

The Charger

Santa Fe Trail/Carbondale Attendance Center

May, 2023

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Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12. Our teachers put their heart and soul into the lives of your children. I hope you will help celebrate our teachers next week. We have special activities planned for each day. Will you please follow the link below and see how you might share some love with our teachers. If you can make a donation, will you please send it to school on Monday, May 8? On this date the PTO will provide donuts and coffee to our staff which will give us time to prep the supplies for the rest of the week's fun. Cash donations can be sent to the office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caaad2ea1f4cf8-teacher/121624053#/>

From the Principal

Thank you for a wonderful school year! As we look to the 23/24 school year we are busy working on student schedules, classroom assignments, and summer maintenance plans. Of course, an educator's summer is not complete without plans for professional learning, classroom redesign, team collaboration, and a little resting and rejuvenating.

As student schedules and classroom teacher assignments are completed I will send out text messages and/or emails to share the news.

Enrollment will open around the fifth of July. Watch for a text, please. Have a terrific summer. See you on the Trail!

Shining Star Award

Nominate a SFTJH/CAC staff member for the May Shining Star award. Use this link for a quick nomination form.

Nominations due 5/8.

<https://forms.gle/DMncRjLX373aWS4n6>

NURSING OFFICE

newsletter

End of year items...

*Medication kept at school during the school year will be sent home on the last day of school--
please contact the nurse prior to that day if you will pick up the medicine instead*

*More time outside means more sunburns...apply sunscreen before school to help prevent any
painful burn! **The nurse does not keep sunscreen in her office!!*

*Water, Water, Water...Please encourage your students to drink plenty of water--not caffeine or
sugary drinks--during the day! Dehydration can happen quickly, causing headaches,
stomachaches and general feelings of illness.*

****BRING THOSE WATER BOTTLES & FILL THEM UP OFTEN****

*And...it is allergy season!! Things are greening up, wind is blowing pollen everywhere and people
are sounding like Kermit the Frog when they talk! Please remind your students who need to take
allergy medicine to take it! No one wants to sit through class feeling yucky because of their
allergies!!*



reminders

Parents--
please remind your students
that getting hurt/sore from
evening & weekend activities
is not something the nurse
can fix!

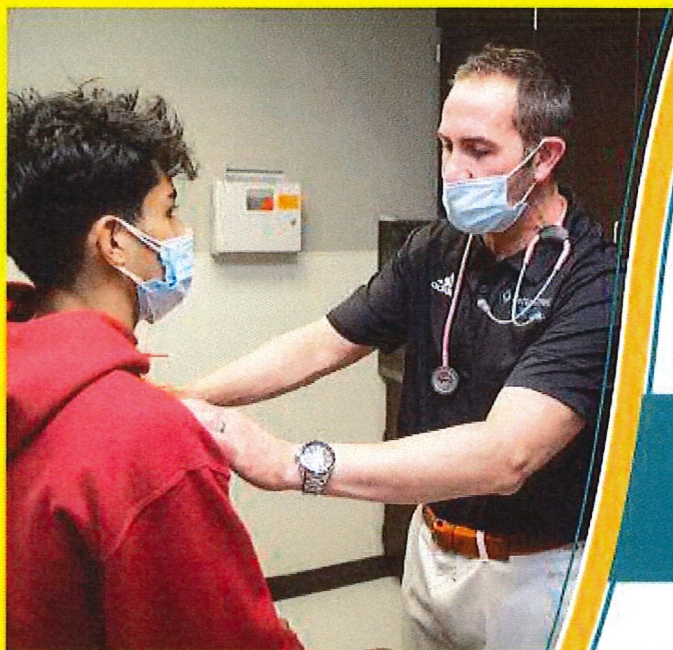
Be prepared for next year!!!

They are so efficient at this that you are in and out in minutes!

Cheaper than most co-pays!

If you have questions, please contact Cotton O'Neil or you may call the SFTJH school nurse
at

1-800-836-9525 x3122



Sports Physical Clinic

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cotton O'Neil Kanza Park



Cotton O'Neil

ORTHOPEDICS &
SPORTS MEDICINE

calendar.stormontvail.org

WHO: student athletes from all area high schools and junior highs who are playing sports next year.

**Individuals do NOT have to be a patient of Stormont Vail or Cotton O'Neil.

WHEN: Saturday, May 13 from 8 - 2 p.m.

