



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

January/February 2023  
Volume XL, Issue #4

### STEM Class Presents at School Board Meeting

At the November 9th School Board meeting, students from the Middle School STEM class gave a presentation showing off their new coding skills. The presentation showed the students are highly engaged while having fun with the challenges. Thank you, Bella, Medaleigha, Mia, Maddy and Mr. Jones!



# News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

As I write this letter, we are in the middle of holiday festivities! Our concerts, alumni basketball game and Bizarre Bazaar are quickly approaching. We hope to have pictures of these events in our next newsletter. As you can tell from this edition, Scio Central students have been very busy. We are proud of our All-State Choral participants and our Scholastic Challenge teams for representing our school.

We have had some great community interactions over the past two months. Our History Club held their annual Veteran's Day Dinner with a dine-in option for the first time in two years. Mrs. Val Wight, once again, led the

organization of another great Craft and Vendor Show. Not only did we have many local vendor participants, but the Scio Lion's Club held a pancake breakfast, and the Scio Bicentennial Committee hosted a chicken BBQ. The building was busy with hundreds of customers.

We also partnered with the Scio Lion's Club for their tree lighting ceremony. The club donated enough trees for every grade level to decorate a tree and Dr. McKinley organized and assisted to be sure we had high participation. What a great way for our students to feel a connection and sense of belonging in their community! Student volunteers baked cookies for this event with Mrs. Dodson and the new Town of Scio Library Director,



Raeanne Smith. The Scio Fire Department was also involved as they provided the transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus. One of my favorite parts of the evening was singing carols in the cozy, family atmosphere of the town library.

Scio Central School is very grateful for our community partnerships that make us all better as we work

together. We are ending 2022 full of joy and inspiration. As we enter into 2023, I am hopeful for great things for our students, our school, our staff and our community!

Warm Regards,

*Jen Cappelletti*



The Scio Central School District appreciates the support from the voters with the 2022 Capital Improvement Project. Most of the project will provide much needed repairs, updates and maintenance of our school facilities and grounds.

## Scio Bicentennial Update

For several months a group of interested community members have been making plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Scio. The Scio Bicentennial Committee will be hosting an event at the Scio Memorial Library on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the exact inaugural date of the Town. Come to learn about the history of Scio with Craig Braack. The Genesee Valley Chorus will be performing as well.

A basket raffle will be available at the library for all interested bidders for the two weeks leading up to this event when the winning numbers will be drawn. Proceeds will benefit the Bicentennial celebration this summer. Bicentennial t-shirts have been designed and are available at The Store and other fundraisers and events are planned. Don't forget to save the dates of the Scio 200 celebration: August 10th to 16th.

**1823 - 2023 (200 Years!)**

**8/10/2023 - 8/13/2023**

**For Details and Updates Follow Us on Social Media**

**Facebook: @Scio's Bicentennial Celebration 1823-2023**

**Instagram: @sciobicentennialcelebration**

**Online: [www.scio200years.com](http://www.scio200years.com)**



# Welcome to Our New Scio Staff

# History Club

On Thursday November 17th, the History Club from Scio Central hosted the annual Veteran's Day Dinner. Nine Scio students stayed after school to help serve a wonderful dinner for our Veterans. Being both a dine-in and take-out event, the members of the History Club were able to serve our veterans on-the-go and in the school cafeteria. Altogether, the History Club was able to serve eighteen Veterans and their families this year. The History Club would also like to give a special thanks to Cathy Farwell for helping the History Club plan and setup for the Veteran's Day Dinner!



Mr. Dennis

Russell Dennis is joining Scio Central School as a nighttime cleaner. A volunteer with the Wellsville Fire Department, he also loves working on classic cars, hunting and fishing. Mr. Dennis is married with two children and lives in Wellsville.



History Club members listed from left to right: **Back Row:** Mr. Charles, Drake Irvin, Cole Davenport, Liam Smith, Nathan Griffiths, Eli Wade, Gregory Wesche, Mr. Bowers; **Front Row:** Jocelyn Nickerson, Brea Williams, Sophie Bolzan; **Not Pictured:** Wyatt Stebbins, Lawson Ector, Nora Thompson, Jenn Dickens, Tyler Nickerson

# Littlest Tigers Enjoy First-Ever Halloween Dance



Mr. Dodson

Justin Dodson is one of Scio's new nighttime cleaners. He lives in Bolivar with his wife and three children. He loves spending time with family, watching movies and fixing cars.



## Scholastic Challenge

On Saturday, December 3rd, 32 teams from 14 Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES school districts gathered at the CTE Center in Olean for the annual Scholastic Challenge, a contest that tests students' knowledge of academic trivia and current events.

Representing the Tigers this year were Team 1: Max Morris-captain, Will Broach, Jordan White and Samhita Das; and Team 2: Eli Wade- captain, Nora Thompson, Sophie Bolzan and Hailey Illerbrun. Team members Brenden Loucks and Tyler Nickerson were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Pavlock stood in for Ms. Straight as coach while she assisted Mrs. Wight at the school craft show. The teams practiced hard and will continue to do so as they hope to attend more competitions this year.



