



THE BEAR FACTS

Scotia Union School District Monthly Newsletter/November, 2024

October ended with a lot of excitement, including: the book fair, parent conferences, Red Ribbon Week, girls basketball tournaments, 8th grade steak dinner and auction, 5th grade camping trip, fire safety training for TK, Kindergarten, and 8th Grade, PTO Friday treat sale, field trips to pumpkin patches, the Great American Shake Out, and of course, our traditional costume parade downtown with added stops in the community and the gym parking lot for trunk or treat!

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 our families for supporting our book fair, and Trunk or Treat, and attending parent conferences, award assemblies, 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 one Friday/month at recess time, and holding a Bingo Night and Chili Cook Off, with a Bake Sale, on Friday, November 8! This is a family friendly event - bring your friends! It will be a fun time! See the flyer for more information! PTO will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Store- get started on those craft projects!! PTO meetings are held monthly in person and with a virtual option on Zoom.

Parent Communication takes many forms. One of the most common ways we provide information to our families is through our all call system. Parents can opt in to email and text messaging. If you are not receiving all call messages via text, please text the word YES to the 5 digit number 87569 in order to receive text message all calls.

The First Trimester ends November 15. 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.

Thanksgiving Break is November 25-29, and school will also be closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

Students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue on Friday, November 8, in honor of our Veterans! School Picture Day is also November 8!

Girls Basketball season is in full swing! We have both 5th/6th and 7th/8th grades teams. We need parents to help with games and tournaments! We can't do this without you! Please contact Mrs. Ellsmore to help. 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!

Breakfast and lunch menu items can be found on the school website on the daily calendar. We have been awarded a grant that allows us to provide more scratch cooked and locally sourced food. Parents are always welcome to eat with their child(ren) during breakfast or lunch! Please talk to your child(ren) about the exciting changes happening on the cafeteria menu!

Our ASES-Expanded Learning Program is expanding! We've added new clubs that meet on different days at 3:30, including art, D and D, and theater!

The calendar of events, monthly meals menu, sports schedules, teacher emails, and other useful and timely information, can all be found on the school's website! scotiasd.hcoe.org

UPCOMING DATES

<u>Sunday, November 3</u>	Daylight Savings Time Ends	<u>Monday, November 4</u>	Sky Dome presentations (all grades)
<u>Friday, November 8</u>	Red, White, and Blue Dress up Day, PTO Bingo and Chili Cook Off (and Bake Sale!)	<u>Thursday, November 14</u>	Board Meeting 7:00
<u>Monday, November 11</u>	Veterans Day Observed - No School	<u>November 25-29</u>	Thanksgiving Break
<u>Friday, November 15</u>	End of First Trimester, Best 1st Trimester Attendance Class Party	<u>December 23-Jan. 3</u>	Winter Break
<u>Friday, November 22</u>	K-3 Monthly Awards, 4-8 Trimester Award		
<u>Wednesday, December 4</u>	Report Cards Sent Home		