Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later.

~Dana Stewart Scott~
Welcome back! I’m excited to begin a new school year! The last couple of weeks have been busy with schedule changes and getting our students enrolled in concurrent courses. We have over 34 students enrolled in college courses this semester. The courses range from College English, Psychology, to Animal Science. We continue to build strong relationships with our local colleges and are able to offer more opportunities to our students. Sanford Schools will pay for 6 credits per semester for Juniors and Seniors. We offer courses through Adams State University, Trinidad State Junior College, and Colorado State University-Pueblo. I work closely with the students and colleges to ensure the courses they are taking align with their college plans. If you would like more information about concurrent courses please feel free to contact me.

This year includes big changes for seniors and parents applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A representative from Adams State University’s Financial Aid office will be here in October to help students and parents complete the FAFSA. I will send out a letter to senior parents when I have the date finalized. Please see the information below with the new FAFSA process changes.

As a school counselor, my goal is to help every student be the best student they can be; this includes working directly with students as well as collaborating with families, staff, and outside agencies. If you feel your student needs support academically, socially, or emotionally please feel free to contact me.

Please let me know if there’s anything I can do to help your child this year!

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Mrs. Gartrell’s 2nd Grade News

Mrs. Gartrell’s second grade class is off to a wonderful start, and the kids are very excited about the upcoming school year. Her class consists of a total of 16 students. The main focuses of study for them right now are addition, subtraction, and learning the parts of a plant. Mrs. Gartrell feels that the most important subject for her students to learn is reading, so they are really focusing on excelling at that. Mrs. Gartrell’s second grade class’s goals are to excel, learn all they can, and have fun.

By: Jacob Deacon and Hunter Peterson

Mr. Crowther’s 5th Grade News

Mr. Crowther’s homeroom class is 5th grade. There are 16 students in his class. Mr. Crowther teaches math to all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Most of what he is teaching right now is just a review from last year to prepare for testing. His students do not like testing but give their best efforts all the time. It is an adjustment for these young elementary students to switch classes during the day, but it provides them with diversity throughout the day with new learning environments each day. Mr. Crowther’s favorite subject to teach is math.

By: Ireland Caldon

Indian Volleyball

Lady Indian volleyball is off to a great start for the 2016 season. There are a total of 24 girls on the team along with three coaches. Whitney Beiriger is the head coach and is assisted by Annette Lucero and Melissa Faucette. The team is led by five seniors—Ireland Caldon, Katelyn Caldon, Blair Bagwell, Kirsten Faucette, and Raelyn Canty. Each of these seniors has the goal of getting to the state tournament. They know that with hard work and dedication, their goals can be reached. Come out and support Lady Indian volleyball! Go Big Breen!

By: Ireland Caldon and Raelyn Canty
Mrs. Larsen’s 5th Grade News

Mrs. Larsen’s 5th grade class is off to a great start this year. In grammar, they are learning about subjects and predicates. During science, the students are learning about space and cells. An interesting activity for the 5th grade is their Leader in Me program. Right now, they are working on Habit 2: begin with the end in mind. They are also excited about the Homecoming activities and their upcoming fall field trip. They are having a lot of fun in 5th grade! Because of the rotating class schedule, Mrs. Larsen sees about 90 kids a day! Oscar, a 5th grader, said, “I think teachers are really aliens. It’s really scary!” Mrs. Larsen and her students are looking forward to an awesome school year.

By: Raelyn Canty and Morgan Russell
Dance News

This year’s team consists of 15 excited, limber, and focused girls. They are being coached by Brittin Reynolds. They are currently working hard on several different routines. They have not begun the state routine yet because they are busy preparing for Homecoming. They are focusing on flexibility and kick lines. They hope to entertain and inspire the Indians fans throughout this school year. Good luck Indian dancers!

By: Diana Hawkins

Mrs. Caldon’s Fourth Grade News

This is Mrs. Caldon’s first year of teaching, and she is really excited. She is teaching the same students that she taught last year when she student-taught here with Mr. Christensen. She lives here in Sanford with her husband and their baby girl.

