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Celebration Honors Exceptional Educator, Support Staff and Volunteer

On April 21, more than 65 people gathered to honor this year's Celebration of Excellence recipients. The annual awards program, sponsored by the Dragon Pride Foundation, honors one exceptional educator, volunteer, and support staff member who exhibit excellence in teaching, advising and service to the District.

Educator of the Year

Nellie Cowher, a 2nd grade teacher at SCE, was nominated by **Alyssa Reed**, a former student, and **Mary Baker**, a parent of a former student. In her nomination form, Miss Reed credits Mrs. Cowher for instilling in her a love of learning that she still possesses today. Similarly, Mrs. Baker applauded Mrs. Cowher's commitment to her students, saying her "qualities as a professional go well beyond the classroom. She genuinely cares about ALL of her students." Mrs. Cowher noted that she wanted to be teacher as long as she could remember and is committed to giving back to continue influencing future generations in the community. "I hope I have created an enriching environment in my classroom to help each child reach his or her potential," she said.

Support Staff of the Year

Joan Brooks, who began her career at SCSD as an Elementary secretary in 1968, was nominated by **Kyle Mock**. Mock described Mrs. Brooks as "always having the best interest of the kids and someone who would work countless extra hours at home and in the office to make sure everything was done properly." Mrs. Brooks retired in December, 2015 after 48 years of dedicated service. Her career was marked by her commitment to provide a welcoming environment to students, teachers, staff, families and visitors, and for the smile and warm greeting she extended to everyone. "It was a joy to be part of a



Joan Brooks, Shane Metzler, and Nellie Cowher (l-r) were honored as Celebration of Excellence Support, Volunteer and Educator of the Year.

team effort for 48 years," she said. She plans to continue to support the District and its students, and volunteer when she can.

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Message from the Superintendent



In the coming weeks, the SCSD community will have the chance to welcome Dr. Betsy Baker as its new superintendent to its schools. After spending a few months here as an interim superintendent, I am confident that she will find a district that is caring, compassionate and committed to providing its students with the most

innovative learning opportunities possible.

In the meantime, it is my honor to continue working with the SCSD administrative team, faculty, staff and Board of Directors on day-to-day operations during this important transitional period.

As many in the community may know, I spent my entire career educating and supporting children. In 2013, I retired from the Tyrone Area School District after 50 years of service, including 42 years as District Superintendent. Subsequently, I wrote a book entitled "The Politics of Prevailing"—Lessons in Public School Superintendence 1971-2013, Strategies for Meeting Change and Challenge with Confidence. I have made countless book presentations across the state of Pennsylvania, including the PSU School Study Executive Council. The Superintendent of Warren County School District, who was present at the meeting, wrote a review of the book which will be printed in the Journal of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

One of the things I highlight in the book is the impact that great teachers can have on their students. Teachers like these can be found throughout SCSD, from educators who are bringing new technologies to their classrooms through Dragon Pride Foundation Venture Grants to those who are introducing SCSD students to an array of career options. Their dedication can be seen in the collaborative way they inspire students to give their all, as well as in the hours they spend organizing engaging events that promote reading and literacy skills.

It has been my privilege to share my experience and perspectives with the Spring Cove community. Many thanks for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Miller
Interim Superintendent

Dr. Baker Returns to SCSD as Superintendent

Betsy Baker is returning to Spring Cove School District.

At its April 21 meeting, the SCSD School Board hired Dr. Baker as the new Superintendent of Spring Cove School District. The District is almost like a second home to Baker – she is a graduate of Central High School, and spent 10 years in the classroom as a teacher before spending a decade on the SCSD administrative team as principal of SCE, and the former East Freedom Elementary and Roaring Spring Elementary schools.

"I am extremely honored to be offered this opportunity to serve my home community as Superintendent of Schools and am humbled that the Board and school community have put their faith and trust in me," she said. "This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I will work hard to represent the District well and to build upon the strong foundation that many truly exceptional Spring Cove educators provided for me, beginning from my very first day of kindergarten at Roaring Spring Elementary and continuing through my teaching and administrative careers in the District."



Dr. Baker returns to SCSD after most recently serving as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Programming and Elementary Education at Altoona Area School District. Dr. Baker brings extensive experience in strategic planning, curriculum development, assessment, and school finance to her new position.

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"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, administration, Board, and community as we strive to provide the best possible education for our current and future students and to make a great district truly phenomenal!" she continued.

