May 2023 Newsletter

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I think we can all agree that this has been a BUSY year with many ups and downs. But as we get ready for the last weeks of school I want to say how proud I am of the students and staff! A FEW of examples of why it's been a busy yet successful year: We continue to have students qualify for the conference academic team with two senior making the MNAC list this year and several Juniors that scored high enough to qualify for next year's list already. The Football team had a good season making it to the 2nd round of the NSAA State Playoffs. The Volleyball team repeated as MNAC runner up. The Girls basketball team finished as MNAC runner up, and competed well in a sub district that had three state qualifying teams. Our Wrestling team was the State Duals Tournament Runner Up and had a strong showing at both the District and State tournaments. The FFA had a lot of success in their regional and

State CDE competitions and another great performance at the State Convention with one student getting two silver proficiency awards and two others earning gold in two proficiency areas that will go on to Nationals -see the article in this newsletter for more information.

FBLA has done a lot for our school and community and had a successful State convention with eight students qualifying for Nationals - see the article in this newsletter for more information.

We had several of our students receive top marks at the District Music and MNAC Music contests - see the article in this newsletter for more information. Academically scores from the state assessment will not be released until next fall, but looking at our educational profile we are at the average or above the state average and we've shown three consecutive years of grow in almost every area.

It's nice to be reminded of success, but we still have a few weeks left so I want to remind students to FINISH STRONG!! We still have sever-

al banquets and activities taking place for Jr/Sr High students as well as field trips and the annual field day for the elementary. We will also be finishing up some assessments so with so much going on please remind your student to stay on top of their work and attendance. As we near the end of the school year I would also like to thank all of the parents that took advantage of prepaying their lunch bill this past year. This allows the school to take advantage of the lunch feature of our student information system, makes billing more efficient, and helps us to keep the lunch program costs paid up rather than running in the red. Prepaying also gives families the chance to easily monitor their children's lunch balance. In the fall newsletter, there will be a request for families to put money into their child's lunch account as they register for school or at the open house night. Just a reminder to all 7-12 grade students and parents all bills will need to be paid in full before students will be checked out on May 19th. Thank you!

This will be my last newsletter as the Principal at Sargent and I want to thank our parents and patrons for the opportunity to work at Sargent Public Schools. We may not have agreed on everything but I hope we were able to at least work to help your child grow academically and as a student. Most of all I'd like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and dedication to our profession. Proud to have been a Bulldog and Wolf!



The American Cancer Society projects over 200,000 new U.S. melanoma skin cancer cases in 2021. More often than not melanoma is lethal when found late but is easily detectable and highly curable without chemo or radiation when caught early.

That's why they are sharing a new complimentary 30minute online melanoma video for the general public that focuses on early self-detection. No registration or email address is required to access the video. It is the first video near the top of their page at <u>skincheck.org</u>.

Can you handle watching the new video for the benefit of your loved ones and others you care about? You will not be disappointed.

Stephen A. Fine Founder Melanoma Education Foundation (a nonprofit charity founded in 2001).

End of the 2022-23 School Year

The last day of school for K-11 will be: Friday May 19th at 12:00

Just a reminder to Jr./Sr. High students that bills will need to be paid before the office can check you out.

DRIVER EDUCATION CLASS in Ord this Summer!

Families can sign up their student to take a Driver Ed class in Ord this summer! The class will still be taught by instructors through the Nebraska Safety Center and students will sign up through the Safety Center to register for the class.

The Driver Education Class taught through the Safety Center is an in-depth course with the majority of the coursework done at Ord and one day at the driving range in Kearney. If your student is under 18 years of age, passing the course results in a waiver of the written and drive test at the driving examiner office. This course conforms to the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles and exceeds the criteria established for insurance discounts. This summer's class is **Monday June 5th– Friday, June 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Scheduling for on-street driving and testing will be arranged at the mutual convenience of the students and instructor and will be conducted in the local area. The fee for the course will be around \$330.00. The Safety Center does require that the students have a school or learners permit. Registration forms can be picked up at the Sargent Public Schools Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS Fri. May 12th-PK & Kindergarten Round up 9:00-10:30 Mon. May 1st- HS Music Concert @ Taylor Tues. May 2nd-Senior Tea 2:00 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip Seniors last day Mon. May 15th-Athletic Banquet 6:30 @ Taylor Wed. May 3rd-Good News Wed. May 17th—3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip Thur. May 4th– G & B Track @ Centura 2:00 Archway/Kearney Fri.. May 6th- Graduation Wed. May 17th-20th-State Track Meet @ Omaha Mon. May 8th- Honors Banquet 6:30 Thurs. May 18th—Elementary Track Meet @ 10:00 Tue. May 9— FBLA Banquet @ 6:30 Elementary Awards 8:15 BOE @ 8:00 Fri. May 19th —Last Day of School 12:00 Dismissal Tues. May 10th-G & B District Track @ Paxton Mon. May 22nd- Teacher Inservice/Workday

