



**SCRIBNER-SNYDER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER**  
**2024**

*From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Scribner-Snyder Community School Patrons,

Second semester has been off to a snowy start, but we have still managed to get our winter benchmark testing completed. We use the data from these tests to adjust instruction based on student needs and to make changes in curriculum. It also preps the students for the spring benchmark testing, which is the State of Nebraska accountability piece. Even with the distraction of snow days, our students are showing some nice growth. A shout out to our students and their teachers for all their hard work.

With a new semester starting, high school students had a few days to adjust their schedules by using the drop and add forms. A change in a student schedule must be approved by myself, teachers, and parents. Mrs. Fischer will also review the schedule change to ensure that it will not affect graduation requirements.

Parent/Teacher conferences are around the corner. Please save some time on the afternoon and evening of February 7th to come and visit with your child/children's teacher(s). It is a nice time to touch base with how your child/children are doing. Elementary (Prek-5) conferences run from 2 – 7:30 p.m. in their classrooms and High School (6-12) conferences will run from 4 - 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. We are looking forward to seeing you. Remember there is a 1:30 p.m. dismissal on that day.

There are a couple of calendar reminders/updates. Our school is hosting EHC Conference Speech. There will be no school on February 21, 2024. We are also hosting District Speech. There will be no school on March 11, 2024. All buildings will be used to host these events. It is always exciting to have so many schools visit. Both days are open to the public. Please come out and support the SSCS Speech Team.

There are many events happening. Check out the school calendar on our website for the most current information.

Respectfully,

*Mrs.*

*Nemececk*

**Important Dates to Remember:** Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>-Parent Teacher Conferences-1:30 pm dismissal; Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>—NO School; Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>—NO School; Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>—NO School; Feb.23—Pottery Night @ SS; March 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sets for Vets Volleyball Tournament @ SS; March 11<sup>th</sup>—NO School; March 15<sup>th</sup>—NO School; March 19<sup>th</sup>-FFA BBQ/Auction @ SS; March 23&24—High School Musical @ SS; March 26<sup>th</sup>—ACT Testing-Juniors; March 29<sup>th</sup> & April 1—Easter Break-NO School

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT,**

By Joe Peitzmeier

It is my hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday with families. I am grateful for the opportunity to greet students as they come back from break so excited to share their holiday stories.

The month of January has come in with a roar causing several days of school dismissal. At this point in time, we have not made any decision to make up any days. If we will need to make up days, we will communicate these in a timely manner to help you with your planning.

As I have reported through multiple newsletters, the School Board has been working with DLR Group (an architectural firm) to conduct a facility study to help address the facility needs of the district. DLR staff, at the board work meeting in January, worked with the board and spent some time in the district confirming previous findings that they related to board goals to address future facility needs. The architects left with confirmation of their previous findings and will be working on schematic design of future facilities as well as possible options of renovating current facilities. More to come on this subject in the future.

You may have also heard that the old high school building is being sold to a development group that will be renovating it into apartments. That is correct. We are in negotiations with them to bring this process to fruition. If you have any questions about future facility plans or on the old building renovation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mark your calendars!!! On February 21 and March 11, SSCS will be hosting the East Husker Conference Speech Meet and the NSAA District Speech Meets, respectively. We will not have school on either of these days.**

The school board, at the February meeting will be considering the school calendar for 2024-2025. This proposed calendar is much like the calendars of the past in that it is basically adjusted for the calendar days moving forward. There will be no change in arrival or dismissal times. In closing, I want to mention that January 21 – January 28 was Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. Board members dedicate many hours and deal with many challenging issues that may affect them personally or professionally. Yet, the members of the Scribner-Snyder Community School Board of Education continue to work to provide a safe and orderly environment for every student and provide a learning atmosphere where every student feels welcome and can be successful. At your next opportunity, please thank these people for their time and dedication to this sometimes-thankless service. The 2024 school board members are: Laura Schnoor, President; Mike Fischer, Vice-President; Aaron Lange, Secretary; Janis Baker; Don Beck; and Dyann Bradbury.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Scribner-Snyder Community School  
is hosting the second annual...