In fourth grade they are working on building a community classroom. Each student is on a team with a job and a responsibility. They work together to learn and make each day run smoothly. They are doing a lot of work in reading and writing with different fictional stories.

By: Ireland Caldon
FBLA News

Welcome back! As the new business teacher and FBLA adviser, I am excited and look forward to working with your students. Thankfully, Mrs. Edgar has agreed to help me with FBLA, and we are, indeed, grateful for her commitment. Last year as a chapter Sanford had 60 students qualify for the State FBLA Conference, and over 15 students advanced and were invited to compete at the National FBLA Conference. Our goal for our chapter this year is to have all of our students advance to the State FBLA Conference to compete and have at least 20 students advance and compete at the National Conference in California. One of the reasons our chapter is so successful is because of the help from the parents and our FBLA sponsors. Each student has been asked to get a $50 sponsorship by the end of September. Member dues, which are $30, are also due at the end of September. We would like to give a big thank you to our FBLA parents in advance for helping us raise money through the selling of breakfast burritos! Burritos will be available every Monday and Wednesday for $2 each in the computer lab. Each student has been asked to donate 4 ½ to 5 dozen breakfast burritos once this year. Please note that siblings will only be required to make 4 ½ to 5 dozen breakfast burritos once as a family! The schedule through October is below.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a great year.

Kortney Jarvies

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Sanford Preschool News

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! Preschool began with a Leader in Me boot camp followed by an assembly the first week of school. We are currently taking one of the 7 Habits of Happy Kids weekly and learning what it means. Our days in preschool will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by math, literacy, science, social studies, and visual arts concepts.

Some of the concepts we will be introducing in September include shapes: circle and square, matching shapes to outline, basic colors, number 0-5 recognition and quantity and rote counting 0-15. In addition, the recognition and sounds of letters Ll, Aa, Ff, and Pp will be introduced. We will also be learning same and different concepts, positions words and sorting objects by color and size. For students who are beyond these concepts, we will plan according to their knowledge. We recommend that parents ask their children daily what they learned at preschool and incorporate a 3-5 minute activity at home to help their children better retain the information.

We currently have two morning and five afternoons CPP slots available. Please come in or call us if you are interested in sending your child or know someone who would like to enroll his/her child in our preschool program. We welcome children from RMSER Early Learning Center and will provide transportation to Sanford Preschool daily @ 12:30 p.m. For more information, please stop by the school or give us a call @ 719-274-5167. The times of sessions are: morning 8:00-11:00 a.m., and afternoon, 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Thank you,

Mrs. Malouff and Mrs. Martinez
FCCLA News

Within the past year, many thrilling events have taken place for the Sanford FCCLA Chapter. At the State FCCLA Leadership Conference all of our students received silver or gold and an unprecedented 21 of our 24 members qualified for National Competition. This is the largest number of students Sanford has ever had qualify for Nationals, as well as the largest number in the state. The students completed amazing projects and received 1st or 2nd place gold which enabled them to proceed to National’s held in San Diego. Out of the 21 students that qualified, 16 continued onward to compete at the National level. In order to have enough money to send this large amount of students each student was required to receive sponsorships from various businesses’. Our chapter is thankful for the generous donations of the following businesses in addition to the support of the school board:

- Super 8
- Subway
- Reed’s Tire
- Stones Farm Supply
- Monte Vista CO-OP
- Triple C Farms
- Good Speed Automotive
- Bulls Eye
- Tim’s Transmission
- RMMP
- Valley Meat
- SLV Builders
- Valley Electric
- Colorado Sports
- Town & Country
- Alta Fuels
- Caldon Seeding and Reclamation
- Cottonwood Dental
- San Luis Valley Federal
- 1st Southwest Bank
- Frontier Bank
- La Jara Pharmacy
- John Deere
- Rocky Mountain Soils Inc.
- Colorado Sports
- Town & Country
- Bank Shot
- Atencio’s Market
- Walgreens
- City Market
- Safeway
- Caton’s
- Alamosa Home Furnishings
- Calvillo’s
- Farm Bureau
- Chaparral Tire
- Ralph Hawkins

