

Sargent Public School

May Newsletter

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As we approach the end of a successful school year, continuing to build strong reading habits remains an important way for students to finish strong. Regular reading supports critical thinking, reinforces learning, and builds confidence and independence. We encourage families to keep reading a consistent and enjoyable part of each day as we close out the year on a positive note—and to continue these habits throughout the summer months.

We are proud to recognize the following students and staff for their consistent display of leadership, dedication, and positive character:

PK–2: Willow Dickerson

3–5: Jackson Vincent

6–8: Shae Castaneda

9–12: Brinley Smith

Staff: Stacy Ottun

Congratulations to each of you for helping make Sargent School a strong and positive place to learn and grow!

May is a busy and exciting time, especially for our elementary students, with a number of field trips planned throughout the month. Our FBLA chapter has had an outstanding showing, with nine students qualifying for nationals—an impressive accomplishment. Meanwhile, our track teams continue to compete at a high level, breaking records and representing our school with pride.

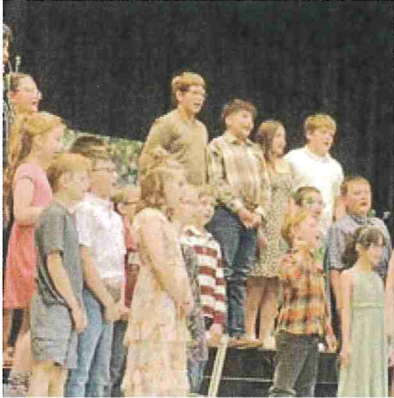
Important upcoming dates include the seniors' last day on May 5, followed by graduation on May 9 at 4:30 PM. District track will take place on May 13, with hopes of qualifying athletes for the state meet. **Please also note that the last day of school is May 14th.**

As we wrap up the school year, I would like to personally share how grateful I am in my first year as principal to have had the opportunity to build relationships with our students, staff, and families. Your support and collaboration have helped make this a smooth and successful year, and I truly appreciate the positive school community we continue to grow together.

Our students and staff continue to make Sargent School a place of pride, growth, and positive energy—from academics and reading to athletics and extracurricular activities. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students learn, lead, and thrive.

As always, Go Wolves!
Mr. Slingsby

Elementary Music Concert



The elementary school concert was an exciting event where students had the chance to show their musical talents. Many students sang songs, played instruments, and performed in front of their families, teachers, and friends. Everyone worked hard practicing for weeks to make the concert special. The concert brought the school community together and created a fun and memorable night. It was a great way to celebrate music and teamwork



HS and JH District Music



FFA Baquet

The Sargent FFA Chapter recently held a successful banquet and award ceremony, bringing together members, families, and community supporters to celebrate a year of hard work and achievements. The event took place in a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere, highlighting the dedication and growth of students involved in agricultural education.

Throughout the evening, members were recognized for their accomplishments in various areas, including leadership, community service, and participation in FFA competitions. Several students received awards for their outstanding efforts, showing how much time and commitment they put into the organization this year. The chapter also took time to honor graduating seniors, thanking them for their contributions and leadership.

In addition to awards, the banquet included speeches from chapter officers and advisors, who reflected on the year's successes and the importance of FFA in building skills for the future. They talked about how members developed responsibility, teamwork, and confidence through their experiences.

The event also served as a chance to look ahead, as new officers were introduced and plans for the upcoming year were briefly discussed. Overall, the banquet was a great way to recognize achievements, celebrate memories, and bring the community together in support of the Sargent FFA Chapter.



Quiz Bowl

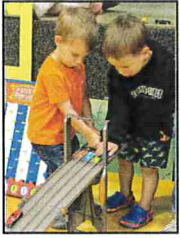
It's a wrap for another successful quiz bowl season for the Sargent competitors. The high school team started the year at Anselmo-Merna, where they had two wins versus four losses, but served as a nice warm-up for things to come. The MNAC conference meet was in Stapleton, where the team brought home a third place finish. The final competition of the year was in Kearney for the ESU 10 meet, where the team went 6-2 against some very tough competition, bringing home a 4th place trophy. Hayden Nelson led the way again this year, and while we'll certainly miss him next year, I'm excited to see which of our talented younger competitors will step up and shine.