# S-S Fun Fest!

MOHR AUDITORIUM, SCRIBNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

6 PM SILENT AUCTION & SOCIAL HOUR

7 PM DINNER

8:30 PM COMEDIAN (ADULT SHOW)

TICKETS (\$35/TICKET) OR AN 8-PERSON TABLE FOR \$250

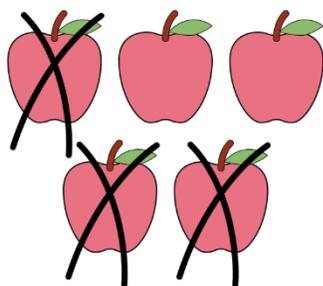
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE (ADDITIONAL COST) AT THE  
S-S SCHOOL GYM & COMMONS - WITH ENOUGH INTEREST  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT SHELLY SCHULENBERG AT 402-664-2567

# 2023-2024 First Grade Class

*Carlie Loth, First Grade Teacher*

The SSCS first-grade class has already come a long way since we began school in August. The students have worked hard to learn new skills and strategies to help them solve whatever problems they may face. Below is a brief summary of what we have learned throughout the first semester in each subject area.



$$5 - 3 = 2$$



$$3 - 4 = -1$$

In math we have learned many strategies to help us add and subtract within 20. By the end of the year, the students will be able to add and subtract two-digit numbers together using many different strategies. Currently, we are taking a break from addition and subtraction, and are now learning about 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes and their attributes.

Additionally, throughout the semester, we have been learning how to read a story and use many skills and strategies to help us understand the selection. A few strategies that we have worked on include making and confirming predictions, recognizing the point of view of the narrator, and using text/graphic features to clarify an informational text.

So far this year we have learned to read and write many High Frequency Words! Many of these words are very tricky to learn, because you can't always rely on sounds to figure out how to read and spell them. We have also been working on learning spelling rules. We started off looking at words, and learning the short vowel sounds (cap), and have worked up to learning more challenging rules such as the bossy "e" working with vowels to help them say their names (cape).

In science, we have learned a lot about the structures and functions of plants, as well as what they need in order to grow. We also just finished learning about how sound waves and vibrations make the sounds that we hear every day.

In social studies, we have spent a lot of time studying how everything can change over time. We learned to see how everyday things that we see and use now have changed from what they were like in the past. We also spent some time learning about a few important people and events in our history, and how we have many different holidays to celebrate and honor them.

The 2023-2024 first graders have worked incredibly hard to learn and grow this past semester. They should be proud of what they have accomplished. I am excited to see how much they will grow by the end of the school year.

# Annual FFA BBQ/Pie Auction approaching!

The spring semester is looking to be a busy one for the Scribner-Snyder FFA Chapter! It is filled with applications, contests, events, conventions, banquet, and more.

Proficiency and State Degree applications are due at the beginning of February. We have several members applying for their State Degree this year: Jill Adams, Krista Beranek, Izzy Carrier, Hannah Ryun, Ashley Stadt and Kadyr Wheelock. Along with an application, there is an interview process that must be completed for this. The State Degree is the highest award that the state association can bestow upon its members. A minimum requirement for time and/or money invested in a supervised agricultural experience (aka – a job, preferably in agriculture), FFA activities, community service hours, etc. must be achieved to attain this recognition. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students can compete for awards in nearly 50 areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management. We have several students who will compete in areas like Hospitality and Management, Poultry Production, and Equine Placement. The application for this consists of several short answer questions, financial statements, skill and competencies reflections, and photos of them in action.

FFA Week activities are also in the planning stages! Scribner-Snyder FFA enjoys celebrating the National FFA Organization and promoting FFA to our school and community. Face painting for the elementary students, drive

your farm machinery to school day, official dress day, snack attack (providing a snack to the junior high and high school students), agricultural trivia, a hidden owl around school, and elementary lessons are just a few of the activities that are planned for National FFA Week (officially February 19-23, but will be celebrated March 4-8). This helps the chapter to let the school and community know more about agriculture and the National FFA Organization.

