



SCRIBNER-SNYDER COMMUNITY
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Herculean Tasks

I am sure that many of you know the story behind Hercules. As the Disney version goes, Hercules was born on Mount Olympus. His parents were two Greek gods. Hercules was stolen from Mount Olympus and taken to Earth. A childless couple found him and raised him. However, Hercules knew he was different. He found out that he was a god, but to take his rightful place he had to prove himself worthy. To prove himself worthy he had to complete several tasks. The tasks he was given were not easy, but in the end he completed each one.

The current and past school board, administration, and staff have been given several tasks to accomplish. These tasks have had their challenges, but I am happy to report we have risen to the occasion each time. We have improved curriculum, improved test scores, increased class offerings, and we offer more college credits than ever before. Opportunities abound at SSCS.

Two new opportunities include the Missoula Children's Theatre in October for K-8 students. Please mark your Calendar for October 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. This is when "The Snow Queen" will be presented. There is no charge for admission, but a free will offering will be accepted by the Junior's for Prom activities. The second activity, is for 9-12 grades. These students will have the opportunity to earn a "Close Up" trip in the spring. This trip will include and educational visit to our nation's capital.



Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger L. Meyer

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

The first nine weeks is flying by. By the time you read this article we will already be in the sixth week of the first nine weeks. The students and staff have settled in to their daily routines of attending classes and extra-curricular activities.

The students enjoyed Homecoming week with several theme days. This will be the second year SSCS shared Homecoming activities with Logan View Public School. On Monday, September 23, the students attended a Bonfire at Logan View. On Sept. 27th, SSCS had their annual Homecoming Parade and activities downtown by Z's Bar. Homecoming coronation/dance was held on that evening following the football game, SSCS's coronation went first followed by Logan View's.

At the beginning of the year, SSCS welcomed our new foreign exchange student Viva Jitcheun (goes by "V") from Bangkok, Thailand. "V" resides in Snyder with her host family Jesseca and David Hultgren (parents of former graduate Alex Nuno). "V" has fit in well at SSCS and is currently participating on the LVSS volleyball team. She is learning many new and exciting things while visiting the United States. Most recently the Hultgren family threw "V" a birthday party with cake and ice cream which was a new experience for her as birthdays are not celebrated in Thailand.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd from 3:30-7:30 p.m. We hope you have a chance to come in and visit with our staff about your child/children. If you're unable to attend the conferences we encourage you to call the school and set up a personal conference with any teacher you wish to speak with. Students' grades are also available for you to review at any time on PowerSchool. If you have forgotten your PowerSchool log-on code please call the school for assistance.

It is hard to believe we are less than a month away from the end of the 1st quarter of school. The quarter is set to end on Friday, October 18th with a 1:30 dismissal taking place on that day. We want to wish our softball, volleyball and football teams much success this fall as they continue their sports season. If you get a chance please take some time to attend their games and support our student-athletes.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy fall.

Respectfully Yours,

Mr. Stithem

Exploring the world with Mr. Stewart

We are off and exploring!

In 7th grade World History we have already explored the Israelites, Phoenicians, Lydian's and Persians. The students got to choose a topic and write a five paragraph essay and share it with the rest of their class in the form of a power point presentation.

The 8th graders have been looking at the early exploration of the Western Hemisphere. They have gotten to look at various explorers from Columbus to Champlain to Hudson. Soon we will be moving onto the English colonies.

The 10th graders study World History, we completed the Dawn of Humanity and are currently studying early river civilizations. We will cover a wide range of topics over the course of the year. Ancient Greece and Rome, The Middle Ages, just to name a few.

The juniors are studying the decades of the 90s and early 2000s. Many great topics of interest have been explored. Elections, 9/11, War on Terror, the rise of the internet, our place in a global society and much more. Soon we will be getting into some of the greatest decades of all time, the 70s and 80s!

The seniors are studying American Government and Economics this year. We have been currently studying the origins/foundations of our government. With econ, we will be going over basic economic systems, and later on the students will take part in a budget simulation.

A lot of great discussion and students thinking about their place in an ever changing world. Never a dull moment in Social Studies!

Dates to remember

Parent/Teacher
Conferences set for
Wed., Oct. 2nd,
3:30-7:30 p.m. All
students will have a
1:30 p.m. dismissal.

**There will NOT be
school on Friday,
Oct. 4th.**

Quarter 1 will end
on Oct. 18th.
Students will be
dismissed at
1:30 p.m.

**Missoula
Children's Theatre
performance
Oct. 19th, 7 p.m.**

Students will enjoy
their Fall Break
with No School on
Oct. 21st & Oct. 22nd.