The junior high squad also had a nice year. They also started the year in Merna, where they won two and lost four, while the 7th graders got their first taste of competition. The ESU 10 meet in Kearney was another day of tough competition, but the next day at the MNAC meet, they found their stride and brought home a third place finish behind Lane Bye and Taylin Tobias.



FBLA NEWS



On Thursday, April 9th, our FBLA chapter hosted the 13th Annual Kid's Carnival. The games included: bowling, ball pong, face and nail painting, cakewalk, football throw, corn hole, obstacle course, basketball shooting, Hot Wheels racing, putt putt golf, and a giant Sorry game. There were a good number of rambunctious kids here to play games at this year's Kid's Carnival. Huge thanks to those who helped and attended.



Our FBLA members were very successful at the State Leadership Conference this year! The members that attended were: Kooper, Carsen, Hayden, Carter, Jackson, Luqman, Corbin, Alli, Nathan, Kinley, Taylin, and Bentley. Before and during the conference our members completed projects, took tests, and presented. We started with an "On the Bricks" tour of three businesses that was informative. The conference offered sessions to choose from, state officer campaigning and voting, a keynote speaker, workshops, professional headshots, and awards programs. After the last day of competitions, we went to FBLA Game night and bowling at the Big Apple. We earned numerous ribbons to wear on our name tags and earned several prestigious chapter awards: Mrs. Osborn-15 years as an Adviser, 3rd place Market Share certificate (49% of high school are members), Sweepstakes, and the Gold Seal Award of Merit trophy.

Group Project awards: (*National qualifying **National competitor)
Business Ethics (Kooper, Hayden, Carsen)- 2nd place**
Introduction to Social Media Strategy (Alli, Kinley) – 3rd place**
Supply Chain Management (Nathan, Luqman) - 3rd place**
Sales Presentation (Alli, Kooper) - 5th place
Business Plan (Carsen, Kooper) – 6th place

Individual awards:

All-State Quality Member – Carsen, Kooper, Hayden, Corbin, Alli, Kinley
Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA - Kooper
Exploring Marketing Strategies – Taylin – 1st place*
Career Research - Taylin - 2nd place**
Computer Game & Simulation Programming – Nathan– 3rd place*
Intro to Supply Chain Management - Nathan - 3rd place*
Intro to Business Presentation - Corbin - 3rd place**
Exploring Business Issues - Taylin - 3rd place*
Digital Video Production – Corbin – 4th place
Visual Design - Alli - 4th place
Public Speaking - Carsen - 6th place
Technology Support Services - Corbin - 6th place
Personal Finance - Hayden - 7th place
Economics – Hayden – 8th place
Networking Infrastructures – Corbin – 8th place
Job Interview - Carsen - Honorable mention
Exploring Business Issues – Bentley - Honorable mention
Computer Problem Solving – Corbin – Honorable mention



The following members qualified for the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas at the end of June: Kooper, Carsen, Hayden, Luqman, Corbin, Alli, Kinley, Nathan, and Taylin! We are very excited for them and that opportunity! Our FBLA Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 30th to recognize our members' successes this year and install our officers for the 2026-2027 school year. Have a great summer, consider joining FBLA next year!