The Elementary Field Day

Parents, grandparents, and community members are invited to come watch our elementary students participate in the annual Sargent Elementary Field Day. The date is Thursday , <u>May 18th starting at</u> <u>10:00am</u>. Field Events are from 10:00-12:00, Kids will eat lunch at 12:00 at the school. Running events will start at 12:30. There will be a Preschool race during the afternoon running events.

Concessions will be available all day! Serving Bulldogs, Popcorn, Candy, and drinks

> Elementary Awards Day! May 18th 8:15am in the Gym



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How can I bolster learning over the summer?

O: Fourth grade has been a challenging year-my child will pass, but just barely. I don't have money for a tutor. But I know my student needs help or next year will be worse. What can I do over the summer to help my child catch up?

A: There are a number of things you can do to help put your child on track for fifth grade, but it's important to start now. Here's how:



- Eliminate medical factors. Have your child's vision and hearing tested so you can rule out or address issues.
- **Establish learning goals.** Give your child a say in choosing goals.
- Set a daily study time to work on school skills.
- Have fun exploring and learning together. Visit museums, historic sites, zoos, and other interesting places near your home. Attend a free concert. Go on a hike and look for birds or animals, then try to identify them. All these experiences provide a foundation for learning.

Parent 6 Are you raising a confident reader? Quiz

Being a supportive audience when your child reads aloud is an important way to boost motivation and progress. Are you encouraging your child's reading confidence? Answer yes or no to the questions below:

- 1. Do you choose some books at read aloud time that have repetitive letter sounds, words and phrases?
- 2. Do you encourage your child to reread favorite books?
- 3. Do you listen patiently? Avoid frequently interrupting your child with corrections.
- 4. Do you give your child time to decode a word before you supply it?
- 5. Do you provide lots of praise and encouragement when your child reads?



More yes answers mean you are helping develop your child's skills and motivation to read. For each no, try that idea.

> "The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page." -Rachel Anders

Consider community service

This summer, consider adding volunteer activities to your family's plans. Volunteering in the community teaches children they can make a difference. They learn about responsibility, compassion and more. Your family might help:

- **Remove** litter from a favorite local park or waterway.
- **Construct** or repair a home for someone in need. Look for an organization that allows children to help when they have family supervision.
- **Collect** supplies for a food bank or shelter. Your child may be able to sort food or fill bags with toiletries.
- Raise awareness for a charity working on a cause that matters to your child.

Issue a learning challenge

For students, summer usually means less stress and more free time. So it's a great time to challenge your child to experiment with subjects and skills that may be out of the comfort zone. A child who has never felt like an athlete could



try a new sport. An active child might learn to play an instrument. Trying and mastering hard things is how children learn.

Conduct a year-end review

Before the school year ends, help your child review how things have gone and make plans for the future. Together, discuss:

- The best parts. What was your child's favorite project? Most improved subject?
- Successes. How did your child overcome obstacles? How did effort pay off?
- Goals. What does your child want to accomplish this summer? Next year?

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Title I-Educational Service Unit 10

Enjoy fun times with your child while promoting summer reading

Your child has worked hard to build reading skills, vocabulary and background knowledge this year. At least 30 minutes a day of reading over the summer will help keep those skills from getting rusty.

Encourage a wide variety of reading activities. Include lots that allow you and your child to interact in fun ways—you'll keep your child interested and foster a lifelong love of reading.



To make reading together a daily pleasure for both of you:

- **Take turns.** When you read aloud, read one sentence in a book. Then pass it to your child to read the next. Or you read the narrative, and let your child read what the characters say.
- Act it out. Select a simple scene from one of your child's books. Assign character roles. Discuss what happens first, second, next. Then act the story out, adding lots of dialogue.
- **Get practical.** Do ordinary tasks together that involve reading. Ask your child to read directions to you while you drive. Or put your child in charge of reading the instructions while you build or repair something.
- Share a laugh and some news. Look for a newspaper with comics, in print or online. Ask your child which one is the funniest. Then discuss sports, the weather, letters to the editor, travel destinations, etc.

