

# Scribner-Snyder Community School Newsletter



Are you ready? This is the time of year when the proverbial slate is wiped clean with the hopes for another amazing year.

Throughout each year we establish specific goals: improving academics, enhancing differentiation, and integrating technology. When we sustain learning for an entire year, with an intentional focus, it is more likely that the knowledge and implementation will maintain for years to come. The key is to make sure supports and opportunities are provided throughout any goal or initiative, while embarking on all decisions with a basic question: **Is it good for children?**

More importantly, educators should commit to a **relationship goal** each year to sustain a culture of learning where everyone who walks through the school doors believe that they are going to have an amazing experience! Genuine relationships built on trust will enhance any culture. **This year's relationship goal will focus on making connections!** District and building professional development and staff meetings will focus on making connections with students and other stakeholders to enhance the learning environment.

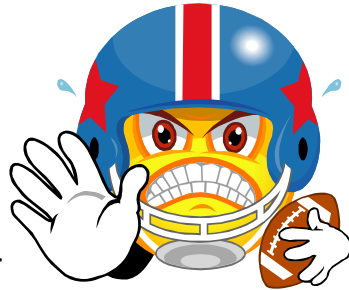
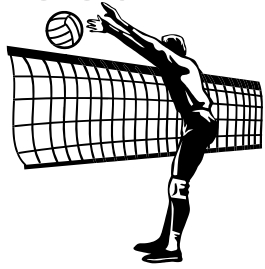
I am fortunate to work with a faculty that views positive relationships as the most important consideration within their classrooms, creating environments where students want to spend their days. This happens because we have an amazing staff who intentionally builds relationships and genuinely loves educating children. It also happens because we sustain conversations regarding the importance of relationships throughout our culture and within any new initiative that we establish.

Establishing positive relationships with your students, while creating a community where students have relationships with each other, will truly benefit any classroom atmosphere. Quality teacher-student and student-student relationships increases effectiveness of classroom management and instruction. It also makes everyone's experience more enjoyable.

As you know, it is extremely important to set a positive culture and climate that will last a school year! I truly believe that everything comes back to **positive relationships**.

Ginger Meyer  
Superintendent

# BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS!



## *Fall Sports Kick-Off*

The annual Scribner-Snyder Booster Club Fall Sports Kick-off is set for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in the elementary building.

The evening will start off with parents/fans given the opportunity to watch the volleyball and football teams run drills and do some scrimmaging. The evening will begin at 5:30

Parents and fans will also be given the chance to sign up to become a member of the booster club, enjoy a delicious meal and purchase clothing apparel. Clothing items will be available for purchase that night as well.

At 7 p.m. introductions of the softball, volleyball, football and dance team will take place. Members of the Scribner-Snyder Jr./Sr. High School band will also perform.

The evening is a great way to bring in the new school year and check out our Trojan athletes, hang with your friends and just have a great time. Hope to see you there.

## *Pack the Stands Night—August 26th*

The LV/SS softball girls have already begun their 2014 season when they competed Saturday, Aug. 23 in Uehling. The girls will host Wisner-Pilger and Twin River in Scribner on Tues., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> and everyone is encouraged to attend and take part in the fun activities planned by the booster club. The first game will be LV/SS vs. Twin River and it begins at 4:30 p.m. W-P and T-R will take to the field next followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of LV/SS and W-P. Don't miss out on this opportunity to watch our hometown girls compete. Let's Pack The Stands!!!

## **Jostens representative to visit SS**

**With the new school year comes the exciting opportunities for members of the sophomore and senior class to meet with a representative from Jostens to order class rings and senior graduation supplies. A representative will be here at Scribner-Snyder on Wed., Sept. 3rd to meet with all sophomores and seniors to review their options for making a purchase. On Sept. 10th, the Jostens will return to S-S to take orders. If any student who has already purchase a class ring is having sizing issues, they too will be given the opportunity to visit with Jostens about resizing.**

# **GUIDANCE COUNSELOR NEWS!!**

Welcome back to another great school year. My first year as the new guidance counselor was awesome and I'm excited to start another year at Scribner-Snyder. Please check the school website often for guidance information, such as scholarship information, dates for college admission reps, and any other announcements. That website is [www.sstrojans.org](http://www.sstrojans.org). The first announcement that is important is that there will be College Fair hosted by local schools in West Point on August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Nielsen Community Center, located at 200 Anna Stalp Avenue. There will be around 30 colleges there to visit. Go to [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](http://NebraskaCollegeFairs.org) to register your information for a barcode for colleges to scan. It makes things easier for you when you go. There will be financial aid and informational meetings for students and parents throughout the year, so please keep looking back at future announcements. I will be starting a class second semester for seniors and we will be discussing many topics including scholarship info, helping them fill out scholarships, applying for colleges, and ways to prepare for life after high school. The following are the ACT test dates. I have information in my office about how to register for the test and fee waiver information. I also have practice test booklets if interested.

