



Sculpture Unveiled

*By Ms. Adriel Perkins, Student Teacher for
Mrs. Molly Weinman, Grade 4*

I was thrilled to have the chance to see the beginning process of one of Artist Dave's sculptures. I had never seen anything like it in any school before. From the very beginning, where students wrote descriptions of books that inspired them, to choosing the sculpture he would create, and then to the final sculpture in clay.

The unveiling of last year's sculpture was very exciting, and you could see the joy on Heath's face, and hear how proud everyone was of him.

I am glad that I was able to share this experience with my class, and the rest of the elementary school. I look forward to coming back and seeing the sculpture outside on school grounds.

Here's how two of our fourth grade students remembered the unveiling . . .

According to Emily Allegretti, "Cheers and clapping fill the air. It's hard to breathe with all the kids in the room. Whispering finally comes, and then it happens. The blanket is off the sculpture and "oohs" and "aahs" fill the air. People try hard to see every single detail on the sculpture."

Ethan Graves recalled, "At 8 o'clock we entered the quiet gym and sat down. Then people came up and talked to us and then they announced the count down. Heath and everyone counted down



SCULPTURE MODEL Heath White (at front) admires the statue along with members of his family -- (left to right) brother Bruce White Jr., father Bruce White Sr., and sister Maria White -- at the unveiling of the sculpture created by Artist Dave Poulin.

10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1... then Heath pulled off the sheet. There the sculpture was, all covered in bronze. We all got to walk by and look at it and touch it."

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"



NYS Trooper Askey (center at back) and some friends at Learning is Fun Night.

Learning Is Fun Night 2010

Learning is Fun Night was a rousing success. We had over 300 friends and family join us for an evening filled with fun, adventure and the chance to show off the amazing work of our older students. We also served

dinner to 250 people that night and had many stations with tasty food samplings. No one went away hungry, that's for sure.

We had so much to see and do, with things to choose from for all ages (birth on



Everyone who visited the Elementary Computer Lab during Learning Is Fun Night was treated to a little taste of our new ANIMATION-ISH program. The elementary animation program was developed by author Peter Reynolds and everyone who came into the lab entered their names into the drawing for one of six books authored by Mr. Reynolds. The students shown were the lucky winners: (L-R) Chynise Logue, Leila LaJoie, Chase Robbins, Mya White, Ashlynn Scotchmer, and Emily LeVasseur.



Mrs. Hammond gets some stress relief from massage therapist Lisa Underwood during Learning is Fun Night.

up). There were so many stations to choose from it is hard to even know where to begin to list what went on! If you did not attend, you will just have to join us next year to find out for yourselves. Every year, we get bigger and bigger, and we hope that next year will continue the pattern.

Our sincere thanks to all of the teachers, staff and students who participated, as well as to all of the family and friends who took time out of their busy schedules to come make this night a success. The show of support from our community, especially on nights like these, always makes me remember why we love it here at Scio. To those who attended, thank you so much for joining us and we hope to see you all again next year!



Mrs. Harvey and Tristan Fuller prepare to enter "The Jungle."



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED . . .
Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day Holiday; if a snow day is available, school will also be closed on Friday, May 28.

EARLY DISMISSAL on . . .
Wednesday, May 12, at 2:25 p.m.

Graduation will be held on
Friday, June 25, at 7 p.m.
on the front lawn
(weather permitting).



Principal's Corner

*By Matt Hopkins, PreK-12 Principal/
Director of Curriculum & Learning*

Greetings to the SCS Community from the Main Office! For this edition I thought it would be nice to feature some of the events that have taken place in and around our school. Spring is such a busy season here at school, making it the perfect opportunity to recognize our students in their accomplishments and achievements.

Angelo Melaro Principal's Writing Contest

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the awards banquet for the Angelo Melaro Principal's Writing Contest in Olean. Scio entered two teams, each team comprised of one student from each grade (9-12). The winning essays for each grade level were then read by the author at the banquet. We have some very talented young writers among us in our Cattaraugus and Allegany County Schools! **The photo ABOVE** shows our team enjoying a nice meal with their ELA teachers.

All-County Music Festival

The Allegany County Music Festival was held March 13 at the Cuba-Rushford Elementary Campus (**see photo BELOW**). The festival featured a Sixth Grade Choir, Junior High Choir, and Senior High Band. Scio was represented by eight students whose selection was based on their performances at the County Solo Festival last year. Congratulations to these students. For those of you who attended the standing room only event, I'm sure you'll agree the students put on an incredible show.

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This year's National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony was held in the auditorium on Thursday, March 25. To be eligible, students must be in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade and have an overall average of 87% or higher. Students who apply for membership are then evaluated for the traits exemplified by NJHS members: scholarship, character, leadership, and service. There were 34 students eligible for membership this year, and of those who applied 14 students were selected (all pictured). They are: back row - Harleigh Silsby, Carolyn Haswell, Bruce White Jr., Devon Green, Angelina Jandrew, Brooke Billings, and Morgan Childs; front row - Nicholas Stilson, Troy Hoage, Connor Nolan, Elizabeth Burdick, Matt Winchell, Jordan Aftuck, and Halie Potter. Congratulations to this year's inductees.

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National Junior Honor Society Induction

The faculty and staff were very pleased to recognize the accomplishments of 14 students in grades 6-8 who were recently inducted into the Scio Chapter of the NJHS (see photo ABOVE). This brings our number of current members to forty (40) students. Congratulations to this group of students recognized for academic achievement, strong character, service, and their ability to lead others in a positive manner. Keep up the great work!

National Technical Honor Society

On Wednesday, March 31, the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont, New York inducted 24 new members into its chapter



of the National Technical Honor Society. The event was attended by area school administrators, members of the BOCES Board of Education, BOCES faculty and family.

Jme Lafferty (at left in photo ABOVE) and Kali Fuller (at right in photo); two of

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Scio Central School's juniors were inducted during this year's ceremony. Both students are currently enrolled in the Medical Assisting program at BOCES. To be eligible for induction the students must have maintained an average of 90 or higher in their Career and Technical Education Program and have a cumulative average of 85 or higher in their home school. Congratulations Jme and Kali on your hard work -- it has paid off!

