



New Year, New Opportunities

by Dr. Brian Maher, Superintendent



There is something symbolic about turning the calendar to begin a new year. For many, including me, January signifies a fresh start, a new opportunity, a clean slate. That is how I am approaching the first month of 2016 on many fronts, but especially as it pertains to this year's legislative session.

While I have already had many detailed conversations with the Governor's Office since taking the job as your superintendent six months ago and I've met with literally dozens of lawmakers from across the state, the real work and promise for the future begins during the legislative session.

As the largest school district in South Dakota, the Sioux Falls School District will take our role of involvement in the legislative process very seriously. Because we are educating and encouraging each of our 24,000 students to be informed, active citizens in their communities, so too must we be informed and active in all education-related topics presented for consideration by lawmakers.

Over the years, the District has "fine-tuned" its process for participation. Not only do we have a lobbyist who is on the Capitol floor throughout the session to advocate on behalf of public school students and teachers, but we invest a considerable amount of time researching and making recommendations about proposed bills.

We track every education-related bill from inception to completion. When necessary, we are on the phone with legislators. We drive to Pierre for meetings and testimony. We develop position statements and discuss those at school board meetings throughout the legislative session. In short – we are involved!

Of primary concern for South Dakota schools this year is finding new money to support education into the future. Schools are continually challenged with recruiting and retaining high quality teachers because they are often lured away by higher salaries in the private sector. Teachers will never "get rich" in South Dakota, but our hope is that a plan will develop that ensures a livable wage for those who dedicate their lives to educating our children.

I approach this legislative session with great optimism. I know there is a great amount of work to get done. But, I feel there also exists a great opportunity to positively impact education in our state this legislative session. That positive impact could last for many years to come...what an opportunity!

January is a new beginning, a new opportunity, a clean slate. I look forward to all of the conversations and ideas that will lead us in to 2016 and lead our students into a bright future.

PATRICK HENRY

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Congratulations to our February Students of the Month



John Cooper
6.1



Emma Maloney
6.1



Aiden Huwe
6.2



Mara Tiede
6.2



Kaitlyn Hartland
6.3



Tae Ellenbecker
6.3



Riley Nold
7.1



Lucile Marti
7.1



Abby Lingle
7.2



Amelia Jibben
7.2



Alice Zhu
7.3



Nathan Reiter
7.3



Trevor Kannas
8.1



Eva Iraheta
8.1



Katherine Amundson
8.2



Ryan Rueschhoff
8.2



Ganin Thompson
8.3



Abigail Witt
8.3

Library Happenings...

Thanks to Zach Miller's family, we had an Eclipse Fit Clip MP3 Player donated to our library! Thank you!! Students, especially struggling readers, love having the option to listen to audiobooks. These MP3 players are really nice and inexpensive. They can be found at Kmart, Shopko or from the Best Buy website <http://www.bestbuy.com/site/eclipse-fit-clip-4gb-mp3-player-silver-yellow/6667132.p?id=1219234627666&skuId=6667132&cmp=RMX&ky=2gfYnnOh2Dv4SdRR9SJENaDoYnH400bk5> I would love to get about 25 of them so I can purchase audiobooks and load them onto these devices.



Lately, biographies have been flying off the library shelves. In seventh grade ELA classes, students are reading about people important to them and then using facts they find to write a letter to that VIP. So far, students seem to be enjoying their reading, research and writing.



The book fair will be held during Spring conferences. **Thank you to Becky Brost and Val Mickelson** for organizing this again. Your leadership is very helpful, and the students enjoy having easy access to purchase books. **I know they appreciate all the volunteer help as well. Thank you to everyone who supports PHMS in so many ways!** *Please support the book fair with your purchases. Proceeds buy books for classroom teachers and the library! Thank you parents!*

Students are still trying to read many of the YARP books by the April 1 deadline. Again this year, I'm asking if any parent would like to donate a gift card to a local business. I will include it as an award for participating in YARP. Each time a student reads a book and fills out a questionnaire, I put their name in a drawing. Students can only win one prize, but do have multiple chances at getting their name drawn at least once. The grand prize is an iPod touch. I will also purchase Target gift cards, but it's nice to have more prizes for the number of students that participate. **If you were considering donating a gift card, please have them to the library by March 15. Thank you!**

Fun Happenings In FAC's



Project Warm-Up
Blankets Made by
Students

CONGRATULATIONS!

...And the Golden Spoon award goes to ...



Ayden Sand, Zach Fuerst, Mason Gerdes



Devin Larsen, Kevin Schumacher, Max Burchill

Notes from the Choir Dept.

