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Lobby Update

It took a bit of time, but it has been well worth the wait…our new lobby furniture has arrived! Now when you come to visit, we actually have a place for you to sit!

Freedom Shrine
Thanks to the efforts of the Aberdeen Exchange Club, the School is now home to a Freedom Shrine. The exhibit consists of photographic reproductions of historic American documents. The display has Braille labels so when teachers make a reference to individual documents, it can be read in large print or Braille, or on-line.

Quilt for Valor
Under the direction of Jayne Reuer, the students and staff made and presented four quilts to honor our Veterans. The quilts were tactile with paints and allowed the students to feel their handprints. They were personalized with messages of encouragement. The idea of the quilts came from a mother whose mission is to cover ALL war wounded and injured service members and veterans with quilts. The quilts were given during the Veterans’ Day Program. The Program also included a Military Color Guard with our Instructor Jodi Carlsgaard, a special musical selection provided by the students under the direction of Music Instructor Phyllis Heier, and a forensics piece given by student Wade Turner that described the activities of a Medic during the Vietnam War.
Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired News

The Foundation is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1978 with the purpose of expanding social, recreational, and educational opportunities for students who are blind or visually impaired. The Foundation has an existing endowment that generates income to allow contributions to be given year after year.

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**New Foundation Members (9/1/08-4/1/09)**

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- **Memorial for Don Talcott**
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- **Memorial for Dean Olson**
  - Charles and Ginny Clark, Aberdeen SD

**Lifetime**
- Ted and Carol Fowler, Aberdeen SD
- Vision Care Associates, LLP, Aberdeen SD
- Dawn Brush, Aberdeen SD

**Saying Thank You!**

A buffet lunch and information was provided to say thank you to the Aberdeen Lions Club for all the support they have provided to the Foundation over the years.
Welcome! We are pleased to welcome Barb Kelly, as Residential Child Care Worker.

Phyllis Heier, Music Specialist was recently recognized by the SD Music Educators Association for 25 years of teaching music in South Dakota. Phyllis started teaching at an area school the Fall of 1982 and is in her 11th year at the School.

Dawn LaMee, Liaison for Services was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Aberdeen Area Diversity Committee.

Statewide Special Education Conference
Outreach Vision Consultants Amy Scepaniak, Julie Van Dover, Riki Nitz, and Indira Dillon provided “Advocating for Independence” training for teachers who currently educate students who are blind or visually impaired. The in-service included a variety of hands-on blindfold and vision simulation experiences with low vision devices, Orientation and Mobility, Braille and tactile graphics, academic concepts, and daily living skills. The Outreach Vision Consultants also presented on a similar topic at the Focus on Success Conference III.

Kaiser receives Lions International Presidential Medal
International Director Wayne Davis is pictured with Superintendent Marjorie Kaiser as she receives the Lions International Presidential Medal; second highest award given by Lions Club International. Marjorie is currently both a member of the Aberdeen Lions and Lioness Clubs and serves as an Advisor for the NSU Campus Lions Club. She was recognized for her willingness and leadership in serving as the District Leader Dog Chairperson, Co-Chairperson for the 2008 State Lions Convention, and for attending the Lions Transfusion, Transition, Transformation Training, and the MD5 MERLOW Conference. She has been the Superintendent at the School for the last 23 years.

Kaiser receives Award
Superintendent Dr. Marjorie Kaiser, Ed.D was presented with the Gus Zachte Memorial Award by the South Dakota Association of the Blind. She was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments and dedication to improving opportunities for the blind and visually impaired of South Dakota, and for her continued support of, and involvement with SDAB.

Happy 200th Birthday Louis!
The School celebrated Louis Braille’s 200th birthday with a day long party. The students and staff sang songs in music class, spent time reading in the library, marking art projects, and enjoying a special birthday cake. The activities helped us all learn more about Louis and how important a person he is in history. Students and staff also completed word puzzles and researched the life of Louis Braille. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

In honor of Louis Braille’s birthday, students Randy Baseler, Lacey Killingsworth, Emery Long Crow, and Jeremy Neuheisel wrote a song in his honor.