100 days of Perfect Attendance in the Elementary/Middle School

I had the honor of handing out certificates to more than a dozen students in grades PreK-8 who had achieved perfect attendance through the first 100 days of school. Given the illnesses that went through our school this past winter, this proved to be no small accomplishment! My thank you goes to those students and their families for placing a high value on learning and for taking full advantage of the educational opportunities we offer.



Renee Renee Schoonover and Colton Alsworth were among those honored for Perfect Attendance.

Merry-Go-Round Playhouse

During the past school year, our students have had the opportunity to view some fantastic plays offered by the touring theatre company -- Merry Go Round Playhouse from Auburn, New York. The group has performed several themed plays and musicals focusing on curricular or character messages for our students.

Parent Portal for Student Information (Grades, etc.)

We are working through some new enhancements offered to our district parents through our student information parent portal. As a parent, I would encourage you to contact the school and obtain a parent login and password to our student information system (PowerSchool). You may contact either the Student Services Office or the Main Office for this information. Logging on to our system will allow you access to your son's or daughter's grades and other important information. Those who have accounts have commented about the ease of use and how communication between school and home can be enhanced.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions at 585-593-5510, ext. 1163.

Scio Central School Plans Alumni Banquet

The 70th annual alumni banquet for Scio Central School Alumni will be held on **Saturday, July 10, 2010** at the APB Club on the Vandermark Road, with registration beginning at 5:15 p.m. A social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. Honored years are those that end in 5 and 0. Any and all alumni -- including new 2010 graduates -- are encouraged to attend. If anyone knows of recent address changes, or any other information that will help us in contacting alumni, please contact Diana Hilliard. For more information or to register, please call 585-593-1037 and ask for Diana. Registrations are due by June 30.

District Reminders

Parents of Out-Of-District Students -- As per School Board policy, parents of out-of district students must request permission *in writing* for their child to attend Scio Central School every year. Letters of request to attend Scio Central School for the 2010-2011 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools *no later than April 30, 2010*.

Parents of Home Instructed Students -- Just a reminder to submit your quarterly reports. Parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1 of each school year.

About School Attendance -- According to school policy, students must be in attendance during the day in order to participate or attend any after school activity. If a student is not in attendance during the day, they will not be permitted to attend after school functions, including sports events, unless they have a note from a doctor. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the school at 585-593-5510.

Summer School in Late July -- Parents mark your calendars . . . Elementary Summer School will be held **July 12-30**. More information will be coming your way in June.

About Pesticides -- School law requires the District maintain, on an annual basis, a list of parents who wish to receive advance notice of pesticide at the school their child attends. To have your name included, a formal request must be submitted. Forms can be obtained by contacting the school.

School Supplies Can Be Ordered -- Order your *SchoolKidz* school supply kit for next school year. Order form and payment is due by May 10, 2010. Contact Lisa Pizarro at 585-593-5510, ext. 1163 for further information.



FBLA Travels to Sprague's Maple Farm

By Kristina Chalker, FBLA Member

On Thursday, March 11th, 40 members of the Scio FBLA took a tour of the business and production of Sprague's Maple Farm. We learned that through technology and perseverance, anything is possible, even a prospering worldwide business.

The owner of the restaurant, Mr. Sprague, shared some very valuable advice to success. One, was to take business classes in high school. Two, was to get a college degree in business management. And three, was to follow your heart and do what you love. He taught us that following your dreams can turn an enjoyable hobby at a neighboring farm into a successful worldwide business.



Some of the technology we learned about that is used to make and process the maple syrup is the osmosis evaporator and the vacuum pump. The osmosis evaporator is used to evaporate the water during the syrup making process. The vacuum pump is used to get the sap from the trees faster

and makes processing 50-80% faster and more efficient.

In all, it was a great day for learning about a flourishing local business and getting to eat delicious food as well. Thank you so much to Mr. Childs, our other chaperones, and our bus driver for taking us.



GREASE IS THE WORD -- On Saturday, March 20, the Scio FBLA and Drama Club went to the Auditorium Theatre in Rochester to see the play *Grease*. Approximately 60 students and staff attended the performance.





AT LEFT - The FBLA earned enough to fund their own trip to Canada on April 1-2 aboard a Covered Wagon tour bus. The first stop was the Toyota Manufacturing plant in Cambridge, Ontario. Students were escorted through the factory by tram with tour guides explaining the work process, quality issues, robotics, and more. After the tour, management answered questions from students for another hour. The next stop was the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Downtown Toronto. After checking in, the group visited the Eaton Center Mall and had dinner. The trip rounded out with five hours at the Ontario Science Centre -- six floors full of ideas for young entrepreneurs and multitudes of career choices. According to Mr. Childs, the group arrived back home safely and a great time was had by all. He also praised all 31 members for their excellent behavior and for leaving a positive impression with those they encountered.

Scio Area Dollars for Scholars

Continuing Student Scholarship

If you are a resident of the Scio Central School District and currently enrolled in a degree-granting program at a college or university, or at an accredited technical school, and active in college/community service, you are eligible for this program. We will offer up to five scholarships this year. Each scholarship will be up to \$500 in value.

Contact Joan Wissert at joan.wissert@roadrunner.com for an application or if you have any questions. Previous Continuing Student Scholarship winners are ineligible.

THANK YOU

Scio Area Dollars for Scholars would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all of the community members who faithfully support our efforts. Whether you have contrib-

uted to our fundraising drives or purchased tickets for our annual Beef on Weck dinner, we appreciate your support.

We also thank Superintendent Mike McArdle for his steady guidance and support of our efforts and the faculty and staff members at SCS for their continued support through payroll deduction contributions.

Community support of our efforts has enabled us to distribute more than \$27,000 in scholarships and awards in the six short years we have been in existence.



Celebrating Presidents Day



Students in Mrs. James reading class celebrated Presidents Day by reading "Marvin Redpost Class President" by author Louis Sachar. Students learned about being a "Good Citizen," and how to be mature and responsible in the classroom. Students also made a patriotic poster to share their ideas with others. Pictured ABOVE left to right are: Gage Marion, Caleb Webster, Travis Middaugh and Mrs. James.