## Seniors Have Their Futures in Focus

On October 28th, Scio seniors spent their English class planning for their futures. Counselor Amber Hardy worked with them during Apps n' Snacks day. Students enjoyed the donuts and took advantage of Mrs. Hardy's expertise as they worked on their college applications and resumes.



## Entire Elementary School Receives Book at Scholastic Book Fair

Librarian Sabrena Beaton's first Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Just ask the nearly 190 students in Pre-K through sixth-grade who went home with a free book thanks to her fundraising efforts.

"(Everyone) went home with new books. Every. Single. Kiddo!," said Mrs. Beaton. "It couldn't have happened without your generosity and support."

Mrs. Beaton received over \$650 in donations from the school community as well as Texas Roadhouse.



## YMCA Carnival

The Scio ESD program hosted a family carnival at the school on November 17th. Everyone was invited to have fun with face painting, bounce houses, crafts, refreshments and more.



# Craft Show and Basket Raffle Supports Class of 2024

Hundreds of people attended this year's Holiday Craft Show and Basket Raffle at the school on Saturday, December 3rd. The day started early with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Scio Lions Club. Once vendor sales opened, the crowds followed. Santa and Mrs. Claus also stopped to visit

with the children and to do a little shopping. Many kids also enjoyed a Paint and Hang session. The Foreign Language Club and the Scio Elementary Artists also held a Mexican Cultural Fair featuring traditional Mexican folk art and Huichol indigenous art as well as a poinsettia sale to benefit the club. No

one went home hungry thanks to the Scio Bicentennial chicken barbecue, and chili and hot dogs served by the Foreign Language Club. The event was sponsored by Scio's Class of 2024.



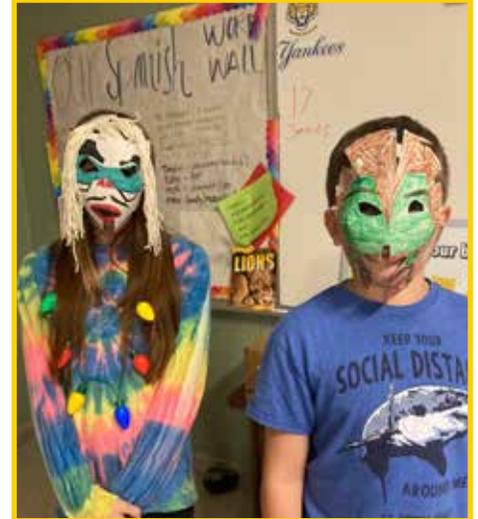
## Dr. McKinley Animation

The artists at CA BOCES worked their animation magic and turned Dr. McKinley into a cartoon star! You may have seen her on Facebook in November announcing the upcoming parent-teacher conferences and Thanksgiving break. Be on the lookout for more animations sometime this winter



## Native American Masks

5th graders, Rhiley Kruger and Connor Robbins wearing their Native American masks they made for their end-of-unit project.



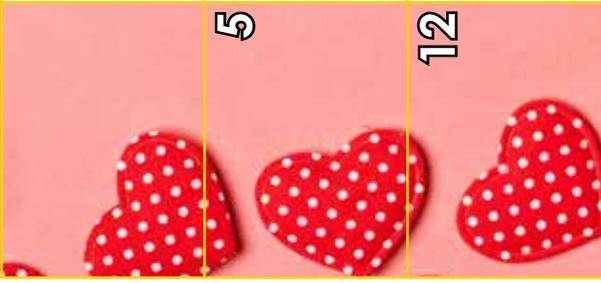
## Reading Department



# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<i>Happy New Year!</i>					
1	2 Winter Break	3	4	5	6 All-County	7 Cheer Clinic 8 am - 12:30 pm	
8	9	10	11 BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm	12	13 All-County Cuba-Rushford	14 All County Cuba-Rushford Concert at 2 pm	
15	16 Martin Luther King Day No School	17	18 Senior Picture Retake Day	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27 End of Q2	28	
29	30	31					

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 12:45 pm Early Dismissal PD Day	3 Solo Fest (Fillmore)	4 Solo Fest (Fillmore)
5 	6	7	8 BOE Meeting, 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Snowball Dance 8 pm - 11 pm
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20 President's Day No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25
26 	27	28				

# Tree Decorating



# Scio Represented at All-State Music Festivals

Tyler Nickerson earned the privilege of representing Scio Central School on November 19th at the 2022 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Festival in Elmira. Also representing Scio at the Jr. High Area All-State performance on November 5th in Hornell were Brea Williams and Elinor Cooke.

These students joined many of the area's top school musicians from districts in Allegany, Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler and Yates counties.

We are proud of Tyler, Brea and Elinor's talent, drive and passion, as well as the dedication from our music director Amy Berardi.



