



Helps Toys for Tots

The Scio Business Club would like to thank the community for their continued generous donations and support for the 26th Annual FBLA TOYS for TOTS collection. Members earned over \$250 selling baked goods at the Christmas Concerts, collected thousands of dollars worth of toys and received \$1,800 dollars in donations from the Scio Teachers, Retirees and Community Members. The FBLA, in addition to gift cards, was able to assist the Community Action Angels with a \$1,400 donation and senior members helped during the toy pick up in Allentown. Thanks again for your support in helping each child have a brighter Christmas. If you would like to be on the list for help at the holidays, watch next year's November/December newsletter or the school website for a form to fill out or call Mr. Childs, FBLA Advisor, directly.

SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"



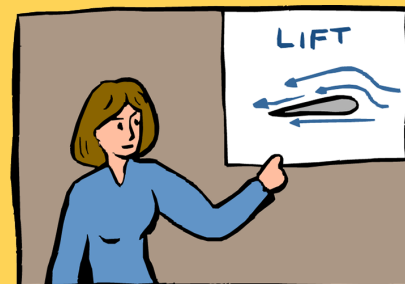
Left to right are: front - Kaylee Wallace, Corral Mrozik, and Carolyn Haswell.; back - Liz Burdick, Lee Graham, Blade Russi, Andrew Chalker, and Alex Gregory-Kielbasa.

Are You Interested in Being a Substitute?

We need SUBSTITUTES in all areas:

- Substitute Teachers (Certified and Non-Certified),
- Substitute Nurses,
- Substitute Clerical Workers,
- Substitute Food Service Helpers,
- Substitute Cleaners/Custodians,
- Substitute Bus Drivers/Attendants

Applications for all substitute positions are available in the Main Office and on our website, scio.schooltools.us



From the Principal . . .

Dear Parents,

I am very proud of how hard the majority of our students are working this year. I am seeing students making great strides in learning the Common Core English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in grades PreK-12. All of our juniors were able to pass the Comprehensive English Regents in January of their junior year. Teachers have worked hard to incorporate the Common Core Learning Standards in all of our classes. Students are reading more non-fiction and challenging material while learning about the world around them. Students are using evidence from their reading in their writing and discussions.

English Language Arts/Literacy

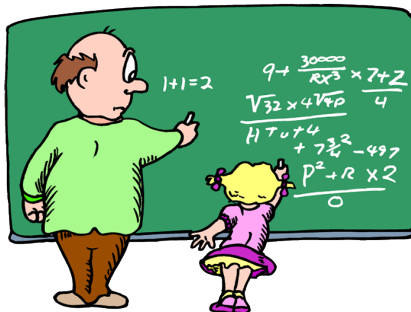
- Read as much non-fiction as fiction
- Learn about the world by reading
- Read more challenging material
- Talk about reading using "evidence"
- Write about texts using "evidence"
- Know more vocabulary words



Students are building their mathematical skills with Common Core Math standards pushing them to learn less, but at a much deeper level. Many parents have noticed that instead of just teaching algorithms, students are learning the deeper concepts and are able to explain why an answer is correct or incorrect. Teachers have been incorporating the standards in grades PreK-6 and have adopted the modules in grades 7-10. Our students are becoming more and more confident along with proving their ability on New York State Regents and local assessments.

Mathematics

- Build skills across grade levels
- Learn more about less
- Use math facts easily
- Think fast AND solve problems
- Really know it, really do it
- Use math in the real world



All this is to say, I am extremely confident in our students' performances because they have working so hard in all of their classes. Our Honor and High Honor Roll lists are growing while our failure lists have been reduced. Students are focused on doing their best with the help of our hard working teachers. Many students stay after for ACCORD After-School tutoring, which is available for grades 3-12.

As we approach April and we start thinking about NYS tests, please know that your child's academic growth is of high concern to all of us. We work daily to provide the care and support your child needs to be successful. Our students are well prepared for NYS tests and they are only one measure of a child's ability. Students take these assessments in stride and our teachers make sure the classroom is as low stress as possible.

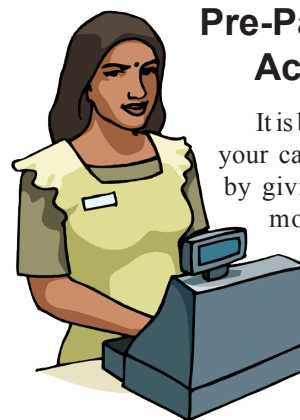
How can you help? Support our efforts to keep the idea of NYS testing as low key as possible. Let your child know that they have been preparing all year and that all they need to do is do their best. Parents can go to engageny.org for more ideas on how to support your child's efforts. New York State ELA assessments for Grades 3-8 will be held April 14-16. NYS 3-8 Mathematics assessments are scheduled for April 22-24. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am excited to see how much our students have grown over the last year.

