

November 2020 Newsletter



### Are Audiobooks Better?

There is ongoing debate about the value of audio books compared to reading "real" books. We have heard the words "lazy" and "its cheating" tossed around when defending reading against listening.

Listening to audio books is still considered reading. And even better, it's a lifesaver to people with low vision and learning disabilities. Plus, its an even better option for anyone learning to read or learning a new language.

Children who are read to at a young age excel faster in school, and children who listen to audio books while reading that same book simultaneously increase their reading comprehension (its also a great way to learn how to pronounce difficult words).

Adults I understnad that we often find that we don't have time to read due to our busy schedules, or our lack of desire to keep our eyes open after a long day. Well! You can listen to audio books during the daily commute (I have found that it's a great defense against road rage). You can also listen during lunch, while grocery shopping, at the gym, while you clean, or when going for a walk. Audio books make reading accessible no matter where you are or what you're doing. And it usually makes the task go by faster!



There is no significant difference in comprehension between reading, listening, or reading and listening simultaneously. Audio books provide the ability to reach learners with different abilities, and invites another way for people to connect despite differences in reading or learning abilities.

You have a selection of audio books galore! Inside the library we have books on CD that can be checked out just like a regular book. Plus, we have Libby and Overdrive, two apps you can download on your phone and check out our library's audio books directly on your digital device (with no overdue fines). We're always available if you need assistance with downloading or checking out digital audio books.

**Visit us Monday through Thursday evenings between 7pm and 8pm to grab a quick listen of our audio book of the week!**

### RE-LIVING THE GAME OF THE CENTURY

I was nine years old on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, 1971. I don't remember much from this holiday. I'm sure our house was full of family, boisterous noise, and great Thanksgiving food. But that was Dakota City, Nebraska, in Norman, Oklahoma the National Champion number 1 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers played the University of Oklahoma Sooners ranked number 2 in the nation. The Huskers were on a 20-win streak, and a 29 game streak without a loss. The Nebraska team came from behind to win 35 to 31. This game cementing a rivalry that would continue for the next 30 or more seasons. Michael Corcoran captures the story in his book *The Game of the Century: Nebraska vs. Oklahoma in college football's ultimate battle*. Husker fans will love to read this book, as it captures the energy and intensity of the game. Pick it up in the nonfiction section. I didn't see this game, or remember it first hand, but this book allows me to relive it again and again.

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Phone: (402) 494-7545 | <http://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity>



## From the Superintendent's Office

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Serving Dakota County / South Sioux City, NE



Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Better Every Day!

### Calendar Legend

- Green = One hour early dismissal for staff PLC
- Pink = No School due to Professional Development
- Yellow = No school due to holiday or break
- Blue = No school PK-08 due to P/T Conferences
- Grey = Designated grade level(s) schedule change
- Orange = Half day dismissal
- Purple = Makeup days
- Blue/Grey = Trimester End Dates

### Student hours

- PK half day: 8:00AM - 11:00AM or 12:00PM - 3:00PM
- PK full day: 8:00AM - 2:00PM
- Elementary K-5: 8:00AM - 3:05PM
- Middle School 6-8: 8:10AM - 3:25PM
- High School: 9-12: 8:00AM - 3:20PM
- Half day dismissal: 12:00PM

Visit our website to find full staff lists, contact information, and more! [www.ssccardinals.org](http://www.ssccardinals.org)

For a full calendar list of all scheduled events and activities please visit: [www.riverscityconference.org](http://www.riverscityconference.org)

Follow us on Twitter: @SSCCardinalNews Like us on Facebook: /ssccardinals

Technology Help Desk: 402-412-2899

C-It?, Say It! is a campaign to help avoid school violence and reassure students that our schools are safe places.

To report suspicious activity, talk to any school official or contact law enforcement. For anonymous reporting please use the Let's Talk link on the right-hand of the District website.



