

# KINDLE'S KORNER

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

## Yankton School District Selected – Career Launch Program

The Yankton School District is one of only four schools selected for the Career Launch Program sponsored by the Governor's Office, SD Department of Education and the SD Department of Labor. The other schools selected were Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Brookings.

Funding has been provided for two full-time Career Advisors. These Career Advisors will work directly with the YSD, but will be employees of the SD Department of Labor. The Career Advisors will be involved with many school/business/industry/community related activities benefiting students, including:

- Leading the Student Internship Program
- On-going use of the online student career development tool South Dakota MyLife software
- Developing Personal Learning Plans with middle school students
- Enhancing business/industry/school partnerships
- Working with high school students in fostering post high school education and career plans
- Collaboration between YSD/Dept. of Education/Dept. of Labor and the Yankton community regarding Work Force Development
- Bringing business/industry into our schools meeting, presenting and working directly with students about careers
- Arranging on-site student visitations to local businesses

## YHS Wins 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive State Junior Achievement Titan Competition

- Junior Achievement provides hands-on programming in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and high school students that connects what students are learning in the classroom to the real world.
  - By the end of the school year, 1,014 students will have completed a JA program within the Yankton School District.
- Volunteers from our community instruct students on personal and business principles that are relevant to their lives and are the foundation of financial stability and work readiness.

- Implementation of JA programming is made possible thanks to community volunteers and funds from businesses, individuals, foundations, and special events.
- JA Titan is a virtual strategy competition in YHS' economics class that allows students to be their own boss and experience real-world decision making while running their own global, virtual business.
- Student teams acted as a company's executive officers. Teams went head-to-head as they strived to make informed, intelligent business decisions on price, production, marketing, capital investment, and research and development.
- In the fall Steve Knight and Suzie Frick mentored our students this spring our Junior Achievement Mentors will be Steve Knight and Shelly Eilers,

This past December, Yankton School District students competed against 25 other South Dakota teams in the Junior Achievement (JA) of South Dakota's JA Titan Statewide Competition, and took 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Students received a cash prize and the opportunity to advance to the National JA Titan Virtual Competition. Team captains were Max Harkias and Josh Carr. Team members included: Tecla Braxton, Cole Brummer, Devan Hohbach, Ben Jurrens, Trevor Lange, Sky Nockels, Tyler O'Donnell, Destiny Pesek, Francisco Rubio and Madison Stahly.

- YHS has won 4 straight state championships in a row
- *In the 2016-2017 school year, there were 1,385 Titan classes with 26,784 students enrolled NATIONWIDE.*
- For the 17-18 National JA Titan Virtual Competition:
  - 47 teams
  - 18 participating JA Area offices from states all over the country
  - 31 Different High Schools

### **Jr Kindergarten Registration**

If you are interested in JrK for your child, you are invited to visit Webster Elementary School on Thursday, February 15 from 4:00-6:00 PM. You and your child will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, learn more about the fun that lies ahead and register for next year.

JrK is specifically designed for those students who have a spring or summer birthday and would benefit from a year of school prior to entering Kindergarten. You will receive paperwork for registration when arriving at the school.

If you'd like to have your registration completed prior to coming, you are welcome to print it off from the district website <http://www.ysd.k12.sd.us> by going to the Schools tab then click on Jr. Kindergarten or stop by Webster Elementary School to pick up the registration information.

Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunizations, if available, on this night. Children must have current immunizations and certified birth certificate for school enrollment next fall.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Kindergarten will take place on Thursday, February 15 from 4:00-6:00 PM at each elementary building. You can visit your assigned attendance center, which is the school where older children in the family currently attend or any of the buildings (if you are living in an unassigned area). Feel free to call any of the elementary schools for clarification if you are unsure of where you should visit.

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## **Tuition-Free Preschool**

If you know of any 3 or 4 year old toddlers who could benefit from preschool, let them know we have a few openings for next fall (2018-19 school year). They can call the office to register at 665-2484.

These children need to be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2018. We will help them get registered, as well. There is a \$50 registration fee upon registering, which will be refunded upon enrolling in the district's JrK or Kindergarten the following years.

## **Legislative Coffees**

Legislative Coffees are held monthly during the South Dakota State Legislative Session (January-March) and serve as an open forum for discussion with elected officials. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas regarding educational issues facing the Yankton School District.

The Legislative Coffees are open to the public. All Legislative Coffees will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Avera Office Pavilion Amphitheatre, 409 Summit Street. The 2018 Legislative Coffee dates will be held: January 20, February 3, and March 3.

## **Superintendent Presentations**

As Superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

As Superintendent, I have spoken to several groups through-our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit.

Let's continue to have a great year!

Henry Ford stated, "**Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success.**"