



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

March/April 2023
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2 Cute!

Mrs. Simmons kindergarteners celebrated “Twos-Day” in tutus and tie-dyes in honor of Feb. 2 and Groundhog Day.



News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

Have you heard of the term **Chronic Absenteeism**? A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of the school days in a school year. This is an average of 2 days per month or 18 days in the school year. Chronic absenteeism includes unexcused and excused absences. Good attendance at school is about more than grades. It is an indicator of academic learning, future success in school, college and work.

- Some absences are unavoidable. We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.
- Sporadic absences, not just those on consecutive days of school, matter. Before you know it – just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.
- If too many absences occur, it is still a problem whether they are excused or unexcused because they represent too much lost learning time in the classroom.
- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- Above all, set an example for your child. Show him or her that attendance matters to you and that you won't allow an absence unless someone is truly sick. Avoid asking older students to help with daycare and household errands.
- Seek help from the school or community if you are facing tough challenges



related to access to health care, unstable housing, poor transportation or lack of food. More schools and community agencies are working together to offer help for the whole family

your child(ren) to school regularly and on time.

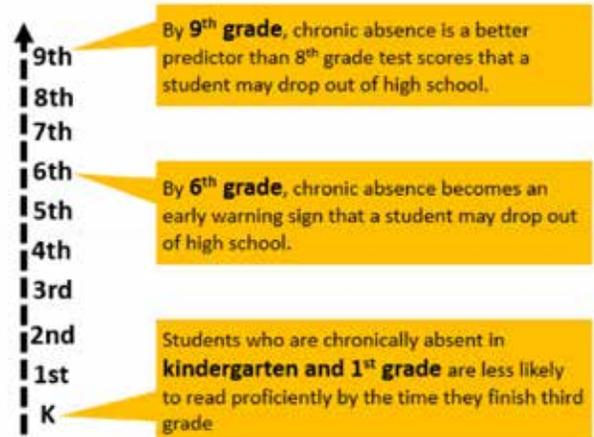
With Tiger Pride,

Jen Cappelletti

Attendance is important in all grade levels and is an indicator of later success. Please partner with us in getting

Information adapted from everystudentpresent.org and attendanceworks.org

Research tells us...



Child Find – If You Suspect That Your Child Has A Disability Ages 3-21

The Board of Education of every school district must locate and identify all children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age who reside in the school district. If you live in the Scio School District and you suspect that your son or daughter (birth through 21 years of age) may have a disability that negatively impacts his or her education, please contact Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 585-593-5510, ext. 1140 to learn more about the special education referral process. We offer special education services and related services for all children with disabilities who are homeless or wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability.

Summer Program will Return

Good news! The summer program for students entering kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall will be running again this year. Program will be held July 10th to Aug. 3rd, Monday through Thursday.

Look for complete details and the registration form in the next newsletter.



Three Students Inducted into NJHS

In February, Scio's chapter of NJHS inducted three new members: Colby Beckhorn, Ella Perry, and Noah Roberts. These new members are pictured here along with the current members: Cassidy Scholla, Nathan Griffiths, Jocelyn Nickerson, Ethan Davenport, Mia Gesek, Madison Mack, and Alivia Crossley. In December members set up a table at the Craft and vendor show to fundraise for their organization and to collect donations for Parkinson's of Western New York and the SPCA. If you are interested in donating to either of these organizations, please see any member or Mrs. Canfield. We will be collecting donations for Parkinson's through the first week of May and will be taking donations to the SPCA sometime this spring.



Colby Beckhorn



Ella Perry



Noah Roberts

Important Reminders



Transportation Requests

Transportation Requests for resident students to be transported to non-public schools for the 2023-24 school year are due April 1, 2023.

School Board Positions Open

- Two-5-year positions
- One-3-year position (fill unexpired term)

Please contact Cathy Law, District Clerk, for a petition.

All petitions are due to the district office no later than Monday, April 17, 2023

Annual District Vote –
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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 2023-24 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30, 2023.

Yearbooks

The Yearbook Club is at work finalizing the 2023 Scionian and Elementary books. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to share, we would appreciate it. Pictures can be sent

to Ms. Martin at: dmartin@sciocsd.org.

The Yearbooks are also still on sale. You will see order forms on page 4 in this newsletter or on our website.

Weight Room and Walking Program

The after-hours Weight Room and Walking Program are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m through the end of March. Please enter at the back of the school by the concession stand. We ask that you carry your workout shoes in and put them on once in the building to help keep the equipment and floors clean.

Sport Schedules

All sports schedules can be found at the following web address: www.sectionvny.org.



Grades 3-8 NYS Assessments

By Dr. Cristy McKinley

Each spring students in grades 3-8 complete the NYS assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics and for the past several years students in grades 4 and 8 have taken the Science assessment. I wanted to share with you some changes that have taken place since last spring.

First, the Science assessment will no longer be given to 4th grade students; only 8th grade students will take this assessment.

Second, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has established a timeline for full implementation of Computer-Based Testing (CBT) with full implementation in the Spring of 2026. Additional information about this can be found at Statewide Implementation of Computer-Based Testing (nysed.gov).