The Scribner-Snyder FFA BBQ and Pie Auction is set for Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to the silent auction, labor and pie auction, meal, and gathering of community members. FFA members will again be baking some homemade pies (and cheesecakes), available for your bidding and enjoyment! Each FFA member will also be auctioned off in the labor auction. Each high school member will be sold to the highest bidder for eight hours of labor. Along with the labor and pie live auction; there will also be a silent auction. As we receive items we will post them on our Scribner-Snyder FFA Facebook page so you can see the items we have up for bid. The evening will also have a meal served. This meal consists of a smoked, pulled pork sandwich, salad (potato or Aide's macaroni), chips, beans, dessert, and a drink. The meal will be served from 5:30-7:30 pm. Cost for the meal will be a free will donation. The labor and pie auction will begin at 6:45 pm.

SCRIBNER-SNYDER FFA'S ANNUAL

## BBQ & AUCTIONS

SCRIBNER-SNYDER COMMUNITY SCHOOL GYM

**Silent**

**Pie**

**Labor**



**Tuesday,  
March 19th**



### Meal Includes:

BBQ Pork  
Potato or Macaroni Salad  
Chips  
Beans  
Dessert  
Drink

**5:30-7:30 Meal Served**

**6:45 Pie and Labor Auction Begins**

Silent auction will close at the conclusion of the labor auction (around 7:45)

Following the labor and pie auction the silent auction will close. Some children’s games and activities will also be sponsored, to engage the kids in agricultural literacy information throughout the evening. This event helps the chapter to pay for state and national conventions, contests, and other expenses! The Scribner-Snyder FFA members work hard to prepare for the evening, we hope that you are able to join us for the fun.

A few students from Scribner-Snyder are excited to participate in The World Food Prize, Nebraska Youth Institute in March. This event takes place at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The goal of this institute is to help students engage in ending hunger and poverty. Students research a country with a global challenge, write a paper about that country, and propose a solution to their problem. These students earn a \$500 College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources scholarship and become recognized as Borlaug Scholars.

We would like to send out a special shout out to those from our community that donated their time to judge our Leadership Development Events last fall: Mishele and Dan Beerbohm, Pastor Bruce Schut, Jordan Young, Kelly Schnoor, and Beth Boyle. This contest would not be possible without the generosity of their time!

Community service is another area in which our chapter is always trying to fulfill. Last fall we held a food drive at the school. This yielded over 1,100 items to go toward the Faith Food Pantry! Any opportunity in which we can give back to our community, we are more than happy to do so.

Coming up this spring, the Scribner-Snyder FFA members are also looking forward to participating in District Career Development Events and the Nebraska State FFA Convention. State Convention is three days which provide so many opportunities for our students. We have several students earning the right to compete in contests including: Natural Resources, Meats, Ag Literacy Speaking (Aydia Ryun), Senior Public Speaking (Zoey Gathman), and Agriscience. In addition to contests, we are hoping to have a display for the hall of chapters. The junior high members enjoy participating in the Quiz Bowl at State Convention. Shortly after convention is over, we will be holding chapter officer interviews and our recognition banquet (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). May brings our petting zoo, family picnic, and Chapter Officer Leadership Training.

Another exciting opportunity that our chapter is working towards is putting up a greenhouse. We are trying to find enough funding to get this project accomplished! Our science and ag classes would directly benefit from a space like this, but there are several other opportunities for elementary classrooms to utilize the space, or for produce to be used in the school cafeteria. With some other possible changes coming to our school campus, we are still in the planning stage. We are excited about this endeavor, but have a way to go for our funding goal.

# The Fun Fest Post

MOHR AUDITORIUM, SCRIBNER NE

APRIL 6, 2024

## 2ND ANNUAL FUN FEST FEATURING: COMEDIAN NICK ALLEN



### ABOUT NICK ALLEN

Nick Allen is a standout comedian from the midwest consistently winning audiences over with his singular brand of righteous confusion and dulcet tones. His recently released album 'ALIVE 22' topped the iTunes charts and was given 'three thumbs up' by the seminal Craig Peters. He appeared on NBC's Last Comic Standing where Norm Macdonald told him he was "overflowing with authenticity." Adding "I love you, man." Nick can be heard on his podcast 'Next Window Please' and daily on the syndicated Todd and Tyler Radio Empire and regularly works a sampling of the best clubs as well as notorious dive bars. Someday he'll be regional manager. He resides with his family in Omaha, NE and is an unapologetic member of the KISS Army.

