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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

*Galatians 5:22*

*SCCS Theme Verse*

*2009-2010*

## Principal's Corner

Greetings from your Principal. Even though we are well underway into the new year, I would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year. We are off to a great start at the SCCS after a refreshing Christmas break. The students and teachers are busy with the academic, social and spiritual growth that takes place with students from the ages of 5-15. The students in grades 3-8 are taking the Iowa Testing of Basic Skills this week. We all remember these test fondly, and realize their value in the educational process. Please remember the students, teachers and parents of SCCS in your daily prayers and give thanks to Him for His gift of Christian education. As we enter into the hardest winter months, we are especially thankful for the bus drivers and the work that they do.



Before the students went home for a Christmas break, SCCS held a Christmas chapel to thank our Heavenly Father for His precious gift of Jesus Christ. Pastor Aaron Baart of the Bridge of Hope CRC was our guest speaker. He opened up the Christmas message in light of the Fruits of the Spirit, reminding all of us that the fruits are gifts from God that will mature and grow our whole lives. As part of the chapel, the 1<sup>st</sup> graders recited the Luke 2 Christmas story. We also used this opportunity to collect the items that our students brought for Mid-Sioux.

The next "Got Fruit?" chapel will be on Monday, Feb. 1, 2:15 p.m. in the chapel. The two fruits for February are Patience and Kindness. Pastor Stephen Breen of the Free Grace Reformed Church will be our guest speaker. Theme songs for February are: *Trust and Obey, Every Move I Make, Servant to All*. Everyone is invited to attend. Students should wear their "Got Fruit" theme shirts on Feb. 1.

In His Service, Mr. Dirksen



## FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – January 6, 2010

42% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 63,298	38.1%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$ 93,130	51%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 47,045	42.2%
Faith	\$222,533	\$105,000	47.2%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 10,860	29.4%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	\$ 42,827	54.1%

### SCCS Board Minutes Dec. 14, 2009

1. Nick Lantinga opened with scripture and prayer.

#### Committee Reports:

2. **BG&T:** We continued to discuss the parking and bus drop off areas around the school.

3. **Education:** Update given on the Spanish Proposal.

4. **Executive:** Mandates were reviewed. Teachers will be invited to a Dec. 16 meeting with the board members for a mandate update and input. Nurse Kris will begin a student health record database.

5. **Finance:** Proposal to purchase a computer cart with 26 laptops was approved. NICSTO contributions have been filled!

6. **Promotion:** Possible promotion events: Channel 12, groups visit churches, marching band in Summer Celebration Parade, radio spots, 105<sup>th</sup> birthday party after FOTS concert, chamber coffee, Facebook page. \$1,375 will be requested from Heartland for marketing project.

7. **SIAC:** Mr. Dirksen reported that the APR, CSIP, B.E.D.S. reports were all approved by the D.E. Annual goals, long-range goals, student survey and 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> science assessment were reviewed. ICC report was given. D.E. site visit in 2010-2011 school year.

8. **Administrator's Report was given and handed out.** Feb. 15 will be the snow make-up day. Over \$2700 was raised for the Bee Keeping project.

9. 12 school visit reports were given: Dave Eekhoff, Kris Vander Plaats, Dawn Clemens, Doug Tinklenberg, and Lisa Doelman.

The school board has been working on ten mandates. The mandates were prioritized during a school board retreat in the summer of '09. The school board met with the teachers following the board meeting to update the teachers concerning the mandates and to solicit feedback. It is the school board's goal to keep the communication lines open to all the society members concerning the mandates. The following is a listing of the mandates:

1. Assessment of the playground area and the existing equipment in regards to safety and handicap accessibility.
2. Bus safety zone in the front of school.
3. Review SCCS's ability to meet the needs of special needs students.
4. Review the current Kindergarten program.
5. Bible curriculum review. CSI has written a new K-8 Bible curriculum.
6. Preparing for the Department of Education Site Visit during the 2010-11 school year.
7. Develop a sustainable plan to raise funds and monitor finances during the school year.
8. Promotion of the SCCS 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April, 2010.
9. Study the feasibility of a SCCS pre-school.
10. Study the feasibility of adding foreign language to the curriculum.

Dave E. closed the meeting with prayer.  
Respectfully submitted: Jodi Hulstein

**Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for  
March 15 and 16.**

**Please contact our school office  
for more information.**