



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Three Inducted Into NHS

The Scio Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) welcomed three new members into its ranks in March. Junior Jamie Foster, and sophomores Aubrey Toth and Hailey Illerbrun were inducted into NHS in front of family and friends. Congratulations!



Jamie Foster



Aubrey Toth



Hailey Illerbrun

A graphic for an art show with a background of colorful paint splatters in red, blue, yellow, and white. The text is centered and reads:

ART SHOW

Stop in to see the works
from our student artists.
Tuesday, May 16th
Rigby Gym
12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti



Greeting Scio Families,

As I write this, we have just returned from spring break. It is hard to believe we have less than 3 months left of learning and fun in the 2022-2023 school year. It has been a great year.

We added STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) specials for our students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade and a STEM course for our 7th and 8th grade students. Next year, we anticipate adding more elective course opportunities for our high school students.

Utilizing our partnership with the YMCA and Cares Act funding we have been able to have more student and family opportunities outside of school hours. In April we had a great turn out for our first Math Family night for elementary students. Our YMCA program also offered



laser tag for older students that night. Last week we had about 80 students participate in our family skating night! We enjoyed this time spent with our Scio family.

Work will begin in June on the Vandermark playground, and we are hopeful the Primary and Dustin Washburn playgrounds will begin soon after. We ask for your patience during the renovations. We are excited about these updates!

We will continue to strive to improve facilities and opportunities for our students, families and the community.

Take Care!

Jen Cappelletti

Kids + Math Games = TONS OF FUN!

In March, we held our first-ever Math Game Night for Pre-K through fifth graders. Around 40 students plus their families attended the event in the cafeteria to play cards, do puzzles and more.

Thank you to the staff members and high school students who helped with games and, especially, thank you to all the families that came out for the fun. A huge thank you to Mrs. Wight for organizing the event!



Sign Up Now for the Summer Program

Field trips, swimming, athletics, and a whole bunch of fun is on the schedule for the annual Summer Program this year. Open to students entering Kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall, the program will run from 8:30 to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 10 through Aug. 3.

The program is free and includes daily breakfast and lunch.

Swimming will be at the Wellsville pool each week and sports with the YMCA. Field trips may include destinations such as the DR Challenger Learning Center, Funland skating, Stony Brook State Park, and Rushford Lake.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Wight at: vwight@sciocsd.org.

Roller Skating



Extended Memorial Day Weekend

Due to not using snow days, there will be no school on Friday, May 26th.



Saturday Sports Were a Hit

Coach McFall led two Saturday sports opportunities – basketball and soccer – for our young Tigers this winter and early spring. Both were well attended, and everyone had fun. Thanks for sharing your Saturday with us, Coach!



Trap Club



Ski Club Wraps Season in Early March



The winter may have been less than perfect for skiing, but our Ski Club had SNOW MUCH FUN early January to early March skiing Thursday nights at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville. Thank you to club advisor Kyle Canfield and assistant advisor Carmen Vegder for chaperoning 12 of our students throughout this ski season.



Pre-K Gets Leprechaun Surprise

The morning of St. Patrick's Day, our pre-K students were surprised to find that leprechauns were up to plenty of shenanigans in their room overnight. Although the traps they made did not hold the sly intruder, he left behind "gold" and Playdoh as well as a wee bit of a mess from his tricks.



Pre-K screening
Tuesday, May 9, 2023



Packets were mailed home over spring break to those families who have already registered their children. If you still need to register a child, please call Kim Walsh in our office at 585-593-5510.



Oh, the Places We Went for Dr. Seuss Week

The week of Feb. 27, students and staff embraced their silly sides all week to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Days like One Fish, Two Fish (wear something red or blue) and Sleep Book (pajama day) were scheduled to celebrate. We also welcomed guest readers like The Cat in the Hat (aka: Nancy Beaton) who read in the elementary library, and former second-grade teacher Melody Grabow who read in classrooms like Mrs. Gambino's kindergarten.

