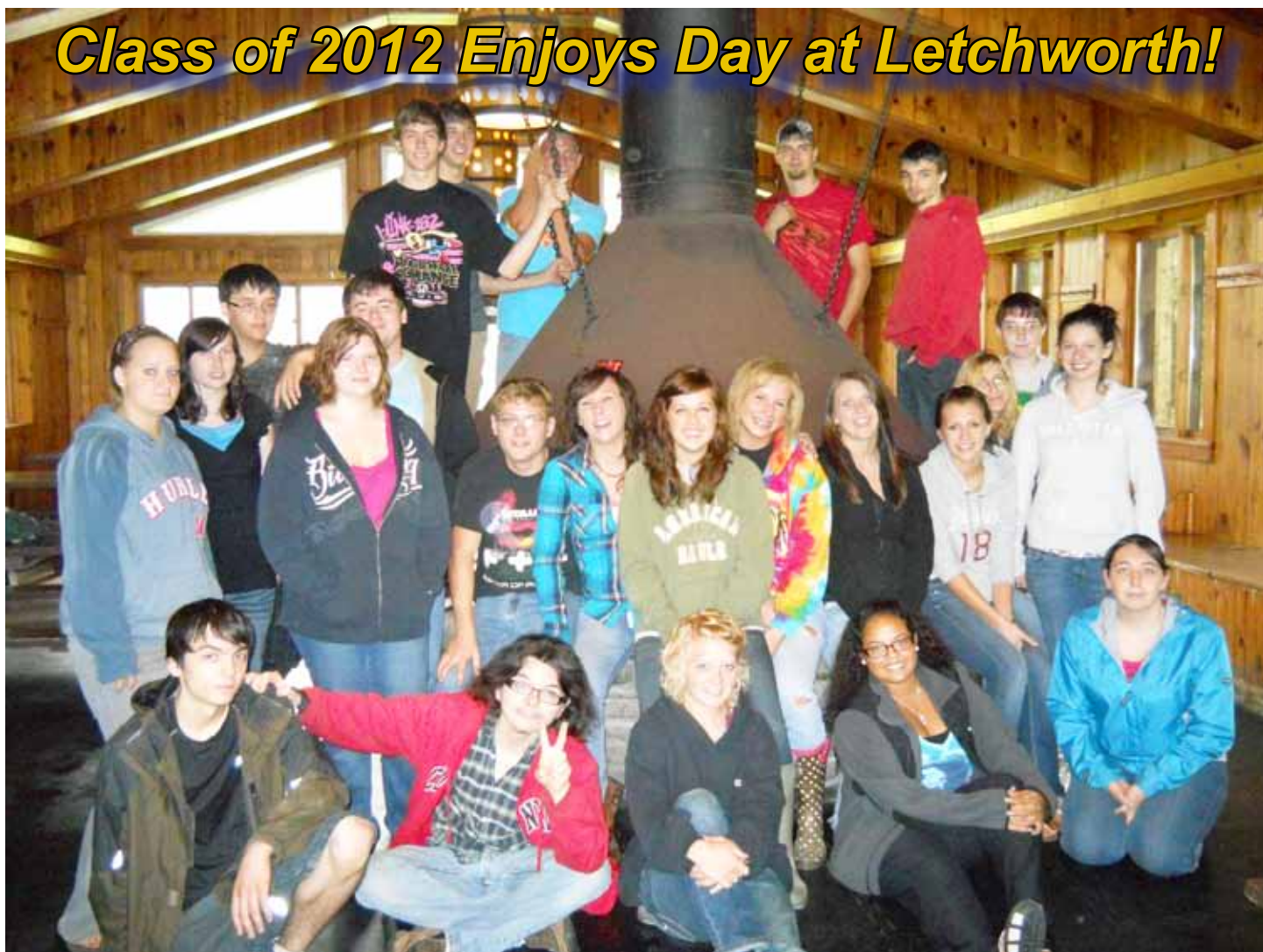




Class of 2012 Enjoys Day at Letchworth!