WHERE: Cotton O'Neil Kanza Park

2660 S.W. 3rd St.

Topeka, KS 66606

Please enter the West doors and proceed to the 2nd floor

COST: \$20 by check, cash or card

For more information, call Cotton O'Neil Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at (785) 270-8880 or visit stormontvail.org.

Schools contracted with Cotton O'Neil athletic services will receive a donation to their athletic program with student participation

CAC LIBRARY NEWS

April is National Poetry Month

Students in grades 4, 5 & 6 that receive library time had a focus area of Exploring Poetry as Another Form of Expression.

From Shakespeare to Dr. Seuss, in library class we explored different types of poetry, elements of poetry and had the opportunity to create our own poems.

April Featured Author: Shel Silverstein

Scholastic Book Fair Wrap Up

The CAC Spring Book Fair ran from March 27-29 and was open during Parent Teacher Conferences. In addition to generate student excitement for reading, we were able to purchase over 85 new book titles for student library use!

40 Book Challenge

We had 91 people participate in the 40 Book Challenge this year. Students had to finish at least 31 Books to be invited to the end of the year party.

This year **19** participants qualified to attend the party! With **7** completing 40 Books!

Students will receive gift bags with goodies and recognition certificates along with an ice cream party in the library on Tuesday, May 9th.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

When you order from our Scholastic Book Club online, you can choose to have your books:

1. Shipped to your home OR
2. delivered to Mrs. Michaelis with our class order. *HOWEVER*, any orders placed after May 1st, must be shipped to your home as I cannot guarantee your items will arrive before the last day of school (May 17th).

With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS).

Class Order Due Date: 05/01/23

Shop Our Class Page:

<https://orders.scholastic.com/RJCQB>

All orders also earn FREE Books for our school library.

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Counselor Corner

MS. FULLER'S MAY NEWSLETTER

As the end of the school year approaches, many children can feel anxious or overwhelmed by the changes that are coming. They may be sad about leaving their friends or uncertain about what the next school year will bring. As a parent or guardian, there are steps you can take to help your child prepare for the end of the school year and make the transition as smooth as possible.

Acknowledge your child's feelings: It's important to acknowledge and validate your child's feelings about the end of the school year. If they are sad about leaving their friends or worried about what's to come, listen to them and let them know that their feelings are normal and understandable.

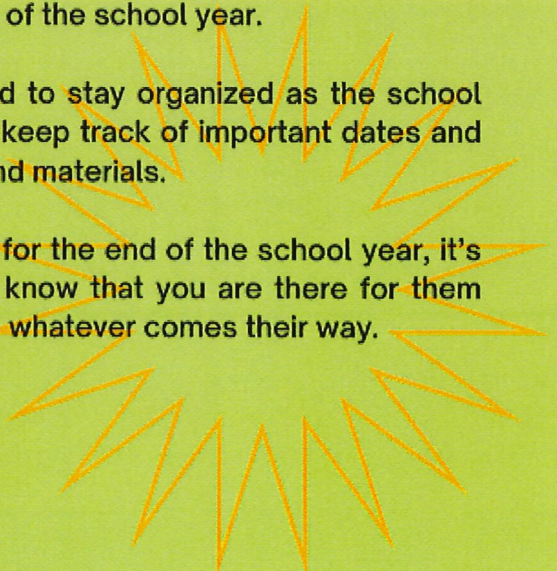
Discuss the changes that are coming: Talk to your child about the changes that are coming, whether that means moving on to a new grade or even a new school. Discuss what they can expect and how they can prepare for those changes.

Celebrate accomplishments: Take the time to celebrate your child's accomplishments throughout the school year. Whether they received good grades, made new friends, or participated in extracurricular activities, acknowledge their hard work and success.

Make plans for the summer: Discuss plans for the summer with your child, whether that means signing up for camps or planning family vacations. Having something to look forward to can help ease any anxieties about the end of the school year.

Help your child stay organized: Encourage your child to stay organized as the school year comes to a close. This can mean helping them keep track of important dates and deadlines, or even organizing their school supplies and materials.

Stay positive and supportive: As your child prepares for the end of the school year, it's important to stay positive and supportive. Let them know that you are there for them and that you have confidence in their ability to handle whatever comes their way.





BAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

by McKenzie Rice and Lance Quilling

IT'S SPRING CONCERT TIME!!!! We are extremely excited for our upcoming concert on May 5th!!!! This is our biggest concert of the year showcasing the entire band program at USD 434! It is not only great opportunity for the students to show off all of their hard work but to celebrate! Please come celebrate with us and enjoy an evening of wonderful music at the high school on May 5th beginning at 5:30pm.

May 5th Call Times:

5th grade: 5:10pm

6th grade: 5:30pm

7th grade: 5:45pm

8th grade: 6:00pm

High School: 6:15pm

Upcoming Events:

Mattress Fundraiser: Saturday April 29th

Friday May 5th 5th-12th Spring Band Concert

Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser in June! More info coming soon!

MUSIC/CHOIR NEWS

By Kara Holbert | May 2023



ENDING THE YEAR WITH MUSIC

Our 6th graders just finished out their semester with their concert that was combined with our Junior High (7th and 8th Grade) Choir. Both groups gave incredibly strong performances and had a wonderful time preparing for their last concert of the year. Thank you to the amazing friends and family who have supported their students in Choir and Music this entire school year! It means more than you know to hear your applause and see your smiling faces.

SIGN UP FOR CHOIR!

- When signing up for classes for the 23-24 school year, keep Choir on your radar!
- 6th & 7th Grade Students can sign up for Junior High Choir here at CAC!

FBLA- Middle Level Chapter

by Kim Dayhoff & Rob Colvin

Congratulations to ALL the FBLA middle school members as they ALL did fabulous at the state conference which was held on March 30th in Topeka, KS.

At the state conference, the students were able to see the huge light show and sound production as they saw all the state representatives in the high school level of FBLA. This also included watching the HS students who were running for an office in the upcoming year give their skits and speeches. Our students saw a lot of leadership skills, public speaking and many other avenues to be involved through FBLA.

Our middle school students competed against 4 other schools and there were about 70 total students competing in a variety of objective tests along with some speaking events. Out of the 20 students that competed at state, 8 of them qualified for the National Leadership Conference that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 26-30th.

Students who received 1st or 2nd place at state have the opportunity to compete at Nationals. If a student from another school isn't going to compete at Nationals then that allows the next student to move up into the next position. This has allowed 2 more of our students to be able to compete at Nationals.

8th grade:

Kynlee Ard- 1st in Exploring Technology

Claire Greenfield- 1st in Business Etiquette and Running an Effective Meeting and 2nd in Leadership

Bryinna Perry- 2nd in FBLA Concepts, 5th in Career Exploration

Gabe Smith- 2nd in Running an Effective Meeting, 3rd in Exploring Computer Science, 4th in Elevator Speech

Kynlee Ard- 1st in Exploring Technology

This will be Claire and Bryinna's 2nd year qualifying for Nationals and Bryinna's 2nd year competing at Nationals.

7th Grade:

Tanner Bolt- 2nd in Exploring Computer Science, 4th in Digital Citizenship

Skylar Boggs- 2nd in Learning Strategies, 3rd in Business Etiquette, 3rd in FBLA Mission & Pledge, 4th in Exploring Technology

Alexa Heder- 3rd in Financial Literacy, 3rd in Learning Strategies, 4th in Business Etiquette

Trenton Jones- 1st in Financial Literacy and 2nd in Interpersonal Communication

Layla Lattimer- 1st in FBLA Concepts

Jackson McFarland- 3rd in Career Exploration, 3rd in Running an Effective Meeting and will be competing as an alternate, 4th in Exploring Economics, 4th in Financial Literacy

Daniel McKee- 5th in Elevator Speech and will be competing as an alternate, 5th in Exploring Technology

Dana Mohler- 5th in FBLA Concepts

Jill Mohler- 5th in Financial Literacy

Elizabeth Parkhill- 4th in FBLA Concepts, 5th in Digital Citizenship

Our Critical Thinking team (Claire Greenfield, Addie Kuhlmann & Daniel McKee) received 3rd place.

The following 7 students are competing at Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of June. Adults attending are Kim Dayhoff, FBLA adviser and Kevin Lattimer, parent chaperone.