Nancy Sampson, PreK-12 Principal

January/February 2015



Pre-Paying on Account



It is best to prepay on your cafeteria account by giving the cashier money ahead of time. Parents may send in a check or money in an envelope. On the enve-

lope, please write the name(s) and grade(s) or ID number, if known. These can be mailed or brought to the cafeteria at any time throughout the year.

All monies go on the account and the cashier will access your account at the time of purchase. All students are encouraged to use this account. The cards are used like a debit account at the bank. You must have money on your account to use the card. When you purchase a meal, the computer deducts the amount from your account. We will notify you via Power Announcement when the balance is below \$3.00. Charging meals is only allowed for three meals. After that, you must have money and pay off the balance due. Students may not charge a la carte or snack items. You must have money on your account or in your hand at the time of purchase.

If you have charged three meals, and you don't have money, you will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with milk. This policy is enforced.

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
WHDL - 1450 AM
WKPQ - 105.3 FM
WKBW - Channel 7
WIVB - Channel 4
WGRZ - Channel 2
Drive Safely!

School Board Seat Open

The Scio Central School District has one 5-year position open on the Board of Education. Petitions can be picked up from Cathy Law, District Clerk. Completed petitions containing signatures and addresses of 25 or more registered district voters must be returned to the district office by Monday, April 20, 2015. The school board election and budget vote will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2015.



Reminder to 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 2015-16 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30, 2015.

Reminder to 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.

Reminder

Transportation Requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2015-16 school year are due April 1, 2015.

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.



Ann Guilford (shown above) is the new elementary teacher at SCS. Ann previously taught reading as a teaching assistant at Cuba-Rushford Central School, before going back to college in 2007 at SUNY Geneseo. Ann also worked for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES as a speech therapist. In addition, she worked for Pathways Inc. as a preschool special education teacher.

She is the married mother of four children. She has a daughter who is a nurse living in Chicago, a son who is a sergeant

in the United States Marine Corps, another son going to college in Ohio after serving active duty in the USMC for four years, and another son (who is a member of the IBEW) working for the D&D Power Company.

Ann is a lifetime resident of Allegany County and now resides in Belfast. She enjoys hiking, gardening, cooking, canning and reading.

Ann is also the proud grandmother of two beautiful granddaughters, Ava and Onalee.

The NEXT FBLA ADVENTURE!



Imagine RIT

Are you interested in attending Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)?

If so, the Future Business Leaders Club (FBLA) would like to invite you to attend the Imagine RIT festival with them on May 2, 2015. Find details on the 385 exhibits by Googling Imagine RIT.

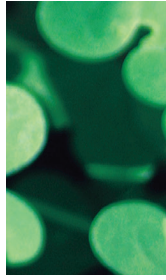
Students and others can also see Mr. Childs or FBLA President Andrew Chalker for more information.



DFS Beef-On-Weck Dinner & Basket Raffle March 11

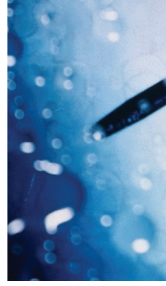
The Scio Area Dollars for Scholars annual beef-on-weck dinner and basket raffle is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, with pick up at the school cafeteria from 4-6 p.m. Students will earn DFS credit hours for selling tickets, so they are encouraged to stop by the Student Services office to pick up tickets today (if they haven't already).





March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	2 - Varsity Spring Sports Begin	3	4 - TheatreWorks Performance "SippyJon Jones" for Grades K-1 at Olean HS at 10:00 a.m.	5	6 - All County Music at Bolivar-Richburg...Students Only	7 - All County Music at Bolivar-Richburg...Open Concert at 2:00 p.m. - Legislative Breakfast
 8	9 - Spring Modified Sports Begin - Merry Go Round Performance "Golden Goose" for Grade 1 at 2:00 p.m.	10	11 - Teachers Professional Development Day (no school for students)	12	13	14
 15	16 - Merry Go Round Performance "Echoes" for Grades 6-8 at 1:00 p.m.	17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day... don't forget to wear Green!	18 - Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	19	20 - All County Music at Genesee Valley...Students Only	21 - All County Music at Genesee Valley... Open Concert at 2:00 p.m.
 22	23 - Merry Go Round Performance "Paperbag" for Grades K-2 at 1:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28
 29	30 - Spring Recess	31 - Spring Recess - Senior Trip to Washington D.C.				
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April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 - Spring Recess - Senior Trip to Washington D.C.	2 - Spring Recess - Senior Trip to Washington D.C.	3 - Spring Recess - Building Closed in Observance of Good Friday	4
5	6 -Last Day of Spring Recess	7 - Book Fair in the Elementary Library	8 - Book Fair in the Elementary Library	9 - Book Fair in the Elementary Library	10 - Book Fair in the Elementary Library Marking Period Ends	11
12	13 - Book Fair in the Elementary Library	14 - NYS ELA Tests for Grades 3-8	15 - NYS ELA Tests for Grades 3-8	16 - NYS ELA Tests for Grades 3-8	17	18
19	20	21 - Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	22 - NYS Math Tests for Grades 3-8	23 - NYS Math Tests for Grades 3-8	24 - NYS Math Tests for Grades 3-8	25
26	27	28	29 - Sports Physicals starting at 8:30 a.m. in our school nurse's office	30		
				- NHS Wilson Farms Meat Box Fundraiser April 27 - May 10	- 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 Student Services

