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Happy New Year!

Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

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## Elementary Begins New Program

By: Madison

On January 11<sup>th</sup> I interviewed elementary principal, Mrs. April Garner. She came up with the thought of having a Christmas store. Her previous school had a similar program and she loved the message that the program conveyed. Elementary guidance counselor, Mrs. Howard, was informed and couldn't wait to start. Each student receives five tickets a day, but that amount depends on their behavior. If a student acts up he/she will lose a ticket. Garner made sure every student had two presents each. The highest ticket score a kid could earn was 45 tickets. Students shopped in the order the tickets were earned, therefore, the highest amount of tickets a kid earned went first, all the way down to the least tickets earned. No kid was left out of the event. There were many varieties of presents in the store. The store had wall pictures, books, perfume, scarves, and little knick knacks. Teachers and parents chipped in on donating the presents. Each kid was sent home with wrapped gifts for a loved one. The students loved it and were very excited. They cannot wait to do it again next year. The overall goal of the program is to help encourage kids to have good behavior. The school also wanted to give back to the parents and build community relations. Mrs. Garner's favorite quote that reminds her of why she made the program is, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."- Gahndi.



Elementary students Christmas shopping for their loved ones.

## MS Views "Wonder"

By: Lizzy

On Dec. 12 our entire middle school went to the movie theater to see the movie, "Wonder". Originally it was only supposed to be the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but it fortunately evolved into the whole middle school going. Mrs. Jones class read the book because in 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA you have to read a book and then see the movie to compare and contrast the two. Mrs. Jones asked Mr. Umfleet if the 5<sup>th</sup> grade could go. When she did, Mr. Umfleet thought we all should go because we could all benefit and learn from the movie's powerful anti-bullying message. We had some amazing sponsors step up and pay for everyone to go- Chap Arnold Insurance and First Sate Community Bank.

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## School Board

By: Bri Filings

The school board is getting new members. I asked Mr. Lee and his secretary, Ms. Cox questions about the school board's functions. I asked Mr. Lee what exactly the school board does. He replied, "They vote on policy and regulations for the district and hire and fire personnel." There are 7 people who serve on the school board. Beth Cox and Justin Braun's terms are up. Scott Amick, Justin Braun (incumbent), and Ronnie Gray have filed for the two open seats, which means there are three people running for two positions. The term is for three years. The election takes place annually in early April. Good luck to all of our school board candidates!

## SC Youth Basketball Thrives

By: Lillie

Sarah Blaylock answered some questions about our youth basketball program. Coach Dannenmueller came to her and asked if she and her husband were up for the task. Since Sarah's son was going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade and had been playing in Cape, they thought it would be perfect to start a program here at our school. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year for the league. It's for kids in grades K-6th. Practice starts in November with games being played from December to February. The number of games varies, but they try to play at least eight games and a tournament. Sarah and her husband, along with a group of board members (parents), are in charge of the league. The goal for the league is to teach youth the fundamentals of basketball and sportsmanship in a fun and respectful environment so that they can succeed in years to come. They mentioned proudly that they would not have the success they had over the years if it wasn't for everyone pulling together. "It's a lot of hard work, time, and commitment by a lot of volunteers in the school and community, but it's worth it to see our youth come together, grow, and develop. We also hope that it will get our youth more active and involved in our school." Blaylock said.

# Movie Review

## Jumanji

By: Abby

On New Years Eve, I went to see the movie, "Jumanji". The movie starts when four kids in detention find an old game console with the game "Jumanji". After they press start, they become the characters they chose, but now they are actually in the game. They only have three lives to complete the game. If they don't finish, they could be stuck in the game forever. The movie stars Dwayne, "The Rock", Johnson, Kevin Hart, and Jack Black, which makes it very funny. I would rate this movie 10/10 and would definitely recommend this movie to everyone, unless they get offended over minor foul language. This was my favorite movie of 2017, by far.

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After seeing the movie I asked Mrs. Jones what her thoughts were about the movie. She said the movie was really good and maybe even one of her favorites! She also stated that it was a really good experience because she felt like everyone could make a connection to the movie, by feeling how they want to be treated and how to treat others!

### Quote of the month—

*A student should be comfortable enough to have confidence and challenged enough to stay alert and motivated.* -----Kacie



Left: New 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Hailey. (See article p. 3)  
 Right: Mrs. Leanne Grant, middle & high school ELA teacher.

## Community Spotlight Dollar General Store

By: Eli

I spoke with the Dollar General store manger, Amanda, recently to ask her about the current buzz about her store. They are moving from their current location in the Scott City Plaza because they do not own the property there, they have no restrooms, and insufficient parking. The new store will be a much larger and cleaner facility in general. Some advantages of moving are: they can provide better services to the customers and the lay-out of the store will also be improved. The building will be completely company owned. The current location has been there for over 20 years, and Amanda has been the manager for the last three and a half years. The new store will be down the road at the old Baker's Grocery store, (or more recently, Crazy Bart's and SC Fitness Centers). They are building it from the ground up, and it will be a brand new company owned store. They plan to open June 10,2018. We are all very excited to see this much needed and improved facility going up in an area that will bring new life into a location that once thrived, but had recently become more of an eyesore.