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"

The Class of 2012 traveled to Letchworth State Park on Tuesday, September 9, for the annual Senior Picnic. The weather was very nice and gave everyone a chance to hike the trails and play Can Jam and football. The seniors ended their day with a wonderful lunch provided by Mr. Hopkins. All agreed it was a wonderful trip! *More on page 4.*

SCS Welcomes New Faces



Scio Central School would like to welcome three new staff members to our district. **Mrs. Erin White (above left)** has joined our staff as a second grade teacher. She earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood/childhood education and her master's degree in literacy from Alfred University. She previously worked at Genesee Valley Central School as their literacy teacher from 2006-2008 and Olean City School District as their literacy coach from 2009-2010.

In her spare time, Mrs. White enjoys spending time with her husband, Ben, and their son, Aason. She also enjoys snowmobiling, watching football, and playing golf.

Mr. Mat Burlingame (above right) has joined our staff as our new technology teacher. He graduated from Portville Central School with an ambition to become a technology teacher. He attended SUNY Oswego and studied all areas of technology, but spent the majority of his time in the areas of woodworking, drafting, engineering, and architecture. He also ran track.

In his spare time, Mr. Burlingame enjoys hunting, riding 4-wheelers, and spending time with family and friends.

Mrs. Marisa Bess (at right) has joined our staff as the middle school level special

education teacher, replacing Mrs. Margaret Blask, who took another position. Many of you may recognize Mrs. Bess as she has substituted in our district for the past year and also did her practicum teaching assignment with us. Mrs. Bess received her bachelor's degree in inclusive childhood education from Houghton College. She and her husband, Brock, reside in Bolivar. Their son, Logan, is nine. Mrs. Bess enjoys spending time with family, reading, and attending her son's athletic events.

When you see these new faces in the hall, please give them a warm Scio welcome!



Section 504 Annual Notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 commonly known as § 504, the Scio School District hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the School District duty under the Regulations to § 504.

The Scio School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified disabled child who resides in the School District regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The Scio School District shall educate each qualified disabled child with children who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled child, and shall also ensure that disabled children participate with non-disabled children in nonacademic and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A disabled child shall be afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities.

The Scio School District shall provide disabled children an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics.

The Scio School District shall conduct pre-placement evaluations, and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with § 104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic reevaluation shall be conducted of children who have been provided special education or related services.

Placement decisions shall draw upon information from a variety of sources and shall be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. The Scio School District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

About Pesticides

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

**Be sure to visit and bookmark Scio Central School
on the web at www.scio.wnyric.org**



Principal's Corner

By Matthew D. Hopkins, PreK-12
Principal/Director of Curriculum

Our school year is off to a great start! There is a wonderful atmosphere in our building. Our climate is one that promotes teaching and learning while providing an environment conducive to student success. As we continue our push to raise our expectations at SCS, I would like to commend our students, staff, and community who have embraced our "Committed to Excellence" motto. In this article you will see the testing results for the 2010-11 school year. Please read the notes that correspond with each chart. This information was presented at a September Board of Education meeting.

The chart **AT TOP RIGHT** reflects a four-year historical trend for our grades 3-8 testing program. During the summer of 2010, after the assessment data was collected, the NYS Education Department adjusted the cut (passing) score for the exams. This was done by NYSED because research showed that prior levels of passing on these exams were not an accurate predictor of future success on high school Regents and college entrance exams. New York State is currently moving to a new set of Common Core standards and a revised testing program.

The June Regents results are shown **AT RIGHT**. Passing is 65%. Percent mastery reflects the percentage of students scoring 85% or higher.

**Early Dismissal (2:35 p.m.)
on 11/9, 11/15, and 12/14.**

Digitalsports.com

Don't forget, you can view any of Scio's sports schedules by going to www.digitalsports.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.