### 2020-2021 School Calendar

August 2020				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				
September 2020				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
October 2020				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
November 2020				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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December 2020				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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28	29	30	31	
January 2021				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
February 2021				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
March 2021				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		
April 2021				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
May 2021				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Aug 05-07 New Teacher Days  
Aug 10-12 All Staff PD Days; include one Open House until 6 PM  
Aug 13 First Day Grades K-6 & 9; Half Day Students  
Aug 14 First Day K-12

Sept 07 No School PK-12 Labor Day  
Sept 08 No School PK-12 Prof Dev  
Sept 16 P/T Conf 9-12 Evening

Oct 15 End of Q1: 44.5 Days  
Oct 16 No School PK-08 Prof Dev  
Oct 19 Start of Q2  
Oct 21 PK-8 Half Day Students & P/T Conf in Evening  
Oct 22 P/T Conf K-8 No School+Evening  
Oct 23 Exchange Day PK-12 No School

Nov 6 End of T1 (Trimester 1) for HS (9-12)  
Nov 11 P/T Conf 9-12 No School+Evening  
Nov 25 No School PK-12 Prof Dev; Staff dismiss 1:00  
Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 18 End of Q2: 40 Days; Sem 1: 85 Days  
Dec 18 PK-12 Half Day Students  
Dec 21-31 No School PK-12

Jan 01 - 06 No School PK-12  
Jan 04-06 No School PK-12 Prof Dev  
Jan 07 Classes Resume PK-12  
Jan 07 Start of Q3

Feb 03 P/T Conf PK-12 Evening  
Feb 04 P/T Conf PK-8 No School+Evening  
Feb 05 Exchange Day, PK-12, No School  
Feb 18 End of T2 (Trimester 2) for HS (9-12)

Mar 04-08 Spring Break PK-12 No School  
Mar 12 End of Q3: 44.5 Days  
Mar 12 PK-12 Half Day Students  
Mar 15 Start of Q4  
Mar 31 P/T Conf 9-12 No School+Evening

Apr 02-05 Easter Break PK-12 No School  
Apr 20 ACT; No School Gr 9, 10, 12  
Apr 23 District Music Contest/PD PK-12 No School

May 05 Gr 6 Early Out; Gr 5 visit MS  
May 20 PK-12 Half Day Students  
May 20 End of Q4 & T3: 45.5 Days/S2: 90 days  
May 31 Memorial Day  
Order of makeup days: 5/21,5/24,5/25,5/26,5/27,5/28



NOVEMBER 2020

# CARDINAL Pride

It is very important that a police department keeps the citizens of their community aware of recent crime trends. One of the largest increases in our city's crime rate over the last several years has been the number of motor vehicles stolen each year. The numbers of motor vehicles stolen each year for the last 5 years are as follows:

2015	21
2016	37
2017	46
2018	36
2019	41
2020	23 so far this year

Unfortunately, our number of stolen vehicles went up slightly in 2019. Our stolen vehicles went from 36 in 2018 to 41 in 2019. Our vehicle theft number for 2020 so far are very promising. We have had 23 thefts to date. Now that the weather is turning colder, it is time for all vehicle owners to be aware of the problems cause by leaving vehicles running unattended to warm up. Many of the vehicles stolen were left running unattended by their owner. One major contributing factor for stolen vehicles is that the keys were left inside the vehicle.

Another area that our citizens are being victimized is by having their property stolen from inside of their unlocked vehicles. We had a very good drop in thefts from motor vehicles in 2018 from 52 in 2017 to 26 in 2018. Unfortunately, we experience a rise in 2019 to 43 thefts.

One of the best ways to continue to fight crime is to prevent it in the first place. You can be one of our best crime stoppers by just doing several easy things.

- Do not leave your car running unattended outside of your house.
- Do not leave your car unlocked with the keys left inside the vehicle.
- Do not leave any items in plain sight inside your car even if it is locked.
- Report any suspicious subjects that you see.