Thanks to these amazing sponsors, our chapter was able to compete in San Diego. Out of our 16 members that competed, we received 6 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 1 bronze medal. After the students presented their amazing projects we were given some time to explore the San Diego area. The students were also given many opportunities throughout the conference to learn leadership skills. Without the help of the School Board and the many businesses that sponsored our chapter, we would not have been able to have this amazing opportunity. We thank all those who helped us get to the National Conference in the many different ways that they did help.

We are looking forward to another successful year. Students have already begun working on this year’s projects. Also, we are excited to see the change that this year’s club produces.
Student Council

This year’s Student Council is busy, busy, busy already this year. Under the direction of president, Derick Faucette, they are currently planning for Constitution Day and Homecoming. They are tutoring daily during Academic Advisement; they attend weekly Rotary meetings; and they attend District Accountability meetings. There are around 16 members. Representation ranges from 9th-12th grades. Everyone is ready to make this school year one of the best in Sanford’s history. Go Indians!

Mrs. Canty’s 6th Grade News

In the 6th grade classroom students are learning about many subjects. In social studies they are learning about the different deserts. In reading they are learning about the characters and themes of different stories. One of the activities is that they have a big buddy-little buddy program that they do. The 6th graders go into the kindergarten and help the kindergarteners with their work. One of the activities that the 6th graders are looking forward to is the annual Operetta. They are also participating in The Leader in Me program. They are focusing on leadership in the classroom—newsletters, leadership notebooks, and art. According to Mrs. Canty, all of the 6th grade students are outstanding.

By: Raelyn Canty and Morgan Russell
Senior Interviews

Ryan Jackson

Natural hair color: Brown
Eye color: Blue
Favorite food: Friend chicken
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite song: “Toes” ~ Zac Brown Band
Favorite movie: Young Guns
Who is your hero: Billy the Kid
Favorite quote: “It is what it is.”
Shoe size: 11
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go: Wild west
Who would you take with you: Billy the Kid
Advice to classmates: Live long and be prosperous.
Advice to underclassmen: Be on time and don’t be fake.
Future plans: Mission
Anything else interesting about you: I ride horses.

River Henderson

Natural hair color: Red
Eye color: Hazel
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite song: “Devil’s Bleeding Crown” ~ Volbeat
Favorite movie: The Hangover
Who is your hero: Deadpool
Favorite quote: “It is what it is.”
Shoe size: 12
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go: Ireland
Who would you take with you: RJ
Advice to classmates: Don’t give up!
Advice to underclassmen: You’re going to miss high school.
Future plans: College
Anything else interesting about you: I am good at skiing.
Monique Salazar

Natural hair color: Brown
Eye color: Brown
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite sport: Dance
Favorite song: “Stereo Hearts”
Favorite movie: The Hangover
Who is your hero: My mom
Favorite quote: “It is what it is.”
Shoe size: 7
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go: Paris
Who would you take with you: My best friend
Advice to classmates: Never give up!
Advice to underclassmen: Do your best in school.
Future plans: College
Anything else interesting about you: I love to hunt!

Blair Bagwell

Natural hair color: Dirty blonde
Eye color: Hazel
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite sport: Volleyball
Favorite song: “Hometown Girl” ~Josh Turner
Favorite movie: Captain America
Who is your hero: Abraham Lincoln
Favorite quote: “Don’t tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon” (Unknown).
Shoe size: 10
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go: Malaysia
Who would you take with you: Family
Advice to classmates: Don’t be an idiot!
Advice to underclassmen: You won’t die!
Future plans: College; mission
Anything else interesting about you: I am an artist.