



THE BEAR FACTS

Scotia Union School District Monthly Newsletter/November, 2023

October ended with a lot of excitement! We held a book fair, parent conferences, ASB sponsored Red Ribbon Week, sold BOO Grams, held a fall dance, and brought back the Pencil Cart as an ongoing fundraiser. 8th grade held their steak dinner and auction and participated in fire extinguisher training, 5th grade went camping, PTO sponsored Family Movie Night and started Friday treats sales back up, all grades went on field trips to pumpkin patches, and participated in Fridays in the Garden activities, The Great American Shake Out, a Fire Prevention Month Assembly with Scotia/Rio Dell Fire, a Halloween coloring contest, and of course, our traditional costume parade downtown! Staff participated in training on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, the schoolwide positive climate and behavior expectation system of support we are implementing over the course of the school year.

As we look forward to November and Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the Scotia community and its support of our 8th graders, the business community for handing out treats at the parade and donating to our 8th grade silent auction, and for our families for supporting our book fair, and attending parent conferences, meetings, and schoolwide events! This month, schoolwide, we will take time to reflect on that for which we are thankful. I am thankful for the wonderful students, families, and awesome staff at Scotia School.

PTO is looking for members! Help plan school wide events and activities that benefit our students! Currently, PTO is selling treats on Fridays at recess time, and planning a spirit wear fundraiser in time for Christmas, as well as bringing back the annual Christmas Store! The next PTO meeting is November 8 at 6:00. Come in person, or attend virtually over Zoom!

PTO MEETING ID: 896 1825 9105 MEETING PASSWORD: scotiapto

Friday, November 3 - ASES will be closed. All students are dismissed at 1:00 on Fridays.

The First Trimester ends November 17. Please contact teachers prior to the end of the trimester with any questions or concerns regarding your child's grades. Teacher email addresses can be found on the school's website. Report cards will be sent home after Thanksgiving Break.

Girls Basketball season is in full swing! We have both 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades teams. Boys Basketball and Cheer will be starting soon! All basketball players and cheerleaders must have a physical in order to participate. Physical forms are available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact athletic director Mrs. Ellsmore. Go Bears!

Gym Update: Thank you to all our families for following the student drop off and pick up route, and not pulling into the staff front or back parking lots. You are helping to keep our students safe! Two years ago, demolition began at the gym site, and now the new building is almost finished! It's an exciting time for Scotia School! We are hopeful the gym will be completed before the end of our boys basketball and cheerleading season!

The Calendar of Events, Monthly Meals Menu, Sports Schedules, and other useful and timely information, can all be found on the school's website!

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 3	NO ASES
Sunday, November 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Wednesday, November 8	PTO Mtg. 6:00
Thursday, November 9	Red, White, and Blue Dress up Day, School Board Mtg. - 7:00
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day Observed - No School
Friday, November 17	End of First Trimester, Best 1st Trimester Attendance Class Party
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 1	Report Cards Sent Home
December 25-January 5	Winter Break

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