Fall Concert set for Nov. 5th

The Scribner-Snyder Music Department will hold a Fall Concert at S-S on Tuesday, Nov. 5th. The concert will

feature performances by the concert band, high school chorus as well as selections performed by the Junior High students. Mark your calendar and show your support to the S-S music department by attending the concert at 7 p.m. All are welcome!



Veteran's Day Program at S-S

Once again, Scribner-Snyder Community Schools will honor all past and present Veteran's during the annual Veteran's Day Program scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11th in the elementary gymnasium. Cookies and coffee can be enjoyed by all from 9-10 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

One-Act cast and crew to perform

Members of the Scribner-Snyder One-Act cast and crew will get their season started in November when they travel to compete at Pender High School on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Action continues at the East Husker Conference meet on Nov. 19th and again on Nov. 25th when the cast and crew will host a festival at Scribner-Snyder. This will begin at 5:30 p.m. The S-S cast & crew will be performing 'Apocalypse or Bust'. Cast and crew members include: Elissa Dames, Xavier Rangeloff, Sydney Wolfgram, Harley Baker, Cailey Stout, Laythen Streit, Cloe Lundry, Matt Hull, Jillian Dames, Nia Meyer, Sophia Vacha, Savanna Lundry, Addison Lange, DesiRae Svehla, Merivath Zamora, Ellie Mickelson, Kristal Svehla, Machara Jusino and Rachel Lodi. The event at S-S is open to the public and begins at 5:30 p.m. The cast and crew are under the direction of Heather Peters.

Student Opportunities in FFA

This fall, students involved in the Scribner-Snyder FFA Chapter have a variety of opportunities to take advantage of. First of all, chapter members are taking part in the Nebraska Farm Bureau's Connecting Chapters program. This is designed to help chapter members present lessons to the elementary about agricultural literacy. Our first step is to attend a training. Next we read a book to elementary classrooms (and donate the book), and perform agricultural literacy lessons in the classrooms. The chapter will then work with the Dodge County Farm Bureau to do another ag literacy project in the area. Last year, the Scribner-Snyder FFA chapter set up in the KidZone at the Dodge County fairgrounds and talked to kids about farm and animal safety.



FFA members participated in Connecting Chapters, an activity sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau to help high school students be good advocates for agriculture and teach Ag literacy lessons to younger students.



Students recently attended Husker Harvest Days near Grand Island. While there, students visited a company or organization representing each agriculture and natural resources career pathway and engaged in a discussions and completed tasks with the vendors. They also donated over 90 lbs. of food to the Heartland Food Pantry.

Other events coming up this fall include community service opportunities like serving at the Faith Food Pantry, cleaning up trash along the highway, and hosting a food drive at the school. Competitions that Scribner-Snyder FFA students can participate in this fall include Dairy Judging, Land Evaluation, and Leadership

Development Events. In preparation for Leadership Development Events, the chapter also holds a local event we call Greenhand Night (Nov. 19th). This night gives members who are presenting the FFA Creed, agricultural demonstrations, or other agricultural speeches a practice run and helps them prepare for the district competition. EDGE Conference is an additional leadership development opportunity for our students. The breakouts will be by grade. Each group has one communication session, one leadership session, and one agriculture focused session. Of course, our annual fundraiser of fruit sales will be coming up this fall, also! We enjoy providing great products to our customers while also raising funds for our chapter. Orders will be due before the Thanksgiving break and will be delivered during the second week of December.



Finally, we try to have a few activities for the students to just get together and have a fun. This may include a bon fire, pumpkin carving, and a holiday party. We are also planning work nights throughout the semester to allow students time to prepare for contests and complete their record books and award applications.



Training sessions

Students in Ms. Piper's medical terminology and anatomy class attended the Health and Wellness Career Fair day at Northeast Community College. Students were involved in many hands-on break-out sessions that discussed the medical career paths provided at NECC. Sessions included: EMS/Paramedic station where students were able to perform compressions. They also got to administer medication and interact with patient simulation mannequins.



SSCS eSports team featured on Channel 3

Members of the Scribner-Snyder eSports team along with their coach, Linda Schafer were given the chance to be interviewed at the school by news reporter Jon Kipper from Channel 3 News on September 10th. Most recently the team won 3 matches against Gering and will travel to Grand Island on Oct. 12 before hosting their own tournament at S-S on Oct. 26th.



The following link will allow you to revisit the segment that aired during Channel 3's 10 p.m. news show that same week. Type the following link into your browser to view the interview.