Venture Grants Bring New Technologies to Classrooms

The Dragon Pride Foundation recently awarded \$7,000 in Venture Grants to support an array of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming, as well as music and other student-focused projects across District schools. Congratulations to the teachers and others involved in these innovative projects, including:

- **Apple TV/document cameras** to enhance the use of iPads and smart boards in MES and SCE classrooms (Heidi Barbarini, Glenda Everetts, Marsha Hoover, Becky Klock, LouAnn Over, Susan Claar and Douglas Hoover, MES and SCE teachers)
- **iPads for the Graphic Arts course** at CHS that will help strengthen student skills related to graphic design principles, typography, layout and digital image manipulation (Heather Trimeloni, CHS art teacher)
- **Visit to SCE by children's author and illustrator Matthew Cordell**, including books that were donated to the school and its library (Susan Zangrilli and Lauren Zeznanski, Title I Reading teachers)
- **A refrigerator in the MES Life Skills classroom** for perishables used during cooking activities and to help students learn more about food safety (Rosalyn Sollenberger, MES life skills teacher)
- **Classroom ukulele set** as a foundation for guitar instruction for the 5th grade general music curriculum



Mrs. Susan Claar, 4th grade science teacher at MES, uses a new document camera to show Benett Kensing (I), Jack Myers and Paige Glunt the intricacies of a pine sprig.

- and a **Vibraphone** for the CHS band program, specifically the Concert Band and the competitive Marching Band (Daniel Drumm, MES music instructor)
- **Solar cell kits** used by all SCMS 7th graders to construct and test an organic solar cell (Bonnie Loth, SCMS science teacher)

Congratulations to this year's recipients! Visit <http://www.dragonproud.com/> to learn how your tax-deductible contributions can support Venture Grants and other Dragon Pride Foundation projects.

Foreign Language Festivities!

Congratulations to CHS students who participated in the Foreign Language Festival at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in early April. Participants included **Karen Liddle, Katie Ponder, Michaela Brown, Rachel McCready, Alyssa Reed** and **Neeley Ayers**, all of whom are students in Señorita Louise Wilson's Spanish I classes. **Señorita Wilson** and **Señor Kevin Buynack** also helped with festival events during the day.

In addition, **Neeley** won 2nd place honors in the Art/Original competition category. Similarly, **Karen** earned 2nd place honors in Spanish I Reading, and 3rd place in Spanish I Speaking, Spanish I Composition and Spanish I Listening.

¡Felicidades a todas!



Neeley Ayers, Alyssa Reed, Katie Ponder (front row, l-r), Señor Kevin Buynack, Karen Liddle, Rachel McCready, Michaela Brown and Señorita Louise Wilson (back row, l-r) attended the Foreign Language Festival at IUP.

Elementary Realignment Strengthens Learning Experiences

As the 2015-16 school year comes to a close, SCSD administrators and teachers are reviewing the first year of the elementary school realignment project and deeming it a success.

“The changes we had to make weren’t always easy to carry out,” said **Kendra Pritchett**, principal of MES, which houses all SCSD students in grades 3 – 5. “But it brought us together as one school district. Students now have the opportunity to get to know their classmates beginning at the elementary level. Many have told us how excited they are to have new friends. Parents have also said they appreciate the chance to get to know more families within the District.”

While the realignment has helped to strengthen the social fabric of the District, it has more importantly helped improve the educational experience for the District’s youngest students. Mrs. Pritchett pointed to the recent PSSA exams as a strong example of collaborative learning.

“Last year, only students in grades 3 – 5 at MES participated in the PSSAs,” she said. “This year, since our building is dedicated to grades 3 – 5, every student took

the exams. Because all of the students were sharing the same experience, our teachers were able to develop several programs to help inspire and encourage the entire student body. They were in it together. It was great to see everyone working together toward the same goal.”

Carol Louden, principal of SCE, agreed. SCE is home to all SCSD students in K4 through grade 2.

“Our focus on early childhood education gives us the opportunity to help students build a strong foundation for the upper primary grades,” she said. “We can dedicate all of our resources to targeted programs specially designed for early learning.”

Mrs. Louden noted that the recent Barnes and Noble

book fair (see story on page 8) demonstrates how the coordinated effort is paying off.

“All of the proceeds from the book fair are going directly toward early literacy efforts,” she said. “The funds are no longer split between programs that stretch across several grades. Instead, we can concentrate on specific initiatives that benefit early childhood development.”