D.A.R.E. Graduation

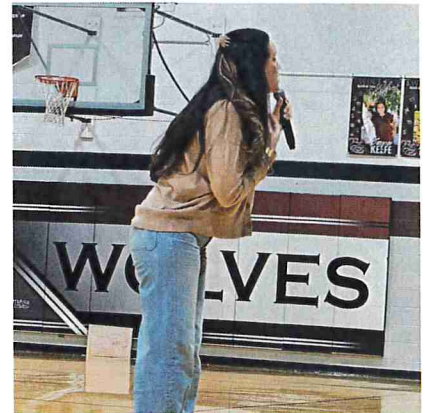
Mrs. Phillipps' sixth-grade class graduated from the D.A.R.E. program! A few students shared their pledge to stay drug- and alcohol-free for life. Sheriff Dan Osmand, who taught the class, was there to present the students with their medals.



Congratulations!

Cara Filler

On Thursday, April 9th, Sargent's 6-12 and Taylor's 7-12 students listened to speaker Cara Filler. She delivered a powerful and engaging message about positive choices, staying safe, and being a good leader. She left a lasting impact on all the students.



Mental Health Speakers

Teagan Rugg and Brenna Fred brought mental health into the spotlight and did something truly powerful they presented to students 3-12 about bullying and mental health. This message was thoughtful, honest, and incredibly impactful.

They spoke about the importance of kindness, standing up for others, and taking care of our mental health.

A/M Track Meet

Twin Loup's track and field team delivered a strong performance at their recent meet, finishing second overall in team standings on a warm and sunny day that made for ideal competition conditions.

Athletes from Twin Loup competed with energy and determination across a variety of events, earning valuable points in both running and field competitions. The favorable weather helped set the tone, as competitors took advantage of the warmth to post some of their best times and distances of the season.

A few notable finishes

Boys-

Oran Grint - 1st in the 400m dash with a 54.28

Emmet Grint - 1st in the 300m hurdles with a 43.40

Oran, Emmet, Carter, Conner - 1st in the 4x400m relay with a 3:51.16

Blake Bottorf - 1st in shot put with a throw of 44' 7.5 "

Travin Schauda - 1st in pole vault with a vault of 11' 0"

Girls-

Natalee, Alli, Carsen, Atziry - 1st in the 4x800m relay with a 12:42.00

Burwell Track Meet

by Brennan Beran

Results:

Boys

3200

Everett Funk 6th place

110 hurdles

Emmet Grint 4th place

300 hurdles T

Emmet Grint 1st place

4x1 Relay

Emmet Grint, Xachary Lowry, Blake Bottorf Cooper Busch

Shot Put

Blake Bottorf 2nd place

Girls

100

Clara Morgan 7th place, Jaelynn Blackburn 8th place

High Jump

Jaelynn Blackburn 4th place

North Central Track Meet Results

by Cooper Busch

Results:

Boys

1600m

Everett Funk 8th place

3200m

Everett Funk 4th place

110m hurdles

Emmet Grint 5th place

300m Hurdles

Emmet Grint 2nd place

4x100 Relay

Carter Hall, Cooper Busch,
Blake Bottorf, Xachary Lowry 3rd place

4x400 Relay

Carter Hall, Cooper Busch,
Conner Nelson, Emmet Grint 5th place
Travin Schuada, Nathan Lowry,
Jase Mauler, Brody Treptow 7th place

Shot Put

Blake Bottorf 3rd place

Pole Vault

Noah Lamb 2nd place
Jackson Hall 3rd place
Travin Schuada 4th place
Everett Funk 7th place

Girls

100m Dash

Jaelynn Blackburn 5th place

200m Dash

Jaelynn Blackburn 8th place

800m

Carsen Vincent 8th place

1600m

Alli Smith 6th place

4x100 Relay

Claire Morgan, Sierra Slagle,
Natalee Haskell, Jaelynn Blackburn 7th place

4x800 Relay

Alli Smith, LoReena Schuada,
Atziri Estrada, Carsen Vincent 4th place

Overton Track Meet

by Cooper Busch

Emmet Grint Breaks the Twin Loup 300m hurdles Record and the 300m Overton Meet Record!