<https://www.3newsnow.com/news/local-news/scribner-snyder-despite-size-embracing-esports>

News from the 3rd grade class

The third grade has started the 2019-2020 school year and things are going very well! We have been learning multiplication and division in math which is new for these students, but they have not backed down from the challenge. They are learning new strategies and ways to

multiply and divide and have shown lots of growth since the beginning of the year. It's been very exciting!

Students have been working hard in all the subjects this year especially in Reading. We have read lots of very fun and entertaining books along with educational books as well. We are learning new ways to approach how we learn comprehension, along with many strategies to improve fluency.



In science we are learning about what scientists do, along with the many different science tools scientists use. Students are very interested to see these tools and how scientists use them in experiments. We have also covered a lot in Social Studies learning about world geography, the continents, where Scribner is on a map, and the different types of maps used in geography.

It's been a busy start to the year and many things are being covered, but these students are handling it well. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with a very big and exciting class!

It's FAFSA time!

Seniors...beginning October 1, you and your parents can complete the 2020-21 [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is the application for state, federal, and college-based financial aid.

Follow these tips to prepare:

Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You and a parent will each need an FSA ID to access and sign the FAFSA.

Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships

Don't pay for scholarship services! Free resources include ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org, your school counselor's office, and EducationQuest offices in Omaha, Lincoln, and Kearney.

Focus on college-based and local scholarships. You're more likely to earn them over large national awards.

Continually update your activities, honors, and volunteer or paid jobs using the Activities Resume at EducationQuest.org.

Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores by taking the exams in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

Use quality references such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Give them advance notice, a specific deadline, and a copy of your Activities Resume. Ask at least two people to proofread your application.

Media Center receives improvements

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start! There have been a few improvements in both of the media centers. The high school media center's appearance has changed due to replacing the old tables and chairs and the elementary center received a new wireless ceiling projector, which the students are really enjoying!

On October 11th, the preschool students will visit the elementary media center for the first time and check out books. They will be visiting every Friday. Looking forward to having them visit!



Scholastic Book Fair

September 27th - October 3rd

Open during school days
until 4:00

Greetings from Mrs. Dostal and the First Graders!

We have 17 students in our room this year and they are all off to a great start! I am happy to report that I have a room full of scientists! They are learning to use science tools and working on improving observation skills using their five senses. We've learned that celery can make sounds and that small apples can have many



more seeds than large apples. I have a feeling that Pumpkin Science will be a big hit with this crew! And speaking of pumpkins, we will be headed to the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch soon! We are so fortunate that our administration and school board supports and encourages our field trips. There will be a lot of science going on while we see changes in the trees, the ripening of pumpkins and the animals in the petting areas. But I am certain there will also be lots of fun on the jumping pillows and the big trikes! It's truly a great time to be part of SSCS!

Parent's/Athletes honored

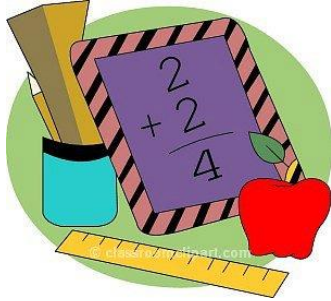
Scribner-Snyder and Logan View athletes along with their parents will be honored during the month of October. They will be recognized on:

Softball-Oct. 5th; Football-Oct. 18th; Volleyball-Oct. 24th.

2nd Grade News from Mrs. Wuestewald

We have 8 students in 2nd Grade. There are 4 girls and 4 boys. We're off to a busy and exciting year! We've already had Labor Day Break, MAPS Testing, School Pictures, Parent Teacher Conferences, and the Book Fair.

Fall is here! We enjoy the cooler weather! The farmers are chopping corn and getting their combines ready. Apples and pumpkins are being picked. And, we'll be heading to the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch north of Oakland in October. A special "thanks" to the Scribner-Snyder PTA for paying our admission fees.



In Math class, we've been learning how to create and solve word problems, tell the difference between even and odd numbers, and memorizing our addition facts.

We'll be making necklaces, teepees, and totem poles as we study about the various Native American tribes in Social Studies.

*******Please mark your calendar*******

You're all invited to attend the VETERANS DAY PROGRAM on Monday, November 11, 2019 in the school gym at 10:00 a.m. The Coffee Hour will be in the Commons from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We hope you can come help us honor these "special" people.

Mrs. Gaston's Go-Getters



They also observed decomposers at work by watching mold grow

The 5th grade class welcomed two new students this school year to the class; Gracie and Sherilee! So far this year they have been practicing the five steps in the writing process during their time in Language Arts. In Science, they learned about decomposers and recently did a couple experiments in the classroom. The first one included putting yeast,



on a piece of bread. In Math, the 5th graders have decided that adding and subtracting decimals is a lot easier than adding and subtracting fractions. In Social Studies they are currently learning about Native Americans. On Friday, September 20th they went on a field trip to Ponca State Park to participate in the Missouri River Outdoor Expo.