To begin transitioning our students, we will have grades 5-8 complete the ELA assessment using the CBT platform this year. The district will be developing our plan for full implementation in all content areas to CBT and will share that information when finalized.

Assessment dates for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

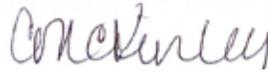
OPERATIONAL TEST	ADMINISTRATION DATES	MAKE-UP DATES
Grs. 3-8 ELA	April 19 & 20	April 21-28
Grs. 3-8 Math	May 2 & 3	May 4-11
Gr. 8 Science Performance	May 23	May 24-June 2
Gr. 8 Science Written	June 5	June 6-9

We ask for your help in preparing your child for these assessments. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and encourage them to eat a healthy breakfast, either at home or here at school, through the free breakfast program.

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school on testing days; they will be able to complete the assessment during the make-up period. Please make sure that your child gets to school on time as all of our testing starts immediately after the scheduled breakfast times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 585-593-5510.

Sincerely,



Cristy McKinley
PK-12 Principal

Scionian 2023

April 21st!!!
NO LATER!!!

Elementary (PreK-6) Yearbook

Soft Cover with 24 color pages of school memories!



Yearbook	\$ 15.00
World Pages	\$ 2.00
Total Cost	_____

Books are sold on a Pre-Sale basis ONLY!!

