



Scranton Attendance Center

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**March
2015**

Important Dates

**Tues, March 3
SAC SITE Council**

6:00 pm

PTO @ OAC

6:30 pm

**Thurs, March 5
End of 3rd Qtr**

**Fri, March 6
NO SCHOOL!!**

**March 16-20
NO SCHOOL!!
Spring Break**

**Fri, March 27
Well-Child Screening**

**April 3 & April 6
NO SCHOOL!!
Happy Easter!**

Experimenting in Action

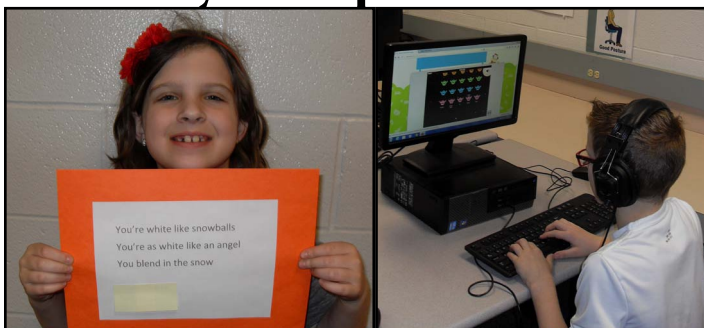
February was a month filled with experimentation and learning in action. Third grade students researched various shapes of volcanoes, and then worked in collaborative teams to build their own out of clay. Then they experimented with chemicals and found ways to make the volcano erupt. Fourth grade students travelled back in time to see what life was like for students in the 1920s. They spent a day at the one-room schoolhouse near the Kansas History Museum, eating sack lunches in pails, writing with quill and pen, and following the directions of the school marm. We love learning in action!



2014-2015 SAC/OAC Yearbook

SAC and OAC will again combine their yearbook to include students in grades Pre-K-4. The cost of a yearbook is \$15, and will be printed in full color. Ms. Samantha Kennedy and Mrs. Stephanie Ziegler just put the finishing touches on this year's edition, featuring pictures of individual students, classrooms, events, and candid shots of activities that have taken place throughout the year. If you would like to order a yearbook, which will be distributed in the last week of school this year, please send check or cash to the SAC Office.

Friendly Competition



We've stepped up our game with a few friendly competitions. Both third and fourth graders submitted poetry they worked on in their library and technology classes to a national poetry contest. Students have also enjoyed many online games devoted to practicing many of the skills they've learned about in class, including a national contest focused on multiplication fact fluency. In two days, students in one 4th grade class answered over 12,000 facts. Gearing up for March madness, 4th grade students also worked on converting fractions to percentages after "shooting hoops" to determine their shooting percentage. We love the extra motivation to push students to do their best.



Everyone's Favorite



Reading is a critical skill we devote a lot of time and attention to during our day. Students spend time working as a whole group on grade-level texts, in smaller groups working at their own individual levels, and then in yet another group working on specific skills they need to continue to grow. This week, we were able to use some of this time for students to enjoy one of their favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. Students enjoyed putting their phonics and fluency skills to the test with these fun-to-read stories.

Meet our SAC Staff

Donna Powers, School Psychologist

This is Ms. Powers' 30th year working in USD 434. There was a period of time about 10 years ago that she didn't cover SAC. She was glad when she was assigned SAC again! She lives in Lawrence with her two dogs, both of which are therapy dogs. She enjoys travel, music, and playing with her dogs.



Amy Potter, Speech Pathologist

This is Mrs. Potter's first year with both SAC and Three Lakes Educational Coop. In Spring 2014, she graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Masters of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. She and her husband live in Topeka and have been married just over a year. She enjoys cooking and exercising.



Tammy Miller, Occupational Therapist

Mrs. Miller has worked in the school system for the past 15 years. She has been at Scranton for the past 6 years. She has 3 children, two girls and a boy. Her oldest daughter is in college pursuing a fine arts degree. Her middle daughter is a freshman in high school and her son is a sixth grader. She spends her time following her children's sports activities, transporting them everywhere, helping coach, boy scouts, and leading 4-H activities. (Former hobbies were crafting, snow and water skiing, playing volleyball/softball, and traveling-ha!)



Tina McIver, Gifted Instructor

Mrs. McIver has worked in the SFT district for ten years. Prior to that time, she worked in the Shawnee Heights school district. She loves teaching, reading, scrapbooking, and spending time with her family. She has two step-daughters, three sons, and one son adopted from Haiti. She also has five step-grandchildren and two grandchildren, plus one more on the way in April.



Kelly Courtney, Physical Therapist

Mrs. Courtney has worked as a Physical Therapist in general for 20 years, with this being her first year in the Santa Fe Trail school district. She is married, lives in the Kansas City area, and has raised 7 children total between she and her husband. They have 3 grandchildren and enjoy their family!



Her greatest passion is running and actually ran for Kansas State University back in her time! She competes in national events in the duathlon and has qualified for the World's duathlon event over the past couple of years. This year, the world's duathlon event will be in Australia! She enjoys meeting people from all over the world at these events!

Add Math to Snack Time

There's always time for a little learning. Use snack time as a time to practice math. Have your student divide snacks equally among siblings, find the area or perimeter of an object, figure out the cost of a single serving, or determine what half or a third of a serving would be. These are all skills students work on in class; find ways to incorporate those into their daily life, and their knowledge will multiply!