Grades 3-8 Testing (Historical)

<u>% Pass</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
Grade 3 ELA	72%	59%	70%	59%
Grade 3 Math	66%	47%	100%	100%
Grade 4 ELA	50%	47%	77%	87%
Grade 4 Math	73%	66%	94%	90%
Grade 5 ELA	65%	32%	97%	62%
Grade 5 Math	88%	52%	97%	86%
Grade 6 ELA	59%	63%	72%	57%
Grade 6 Math	78%	68%	93%	81%
Grade 7 ELA	73%	84%	88%	73%
Grade 7 Math	62%	90%	97%	84%
Grade 8 ELA	35%	45%	74%	43%
Grade 8 Math	39%	39%	89%	69%
Grade 4 Science	100%	95%	100%	97%
Grade 8 Science	70%	84%	73%	82%

June Regents Results

Exam	Pass	Percent Mastery	Catt-Allegany Average Pass	All WNY Average Pass
11 th Grade ELA (21)	100%	22%	89%	90%
11 th Grade US History (22)	91%	41%	89%	85%
Chemistry (5)	60%	33%	81%	83%
Algebra II/Trig (7)	57%	14%	61%	67%
10 th Grade Global (30)	70%	33%	77%	77%
Geometry (18)	94%	33%	84%	80%
Living Environment (30)	97%	37%	94%	89%
Earth Science (28)	82%	43%	81%	80%
Algebra (32)	84%	22%	83%	80%
Physics (2)	100%	100%	85%	82%
Spanish Regents (7)	100%	43%	97%	92%

FBLA News

The SCS Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will kick off its new slate of annual activities on Saturday, October 29, when the group will attend a production of *The Lion King* at Shea's Performing Arts center in Buffalo. It promises to be an amazing experience for all members and a tremendous show!

Just as they did last year, the group will once again be selling baked goods at the elementary and middle/high school holiday music concerts, so be sure to bring a little change so you can enjoy their yummy treats!

Stay tuned as we plan to keep you updated throughout the year of coming events!



Dollars for Scholars Off to Great Start!

For those of you who aren't aware, *Dollars for Scholars (DFS)* is a committee designed to help further a student's community, academic, and social involvement. Raising funds within our community allows us to provide scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary education.

Dollars for Scholars is off to a great start. Right now, we are raffling a Holiday Meat Package which includes a pork loin, ham, turkey, rib roast, and breakfast sausage;



this is a \$100 value! *DFS* members and students will have tickets available. The drawing will take place on November 15. Students can also earn *DFS* credit hours with our annual mail-a-thon and Beef on Weck Dinner fundraisers beginning in February 2012.

We invite anyone interested in being part of Scio's *Dollars for Scholars* to join us. Please contact Stacy Alsworth at the SCS Main Office (585-593-5510).

A reminder to all seniors: The *DFS* early application deadline is February 10, 2012. The final application deadline is March 9, 2012.



School Closing Notification

In the event we need to close school, delay opening or dismiss early, the following radio/TV stations will be notified:

WLSV - 790 AM

WJQZ - 103.5 FM

WZKZ - 101.9 FM

WBEN - 930 AM

WPIG - 95.7 FM

WKPQ - 105.3 FM

WHDL - 1450 AM

WKBW - Channel 7

WIVB - Channel 4

WGRZ - Channel 2

YNN Buffalo (Time Warner Cable)
Drive Safely!

More From Letchworth . . .





Committed to Excellence

You may have been wondering -- as you noticed the banner in the main office hallway, a poster on a wall, the painting on the dugouts, or a SCS staff member wearing a Committed to Excellence shirt -- what is this all about? In short, the Scio Central School Community is fully Committed to Excellence. We have embraced some new ideas and revived some old in our quest for excellence.

Our teachers have raised expectations for our students with homework and grading

policies that are more consistent and stringent. The result is our students are meeting these new expectations with more completed homework turned in on time. This is partially due to the increased use of the student agendas to record their homework and other important assignments.

If you have the opportunity to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal you will be able to see your child's progress in each of his/her courses. The grades will be updated every Monday morning by 7:55 a.m. by your

child's teachers. If you don't have a username and password for the Parent Portal, please contact Student Services to get one. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to strive for excellence.

After School Update

The 21st Century After School Program at SCS has kicked off the year with a great start! After school activities began with the clubs of Scrapbooking, Skillastics, Pirateology and Bottle Rockets. The students were able to learn how to create their own scrapbook page by considering theme, layout and decorations. During Skillastics, students participated in a life size fitness board game that they had to do exercises to make it around to win. Using their imagination and creativity, students created pirate names, the pirate code and role played the different aspects of being on a pirate ship for Pirateology. To round out the September clubs, students were able to make their own water bottle rocket and launch it!

