



*EMPOWERING ALL STUDENTS TO
SUCCEED IN A CHANGING WORLD*

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. OLSON

As school comes to an end here at Creekside it is always fun to look back and remember our successes and challenges. What sticks out the most is the number and variety of people that it takes to make a school run smoothly. School district staff members are obviously instrumental in achieving a great school year but there are many others that also have a tremendous impact. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those individuals that volunteered their time, energy and or financial support throughout the year. These individuals had a profound influence on both our staff and students.

Volunteers worked with students in reading, writing and math. Some businesses provided meals and prizes to honor our students while many individuals donated their time and talents to provide delicious treats and meals for the Creekside staff. Kiwanis Crossing Guards kept our students safe and many other service organizations donated their time and knowledge to help students remain safe and healthy throughout the year.

There are many other volunteers too numerous to name so I will take this opportunity to thank and praise them for the positive impact they have had on our students and staff.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you,

Dan Olson

Principal, Creekside Elementary

END OF THE YEAR WRAP UP

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE IS PAID

PLEASE TURN IN ANY LIBRARY BOOKS OR PAY THE REQUIRED FINE

PLEASE COLLECT ANY UNUSED MEDICATIONS FROM THE OFFICE

PLEASE GO THROUGH THE LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

CREEKSIDE AWARDS AND HONORS

PILLARS OF OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY~ DECISION MAKING ~ APRIL

SIX STUDENTS ARE PICKED BY OUR SECRET SPIES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST REPRESENTATIVES OUT OF OUR SCHOOL POPULATION FOR EACH CHARACTER PILLAR

Each day when we wake up, we have the opportunity to decide whether or not we're going to have a good or bad attitude. Circumstances throughout our day, of course, can factor into what kind of a day we have. Some of those circumstances are beyond our control but how we approach them is what is important. However, having a positive attitude sure can make for more good days than bad.

A person who exemplifies great decision-making skills is someone that possesses great values. Throughout the school year, I have continually witnessed this student making good choices in her everyday activities. In the classroom, she takes her learning seriously and sets high standards for the quality of her work. She makes good use of time and sets the perfect example for other students when making decisions. In addition, she acts in a generous manner and always shows a great deal of respect and thoughtfulness to those around her. It has been a pleasure watching this young lady evolve this school year. I proudly nominate, Sierra Sandford.

Mrs. Seyer

When it comes to decision making, "Do what is right, not what is easy nor what is popular."

When Roy T. Bennett made that statement he must have had a particular Creekside student in mind.

I feel I have chosen that particular student as this month's Pillar.

This student knows the difference between right and wrong, and peer pressure holds no sway in their decision making process. This student is caring and fair; respectful and trustworthy. This student understands that rules and regulations exist to ensure everyone's safety, and decisions are made then that reflect on the greater good.

Good decision making is often not easy nor is it usually popular.

When it comes to making a good decision, I know I can always count on this month's Pillar winner.

Congratulations Abigail "Abby" Hach

Mr. Merchen

Decision making can be something we do without thinking, without hesitation, and without worry each and every day. Other decisions can take time to reason through. Smaller/easier decisions happen all the time – like when to wake up, what to wear, what to eat. Harder decisions come around less frequently and usually have greater importance – like how to treat someone, when to do your homework, and respecting authorities in your life.

The student I have chosen sets a high precedent for making decisions. She comes into class every day with a smile on her face which is sign that she has made the decision to make light of anything that may come her way. I have seen her grow exponentially throughout the year and am honored to be her teacher.

The student I have chosen is – Brenna Haivala

Mr. Miller

Making decisions isn't always the easiest thing to do. There are many people, things, situations, and circumstances in the world that try to influence us to make decisions in a certain way; however, It takes a wise and disciplined person to make correct decisions even when they may not always be the easiest or the coolest decisions to make. Over the course of the school year, I have had the privilege of observing Ian Cho. Whether it is in his schoolwork, his interactions with his peers, or with his teachers, Ian never fails to be a student of integrity—making the right decisions every time even when no one is watching. Congratulations Ian for setting the bar high and being a great example to those around you! I am honored to have you in my class.

Mrs. Jones

Making good decisions can be tough, especially when other people may not be. This student that I have chosen has shown me time and time again that making the right decision is always the best option. When tasks don't get completed or having to do make up work, this student is always completing the tasks even when the rest of the class has free time or recess. He is willing to go above and beyond to make sure his work is the best that he can do. When tasks are hard, this student also asks for help instead of sitting there or just writing answers. This has made him grow so much in academics throughout this school year. I can always rely on his work being his best work. Thank you William Babb for always making Good Decisions. "How did you do that? Hard work!"

Ms. Schuurmans

ABOVE AND BEYOND

THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES A STUDENT FROM EACH CLASS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE TEACHER. THIS CAN INCLUDE ACADEMICS, BEHAVIORS, SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ETC.

