



THE RAM PAGE

Back-to-School Edition

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A New Dining Experience For All

By: Eli

I recently spoke with the new kitchen director, Chef Pedro Minakata. Pedro attended Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Every 5 years schools are required to get quotes from new providers, prompting our change from OPAA to Aramark. The changes that they made this year are: a new deli sub/salad bar, there is no longer any ala carte items, and new pizza stones. The company kept the same staff. Lunches are five cents more per day, making them \$1.95. Students' favorite items seem to be the new pizzas. The food is made fresh every day and they serve 14-15 pizzas a day. I asked a few students what they thought of the new services. Logan said, "They are better than last year. I get chicken nachos almost every day." Abby added, "They are fabulous. I like the spicy chicken sandwich." When asked about future goals, Pedro mentioned the need for added check-out staff to speed up the wait process. Two thumbs up!



Aramark chef, Pedro Minakata, is bringing new style and flair to the cafeteria and menu this year.

AED Additions

By Madison

Last week I met up with school nurse, Tresa Jordan. I asked her a series of questions about the new AED machines. The first question I asked was, "Why did we get the AED boxes and how many?" Jordan responded, "I received the two I wanted, but I now have seven total. We have the equipment to save anyone's life. We have so many mainly because we have large volumes of people." Second, I asked where are all of the AED containers located? Her answer was "We have one in the cafeteria and another in the maintenance shed. There is also one on each end (Elem. & H.S.), three mounted in the hallways and 2 principal floaters." "How did our school raise the money to buy the equipment?" I asked. Jordan states, "It was donated by the Jr. Red Cross, PTO dinner auction, Booster Club, Kiwanis's Club, Mike Rhymer and I's raffles, Imo's Pizza, and many others." Then, I asked, "Can we ever teach the students how to use the machines?" Teresa informed me that many

Quote of the Month – Mrs. Pruden

Genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration. Albert Einstein.



New 8th grade student, Layne.

teachers know how to use them and it has a paper to teach you how to use it and a voice button in an emergency situation (Very self-explanatory.)

**Principal floaters- Smaller containers that are portable and stay with the principal at all times.

New SC Student

By Lizzy

This year has brought us many new middle school students and one of them is 8th grader, Layne. Layne came to us from Christopher, Illinois. Her former school was Christopher Grade School. She moved to Scott City so her mom could be closer to her job, and now she kind of likes it here. One of her favorite hobbies is reading. Layne's favorite subject is Math and her favorite teacher is Ms. Tew. Layne has two siblings that also attend school here. They are: Emma and Jonathan. So if you see any of them here in the hallways, be sure and give them a big warm SC welcome!

(see photo at left)

Teacher Feature - Ms. Kirchner

By: Kacie

This month I interviewed Ms. Kirchner for our Teacher Feature. I asked her how she feels about moving primarily to middle school. She said, "The change is difficult, but it has been good." I asked what her favorite subject was and she replied, "Any kind of life science because it's living things and they are cool."

I wanted to know if Mrs. Kirchner had any other careers before teaching. She cut hair for 15 years, worked at a drug store, worked at a grocery store, and she even ironed clothes.

I asked Ms. Kirchner if she has taught at any other schools. She said, "Yes, I taught at Bell City for 7 years. I taught 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, and 9th grade." Ms. Kirchner has been teaching a total of 16 years. I got the chance to ask Ms. Kirchner if she liked teaching high school or middle school better and she sadly replied, "High school because they are more mature and they have had more life experience so you can have a conversation with them."

In her free time Ms. Kirchner loves to be outside, spend time with friends, garden, cook, listen to music, hunt, and fish. I asked Ms. Kirchner what made her want to teach. She said, "I've wanted to teach since fourth grade. That was the year my parents got divorced and nobody else's parents were and my teacher really helped me through it. We are still in contact today." I really enjoyed getting to know Ms. Kirchner better for this assignment and hope you do too.

New MS RTI Program

By: Allyson

Recently I spoke with middle school principal, Michael Umfleet about our new RTI program. I asked how he thought of the idea for RTI. He said Mrs. Garner, the elementary principal, does it and he got the idea from her. Next I asked him what RTI stands for. He said it stands for, "**R**esponse **T**o Intervention". The next question I asked him was how he felt skills will improve over time and he replied, "I think the kids who are having trouble with something will get better at it because it's an opportunity for teachers to spend a little more time with those kids to help them with that special skill, even if its only 25 minutes. Twenty-five minutes is better than nothing." The next question I asked was how is the program going so far. He said there has been some kinks, but we work them out as we go. The next question I asked was how do kids get out of RTI.