It is sung to the tune of “Are You Sleeping.”
Louis Braille, Louis Braille,
Needed to read, needed to write.
Six dots in a pattern,
Letters, numbers, words,
Thank you, Sir! Thank you, Sir!
Student News

Student Council leadership selected is: President: Wade Turner; Secretary: Analis Dannen; Vice-President: Derek Turner; Steering Committee: Analis Dannen; Arts & Special Activities: Jeremy Neuheisel; Wellness Committee: Lacey Killingsworth. Advisor is Principal Mark Krogstrand

Student Council News and Notes

Thanks to the efforts of many students the Council:
❖ raised $120 for the Salvation Army “Red Kettle” program over the holidays while ringing bells;
❖ attended the Mayor’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Awards Luncheon;
❖ attended and participate in a Job Fair sponsored by the SD Career Planning Center;
❖ attended a Transition Project opportunity workshop;
❖ continue to collect expired hunting licenses; and
❖ enjoyed a Christmas supper out on the town.

Focus On Success III

Sue Birrenkott, Transition Specialist and students Wade Turner, Derek Turner, and Analis Dannen shared their experiences with the “Project Skills” work experience program for those in attendance at the “Focus on Success III” Conference in Sioux Falls SD.

Students of the Quarters

Mariah DeMarrias was recognized in the 1st Quarter for her helpfulness to others, progress with her work skills and program at the Aberdeen ATC, and being named as the Homecoming Queen in September. Congratulations Mariah!

Jeremy Neuheisel was recognized in the 2nd Quarter for his positive “can do” attitude, willingness to try anything, a strong work ethic, his continued improving work in the classroom, work with his Orientation & Mobility skills, representing the Student Council at the December meetings of the Aberdeen Lions Club, and being an advocate for himself for the opportunity to come to the SDSBVI. Congratulations Jeremy!

“Jr Lion”

This year several Student Council members continued the “Jr. Lion” program in association with the Aberdeen Lions Club by attending meetings. Jeremy Neuheisel, Analis Dannen, and Wade Turner have learned more about what it means to be involved in a service club and what they do in the Aberdeen community.

Area Music Contest

At the Regional Music Contest at Northern State University, under the direction of Phyllis Heier, Analis Dannen earned an II+ (Excellent) for her vocal solo “Send Forth A Song” and an I (Superior) with her piano solo “Wind Across the Badlands”. The ensemble group of Analis Dannen, Jeremy Neuheisel, Derek Turner, and Wade Turner earned an I (Superior) for their efforts with “Give Me Wings”.

Pen Pals

Twice over the last year, the students were the lucky recipients of special holiday greetings from Mrs. Teresa Markley’s homeroom class at Simmons Middle School when they received special “homemade” Valentines with treats! This followed up earlier Christmas cards and candy canes following our holiday program.

Operation Christmas Child

The Student Council, as part of a service project during the holiday season, participated by purchasing gift items and packaging them in a shoe box to be sent to children around the world through the Operation Christmas Child. The project once again proved that it is “better to give than to receive”.

NSU Allegro Musical Theater Troupe

Under the direction of Daniel Yurgaitis the NSU group made their debut performance at our school singing music of Rogers and Hammerstein.
The School celebrated “Homecoming Week” with royalty being crowned and each day had a theme, including “cap day”, “favorite shirt day”, “casual day”, “dress up day”, and “Blue and Gold Day”.

Happenings on Campus!

Robyn Holcomb residency featured rhythm and dance activities. It was sponsored by the SD Arts Council and the Arts & Special Activities Committee.

King Jeremy Neuheisel
Queen Mariah DeMarrias

Each Fall, the Aberdeen Lions, Aberdeen Lioness, and NSU Campus Clubs put on a wonderful “Welcome Back Picnic” for the students.

Hayride

Wii Tournament

Coach Carlsgaard & Girl’s Track Team

Coach McLaughlin & Boy’s Track Team

Halloween Fun!

Our Holiday Program “Christmas Wishes” featured both group and individual vocal and instrumental music.

Each year the students enjoy a Holiday Party sponsored by the Aberdeen Lions, Aberdeen Lioness, and NSU Campus Clubs.
Moving Forward

Dr. Marjorie Kaiser, Superintendent

Two initiatives are helping to shape our School Improvement Plan. The first is the results of the study conducted by Dr. Phil Hatlen and a Statewide Task Force; the second is our self-study as a part of our re-accreditation. Dr. Hatlen recommended expanding our outreach program, expanding the on campus assessment program, ensuring that all children with vision loss have direct educational services from a trained vision professional, and that all students with vision loss receive instruction in the areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum (skills of blindness). Eighty people, including staff, students, parents, and community representatives looked at each aspect of our school program and rated our performance. The accreditation self-study will be validated by a team that will visit the campus next fall. These two efforts will help us determine the next steps in improving our services to children and youth with vision loss in South Dakota. We will develop our new School Improvement Plan and work to implement the recommended changes.