*All-State Senior High School Chorus.*



*Brea Willaims and Elinor Cook.*



*All-State Junior High School Chorus.*



*Tyler Nickerson*

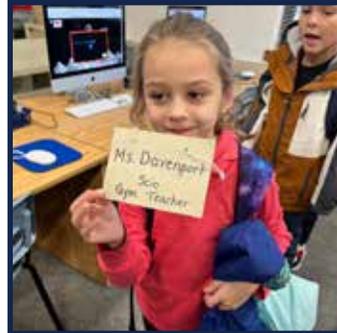


# Polar Express

On December 7th, our Pre-K - 3rd-grade students were treated to a train ride on the Arcade & Attica Railroad with Santa Claus.



## Career Day



## Bona Bootcamp

On December 5th, St. Bonaventure University hosted a Bona Bootcamp for local juniors and seniors where they learned about SBU offerings and got a feel for life on campus. Sixteen Tigers attended and were given a tour of campus, attended college prep sessions and had lunch.



# Science Fair

This year's Science Fair was a huge success! All the students worked really hard on their projects, and it showed. Third grade won the voting contest and will receive a pizza party! Thank you, to all the teachers and staff that make this event possible, especially Mr. Weinman and his Ozobots!



# Kindergarten Fun with Mrs. Gambino





**LET'S GET 100% OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES TO LEARN HANDS-ONLY CPR!**



Learn this lifesaving skill by joining KHC today to begin Finn's Missions.



Raise funds for kids with special hearts.



Feel good for doing good!



Earn thank-you gifts.



Discover stress reduction techniques.



Learn about heart & brain health.



Students who raise **\$150** before your **KHC Kick-Off** will receive our collector's edition **XL Frankie!**

Complete **Finn's Mission** to earn **Finn's Lifesavers Award!**



**TO REGISTER: DOWNLOAD OUR APP OR VISIT HEART.ORG/KHC**



**SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO REGISTER TODAY!**

© Copyright 2022 American Heart Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. All rights reserved. Kids Heart Challenge is a trademark of the AHA. Unauthorized use prohibited.





**Scio Central School**  
**3968 Washington Street**  
**Scio, NY 14880**  
<http://www.sciotigers.org>

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 Permit No. 1825  
 Olean, NY  
 14760

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- Loren Knapp, President
- Melanie Ryan, Vice President
- Daniel Fuller
- Jon Nickerson
- David Roberts
- Robert Thompson
- Mary Weimer

*or Current Resident*

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

- Jennifer Cappelletti, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Cristy McKinley, PK-12 Principal
- Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Nicky Linderman, Business Administrator

**POSTAL PATRON**

**Scio Memorial Library**

A new library director joined us in 2022. If you haven't stopped in and met Raeanne, stop in soon. Library Hours are Monday-Closed, Tuesday 1-7 pm, Wednesday 1-7 pm, Thursday 1-5 pm, Friday 10-2 pm. Saturday and Sunday Closed.



During 2022: The library received an update. The collection was reorganized and labeled. Outdated materials were rehomed, and new materials were brought in. This included new children's, juvenile, young adult, adult, DVDs, and nonfiction books.

In 2023 the library looks forward to bringing you:

- Youth programs
- A summer reading program
- Technology classes
- More new materials

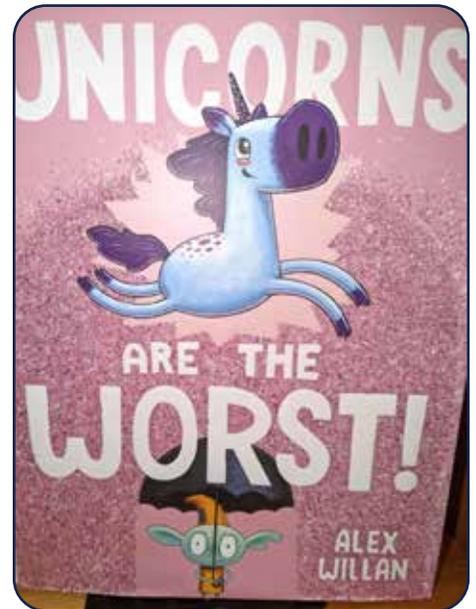
This year the Scio Memorial Library is asking for an increase in funding. The library is truly one of the last free places in the world. In order to keep events and programs free we require funding from local tax payers. Some of the things we currently offer are:

- Meeting place for community members & groups
- Reading materials in paper form
- Reading material in CD format
- Reading materials and magazines in eforms
- DVD's and Blu-ray disc
- Nonfiction materials
- and more...

If you have any questions please call: 585-593-4816

**EASY/ JUVENILE READER SUGGESTIONS**

- *Unicorns are the Worst* by Alex Willan
- *The Sour Grape* by Jory John
- *Busy Betty* by Reese Witherspoon
- *The Dollmaker of Krakow* by R.M. Romero
- *Legacy of the Inventor* by J.I. Wagne



**YOUNG ADULT/ AUDIO SUGGESTIONS**

- *Crush* by Tracy Wolff
- *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

**ADULT/NONFICTION SUGGESTIONS**

- *Let's Make Ramen:* by Hugh Amano
- *Dirtbag, Massachusetts* by Issac Fitzgerald
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
- *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grishman

[sciolibrary@gmail.com](mailto:sciolibrary@gmail.com) | [sciolibrary.org](http://sciolibrary.org)