Thank you to all our staff, students, and friends who made this a memorable and FUN week!



STEM Learning and Fun!

This school year, added STEM classes for all students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. While STEM has been infused in primary lessons throughout the school year, the STEM specials classes for elementary and 20-week class for 7th and 8th grade students has been a wonderful addition to our curriculum. The kids love it too!



Scio Sends Students to All County Festivals

Several middle and high school singers and musicians represented Scio at two All County Music Festivals in March.

First, on March 4, eight musicians performed at the festival held at Houghton University. Eli Wade and Nora Thompson played with the jazz band, while Nate Griffiths and Kalvary Davenport performed with the junior high band. Nikiwe Cuambe, Samhita Das, Jamie Foster, and Tyler Nickerson sang with the high school choir.

Fifteen of our musicians performed at the festival on March 18 at Wellsville Central School. They were Maddy Kamrowski, Avery Lunn, Jaxon Nickerson, Addyson Sekoll, and Abi Watson played with the sixth-grade band; Brielle Allen, Ronan Ayres, Colby Beckhorn, Tayla Brenna, Elinor Cook, Lacey Sherlock, Amanda Sili, and Brea Williams sang with the junior high choir; and playing with the junior high band were Hailey Illerbrun on clarinet and Cole Davenport on saxophone.

Congratulations to all of our chorus and band members on being chosen for these All County Festivals.



2nd Grade Playing in the Snow

Work with
2nd Grade,
they said.
It will be fun,
they said.



5th-12th Spring Concert is May 10th

The grades 5-12 concert will be held at the school on May 10.

The choral portion of the concert will include music by Bruno Mars, Adele, Elvis, and from the musical "Grease." The band will play music by Neil Young, The Police, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind & Fire, and Fleetwood Mac.

Sounds like a rockin' night that should not be missed!

PK-4th Spring Concert is June 8th at 6:30 p.m.



Reading Aloud is Good for Kids and Kitties

Our second graders spent some time at the Allegany County SPCA in Wellsville visiting the shelter's animals.

While they were there, they took some time to read to the shelter cats. Studies show that it helps the children's literacy skills, and helps socialize the animals therefore increasing their likelihood of adoption. It's also pretty cute!



May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 3rd-8th Math State Tests BOE Meeting / Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6 SAT
7	8	9	10 5th-12th Spring Concert 6:30pm	11	12 Solo Fest - Fillmore	13 Solo Fest - Fillmore
14	15	16 Student Art Show Annual District Meeting/Budget Vote 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 8th Grade Science Performance Test	24 8th Grade Science Performance Test	25	26 No School	27
28 Memorial Day No School Memorial Day Parade	29	30	31			

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SAT
4	5 8th Grade Science Written Test	6	7 Athletic Awards Night 6:00pm	8 PK-4 Spring Concert 6:30pm Graduation Walk	9	10
11	12	13	14 Regents Exams BOE Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15 Regents Exams	16 Regents Exams PK & K Celebrations 1st - 6th End of year Cookout CTE Graduation	17
18	19 Juneteenth No School	20 Regents Exams	21 Regents Exams	22 Regents Exams	23 Graduation	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Message Regarding Our 2023-2024 District Budget

Development of a budget spans several months beginning in early January each year. District officials are tasked with determining how resources will be allocated to achieve our educational goals. This involves assessing academic programming, the social and emotional needs of our students, Special Education needs, and transportation requirements.

The proposed 2023-2024 General Fund budget helps us reach our educational goals while remaining fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. This year's budget hearing will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary auditorium. Scio CSD thanks you for your consideration of the 2023-2024 school budget.

Scio Central School District
Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023-24 Budget
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Auditorium

Annual District Meeting/Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
12:00 Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Foyer of Rigby Gymnasium

Board Member Vacancies

Two (2) - Five (5) Year Terms
One (1) - Three (3) Year Term

To fill the expired term of office of Mrs. Melanie Ryan and Mr. Robert Thompson and the unexpired term of Mr. David Roberts

All vacancies are filled "at large". The two candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the board for five-year terms; and the candidate with the next highest number of votes will be elected to the board for a three-year term.