City Lights and TrebleMakers will be performing at the Best of Show show choir competition on Friday, March 11.

Performance times and ticket information will be in the March newsletter.

Congratulations to Milaana Abrahamson, Blake Anderson, Emma Boyens, Isaiah Campbell, Ashton Ferguson, Aubrey Ford, Emma Jensen, Jana Klawonn, Mason LeMaster, and Keegan Sigl, who were selected as members of the American Choral Directors Regional Honor Choirs.

Hundreds of students from South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin submitted auditions. The Honor Choir will be held in Sioux Falls February 18-20.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical, *Aladdin, Jr.* Cast:

Milaana Abrahamson, Hannah Adams, Kalli Barnhart, Conner Beckstrand, Hanna Beshai, Evan Blair, Ethan Boyens, Sierra Brown, Brooke DeBeer, Landon DeBoer, Norah DeBoer, Donya Eaya, Ashton Ferguson, Amaya Gogue, Jackson Hazlett, Isabella Helgerson, Hannah Hlavka, Breanne Hoff, Lily Holcomb, Sam Jensen, India Johnson, Jana Klawonn, Kennedy Kolb, Mason LeMaster, Helene Madsen, Mary Mahon, Josh Michaels, Jersey Olszewski, Keaton Parrish, Cat Paul, Meredith Peterson, Mark Pfeifle, Ainsley Pfitzer, Jon Rames, Arianna Rice, Katy Richardson, Logan Schmidt, Katelyn Severson, Keegan Sigl, Shawn Stanek, Avery Store, Rylie Torguson, Emily Weisenburger, Brooklyn Williamson, Mackenzie Wynia

Crew: Aubrey Allstot, Katrina Beshai, Isaiah Campbell, Calliope DeClercq, Myles Geiman, Emily Hill, Emma Jensen, Whitney Kayl, Jack Lapour, Morgan Mitchell, KT Pagone, Taya Rave, Elizabeth Tilden

There will be three performances of the musical: February 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m. and February 6 at 2:00. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for each performance at the door.

As always, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Spencer at Jennifer.Spencer@k12.sd.us or Mrs. Stadem at Tara.Stadem@k12.sd.us.



Hello Patrick Henry Middle School Families;

My name is Officer Jim Larson and I am the new School Resource Officer for Patrick Henry MS. I have been here since the beginning of the school year and I am having a great time meeting and interacting with students and staff. A little about me is that I am married with four children and one grandchild. I am originally from Coon Rapids MN and have been in Sioux Falls since 1996 when I started as a Police Officer with the Sioux Falls Police Department. As I stated earlier I am having a wonderful time working at Patrick Henry and I am sure that will continue. If there is ever anything I can do to help you or a student, feel free to contact me at Patrick Henry or via email at jl Larson@siouxfalls.org.

One area I would like some help with is parking around the school. With the snow falling and the streets being plowed, the streets have a tendency to get narrow. There are a number of street signs around the school that are meant to help ease travel and speed up the dropping off or picking up of students. When you park to pick up or drop off that student, please be sure you are not parking in a restricted or bussing area. Thank you for helping out with this.

The PTA would like to thank you for your donations during the PRO time Contest held late November through December. We raised \$3347 through your generous efforts. The money raised will continue to support programs for our students. Students had an opportunity to win prizes from Juice Stop, Starbucks, Scheels, itunes, Stewarts Hair, and a grand prize of Beats Headphones, all generously donated by Panther Parents. And Congrats! to the Pro-times with the most student participation; Ms. McDowell (6th), Mr. Rames (7th), and Ms. Bossman (8th) as they were the winners of the Pizza Parties! Your efforts and support are all appreciated!



**Patrick Henry Middle School PTA Meeting
November 18, 2015**

Present: Shelli Goeman, Stacie Kray, Shantel Larsen, Kari Loofe, Amber Luecke, Val Mickelson, Patty Miller, Lynette Richardson, April Schaller, Sherri Schneider, Kim Sharping, Amy Uttecht, Nikki Wagner and Darryl Walker

Meeting was called to order 12:05 pm by Shelli Goeman.

Minutes from last meeting

Copies provided. Motion made to approve by Stacie Kray, seconded by April Schaller. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Patty Miller

Copies were provided. Current balance is \$12,463.76 with Kid's Kloset balance of \$1,547.88. Discussion was held regarding the PHMS PTA financially supporting the Kid's Kloset starting next school year 2016-17. Patty Miller talked about the processes in place to safeguard the PTA funds with having two signatures required and having the PTA co-presidents check the bank statements each month. The PTA will pay bills once per month and the treasurer and co-presidents will meet each month prior to the PTA meeting.

