



MS Staff

Contact Us! GR

Dawn Thuringer 6th  
dthuringer@esds.us

Karla Roth 7th  
kroth@esds.us

Dr. Nadine Eastman 8th  
neastman@esds.us

April Rouillard, Para 6th  
arouillard@esds.us

Danny Seaboy, Culture MS  
dseaboy@esds.us

Jessica Tiger, Culture MS  
jtiger@esds.us

Ron HolyBull, Computer MS  
rholybull@esds.us

Jessica Squirrelcoat MS  
jsquirrelcoat@esds.us

**Infinite Campus Parent Portal**  
<https://bie.infinitecampus.com/campus/portal/enemyswim.jsp>  
Check Grades & Attendance!

Upcoming!

- November 8, 2016 MS Parent Activity @ 2:30 Elections
- November 11, 2016 No School—Professional Development
- November 23-25, 2016 Fall Break—No School
- November 29, 2016 2nd Quarter Mid-term

Taku Unkospekte he?  
What are We Learning?

Mathematics:

**6th Grade**— We have been working on Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. 6th Graders learned how to change from one form to the other and when to use each type of form. Our current topic is Percent of a Quantity. Thus, we are studying problems like: if you bought a pair of pants that was on sale 40% off for \$25.00, what was the original price?

**7th Grade**— Spent time learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers. They also had their quick review on Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. Next up is solving Algebraic Equations! They are also using Google Classroom for assignments, tickets in, quizzes,

and resources (video links and help information).

**8th Grade**— Completed Module 1 with Scientific Notation and Laws of Exponents and Module 2 on Geometry including Transformations and the Pythagorean Theorem. They are currently at the beginning of Module 3 and studying the Fundamental Theorem of Similarity and Dilations.

Science

**6th Grade**—Do you know the difference between a parallel circuit and a series circuit? The sixth grade science students do! We have been studying an energy unit in science and have had a lot of fun with

hands-on learning activities constructing circuits, investigation magnets, and finding out how electricity and magnets can be used together to create electromagnets.

**7th Grade**—Have Science in a block during 2nd Semester.

**8th Grade**—Has studied several units including Earth's Systems including the Water Cycle, Meteorology, Extreme Weather, and Oceans. We transitioned to Space Science and have studied Rotations, Revolutions, and Orbits; the reason for the Seasons, and the Phases of the Moon.

Literacy:

**6th Grade** —In our literacy class

we are currently reading the book *Hatchett* by Gary Paulsen. The comprehension strategy that we are focusing on is summarizing information. We are practicing this skill as we read many close reading passages and find the big ideas and turn those into short summaries to tell what we read. The sixth graders just completed a three week unit studying the historical fiction genre, and are starting a unit focusing on realistic fiction.

**7th Grade** — The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders have been enjoying the book *The Call of the Wild*. Seventh graders have also been working on strengthening their writing skills through writing prompts and using strategies to



6th Graders Solace Owen, Evan LaBatte, and Shanna Johnson working together in Science.

6th Graders working collaboratively and hands-on in Science with Mrs. Thuringer



**Awanicihdaka—Be Safe**  
**Waokihi—Be Responsible**  
**Waunsida—Be Caring**  
**Waohoda—Re Respectful**



Toka Nuwan Wayawapi  
13525 446th Ave.  
Waubay, SD 57273  
Phone: 605.947.4605  
Fax: 605.947.4188

# Pidamaya

for attending

Together



make the  
difference

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

## Wayawapi kin Taku Unkiyutapi - Student Experiences

skills through writing prompts and using strategies to plan their writing. This literacy class is also focusing on the comprehension strategy of summarizing by reading a variety of short texts. We are just getting into a unit with the literacy genre of science fiction.

**8th Grade**—The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade literacy class has also just completed a unit on historical fiction. This genre is fiction, so most of the story part is made up, but the setting takes place in a time and place (or situation) that was real making it historical as well. We have come to know that these stories are written not only to entertain us, but to help us have an understanding of a real time and place in history. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been strengthening their writing through daily writing activities and are currently composing Veterans' Day essays. The next genre we will focus on in our reading is mystery.

### Social Studies:

8th Grade will be in geography next semester.

**7th Grade**—continues to use the skills they gained and apply them to individual countries, such as the United States and Canada. They did a research project using their chromebooks on US Dependencies.

**6th Grade**—Loved mummifying apples as part of our Egypt unit. They also have been using quizlet and quizlet.live to learn all of their new vocabulary.

### Homeroom News:

#### 6th Grade—

Trick or Treat! The sixth graders recently enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon celebrating Halloween together. A classroom full of costume-clad students enjoyed games,

treats, and a spooktacular movie together.

#### 7th Grade—

We like playing quizlet live with Dakota words during homeroom. We also had a fun Halloween party.

#### 8th Grade—

We won a Pizza Party for the Spirit Week and we had a Halloween Party

this week! Today we watched CNN Student News coverage of Standing Rock and No DAPL! The 8th graders do a great job of keeping the Science Classroom clean and taking care of our class pets—fish, hamster, guinea pigs.

**Student Council**— Student Council met to determine dress up days for homecoming; they also helped get



Our GREAT Para, April Roulliard, helping 6th Grader, Maclovio, with an assignment! We feel lucky to have her helping students!