



October 2013

# Wagon Trails

Jodi Carlsgaard, Principal  
Dr. Marjorie Kaiser, Superintendent

## Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 5 Homecoming Royalty on SDSBVI Float in NSU **Gypsy Day Parade**, 9:00 AM start
- Oct. 11 **Special Olympics NE Bowling Tournament** at The Village Bowl, Aberdeen
- Oct. 11 **Homegoing**  
Classes dismiss at 12:10 PM  
Lunch served 12:10 – 1:00 PM  
**Dorms close at 1:00 PM**
- Oct. 14 **Native American Day Holiday**
- Oct. 15 **Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
No classes, dorms open at 10:00 AM
- Oct. 16 **Classes Resume**
- Oct. 22 **Picture Retake Day**
- Oct. 28 **SDSBVI Advisory Council Meeting**  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
South Conference Room  
**Student Art Exhibit** (Front Lobby)  
12:30 – 1:00 PM  
**Ribbon Cutting** for Grand Reopening of our ADL Room at 1:00 PM
- Nov. 1 **1st Quarter Ends**
- Nov. 1-3 **Special Olympics NE Bowling Tournament** at The Village Bowl, Aberdeen

## From the Principal's Desk

Hello SDSBVI Pioneer Families, Students and Friends!

We have had a fast and fantastic start to our new school year. Our students are working hard on their subjects, and our faculty is keeping busy implementing their newly learned skills of IPADS with their students.

Our school, just like our neighbors and the rest of the state, will be implementing the Common Core State Standards. We are all striving to offer our students a very competitive education by being a part of the newly adopted standards. Please see attachment.

Thank you for allowing SDSBVI the opportunity to be a part of your student's education. Our updated mission statement is to "prepare students to step forward with confidence and a vision of lifetime success"; it has been developed from our values of what is important for student education. We want to accomplish our school goals to make SDSBVI the best environment for our students to receive an education at any level. You will find our strategic plan on our website, along with our values and goals that we have used to determine our mission statement.

I wish you a fabulous fall and look forward to seeing you on-campus.

Mrs. Carlsgaard  
SDSBVI Principal



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Our fall Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Information has been sent out; please return the bottom portion to schedule a time to visit with your child's teachers.

There will be no classes that day and **dorms open at 10:00am.**

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## Student of the Month

Congratulations to  
**Marcus Van Dam**  
for being nominated  
Student of the Month for September.



Marcus Van Dam



## Homecoming Royalty

Congratulations to our 2013 Homecoming Royalty  
**Queen Kendra and King Jordan!**

**Kendra Terkildsen** is the daughter of Dana Clayton of White Lake, SD, and Rock Terkildsen of Kadoka, SD.

**Jordan Houseman** is the son of Ian and April Long of Pickstown, SD.



Kendra Terkildsen, Jordan Houseman

## Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day will be on **Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We are hoping to mail out previously ordered Picture Day packets within the next two weeks; they will need to be returned to us in order for your child to have retakes done.

If you did not order pictures the first time around and would like to now, please contact our Front Office for details or email

[Susan.Snaza@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Susan.Snaza@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

For Customer Service inquiries, please contact Lifetouch's Parent Line at 1-866-955-8342.



## Flu Shot Clinic

Doris Anderson, RN, will be administering flu shots to our on campus students again this year. Please return your signed consent form to the Nurse by **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information, please contact [Doris.Anderson@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Doris.Anderson@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

## Open House

Come join us on **Monday, October 28th**:

### Student Art Exhibit

Student artwork created during the recent Artist in Residence visit will be on public display in our Front Lobby from **12:30 – 1:00PM**.

### Grand Reopening & Ribbon Cutting

Following the Student Art Exhibit, join us for the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Reopening of our newly remodeled ADL Room at **1:00 PM**.

## Thank You!

Students and staff enjoyed the annual Lions Welcome Back Picnic on **Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you, **Aberdeen Lions, Aberdeen Lioness and NSU Lions Clubs** for organizing the event.



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## Welcome Back, Pioneer Families!

By April Dominick, Student Council President

Student council is kicking off the 2013-14 school year with new faces and new ideas. SDSBVI student council would like to welcome **Marcus Van Dam** as its newest member. This year our officers are Secretary **Courtland Collins**, Treasurer **Jordan Harkless**, Vice President **Kendra Terkildsen** and President **April Dominick**. One of the first new ideas our student council will be revealing later this fall is the new design for our SDSBVI T-shirts. These shirts will be available to all students, staff, parents and friends of SDSBVI.

Our homecoming is upon us and this year our students will be taking part in the Aberdeen Gypsy Days parade on **Saturday, October 5th**. Along with the making of the float, our homecoming will be filled with fun dress up days ending with our traditional Pioneer Day the Friday before the parade. Homecoming week will officially begin **Monday, September 30** with Career Day. Students and staff can dress up as what they have always wanted to be. ☺

Updates and photos from our homecoming will be in our next Wagon Trails. We'll keep you posted! ☺

*April Dominick*

## Artist in Residence

Thanks to funding from the SD Foundation for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the SD Arts Council's "Artist in the Schools" program, students enjoyed a week long residency with Emily Yellow Bird from "Black Pinto Fine Arts" on **Sept. 23-27, 2013**.