General PTA

- ◆ Fund-raising Update – *Amber Luecke and Shantel talked about the Fund-raising efforts at PHMS. A video has been put together to show to students as a sort of plea for Go Fund Me. The students will receive a flyer explaining the Fund-raising drive starting December 4 and going through December 22. Each student who donates to PHMS Go Fund Me will be entered into a drawing for gift cards, a manicure and pedicure and a grand prize of Beats headphones. The grand prize drawing will be on December 22. Also, one Pro-time from each grade will receive a pizza party for having the highest number of total students participate. The committee discussed over avenues of how to get the word out about the opportunity to support PHMS. We will share the video online at the PHMS Facebook page and include information in the newsletter and send out an email requesting support along with the campaign information.*
- ◆ Thank yous – *PTA co-presidents, Shelli Goeman and Kari Loofe, will write thank yous to all volunteers from PD.*
- ◆ New Member – *Welcome to new PHMS PTA member April Schaller. April will be heading up the Student Recognition program.*
- ◆ Volunteers – *Volunteer information was handed out to those present.*
- ◆ Reality Store – *Previously the Reality Store was supported by the Girl Scouts and at this time the program was not funded for the 2015-16 school year.*

Committee Reports

- Book Fair – *no report at this time*
- Spirit Wear – *no report at this time*
- Conference Meals – *no report at this time*
- Activity Night – *At this time we need to start calling on volunteers for the January 21 event and finding a chairperson for the event.*
- Staff Appreciation (May 2-6) – *no report at this time*

- Kid's Kloset – *Sherri Schneider and Nikki Wagner asked committee members to help support the Kid's Kloset by donating toiletry items along with winter coats and larger sizes of clothing in addition to asking friends to also drop of items to the office. Sherri and Nikki are going to reorganize the space to make it easier to sort and find item.*
- Mentor Liaison – *no report at this time*
- Retirement – *At this time we are not aware of anyone retiring but should there be anyone we should know by the end of February.*
- Student Recognition – *April Schaller reported that the date is December 2 and juice, coffee and donut holes will be provided.*
- 8th Grade Party – *no report at this time*

Principal's Report by Dr. Darryl Walker

PHMS has had a great start to 2015-16 school year. The state released the results of the new report card assessment and PHMS did very well, ranking very high overall in the state. Dr. Walker emphasized the importance of student attendance.

Other Information

All newsletter items need to be submitted by the 13th of each month to cheri.lauritsen@k12.sd.us in order to be included in that month's newsletter.

No December meeting. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 12:00 in the Office Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. ~ Amy Uttecht, secretary

NO SCHOOL

February 12th & 15th

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:

March 3rd & 8th - 4:30 - 8:00 pm

March 7th - 12:30 - 4:00 pm

BAND NOTES

Middle School All-State Band

Congratulations to the following Band Students who were selected for the South Dakota Middle School All-State Band. These students were selected among top middle school band members from throughout the state on the basis of their recorded auditions of prescribed scales and etudes. All-State members will meet in Pierre on Friday, March 4 for two days of rehearsals ending with a concert at 3:00 PM Saturday, March 5 at Pierre High School. The Patrick Henry Band program is very well represented with twenty-three students selected. This year's All-State members are:

8th Graders:

Abby Neff—Flute
Emily Weisenburger—Oboe
McKenzie Young—Bassoon
Isabel Carlson—Clarinet
Cole Johnson—Tenor Saxophone
Mark Pfeifle—Tenor Saxophone
Nathan Tornow—Trumpet
Ryan Steinhauser—Trumpet
Hannah Adams—French Horn
Noah Semansky—Baritone
Alana Thelen—Baritone
Tessa Lortscher—Baritone
Julia Lair—Percussion
Hanna Beshai—Percussion

7th Graders:

Alice Zhu—Flute
Evalyn Mullen—Clarinet
Norah DeBoer—Clarinet
Abby Helgerson—Clarinet
Samantha Hanson—Trumpet
Mason LeMaster—Trumpet
Eden Hodgins—French Horn
Bailey Wolfgang—Tuba

6th Graders:

Katie Mehrzadeh—Trombone

Solo and Ensemble Contest

Solo and Ensemble Contest will take place Saturday, March 19, at Edison Middle School. All 7th and 8th grade band members will be involved. Students and parents should have received information regarding this event.

High School Band

8th grade band students should know that high school band is a change from middle school band and that all band members should definitely try band in high school for at least one year. Many students who were rather indifferent about band in middle school become quite involved at the high school level. It is also a great way to earn the Fine Arts required credit. In addition, students will get a chance to take a major trip as part of the high school band. We strongly encourage you to register for band in high school.