Please check the South Sioux City Police Department's face book page for these and more crime prevention tips.  
Chief Ed Mahon



- **Red Ribbon Week**
- **Communication Station**
- **Oil Recycling Center**
- **Covid19- Thanksgiving**
- **Storm Water Pollution**

**City offices will be closed on Thursday November 26th & Friday November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving Happy Holidays**



### NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers— 1615 1st Avenue	Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
City Council Meeting*: 9th & 23rd at 5:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Board: 2nd at 5:15 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 12th at 11:00 a.m.	
Finance Committee*: 4th , 11th, 18th & 25th at Noon	South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue
Public Works Committee*: 2nd & 16th at 5:00p.m.	Library Board: 4th at 5:30 p.m.
Design Commission: 5th & 19th at 8:30 a.m.	
Planning & Zoning Commission: 11th & 25th at 4:00 p.m.	

\*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Sparklight (Cable One) Channel 57 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org)

**VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEB PAGE ONLINE AT:**  
**[HTTP://WWW.SSCCARDINALS.ORG](http://www.ssccardinals.org)**

## SIouxLAND CARES ACCEPTS RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION FROM CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE - Siouxland CARES About Substance Abuse, a community anti-drug coalition, accepted the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation at the South Sioux City Council meeting on Monday, October 12. The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation and a way for people and communities take a visible stand against drugs. Individuals were encouraged to participate by wearing a Red Ribbon or the color red from October 23-31. Siouxland CARES thanks the City of South Sioux City for their continued partnership toward a safe, healthy and drug-free community.

The Red Ribbon Campaign® originated when Federal Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Enrique spent his life dedicated to making a visible effort to eradicate illegal drugs from our communities. In response to his death, communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of the commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to teaching drug prevention in our school systems and community.

The Red Ribbon symbolizes a commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle...no use of any illegal drug and no illegal use of a legal drug. To learn more about local drug prevention efforts, please visit: [www.sioxlandcares.org](http://www.sioxlandcares.org).

Photo on the right is Rachel Lundgren



### Communication Station

Cardinal Elementary recently installed a sign on their playground to provide students with communication deficits a means of asking others to play through picture support. This has been an exciting addition and all students have been seen using the board to communicate their needs and wants.

Left to right : Dan Swatek, Jessica Johnson, Becky Echardt



**If you change your car or lawn mower oil, don't dump it on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at the Oil Recycling Center. (only clean used oil accepted)**

**The center is located at:  
Public Works  
125 E 26<sup>th</sup> St., South Sioux City.  
Hours: Monday – Friday  
7:30 am -3:30 pm**



### Volunteer of the month is Bill Garvey

Bill Garvey, Sr.

Bill Garvey, Sr. is a long-time South Sioux City resident. He and his wife, Donna, have 3 children- Bill, Jr., Kate and Mike. They also have 5 grandchildren- Lula, Mila, Kirra, Willa and Annistyn. Bill retired from IBP/Tyson in late 2017, while his wife is a financial planner and agent for Prudential Financial.

Bill is currently Co-chair of Cardinal Christmas Baskets, board member of the South Sioux City Community Foundation, board member and treasurer of Dakota County Voices for Food, board member of South Sioux City Athletic Boosters and a board member and treasurer of Hideaway Acres HOA. He is a member of the SSC Optimist Club, American Legion Post #307 and Growing Community Connections, as well as a volunteer for the Food Bank of Siouxland. In the past he has served on the board of Kids Cafe, and has served as treasurer for Boy Scout troop 149, the SSC Optimist Club and the South Sioux City Athletic Boosters. He was awarded a Life time PTA Membership and was the 2013 "Making A Difference Award" winner at Tyson Foods, Inc. Bill stays active in retired life with his volunteer activities. He and his wife, Donna, enjoy spending time at their cabin, boating and fishing, spending time with family and friends, attending grandchildren's activities, playing cards and travelling.

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the risks involved.

#### Lower risk activities

- Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

#### Moderate risk activities

- Having a small outdoor dinner with family and friends who live in your community
- \* Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

#### Higher risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

Content source: [National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases \(NCIRD\)](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1102-covid-19-risk.html), [Division of Viral Diseases](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1102-covid-19-risk.html)

### Storm Water Pollution

*Little ways we can help keep our waters clean*

#### **Lawn Care**

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens; use sparingly to minimize hazards washing into the storm drains. Yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains then into our rivers, try cleaning as much up as possible by mulching and raking grass clippings.

