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“SCMS is just a Middle School.”

Scott City Middle School

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## SCHS Says Farewell to Mr. Johnson

By: Lillie

High school principal, Mike Johnson sat down with me to talk about the end of his 19 years here at Scott City High School. Mr. Johnson has been here nine years as a high school Math teacher and ten as the high school principal. He said that his years at SC have been “better then he could ever imagine.” He’s sad to go after all the friends and relationships he’s made here, but excited for a change.

Mr. Johnson is going to be the new principal of Park Hills High School, which used to be Flat River Central, and is his hometown. He said it was an opportunity that he felt he just couldn’t pass up.

He’s very proud of our school and what he’s accomplished during his tenure here, such as helping the educational process and having the students and teachers take it more seriously. He added that Scott City is a great place to work, it will be missed, and anyone who has the opportunity to work here should take it. “It really is a great school,” said Mr. Johnson. We wish Mr. Johnson nothing but the best of luck in his new endeavors and are grateful for all the time and effort he has put in to making Scott City High School a great place to attend and learn. Our next edition will feature an article with our new SC principal waiting in the wings, Coach Lance Amick.

Left: New 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Anthony. Center: Lego Man created by 7<sup>th</sup> grade SEEK students. Right: Big sister Whitney feeding new baby sister, Kenzie, at the Lee home.



### New student Spotlight

By: Madison

This month’s new student spotlight is 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Anthony (Tony). Anthony moved here from Kelso C-7 with his younger brothers. His favorite school subject is PE; if that’s even a subject, he asked. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Miller because she is very nice and helpful. Anthony is enjoying Scott City so far for the most part. He said the school work is easier and we have better cafeteria food here at SC. Other hobbies Tony has is hanging out with friends and playing sports.

### MS SEEK Designs Lego Man

By: Bri

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade SEEK students made a Lego man. They started it in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and finished it this year. Mr. Shinn said they had to figure out the dimensions they wanted to make the man, determine what parts could be hollow to save the number of blocks used, and which parts had to be solid to make the Lego man structurally sound. The SEEK students also had to mathematically calculate how many blocks it would take.



Mr. Johnson (never one to shy away from the spotlight) dances during one of his last Homecoming Pep Assemblies this year.

### Mr. & Mrs. Lee Welcome Baby #4

By: Logan

Recently middle and high school social studies teacher, Mrs. Lee and her husband, superintendent Mr. Lee welcomed their 4<sup>th</sup> child. The baby’s name is Kenzie Hope and weighed 6 lbs.14 oz. and was 19” long. Mr. and Mrs. Lee’s other children thought Kenzie was very cute and little considering she was Mrs. Lee’s smallest newborn. Kenzie looks just like big brother, Archer, and was born with a full head of hair and a dimple. Baby Kenzie was born on Mrs. Lee’s birthday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, creating a special mother-daughter bond. Kenzie’s big sister, Whitney, and Mr. Lee also share a birthday which is a pretty neat family feat! Baby Kenzie is doing great and growing a lot! Mrs. Lee plans on returning to school in May.

..... Lego con.

The blocks are called Omnifix Cubes, and they were shipped to Mr. Shinn here at school. When the Lego man was complete, the students had to agree on a name. The name of the Lego man is Jarvis Ash Gordon and he is made of over 2,400 blocks!

## Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Sauerbrunn

By: Lizzy

For this month's teacher feature I interviewed fifth grade Math teacher, Mrs. Gloria Sauerbrunn. Mrs. Sauerbrunn has been teaching here for 19 years. Before she came to SC, she taught at Cape Central for one year. Before she became a teacher she worked at BG's and waited tables for three or four years. Mrs. Sauerbrunn started out teaching Special Education here in the middle school. After a few years, she decided to go in to the regular education classroom as a fifth grade teacher. She taught Communication Arts before switching over to Math. Mrs. Sauerbrunn is happy to be working here, where her mother, Ms. Sherry Mayo, taught 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies before her retirement. Mrs. Sauerbrunn has fond memories spending part of her childhood here at Scott City whenever her mother was supervising cheerleading or student council. If you ever see Mrs. Sauerbrunn out of school, it will probably be by a soccer field she says. All of her weekends consist of her transporting and watching her kids sports (primarily soccer) and running all over the place with them. If you see Mrs. Sauerbrunn, be sure and ask her about her new car!



Mrs. Sauerbrunn takes a break from her classroom to pose for a quick picture.



## MS Teachers Attend Write To Learn Conference

By: Kacie

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Pruden, Mrs. Barks, and Mrs. Howell went to a conference. The conference was at the Lake of the Ozarks and was called, "Write To Learn".

Mrs. Barks said she gathered multiple ideas to use in her classroom. I asked Mrs. Barks her favorite session and she said, "The one that Barry Lane spoke at. I used his Youtube videos many years ago and it was cool to meet him in person." She said it was a writing instruction session. I also asked Mrs. Barks if she would recommend this conference to colleagues. Mrs. Barks said, "Yes, I would. They will come back with many ideas for their classroom."

Mrs. Howell added, "I love attending the Write to Learn conference! I return to the classroom with fresh inspiration and a ton of practical ideas to implement in the classroom!"