Forensics Season

By Candice Lee, Forensics Coach

During the weekend of March 6 and 7, the students from SDSBVI competed with students who are visually impaired across North Dakota in forensics and goalball. Students presenting forensics pieces from our school on Friday night were Derek Turner (Transition Program), Wade Turner (Transition Program), Lacey Killingsworth (Transition Program), Analis Dannen (Junior), Emery Long Crow (Sophomore), and Jeremy Neuheisel (Eighth). Students from our school presented in the following events: Wade; poetry, Derek and Jeremy: humorous prose, Analis: serious prose, Lacey and Emery: duo interpretation. The evening continued with a social where students enjoyed great food, Wii competitions, movies, and hanging out at Walker Station. On Saturday, students who participated in goalball were Wade Turner, Emery Long Crow, Analis Dannen, Wyatt Buntrock, Jeremy Neuheisel, and Derek Turner (team manager). Many parents and family members came to cheer us on. Minnesota Academy for the Blind was unable to attend this year due to bad weather.

Move For Heart

The students, staff, and NSU students enjoyed an afternoon of exercising and raised over $1,647 for the American Heart Association. Everyone had a very good workout!

Student Derek Turner receiving a medal from Jonas Musgrave, a student teacher from Trinity Bible College in Ellendale ND, for raising $690.
Donations
The School would like to thank the following individuals or businesses for their recent contributions.

Monetary Donations
Sioux Empire Lions Club, Sioux Falls SD
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Don & Carmen Meyer, Aberdeen SD (in honor of Andrew Fodness)
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Brookings Lions Club, Brookings SD
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Rosebud WELCA, Lemmon SD (student activities)
Sigma Alpha IOTA NSU, Aberdeen SD (Music Program)

Miscellaneous Donations
Northern State University (complimentary passes to sporting events)
Aberdeen Lions Club (birthday balloons and gift certificates)
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Roslyn Community Quilters, Roslyn, SD (10 Homemade Quilts and Blankets)
Ray Mehlhoff, Aberdeen SD (Large TV)
Fraternal Order of Police (tickets to Gary Pucket Concert)
Perkins Restaurant, Aberdeen SD (Gift Certificates)
Red Rooster (St. Patrick’s Party)
Yelduz Shrine Temple, Aberdeen SD (circus tickets)
Coca-Cola Company (PowerAde and Water for Track, Forensics, Goalball & Swim Meets)
Aberdeen Lions & Lioness clubs, NSU Lions Clubs (student Christmas party)
Aberdeen Lions Club (tickets to “Magic Show”)
Dakota Heritage Chorus, Aberdeen SD (tickets)
Eric and Jodi Carlsgaard, Aberdeen SD (videos: Lion King, Lion King II: Simba’s Pride, The Book of Pooh, and VeggieTales)

Memorial for Shirley Block
Sylvia Wensing, Sioux Falls SD
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Estate of Shirley Block, Sioux Falls SD
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Joyce Taylor, Sioux Falls SD
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Marion Redlin, Renner SD
Violet Terveen, Sioux Falls SD
Ronald Lunde, Sioux Falls SD
Marlene Gulbrandson, Renner SD
Pamela Ritter, Hartford SD
Merlona Boll, Hartford SD
Marla Durfee, Hartford SD
Daniel Cressman, Hartford SD

Memorial for Dean Olson
Loren Larsen and Family, McKinney TX
Larry and Rita Williams, McKinney TX
Lloyd and Tina Olson, Boothbay ME
Lois Jackson, Portland OR

Memorial for Harold Warran Sr
Gregory and Jean Merth, Minneapolis MN
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CLASSROOM ADAPTATIONS
Lighting is always a primary, never a secondary, consideration.
Benefits of good lighting:
- More effective use of vision
- Better concentration
- Better posture and comfort
- Less fatigue
- Greater neatness, accuracy, and achievement

Good lighting is not always bright lighting.
Good lighting is not always more lighting.
Factors to consider when making decisions about lighting:
- Amount
- Placement
- Ability to control
- Glare reduction

Different eye diseases require different levels of light. Thus, the lighting needs of each student will vary.
Position students according to their specific visual conditions and difficulties and subsequent lighting needs.
Avoid glare:
- Arrange desks and working areas so students do not face a window – windows should be behind or to the side.
- For viewing a computer, TV, or CCTV screen, position the screen so that neither it nor the student faces a window.
- Stand and sit in positions that direct students' vision away from the windows – avoid standing between the student and the window.
- Use blinds or shades to control the amount of light entering a room.
- Snow and sunlight can cause glare – close blinds or pull shades down.
- Cover glass doors on cabinets and remove pictures covered with glass.
- Use lampshades to prevent glare from bare bulbs.
- Minimize glare from shiny surfaces, polished metal surfaces, glossy paper, tabletops, desks, and floors – cover surfaces with dark, non-glossy cloth or construction paper or colored filters / acetates.

