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Dear Parents and Students:

I'm in the denial stage right now. I can't believe that this is May! This has been the fastest, busiest, school year yet. I keep thinking of all the things I'm going to miss next year, like May Day activities. The Kindergarten did such a nice job of crowning Mary. It was a beautiful program. The fourth grade did a fantastic job of winding the Maypole.

Last week when I thanked the cooks for the dinner dance, and I inadvertently forgot Tawnya Bass. Thank you Tawnya!

It is field trip time! The eighth grade was in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, today 2. They dropped off donated goods at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge. Then they went to Holy Rosary Mission and Heritage Center, north of Pine Ridge. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about the Native American Heritage as well as a time to donate to help others. They returned at about 3:20 PM. Also, today the fifth grade headed to Chadron for the Water Conservation Day.

The Glow in the Spirit Fun Run is set for Friday, June 2. Sign up to run or walk or you can be a sponsor. Sponsorship is tax deductible! If interested contact Julie Weems at 762-3499 or Kris Boyer 760-6098. Registration forms are also available at the school office.

The music program is this Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM. Students should be there at 6 PM, dressed appropriately.

Congratulations to the winners of the Pro-Life Poster Contest and Essay Contest. The winners of the Poster Contest are as follow: 8th grade - 2nd place, Kelsey Horton, 3rd place, Kaitlyn Schulze; 7th grade - 1st place, Mikayla Seebom, 2nd place, Luna Gonzalez; 6th grade - 1st place, Kenna Fierstein, 3rd place, Annaka Digmann; 5th grade - 1st place, Hailey Karell; 4th grade – 1st place, Abigail Loudon; 3rd grade - 3rd place, Chili Potmesil. Winner of the Pro-Life Essay Contest – 7th grade, 3rd place, Dan Steele. First place winners received a prize of \$40, 2nd place winners received \$30 and 3rd place received \$20. I am proud of all of you.

Also, Congratulations to some of our SAA students who participated in a recent 4-H Speech Contest in Bridgeport, along with students from Alliance, Chadron, Sidney, Scottsbluff, Bridgeport and Gering. Jonah Amill, grade 5, received a purple ribbon in the Junior Division for 1st place overall, Katrina Karell, grade 2, received a red ribbon in the Junior Division, and Shelbee Burke, grade 7, received a purple ribbon in the Intermediate Division for 3rd place overall. We are proud of you!

Book Swap Reminder – The second annual SAA Book Swap will be held on May 18 and May 19 in Room 304. Students and teachers have been donating gently used books that will be exchanged on this day. All books need to be brought to school to classroom teachers on or before May 16 so the books may be set up for the Book Swap. Classroom teachers will sign up and take their students up to the book swap one time on each day. All students will get to choose one book whether or not they brought a book to exchange; if

students bring books, they will be able to choose up to three books. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. Contact Mrs. Kaping or Mrs. Gould with questions.

The Preschool is the winner of our first annual Box Tops Contest. They brought in 54 bags of Box Tops for a total of 1350 Box Tops. They will be awarded with an ice cream party for their efforts. Way to go Preschool Group! The second grade finished in second place with 32 bags for a total of 800 Box Tops. They will be having a party as well. Thanks to all the students, parents and grandparents for sending your Box Tops to school!

Have a great week!

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