

# South Canyon Elementary

# February Newsletter

## Calendar February 2010

PTA Meeting	8
NO School	15
100th Day	16
PT Conferences	18
Dance 6:30-9:00	26

Register for Kindergarten Screening starting Feb. 25

## Coming in March...

Read Across America	2
No School	5
Math/Literacy Night	9
Kindergarten Screening	11-12
PTA Meeting	15
BINGO	26

## DSTEP —South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress

The **DSTEP** is the assessment system for accountability used to measure student proficiency and adequate yearly progress in South Dakota schools. The South Dakota Department of Education (DOE) requires the annual administration of the **DSTEP** to ALL students in grades 3–8 and 11. According to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and SDCL 13-3-55, schools are required to show improvement each year in student proficiency levels defined by the South Dakota content Standards in reading and mathematics for grade 3-8 and 11, and in science for grades 5, 8, and 11.

The students, teachers and families work hard all year at every grade level to attain proficiency. The testing window for testing our students is set for **March 29–April 16, 2010**. Please help our students find success during this time. The students need plenty of rest, have a good breakfast, show up to school on time, attend school every day. Thank you for your continued support of the students and our wonderful teachers who work hard every day to meet their academic needs. Classroom testing schedule to follow soon.

Thank you,  
Cary Minnick, Principal



## Christmas Program on School Channel

Christmas videos are set to run on *MidContinent Channel 19* and *Knology Channel 143*. The programs will run at the following times:

**Part 1: 7:00 am and 11:30 am daily**

**Part 2: 4:15 pm and 6:00 pm daily**

Part 1 is Band, AM Kindergarten, and 1st-3rd  
Part 2 is Orchestra, PM Kindergarten, and 4th-5th  
It will run through February 19.

## Could you help?

Bingo will be coming up on March 26<sup>th</sup> and prizes are needed. If you have a business or have a contact to a business that would be able and/or willing to donate prizes, please contact Jeanette at

394-1801 or

[Jeanette.Grimm@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jeanette.Grimm@k12.sd.us)

This would be a great help for Bingo and a chance to get more people involved! Thank you so much!

Jeanette

## Eagle Closet at North Middle School Open to Public!

A reminder to all that the Eagle Closet, a free thrift store, is open to the public from Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3 and 4 p.m. It is located at North Middle School in the annex building out front. We have clothing items and shoes for men, women, and children. Anyone may come and take what they need. We are also always looking for donations. Those may be dropped off anytime at North Middle School at the front office. We offer tax deductible receipts. Please come check out the Eagle Closet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and donate any good quality, current, clean, in working order clothing items you may have around the house! Thank you!

### NOTES FROM THE NURSE, Chris Nelson

Spring will be here soon. What do school nurses think of when they think of spring? They think of growing children and personal hygiene!

Please remind your children to bathe regularly, brush their teeth and hair, and wear clean, modest clothes to school. Children sometimes need guidelines and reminders from parents, even though they're becoming more independent. In order to do their best while at school, we want children to look and feel their best.

We'd like to remind parents that H1N1 flu shots are now available for free for all ages. Check the website: <http://sd.gov/h1n1/> for dates and times for clinics.

Chris Nelson, School Nurse

There are students and staff at South Canyon School who are allergic to peanuts, peanut products, and nuts. They may react to touching peanut residue or smelling peanut products. Please keep this in mind when sending snacks, treats, and lunches to school. Thank you for your help. We'd like to keep SC a safe place for everyone!

## Driving Safely

Please **SLOW DOWN**

Please help keep our children safe! When driving by school, the speed limit is 15 miles an hour.

Please avoid **DOUBLE PARKING** and **STOPPING** in the middle of the street when picking up kids. It makes it tough for all parents when one car is in the flow of traffic.

Thank you!