As the summer approaches, District administrators will continue to review the year’s progress with an eye toward additional improvements for the 2016-17 academic year.



Brittaney Bowers and David Heldibridle work on geometric shapes during Mrs. Fogle’s 1st grade math class at SCE.



Best Wishes, Mrs. Louden!

As the school year comes to a close, the SCSD family extends its deepest gratitude to **Carol Louden**, Principal of Spring Cove Elementary. After more than 37 years as an educator and school administrator, Ms. Louden has announced plans to retire at the end of the school year.

“I have been fortunate to spend my career surrounded by creative and thoughtful teachers and administrators who want to give children a strong educational foundation from which to grow,” she said. “It has been a pleasure and an honor to lead them, and I look forward to hearing about all of the great things to come from Spring Cove in the months and years ahead.”

Calendar Highlights

May 27	Early dismissal
May 30	No School – Memorial Day
June 3	Last Day Early Dismissal Graduation
June 6	School Board meeting
June 20	School Board meeting
July 11 – 15	KinderCamp
July 18	School Board meeting
July 20	PIAA Sports Physical (appt required by calling 934-9629)
August 1	School Board meeting
August 3	PIAA Sports Physical (appt required by calling 934-9629)
August 15	School Board meeting
August 15	1st day of fall sports practice

KinderCamp Offered in July

Spring Cove School District is again happy to offer KinderCamp to eligible incoming kindergarten students. The camp will be held at Spring Cove Elementary.

Through daily classes, the young students will strengthen their school readiness skills so that they have a strong foundation as they enter elementary school. Classes will be held July 11-15 from 9:00 am - 11:15 am.

Throughout the week, children will work with SCSD teachers on social and communication skills. This will also help familiarize them with daily school activities that will occur during the 2016-2017 school year.

The elementary principals have notified parents of eligible children. Parents who may have questions about the program are invited to contact **Carol Loudon**, SCE Principal, at clouden@springcovesd.org.

Graduation Information

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2016 are tentatively scheduled for June 3 at 7:00 at the athletic field. Graduates are asked to arrive by 6:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather, ceremonies will be moved to the CHS Auditorium. Tickets are not required for the outdoor ceremony, but will be limited to four per graduate if the ceremony is moved indoors. Please check <http://scsd.schoolwires.net> for updates as the date nears.



SCSD Welcomes New Special Education Director

Spring Cove School District is pleased to welcome **Harry Gregg** as its new Special Education Director. Gregg brings more than 12 years of experience to the position, most recently as a Supervisor of Special Education at Altoona Area School District (AASD).

He also served as an instructional advisor at AASD, helping to coordinate special education programs across several district buildings. As a special education teacher at AASD, Gregg also provided caring and compassionate instruction to students in learning support, emotional support and autistic support classrooms.

“The SCSD team and all of the students have really welcomed me to the District,” Gregg said. “Although it’s only been a few months, it’s been a pleasure to work with them. I’m really looking forward to strengthening our special education program over the summer so that we can provide the best services possible to our students and their families.”

Gregg earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Special Education from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. He is certified in K-6 elementary instruction and N-12 special education. He is also a graduate of St. Francis University, holding both a Masters of Education and Leadership and a Special Education Supervisor’s Certificate.

Celebration continued

Volunteer of the Year

Shane Metzler, a 1992 CHS graduate and long-time equipment manager for the CHS football team, was nominated by **A-J Hoenstine** for the dedication he has shown to the coaches, players and football program for the last 25 years. During that time, he has NEVER missed a game and encourages the team to do the best they can, win or lose. "Every fan knows that Shane bleeds red and grey," said Hoenstine. "He is the first one on and the last one off the field making sure everything is done right." Due to health problems that began in infancy, Shane was not expected to participate in any sport that required physical activity. He has exceeded all expectations by participating on Special Olympics basketball and bowling teams, and earning more than 100 medals in bowling. Shane thanks the coaches, staff, athletes, fans and community members for the support, love and respect through the years, as well as Coach Jerome Conlon for getting him started and to Hoenstine for the nomination. He looks forward to the 2016 season!

Congratulations to this year's Celebration of Excellence winners. It is an honor and pleasure to share this achievement with you! We wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.

Save the Date!

Dragon Pride Foundation Golf Outing Set for June 10

Calling all golfers! The Dragon Pride Foundation and the Morrisons Cove Rotary Club are looking for you!

