



# RAMPAGE

Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

"SCMS is just  
a Middle  
School."

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## Remembering Veteran's Day

By: Brenda

'God Bless America' On November 11, Scott City Middle School held a Veteran's Day assembly dedicating the day just for our veterans. From the elementary honor choir singing to a very sad story that would bring tears to your eyes from the guest speaker, students applauded and thanked our soldiers. After posting the flags, each veteran introduced himself and told what branch of service he was in. Guest speaker, Ross Gartman, had everyone's attention with his intriguing story, but because he knew that it would be hard for him to tell the story, he made the students yell "hooah" when he was overcome with emotion. He also told the students about a little boy who lost his father, but he let everyone know the boy wasn't alone because of all of the soldiers who were behind him.

Music at the assembly was provided by the middle/high school band and the elementary honor choir with Jersey singing a solo. The assembly concluded with the contest awards for the Patriot Pen contest. The winner of the contest was Abby with 2<sup>nd</sup> place being awarded to Dayton and 3<sup>rd</sup> place going to Camden.



Patriot Pen Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place, Abbie and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Camden



## Penny War Hits SCMS

By: Marcus

The penny war is a competition among classes to see who can collect the most money for Toybox without getting sabotaged by other classes. During the war, students bring in pennies and paper money to gain points for their class. The classes try to sabotage each other by putting nickels, dimes, and quarters in each others money jars. Points are awarded or taken away according to the value of the coins and bills.



Mr. Clay's  
Class



The penny war is held to raise money to purchase Christmas presents for needy students in our school district. The most money the penny war has made in the past was 2,300 dollars. The average amount raised is around 1,800 dollars. During the week daily prizes are given consisting of food such as brownies or rice Krispy treats and juice. After the penny war, the class that collects the most money gets treated to a breakfast buffet. The second place class gets donuts and juice. This year's winners are Mr. Clay's class - 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Mrs. Laxton's Class - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Sponsor of the event is FCCLA.



Participants for SC Idol were Maddison, Harlie, Breahna, Raegan, Jersey and Abby.

## SC Idol Results

By: Jasmine

SC Idol was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the new performing arts building. Middle School contestants were Jersey in 1<sup>st</sup> place singing "Burning House" by Cam, Harlie placing 2<sup>nd</sup> singing "Love Me Like You Mean It" by Kelsea Ballerini and Abby in 3<sup>rd</sup> singing "Amnesia" by 5 Seconds of Summer. Students who also participated were Maddison singing "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele and a duet with Raegan and Breahna singing "Sugar, This is Gospel" by Fall Out Boy.

## Sixth Graders Meet U.S. Representative, Jason Smith



By: Brenda

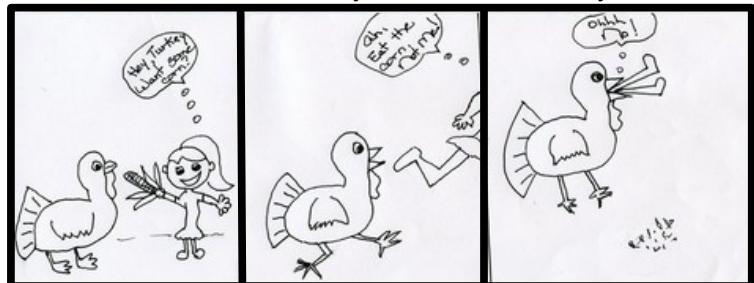
It was a regular Friday at SCMS until a special guest came in and started to talk to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students about politics. United States Representative Jason Smith taught the sixth graders about how it's important to stay up to date on decisions made by the legislators because those decisions could affect the future for everyone.

Representative Smith asked the students if they would like to have school year round, and the students shouted and shook their heads. After settling the students, he asked them if the legislature were passing a bill right now about having school year round what would they do? What if the bill was real, and it was sitting at the president's desk this minute? Many of the students shouted no, yelling so they could be heard, but what Mr. Smith said next made them think.

"So if you didn't like that, why weren't you paying attention last week about what I was doing?" He was just joking but he really had the students listening. "Bills drastically affect your life every single day," he stated. His example taught the students to pay close attention to everything that happens because it could easily affect their lives in the future.

Mr. Smith concluded by reminding the students that they could accomplish anything if they worked hard enough. He came from a small town and a middle class family, but because he believed he could be in Congress, Mr. Smith accomplished his goal.