Boys

100m

Oran Grint 1st place
Cooper Busch 6th place

200m

Jackson Hall 3rd place

110m hurdles

Emmet Grint 1st place

300m Hurdles

Emmet Grint 1st place

4x100 Relay

Emmet Grint, Carter Hall
Blake Bottorf, Oran Grint 1st place

4x400 Relay

Emmet Grint, Jackson Hall
Travin Schuada, Carter Hall 2nd place

Shot Put

Blake Bottorf 1st place
Klayton Barker 5th place

Discus

Klayton Barker 2nd place

Pole Vault

Noah Lamb 2nd place
Jackson Hall 3rd place

Long Jump

Oran Grint 2nd place
Carter Hall 3rd place

Girls

100m

Jaelynn Blackburn 5th place
Claira Morgan 6th place

200m

Claira Morgan 6th place

400m

Jaelynn Blackburn 6th place

1600m

Alli Smith 3rd place

4x100 Relay

Clara Morgan, Sierra Slagle
Natalee Haskell, Jaelynn Blackburn 3rd place

4x800 relay

Alli Smith, Natalee Haskell
Atziri Estrada, Carsen Vincent 3rd place

Shot Put

Kinley Keefe 5th place

Discus

Kinley Keefe 6th place

High Jump

Jaelynn Blackburn 4th place

Pole Vault

Sierra Slagle 3rd place

Central Nebraska Track Championships

By Brennan Beran & Cooper Busch

Emmet Grint has proven that success doesn't just happen, it's earned through dedication, persistence, and countless hours of hard work. Over the course of the season, he pushed himself to improve every race, and that effort paid off in a big way as he broke the school record in the 300-meter hurdles, a huge accomplishment that reflects both his talent and determination. Competing against tough competition, he continued to rise to the challenge and finished 6th place at the Central Nebraska Track Championship, showing he could compete with some of the best in the area. Athletes in Nebraska often spend years developing in this demanding event, where speed, technique, and endurance all come together. Emmet's journey is a great example of what consistent effort and a strong mindset can achieve, and his success is something his team and school can be proud of.





SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Class of 2026
Graduation

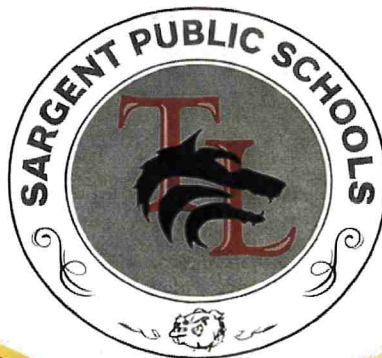
You are cordially invited to celebrate
the graduation of the **Class of 2026**

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
4:30 PM

SARGENT HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Join us as we honor the achievements, memories,
and bright futures of our graduating class.

We look forward to celebrating this special
milestone with you!