Not only were students able to participate in clubs but they were given the chance to be a part of the Wellsville Creative Arts Center presentation of the Whimsical Foot by Marsha Van Vlack, where they created their own cup that stood on a foot of their choice (see photo at left).

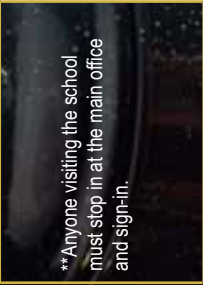

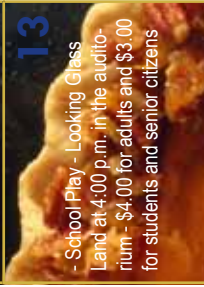
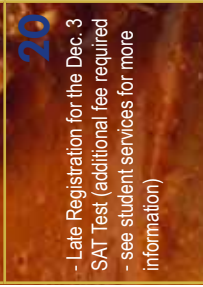

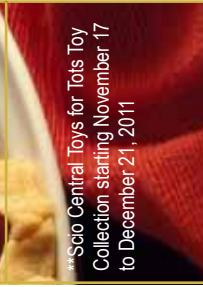


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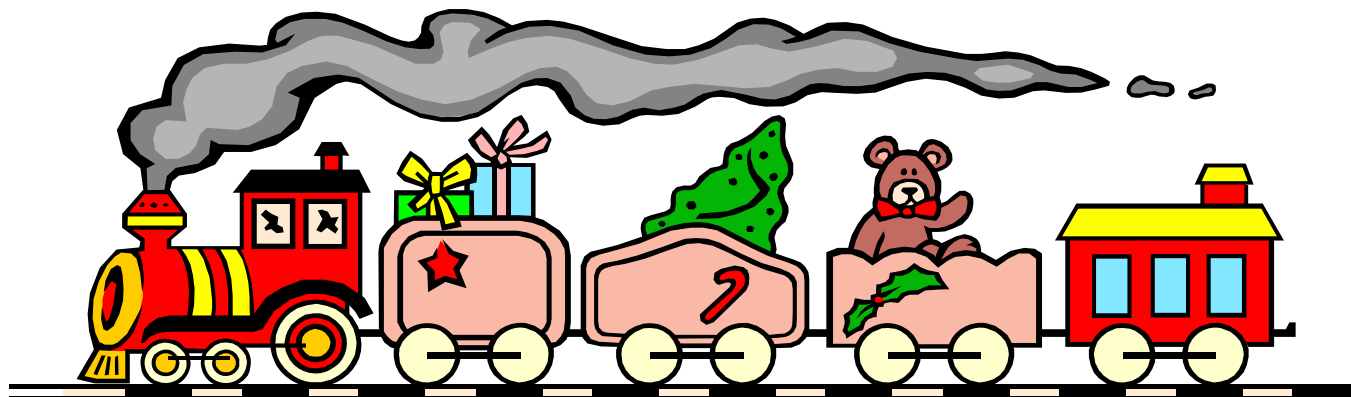