I've been busy organizing Kids Club activities for the school year! We are offering 14 different activities K-8 throughout the year, and most of them are full, which is great! The week of October 14th is the Missoula Children's Theatre (Monday-Friday), with the performance on Saturday, October 19th. Other dates to keep in mind are October 2nd for parent/teacher conferences, and no school days: October 4th, 21st, and 22nd, November 28th and 29th.

Preschool News

By Sally O'Neill-Cole

Four-year old Preschool is off to an awesome start this year! We have 2 sessions, a morning and an afternoon. Both sessions are filled with curious, creative, bright and funny 4 and 5 year olds! Right now, we have 8 students in the morning and 7 in the afternoon. It is so incredible (and entertaining!) to hear some of the vocabulary and language skills my students use in casual conversations with me. It's no wonder that I'm constantly writing down Preschooler quotes, such as, "My buddy had to write a bunch of 3s at home and when his mom came home he said, 'This 3's exhausting'", and "My grandma took the black seeds out of the watermelon so you can't turn into a watermelon...the white seeds are healthy" or "If you get bitten by a radioactive spider you get to turn into Spiderman, if you get bitten by a regular spider you can turn into, uh...Spiderwoman". The imagination and creativity I witness in my classroom every day is, at times, surprising and always rewarding. In the Art Center I've heard, "It's a salamander" and "It's a police officer robot". The Block and Dramatic Play Areas are great ones to witness inventiveness and creativity as well..."It's a castle with a mote" or "Doctor, doctor, I need help, my sink's overflowing!".

So far, we are working on the letters Aa, Bb, Cc and Dd and going on "Letter Hunts" around the classroom. It's so fun to see how excited the students get when they "discover" the letters in print around the room. We have also been learning about our 5 Senses, exploring different things we can hear, see, smell, taste and touch. It's so exciting and rewarding to see how much progress my little ones make, not only over the course of the school year, but even in a few week's time. Preschool for 3-year-olds will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd this year, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at school and ending at 10:30 a.m. Time flies when you're having fun, so we will be celebrating the 100th day of Preschool before you know it!. ☺

Physical Education—Mr. Kellough

Advanced PE has been working on flexibility, weights and lifetime games and activities. Units have been covered in volleyball, badminton and currently pickleball. Pickleball has grown in popularity immensely over the last 10 years.

9th Health will soon be covering units in stress, healthy relationships, fitness and nutrition.

Upper elementary PE classes have spent time on fundamental manipulative movements as well as leisure time activities and games. Sportsmanship education will be a focus in the 5th and 6th grades. Lower elementary PE classes have been working on locomotor and non-locomotor skills, movement experiences and body mechanics.

HAL students are brainstorming

The projects and activities we complete and participate in this year's HAL classes will be based on the STEAM model. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Before, during, and after each activity the students will discuss which of these areas the activity touched on. The first project this year, touched on all five.

This year's 3rd – 6th grade HAL students started with a prosthetic hand project. The first thing we did was brainstorm a list of reasons why someone might need a prosthetic hand. After coming up with that list, we then looked at an x-ray of a human hand. We talked about everything from the bones that make up the hand and wrist, there are 27, to the growth plates between your joints.

We decided that different people might need different kinds of prosthetics based on their stage in life and their occupations and recreation activities. We then made a simple hand using paper, straws, tape, and twine.

The straws were our bones and the twine was the muscles, tendons, and ligaments that help our fingers move. We found out that our joints are so important in helping our fingers move. We also discussed a little about arthritis and what that can do to the look and mobility of your hand.

After our hands were complete, we watched a couple of videos about the prosthetics of today. One story followed a woman who had lost most of her arm to a raccoon bite but because of special surgeries she's had, depending on what the fingers of her prosthetic touched, technology allows her to have finger feeling in the upper part of her arm because of certain nerves and sensors.

Another woman was born without a hand and she has designed her own prosthetic. She wants to break the stigma of people with prosthetics so the covering on her new hand looks completely different than skin. It is metallic and has lights that glow. She wants people to notice it right away and ask about it instead of pretending not to see it.

The 5th -6th graders have moved on to their next project which is to build replicas of famous manmade and natural landmarks using LEGOS. We hope to have them displayed when they are complete.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 24th!

If your student(s) were absent during the original date of Sept. 19th or they wish to have their pictures retaken, please mark your calendar for Oct. 24th. Remember to bring back your picture packet that day if you wish to have them retaken.