Voting Qualifications

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 18 years of age by May 16, 2023;
3. a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

Absentee Ballot Qualifications

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

1. a qualified voter of the district;
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;
3. unable to appear because of duties, occupation, business or studies that require him/her to be outside the county or city of residence on the day of the vote;
4. incarceration other than for conviction of a felony.

Process to Obtain/Cast an Absentee Ballot

A qualified voter of the Scio Central 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 special 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. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.



Process to Obtain/Cast a Military Ballot

A qualified “Military voter” means a qualified voter of the state of New York who is in actual military service, as defined in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and by reason of such military service is absent from his or her district on the day of election, OR a voter who is discharged from such military service within thirty days of an election AND the spouse, parent, child or dependent of such voter accompanying or being with him or her, if a qualified voter and a resident of the same school district. Education Law Section 2018-d (1)(b)

1. Contact the school by mail, e-mail, or fax to request that an application be sent to them;
2. A valid application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023.
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special 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. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.



On May 16, you will be voting on the following:

Proposition 1 - General Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2023-24 budget in the amount of \$11,574,928?

Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 64-passenger diesel school bus, at a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred fifty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-three dollars (\$156,873), the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

Proposition 3 – Scio Memorial Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be permitted to increase the tax levy for the Scio Memorial Library from \$26,789 to \$36,168?

Election of Three (3) Candidates to the Board of Education

Vote for three (3):

Two (2) five (5)-year terms to expire 6/30/28

One (1) three (3) year term to expire 6/30/26

All vacancies are filled “at large”.

The candidates with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the board.

Three-Part Budget Summary

New York State law requires all school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories: program, administrative, and capital.

Includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselor, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; athletics; and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

Program	Amount	% of budget
2022-23	\$ 7,892,804	70.38%
2023-24	\$ 8,289,951	71.62%

Includes: salaries and benefits of administrators who spend most of their time performing supervisory duties; insurance costs; legal expenses; public

information; business office operations; and Board of Education expenses.

Administrative	Amount	% of budget
2022-23	\$ 1,249,211	11.14%
2023-24	\$ 1,240,861	10.72%

Includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, and repairs.

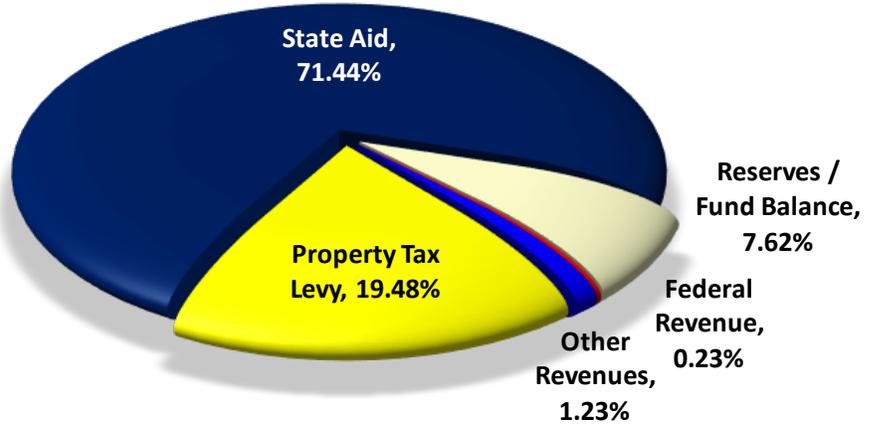
Capital	Amount	% of budget
2022-23	\$ 2,072,092	18.48%
2023-24	\$ 2,044,116	17.66%