The organizations are hosting a combined golf tournament on **Friday, June 10** at the Iron Masters Country Club with proceeds benefitting several area organizations, including the Dragon Pride Foundation. The Foundation will use its portion of proceeds to support educational, arts and athletic programs across SCSD, such as summer academic camps, community arts programs, new technology purchases, and teaching grants.

Sponsors and golfers are welcome. In fact, sponsorships exist across several levels, from a \$5,000 outing sponsor which includes naming rights for the event to \$100 tee/green sponsors. Golfers can also sign up for \$100, which includes 18 holes, green fees, cart rental, refreshments and prizes.

Sponsors and golfers are asked to confirm their participation ideally by May 20 by contacting Brian Gahagan at bgahagan@springcovesd.org or Tom Kozminski at tom.kozminski@morefield.com.

K4 and K5 Registration is Now Open

This year marked the first year for the SCSD Kindergarten 4 (K4) program. Based on its success, the SCSD Board of Directors has approved it for the 2016-17 school year. Children in SCSD who have reached their 4th birthday by September 1 are welcome and encouraged to register for the full-day program. Transportation is provided. For more info, please contact **Carol Louden**, principal, SCE, at clouden@springcovesd.org or 224-2311. Registration for the K4 and K5 program can also be completed online at <http://scsd.schoolwires.net/>.

Teachers and Staff Honored for Attendance, Years of Service

The SCSD administrative team and the Board of Directors congratulates our many teachers and staff members who were recognized during Staff Appreciation Week earlier this month. We are grateful for your efforts and dedication to the students of Spring Cove School District. Thank you!

Perfect Attendance

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Michele Croft	Cindy Ritchey
Aaron Hileman	Douglas Roberts
Brittney Jacobson	Rosalyn Sollenberger
Rachel Lemmon	Douglas Weyant

Years of Service

5 Years

Jody Seiler
James Hammel
Beverly Giffin
Jessica Earnest
Barbara Burket

John Fitzpatrick
Angela Diehl
Tina Diehl
Heidi Barbarini

10 Years

Nina Foor
Dena Burket
Shad Benton

20 Years
Tracy Ward

15 Years

Stephanie Thompson
Deborah Snyder
Dawn Smith
Susan Miller
William Kitt
Pamela Hall
Daniel Garwood

25 Years
Dawn Strum
Bonnie Loth
Lisa King
Nancy Corle
Pauline Bumgardner

30 Years

Linda Lightner
Geri Bridenbaugh
Mary Benson
Barbara Ayers

Thank you for your commitment and many years of service!

Winter Sports Wrap-Up

The spring sports season started in mid-March, just days after the winter sports season ended. The season included several major achievements by our student-athletes on the basketball court, wrestling mat and in the swimming pool. Here is a quick recap ...

Basketball ...

The Boys Varsity team finished 12-11 and headed into Class AA play-offs as the 11th seed. Their loss to Juniata completed their season. **Josh McKnight, Kyle Dodson** and **Justin Helsel** were named to the Mountain League Winter All-Stars. In the Boys Junior High league, the 9th grade team had a learning season with a 2-18 record, while the 8th grade team finished with a 14-6 record. The Girls Varsity team headed into District 6 Class AA play-offs as the 6th seed with a strong 17-7 record before falling to Penns Valley. **Hannah Johnston** and **Cassie Mock** were named Mountain League Winter All-Stars. The Girls Junior High team finished its season with a 14-6 record.



Kyle Dodson lays up a 2-pointer against Bellefonte.



Ashley Negley prepares her shot against the Lady Bulldogs.

In Wrestling ...

The Varsity team finished with a 14-6 dual meet record, including a 3rd place finish in the District Dual Meet Championship. **Braeden Swab, Brock Biddle, Ethan Kennedy, Bryce Biddle, Jared Smith** and **Cameron Norris** turned in strong performances; all placed at the meet. **Brock** also placed 2nd in the PIAA regional competition, which helped earn him a trip to the state championship. He finished 1-2, just one win away from a Top 8 place. In addition, **Jared** was named a Mountain League Winter All-Star. The Junior High team came in at 5-13 for the season.

In Swimming ...

Freshman **Christopher Bush** competed at the District 6 swimming and diving state championship, finishing 3rd in the state in the 200-yard individual medley.



Brandon Holsinger pinned his opponent during a meet against Huntingdon.