If your teen is giving a party

- Help your teenager plan the party. Make a guest list and invite only a specific number of people.
- Have your child pass out or send invitations and try to avoid the “open party” situation.
- Don’t send e-mail invitations. They can be forwarded to a large number of people quickly and you lose control of who has this information.
- Put your phone number on the invitation and welcome calls from parents.
- Set rules ahead of time such as no alcohol, drugs or tobacco. Set a start and end time for the party.
- Let attendees know that if they leave, they can’t come back.
- Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Plan some activities such as music, games, movies, etc.
- Let your neighbors know in advance there will be a party and that you will be there to supervise. Familiarize yourself with the noise ordinance in your area.
- Limit the party access to a certain area of the house/property.
- Have a plan for dealing with vehicles. Include parking information on your party invitation.
- Call parents of any teen who arrives in possession of alcohol or under the influence. If you can’t get in touch with the parents, keep the teen there or call the police if necessary. You can be civilly liable if you know they have been drinking and you let them leave.
- Secure all forms of alcohol, firearms and other potentially hazardous items in your home in a safe place.
- Make regular and unobtrusive visits to the party area with sensitivity to teens’ needs for privacy and independence.
- Invite some other parents to help chaperone if there will be a large number of teenagers.

When you’re away from home or out of town

- Set and communicate rules and standards to be followed in your absence.
- Do not allow underage youth to have unsupervised parties or gatherings.
- Remind them of their responsibilities and the consequences of their actions.
- Have a relative or responsible adult stay at your home during your absence, have your teenager stay with a

If your teen is attending a party

- Know where your child will be. Call the parent in charge to verify the occasion and location of the party and ensure there will be adult supervision.
- Ask how many teens are expected at the party and offer to help supervise or provide refreshments.
- Make certain that the host will not be serving or allowing alcohol. Ask how they plan to handle the situation if a teen shows up with alcohol or has been drinking.
- Indicate your expectations to your child and the parent hosting the party that if the teens leave and go somewhere else, you will want to know.
- Set a curfew for your teen to be home and when they arrive home, have them check in with you.
- responsible adult or ask a neighbor to watch the house and stop in while you are gone.
- If you are concerned that your child might have a party anyway, you can call your local police and ask them to drive by at some point over the time you are gone. Make it a point to tell your child that you have asked the police to do this.
- Know how your child is getting to and from the party. Reinforce the message to your teenager that they should never allow someone who has been drinking or using other drugs to drive them anywhere.
- Assure your child that they can telephone you to be picked up whenever needed.
- If the activity seems inappropriate, express concern and keep your child home.

Other ideas

- Get to know your children’s friends and their parents.
- Find out their policy on alcohol, drug and tobacco use.
- Encourage alcohol-free and drug-free parties and activities for underage youth.





PROM AND GRADUATION PARTIES

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. In a recent national survey of parents and teens by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking alcohol, smoking pot, or using cocaine, Ecstasy or prescription drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, nearly half (46 percent) of teens have been at such parties where parents were present.

Hosting a prom or graduation party where alcohol is available to underage youth is illegal and can pose serious health risks and legal ramifications for everyone involved. Parent should understand that taking away the car keys does not solve all the problems related to underage drinking. Every day, at least six youth under 21 die from non-driving alcohol-related causes, such as drowning and suicide as well as the fact that sexual activity and delinquent behaviors increase with underage drinking.

Parents who knowingly allow a person under age 21 to remain on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted and face a jail sentence, fines and/or loss of property.

Adults providing alcohol to underage youth send a mixed message and can only add to a teenager's confusion about the acceptability of drinking. They are also sending the message to teens that they do not have to obey the law. Research shows that most teenagers appreciate it when their parents set boundaries and establish expectations that are fairly enforced. Our youth deserve to live and grow to adulthood in an environment where alcohol is not misused. Let's work together to encourage adults to host alcohol-free parties with plenty of fun activities to show our youth that we care about their future.

If you want to get involved in decreasing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use within Allegany County, please call 585-593-1920 x721 or go to our website at www.ppaccentral.org.



Partners for Prevention in Allegany County
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Spring Music Events

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, Scio Central School students Maegan Windus, Petey Hutchinson, Harleigh Silsby, Ashley Armstrong, Annelise Benedict, Matt Burdick, Kayla Williams, Sheyana Smith, Amanda Carroll, Caitlin Nolan, Jordan Manikowski, Alex Cornell, and Richard Mitchell performed at Solo Fest at Fillmore Central School. The students were allotted 10 minutes to perform and were critiqued by certified adjudicators. They were then given a score. Each student did a great job. Maegan Windus actually achieved a perfect score!

Several SCS students participated in this year's All County festival, held at Cuba Elementary School on March 13. The sixth grade choir, directed by Belfast vocal music director Aubri Ordway, was comprised of over 90 sixth graders from the county. Scio was represented by Devon Alsworth, Ashley Armstrong, Annelise Benedict, Lizzy Burdick, Angelina Jandrew, Harleigh Silsby, and Anthony Warboys. Selections that the students sang included Under The Sea, I Am A Small Part of the World, Song for the Unsung Hero, and a Hebrew piece. The Junior High students selected were



**Shelby
Claypool**

Another Successful Talent Night!

Congratulations to all who participated in the Sixth Annual Scio Talent Night. Everyone who got up on stage did an extraordinary job! The night was filled with a variety of entertainment for all ages. We had our most successful night ever due to a full house and a very active prize auction. Yearbook would like to thank everyone who donated, gave their time to help out and joined us for the occasion.



Gen Bender, Darian Black, Matt Burdick, Amanda Carroll, and Alex Cornell. They were under the direction of guest conductor Norma Bartlett. The highlight for the students was the performance of "The Turtle Dove." All students did a wonderful job and really enjoyed being part of choirs that have the best singers in Allegany County!

We will soon be presenting our annual spring concerts. **Our K-4 concert will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 26, and our 5-12 concert will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 1.** We look forward to seeing you there, and, as always, we thank you for your support!