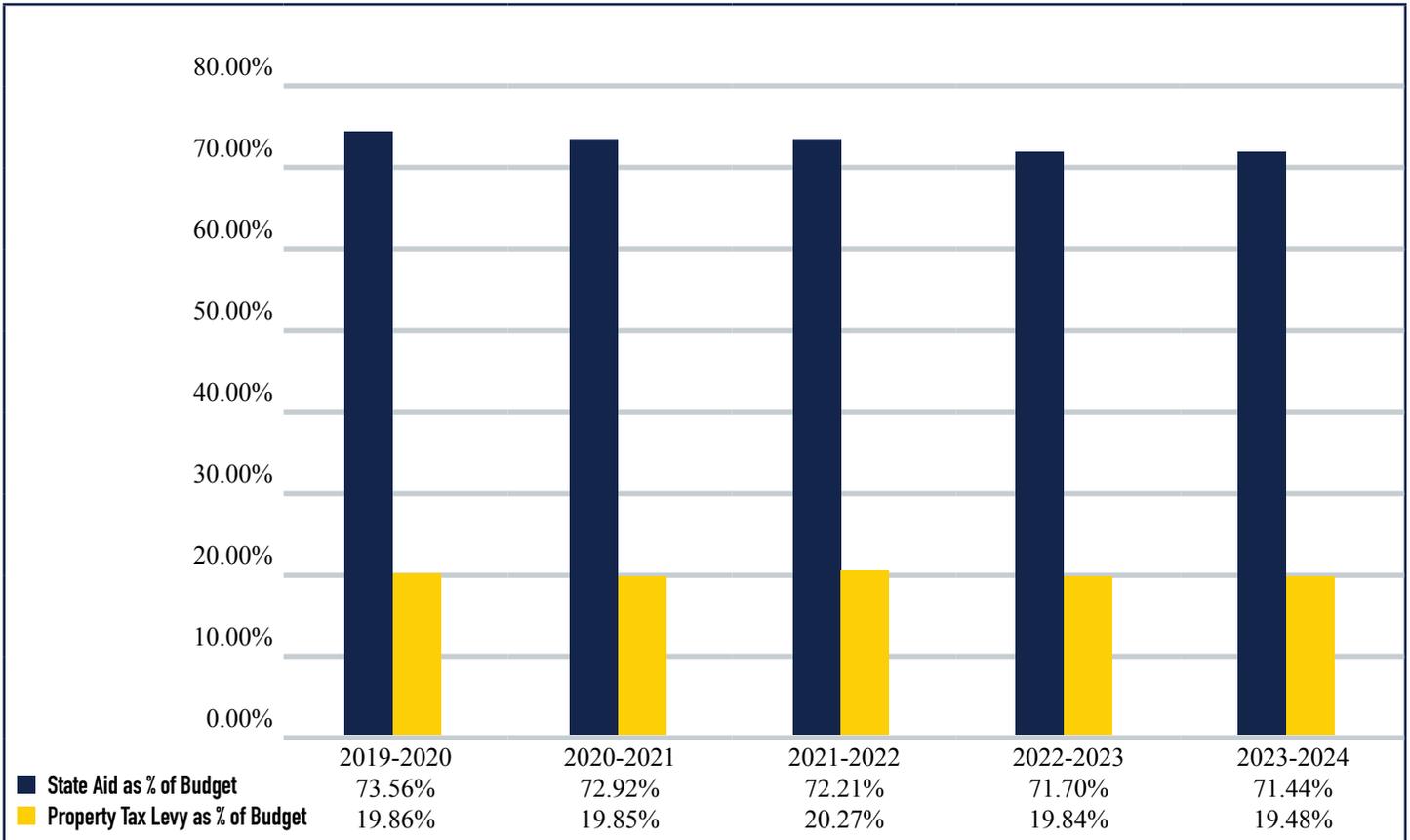
2023-2024 Budget & Revenue Estimates

State Aid	\$8,268,775
Reserves / Fund Balance	\$882,364
Federal Revenue	\$27,000
Other Revenues	\$142,400
Property Tax Levy	\$2,254,389
Total	\$11,574,928

