoding. Each skill comes in two levels, and a variety of books and puzzles are available to meet the interests of any child. Visit siouxlandlib.org for a complete listing of kits and to reserve one today.



adventure kits

Coming this summer! Explore your favorite topics with a bundle of books and activities. The kits can be reserved with a Siouxland Libraries' card.

Visit siouxlandlib.org for a complete listing of kits and to reserve one today.



discovery kits

Learn about science, engineering, logic and more with a discovery kit. Each kit contains books, equipment, toys, and a binder of suggested activities.



Visit siouxlandlib.org/Kids/discovery-kits for a complete listing of kits.





The 2021

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMPS

Basketball

Volleyball

Tennis

Cross-
Country

Gymnastics

Football

Soccer

SIGN UP TODAY AT:

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The 2021

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Dance
Football
Gymnastics

Soccer
Volleyball
Wrestling

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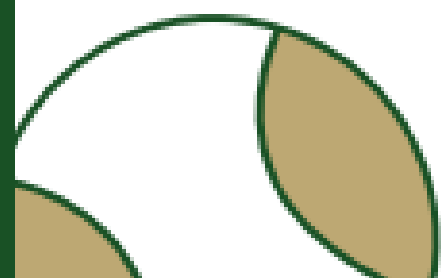
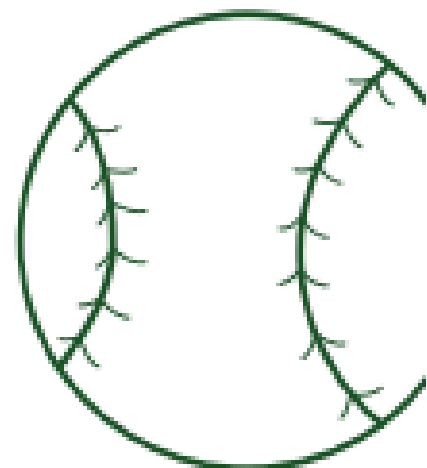
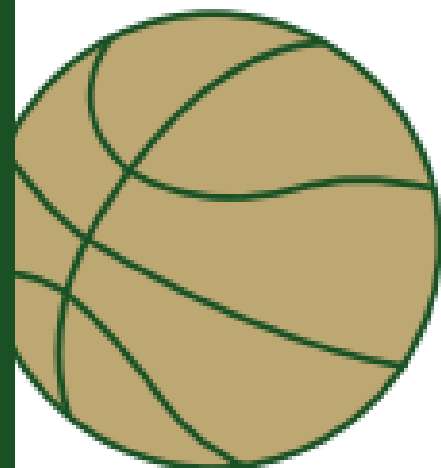
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ROUGH RIDERS

JEFFERSON CAVALIERS CAMPS 2021

Please visit
www.jeffersoncavalierscamps.com
to register

1600 N Marion Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Call the JHS Activities Office at
605-367-6184 with any questions





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