Mrs. Pruden said, "I loved the session where popular poetry and prose author, Kwame Alexander spoke about his unusual and influential relationship with poet, Nikki Giovanni."

"I also enjoyed my sessions on using horror literature to reach at-risk readers, graphic novels to teach visual learning, and the annual sessions on the Truman and Gateway Young Adult award nominees." Mrs. Pruden added.

Sounds like the teachers learned something and had a good time!



## MS Girls Volleyball Review

By: Abby

This year at volleyball try-outs, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls brought a lot of talent. The two, nine player teams improved greatly, and showed schools like Cape and Jackson how well Scott City can play ball. When I asked players what their favorite, or proudest moment of the season was, they had to think because of all the great times that were had.

Seventh grader, Natalie said, "My proudest moment was when I got a bad set and had a great save. I almost died running into the bleachers." Eighth grader, Natalie said, "I really loved winning the Silver Bracket with the team in the Jackson Tournament."

Coach Riley said, "I was really proud of how well 8<sup>th</sup> grade played against Cape in the tournament and how much 7<sup>th</sup> grade improved throughout the season." We finished off the season by playing well against Poplar Bluff in our last game Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congrats to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team for a great season!

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# Student Interest Survey Questions

By: Allyson & Paige



Trae  
Journey  
Luke  
Holden



Savanah  
Alivia  
Devon  
Nathan



Shaylea  
Danielle  
Tyson  
Hunter



Sydney



Clayton

MS Students Share what Valentine's Day Means to Them  
By: Allyson

Last month I asked some middle school students what Valentine's Day means to them. Fifth grader, Trae said, "It means a lot of hearts and I like to eat candy." Journey said, "Valentine's Day means to celebrate love and you can eat all the chocolate you want anytime you want." Sixth grade Luke said, "Family and love." Seventh grader Holden said, "It means you love someone for a day." Savannah said, "Valentine's Day to me is a day you spend with people that are close to you like family, friends, etc." Eighth grader, Alivia said, "It means time to get a present and chocolate. Yay!"

*Devon said, "Valentine's Day means either giving or receiving a gift of love from someone important."*

*Next month's edition will feature:*

- 4<sup>th</sup> gr. Kindness Project*
- Burger King Remodel*
- New High School Principal*
- New Elementary Principal*
- High School Science Club*
- Fine Arts Dept. Happenings*

## Community Spotlight KP's Gas Station & Convenience Store

By: Britney

This month for our community spotlight we are featuring the gas station formerly known as "Larry's Store 24". The gas station will be renamed, "KP" under its new owner, Bill Klingeman, who has three children currently attending high school here at SC.

It will be a non-smoking facility and store hours will be from 5:00 am-11:00 pm. Items that will be sold there will include beverages, snacks, fresh deli, ice cream, breakfast, hot lunches, and most importantly, regular and diesel gasoline.

The gas station is being renovated inside and out. New equipment is being added from brand new gasoline pumps, to modern restrooms. Klingeman said he wanted to open the business because he believes locally owned businesses build stronger communities. He stated, "I want to offer the people of Scott City the convenience of this particular location with a much broader range of commodity. This is my hometown and my way of giving back."

"What sets KP apart from the other gas stations in town is that it is family-owned and operated. Our main focus is to bring in what the local community wants to purchase quickly and conveniently at a gas station." Klingeman added.

The store is slated to open the first week of April. Go Rams!

## 2018 Winter Olympics

By: Eli

This winter the 2018 Winter Olympics took place in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The winter sports that were displayed for all the world to spectate were: Biathlon, Bobsledding, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Free Style Skiing, Ice Hockey, Long Track, and Speed Skating. The first days were February 9<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. I asked a few students if they were watching the Olympics what their favorite sport and athlete was. Sixth grader, Angelina said, "Bobsledding was my favorite sport and my favorite athlete was Elena Taylor and Laran." Seventh grader, Luke said, "Skiing and biathlon were my favorite sports, and my favorite athlete was Lindsey Vhon." Eighth grader, Peyton said, "I really didn't have a favorite sport, and I liked all the competitive and determined athletes."



## Spring Break Plans

By: Paige

I asked a few middle school students if they had any plans for their upcoming Spring Break. Fifth grader Nathan said, "My plan for spring break is to play at Scott City Park." Shaylea said, "My plans are to go Easter egg hunting and do things for Earth Day like clean and celebrate Easter with my family." Sixth grader, Dainelle said, "I am going to play video games, play outside with my friends, play with my brother, and have sleep-overs." Tyson said, "For Spring Break I am going turkey hunting with my grandpa." Moving on to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Hunter said, "My plans for Spring Break is to maybe help clean up around my grandmother's house and get ready for this summer." Lastly, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Sydney said, "My plans are to go down to Ethel, Mississippi and visit my family." Clayton said, "I plan on playing video games, sleep, and that's pretty much it."

### Quote of the Month –

By Abby:

**"Be willing to take a risk."**

Photos-

Top- New blue and green pumps installed at KP's gas station on Main Street.

Bottom- New counter and entry way area inside KP's gas station.