#### **Auto Care**

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send contaminants through the storm sewer system, dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into our river and lakes. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations. When washing your car at home try pulling onto the grass to prevent run off into the storm drains.

#### **Pet Waste**

Our pet waste is one of the major sources of bacteria in our rivers and lakes, when walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

#### **Residential landscaping**

There are many ways that you at home can help by using some of these little landscaping ideas at home.

#### **Permeable Pavement**

Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing storm water runoff.

#### **Rain Barrels**

You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

#### **Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales**

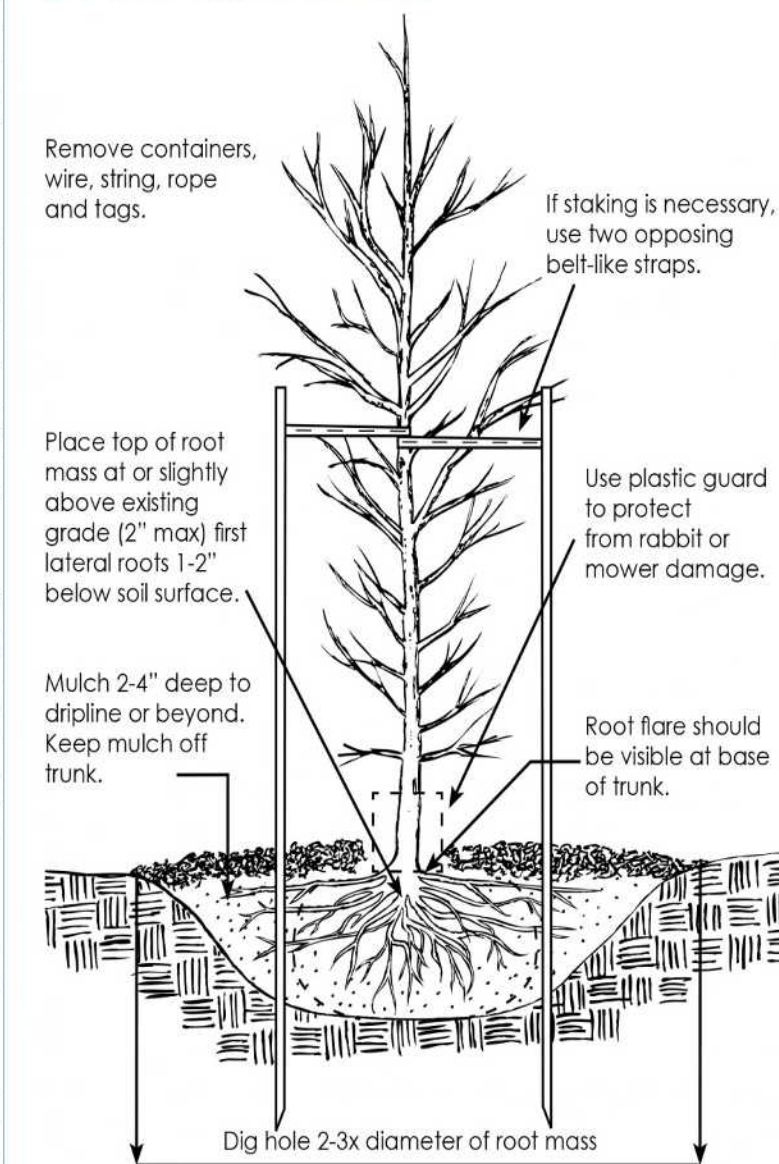
Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from roof top areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

#### **Vegetated Filter Strips**

Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants storm water picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

**Proper planting is critical to the establishment of healthy, thriving trees.**

**Digging, planting, backfilling, mulching, staking & bracing, watering, fertilizing, and pruning. (Photo below courtesy: Arbor Day Foundation).**



### Trash holiday schedule:

**Thanksgiving Day will be picked up the following day on Friday, Nov. 27th, Christmas Day will be picked up on Saturday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, New years Day will be picked up on Saturday Jan. 2nd**

*All pick up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week ON all of these holidays  
Have a Happy and Safe  
Thanksgiving !*