-Claire Greenfield

-Bryinna Perry

-Layla Lattimer

-Trenton Jones

-Skylar Boggs

-Daniel McKee

-Jackson McFarland

The USD434 Board of Education has graciously funded these 7 students with \$500 each, which will cover their registration and hotel expenses. The 7 students will be having a fundraiser the week of April 25th (Pretzel Rods) before school to help raise more money to help with their additional expenses of food &/or group activity while they are in Atlanta. Also several students applied for the FBLA scholarship to help cover their additional costs. Students are also encouraged to participate in any fundraiser of their own too.

KAY News

By Alicia Ambroski

This month, KAY spent a morning prior to school planting flowers in the container outside our school. These make an attractive entrance to our building.

In addition to that, we also held our officer elections for the next school year. Please welcome our school's 23-24 school year officers: Lea Roberts, president; Alexa Heder, vice president; Addison Kramer, secretary; Alexia Garcia and Payton Craig, board members. I am sure that they will offer the best to their new positions.

In the month of May, our chapter will hold our end of the school year and paint party. This is a time when we are able to celebrate our year while also completing a service project at school. On May 9th directly after school, our members will paint items on our playground that are needing some additional attention. Parents please mark your calendars and make sure that your child has clothing that they can change into that may have paint on it, as this tends to get a bit messy.

May 2023

ACTIVITIES

NEWS



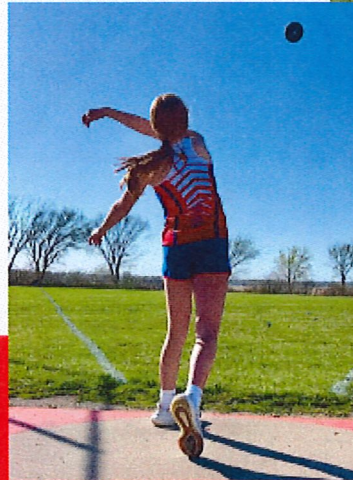
By: Austin Hershberger

Track

We are nearing the end of the Junior High track season. Several school records have been broken this season! The team will wrap up their Spring season with a MS Pioneer League JV meet at Anderson County on May 1. SFT has the honor of hosting the MS Pioneer League meet, which will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 2:00pm at SFTHS. Come show support for our Charger track stars!

New School Records:

Tyler Shreve - 8th Girls Shot Put - 35'4"
Lea Roberts - 7th Girls 3200M - 13:48:00
Quincy Cook - 8th Girls High Jump - 5'0"
Reese Black - 8th Girls Pole Vault - 8'0"
Rigley Sleichter - 7th Boys Discus - 118' 11.25"



UpComing Events:

May 1: JV MS League Track @ Anderson County

May 4: MS League Track @ SFT

May 13: Sports Physicals Clinic - Cotton O'Neil Kanza Park

May 30: Summer Weights begins

Jul 3-9: KSHSAA Buffer Week

Aug 10: JH/HS Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Aug 14: First day of Fall sports practice

Summer Updates

Junior High summer weights will be held in the weight room at Carbondale Attendance Center this summer. The 8 week program will begin on May 30 and conclude on July 27. Sessions occur Monday - Thursday, excluding Buffer week July 3-9. Sessions will be held from 6:45am - 7:45am, and 8:00am - 9:00am.

Summer is quickly approaching! For students who are interested in playing a KSHSAA sponsored sport during the 2023-2024 school year, there are a number of items that are required to be completed prior to practices starting on August 14. Beginning May 1, students athletes may visit a physician to complete the Physical evaluation requirement.

Required forms for 23-24 Sports:

- KSHSAA Physical
- KSHSAA Concussion & Head Injury Information Release Form
- NFHS Concussion In Sports Certificate
- USD 434 District Activity Policy Agreement
- USD 434 Random Drug Testing Consent Form
- USD 434 Medical Consent



May

Art News

Spring Art Show

Spring Art show will be on May 3rd in the CAC gym from 5pm to 7pm. Come look at art, vote, and help support the art room by purchasing a desert from the bake sale.

The 7th and 8th grade art students are required to attend for a grade. If they cannot make it, please reach out to me. This will ensure that they can make up the grade with a different presentation.

Glow Show

The Glow Show was in April and was a success! Thank you to the high school for teaming up with CAC to put on such a cool event.

Art Club

Art Club continues to meet every Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:45. May 2nd will be the final meeting for the school year. I fully intend to continue the club next year.

Current Supply Needs

We are in current need of: Clorox wipes, number 2 pencils, glue sticks, and classroom packs of markers.