Would You Consider Hosting an International Student?

The Scio Central School District is introducing an International Student Program that allows us to include international students in our local enrollment. This new F-1 Visa program allows us to add a new facet to our programs and our community. It will also provide monthly stipends to the host family for room, board, and entertainment expenses. International Students will be placed by an agency in approved host family homes for an entire school year. Once approved as a host family, an international student could be assigned to your household.

Opening up your home to an international student can be a very rewarding experience for everyone in the home. Learning about different cultures for both the international student and host family is the experience of a lifetime.

Hosting a student:

- Allows you and your family to learn about the customs, traditions, languages, and cultures of another country
- Builds life-long friendships around the world

- Enriches our local community, as well as your immediate family
- Opens doors to opportunities for both your family and your students
- Promotes world peace while educating tomorrow's international leaders here in the United States

To become a host family, you must:

- Complete Host Family Application
- Sign Criminal Background Check Authorization Release
- Agree to and Complete Host Family Orientation
- Provide proper supervision to the international student
- Agree to monthly and bi-monthly supervisor meetings

Present plans are to secure up to ten host families for the 2015-16 school year. If you are interested in having a very rewarding family experience by being a host family, please contact Marcia Habberfield by phone at 585-593-5510 or by email at mhabberfield@scio.wnyric.org for more information. You can also make arrangements to complete the host family application on-line at school.

Thank you for your interest, as this valuable program for our school can only be successful if we have qualified host families.



Be a part of the
Scio Central School
**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT
PROGRAM**



**BECOME A
HOST FAMILY**

What's Going On in the Elementary Computer Lab?

*By Mrs. Farwell, Computer Room
Teaching Assistant*

SCS students have been busy in the elementary computer lab. This year, grades K-6 go to the lab for instruction and there has been plenty to learn. Mr. Smith's fourth grade class did research on Puerto Rico, so they could create their own tri-fold travel brochures for people to see. Mrs. Weinman's fourth grade class learned how to set up and type their own pages for a book about Native Americans. The fifth and sixth grades have been busy researching and creating PowerPoint presentations about our nation's capital. The sixth graders added a twist as they researched paranormal activity in Washington, D.C. The students had to find facts proving or debunking their stories.

Students in grades 1-3 have been working hard on improving their keyboarding skills and they are also beginning to use dif-

ferent computer applications like Microsoft Word and Excel. The youngsters have also experimented with changing the size, color, and style of the font they use on screen. Kindergarten students have also been busy, learning to use their keyboards and even exploring the different applications they might find on a computer.

While a lot has already been accomplished in the computer lab during the first half of the school year, there is definitely a lot more to come!

We have also been using the elementary computer lab for students in grades 7-12 to do: some assessment testing, daily online work, extra projects, extra interventions, and extra work.

Many times it has been standing room only. I am so happy to see our lab get so much use and be so productive. I am also very excited to see what the second half of the year will bring to the lab.

St. Jude's Math-A-Thon

St. Jude's Math-A-Thon is a FREE, education-based program for students in grades 2-6 at Scio Central School. The proceeds from this event benefit the children at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital who are fighting cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Students who voluntarily participate in the Math-A-Thon will receive a Funbook or CD geared to their grade level. Upon completion of the math problems, students will collect pledges from family and friends. Those contributions will be sent to St. Jude's to help cover the cost of treatment and research done at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

For 26 years, the Scio Central School community has supported this event and more than \$48,000 has been donated to St. Jude's. Thank you for your support of the 2015 St. Jude's Math-A-Thon.



Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Softball

Mon., April 13..... GENESEE VALLEY, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 15..... @ Friendship, 5 p.m.
 Fri., April 17..... CANASERAGA, 5 p.m.
 Mon., April 20..... HINSDALE, 5 p.m.
 Tues., April 21..... @ Fillmore, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 22..... WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Sat., April 25..... Whitesville Tourney, 2 p.m.
 Mon., April 27..... BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 29..... @ Andover, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 2..... Mudville Tourney, 2 p.m.
 Wed., May 6..... @ Canaseraga, 7 p.m.
 Fri., May 8..... @ Hinsdale, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 9..... Scio Tournament
 Portville vs. Fillmore, 10 a.m.
 Scio vs. Arkport, 10 p.m.
 Consolation, 12 noon
 Championship, 12 noon
 Tues., May 12..... @ Whitesville, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 13..... FRIENDSHIP, 7 p.m.
 Fri., May 15..... @ Belfast, 7 p.m.
 Coach: Irv Newton

Varsity Baseball

Tues., April 7..... PRATTSBURGH, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., April 9..... ANDOVER, 5 p.m.

Mon., April 13..... GENESEE VALLEY, 5 p.m.
 Fri., April 17..... CANASERAGA, 5 p.m.
 Mon., April 20..... HINSDALE, 5 p.m.
 Tues., April 21..... @ Fillmore, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 22..... WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Mon., April 27..... BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 29..... @ Andover, 5 p.m.
 Fri., May 1..... BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 5..... ELLICOTTVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 6..... @ Canaseraga, 7 p.m.
 Fri., May 8..... @ Hinsdale, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 9..... Scio Tournament
 Portville vs. Whitesville, 9 a.m.
 Scio vs. Arkport, 11:30 a.m.
 Consolation, 2 p.m.
 Championship, 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., May 11..... @ Whitesville, 5 p.m.
 Wed., May 13..... FRIENDSHIP, 7 p.m.
 Thurs., May 14..... @ Ellicottville, 5 p.m.
 Fri., May 15..... @ Belfast, 7 p.m.
 Coach: Kevin Mole

Modified Softball & Baseball

Tues., April 14..... @ Fillmore, 5 p.m.
 Sat., April 18..... @ Andover, 10 a.m.
 Tues., April 21..... WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., April 23..... HINSDALE, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., April 30..... GENESEE VALLEY, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 2..... CUBA-RUSHFORD, 10 a.m.
 Mon., May 4..... @ Canaseraga, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., May 7..... @ Friendship, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 12..... @ Wellsville, 5 p.m.

Thurs., May 14..... BELFAST, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 16..... BOLIVAR-RICHBURG, 10 a.m.
 Coach: Kim Stack/Dillon McFall

Varsity Track

Tues., April 7..... @ Keshequa, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., April 16..... @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Tues., April 21..... @ Genesee Valley, 5 p.m.
 Wed., April 29..... @ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 21..... @ Arkport Invitational, 1 p.m.
 Wed., May 6..... @ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
 Sat., May 9..... Wellsville Spring Day, 9 a.m.
 Tues., May 12..... @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Tues., May 19..... County Meet @ C-R, 5 p.m.
 Coach: Ann Ball

Modified Track

Mon., April 20..... @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
 Mon., April 27..... @ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 4..... @ Genesee-Valley, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 11..... @ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
 Mon., May 16..... @ Wellsville, 5 p.m.
 Coach: ???

Community Weight Room and Walking Program

The community weight room and walking program has started. The weight room is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 PM. Please use the back concession stand door when entering the building.



We ask that you bring your work out shoes with you and change into them once inside the building. This will help keep the machines dirt free and in better working condition. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tab Collection

The Yearbook Club is collecting tabs through April 17. Tabs can come from beverages of your choice, soup cans, dog/cat food cans, etc. Send tabs in with your child to fill the buckets in their homeroom or bring them into the main office. The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Rochester.



Good-bye, Mrs. Beckwith!

We gathered to send off Mrs. Beckwith (wearing pink scarf near center of photo) with good memories and blessings as she begins a new chapter on her journey. Mrs. Looney's fifth and sixth grade writing classes prepared songs and speeches led by the students to wish Mrs. Beckwith well in this new stage of life. Mrs. Beckwith has chosen to stay at home with her baby daughter, Adelyn.



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SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED for students March 30 - April 6 (*Spring Recess*).



FRESHMEN KIERA HUTCHISON AND ETHAN GRAVES (*standing in front of screen*) of the Applied Communications Class recently presented a slide show about internet and cell phone safety to the seventh grade Introduction to Business class. The pair made the presentation, so the students would be more aware of the many dangers which exist in the cyber world and how to protect themselves and their families against those dangers. Shown left to right are: Megan Murray, Kirsten Budinger, Renae Schoonover, Michael Shoffner, Jacob D'Arcy, Ethan Graves, Kiera Hutchison, Tristen Woodruff, Jack Weimer, Alex Field, Devin Beckwith, and Dean Becker.