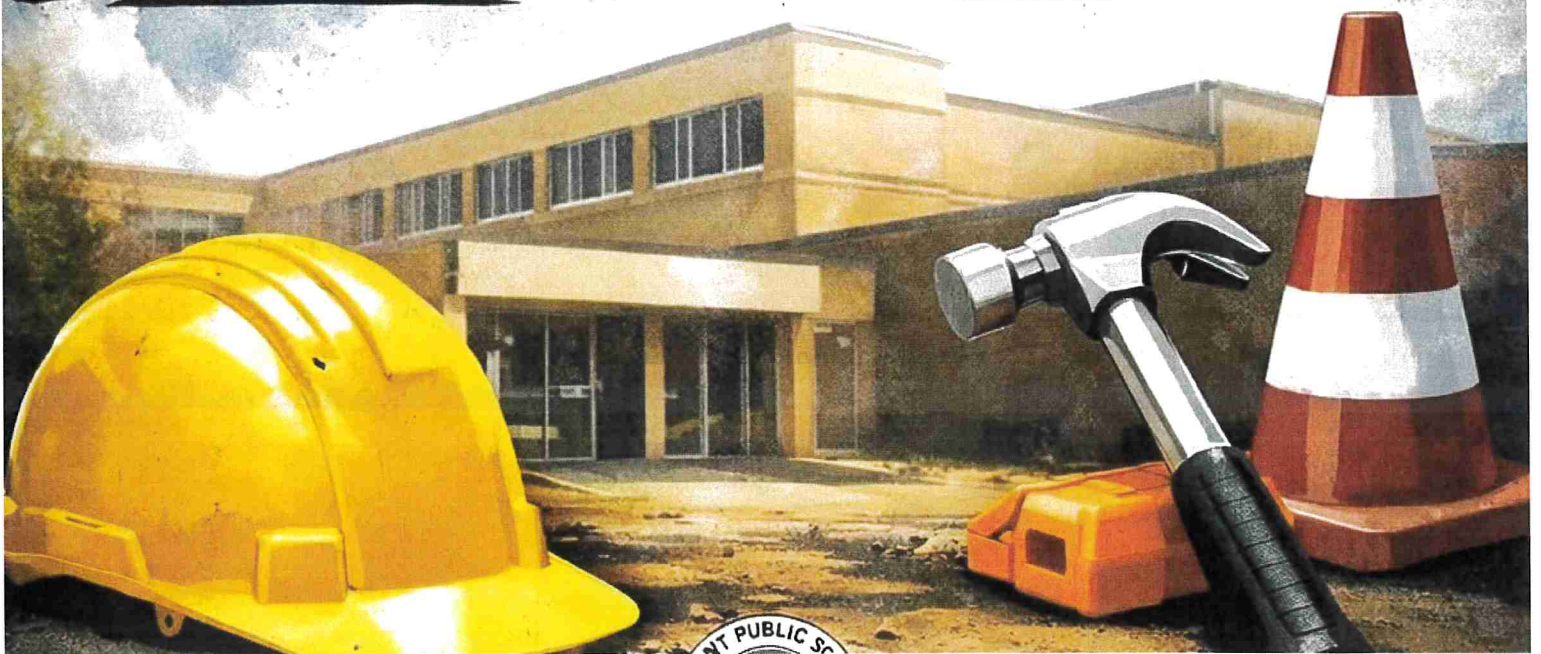
WOLVES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

To give the staff an extra day to prepare rooms
for the start of **HVAC RENOVATION.**



Helping Children Learn[®]

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10



May 2026

Prepare your child to manage end-of-year projects step by step

In the spring, teachers often assign long-term projects to help students apply the skills they have learned. One of those skills is time management. Reinforcing this skill at home will boost your child's ability to tackle a big project successfully.

Help your elementary schooler:

- **Think about the steps** necessary to complete the project. Ask your child questions: *Will you need to do research? What kind of outline will you use to organize your thoughts? Do you have the supplies you'll need for your poster?*
- **Block out time** on a calendar to complete each step. Students often delay starting long-term projects because they think they have lots of time. Assigning a deadline for each step and scheduling the time to do the work provides a more realistic view and helps keep students on track.
- **Plan a short break** after completing each step. Your child could enjoy a favorite healthy snack or short activity. Structured breaks allow your child to celebrate progress and build motivation for the steps ahead.

Then, as your child works on the project, monitor progress. Schedule regular times to check-in. If issues arise, help your child brainstorm solutions.



Discuss this year and what comes next

Your child has come a long way since September—mastering new skills, reading new books and perhaps even overcoming some learning obstacles. This month, review this year's learning together and look ahead to next year.

Talk with your child about:

- **Successes.** What goals did your child accomplish? What project did your student learn the most from? What strategies did your child use effectively to handle challenges?
- **Personal growth.** How has your child changed this year? Discuss specific instances where your elementary schooler showed resilience, a positive attitude or a strong work ethic.
- **What's ahead.** What seems exciting about next year? Is there a subject your child would like to improve in or an extracurricular activity that sounds interesting?
- **A new goal.** Have your child choose something to learn this summer. Together, make a detailed plan to achieve the goal.