Mrs. Yellow Bird's program was called "Mud Ponies".



Artwork by Trashawn Howard

Thank you,  
SDSBVI Foundation!



Henry Johnson working on his clay creation inspired by Mrs. Yellow Bird's story.



Ms. Stoa with Caden Chavez, listening to Mrs. Yellow Bird; Henry Johnson in front.

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## Coach's Corner



By Mrs. Fischbach,  
Special Olympics Coach

The Special Olympic season is under way! Practices have begun for bowling. Athletes bowling this year are

**Al'lyn Bear Stops,**  
**Hailey Heintzman,**  
**Shane Hoffman,**  
**Blaine Jemming,** and  
**Michael McMillen.**

Our first bowling tournament is the Regional Bowling Tournament which is on **Friday, Oct 11, 2013** in Aberdeen at the Village Bowl. This is a homegoing weekend. The state office has informed us that our students will be able to bowl the first shift so that they are all finished and back to school by noon that day.

Parents, if you are able, be sure to come early that day and watch you student bowl! Good luck bowlers!

*Mrs. Fischbach*

## Book It!



By Mrs. Peterson,  
Elementary Instructor

Starting this month, my students will be involved in the Book It program. This is a National Reading Program to encourage students to read in grades K-6. I have put a calendar in the students' communication books for October. Please mark the minutes that they read, listen to a tape or have a story read to them each day.

The program recommends 20 minutes a day of reading but any reading time is great. Don't worry if they don't get reading time every day, as I am also doing some time in the classroom. Each student will earn their pizza certificate.

I will send a new calendar home each month to document the reading time. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [Lorri.Peterson@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Lorri.Peterson@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

Thank you for helping the students with this great reading program!!

*Mrs. Peterson*



## Core Organizational Values:

Innovative use of **technological advancements** adapted for each child



In keeping with our Strategic Plan, Ed Summers and Diane Brown conducted a workshop on iPads and their use in the educational setting. Highlighted were accessibility features and using the iPad for reading, writing, and research.

*Ed Summers and Diane Brown,  
SDSBVI 2013 Fall In Service*

## Residential Happenings for this Fall

By Cathy Walker, Dorm Supervisor

It seems like summer has slipped away from us just as fast as it arrived! But with the fall season, there are always traditional things that we do every year with our students. As soon as we get a good cold hard frost, we will be picking apples off our lone apple tree out by the patio. The students and staff then look forward to apple crisps, apple bread and cookies for a time after that. Yummy!

We have also started bowling so we can get ready for the state bowling tournament which happens every November. Our students really enjoy bowling and we try to go bowling quite often, plus it is great exercise!

We will be making our yearly trek to Seche Hollow for the day. The students and staff alike really enjoy getting out in the crisp cool fall air and hike the trails at Seche Hollow. Plus we always get great pictures there! Speaking of taking pictures, some of our students are real ham-bones when the camera comes out!

We also attend NSU football games when they are playing at home. We have some avid football fans, plus they really enjoy listening to the band. It has been really great for our students this fall because the NSU band has been practicing on our campus 4 days a week. So when our students are finished with their after school snack, they are outside the boy's dorm listening to the band practice. They (our students) even took the band members some cold lemonade which they enjoyed after their practice.

All in all, it is a very fun time at the SDSBVI and we always stay busy in the residential program. We have staff working in the dorms that enjoy the activities as much as their students so it is a positive thing for everyone. Take care and we'll talk next month!

*Mrs. Walker*



# Get Involved



## Rummage Sale

We are accepting donations for our **Spring Rummage Sale** on an ongoing basis.

Please contact Cathy Walker for questions or to make arrangements; [Cathy.Walker@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Cathy.Walker@sdsbvi.northern.edu)



## Arts and Special Activities

The Arts and Special Activities Committee is the School's version of a PTA and Booster Club all rolled up in one.

Throughout the year the committee works on a variety of projects to support the School and our students. Proceeds from projects helped to purchase the NuStep T5 Recumbent Cross Trainer, coordinate and sponsor the "Artist in Residence" Program, sponsor the Family Weekend, sponsor Staff Appreciation Activities and sponsor a variety of Student Activities and Projects.

Please see attachment for specific fundraisers.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Jodi.Carlsgaard@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Jodi.Carlsgaard@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

## SDSBVI Advisory Council

The SDSBVI Advisory Council is meeting **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – 3:00PM** on our campus. The Council meets three times a year and offers assistance and support to the Superintendent and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

For more information, please contact your On Campus Parent Representative, Sarah Ossana, at [Sarah.Ossanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Ossanna@gmail.com).

