

October 2014

Important Dates

Tuesday, Oct 7, 6:30 PTO Meeting @ CAC

Thursday, Oct 16 End of 1st Qtr

Friday, Oct 17 NO SCHOOLII Teacher Prep Day

Monday, Oct 20 NO SCHOOLII

October 23 & 29 4:00-7:00 pm P/T Conferences

Thursday, Oct 30 8:30 am Halloween Parade

Friday, Oct 31 NO SCHOOLII

Scranton Attendance Center

Jennifer Hanni, Principal

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Proud to be a Charger!!

Spirit Week at SAC was a huge success. Students and staff participated by dressing the part each day, creating posters, enjoying the parade, and cheering loudly at the pep rally.

We thank Mr. Payne and STUCO for his efforts organizing and coordinating the event, including inflating over 500 balloons. We're proud to be Chargers and proud to have been a part of such a great district event. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of it!







Rescheduled 3rd Grade Grandparents' Day

We would like to invite the grandparents of all our third-grade students to a morning of food and fun at SAC on Friday, October 3rd from 8:00-9:30 am. Students and their guests will enjoy a hot breakfast, a tour of the classroom, and some additional fun activities where they can share information with one another. Please let us know about your participation in this event by sending in your form or contacting our office to help in our planning purposes. Breakfast costs, which will include biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, milk, and coffee, are \$1.70 for adults and \$1.30 for students. We look forward to many visitors for this event.

"Like" us on Facebook!

One of our building goals this year is to share and celebrate the successes of our students and staff. To do this, we will be utilizing the district Facebook page to post pictures and stories of all the great activities taking place at SAC. Look for weekly updates and share in our positive school experience.

https://www.facebook.com/SantaFeTrailUSD434

Cooperative Learning





Last month we shared the variety of hands-on activities students work on at SAC to connect the content to the real world. This month, we'd like to highlight the cooperative learning students participate in that helps foster collaboration, social skills, and problem solving. Students spend much of their day working with a partner or small groups as we promote the 21st century skills. Whether they must solve problems by putting their ideas together or work as a team to reach a common goal, students utilize strength in numbers.

This type of activity is a large part of our STUCO organization as well. One representative is chosen from each classroom to serve on our committee for a quarter. They work together on various projects, such as Homecoming, Thanksgiving and Christmas donations, the Talent Show, and other student-centered activities. First quarter's STUCO are below.





Meet our SAC Staff

Cheryl Bolz, Fourth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Bolz thought having an empty nest would allow more time, but with both her daughters living in Lawrence and going to college she spends more time on the road traveling to Lawrence. She is a fan of KU basketball and loves watching KSU football. She says she proud of who her young adult daughters have become. She has made many new women friends in Lawrence and spends time



cultivating those relationships. Mrs. Bolz feels having quality women friends in her life feeds her soul. Mostly Mrs. Bolz loves spending time with Ron, her husband of 32 years. They enjoy art shows, bicycling, traveling and doing small projects together.

Amy Colvin, Fourth Grade Teacher

This is Mrs. Colvin's 16th year of teaching. She started her career in the Seaman School District working for 9 years at North Fairview. This is her 7th year in the Santa Fe Trail School District. Mrs. Colvin's family includes her husband Rob and daughter Jaelyn, in 7th grade. In her spare time, she enjoys going to Jazzercise, bike riding, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.



Her favorite subject is reading and her favorite color is pink. She loves coffee and Target. One strange fact about her is that she loves smiley faces. Take one look inside her classroom and you will be able to tell.

Russell Fawl, Fourth Grade Teacher

Mr. Fawl is a graduate of Santa Fe Trail and grew up in Overbrook. I have been teaching for 10 years, all in this district, the last three here at SAC. His family includes wife Krystal, also an SFT alumnus, and four children, Elizabeth, 6th, Megan 4th, Gabe 2nd, and Sophia 2 years. He coaches cross country at the high school and track at the junior high. In his spare time the enjoys watching



the Royals and Jayhawks play, wrestling with his kids, and watching movies. His favorite subject is math and his favorite color is red. Mr. Fawl enjoys Mexican food, pizza, and most deserts.

Cyndee Washington, Fourth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Washington has been teaching for 12 years, all at Scranton. Her family includes husband Brandon, and daughters, Kaelee, in 3rd grade, and Kenna in kindergarten. She also has two basset hounds named Reese and Mavis. In her spare time, she enjoys coaching her daughters basketball team, and watching her girls dance, play soccer and softball. She is a graduate of KSU so she enjoys



going to games and cheering on the wildcats. Her favorite subject is math and color is purple. She loves Dr. Pepper and snickers candy bars. Something you might not know about her is that she played basketball for two years at Cloud County Community College.

Sheila Payne, Interrelated Teacher

Sheila Payne has been teaching for 25 years, 15 years in the Wellsville school district and 10 years with Santa Fe Trail. She is married to Jeff Payne and they have two sons, J.D. and Zach. She enjoys going to her son's sporting events, (go Chargers!), reading, walking with her dog, gardening, scrapbooking and other crafty projects in her free time. Her favorite subject is reading. During her



relaxing time she enjoys chocolates and hot tea. She likes to can in the summer but has made some strange things like paprika butter, tomato jam and cantaloupe preserves, just to name a few.