May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>- PreK-4 placement requests must be in by June 4, 2010</p>						1
2	3 - NHS Banquet in Houghton at 6:00 p.m. in the Reinhold Center	4	5 - BOE Meeting/Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. - PreK-6 Faculty Meeting - Grades 3-8 State Math Exam	6 - Grades 3-8 State Math Exam	7 - Registration deadline for the ACT on June 12, 2010 (fee required) - Grades 3-8 State Math Exam	8 - Late Registration for the ACT is May 8 through May 21, 2010 (additional fee is required)
9	10 - After school regents reviews begin this week	11	12 - Early Dismissal Day	13 - PreK and Kindergarten Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	14 - PreK and Kindergarten Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	15 For more information on PreK and Kindergarten registration, please contact the main office.
16 - 29th Annual Lions Journey for Sight 5K Walk or Run at Island Park - Registration from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	17 - Kindergarten Screening - all day - Big 30 Academic Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in Olean at the Old Library	18 - Annual Meeting (Budget Vote) 12-8 p.m. - BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Kindergarten Screening - all day		20 - Kindergarten Screening Parent Meetings throughout the day	21 - Mid-quarter reports mailed out - Grades 5-12 Power Team assembly at 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium	22 - Junior/Senior Prom - APB Club - Pictures 6-7 p.m. - Dinner 7-8 p.m. - Dance 8-11 p.m. - Crowning at 10:30
23	24	25	26 - K-4 Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium - Grade 4 State Science Performance Test - Grade 8 State Science Performance Test	27 - Grade 4 State Science Performance Test	28 - If a snow day is available, there will not be school on this day	29 **Athletic Events see "viewmyschedule.com"
30	31 - HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY - BUILDING CLOSED			- Sophomore Class Sweat-shirt Fundraiser from May 3 through May 15, 2010	**College visits posted on board outside of Student Services	**All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>20</p> <p>- PreK-4 placement requests must be in by June 4, 2010</p>	<p>21</p> <p>- BOE Meeting at 6:00 p.m. - Regents: 8:15 a.m. Second Language Proficiency Exam in Spanish - 12:00 p.m. RCT in Writing and RCT in Global Studies</p>	<p>22</p> <p>- Regents: 8:15 a.m. Physical Setting/Earth Science and Physical Setting/Physics - 12:00 p.m. Comprehensive Regents Exam in Spanish and RCT in Reading</p>	<p>23</p> <p>- Last day for PreK-6 - Regents: 8:15 a.m. RCT in Mathematics and RCT in US History & Government</p>	<p>24</p> <p>- Professional Development Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>- Jr. Class Beverage Sale - Graduation Rehearsal at 11:00 a.m. front lawn - CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION AT 7:00 p.m. - Front Lawn Weather Permitting</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>13</p> <p>- PreK Screening - Middle School Field Day (p.m.) - Grade 8 State Social Studies Test - Last day of school for grades 9-12</p>	<p>14</p> <p>- PreK Screening - Middle School Field Day (p.m.) - Grade 8 State Social Studies Test - Last day of school for grades 9-12</p>	<p>15</p> <p>- PreK Screening - Middle School Field Day (all day) and last day of school for grades 7 and 8 - Regents: 8:15 a.m. Algebra 2/Trigonometry and Mathematics B - 12:00 p.m. RE in Global History & Geography - Grade 8 State Social Studies Test</p>	<p>16</p> <p>- Regents: 8:15 a.m. Comprehensive English: Session One - 12:00 p.m. Living Environment and Physical Setting/Chemistry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>- Regents: 8:15 a.m. Comprehensive English: Session Two - 12:00 p.m. Geometry - Big 30 Academic Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in Olean at the Old Library</p>	<p>18</p> <p>- Regents: 8:15 a.m. RE in US History & Government and RCT in Science - BOCES Graduation at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>- FBLA to Darien Lake leaving at 9:00 a.m. from the school</p>
<p>6</p> <p>- Grade 4 State Science Written Test - Grade 8 State Science Written Test</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>- Student Art Show beginning at 5:00 p.m. - Senior's Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Awards Night at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium</p>	<p>9</p> <p>- Dollars for Scholars Fifth Annual Walk-a-thon at 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>- PreK Graduation at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium - Varsity Sports Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gym</p>	<p>11</p> <p>- Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium - End of the marking period - Deadline for Dollars for Scholars Continuing Student Scholarship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>- ACT (please stop in student services for more information on the ACT)</p>
						<p>**Athletic Events see "viewmyschedule.com"</p>
						<p>**All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.</p>

About the Vote

Annual Vote

Voting by district citizens at a special meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the Scio Central School Elementary Auditorium. The hours of voting are 12 noon to 8 p.m.**

Public Hearing on Budget

The proposed 2010-2011 budget will be presented at a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in the Scio Central School Elementary Auditorium at 6 p.m.**

School Board Position Open

One five-year term on the Scio Central School Board of Education to fill the expired term of Mr. Roger Fuller.

Meet the Candidate Night

A "Meet the Candidate Night" will be held on **Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in the Elementary Auditorium following the public hearing on the budget, which begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Qualifications of Voters

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled to vote, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. At least eighteen (18) years of age by May 18, 2010; and
3. A resident of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the vote.

Absentee Ballot Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled to an absentee ballot, who is:

1. A qualified voter of the district (see previous section);
2. A patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on the day of the vote due to illness or physical disability; or

3. Unable to appear because of duties, occupation, business or studies that require him or her to be outside the county or city of residence on the day of the vote.

Process to Obtain an Absentee Ballot

A qualified voter of the Scio School District voting by absentee ballot must:

1. Contact the school by phone or mail and request that an application be sent to them;
2. Complete the application and return

- it to the District. The District Clerk must receive this application at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter;
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a specially marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk, and it must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

The Scio Central School Board of Education has been working since December on their budget proposal for the 2010–2011 school year. In light of the state budget situation, it has been very difficult for them. I commend them for their efforts along with their willingness to meet beyond their normal meeting times to put together the budget you will be voting on May 18th.