Mrs. Barks assists Madison Duck with ELA in RTI.

He said students are in there for a week and they have to test to get out. If the teachers say they have the skill down, then they can exit the program for the rest of the remaining time. My final question was how is RTI different from ICU? He said, "ICU basically focuses on homework, whereas, RTI focuses on the students that need help with certain skills. ICU is just for students who don't get their homework done." When asked if he had any other thoughts about the program, Mr. Umfleet said, "I am very excited about the program."



Teacher of the Month- Ms. Kirchner

Movie Review "Lights Out"

By Abby

Over summer break, I watched the movie, "Lights Out" at my house. It's a horror movie where a ghost, Diana, who was previously a girl in an insane asylum who was allergic to light. Workers at the asylum tried to diagnose what was wrong with her, but when they turned the lights on, she turned to ashes and died. The mother of the two children that Diana haunts was Diana's friend before she died and let Diana live with her as a ghost. Diana initially haunts the two children by scratching the floor and drawing a picture of herself. I would rate the movie 3/5 stars because it's not as scary as I think a horror movie should be and it's very short. I would recommend this to someone to watch in their basement, in the dark. Whatever you do, remember to keep the lights out!

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Sports Roundup

Football

- New Season, New Coach

By: Logan

I recently sat down with new middle school football coach Stephen Hemby and interviewed him. I asked him about the middle school football teams.

"What strengths do the middle school football teams have?"

Coach Hemby said, "Attitude has been great for both grades. The teams have been cooperative and easy to teach."

Coach Hemby wishes the 8th grade had more experience because last year they didn't have one full 7th grade game. In coach's opinion, the 8th grade has shown the most growth considering they didn't play one full game last year and now some players have had to change positions.

Finally, I asked, "Are you excited to be the new middle school football coach?" Coach said boldly, "Absolutely! I'm excited to be here and teach them from the beginning."

Dress Code Update

By: Brianna

Our new school year started with a few dress code modifications. Changes include: being able to dye your hair any color, pants can be any solid color (and have bling on the back pockets), and Scott City t-shirts are acceptable any day now, not just on Fridays. I asked a few students how they felt about the changes and here's what they said: "I think we should be able to wear hoodies. I really like the changes to t-shirts and pants though.", said 7th grader, Lily. Seventh grader, Nate said, "It's awesome and it makes us feel smarter.

New Uniforms

By: Britney

This year two middle school sports' teams received new uniforms. The girl's basketball team received new jerseys and new warm up shirts. 8th grader Kacie who played basketball last year said, "They look sharp. They look a lot nicer than our old ones, and I'm excited to play in them." Coach Travis Schiowitz says, "They look sharp and I hope the girls wins in them."

The middle school cheer leading squad also received new uniforms this season. 8th grader Madison says, "They are really cute and I really like the new design of the ram head on the back." She said she is also happy that they aren't as stiff. Coach Jones said, "They are crisp and clean and still similar to the old ones, just the new ram head on the back and the ram letters on the front. I like the style."

In conclusion, everyone seems very happy about the new cheerleading and girl's basketball uniforms.



Middle School Summer Memories

By: Paige

I got the chance to go around and ask some middle school students what they did over summer break.

Fifth grader Skylar said, "I went to my little sister's birthday party (in Texas) and we saw our cousins for the first time in a few years." Another fifth grader, Trae, said, "I played video games. I also went swimming and had a lot of fun. I really like watching 'The Larvae Movie.'

Sixth grader Logan said, "I went to Florida for the softball World Series with my friend, Alyssa. I also went to Iowa for the Regionals Tournament. My team came in first with no losses at Regionals. Luke said, "I went to Disney World. I also swam a lot in my pool and played a lot of baseball."

Seventh grader, Grace, said, "I played a lot of sports this summer and I made an All Star softball team. I also got into shape." Devin said, "I got into a bike wreck, but I told people that I got attacked by a shark. I also slept a lot, but when I was awake I played basketball."

Eighth grader, Trace said, "I went to the Grand Canyon and Holiday World. I also got glasses and saw the Cadilac Ranch." Aleah said, "I moved in with my dad. I also went to Kentucky Lake and had a lot of fun there."

Student Council Elections

By: Lillie

Middle school students listened to officer candidate speeches during 7th hr. in the FEMA building. The student council is a very important part of our school. They help us with school dances and the Veteran's Day assembly. Mrs. Tew and Mrs. Schiowitz are the current sponsors of student council. I asked Mrs. Schiowitz why student council is so important. She said, "It teaches leadership skills and allows the students to have a voice in their activities here at school."