**WINE PULL**  
\$10 per pull - Will Go Until Gone

**DINNER**  
Catered meal-Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Cream Puffs

### WHY SUPPORT FUN FEST

Your contributions will support sports teams, fine arts, and academic clubs by providing vital resources for equipment, events, and educational opportunities. Your generosity ensures a vibrant and enriching student experience, promoting personal growth, teamwork, and skill development. Be a part of creating lasting memories and valuable experiences for our students. Thank you for supporting our student's education and additional opportunities at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools!

### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 6pm** Silent Auction & Social Hour
- 7pm** Dinner
- 7pm** Silent Auction Tables Begin to Close
- 8:30pm** Comedy Show

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

## ***'Footloose'* to be presented at S-S in March**

Another busy spring is in store for the students in the Scribner Music Department. It's hard to believe that by the time that this is published, we will be halfway through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter already.

It is time for us to dig through the closets as we are starting work on this year's musical. Come to the stage to see the kids time warp back to the 1980's as they perform the youth version of *Footloose*. We hope that we will have all the fun choreography and music ready to go for you to

come see us at our performances on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. February will also be busy with students attending various honor bands and choirs. Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> Garrett Hunke and Rylee Nemecek (Pictured on the right) will be participating in the WSC Honor Choir Festival. Both auditioned and were selected to this event. Calleigh Small, Aydia Ryun, Savanna Horn and Ava Schreck will be in Stanton on February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Stanton Junior High Music Festival.



The following Monday will see Zoey Gathman, Garrett Hunke, Nattie Hull, Rylee Nemecek, Kloey Wheelock, April Schellenberg, Marah Fischer, Gillian Hunke and Kadyr Wheelock at Wayne State College for the East Husker Conference Honor Band. This is the largest group to be selected to this group and we are so proud of their accomplishments.

Preparations have also begun for the spring concerts and District Music Contest. The Jr./Sr. High Band as well as the High School Chorus have been looking at the music for several weeks already. April will be a busy month as we will be going to Tekamah-Herman for Districts on



April 19<sup>th</sup> followed by our spring concert on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The elementary concert is also in April this month as it will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to be preparing for all these events and hope to see you at them in the next few months. Thank you for all of your support and we hope to see you all soon!

Mr. Poessnecker

## *What's Happening in High School Science*

**Biology:** Currently, the ninth-grade students are exploring macromolecules, such as carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins. Students have completed several scientific investigations throughout this module. For example, one lab involved the testing of various food items for the presence of starch. Another lab allowed students to observe and understand the importance of enzyme activity. Moving forward, students will begin focusing on the topic of cells. Students will learn how a cell is affected by its environment, how our cells obtain energy, and understand how genetics play a role in our cells.

**Physical Science:** First semester, tenth-grade students focused heavily on the concepts of motion, forces, and energy. These areas did require quite a bit of math calculations. However, in attempts to add some physical exercise to our physical science classroom, students stepped outside to throw frisbees and footballs to calculate throwing speeds. Second semester we will shift our content towards various chemistry topics. Classification of matter, properties of elements, and chemical reactions are just a few of the modules that will be covered.

**Chemistry:** This group of students has been working hard this year. At the beginning of the year, chemistry students reviewed systems of measurement, scientific notation, and significant figures. Students also learned how to convert between atomic mass, moles, and atoms. Also, the relationship between frequency and wavelength of light was introduced. Needless to say, students have been giving their calculators a workout. We will move away from the calculators to finish up the year by talking about electron configurations and chemical bonding.

**Anatomy and Physiology:** Anatomy students have been progressing their way through the human body. Initially, students studied the different types of cells and tissues in the body. Students then uncovered the layers of the integumentary system. Students have also made their way through the bones of the skeletal system and are continuing to learn about the muscular system. They will feel a sense of accomplishment as they master all the bones and muscles of the body by the end of the year.

## *Tiny Trojan News*



Preschool has had no short of fun this school year! We've spent our days at school learning the alphabet, numbers and social skills. The kids love to practice writing their letters on the white board. The children have been busy cooking each other meals in the kitchen center, building rocket ships in blocks and letting their imagination soar in the art center.