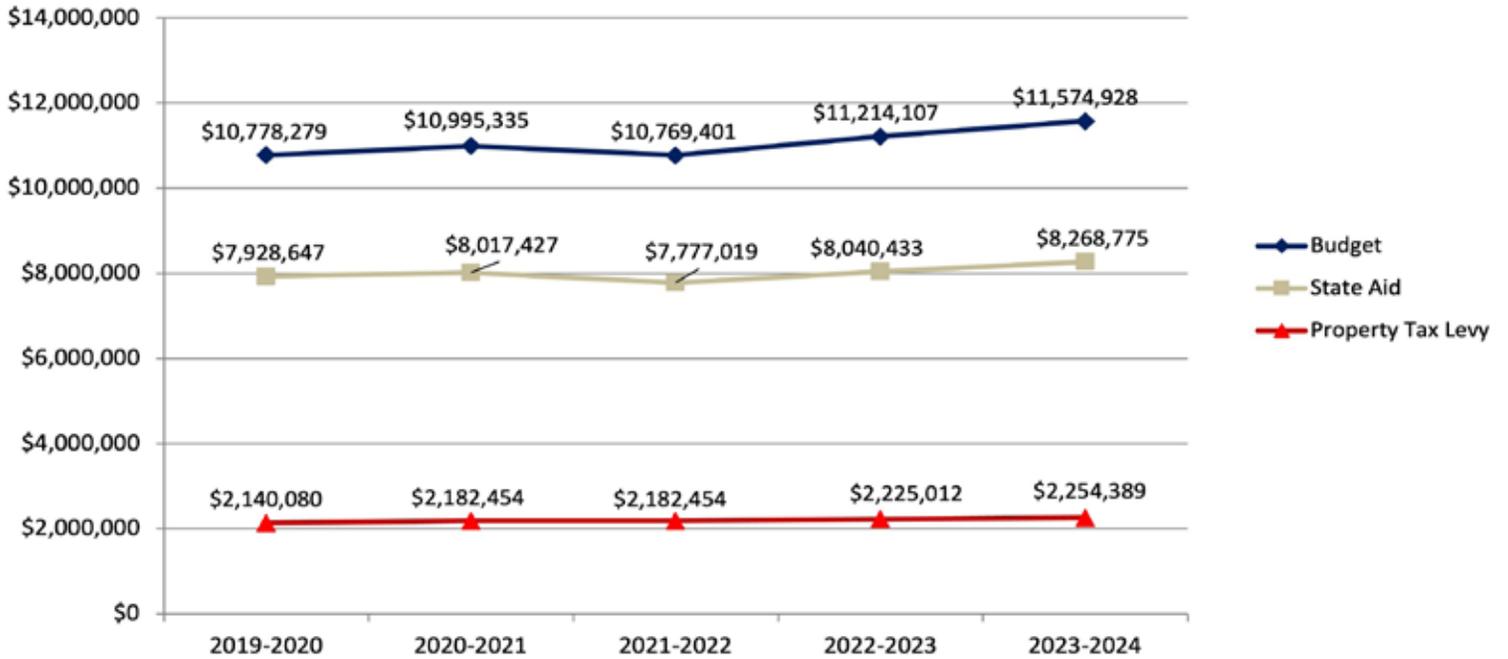
Proposed 2023-2024 Revenue Distribution



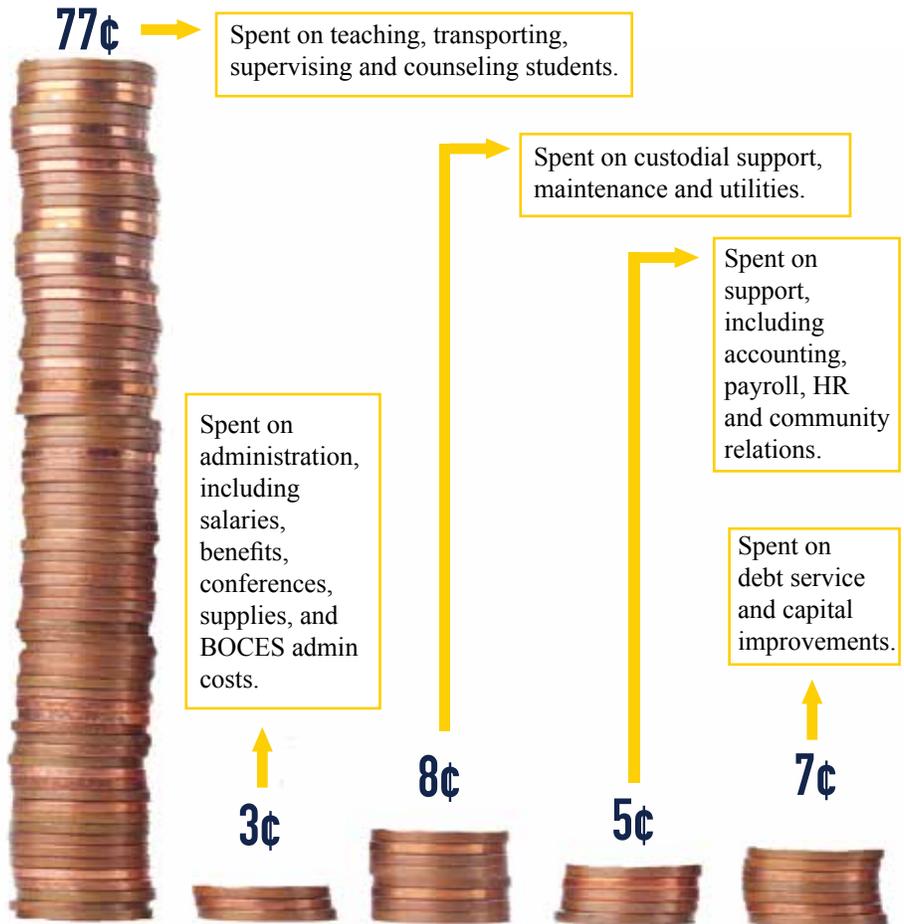
State Aid & Property Tax Levy as a % of the Budget



5-Year Budget History



Funds Spent to Help Each Student Succeed



2nd Grade Virtual Field Trip

Second grade had a virtual field trip on fire safety!



3rd Grade Visits Corning Museum of Glass

Third grade enjoyed their field trip to Corning Museum of Glass. They were able to participate in hands on activities such as sandblasting a glass and designing a suncatcher. Students loved learning about glassblowing at the live hot glass demonstration and enthusiastically toured the museum.



Agricultural Literacy Week

For Agricultural Literacy Week, County Legislator Deb Root came in to read "Tomatoes for Neela" to the second graders. Afterwards, they planted tomato and basil seeds.



Winter Sports Senior Nights

Three seniors were celebrated during their senior nights. They are Brenden Loucks for Boys Basketball, Niki Cuambe for Cheerleading, and Kiara Grover for Girls Basketball.

Congratulations!



Niki Cuambe - Cheerleading



Kiara Grover - Basketball



Brenden Loucks - Basketball





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or Current Resident

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Motivational Speaker Shares His Message with Middle and High Schoolers

In March, guest speaker Duncan Kirkwood spoke to students in grades 7 through 12 on the importance of building strong resilience, self-love, and grit. He shared with our students the three Ps of student success - passion, perseverance and purpose.

As a resilience trainer and motivational speaker, Mr. Kirkwood's mission is to help young people to live their best lives and realize their potential. We are so thankful he was able to make time to share his wisdom and enthusiasm with us.



Twenty Donors Needed to Reach NHS Blood Drive Goal

SAVE THE DATE for the National Honor Society (NHS) blood drive 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 www.redcrossblood.org and enter Scio's zip code to find our drive.