## Family Support Network

Our Family Support Network Group will start again soon. For more information on upcoming events, please contact [Amy.Scepaniak@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Amy.Scepaniak@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

## Follow us Online!



Don't forget to check our website for more information and the latest updates at <http://sdsbvi.northern.edu/>



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**What are South Dakota's Common Core Standards?**

South Dakota's Common Core Standards refer to a set of standards in the core subject areas of English-language arts and math. The standards provide a clear and rigorous set of expectations for what South Dakota students (grades K-12) should know and be able to do in each of these two critical subject areas. The standards are shared by a number of states.

**How are they different from previous standards?**

South Dakota has had standards in various subject areas, including English-language arts and math, for many years. The new standards in English and math are different in that they promote:

- Deeper understanding of the key concepts students need to succeed as independent thinkers;
- Students' ability to apply knowledge to real-world situations;
- Instruction that places more emphasis on understanding and application, as opposed to memorization and test-taking
- Richer, more authentic types of assessment

**How were the new standards developed?**

The idea to develop a shared set of standards among the states began as a conversation among the nation's governors and chief education leaders. A group of 45 states banded together to set consistent, high quality expectations. The standards were developed by teams of teachers, researchers and leading education experts from across the United States. Each partner-state chose whether or not to adopt the standards.

**When did South Dakota adopt the new standards?**

The South Dakota Board of Education voted to adopt the new standards in English-language arts and math on Nov. 29, 2010.

**I've heard that the Common Core dictates curriculum for local school districts. Is that true?**

No. The new standards in English-language arts and math are not curriculum. School districts still set their own curriculum, as they always have. It's important to understand the difference between standards and curriculum; the two terms should not be used interchangeably. Standards provide the framework of expectations for student knowledge and skills. Curriculum details how the standards should be taught and includes resources, materials and instruction.

In South Dakota, the state Board of Education is charged with adopting standards. Local school districts have the authority to decide how to teach and implement the standards, including the selection of instructional practices and materials.

**Are there Common Core standards for history and social studies, or any other content areas?**

There were no Common Core standards developed for social studies, only English language arts (ELA) and math. Teachers may choose to use some ELA concepts, such as identifying an author's point of view and questioning that which is presented as fact in a text, as part of their writing assignments in a history class; however, the new standards do not attempt to outline what is taught in social studies classes.

# How You Can Help!

## Arts and Special Activities Projects List

- **Box Tops for Education**  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx>  
Clip the Box Tops Rectangle, including the expire date, from all kinds of products!
- **Ken's Super Fair Karing for Kids Receipts**  
<http://kenssuperfair.com/community.html>  
Save your grocery receipts dated September 1st through the end each school year. Bring your receipts to the school any time before the school year ends. SDSBVI receives 1% of the total.
- **Kessler's Receipts**  
Save your grocery receipts dated September 1st through the end each school year. Bring your receipts to the school any time before the school year ends. SDSBVI receives 1% of the total.
- **Labels for Education**  
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-to-Earn/Participating-Products>  
Not just Campbells! They have added many products. Clip the rectangle that contains the UPC code.
- **Loaves 4 Learning from Country Hearth Bread**  
<http://www.loaves4learning.com/>  
Save the specially marked UPC codes from Country Hearth and Village Hearth bread product packages.
- **My Coke Rewards**  
<http://www.mycokerewards.com/participatingBrands.do>  
Save the codes which are found inside lids and cartons of Coca-Cola products including Minute Maid Juices, Powerade, Dasani and more!
- **Pennies for Pioneers**  
Drop your loose change into the piggy bank in the teacher's lounge.
- **Target REDCard Take Charge of Education**  
<https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005174>  
Register your Target REDCard, designate SDSBVI as your school, and SDSBVI will receive 1% of all our REDcard purchases at Target.
- **Tyson Project A+**  
<http://projectaplus.tyson.com/>  
Clip and save Tyson Project A+™ labels from participating Tyson products. SDSBVI receives 24 cents per label.
- **Cell Phone Recycling**
- **Printer Cartridge Recycling**
- **SDSBVI receives cash for cell phones and printer cartridges.**
- **Lions Recycle for Sight: bring in your used eyeglasses!**
- **Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House: collected and taken to McDonalds.**

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### *Available for Sale*

- School Mugs (\$7)
- Centennial Plates (\$8)
- School Bags (\$2)
- Drawstring Bags (\$4)
- Pioneer Shirts (\$10, \$15, or \$25 depending on style)
- Logo Shirts (various sizes and styles)

Contact Diane Agnitsch for information about items for sale at [Diane.Agnitsch@sdsbvi.northern.edu](mailto:Diane.Agnitsch@sdsbvi.northern.edu).

### *SDSBVI Student Council Projects List*

- **Pop Can Recycling**
- **Hunting Stamps**
- **Rummage and Bake Sale**

Proceeds from Student Council Projects support Student Council Activities.