SCIONIAN 2023 ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

PHONE # _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____ X TOTAL = \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
~~~~~To be filled out by yearbook staff~~~~~

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:    cash        Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Scionian 2023

April 21st!!!  
NO LATER!!!

*Junior High & High School Yearbook*

*Memories all in 1 FULL color, hard cover book.*



|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Yearbook (Price good through April 21st) | \$55.00 |
| Name (Seniors Only)                      | \$ 5.00 |
| Protective Plastic Book Cover            | \$ 2.00 |
| <b>Total:</b>                            | _____   |

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March is “Healthy Me” Month



As parents and educators, we share the goal of helping our children be successful in school, at home, and in life. Working together, we can encourage their competence, achievement, and resiliency.

To highlight this goal, Scio students and staff will be participating in “Healthy Me” month in March 2023. Our goal is for home and school to work together to support emotional health by giving our students chances to:

IT'S COOL
TO BE KIND

Feel a sense of belonging. Feeling connected is important to children's and teens' self-esteem and sense of trust in others. Building strong, positive relationships among students, school staff, and parents is important to promoting emotional wellness. We can all help by modeling respectful, caring behavior towards others.



Promote resilience. Challenges and setbacks are a natural part of life and being resilient is important to overcoming challenges and good emotional health. This includes providing opportunities to gain new skills and encouraging them to keep going when things get tough. Connectedness, helping others, and successfully facing difficult situations can build resilience.



Develop competencies. Children and adolescents need to know that they can accomplish goals through their actions. Achieving academic success and developing individual talents helps them feel competent and better able to deal with stress in positive ways.



Encourage helping others. Our students need to know that they can make a difference. Helping others builds self-esteem and a sense of connectedness. Helping others also reinforces being part of our community.



Encourage good physical health. Good physical health supports good emotional health. Healthy eating habits, regular exercise and getting enough sleep protect our kids against the stress of tough situations. Regular exercise also decreases negative emotions such as anxiety, anger, and depression.

Let's all MARCH into 2023 with “Healthy Me” month!

(Adopted from a resource from the National Association of School Psychologists)

Home-schooled Notice

I would like to take this opportunity to notify all parents of students with disabilities who are in home instruction programs pursuant to section 100.10 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education that:

- For home-schooled students who are students with disabilities, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) would develop an individualized education services program (IESP) for

the student. The IESP would be developed in the same manner and have the same contents as an individualized education program (IEP). An IESP is developed in consideration of the parents' decision to home school their child.

- In order to receive services in the 2023-24 school year, **a parent must submit a written request for such services to the Board of Education no later than June 1 of this year.** For a student who is first identified as a student with a disability after

the first day of June 2023 and prior to the first day of April of 2024, a parent must submit the written request for services within 30 days after the student is first identified. A request may also be submitted within 30 days of a change in the student's school district of residence.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 585-593-5510 Ext-1140.



Kids Heart Challenge

In physical education class, our 5th and 6th graders have participated in the Kids Heart Challenge and enjoyed learning hands-only CPR. This is an essential skill that you too can learn at home directly from the American Heart Association website or simply by adding the KHC app to your phone. Take the time today to learn it. The training may help you save a life someday!

Scan QR Code for the Apple Store



Scan QR Code for Google Play





BE THE TORCH



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!

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8th Graders Explore BOCES Offerings

On Monday, Jan. 30, eighth graders were introduced to the career learning opportunities at the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Center in Belmont.

They explored programs in Animal Science, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Early Childhood Education, Heavy Equipment Operations and more.

While still a few years away (students can attend BOCES their junior and senior years), the kids are now able to better focus their vision of the future.



PK and 6th Grade Art

Grade 6 Pastel Winter Deer

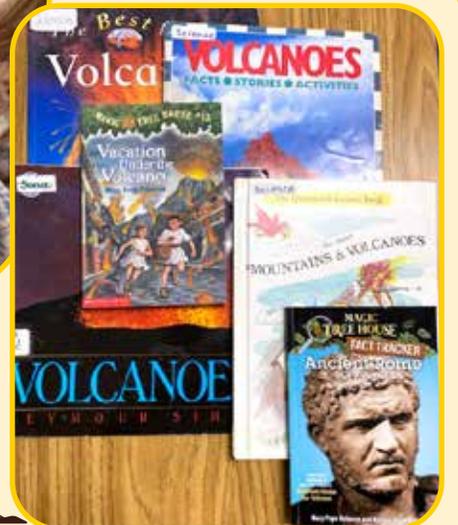


PK - Hanging Sculptures



Mrs. Woodard's Class LAVAS Volcanoes

Mrs. Woodard's fourth graders researched volcanoes by reading non-fiction and fiction books about the subject and then put their knowledge into action by making their own.



Tiger Percussion Represents at All-County in January

On Jan. 15, sixth grader Shawn Wade showcased his talents at the All County festival hosted by Cuba-Rushford. He performed in the intermediate percussion section under the direction of Fillmore Central School band director Jessica Chapman. We're proud of you for representing the Tigers at All-County, S.J.!

Several musicians will be representing Scio at future All County concerts. They are Jamie Foster, Nikiwe Cuambe, Samhita Das, and Tyler Nickerson with the Senior High All County Choir; pianist Eli Wade, and trumpeter Nora Thompson with the Senior High Jazz Band; and clarinetist Kalvary Davenport with the Junior High All County Band.

Good luck to all of our musicians.



Twenty Donors Needed to Reach NHS Blood Drive Goal

redcrossblood.org

Monday, May 15, 2023

Scio Central School

3968 Washington Ave
Scio, NY 14880

0.0 mi | 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM

27 Appointments Remaining

More Details

Power Red Blood

Power Red: A Power Red donation collects the red cells but returns most of the plasma and platelets to the donor. These donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg, or O blood.

Blood: The most common type of donation, during which approximately a pint of 'whole blood' is given. This type of blood donation usually takes about an hour.

[Learn More About Different Types of Donations >](#)

SEE TIMES

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.

SAVE THE DATE for the National Honor Society (NHS) blood drive in from 8 a.m. to noon on May 15 at the school. Sign up now to help us reach our goal of 20 donors. Visit 222.redcrossblood.org and enter Scio's zip code to find our drive.



What's Cooking in Mrs. Dodson's Class?

The Family and Consumer Sciences classes are always up to something, according to their teacher, Mrs. Dodson.

Last semester, the eighth-grade Home and Careers class worked on different stitches in embroidery and ended the unit with holiday ornaments. They wrapped up the semester with tote bags in late January.

Meanwhile, in Cooking 1, the students voted on a few recipes related to their family holiday gatherings. The winners were sweet potato casserole and sugar cookies. They also enjoyed making fall-themed dishes using apples and pumpkins, along with classic holiday treats.



Boys Volleyball Senior Night

Five seniors on the Boys Volleyball team celebrated their senior night in January. They are: Will Broach, Dan Fuller, Max Morris, Jordan White, and Austin Gowdy. Congratulations, Tigers!



Will Broach



Jordan White



Dan Fuller



Max Morris



Austin Gowdy

Friendship-Scio Cheerleaders Take 1st Place in Wellsville



Elementary Kids Flip for Cheer Clinic



The Friendship/Scio Cheerleaders hosted a cheer clinic for K-8 students in January. Many kids attended to learn cheerleading basics and, most of all, have fun. Thank you to the cheer coaches and cheerleaders for putting on another great event.



March 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesdays | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | | All County Houghton | All County Houghton |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | BOE Mtg. 6:30pm | | End of 25-wk MP | SAT's |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | | | | All County Wellsville | All County Wellsville |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | Superintendent's Day | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | | BOE Mtg. 6:30pm | | | |

April 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesdays | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
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| | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | Good Friday
NO SCHOOL | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | | | End of Q3 | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | Spring Pictures
BOE Mtg. 6:30pm | 3-8th ELA State Tests | 3-8th ELA State Tests | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | SAT School Day | | | | |





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<http://www.sciotigers.org>

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Loren Knapp, President
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 Daniel Fuller
 Jon Nickerson
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or Current Resident

POSTAL PATRON

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

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

Saturday Basketball Program



Choral Group Performs at Bicentennial Celebration

Members of the chorus helped kick off Scio's Bicentennial celebrations Jan. 31 at a reception hosted by the Scio Public Library.

Our student singers entertained the packed house who were also there to listen to a talk about Scio's beginnings by Allegany County Historian Craig Braack.

Four days of celebrations will be held around town August 10-13. Full details will be announced later.



Little Tigers Celebrate Day of Play

Feb. 1 was Global School Play Day and our Pre-K through second-grade classes embraced it to the fullest. Established in 2015, it is held annually the first Wednesday of February and promotes the importance of unstructured play for our children. These Tiger cubs spent the day using their imaginations, bonding with their friends and, most of all, having fun.