November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5 **Anyone visiting the school must stop in at the main office and sign-in.	1 **All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.	2 - C-Day	3 - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - D Day	4 - E Day	5 - JH All State for Choir and Band Grades 7-9 at G.V. - Rehearsal from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. - End of Marking Period - Registration for the Dec. 10 ACT Test (fee required - see student services for more information) - F Day	6 - JH All State for Choir and Band Grades 7-9 at G.V. - Concert from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - SAT Test (see students services for more information)
 6	7 - A Day	8 - Merry Go Round - Seagirl - Grade 3 - Registration for the Dec. 3 SAT Test (fee required - see student services for more information) - B day	9 - Early Dismissal Day - ASVAB Test - C Day	10 - Veteran's Day Dinner Sponsored by the Instructional Support Team - Registration at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. - D Day	11 - VETERAN'S DAY BUILDING CLOSED	12 - School Play - Looking Glass Land at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium - \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens
 13 - School Play - Looking Glass Land at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium - \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens	14 - E Day	15 - Early Dismissal Day - F Day	16 - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - Merry Go Round - Longhouse - Grade 4 - A Day	17 - Science Fair from 6-8 p.m. in the Elementary Gym - B Day	18 - SH All State for Choir and Band Grades 9-12 at Bath - 7:00 p.m. - Late Registration for the Dec. 10 ACT Test (additional fee required - see student services for more information) - C Day	19 - SH All State for Choir and Band Grades 9-12 at Bath - Concert from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 20 - Late Registration for the Dec. 3 SAT Test (additional fee required - see student services for more information)	21 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day - Grades PreK - 12 - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 - 8:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving break begins - No school for students	22 - Professional Development Day - No school for students	23 - No school for students	24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY - BUILDING CLOSED	25 - BUILDING CLOSED	26
 27 - Students Return - ASVAB Score Interpretation - D Day	28 - Students Return - ASVAB Score Interpretation - D Day	29 - E Day	30 - F Day			
 28 **Soc Central Toys for Tots Toy Collection starting November 17 to December 21, 2011	29 **1st Quarter Report Cards will be available at Parent/Teacher Conferences	30 **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK OCT. 31 - NOV.4, 2011	31 **Junior's Yankee Candle Sale beginning Oct. 26 through Nov. 9	1 **Athletic Events see "digital-sports.com"	2 **College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	3 **Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		**Anyone visiting the school must stop in at the main office and sign-in.	**All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.	1 - A day	2 - B day	3 - SAT Test (see student services for more information)
4 	5 - C day	6 - D day	7 - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - Fall Picture Retakes and Winter Sports Pictures - E day	8 - F day	9 - A day	10 - ACT Test
11 	12 - B day	13 - C day	14 - Early Dismissal Day - K-4 Concert for Choir and Band in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. FBLA baked goods sale at the concert - D day	15 - E day	16 - Mid Quarter Marking Period Ends - F day	17
18 	19 - A day	20 - 5-12 Winter Concert for Choir and Band in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. FBLA baked goods sale at the concert - B day	21 - Toys for Tots delivery in the a.m. - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - C day	22 - Music Department Nursing Home Tour from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - D day	23 - Christmas Break Begins - no students	24
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 - BUILDING CLOSED	27 - No students	28 - No students	29 - No students	30 - No students	31
				**Athletic Events see "digitalsports.com"	**College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	**Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.



Help Every Child Have A Brighter Christmas!

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club needs YOUR HELP! Recessions are tough and even tougher at the holidays and our goal is for every child in Scio & Allentown to share a bright Christmas. Twenty-one years ago, only 13 kids were on the list submitted by teachers—last year there were 93 on the list.

We are asking for your generosity this holiday season as the spirit of the season is, and always has been, giving! There will be a box for donations inside the school's main entrance and others around the community. Besides unwrapped toys, monetary donations made out to the Scio FBLA are a real blessing. We try to get each child a toy worth an exclamation of wonder and joy.

This year if you would like to **SPONSOR A CHILD** please return the form at the bottom to the Main Office and we will match you to a student and give you ideas of what that specific child may need or want. You can buy the gifts and we will see them delivered or you can send a check and we will buy the gifts.

Call 585-593-5510 Stacy Alsworth Ext. 1161 Co-Chair of Event.

"Speaking personally, each Christmas morning my thoughts drift to the child I sponsored and it fills me with good feelings and a sense of peace." Dan Childs, FBLA Advisor

- - - - Please return bottom to Scio FBLA, 3968 Washington Street, Scio, NY 14880. Checks to Scio FBLA- - - - -

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to sponsor a (circle one): boy girl
Age: doesn't matter 0-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15



PreK News



Fall is a busy time in our Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes! Already, we have studied the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. We were lucky to watch three caterpillars shed their skins to each become a pupa inside a chrysalis. All three butterflies emerged from their chrysalids! We released them outside the school so they can fly south to warmer temperatures.

We are currently learning why leaves change color and fall from trees in autumn. On a recent leaf hunt, we discovered some trees still have green leaves, which means those leaves still contain food. Next, we will explore the story of Johnny Appleseed and learn facts about apples. We will also get a chance to make applesauce the old-fashioned way!