Show your child how useful math is

Elementary school math skills are essential life skills your child will rely on for years to come. Involving your child in everyday math activities at home makes it clear just how important these skills are. Have your child help you:

- **Cook a meal.** Put your student in charge of weighing and measuring. Discuss sizes, shapes and fractions. Ask questions, such as "How could we double this recipe?" and "When we add one quarter cup to one quarter cup, what do we get?"
- Plan a family project. Painting a room? Involve your child in figuring out how much

paint you will need to complete the job.

- Follow a budget. How much will your family have to save each week to afford a treat at the end of the month? Together, track your progress on a chart.
- **Relax with games.** Lots of fun games involve math skills. Try dominoes, Uno, Connect Four and Monopoly.

Big task? Take small steps

Is your child tackling a big year-end project? Help your student break it down into smaller pieces by asking questions like: *Will you need to do research? Have you decided what kind of outline to make? Do we have the supplies you'll need to make a poster?* Then have your child schedule the time necessary to complete each step on a calendar. Celebrate as your child checks off each one!

Listen for science learning

Help your child discover a fun fact about ears with this science experiment:

1. Have your child sit with eves closed and



eyes closed and one ear covered.

2. Tiptoe around your child while clapping your hands. Can your child point to your location?

3. Repeat with both ears uncovered.

Two ears make it easier to pinpoint the direction a sound comes from because the sound reaches the closer ear first.

Source: D. Yuhas, "Sound Science: Where Did That Noise Come From?" Scientific American.

Try brainstorming activities

Brainstorming is a fun and creative way to come up with ideas and solutions. Your child can brainstorm to figure out a topic

for a project, or how to divide complex concepts into bitesized pieces to learn. Encourage your child to brainstorm by:



- **Making** lists of related words, facts and ideas.
- Asking "what if" questions.
- **Observing** and writing down what sights bring to mind.

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State FFA Convention Recap

28 members of the Sargent FFA chapter participated in the 93 rd State FFA Convention in Lincoln last March. The chapter had 4 members earn their State FFA Degree. Earning their State degree were; Tera Horky, Alexis Mauler, Rusty Oxford and Garett Schneider. Two members had state winning Proficiency awards. Rusty Oxford won the Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Proficiency and Melissa Slagle won the Diversified Horticulture Proficiency. Oxford's and Slagle's application will advance to the National FFA Convention this fall in Indianapolis Indiana. The FFA chapter also participated in the 9 career development events receiving numerous awards. There are over 200 FFA chapters in Nebraska that have the opportunity to participate at the District level teams must qualify to participate in the state contests. No more than the top 25% of the chapters in a District can participate at the state contests. Sargent had 6 teams place in the top 9 and all of the teams placed in the top half of their respective contests. Ribbons are awarded top 10% = purple, 11-25% = Blue. 26 - 40 th = Red and 41 - 50% = white. The Sargent FFA chapter earned the 4 th highest total of ribbons in the state behind, Gothenburg, West Holt and St. Paul Floriculture team placed 3 rd (P). Team placings were; Carsen Vincent 10 th (P), Melissa Slagle (B), LoReena Schauda (B), Eve Kipp (R). Food Science team placed 5 th (B). The team members were; of Hayden Nelson 9 th Place P, Melissa Slagle (B), Ava Bottorf (R) and Kooper Keefe. Meat Judging team placed 6th (B). The team members were; Ava Bottorf, (B) Garett Schneider (B), Paige Smith (B) and Quincy Ryker (B). Agronomy team placed 6 th (B) The team members were; Grant Ottun (P), Justin Folkers (P), Elsie Ottun (P) and Tera Horky (B). Environmental and Natural Resources team placed 7 th (P). The team members were; Garett Schneider 6th (P), Hayden Nelson (B), Tallin Schauda (B), Slate Micheel (W). Senior Livestock Judging team placed 9 th (B). The team members were; Sarah Riddle (B), Keaton Dowse (B), Garett Schneider (R) and Tallin Schauda (W). Junior Livestock Judging placed 18 th (R). The team members were; LoReena Schauda (B), Cazen Smith (W), TJ Horky (W) and Grant Ottun. Agri-science team placed 51 st (R). The team members were; Emmet Grint (P), Xachery Lowry (R), Cazen Smith (R) and Matthew Putnam. Farm Business Management team placed 48th (W). Team members were Mile Putnam (W), Alexis Mauler, Riliegh Berean and Ragan Mauler.

