



Scranton Attendance Center

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Important Dates

Fri, Dec. 19
End of 2nd Qtr

Dec. 22-Jan 4
NO SCHOOL!!
Enjoy your Winter Break!

Tues, Jan 6
PTO Meeting,
6:30 pm, SAC Library

Fri, Jan 9
SAC Spelling Bee
2:00 pm, SAC Gym

Mon, Jan 19
NO SCHOOL!!
Martin Luther King Jr Day

Fri, Jan 30
4th Gr Grandparents' Day
10:30-12:00

Celebrating Education

The month of November was one of celebration at SAC, as we championed American Education Week and reading with various events. On Friday, November 21st, SAC students travelled to OAC to listen to speaker Rosie Cutrer who entertained us with stories and a dramatic presentation in honor of American Education Week. Students participated in the event by serving as characters in the stories. We thank PTO for their generous support by sponsoring the event.

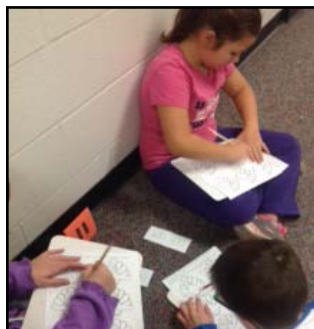
On Tuesday, November 25, SAC students participated in a Read-A-Thon to celebrate our love of reading. Students began with a read-aloud in the library on a few of the staff's favorite books, and then went to a comfortable location with their own choice of reading materials to spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying reading and some popcorn.



School to Home Communication

One of our district goals this year is to increase and streamline ways we communicate with parents. Beginning in January, we will have two additional ways to share information with you. The first is through Dewsley, which is similar to SchoolReach, but allows parents to specify the information you want to receive and the method you want to receive it. Be on the look out for how to sign up for this service in the next few weeks. The second form of communication will be our online curriculum that will be made public at the end of this semester. We have outlined our math and reading curriculums by unit and will share how to access that information in a separate communication. Both methods can help parents be better informed about the events and activities of their student at SAC. We welcome feedback as to their use.

Checking Progress



Through the end of November and during the month of December, SAC students will be showing off the knowledge they've gained throughout the first semester through a variety of assessments and hands-on projects. Students are using manipulatives to show their skills in decimals, researching topics such as the Atlantic states, and creating a mini turbine to create electricity. Later this month, students will complete a few assessments to gauge their progress in reading and math. The results will be sent home with report cards and tier groups will be adjusted to reflect the current student need. We're excited to see all our hard work paying off.



Showing our Character



SAC, led by our STUCO, held a food drive to collect goods to share with those in need for Thanksgiving. Carbondale Thriftway graciously donated three turkeys, and we were able to provide large boxes of food to go along with the bird. We're going to continue giving through the month of December by collecting gloves, stocking caps and socks. Please send any items to the office and we'll hang them on our giving tree. We're proud to demonstrate our cooperative code of conduct!

Meet our SAC Staff

Stephanie Ziegler, Computer Technology

Mrs. Ziegler has been a para for USD 434 for 10 years, 6 of those at SAC. This is her first year teaching technology. Her husband's name is Mark. They have two children, Wyatt is 19 and Wynter, 14, is a freshman at SFTHS. She has 2 dogs, Max and Dallas, and a cat, Lucky. In her free time she loves to read, bake and spend time with my family. Her favorite food is chicken Fajitas. Dr. Pepper and coffee are her favorite drinks.



Ashtyn Terry, Library

Mrs. Terry is a SFT alumnus and went to Scranton Attendance Center starting in the 4th grade and graduated the 8th grade here in 2000. This is her 8th year working in the SAC library. She is married to Derek Terry and has two kids, Jade and Teagan. She has two dogs, Keena (English setter) and Gambit (Border collie). In her free time she likes to read, listen to music, and spending time with her family.



Alicia Amborski, Title Math

Alicia Amborski started this year as Title I Para. However she is not new to the Santa Fe Trail district, she has served the district as teacher of Gifted and also Parents as Teachers representative. Her experience in teaching includes a total of 14 years working with those from birth to college in age. She resides in Scranton with husband, Brian; two sons, Jared and Logan; and their Cocker Spaniel, Chumley. In her spare time she enjoys playing sports with her kids, painting, drawing, and running.



Marni Phillips, Title Reading

Mrs. Phillips is in her 13th year with the Santa Fe Trail School district. She previously worked at CAC. This is her 6th year working in Title I at SAC. She is married and has two sons. Her oldest son is in the Army and her youngest son is a Junior at WRHS. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading and watching movies.



Lisa Crook, Health Aide

Mrs. Crook has been the SAC Health Aide since August of 2008. Since that time, she has had 3 children graduate from SFT and will have her last child graduate this month! Mrs. Crook loves KU and went to KU for 1.5 years. She has been married to her husband, David Crook, for 25 years (both graduated from SFT!). She loves to go on cruises and will be going one next May—one she looks forward to after two of her daughters will be getting married in the next 4 months!



Carol Hager, Office Manager

Mrs. Hager has worked in the Santa Fe Trail district for 15 years, all of which have been at Scranton. She is married to Jim, and has 4 grown children, 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, and 3 bonus granddaughters. She loves camping and spending time with my family and friends.