This year has brought on lots of changes in the classroom! The Preschool program has switched to an all-day, everyday format. On a daily basis the children are engaged in free choice play, extra classes we call specials, stimulating small group activities and a time to rest their bodies and mind. The Preschool students enjoy receiving instruction from various specials teachers which include music with Mr. Poessnecker, P.E. with Mr. Dieckmann, art with Mrs. Stock and library with Mrs. Kafonek. The kids love to tell me about their activities with the other teachers.

Our wonderful town librarians have also adapted to the changing program by now coming to the school to do library time. They bring us a box of books to borrow for our library center and the kids always enjoy their selections! The library center in our classroom is a well-loved spot for the students, especially when they get to use a reading buddy.

There are seventeen active students in the Preschool classroom this year. There is never a shortage of stories, laughs and fun being had. Just ask the neighboring classrooms. 😊 The second semester started out a little different this year with many snow days but we are now back in the routine of our school day. Our days together go quick but the memories made in the classroom will last a lifetime!

Mrs. Schnoor

***Wrestling season is in full swing*** for the Varsity Girls as well as the Youth team. The landscape of high school wrestling looks vastly different this year with the continued growth of girls wrestling, the fastest growing sport! There are currently just under 1,800 girls across the state, wrestling in high school, an increase of around 500 girls from just a year ago. We currently have 4 of our own girls on the high school team, a team that is currently rated #8 in the state, Ashley Stadt, Kristen Schellenberg, Nattie Hull, and Emily Hull. When Mother Nature cooperates, the weekends are usually spent waking up in the wee hours of the morning to get in a van and drive in the dark so that we can spend an entire day in a High School gymnasium, wrestle all day, only to leave after it is once again dark and make the long trek back home. It's actually way more fun than it sounds! The high school girls' season is full go right now with Districts right around the corner, in York on February 9<sup>th</sup> and then the State finale at the CHI Center in Omaha on February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

There are currently 26 boys and girls in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> wrestling for Scribner-Snyder. Due to weather, the Youth team didn't get to compete this past weekend at the Oakland-Craig invite. All that I will say about a Youth wrestling tournament is that if you have never experienced one, you definitely need to put that on your bucket list. The Youth wrestlers are learning and getting better each week.

If you are looking for some quality entertainment, come out and support your Scribner-Snyder wrestling teams. The High School Girls' schedule, the JH schedule and the Youth schedule can all be found online. The kids would love to see some familiar faces!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024  
5:30-7:30

## COMMUNITY CLAY EXPERIENCE

With generous support from the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Cultural Endowment we are pleased to offer mug painting this year at no cost to the students and members of the Scribner- Snyder Community!

We will have enough mugs for all SSSS students and an additional 200 for any member of the community that wishes to participate. If you would like to reserve your mug ahead of time please email Megan Stock [mstock@sstrojans.org](mailto:mstock@sstrojans.org) or sign up at the Scribner Library

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## **2024–25 FAFSA® Form Launch** The 2024–25 Free

*Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form is now available. You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. However, there may be pauses for site maintenance to make technical updates as needed to provide a better experience.

**What's New** The 2024–25 FAFSA form expands eligibility for federal student aid, including Pell Grants, and provides a streamlined user experience. 610,000 new students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants due to updates to student aid calculations. Plus, applicants will be able to skip as many as 26 questions, depending on their individual circumstances. Some applicants could answer as few as 18 questions, which could take less than 10 minutes.

**What Happens After You Submit** When you submit your completed 2024–25 FAFSA form, you'll get an email confirming that we received your form with preliminary information related to your eligibility for federal student aid. This will include your estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated eligibility for Federal Pell Grants. Your FAFSA eligibility information will be sent to your school(s) and state in late January, so you will have ample time to fill out the form and do not need to rush to complete the form during the soft launch. Once your school(s) receive your FAFSA information, they will provide you with personalized aid information in the coming weeks. Until your school(s) and state receive your form, they won't be able to answer questions about your aid eligibility or status.

You will receive an email when your FAFSA information has been sent to your selected schools and when you can access your FAFSA Submission Summary on StudentAid.gov. The FAFSA Submission Summary will provide your official SAI calculation and Federal Pell Grant eligibility. You can also check the status of your FAFSA form on StudentAid.gov in late January.

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