## McKenzie's Life – By McKenzie and Janiya



## Mrs. Miller's License Plates

By: Sabrina

Who knew that visiting an antique store could lead to a new collection? In case you haven't noticed Mrs. Miller is decorating her classroom with license plates. Currently she has 24 license plates from 18 places. These range from British Columbia to Alaska to Kentucky with several states inbetween.

Many of the plates have come from Kyra. Her grandfather had a collection of over 300 license plates. She picked some cool, old, and uncommon license plates to give to Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller's goal is to get all of the 50 states and maybe more. She plans to hang them all over the classroom walls. Never having a collection before, Mrs. Miller now has a cool creative collection. If you have an extra license plate, you might want to give it to her.

Mrs. Miller collects license plates.



### Staff Members:

Jasmine, Hayley, Brenda,  
Sabrina, McKenzie,  
Taylor, Janiya,  
Misty, Marcus,  
Jasper, Decklyn,  
Gage

## Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Sauerbrunn

By: Misty

Mrs. Sauerbrunn, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade middle school math teacher, has been teaching for 16 years. Her favorite thing about teaching is how she gets new students every year. She became a teacher because math wasn't her best subject in school when she was younger, and she wanted to help others understand it.

Mrs. Sauerbrunn has two children, a girl named Josey and a boy named Jake. She has a boxer named Mia. Her favorite movie is *Tommy Boy*, and her favorite books are from the Mortal Instruments series.

Mrs. Sauerbrunn has several favorite moments from her years of teaching. Her most memorable moment was when one of her students came back for the Veterans' Assembly with his navy uniform on. Her most funny teaching moment was when former students, John and Ethan, were talking and she told them that if they didn't stop talking the ceiling would fall on them, and it did.



Mrs. Sauerbrunn takes a moment to talk with the RAMPAGE reporter...

## Plans for Winter Break

By: Gage

Here is a sampling of the responses we received when we asked about students' winter break plans.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Chris** - I plan to sit at home, watch TV and open presents.

**Carlie** - I plan to go shopping in St.Louis for my birthday.

**Zack** - I am going to be with family.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Raegan** - My plans for winter break are to visit family, get presents, and EAT.

**Harlie** - I'm going to Virginia for winter break to my Nana's house.

**Jayden** - My plans for break are to build a snowman, sleep and get presents.

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Aubrie** - I plan to drink hot chocolate.

**Dalton** - I will probably just stay home and play Xbox. I might go to my grandma's house for a while. I never really do much, but it will be good to get away from school.

**Trent** - My plans for winter break are to not do any work and play video games and play with my new presents.

**Paige** - My plans for winter break are to worship Jesus Christ, spend time with family and love one another.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Daniel** - I'm going to invite friends and family over to have a big feast.

**Carly** - I plan to go to St..Louis to spend the night with my aunt and have fun!

**Shelby** - My plans are to go to my grandparent's house wth my family and go sledding with my cousins.

## What I Want for Christmas

By: Taylor



## UNSCRAMBLE THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS WORDS

By: Decklyn, Gage

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## Seventh and Eighth Graders Dance The Night Away

By: Taylor



Thank you, Mrs. Bradshaw, for sharing your pictures.

## STUCO Sponsors Barnwarming Dance

By Janiya

The Barnwarming dance for the seventh and eighth graders was held on December 4. It was sponsored by the STUCO members with the help of Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Schiwtz. The dance took place in the elementary gym from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Decorations included a barn painted by STUCO members along with hay bales and mason jars. Refreshments of cookies and water were served.

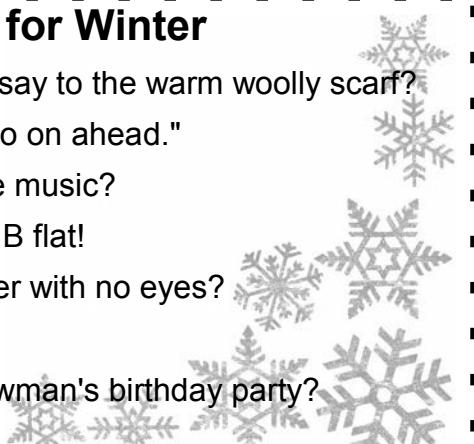
## SEEK Projects Underway

By Taylor

Seek is seeking new projects for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Meeting on Thursdays, the sixth graders are planning on painting additional inspirational quotes in the library. The seventh graders have made a bulletin board that they put up outside of Mr. Shinn's room. It has clubs and inspirational words on Powerade bottles to symbolize empowering your mind. The eighth graders are studying psychology and discussing memory. The fifth graders are conducting an in-depth study about the water cycle and about plants and how they grow.