Suggest a summer journal

Journaling is a low-pressure way for kids to practice writing. Themes make it fun. Encourage your child to keep:

- **A research log.** Your child could research a topic, such as *cheetahs*, and write about what they eat, their predators, how they communicate, etc.
- **A travel log.** Your child can record the sights, sounds and smells of trips around the block or farther away.
- **An observation log.** Your child can describe things in detail, and note if and how they change over time.



Celebrate successful effort

Success in one area can motivate children to try to succeed in another. So when your child reaches a challenging goal, it's time to celebrate!

Take a picture of your child with evidence of the goal—a better report card, a finished book, etc. Frame the photo and place it by your child's bed. Seeing it and starting each day feeling like an achiever may inspire your student to work toward the next goal.



Mix it up at reading time

Reading at home every day for at least 30 minutes supports students' skill development. Adding variety to reading time can keep your child interested. You can:

- **Read the news together.** Choose a newspaper (in print or online) with comics. Ask your child which is funniest. Then, read and discuss an article or two.
- **Take turns reading.** You could alternate pages. Or, you can read the narrative and have your child read the dialogue.
- **Encourage practical reading.** Have your child read instructions while you cook, build or repair something.



Q&A How can I help my child improve before next year?

Q: My fourth grader is barely passing. I know my child needs help or next year will be worse, but I can't afford a tutor. What can I do now and over the summer to help my child catch up?

A: There are ways to help your child have a better year in fifth grade, and you are right to start now.

To get your child back on track:

- **Talk with the teacher** as soon as possible. Find out what specific areas your child struggles with. Ask what resources are available through the school to help your student strengthen those skills, now and over the summer. Can the teacher recommend educational apps and strategies you can use at home? Together, lay out a summer learning plan.
- **Rule out possible medical causes.** Have your child's vision and hearing tested.
- **Schedule time each day** for your child to work on school skills.
- **Reinforce your child's sense of competence.** Offer reminders of past learning successes, particularly those that involved effort.
- **Have fun learning together** this summer. Visit museums and historic sites. Attend a free concert. Go on nature hikes and try to identify things you see. New experiences strengthen your child's foundation for learning.



Parent Quiz

Are you committed to summer safety?

Fun outdoor activities make summer special. Taking safety precautions keeps the focus on the fun. Are you doing all you can to ensure your child's health and safety during the summer? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you have** your child put on sunscreen and insect protection when playing outside?
2. **Do you require** your child to wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard?
3. **Do you make sure** that your child is closely supervised when playing in or near water?
4. **Do you give** your child plenty of water to drink when playing or exercising in the heat?
5. **Do you sign** your child up for supervised activities that provide active, interesting things to do?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are helping your child enjoy the summer safely. For each no, try that idea.

"When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble too difficult to overcome."

—Wilma Rudolph

Plan a summer of learning

Summer offers countless opportunities for children to learn in ways that don't feel like school. To promote learning all season:

1. **Grow a garden** together. Choosing, planting and caring for plants is a hands-on way to practice science, math and reasoning skills.
2. **Have a weekly game night.** Choose board games that involve reading, math and strategic thinking.
3. **Sign up for a reading program** at the library. These often include read-alouds, contests, book clubs and crafts.



Hold on to helpful routines

Keeping up some routines at home over the summer will make it easier for your child to readjust when school resumes in the fall. Maintain routines for:

- **Sleeping.** Bed and wake times can be slightly later, but stick to a schedule.
- **Reading.** Make time for it every day.
- **A daily family meal.**
- **Screen use.** Maintain limits and encourage healthy, active alternatives.

Promote community service

In a community—whether it's a family, a school or a city—members have responsibilities to others. Help your child learn about giving back by including volunteering in your summer plans. Your family could:

- **Participate in a clean-up effort** on your street or at a local park.
- **Fight hunger.** Your family may be able to collect food or assemble bags of supplies for a food bank or meal program.
- **Make greeting cards** to send to elderly or housebound neighbors.