Arrange desks and working areas so light falls on the desks and working areas without shadows.
Position lamps directly onto the task.
Plan for periodic adjustments of desks and working areas to provide for the best use of available light.
Allow students to change their seat whenever they desire or need more or less light.
Tactile Art Display
Sara Christensen-Blair, Northern State University professor and the members of her Design I art class provided the School with more “touchable” art. As part of a class requirement and with a focus on service learning, each student creates an art piece featuring textures that can be touched. Artwork was selected by our students to become part of the school's permanent art collection. The South Dakota Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired provided the funding to purchase the art.

Wells Fargo Auto Finance Donation
Accepting a check from Lloyd Sanderson, and Chad Ronshaugen from Wells Fargo Auto Finance are Principal Mark Krogstrand, Superintendent Dr. Marjorie Kaiser, and student Michael Stanforth. The money was raised through the Wells Fargo Auto Finance 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Quilts Donated
Dorm Supervisor Cathleen Walker, Student Mariah DeMarrias, and Residential Child Care Workers Sharon Lee enjoy quilts donated by the Roslyn Community Quilters of Roslyn, SD

Rolling Right Along!
Sports and Activities

Track and Field

The track meets found the students competing against a strong field from schools for the blind. Coaches Bob McLaughlin and Jodi Carlsgaard were very pleased with the students' efforts and how they represented the SDSBVI.

Kansas School for the Blind Track Meet

Analis Dannen: 3rd 60 M Run (11.78), 1st 600 M Run (4:03.32), 2nd Long Jump (4'-2''), 2nd 3 Con Jump (12'-2.5''), 1st Shot Put (11'-9''); Wade Turner: 1st 60 M Run (13.9), 2nd Long Jump (6'-8''), 1st Triple Jump (17'-4.5''); Lacey Killingsworth: 6th 60 M Run (16.62), 3rd Shot Put (11'-9.5''); Derek Turner: 2nd 60 M Run (11.20), 4th Long Jump (5'-11''), 5th Triple Jump (16'-6''), 3rd 3 Con Jump, (18'-3.25''), 4th Shot Put (17'-10''); Emery Long Crow: 7th 60 M Run (17.04), 5th 400 M Run, (2:07.0), 7th Long Jump (3'-7.75''), 5th Shot Put (14'-6'')

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Track Meet

Analis Dannen: 2nd 60 M Run (13.69), 2nd 600 M Run (3:50.84), 2nd 3 Con Jump (13'-3''), 2nd Shot Put (13'-7; Wade Turner: 2nd 60 M Run (10.28), 2nd Long Jump (6'-4''), 1st Triple Jump (17'-11''), 1st 3 Con Jump (20'-3.5''); Derek Turner: 3rd 60 M Run (11.25), 3rd Long Jump (5'-8''), 2nd Triple Jump (16'-4''), 3rd 3 Con Jump (17'-4''), 4th Shot Put (19'-4''); Lacey Killingsworth: 6th 60 M Run (16.07), 5th 400 M Run (2:04.0), 6th Long Jump (3'-4.5''), 5th Shot Put (11'-10''); Emery Long Crow: 5th 60 M Run (16.09), 5th 400 M Run (1:49.0), 8th Long Jump (3'-8''), 5th Shot Put (14'-6'')

SDSBVI Home Meet

Analis Dannen: 2nd 60 M Run (12.44), 1st 600 M Run (4:08.72), 2nd Long Jump (4'41/2''), 1st 3 Con Jump (137'), 2nd Shot Put (12' 103/4''); Wade Turner: 1st 60 M Run (11.53), 1st Long Jump (6'-5''), 1st Triple Jump (17'-11 1/2'), 1st 3 Con Jump (20'9 3/4'); Derek Turner: 3rd 60 M Run (12.06), 2nd Long Jump (5'-8 1/2''), 2nd Triple Jump (16'8 1/2''), 2nd 3 Con Jump (17'-5 3/4'), 1st Shot Put (19'-5 3/4'; Lacey Killingsworth: 4th 60 M Run (18.04), 3rd 400 M Run (2:25.31), 3rd Long Jump (4' 1/4''), 2nd Shot Put (13' 5 1/2''); Emery Long Crow: 3rd 60 M Run (17.62), 1st 400 M Run (1:54.78), 1st Long Jump (6'91/2''), 1st Shot Put (12'1''); Jeremy Neuheisel: 2nd Shot Put (4'8 1/2'')