Box Tops for Education

Once again, Scio Central School students in grades PreK-6 are participating in the Box Tops 4 Education Program. Your child should have brought home a flyer, which shows all the opportunities there are to participate in this program. Please clip logos from participating products which display the BoxTops4Education logo. Then, gather those logos in a baggie or envelope and send them to school with your child. There are also opportunities to participate on the Internet. SCS will receive \$.10 for each logo your child brings in as well as credit for Internet purchases. Thank you for supporting education by clipping Box-Tops4Education logos or participating online (www.boxtops4education.com).



Homecoming 2011



By Jenn Nolan, Student Counsel Advisor

Homecoming was a ton of fun for the students and adults involved. The senior class won the hall decorating contest with the sophomores placing second. I was reminded that we have a lot of school spirit at SCS. Speaking of school spirit, the Pep Rally was a blast with Mr. Telesca's band kicking it off with some great music including *Eye of the Tiger*. The soccer teams did a great job participating in the mud pie/worm eating contest, Cheetos in your face toss, messy twister and a classic tug of war. Everyone was a great sport, no matter how sticky and gross things got!

The bonfire was postponed, but the dance went off without a hitch. The DJ kept the kids dancing and everyone seemed to have a great time. Dylan Walsh and Darian Black were voted best dressed and they really did look great!

Our Homecoming Court (**shown below**) was announced as follows: Freshman Attendants Trevor Claypool and Miriah Greenman, Sophomore Attendants Devon Green and Jordan Aftuck, Junior Attendants Chris Butski and Katelyn Osterhout, Homecoming King Josh Staedt and Homecoming Queen Jessi Seamans.

A big thanks to everyone who helped out. I appreciate it very much.



Any community members wish to be added to our new Global Connect list?

We recently implemented a new communication system in our district called *Global Connect*. This new system will increase our school's ability to communicate with students, parents, and staff. We also invite community members -- who do not have students in school, but would like to be kept informed of important events (such as the annual budget vote) -- to be added to our GC call list. **If you wish to be added to our call list, please complete the form below and return it to SCS by November 15.** We look forward to improved communication between SCS and the community.

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

8th Graders Go "Back in Time"

Scio Central School eighth grade students got to experience life as it was for a soldier during the 1860s when they joined other eighth graders from around Allegany County in Angelica for a day of Civil War learning and fun. The mid-September trip allowed students to learn and listen about, as well as to see, various aspects of life in the Civil War era. We listened to the sounds of drums and musket fire; watched "Abraham Lincoln" speak about his final days; and even got to play some games that teenagers of the mid-19th Century would have played. It was a fabulous trip and a very fun day for everyone! **See photos at left and below.**



After School Program -- From Page 5

They also went to Alfred University to participate in the field trip of screen printing (see photo below) and jewelry making (at bottom right) where students created their own necklaces, key chains, beads, earrings and a wearable shirt with the AU mascot on it. Lastly, a few select students were able to be a part of the Lego Challenge at Alfred University, where they competed against local schools in building solar and wind powered robots.

In October, students started clubs of Lights-Camera-Action, Volcanoes, Game Show, Origami, Wonders of the World, African Drum & Dance and Star Wars. If you find yourself wanting more excitement after school, come and hang out with us in the 21st Century After School Program here at Scio Central School. **It is free of charge and all students in grades 5-8 are eligible to enroll! For enrollment information, please contact Rebecca**



Sears, Scio Central School District Liaison at (585) 593-5510, ext. 2151 or (716) 378-1384.



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As part of the new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program at SCS, students in grades PreK-12 are proudly earning paper PAWS in recognition of good social and academic behaviors! Students then turn in the PAWS for chances to earn prizes at the end of each week. So far, we have awarded soccer balls, SCS gear, board games, and gift cards. It is very exciting to watch our students take pride in their accomplishments. Students in grades PreK-4 are working on “being responsible with our hand and feet” and students in grades 5-12 are focusing on “coming to class prepared to learn,” which means having your agenda, the necessary materials, and homework completed. Ask your child if he or she earned any PAWS today!

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