Area Professionals Share Career Perspectives with SCMS Students

Members of the local business and civic community recently made it a little easier for SCMS 8th graders to learn more about a variety of careers and professions.

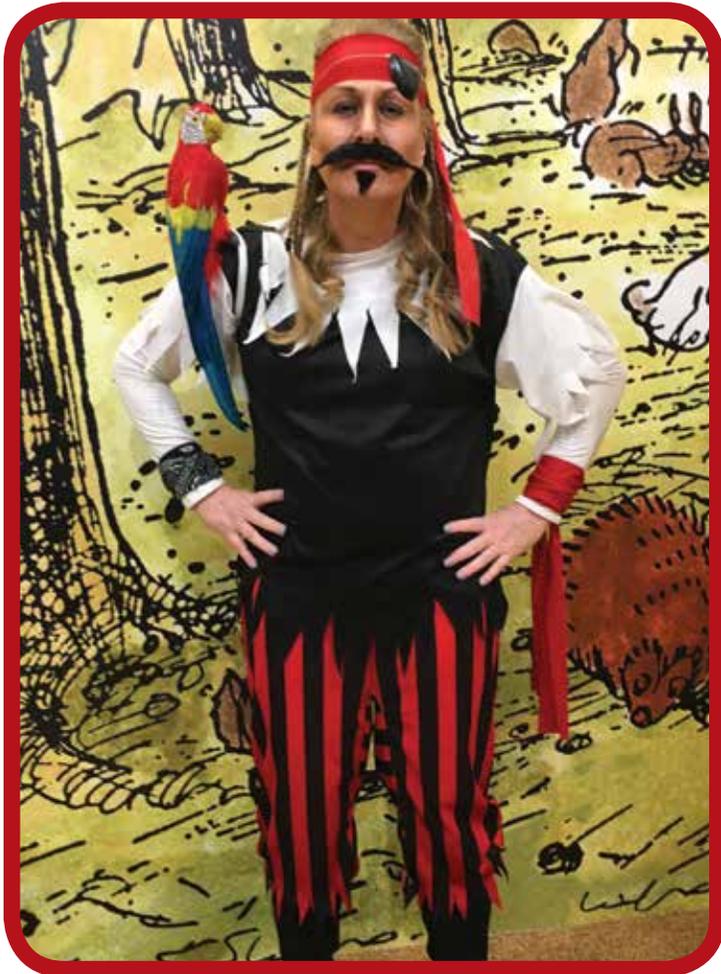
As part of a career exploration series presented during Guidance class, representatives from a wide array of industries visited SCMS and shared their perspectives with students. In years past, speakers participated in a day-long career fair and only talked with students who stopped by their booths. This year, the speakers presented individually on separate days during Guidance class, ensuring that *all* students were able to learn about *every* career that was featured during the series.

Representatives from the agriculture, architecture, athletic training, automotive repair, chemistry, engineering, law, law enforcement, military (specifically, the Marines), pharmacy, and veterinary medicine industries were actively involved in the series. Participating organizations

included the Altoona Curve, Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center, National Park Service, and Salon Professional Academy.

Students prepared for the presentations by completing career interest inventories and establishing accounts through the Career Cruising website and database. In addition, they completed worksheets during each presentation that highlighted duties and responsibilities of the job, the level of required education, and potential earnings. The students then compiled a portfolio that included information from all presenters.

“This give-and-take format gave our students a much better understanding of what it takes to succeed in any given profession,” said **Stephanie Popp**, school counselor, SCMS. “Our speakers were very knowledgeable and really kept the students engaged. We heard great things about the series and we’re already looking forward to next year!”



Lori Gochnour, 1st grade teacher, helped SCE students discover an array of reading “treasures” during the Book Fair.

Ahoy Matey! SCE Book Fair Raises \$856 for Literacy Programs

Spring Cove Elementary students and their families recently sailed into Barnes & Noble in Altoona, spending a few hours with friends, families and teachers to support the school’s pirate-themed book fair. As part of the event, the Barnes & Noble donated a portion of all sales to the school. The funds will help enhance SCE’s early childhood guided reading program and enable SCE to purchase new books for classroom libraries.

“The unexpected and extraordinary joyful participation of families, students, friends, and the community makes us so very grateful and humbly appreciative,” said **Carol Loudon**, SCE principal. “It was a great day full of stories, smiles and friendship.”