### Riddles for Winter

- Q: What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf?
- A: "You hang around while I go on ahead."
- Q: Why is the slippery ice like music?
- A: If you don't C sharp - you'll B flat!
- Q: What do you call a reindeer with no eyes?
- A: I have no eye deer.
- Q: What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?
- A. Freeze a jolly good fellow!



**Athletes of the Month** – The publications staff elected the following students as this month's best athletes.



Jersey  
Grade 7  
Cheerleader



Camden  
Grade 7  
Basketball Player



Jimmy  
Grade 8  
Basketball Player

## Showing Spirit

By: Hayley

The middle school recently had a spirit week to get pumped for the seventh and eighth grade games against Chaffee. Certain dress-up days occurred during that time for the students to participate in. Monday was Scholar or Baller day where students could dress as a nerd or a sports person. Tuesday was Wacky Tacky Neon day, and Wednesday was Mustache Day where each student sported his best facial hair. Thursday was Throwback Thursday, and you could wear your favorite shirt from being a kid. Finally on Friday everyone could go all out for Blue and Gold day.

A pep assembly was held on Tuesday with the dance contest being a favorite with the students. The students then brought their spirit to the Chaffee game where the seventh grade lost and the eighth grade won.



One of the student's favorite days was Mustache Day. Many "interesting" displays of facial hair could be seen throughout the Middle School.

## Quote of the Month –

By Gage

"Learn what is true in order to do what is right." - Thomas Huxley

## Season Begins

By: Publications Class Members

Practice started early in the second quarter for the seventh and eighth grade basketball teams. The teams quickly learned to follow Coach D's requests after suffering 32 touches and four minute wall sits. Conditioning quickly improved and soon the players were ready for their first games.

The seventh grade team has played eight games so far this season with a record of 2 wins and 6 losses. Their wins came against Leopold and Kelly. The eighth grade has done a little better with a record of 4 wins and 5 losses. Their wins have been against Scott County, Kelly, Leopold, and Chaffee.

According to Coach Dannenmueller, "The kids are working hard and trying to get better each day. They are a fun group to be around and they have a bright future if they continue to put in the necessary time that success requires." With two games left before the conference tournament, both teams are working to improve their season records.

**Editor:** Hayley

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## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLICATIONS STAFF



Dear Fake Intruder,  
I want another cross-eyed animal. Also, I want a giraffe.  
Sincerely,  
Marcus



Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want Jared Padalecki (Sam Winchester off of Supernatural) to shave his beard so I can watch the show again.  
Love,  
Taylor



Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a monkey. I will keep him in my closet. Love, Mac



Dear Santa,  
I made a song up for Christmas. Would you mind listening?

"Jorgie the snowman had a very happy soul. He had horns on his head and a bark for a bow (and so did his bro). By the way, I want a computer and a new phone.

Love,  
Brenda



Dear Santa,  
Why did you put me on the naughty list for awhile and then put me on the nice list? I want a couple of games and some clothes. Bye,  
Gage



Dear Santa,  
I want Nash Grier and Alyssa to stop talking about him. (I still love you, Alyssa!)  
Love,  
Janiya



Dear Santa,  
I greatly appreciate the time you take to travel across the world to give us all presents as a reward for good deeds we have done. I am sure it is very tiring but for a fat man you work fast.  
Sincerely,  
Jasmine



Dear Santa,  
I like when I get to give you free candy. I want Madden 16. I'll give you some free milk too.

Best Wishes,  
Jasper

Dear Santa,  
Hey, my wish is short and sweet. I want NIALL HORAN.  
Love,  
Spies

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like an Apple phone or a guitar. I hope you will help me with my Christmas wishes.



Dear Santa,  
I want Just Cause 3 for the PS4, and Fallout4 and for my brother to disappear for a little while (JK).

Sincerely,  
Decklyn



Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want a seahorse. I will keep him in my bathtub.  
Goodbye,  
Sabrina