Other Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, March 30 – Elementary School Tour (during school hours)

***Jazz Band & Wind Ensemble /City Lights/Select Strings ***

Monday, March 31 – Jazz Band/Wind Ensemble Concert (PHMS Gym) 7:00 PM

Friday, May 13 – PHMS Band Concerts (PHMS Gym)

Luv-O-Grams!!!!

The SADD group will be selling Luv-O-Grams at Patrick Henry on **February 5th, 8th, and 9th** during lunch for Valentine's Day! You can sign-up and pay to send a Luv-O-Gram to your friends, teachers, siblings, crush, secret admirer, etc. Luv-O-Grams will be \$0.50 per note with sayings that you pick out from our provided sayings. Attached to the note will be a piece of candy! The Luv-O-Grams will be handed out during Pro Time on February 11th.



Important information to know:

Student's name

Pro Time Teacher's Name

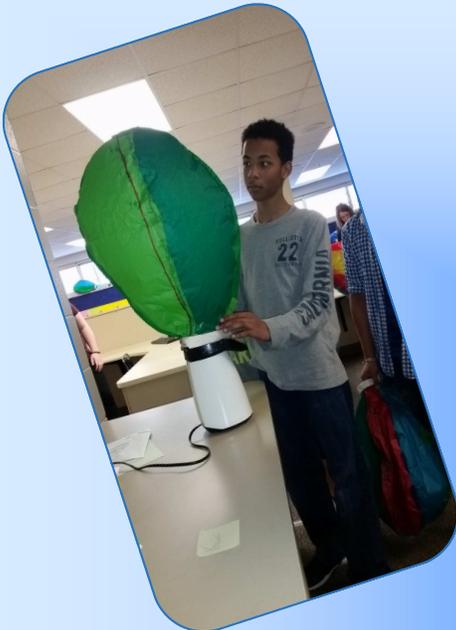
Pro Time Teacher's Room Number

Grade Level

Which Luv-O-Gram Saying you want to send



Send your love to someone special and support Patrick Henry's SADD group! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Kacee.Redden@k12.sd.us.



**Cluster Students having fun making
their hot air balloons!!**

Counselor's Corner

Patrick Henry Middle School

February 2016

THE BULLYING CIRCLE

Nearly one in five students in an average classroom experiences bullying in some way. The rest of the students, called bystanders, are also affected by the bullying. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program describes students involved or witnessing a bullying situation as having roles in the Bullying Circle.

A. Students Who Bully.

These students want to bully, start the bullying, and play a leader role.

B. Followers or Henchmen

These students are positive toward the bullying and take an active part, but don't usually initiate it and do not play a lead role.

C. Supporters or Passive Bullies

These students actively and openly support the bullying, for example, through laughter or calling attention to the situation, but they don't join in.

D. Passive Supporters or Possible Bullies

These students like the bullying but do not show outward signs of support.

E. Disengaged Onlookers

These students do not get involved and do not take a stand, nor do they participate actively in either direction. (They might think or say: "It's none of my business," or "Let's watch and see what happens.")

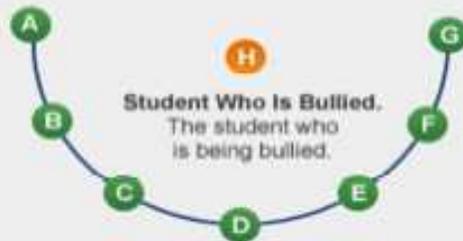
F. Possible Defenders

These students dislike the bullying and think they should help the student who is being bullied but do nothing.

G. Defenders

They dislike the bullying and help or try to help the student who is being bullied.

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Counselors at Patrick Henry

Ms. Paige Beauchamp

6.1, 6.2, 6.3

Mr. Terrin Haggerty

7.1, 7.2, 7.3

Mrs. Rachel Kary

8.1, 8.2, 8.3

PHMS Counseling Office

Phone: 605-367-8443

LSS MENTORING PROGRAM
Students enrolled in the program and mentors have been meeting once a week during their lunch time or directed studies. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or having your son/daughter participate in the program, please contact the counseling office.

High School Registration

High school counselors will make their second appearance to PHMS on **February 5th** to help register 8th graders for high school!

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children perform best when their emotional, social and physical needs are met.

There are a variety of programs available for students who might be limited in one or all of these areas. Please contact the PHMS Counseling Office if your own child or someone you know would benefit.

