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SC Celebrates the Eclipse! By: Ella



High school student, Monica Phipps enjoys the event.

This year the Scott City School district hosted a Solar Eclipse event on Monday, April 8th. A solar eclipse is such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that the community was invited to come out to the school to share this experience. Food and glasses were provided along with other activities. The Bank of Missouri cooked hot dogs for the staff and community. There were t-shirts available for purchase designed by high school student Miranda Schusler. The football field was separated into sections for the community on the far left, high school on the left, middle school on the right, and elementary on the far right. The elementary was released at 1:45. The middle school and high school were both dismissed during 7th hour (1:20). The students returned to class at 2:20.

Students were encouraged to bring towels and blankets to sit on while watching the eclipse. Mr. Cossey, the district technology director, played fun eclipse type music on the speakers from the press box and gave specific directions and a countdown. Mrs. Pruden had this to say about the event, "What an incredible opportunity as educators we had to experience such a unique historical event with our students here at SC schools." Mrs. Pruden also stated that each building will have a page in their yearbook featuring photos of this special event with our students and staff on the football field. The eclipse viewing was very well coordinated and enjoyed by the students and community alike.

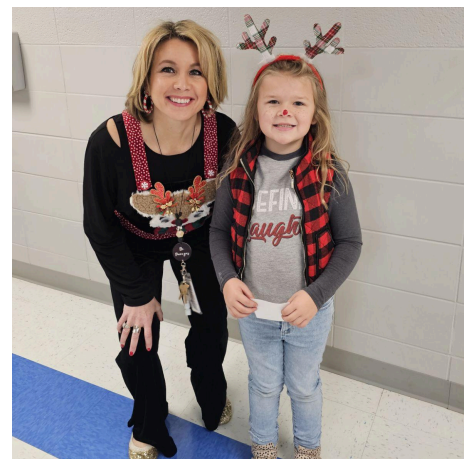
Dr. Panagos Receives Exemplary Principal Award

I interviewed Dr. Kesha Panagos about her recent award. First, I asked her how long she has been the SC elementary principal, and she responded, "Six years." Next, I asked her to tell me about the principal's award that she recently received. She said, "Every year our Missouri Association of Elementary Principals honors a state principal in every region so this year I was nominated by colleagues and principals around the region to represent Southeast Missouri for the principal's award. Then I asked her how she was nominated for the award. She responded, "People go vote and submit names of principals around the area that have made significant accomplishments around their buildings, and our organization votes on that and picks one to represent the region." Next, I asked Dr. Panagos what receiving this award means to her. Dr. Panagos said, "It means a lot, especially getting nominated from my peers and different principals that do this every day." She also

stated, "Being a teacher and principal is a really hard job, and it's also very rewarding." She added to represent our school means a lot to her. Then I asked her when and where the ceremony was held. She said the ceremony was in early March in Osage Beach at Tan-Tar-a at the Missouri Association of School Principals Leadership Conference." Finally, I asked Dr. Panagos what her goals going forward are for both herself and her building. Dr. Panagos said, "Some of my main goals are culture related; making sure that our teachers feel safe coming to school everyday, and our students feel safe." One of our themes that we have been working on is kindness and empathy and just really focusing on that everyday and making SC elementary the place to be for everybody to want to get up and come to school."

To see Dr. Panagos' full interview, click here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZKtyYtLKNi&authuser=0>. **By: Mollie**



Dr. Kesha Panagos poses for a photo with kindergarten student Tessa Enderle on class party day.



High school senior Gracie Karrenbrock celebrates her decision to attend Three Rivers.