All School Track Meet

Analis Dannen: 2nd 60 M Run (14.5), 1st 600 M Run (3:52.0), 2nd 3 Con Jump (12'7''), 1st Shot Put (13'10'), 2nd Standing Long Jump (4'1''); Wade Turner: 1st Standing Long Jump (6'7''), 2nd Shot Put (11'-4''), 1st 3 Con Jump (20'3''), 1st 60 M Run (11.66), 1st Triple Jump (19'); Emery Long Crow: 1st 60 M Run (16.16), 1st 400 M Run (2:16), 2nd Running Long Jump (7'7''), 2nd Shot Put (10'1''); Mariah DeMarrias: 2nd 60 M Run (21.22), 1st 200 M Run (1:58.66), 1st Softball Throw (33'6''), 1st Standing Long Jump (3'3''); Lacey Killingsworth: 3rd 60 M Run (18.60), 2nd 400 M Run (2:24), 1st Running Long Jump (4'10''), 1st Shot Put (14'2''); Riley Schaffer: 4th 60 M Run (26.03), 4th Standing Long Jump (1'81/2''); Grady Schlosser: 1st Tennis Ball Throw (21'4''), 1st 60 M Run (21.9), 3rd Standing Long Jump (1'11/2''); Michael Wingen: 3rd Standing Long Jump (19'); 2nd Tennis Ball Throw (12'), 1st 60 M Run (34.44); Jeremy Bruns: 4th Standing Long Jump (16''), 2nd Softball Throw (31'4''), 3rd 60 M Run (1.23); John Sauer: 2nd Standing Long Jump (26''), 2nd 60 M Run (23.50), 2nd 200 M Run (2:25.31), 3rd Softball Throw (22'); KrisLynn Zahm: 3rd Tennis Ball Throw (48''), 2nd 60 M Run (1:05.9); Hailey Hale: 4th Tennis Ball Throw (4'), 3rd 60 M Run (41.12), 5th Standing Long Jump (11''), 4th Tennis Ball Throw (4'), Jeremy Neuheisel: 3rd Shot Put (4'5''), 4th Tennis Ball Throw (15'6''); Shane Hoffman: 5th Tennis Ball Throw (3'7'').

A very SPECIAL “thank you” to our volunteer helpers from the NSU Adaptive PE class!
Bowling Fun

The vocal group of Analis Dannen, Wade Turner, Derek Turner and Jeremy Neuheisel under the direction of Music Instructor Phyllis Heier sang “The Star Spangled Banner” to kick off the festivities! The “Special Olympians” got their season underway by participating in the Regional and State Bowling Tournaments at the Village Bowl in Aberdeen. Our bowlers’ results at the Regional Meet included: 1st Place: Jeremy Bruns, Shane Hoffman, and Johnny Sauer, 2nd Place: Emery Long Crow, Jeremy Neuheisel, and Riley Schaffer, and 3rd Place: Lacey Killingsworth and Mariah DeMarrias. State Meet results included 1st Place (gold medal): Lacey Killingworth and Johnny Sauer; 2nd Place (silver medal): Jacob Bieber, Jeremy Bruns, Mariah DeMarrias, Emery Long Crow, and Jeremy Neuheisel; 3rd Place (brass medal): Shane Hoffman. Congratulations to one and all, with a special thanks to Coach Tevan Fischbach for all of her work not only with our students but with the committee for the event games as well. A GREAT time was had at the Opening Ceremonies with karaoke and dancing and a wonderful banquet and special awards at the Ramada in Aberdeen on Saturday night topped off a great weekend! Once again our students lived up to the Special Olympics oath “Let Me Win, But If I Cannot Win, Let Me Be Brave in the Attempt!”

**Winter Fun!**
The students and staff enjoyed an afternoon of ice skating and sledding at the Holum Expo Center.

**Summer Program**
During the months of June and July students will be able to take part in an exciting summer program at the SDSBV. Emphasis will be placed on training in the “Expanded Core Curriculum” areas. In addition to the traditional academic subjects, students who are blind or visually impaired need to learn specific skills which address their individual learning modes to help them prepare for independence. During our summer program we include the following experiences.

- Assistive Technology
- Career Education
- Compensatory Academic Skills
- Independent Living Skills
- Orientation and Mobility
- Recreation and Leisure Skills
- Self-Determination Skills
- Sensory Efficiency Skills
- Social Interaction Skills

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