We followed the following principles in our budget building process this year, as has been our goal in previous years:

- To continue maintaining cost through a thorough review of the expenditure side of our budget
 - ✓ A 1.87% expenditure increase
 - ✓ \$133,000 in cuts in our expenditure budget
 - ✓ Refinanced Capital Project Bonds, saving \$20,000 per year for the next ten (10) years
- To maintain our educational programs
 - ✓ a ½ time tutor for our math department in grades 7–12 was added during the 2009-10 school year and continued in the 2010-11 budget
- Minimize the tax levy to our community
 - ✓ The board called for a 0% increase in our tax levy for the 2010–11 school year
 - ✓ Using a newly created Employee Retirement Reserve Account and increasing our appropriated fund balance, \$221,427 of fund balance was used to support our budget.

Since a state budget is not in place as I write this, we used the Governor's proposal when we prepared our budget. His proposal cut our aid by approximately \$44,460 but we are still awaiting final word on his budget.

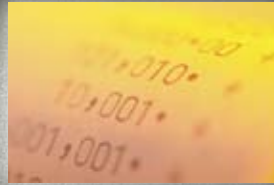
On behalf of the Scio Central Board of Education, I encourage you to attend our public hearing on May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium. Immediately following that presentation, we will have our "Meet the Candidate Night" for the candidates who are running for the open position on our Board. We currently have four people gathering signatures to run for that position.

Michael J. McArdle
Superintendent



Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

BUDGET VOTE on Tuesday, May 18, noon - 8 p.m.,
in the Scio Central School Elementary Auditorium.



BUDGET HEARING on
Wednesday, May 5, 6 p.m.,
in the Scio Central School
Elementary Auditorium.

Questions & Answers About the Capital Reserve Fund

One of the propositions on the ballot that will be placed before the voters on May 18, 2010, is a proposition to establish a Capital Reserve Fund. Below in question and answer format is an explanation of how the reserve fund works, why it is beneficial, and what are the rules that will govern it.

Q. What is a Capital Reserve Fund?

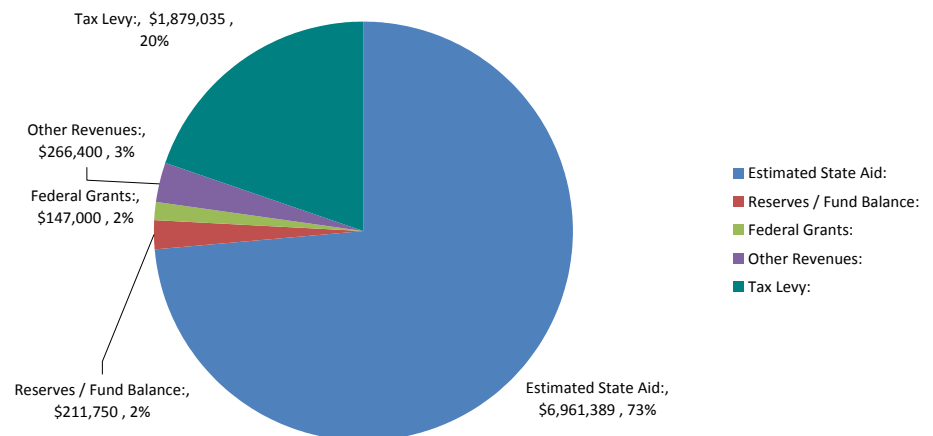
A. It is an account set up to pay a portion of the cost for future construction projects that the District undertakes.

Q. What are the benefits of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund?

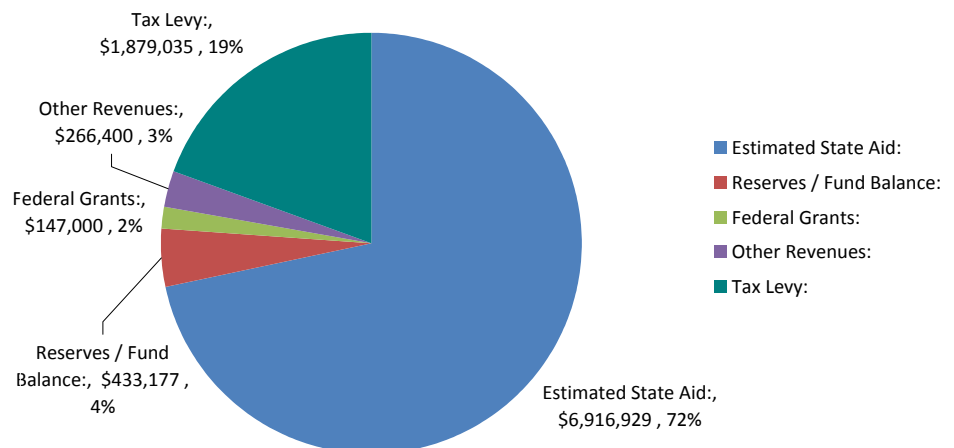
A. The District will be able to reduce the amount that it needs to borrow for a capital project by using the fund to finance a portion of the project. This will in turn lower the annual interest expense on the debt.

Q. How long is the term of the Capital Reserve Fund?

A. The fund would be operational for ten years. It is expected that the District will require two small renovation projects during that time frame. The Board of Education is currently reviewing some areas of the buildings that are in need of repair and reconstruction. These include roof replacement, masonry repair, and bus garage repairs.