With a colorful parrot perched on her shoulder, **Lori Gochnour**, a 1st grade teacher at SCE, told and read pirate stories to the young visitors. She even emptied her pirate treasure chest, introducing the children to a beloved green rubber ducky that pirates use when they take a bath. Children also visited other SCE teachers at stations throughout the store where they learned how to make pirate hats, listened to guest readers, and enjoyed pirate-inspired piano tunes.



NHS officers Megan Shingler, Jenna Berzansky, Matthew Knauss and Steven Bowman (l-r) pose with keynote speaker Earl Springer (center) after the induction ceremony. The CHS National Honor Society (NHS) recognized its 46 upper class members and inducted 30 new sophomore members at its annual banquet in early March.

CHS Inducts 2016 NHS Members

As the keynote speaker at the recent CHS National Honor Society (NHS) induction, **Earl Springer**, a Martinsburg resident and corporate manager of employee programs for Sheetz, Inc., encouraged the students to focus on success, including maintaining a positive attitude, treating others properly, and using mistakes as learning

opportunities. He also challenged them to look beyond themselves and thank their parents, friends and teachers for their contribution to the students' success.

With assistance from NHS advisor **Bree McCloskey**, NHS officers **Steven Bowman**, **Matthew Knauss**, **Jenna Berzansky** and **Megan Shingler** described

the four NHS pillars of scholarship, service, leadership and character. They also distributed pins and certificates to the new members and Commencement sashes to graduating senior members.

The officers also presented several 'Apples for Teachers' awards to CHS teachers who student members believe best represent the four pillars of NHS. **John**

Horton was selected to represent 'Scholarship'; **Phil Waite** earned the 'Leadership' award; **Tom Ritchey** was recognized with the 'Service' award; and **Carla Brumbaugh** earned the 'Character' award.

Congratulations to students and faculty for your many achievements this year.



SCSD Honors 2016 Kensinger Memorial Award Winner

The Kensinger Selection Committee has chosen former CHS home economics teacher **Virginia Brown Long** as the 2016 recipient of the Leon E. Kensinger Memorial Award. The award recognizes deceased men and women who served the District well in an administrative or instructional capacity.

Mrs. Long began teaching home economics at Roaring Spring High School in 1948 and continued to teach these skills to students until her retirement in 1973. As she neared retirement, she described her career as a most pleasant and rewarding experience and one that she hoped was an experience equally gratifying and beneficial to those she served.

Mrs. Long was honored at a ceremony on May 1 when her name was placed on the Leon Kensinger Memorial at SCMS. She is survived by her husband David. Nominations for the 2017 honoree will be accepted in the fall.

Girls Basketball Team Receives \$2,500 Grant

The Central High School girls' basketball team will be sporting new uniforms next season thanks to local farmer **Marshall Metzler** and the America's Farmers Grow Communities grant program.

Mr. Metzler, who lives in Martinsburg, was pleased to submit the request to the Monsanto-funded grant program on behalf of the team.

"Agriculture is more than just providing food," Mr. Metzler said. "Farmers like me want the community to know that we are here to support them in the same way they support us. This program will help the team buy new uniforms and demonstrates that agricultural leaders are committed to the community and the school."

The America's Farmers Grow Communities grant program partners with farmers to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across America. The project has donated more than \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations since 2010.



Madeline Metzler, Paige Long, Hannah Johnston and Cassie Mock (l-r) show off the \$2,500 grant check that will help the team buy new uniforms.

Students Jump for Heart Health



Students at SCE join Kevin Schneider for a group photo before starting to jump rope.

Students at MES get into a jump rope groove during their Jump Rope for Heart event.

Students at SCE and MES raised more than \$12,000 to help fight heart disease throughout the community as part of the 2016 Jump Rope for Hearts. Physical education teacher **Kevin Schneider** organized the events at both schools and managed the event at SCE, while MES school nurse **Darci Berkhimer** managed things at MES. In addition to jumping rope to raise funds, the students learned more about ways to improve their own heart health.