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Nutrition Tip: Get started cooking more often at home: If you don't usually cook, start gradually. Make it a goal to cook once a week and work up to cooking more often.
Reference: USDA MyPlate



BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Cereal - Toast
Pancake
Juice - Fruit
Milk - Yogurt

04

TUESDAY



Flatbread Sandwich
Toast
Juice - Fruit
Milk - Yogurt

05

WEDNESDAY



Poptarts - PBJ
or Proteinball
Juice - Fruit
Milk - String Cheese

06

THURSDAY

Pancake On a Stick
or Omelet / Toast
Juice - Fruit
Milk - Yogurt

07

FRIDAY

Cereal or Muffin
Juice - fruit
Milk - String Cheese

08

01

Cereal - Toast
Pancake
Juice - Fruit
Milk - Yogurt

11

French Toast
Egg or Sausage
Juice - Fruit
Milk - Yogurt

12

Poptarts - PBJ
or Proteinball
Juice - Fruit
Milk - String Cheese

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Breakfast Plate
Juice - Fruit
Milk - String Cheese

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Memorial Day

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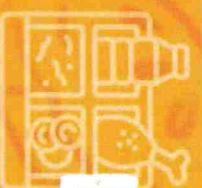
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MAY 2026



May is National Egg Month. Eggs can be eaten in a salad, as part of a breakfast sandwich, as an omelet, mixed into fried rice or simply boiled, fried or scrambled. How do you like to eat eggs?



LUNCH

MONDAY

Corndog or Plaindog
French Fries
Fruit Cup
Milk

04

TUESDAY

Biscuits & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Cup/ Cake
Milk

05

WEDNESDAY



Lasagna or
Ham with Cheesy Potatoes
Corn
Breadsticks
Fruit Cup, Milk

06

THURSDAY



Chicken Fajita with
Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa
Green Beans
Fruit Cup
Milk

07

FRIDAY

Hot Ham & Cheese
Chips
Baked beans
Fruit Cup
Milk

08

01

Burrito or Fishsticks
Corn
Fruit Cup
Milk

11

Pizza
Green Beans
String Cheese
Fruit Cup, Milk

12

Chicken Nuggets
Taters
Dinner Roll
Fruit Cup, Milk

13

Hotdog
Chips
Baked Beans / Cookie
Fruit Cup, Milk

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Memorial Day

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MAY 2026

Sargent Public Schools

Calendar

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| | | | | | No School | Metschke Memorial Honor Band (5th -6th Grades) |
| | | | | | 9:30am: JH MNAC Meet @ Arnold | |
| | | | | | 9:30am: MNAC Track & Field @ Arnold | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 7:00pm: Academic Banquet | Seniors' Last Day | 10:00am: JH Track & Field @ Brady Invite | Last Day of Preschool Classes | 10:00am: Kindergarten Round-up time | 4:30pm: Graduation 4:30pm |
| | | 5th & 6th Grade Wax Musuem | | 2:00pm: Track & Field @ Centura Invite | 10:00am: Loup Basin Health Immunizations TBD | |
| | | 7:30am: Free -will Melham Sports Physicals | | | | |
| | | 1:00pm: Senior Tea | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | School Board Meeting | 1st & 2nd grade Field Trip | District Track & Field TBD @ Burwell | Last Day of School | | |
| | 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip | | | 10:00am: Elementary Field Day | | |
| | | | | 6:00pm: Athletic Banquet- Potluck | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | Teacher Workday | | | | State Track | State Track |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | | Gym Closed for Refinishing | Gym Closed for Refinishing | Gym Closed for Refinishing | MAC vs MNAC All-Star Basketball games Girls 5pm CT/ Boys 7 pm CT |
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| Gym Closed for Refinishing | | | | | | |