Mrs. Pruden said, "I'm really excited about the new store and its upgrades. I hope they have more than one check-out counter open to serve customers."

## Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Grant

By:Britney

For January's teacher feature I got the chance to interview middle and high school ELA teacher, Mrs. Leanne Grant. Mrs. Grant has worked here for the last seventeen years. For her first 10-11 years here, she taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and then she moved up to high school whenever our enrollment numbers dropped. Initially she taught Freshmen English and now she teaches Junior English with two sections of 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. She also teaches an ACT prep. class and sometimes other literature electives.

I asked Mrs. Grant what other schools she's taught at. She said, "Zalma, Puxico, Sikeston, and Scott County Central." In her free time, she likes to go to her daughter, Faith's basketball games and work outside. Mrs. Grant loves teaching new things to students and watching them learn new things, but she dislikes it when kids don't pay attention. Mrs. Grant finally says that she thinks Scott City has a lot of smart and talented kids who are capable of doing anything they want to whenever they graduate.

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## New Student Spotlight

By: Logan

New 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Hailey, has enjoyed how fun and small Scott City is. Scott City is much smaller than her previous school of Sikeston. She said she still liked it there whenever she moved here. She says Sikeston had a much smaller range of classes than Scott City does and she loves the new classes offered here. Hailey likes the students here at SC a lot better than Sikeston, but she still liked some of the kids there. Ms. Villanueva and Spanish class has been her favorite so far.

## HS Cheerleaders Visit London: by Allyson

I spoke with high school cheerleaders Alexis and Jasmine and asked them about their recent trip to London. The first question I asked was where did they go and what did they do. Alexis said, "We went to a lot of places like the cathedral (and we went inside), but a lot of places would not allow photo or video. We also went to Buckingham Palace which is where the queen stays. She was out of the palace the whole time we were there. When the British flag is up then she is there. We also went to the London Eye. It's kinda like a haunted house." She said they would show you what people went through in Mid-evil times if you were a traitor. "We also went to the tower of London and we saw the Royal Crystals, which are the crowns royalty wore." Jasmine said they went to London for about a week. We just toured around. We got to preform at the New Year's Day parade. The next question I asked them was what all they saw there . Jasmine said they went shopping a lot and saw lot of Double Decker buses and that was cool. Alexis said "It was New Year's Eve, but they still had Christmas decorations up. Everywhere you went there were no fake trees that I saw in the entire place, every time you would go around a curve, you would see a  
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## High School Robotics Highlights

By: Kacie

This month I met with Robotics sponsor, Mr. Travis Estes to talk about the team. I asked him how the season is going so far. Mr. Estes said, "Pretty good. They did well at their first meet. They even helped a couple teams." There are 8 high school members on the team this year. Mr. Estes said that some of the highlights this season were: doing well at their first meet, demonstrating their robot at the Scott City Summer Fest, and showing their robot at local bible schools. I asked Mr. Estes if there were any big events coming up. He said, "We have a meet Saturday and the qualifier is January 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a big event." The robotics team gets together to work and discuss their robot in the summer.

The season starts at the beginning of school and goes through March ( or April depending on how well they do. ) Robotics got some new equipment this year. They got a new drive train that lets the robot go sideways, they got new sensors, and there is also a camera on the phones they use to operate robots that will recognize images so that the robot will know what to do. I learned a lot about robotics during my interview with Mr. Estes.



The SC Robotics team robot won 1<sup>st</sup> place on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Show-Me-Center. Way to go!

## Middle School New Year's Resolutions

by: Paige

The new year brings new resolutions. I asked some middle school students what their 2018 goals were. Fifth grader, Kenny Talley- "My New Year's resolution is to be a better person because I get in a lot of trouble at home." Allysa Stone said, "My New Year's resolution is to be more kind and try to get along with people and help them." Sixth grader Adriana Cook said, "My New Year's resolutions would be to read more and bring my grades up because I want to do good in school." Nathan Ham said, "My New Year's resolution is to do better in school and get good grades."

8<sup>th</sup> grader, Brianna Freeman stated, "I don't really have any New Year's resolutions. I just try to live my best life every day." Cameron Sheren said, "I want to get better grades because I want to pass and go to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade (high school)".

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tree, and there were a lot of lights. The next question I asked was how they got selected to attend. They both said they had to go to a camp. You could either go to a camp, host a camp, or you could go to a tiny camp that was just for one day. They had to try-out by preforming a dance and a cheer that they had learned. The next question I asked them was what their favorite part was about the experience. Alexis said she had two favorite parts. One was they went to a show called, *Wicked* and she said that was the bomb. The next thing was the parade because being there and performing, everybody was like, "OMG cheerleaders". I asked how long the plane ride was. They said going there took about six hours and coming back was about eight hours because there was a delay. They stayed in London for a week. Both girls highly recommend the experience and enjoyed their trip.