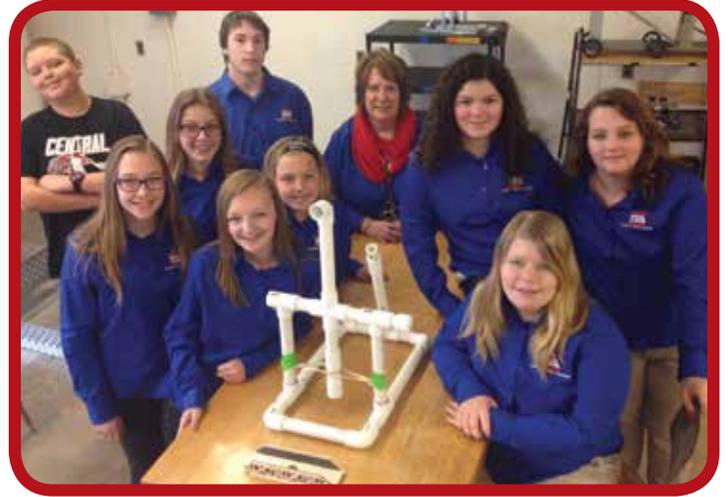


First-Year SCMS Students Shine at TSA Competitions

Congratulations to the SCMS Technology Student Association (TSA) team, all of whom strengthened their science, technology, engineering and math skills when they participated in a series of regional TSA competitions throughout the year.

The 20-member team tested their skills in a variety of competition categories at regional meets, such as the Dragster, Lego Mind Stormers, Catapults, Structural Engineering, Technology Bowl, Forensics and Video Creation Challenge categories. Several team members also advanced to the state competition in mid-April, including **Emily Benton** and **Claire Conrad** (Structural Engineering and Video Challenge); **Heather Brumbaugh** and **Megan Brumbaugh** (Catapult); **Lane Kocher**, **Cameron Croft** and **Kamden Rhodes** (Structural Engineering and Catapult); **Tylar Smith** and **Jenna Keith** (Forensics); **Tylar Smith**, **Jenna Keith** and **Tyson Daughenbaugh** (Technology Bowl); and **Reagan Bush** (Flight).

During the state meet, the SCMS Technology Bowl team placed 7th overall and were ecstatic to learn from competition veterans that their finish was ‘an outstanding feat’ for a first year team. As recognition, the students received TSA lapel pins and their names were announced on stage. In addition, the Forensics Team earned a spot in the semifinals as one of the top 12 teams at the state meet.



Megan Brumbaugh, Heather Brumbaugh, Claire Conrad, Emily Benton, Tyson Daughenbaugh, Cameron Kroft, Mrs. Gobert, Reagan Bush, Tylar Smith and Jenna Keith and Kamden Rhodes (not pictured) recently competed at the TSA state competition.

“This was an incredible showing for our first year,” said **Nancy Gobert**, a STEM instructor at SCMS and the TSA advisor. “Our students are creative problem-solvers who showed their talents by doing well at the regional level and qualifying for the state competition. We are so proud of the entire team.” **Nancy Bush**, a parent volunteer, assisted Mrs. Gobert with TSA activities.

Sign Up Today for Summer STEM Camp!

The SCMS summer STEM camps are back by popular demand!

Students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 are welcome and encouraged to join the SCMS STEM team for one or even both of the following camps:

All About the Bots

June 23 and 24

9:00 am - 2 pm

\$40, which includes your own take-home solar robot.

Students will use solar-powered technology to make 14 solar robots that can be used on land and in water. Dog-bots, turtle-bots, beetle-bots and a boat-bot are some of the other creations planned for this two-day adventure.

All About the Weather

July 11 and 12

9:00 am - 2 pm

\$25, which includes your own weather kit.

Budding meteorologists will explore six weather phenomena, work with static electricity to create lightening, explore global warming and more. They’ll also build their own barometers, thermometers, tornado and have lunch with a local meteorologist.

Please send payments via check to SCMS, with checks made payable to SCMS. Include the name of the student, the grade, parental contact info and if the child has any known allergies or medical conditions. For more information, contact Nancy Gobert, STEM teacher, at ngobert@springcovesd.org.



Tyson Daughenbaugh (l) and Dylan Rhine (r) test their robotic car during a recent STEM class at SCMS. Students can delve into robotics and meteorology concepts during the SCMS STEM camps in June and July.

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Don't forget to visit
<http://scsd.schoolwires.net> for the latest
news, sports schedules
and calendar information.

What's Happening

Students show off SCE artwork that celebrates the work of children's author Matthew Cordell. Cordell visited the school in April.

Hannah Richardson gets into the pirate spirit as she dons her homemade pirate hat during the SCE Book Fair.



Claire Conrad proudly displays the SCMS TSA banner during the state competition.



Emme Kreider and her MES classmates celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday during Read Across America Week.