## **ACT Dates**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>(Late Fee Required)</b>
September 13, 2014	August 8, 2014	August 9–22, 2014
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014	September 20–October 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014	November 8–21, 2014
February 7, 2015*	January 9, 2015	January 10–16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14–27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

Please feel free to call me or email me with any questions. You can contact me at 402-664-2567 or [dan.carlson@esu2.org](mailto:dan.carlson@esu2.org).

Have a great school year.

Dan Carlson, Guidance Counselor

# School Pictures

Inter-State Studio's will be here on Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> to take school pictures. Picture packets were all placed in your family packets that each family received on or before August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have misplaced your packet, please contact the elementary or high school office. Please note that the elementary and high school packets are different. When completing your packet, please find the appropriate packet for your child. They are labeled: Scribner-Snyder High School and Scribner-Snyder Elementary. Preschool individual picture will also be taken on this day.

## What's happening in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!!

The beginning of the year is upon us!!! We had a great summer and are working to get back into the routine of having a schedule. It is good to see friends and be with each other again.

This year we are looking forward to EXCITING things in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! We have a new Social Studies series this year that will take us to EXCITING new places and meet EXCITING new people. We've already met one EXCITING new person, Ashley! She and her family are new to our town and school and we are so EXCITED to have her!

We are already into our first read aloud book Freckle Juice. We are EXCITED to find out if our main character will indeed get the freckles he so desperately wants. We write about our reading and are learning editing marks for writing. It is EXCITING to see how much our writing improves throughout the year.

The first couple months of school are always an EXCITING time as we learn new routines and rules. We have established our rules for our room and wrote and illustrated what it looks like to follow our rules. Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful!

Math has EXCITING concepts for us to learn. We are looking forward to learning multiplication and division and well as working with fractions, graphs, and money. We are well underway in our study of time, elapsed time, and practicing addition and subtraction facts.

Our Scientist of the Month bulletin board will keep us busy learning EXCITING new things about some people who are making or have had made, great contributions to our world. Our first scientist is Albert Einstein, the man had some crazy hair!!!

Our year is off to an EXCITING start!

**Mrs. Drey**

### **How to Contact Us**

School Office

402-664-2567 (High School)

402-664-2568 (Elementary)

Website: [sstrojans.org](http://sstrojans.org)

## PLEASE NOTE:

The elementary and high school day schedule is from 8:00 a.m. until 3:28 p.m. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. On early dismissal days, all students will be released from class at 1:30 p.m. If you are needing to reach the elementary, please call Deb Wegner at 664-2568. If you are needing to reach the high school, please contact Shelly at 664-2567.

### LUNCH PRICES

**Elementary Br. \$1.30**

**Elementary lunch \$2.20**

**High School Br. \$1.40**

**High School Lunch \$ 2.45**

**High School entrée \$1.00**

**Milk \$.50**

**Adult Br. \$2.00**

**Adult Lunch \$3.15**

**Adult entrée \$2.00**

### Dates to remember.....

Aug. 20—First Day of School

Aug. 25—Fall Sports Kick-Off

August 26-Pack the Stands Night

August 28-Softball @ Yutan

August 29-Football @ OCA, TBA

Aug. 30—Softball @ Blair Invite

Sept. 1—No School (Labor Day)

Sept. 2—Picture Day

Sept. 3—Jostens Rep Visit

Sept. 4—VB @ NE VB Classic-Pender

**For more events, visit [sstrojans.org](http://sstrojans.org)**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Scribner-Snyder Community School system is to develop individuals who function to their full potential and who look forward to rich, productive and satisfying lives. The attainment on jobs, homes, families and places in community life will give them the opportunity to serve their fellow man.

## **Media Centers Newsletter-Mrs. Alsmeyer**

The year is off to a great start! The elementary library has been moved to the kindergarten building. If you have a chance, stop in and visit the new library.

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for September 15th – 19th. The theme of the book fair is Sir Readalot's Castle. After school is a great time to come in and check out the book fair, which will be located in the hallway of the elementary building.

This year, the school will again be collecting used printer cartridges, cell phones, and other electronic devices. There is a collection box in the hallway of the elementary building (by the kitchen).

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school by donating items for recycling, attending the book fair, and other events throughout the year!

Hello SS Community!!