HS Career Fair & Decision Day

I sat down with high school counselor, Mrs. Emily Henson and RootEd coordinator, Mrs. Donna Conaway to interview them about High School Career Day/ Senior Decision Day. High School Career Day was April 5th. There were 37 vendors that came. All of the vendors that were here included: work force, colleges, and the military. The students had to visit at least five booths. The Seniors went first, then the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen participated. This year was the second year for Senior Decision Day. Senior Decision Day was partially funded by the RootEd in Missouri. Students got prizes and pamphlets if they chose army, military (etc). With the Career Fair, the counseling center hoped to achieve sparking interest in students exploring things that they might be interested in after high school. Career Day and Senior Decision Day took place in the high school gym. The goal for Decision Day is to celebrate what the students chose for their plans right after high school. The results overall for the events went well. One student received an interview, and another a summer job from the Career Fair event. Senior, Lawson Graff had this to say about Decision Day, “Decision Day was an opportunity for Seniors to express their future plans publicly among their classmates and have a good atmosphere to help the transformation from high school to college/career.” Senior, Alyssa Dirden had this to say about the Career Fair, “Everyone was very informative and Career Day opened up more opportunities for me after school.”

By: Katelyn

Beaubain Named New Head Football Coach

By: Lorna

The 2024 football season will feature Brian Beaubain as our new head coach here at Scott City High School. Coach Beau found out about the job opening from one of his family members that applied for another job here in the district. Coach Beau and his family started looking into this job mostly because of the family connections his wife has here in Southeast Missouri. Coach Beau has been coaching since he got out of college. He coached for three years at the college level. He has either been a coordinator or head coach at all of the schools he has coached at. Coach Beau is starting off just getting to know the players and building a relationship with them. He hopes to continue where Coach May left off and give the Rams a great football season to remember. Coach Beau loves teaching and helping kids become better students, people, and athletes. He will do many great things for not only the football team, but also our community. Right now Coach Beau is here by himself, but his wife and three sons will move here at the end of the school year. His whole family is very excited about the move and are excited about all the opportunities they will have. We are very excited to have Coach Beau here with us at Scott City High School. Go Rams!



New HS Football Coach, Brian Beaubain.

Teacher Retirement Spotlight-Carmen Winders

By: Jodie

Mrs. Carmen, Elementary Dean of Students, will be retiring this month. Mrs. Winders has had such an impact in the Elementary for the last eight years. Winders originally started off as a teacher's aide and then went to school to become a Special Education teacher. She has been working in education for about 40 years. The one thing Mrs. Winders always looked forward to days with the teachers and children. She loved talking to her colleagues and teaching the kids. That is one thing she said she will miss the most about retiring. Mrs. Winders said if you're entering the workforce (in any capacity) always reflect on how you did, and to forgive yourself for your mistakes. She says this because if you are able to reflect and forgive, then you can grow from those experiences. Mrs. Winders is excited to not have to wake up at 5:30 in the morning and to have more time to do activities she enjoys, like going to the gym. She is also ready to relax and read some books. Mrs. Winders said she will enjoy the free time, but will miss everybody here at the school.



Mrs. Carmen Winders retires as Elementary Dean of Students.

Community Spotlight- Sasquatch Coffee

By: Skylar

For this quarter's Community Spotlight we chose Sasquatch Coffee. They are located on the corner of Main Street and Lincoln Avenue here in the heart of Scott City. The owner of this business is Jeff Schwettman, and he wanted to open this up to offer additional options to our community. He has never done anything like this before. Mr. Schwettman said that his business goals and expectations are to become a successful business and offer the community more options for a location to visit, or spend time with friends while enjoying some wonderful coffee as well as other items. Sasquatch Coffee will be offering unique coffee from Guatemala, roasted by a company located within the state of Missouri. They will also provide hot and cold brewed coffees, Pepsi fountain products, along with breakfast food, and possibly other products as they grow. Their operating hours will be from 5 am to 2 pm, but may offer extended hours as well, likely six days a week. They plan to have two to three employees working. Sasquatch Coffee plans to open as soon as possible once they finalize everything. The community is very excited to have another place to relax and enjoy some beverages and food!



Coming Soon! Sasquatch Coffee with Drive-Thru!

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