2009-10 Revenue Distribution



2010-11 Revenue Distribution

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2010-11 Estimated Revenue Summary

Source	2009-10	2010-11	Difference
State Aid	\$ 6,961,389	\$ 6,916,929	\$ (44,460)
Other Revenues	\$ 266,400	\$ 266,400	\$ -
Local Taxes	\$ 1,879,035	\$ 1,879,035	\$ -
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$ 211,750	\$ 433,177	\$ 221,427
Federal Grants	\$ 147,000	\$ 147,000	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 9,465,574	\$ 9,642,541	\$ 176,967

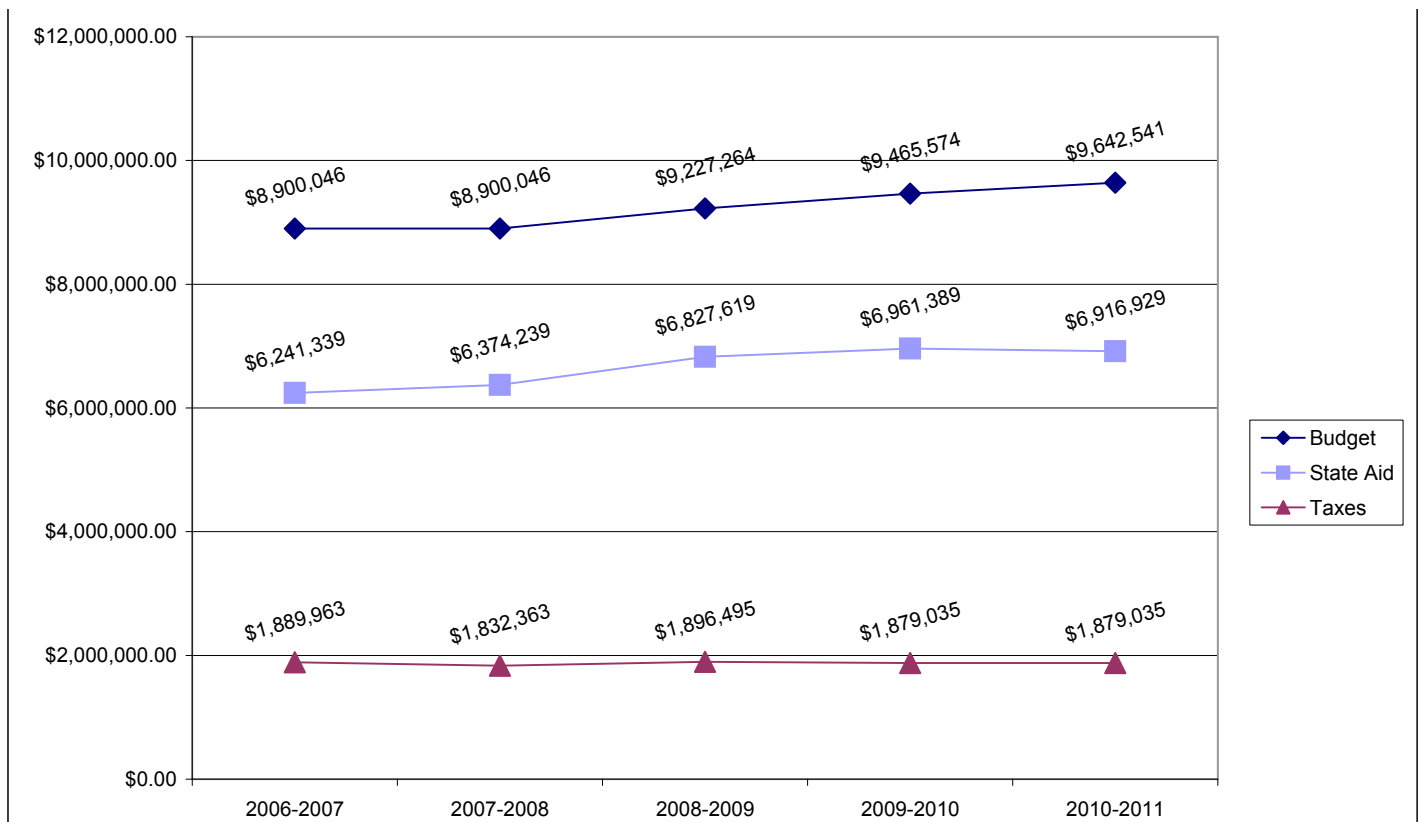


Proposed 2010-2011 Budget



Year	Tax Rate Per \$1,000	Assessed Value Prior to STAR	Assessed Value After STAR	Total Tax After STAR	Increase
2009-10	\$32.36	\$75,000	\$52,200	\$ 1,689.19	
2010-11	\$32.36			\$ 1,689.19	\$0.00 Per year \$0.00 Per month
2009-10	\$32.36	\$60,000	\$37,200	\$ 1,203.79	
2010-11	\$32.36			\$ 1,203.79	\$0.00 Per year \$0.00 Per month
2009-10	\$32.36	\$50,000	\$27,200	\$ 880.19	
2010-11	\$32.36			\$ 880.19	\$0.00 Per year \$0.00 Per month
2009-10	\$32.36	\$40,000	\$17,200	\$ 556.59	
2010-11	\$32.36			\$ 556.59	\$0.00 Per year \$0.00 Per month

Five-Year Budget History



The budget has increased an average of 2.1% per year over the last five years.



2010-11 Proposed Expenditure Budget



Proposed 2010-2011 Budget



**On May 18, You Will Vote
on the Following:**

Proposition 1 - General Budget

Shall the Board of Education of Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2010-11 budget in the amount of \$9,642,541?

Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus

Shall the Board of Education of Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York be authorized to purchase one (1) sixty-five (65) passenger diesel school bus at a total purchase price of one hundred eight thousand three hundred thirty-four & 74/100 dollars (\$108,334.74), less any trade-in allowance, with \$20,000 of the cost being transferred from the Bus Reserve Fund, the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

Proposition 3 - Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions

<u>PROGRAM COMPONENT</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 10,458	\$ 15,214
Administration and Improvement	148,108	134,244
Teaching Regular School	2,207,503	2,298,058
Programs for Students with Disabilities	1,172,155	1,152,961
Occupational Education	475,097	479,654
Summer School	18,610	22,060
Instructional Media	385,481	391,538
Pupil Services	175,150	176,456
Interscholastic Athletics	110,417	113,918
Pupil Transportation	560,043	576,073
Census	1,000	1,000
Employee Benefits	1,320,670	1,436,611
TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$ 6,584,692	\$ 6,797,787
<u>CAPITAL COMPONENT</u>		
Operation of Plant	\$ 597,199	\$ 563,469
Maintenance of Plant	320,873	328,269
BOCES Capital	65,497	67,706
Pupil Transportation	25,500	25,500
Employee Benefits	135,374	149,609
Debt Service	1,001,172	968,172
Transfer to Capital Fund from Reserves	20,000	20,000
TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$ 2,165,615	\$ 2,122,725
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</u>		
Board of Education	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,600
Central Administration	193,398	173,713
Finance	166,515	175,664
Staff	44,912	55,474
BOCES Administrative	52,459	53,168
Miscellaneous Items	8,000	8,000
Administration and Improvement	92,457	96,380
Employee Benefits	146,926	148,030
TOTAL		
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$ 715,267	\$ 722,029
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,465,574	\$ 9,642,541