I am excited and gearing up for another school year at Scribner-Snyder! It is always fun to see what every new class has to bring and how different it will be from the previous school year. I am anxious to work with my new sophomores in biology and get to know them better since this will be my first class setting with these students. I am ready and excited to take on another year of Microbiology and introducing the students to the unseen world of science. I am continuing to search for fun and interesting ways to open up the student's eyes to Anatomy/Physiology and Chemistry. I am also looking forward to once again offering Advance Biology and challenge the students that have already found a passion for science. This year we will have the opportunity to explore the forensic science lab of the Omaha Police Department in chemistry and study animal behaviors at the Henry Doorly Zoo. I am currently looking and working for offering a trip to the Brain Growth and Development Lab in Lincoln for the Anatomy/Physiology students. This year will also mark the second annual Science Day showing for the elementary students! We are hoping to spark that fun, interest, and fascination in the young minds of the elementary group and get them excited and ready to explore the wonders of science and all the secrets that it holds! I believe this will be a great year!

Koleen Andrews



# Why I Need to Tell the School When My Child is Sick

By keeping your child home and letting your school know your child is sick, helps us to see if there is a rise of sickness in the school.



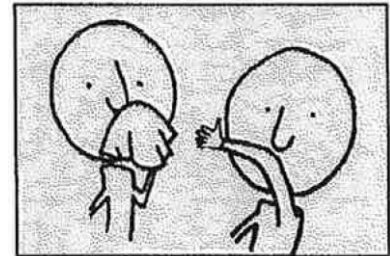
## How to Report the Reason My Child is Missing School

If your child is sick, it is of great value to tell the school all signs of illness. If your child has a cough, say they "have a cough", if they have a fever, say they "have a fever". If they have more than one symptom, please report all of them.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

- If your child has signs of flu (see chart below), take your child to the doctor
- Keep your child home for 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of fever lowering medicine (such as Tylenol or Advil)
- + Stay away from sick people
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, may use your elbow if you do not have a tissue
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Get lots of rest, drink lots of liquids

*You may be contagious (catching) up to 7 days after start of symptoms.*



## Symptom Guide for Colds, Flu, and "Tummy Flu"

SYMPTOM	COLD	FLU	"Tummy Flu" GI - Gastrointestinal
Fever	Rare	Usual; high (100-102 F)	Rare
Headache	Rare	Common	Rare
General aches, pains	Slight	Usual; often severe	Sometimes
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual; up to 2-3 weeks	Sometimes
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Usual, at beginning	Rare
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes	Rare
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Rare
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes	Rare
Chest Discomfort, Cough	Mild-Moderate hacking cough	Common, can be severe	Rare
Vomiting and/or nausea	Rare	Rare	Common
Stomach ache, pain	Rare	Rare	Common
Diarrhea	Rare	Rare	Common; defined as more than 6 stools in a 24 hour period.

## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME!!!

### **Fever**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:** Your child is good to go if they're over 4 months old; have a fever below 100°F, drinking fluids and acting normal.

**TOO SICK:** If your child is 4 months old or younger, call the doctor at the slightest sign of fever or sudden change in your child's actions; daycare is out. Children should stay home if their fever is above 100°F.

*Keep home until they have been fever-free for 24 hours.*

### **Sore Throat**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:** A sore throat with a runny nose is often just due to simple swelling; send them off as long as they are fever-free

**TOO SICK:** If the achy throat comes with swollen glands, a fever, headache, or tummy ache, call the doctor.

### **Red Eye**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:** When the white part of the child's eye is only a little pink and the oozing is clear and watery, they likely have a school-safe allergy.

**TOO SICK:** If the eye is stuck shut, bright red, and/or the oozing is yellow or green, this tells us it is a very catching germ form of pinkeye (conjunctivitis). The child should stay home until they have been on drugs that fight the germs for 24 hours.

### **Diarrhea (Poop)**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:**

Your child is acting normal and their poop is only slightly loose, the child has the all-clear.

**TOO SICK:**

Children who poop more than 3 times in 24 hours need to stay home. If you see blood or mucus in the poop, call the doctor.

### **Throwing UP**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:**

If they have thrown-up 1 time in 24 hours, it is ok to send to school. Sometimes kids throw-up because of mucus left over from a cold

**TOO SICK:**

If your child has thrown-up two or more times in 24 hours, keep them home. Give them small amounts of liquids often. If they still throw-up after 3 days, or at any time becomes more often, call the doctor.

### **Tummy Pain**

**OK FOR SCHOOL:** If this is your child's only sign of sickness and they are active, send them to school. It could be they cannot poop or they may even have a case of nerves (In which case; a hug will go a long way).

**TOO SICK:** Any tummy pain connected to throwing-up, loose poop, fever, or the child does not want to play; call the doctor.