LUNCH MENU

February 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Corn Dog Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	2 Chicken Patty on Bun Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	3 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	4 Fish Wedges with Bun Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	5 BBQ Beef on Bun French Fries Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices
8 Chicken Stir Fry on Rice Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	9 Pizza Burger on Bun French Fries Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	10 Philly Steak on Bun Tri Tater Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	11 Hot Ham & Cheese Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	12 NO SCHOOL President's Day Break
15 NO SCHOOL President's Day Break	16 Pulled Pork on Bun Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	17 Hot & Spicy Chicken Tenders Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	18 Chili Fritos Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	19 Beef Patty on Bun French Fries Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices
22 French Toast Turkey Sausage Links Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	23 Corn Dog Mac & Cheese Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	24 Chicken Drumstick Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Veggie & Fruit Milk Choices	25 BBQ Beef Ribbette on Bun Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices	26 Chicken Strips Potato Wedges Dinner Roll Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices
29 Beef Patty on Bun French Fries Veggie & Fruit Bar Milk Choices				

*Contains Pork

**Whole Grain Serving

Because of emergency situations, menus may be subject to change without notice.

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Families qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunches also qualify for Free and Reduced Breakfast.

FEBRUARY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>1</p> <p>B WEEK</p> <p>8th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@BV C/D BV@PH</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SOM Breakfast 8am</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@BV C/D BV@PH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8th Boys BB 4:15 A/B M@PH C/D PH@M</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Panther Day</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 A/B M@PH C/D PH@M</p>
<p>8</p> <p>A WEEK</p> <p>8th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@MG C/D MG@PH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@MG C/D MG@PH</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>NO SCHOOL President's Day Break</p>
<p>15</p> <p>B WEEK</p> <p>NO SCHOOL President's Day Break</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@OG C/D OG@PH</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 A/B PH@OG C/D OG@PH</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>22</p> <p>A WEEK</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 A/B W@PH C/D PH@W</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Panther Day</p> <p>8th Boys BB 4:15 A/B W@PH C/D PH@W</p>
<p>28</p> <p>B WEEK</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7th Boys BB 4:15 B/A OG@PH D/C PH@OG</p>			

Sioux Falls School District Mission

To educate and prepare each student to
succeed in a changing world.



ACCESSIBILITY

People with disabilities may contact the building principal or site administrator at least 72 hours before the event to obtain reasonable accommodations needed to participate in district programs or activities. If the principal or site administrator is unable to address the request, concerns should be referred to the Supervisor of Health Services at the Instructional Planning Center.
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Patrick Henry Middle School SFSD



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28th Annual

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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Do you know a teacher who goes the extra mile?
Someone who challenges his/her students
academically while encouraging them to grow as an
individual? Someone who proudly represents his/her
school and the teaching profession?

Nominate them for the Dr. John W. Harris Sioux Falls
Teacher of the Year Award. Now in its 28th year,
sponsor Vern Eide Motorcars donates a
\$4,000 award to the winner.

Nominations are due at 5:00pm **Wednesday,**
February 24, 2016 at the Instructional Planning
Center, 201 E. 38th St. Forms, including information
on three letters of recommendation, are available
online at:

<http://www.sf.k12.sd.us/parents/teacher-of-the-year-program>



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TAEKWONDO



Beginning

Start your taekwondo journey! In Korean, 'tae' means to strike or break with foot, 'kwon' means to strike or break with fist, and 'do' means way, method, or path. Thus, taekwondo is translated as "the way of the hand and the foot." Learn the basic techniques and traditions of taekwondo with Jr. Master Troy Vink while incorporating self-defense, discipline, confidence, and respect for others! Beginners - Ages 5 years and up

5:45-6:45 pm

Intermediate

Enhance your skills, techniques, and traditions of taekwondo as you progress through the belt levels. Join Jr. Master Troy Vink to further your knowledge of form, self-defense, discipline, confidence, and respect for others. Reap great benefits for your body and mind!

Intermediate: Yellow belt through green belt

Ages 5 years and up

6:45-7:45 pm

Advanced

Enhance your skills, techniques, and traditions of Taekwondo as you progress through the belt levels. Further your knowledge of form, self-defense, discipline, confidence, and respect for others with Jr. Master Troy Vink. Reap great benefits for your body and mind!

Advanced: Blue belt and above.

Ages 5 years and up.

7:45-8:45 pm

Two Sessions
Jan 5th—Mar 19th
Mar 17th—May 24th

All classes will be held at Robert Frost Elementary School located at 3101 S. 4th Ave. on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Session \$149
registration fee

To register go online to: <https://commed.sf.k12.sd.us> –or call – 605-367-7999