1.87% increase

of Education Law §3651(1)? The purpose of the fund is for construction, repair and reconstruction of capital improvements and the acquisition of equipment. The ultimate amount of the fund shall be \$800,000. The probable term shall be 10 years. The source from which funds will be obtained can include any or all of the following: non-appropriated fund balances from the general fund as determined by the Board of Education, from time to time; State aid related to expenditures from the capital reserve fund; interest income related to investments of

money in the fund and any other additional monies thereafter authorized by the voters of the District.

Proposition 4 - Scio Memorial Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District be permitted to increase the levy for the Scio Memorial Library from \$12,000 to \$13,000?

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Propositions -- From Page 15

Proposition 5 - Election of Candidate to the Board of Education

Vote for one (1) five (5)-year term to expire 6/30/2015. All vacancies are filled "at large," the candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.

Dear Scio School Districts Residents:

Our school year is fast approaching to a close. It has been a very busy school year for the board. I want to first thank you for your participation and offering your input at board meetings this past year.

The board still has a lot of business to conduct and projects to complete before June 30th. The superintendent search is in progress; the budget has been finalized and a vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Be sure to come and vote. The board has worked to get the total budget to a minimum increase in expenditures and to utilize more of the fund balance than the past few years. It is projected that there will not be an increase in the total tax levy. An exit poll will be conducted after you have voted; please take the time to complete this poll as it will give the board and administration some direction for the next school year and into the future.

Public attendance at board meetings is important. There is a schedule on the school website as well as all meetings are posted on the school sign. The board normally meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday and the third Monday of each month. Here are the meetings set for the next two months:

- Tuesday, 4/27 – Regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, 4/28 – Review of superintendent applications, 6 p.m.
- Monday, 5/5 – Regular board meeting & public hearing on budget, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, 5/18 – Vote from 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, 5/18 – Regular board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, 6/2 – Regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, 6/21 – Regular meeting, 6 p.m.

As president of the board this year, I thank everyone for your support. The appointment of president is an annual appointment and I will not be seeking reappointment for this position. This will be my last opportunity to update the community in the newsletter as president. My purpose for running for the board of education three years ago was to better involve and inform the public. I feel I have achieved my goal thus far. I will always continue to strive in providing the best education for our children and grandchildren, always keeping all students as a priority when making decisions as a board member.

Thank you,

Carole A. Wells
Scio School Board President



Proposed 2010-2011 Budget



Q & A -- From Page 13

Q. How much money can be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund?

A. The total cumulative amount that can be deposited into the fund over ten years is \$800,000.

Q. What funds can be deposited in the reserve?

A. Any non-appropriated funds that are determined by the Board of Education can be deposited into the reserve. The interest earned on the investment of the fund will also be deposited in the account.

Q. When will deposits be made into the Capital Reserve Fund?

A. The Board of Education will determine the amount and timing of the deposits into the fund over the life of the reserve. The reserve does not need to be fully funded immediately, but would occur over time as funds are available.

If you have any questions regarding this proposition, please contact Superintendent Michael McArdle, Business Manager Joseph Butler, or a Board of Education member at 593-5076.



Spring/Summer Testing

*By Matt Hopkins, PreK-12 Principal/
Director of Curriculum & Learning*

It's that time of year again! Testing season is upon us in New York State. If you have a son or daughter in grades 3-12 please read the information below. It is always important for students to come to school prepared to take end of the school year, summative assessments. Academic preparation is vital to student achievement. However, a good night's rest and nutrition will also play an important role in student preparation no matter what age.

Grades 3-8 Testing

Most parents are already aware of the changes that New York State made to their 3-8 ELA and Math Test Schedule. All ELA and Math exams were moved to the spring. The ELA exam will be given to all students in grades 3-8 starting on April 26, 2010. Some grade levels are two day exams others are three day exams. It is very important that your children are in attendance during the weeks of exams. The Math exams will begin on Wednesday, May 5 or Thursday May 6 and end on May 6 or May 7. They are all two day exams. New York State provides us with a very narrow window for administration of the exams. Dates for the grades 3-8 exams are shown on the calendar pages 8-9 of this newsletter.



Regents Testing

We will send a copy of the June Regents/RCT Schedule home with the 30-week report cards. In addition to the test schedule, we will provide a schedule for Regents review that will take place after school and/or evening hours. It is very important for students and parents to understand the graduation requirements related to Regents Exams. Graduation requirements can be found in the student handbook. Please review the requirements for Math, ELA, Science, and

Social Studies with your children. There is at least one exam in each of those core areas that must be passed for graduation from any high school in New York State.

General

It is a very competitive, global economy our students are entering upon graduation.

Student success in meeting the rigor and challenges that lie ahead can be directly linked to his/her success in high school. As the world continues to evolve, so must the way in which we educate our children. Our expectations and levels of student achievement will continue to escalate. I ask for your support as we work together to help our young people reach their fullest potential.



ABOVE & BELOW - On Thursday, March 4, the Scio LIONS' Club visited Mrs. Grabow's and Mrs. LaJoie's second grade classes. Students enjoyed learning about our country's flag. They heard about some of our visitors' contributions to our country. They also received mini flags and hand-made flag bases. Then the students were treated to cupcakes and punch provided by the LIONS' Club. Thank you to LIONS' Club members Mr. Towner, Mr. Alsworth, Mr. Hint, and Mr. Dannheim. We loved having you join us for a patriotic morning!



Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Softball

Mon., April 26 BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 28 WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Fri., April 30 @ Genesee Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Sat., May 1 Whitesville Tourney, TBA
 Tues., May 4 FILLMORE, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 5 @ Alfred-Almond, 5:45 p.m.
 Thur., May 6 @ Canaseraga, 4:30 p.m.
 Sat., May 8 Scio Tournament
 G-V vs. Portville, 10 a.m.
 Scio vs. Fillmore, 10 a.m.
 Consolation, 12 noon
 Championship, 12 noon
 BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 10 @ Andover, 4:30 p.m.
 Wed., May 12 CANASERAGA, 7 p.m.
 Fri., May 14 @ Walsh, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 17 @ Whitesville, 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., May 18 @ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
 Thur., May 20

Coach: Irv Newton

Modified Softball

Mon., April 26 FRIENDSHIP, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 4 BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Thur., May 6 WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 11 @ Canaseraga, 4:30 p.m.
 Thur., May 13 @ Whitesville, 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., May 17 ANDOVER, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 19 @ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.

Coach: Kelly Goodridge

Varsity Baseball

Mon., April 26 @ Belfast, 7 p.m.
 Wed., April 28 BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 5 p.m.
 Fri., April 30 @ Andover, 7 p.m.
 Wed., May 5 @ Alfred-Almond, 5:45 p.m.
 Fri., May 7 @ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
 Sat., May 8 Scio Tournament
 Fillmore vs. Whitesville, 9 a.m.
 Scio vs. Friendship, 11:30 a.m.
 Consolation, 2 p.m.
 Championship, 4:30 p.m.
 FILLMORE, 5 p.m.
 CANASERAGA, 7 p.m.
 Mon., May 10 @ Walsh, 5 p.m.
 Fri., May 14 FRIENDSHIP, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 17 WHITESVILLE, 7 p.m.
 Tues., May 18
 Thur., May 20

Coach: Kevin Mole

Modified Baseball

Mon., April 26 FRIENDSHIP, 5 p.m.
 Thur., April 29 @ Whitesville, 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., May 4 BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Thur., May 6 WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 11 @ Canaseraga, 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., May 17 ANDOVER, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 19 @ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.

Coach: Rob Claypool

Varsity Track

Tues., April 27 @ Portville, 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., May 4 @ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 11 @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 15 Wellsville Spring Day, TBA
 Tues., May 18 @ Genesee Valley, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 25 County Meet @ C-R, 5 p.m.
 Fri., May 28 Sectionals, TBA

Coach: Ann Ball

Modified Track

Mon., April 26 @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 3 @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 10 @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 17 @ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 24 @ Houghton College, 5 p.m.

Coach: Bethany Bunk

Athletics News

By Doreen Martin, Athletic Director

Viewmyschedule.com

We've provided all of our spring sports schedules ABOVE, but don't forget, you can view any of Scio's sports schedules by going to www.viewmyschedule.com

Just type in Scio where they ask for a school name and you can view all sports schedules. You can also be put on the email list to receive emails of game changes for any sport. This is a great website to use to stay current on all schedules.

Sports Banquets

The JV/Modified sports banquet is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium. A dessert buffet will follow in the cafeteria.

The Varsity sports banquet is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m. in the Rigby Gymnasium.

Reservation sheets will be sent home with student/athletes in May.



Second Graders Raise \$870 for Going Bald For a Cause Event

The second graders in Mrs. Grabow and Mrs. LaJoie's classes demonstrated a lot of generosity. These second graders supported Mr. Grabow and Mr. LaJoie as they agreed to shave their heads bald to help raise money for Going Bald For a Cause in memory of Paula Budinger. Together, our students and husbands raised \$870 from donations, pledges, piggy banks, ice cream money, money earned from chores and can collections. Jack Weimer, a second grader, joined in by shaving his head too. We are very proud of our students and husbands for their efforts to raise awareness and money for people in Allegany County with cancer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING
PRE-SCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION 2010-2011

PRE-SCHOOL:

If you live in the Scio Central School District and you have a child whose fourth birthday falls on or before December 1, 2010, your child is eligible to enter Pre-School in the fall of 2010.

If your child meets the above qualifications, please notify us by phone at 593-5510 or by completing the form below and mailing or dropping it off to the school no later than May 7, 2010; registration packets will be mailed out shortly thereafter. Information regarding the dates for Pre-School registration will be included in the packets.

KINDERGARTEN:

If you live in the Scio Central School District and you have a child whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 1, 2010, your child is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2010.

If your child meets the above qualifications, please notify us by phone at 593-5510 or by completing the form below and mailing or dropping it off to the school no later than May 7, 2010; registration packets will be mailed out shortly thereafter. Information regarding the dates for Kindergarten registration and Kindergarten screening will be included in the packets.

Sincerely,
Scio Central School Administration

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Scio Central School
Request for Registration Packet
(Complete and return to Scio Central School Main Office before May 7, 2010)
Eligibility Information

(Circle One): Kindergarten Packet Pre-School Packet

Child's Name (Print first and last)	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Parent/Guardian Name (Print first and last)	Relationship to Child
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Postal Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Street Address (Please include House Number)	City	State	Zip Code
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Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number	Cellular Telephone Number
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Going Bald for a Cause

On Wednesday, March 17, 57 brave people converged in the Rigby Gym to shave their heads and raise money for the Allegany County Cancer Services *Going Bald for a Cause* event. This year, the money raised will stay in Allegany County to assist our friends and neighbors that are battling cancer. Every \$400 raised will be donated directly to an Allegany County resident. Our first-ever event netted over \$6,800. The Scio employees collected \$1,500. Seventeen Scio students had their heads shaved, while six Scio employees shed their locks. Mr. Foster challenged the school to raise \$2,000 and he would shave his ponytail. We raised just over \$2,100 for his head alone. The Scio second grades collected \$870.93 (see photo on page 18). Several individuals collected and donated upwards of \$500. Thanks everyone for your support and compassion.

IN TOP LEFT PHOTO - Maguire Insley is shown shaving his mom's head.

IN TOP LEFT PHOTO - Leila Lajoie is shown cropping her dad's flowing locks.

IN TOP LEFT PHOTO - Mr. LaJoie and Mr. Grabow show off their shiny domes. The glare was astonishing!