Mr. Kozeal was also recognized by the State FFA Association for his 30 years of teaching Ag Ed in Nebraska

2023 Sargent FFA Banquet



On April 24, The Sargent FFA Chapter held their yearly banquet. It was a very successful banquet, with many people attending. Multiple Chapter members were recognized for their successes of the year, and received several awards and degrees. There were 13 total Greenhand degree recipients, with Hayden Nelson and

LoReena Schauda as the Star Greenhands. Nine members also received their Chapter degrees. Melissa Slagle, Garett Schnieder, and Rusty Oxford were awarded with the Star Placement award, and Keaton Dowse received the Star Production award. The new 2023-2024 officers were also inducted with Melissa Slagle as the new chapter President, Ava Bottorf as Secretary, Tallin Shauda as Vice President, Grant Ottun as Treasurer, Eve Kipp as Reporter, Keaton Dowse as Sentinel, T.J Horky as Parliamentarian, and Ragan Mauler as the Historian. Mr. Kozeal was recognized by U.N.L faculty A.G Ed member Mr. Larsen for his years of service and dedication to the FFA program, and his students. The night was concluded with the annual labor auction.

MNAC Music Contest

Tuesday, March 28th Twin Loup Music hosted the MNAC Conference Music Contest at Sargent. This even welcomed 12 schools and almost 300 students into our building. The school-wide effort to pull this off was amazing as every staff member in the building, and almost every room was put to use. Below are the results of the contest with a special medal being given to senior Miles Putnam for winning the Top High Male Vocal Award.

1=Superior 2	2=Excellent 3=Good
Group	Rating
Whole Band 7th-12th Grade	2 & 2
Whole Choir 7th-12th Grade	2&3
Quartet: Nevaeh D., Miah H., Hayden N., Diana G.	1
Vocal Solo-Diana Gentry	2
Vocal Solo-Nevaeh Ducharme	2
Vocal Solo-Hayden Guest	1
Bass Clarinet Solo-Hayden Nelson	2
Vocal Duet-LoReena Schauda/Shianne Whetherbee	2
Cousin Woodwind Trio-Tera Horky, TJ Horky, JR Kettleborough	2
Clarinet Duet-Kathryn Folkers/Eberlie Selko	2
EVENT/STUDENTS	
Flute Solo-Tera Horky	1
Snare Duet-Oran Grint/Grant Ottun	2
Alto Sax Duet-Annalise Kitt/Alexis Mauler	2
Instrumental Ensemble: Eli Brogdon, Corbin Bye, Casey Clements, Yael Estrada, Carter Jones, Annalise Kitt, Conner Nelson, Sierra Slagle, Alli Smith, Maci Smith	2
Senior Instrumental Ensemble: Kathryn Folkers, Genesis Gomez, Tera Horky, Alexis Mauler, Elsie Ottun, Eberlie Selko	2
Cousin Instrumental Quartet: Kathryn Folkers, Annalise Kitt, Elsie Ottun, Grant Ottun	2
Vocal Solo-Miles Putnam	1 Winner of Top Male High Vocal Solo
Flute Duet-Tera Horky/Alli Smith	2

MNAC Music Contest Results



IMMUNIZATIONS

Loup Basin Public Health Department will be available at the school for any upcoming kindergarteners or 7th graders needing immunizations for the 2023-2024 school year from 11:00-12:00 on Friday May 12, 2023.

Eye Exams

Optometrists recommend a yearly eye exam and an eye exam is required for students entering Kindergarten and students transferring in from out of state . For those meeting certain income levels, financial assistance may be available for reduced or free exams and for eyeglasses. If you would like more information about these options, please contact Kristin Slagle at 527-3470. Also for those with 3 year old children, many area providers participate in the "See to Learn Program" which provides a free eye exam to all 3 year old children. To locate a participating provider, call 1-800-960-3937.