3rd grade –

Tiernan Frederickson

Deiondre Honomichl

Emily Marshall

Alex Albrecht

Lilly Harlan

Rediet Peterson

Sammy LaFayette

Willow Baatz

4th grade –

Katie Gray

Kale Huiner

Konstantine Popov

Schlechter

Caiden Nankivel

Jacob Williamson

Chase Schenk

Jackson Truax

Kaiden Bradley

Nadalee Brewer

5th grade-

Joleen Dinan

Mason LaLonde

Riley Pollreisz

Tiersyn Grubb

Khy Volk

Johan Gomez Andino

Keegan Benham

Evan Nielsen

SPARTAN CARD WINNERS

SPARTAN CARDS ARE EARNED THROUGH GOOD CITIZENSHIP. ANY STAFF MEMBER CAN AWARD ONE. CARDS ARE COLLECTED AND A MINIMUM OF SIX ARE DRAWN FOR EACH GRADE

3rd grade –

Letti Niehaus

Coliin Atkinson

Carson Kosters

Rediet Peterson

Blake Andress

Olivia McArthur

4th grade –

Steven Towry

Kadence Palle

Jesse Hiermeier

Haven Baker

Kinsley Mosset

Shoji DeCory

5th grade –

Ella Peterson

Karly

Zach Wilson

Brooklynn Kelley

Austen Haught

Lauren Peotter

TEACHER OF THE MONTH WINNER

STUDENT COUNCIL TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR THE TEACHER OF THE MONTH, AND THEN THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES VOTE AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETING TO PICK THE WINNER. TEACHERS OF THE MONTH RECEIVE A DESIGNATED PARKING SPACE FOR THE MONTH.

MRS. NICHOLS

IMPORTANT DATES:

4/29-5/2- 5TH GRADE VISITS TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
FRIDAY, 5/3- 5TH GRADE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TALK, CULVERS
CUSTARD END OF TESTING SOCIAL
MONDAY, 5/6- 5TH GRADE REGISTRATION AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00 PM
MONDAY, 5/6- 2ND GRADERS VISITING CREEKSIDE
TUESDAY, 5/7- 5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATION AT 1:30
THURSDAY, 5/9- 5TH GRADE PIZZA AND KICKBALL
FRIDAY, 5/10- 5TH GRADE BUSINESS FAIR AT THE REC CENTER FROM 12:00-2:30
FRIDAY, 5/10- 4TH GRADE INVENTION FAIR 8:30-11 (CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER
FOR THE SPECIFIC TIME YOUR CLASS WILL BE MANNING THEIR BOOTH)
5/13-5/14- 3RD GRADE IMMIGRATION UNIT COMING TO AMERICA EVENT
MONDAY, 5/13- SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, 5/14- RED NOSE DAY
WEDNESDAY, 5/15- 4TH GRADE RED CROSS PILLOW PRESENTATION
FRIDAY, 5/17- HONORS ASSEMBLY, SAFETY DAY ASSEMBLIES, 5TH GRADE TALENT
SHOW
5/20-5/23- 5TH GRADE JEWEL CAVE VISITS
TUESDAY, 5/21- 3RD GRADE MOVIE TRIP
WEDNESDAY, 5/22- 3RD GRADE EGG DROP
THURSDAY, 5/23- 4TH GRADE SWIMMING AT REC CENTER
MONDAY, 5/27- MEMORIAL DAY- NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY, 5/28- 3RD GRADE SWIMMING AT REC CENTER
WEDNESDAY, 5/29- 5TH GRADE SWIMMING AT REC CENTER
THURSDAY, 5/30- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, EARLY RELEASE AT 12:50

LIBRARY NEWS!

Spearfish schools are gearing up for summer break. While summer presents an opportunity to relax and enjoy the sunshine, we want our students to continue to find ways to learn while away from the classroom.

We have an exciting reading service available through Sora, the student reading app, which provides free 24/7 access to eBooks and audiobooks. What better way to engage your student's mind than through reading?

This summer, the **OverDrive Summer Read** program will offer a collection of Juvenile and Young Adult titles that will be prominently displayed in Sora for quick and easy unlimited access from **June 6 – August 15, 2019**.

You can explore the title offerings and learn more about the program here:

<https://resources.overdrive.com/summer-read/>.

How does it work?

Sora provides the quickest and easiest way to get started with digital titles from our school. Students can simply log in using their school credentials and instantly access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks on virtually any device. Get started today at <https://soraapp.com> or download the free Sora app for Android or iOS. For easy access, our school's account is located under: TIE South Dakota Schools.

Boredom is not an option this summer.

Where can I find more information?

Simply download the SORA app or click on the SORA button at the top of the Spearfish School District website!

Sincerely,

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