2023 Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference All-Academic Team

First Team (30 or above Composite on ACT)

Gracie Neth (Junior, Arnold) Logan Recoy (Junior, Arnold) Lance Vasa (Senior, Arthur County) Abby Stallbaumer (Senior, Callaway) Dylan Naslund (Senior, Cody-Kilgore) Rylee Anderson (Senior, Hyannis) Jake Connell (Senior, Hyannis) Juliana Merrihew (Senior, Hyannis) Ethan Schmidt (Senior, McPherson County) Ashlyn Simonson (Junior, Mullen)

Second Team (27-29 Composite on ACT)

Zane Druery (Senior, Anselmo-Merna) Rio Remund (Junior, Arnold) Taylor Ross (Senior, Callaway) Grant Hrupek (Senior, Callaway) Aubree Johnson (Junior, Cody-Kilgore) Byron Skinner (Senior, Cody-Kilgore) Ethan Hardin (Junior, Mullen) Eberlie Selko (Senior, Mullen) Eberlie Selko (Senior, Sargent) Tad Dimmitt (Senior, Stapleton) Caleb Burnside (Senior, Stapleton)

Honorable Mention (25-26 Composite on ACT)

Grace Morse (Senior, Anselmo-Merna) Carlee Bartak (Senior, Anselmo-Merna) Delaney Rogers (Junior, Arnold) Brendan Streit (Junior, Arnold) Whitley Rut (Senior, Arthur County) Zada Earll (Junior, Brady) Maggie Birkel (Junior, Callaway) Kassidy Roseberry (Senior, Cody-Kilgore) Kamryn Tucker (Junior, Cody-Kilgore) Nekoda Essman-Durant (Senior, Loup County) Deacon DeNaeyer (Senior, Mullen) Andrew Furrow (Senior, Sandhills) Tera Horky (Senior, Sargent) Brady Dahlberg (Junior, Thedford)

FBLA NEWS

Our FBLA members were very successful at the State Leadership Conference this year! The conference was held in Kearney again this year. The members that attended were: Paige, Janessa, Melissa, Cassidy, Ava, Tallinn, Marisa, LoReena, Kooper, Carsen, Hayden, Corbin, and Alli. The first morning Mrs. Osborn coordinated a tour of Sandhills Plastics, which was very interesting. We also had fun bowling at the Big Apple after the last day of competitions. Those members completed projects in advance, took tests, presented, and/or interviewed in person. The conference offered sessions to choose from, state officer campaigning and voting, a keynote speaker, presentations to watch, and the awards programs. We earned nine ribbons to wear on our name tags and were excited to earn several prestigious chapter awards: Sweepstakes and the Gold Seal Award of Merit trophy. Individual awards: Carsen and Melissa were recognized as All- State Quality Members. Carsen- Honorable Mention Introduction to Business Procedures and 7th place Introduction to FBLA, Alli- 1st place MS Marketing Mix Challenge, 6th place MS Career Research, and 8th MS Career Exploration, Corbin- 1st place MS Video Game Challenge, 3rd place MS Digital Citizenship, 3rd place MS Exploring Computer Science, and 7th place MS Career Research, Hayden- 3rd place Introduction to Business Concepts and 8th place Economics, Melissa- 4th place Electronic Career Portfolio. Group project awards: Carsen, Kooper, and Hayden- 4th place Business Ethics, Melissa and Cassidy- 1st place Publication Design, Melissa, Cassidy, and Ava- 5th place Business Financial Plan, Melissa and Cassidy- Honorable Mention Graphic Design, Melissa, Cassidy, and Tallin- 1st place Partnership with Business Project. The following members qualified for National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of June: Carsen, Kooper, Hayden, Melissa, Cassidy, Ava, Corbin, and Alli!!! We are very excited for them and that opportunity!

Our FBLA Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 9th to recognize our members for their successes this year and also install our officers for the 2023-2024 school year. On May 11th, we will be having a movie night as a fundraiser for the National Leadership Conference, more info will be on facebook and sent home with the elementary students. Have a great summer and consider joining FBLA next year!

Carsen Vincent, Reporter



Hey, Sargent Elementary! We KnowChange can be hard, and the new can be scary!

So.....

Let's All Take a "Step Up" Together



Who: Students in grades K-6What: A "Step-Up" Transition DayWhen: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 from 2:45-3:15

Where: In the Classroom, with the teacher you will have for the upcoming school year! Why: To help make the transition to next school year a piece of Cake! You will get to ask questions and see your new class. Look at some of your textbooks and talk about what supplies you might need in order to be ready for next school year!

May 2023

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	HS Music Concert @ Taylor	Senior's Last Day Senior Tea 2:00	JH G & B TR Brady Invite @ Arnold 10:00	G & B Track Centu- ra Invite 2:00		Graduation! 6:30
			Good News			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Honor's Banquet @ 6:30 Potluck	FBLA Banquet @ 6:30	G & B District Track @ Paxton		PK & K Round-up @ 10:00	
		BOE @ 8:00			LBPHD Immuniza- tions 11:00-12:00	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			