



Superintendent's Message

Spring is in the air! Baseball, tennis and track are in full swing and classrooms have taken advantage of opportunities to enjoy the fresh air. It will be wonderful to once again welcome K-6 families into the building on April 7-8 for spring conferences and engage in discussions focused on student success.

The building has a renewed spirit as we return to many of our normal procedures. Students and staff at SCS are excited to take part in so many of our traditional activities such as a school-wide Spring Concert, Outdoor School, the FFA Banquet, Academic & Athletic Award Ceremonies, Mr. Husky, Senior Scholarship Night and Graduation. These will be joyous occasions to bring everyone back together and celebrate the dedicated efforts of SCS students.

While most restrictions are easing, it is important to remember that all Oregon schools are still under the state vaccine mandate. All staff, volunteers, and school based programs must provide proof of vaccination or apply for an exception. We appreciate volunteer involvement and school based programs that provide our students with enrichment activities, and we are here to assist you in protocols compliance. Thank you teachers, parents/guardians, students and community members for working together to finish out this year with great success!

Sincerely,

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FFA State Degree



The highest honor an FFA member can achieve in their high school career is the State Degree. At the State Convention during the beginning of Spring Break, SCS senior Joseph R received his State Degree (center, third in from left). The degree requirements involve a substantial list that as a sample includes at least two years of participation in FFA and in Ag. education, completing some 30 FFA activities, ten school activities, demonstrating leadership, and providing 25 hours of community services. Congratulations Joseph!

Photo courtesy of SCS FFA Chapter

Events April 4 – May 7

- 04/04 – Start of 4th Quarter**
SKORE, Regular Mon-Thurs, 3:20-5 PM
Baseball @White Salmon, Columbia HS
4 PM
- 04/05 – Gaming Club, Regular Tues-Thurs, 3:30-5PM**
- 04/06 – FFA, Officer Mtg, regular Wednesdays, noon, Ag Rm**
Special School Board Mtg, 5PM
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- 04/07 – 7-12, Full School Day; K-6 1/2 Day/Music**
K-6 Conferences 12-8 PM
Tennis @Irrigon, 3 PM; Depart 12:45 PM
Husky Helping Hands, Regular Thursdays, 3:20-5 PM
- 04/08 – 7-12, 1/2 Day/5-7; K-6 No School,**
K-6 Conferences, 8 AM-Noon
- 04/09 – Tennis v Stanfield/Echo, 10 AM**
Baseball @Heppner/Ione (doubleheader)
11 AM; Depart 8:15 AM
- 04/11 – Regular School Board Mtg, Cafeteria, 6 PM**
Via Google Meets: meet.google.com/sje-fecg-yyf
Or phone: 1 414-909-4294 PIN: 851 998 925#
- 04/12 – Baseball @Dufur/S. Wasco, 4:30 PM; Depart – 2:30**
- 04/13 – HS Track @Summit, Bend, 3 PM; Depart 11:30 AM**
- 04/14 – Tennis v. Riverside, 4 PM**
- 04/15 – 1/2 Day/1-4/Music**
Track, Sherman Invite, 12:30 PM
- 04/16 – HS Track, Sherman Invite, 10 AM**
Baseball v. Stanfield/Echo (doubleheader), 11 AM
- 04/18 – National Tax Day**
Baseball @ Lyle (doubleheader), 4 PM; Depart – Noon
- 04/21 – Tennis @Pendleton, 4 PM; Depart – 1:30 PM**
- 04/22 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE**
- 04/23 – FFA Meats Evaluation, Madras**
HS Track @ Cove, 10 AM; Depart – 5:30 AM
Baseball @Union/Cove 11 AM; Depart – 6 AM
- 04/25 – Outdoor School Begins, Mon-Fri.**
- 04/26 – Artist in Residence, Tues-Thurs**
- 04/27 – Both Track Teams @Pendleton, 2 PM; Depart – 11 AM**
- 04/28 – Tennis v Ione/Heppner, 4 PM**
- 04/29 – 1/2 Day/1-4/Music**
MS Track @Arlington, 1 PM; Depart – 11 AM
- 04/30 – HS Track @Arlington, 11 AM; Depart – 9 AM**
Baseball @Pilot Rock (doubleheader), 11 AM;
Depart – 7 AM
- 05/01 – FFA State CDE Competition, Corvallis**
- 05/03 – Tennis @Condon, 4 PM; Depart – 1:30 PM**
- 05/05 – Cinco de Mayo**
FFA Officer Interviews
MS Track @Condon, 3 PM; Depart – 1:30 PM
- 05/06 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE**
Baseball v. Pendleton, 2 PM
Tennis v. Pendleton, 3 PM
- 05/07 – HS Track @Condon, 11 AM; Depart – 9:30 AM**

Photo at right courtesy of Mrs. Cranston.

Lunchball Returns!



The month of March brought back a 'new normal' to SCS. After two years, the Oregon Health Authority recommendations encouraged the Governor to lift face mask mandates in schools. Hence, there could be a return of 'lunchball' (basketball playing during lunch-time as illustrated by (l-r above) Talon D, Luke F, and Michael B.

Below, the classrooms looked a bit more normal as well as seen in Mrs. Casper working with 1st-graders on their clay projects. Lab coats to protect their clothing, but no required face-mask to hide their faces. Yay!

More Normal in Classroom Too



March – Month of Integrity

While March is recognized nationally as Women’s History Month, for PBIS at SCS it was Integrity Month.

SCS uses the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) to develop civic habits in student approaches to school, community, and personal conduct that promote rewarding individual and community outcomes in a way that attempts to be fun and rewarding for students.

Each month is designated with a character attribute for which teachers nominate students that exemplify that trait. The March trait was Integrity with the definition credited to C.S. Lewis on the Reader Board all month: “Doing the right thing even if no one else is watching.”

Those recognized have been nominated by SCS Staff, K-12 are **Kindergarteners, Wyatt B and Max D; 1st Graders, Liam M and Hadlee H; 2nd Graders, Garrett R and Will O; 3rd, Clyde M; 4th, Andrew T and Owin M; 5th, Claire C, Levi A, and Vivian R; 6th, Stephen O; 7th, Audrey P; 8th, Myah H, Allison R, and Maddie C; 10th, Sawyer B, 12th, Isaac A.**



Above (l-r): Wyatt B, Max D, Liam M, and Hadlee H.



Above (l-r): Garrett R, Will O, Clyde M, Andrew T, and Owin M.



Above (l-r): Claire C, Levi A, Vivian R, Stephen O, Audrey P, and Allison R.



Above (l-r): Myah H, Maddie C, Sawyer B, and Isaac A.

All photos excepting the one of Max above, top courtesy of Lifetouch.

Dr. Seuss Week!

One of the designations for the month of March is that of National Reading Month, which also included Read Across America Day that opened the month on Tuesday, March 1st. As part of the Read Across America program, the first week of March is also Dr. Seuss week owing to the fact that March 2nd is the birth date of Theodor Seuss Geisel – Dr. Seuss – as declared at SCS using the new Reader Board and the traditional dress-up days throughout the week. The themes for our week were Monday through Friday 'Cat in the Hat', Feet Day, Wacky Day, Places We'll Go (Career or Travel), and Sleep Day. Kicking off the hat theme were the Kindergarteners below as they practiced their numbers as Thing 1s through however many were at school that day.



Photo above courtesy of Mrs. Macnab.

Monday, Hat Day



Tuesday, Feet Day



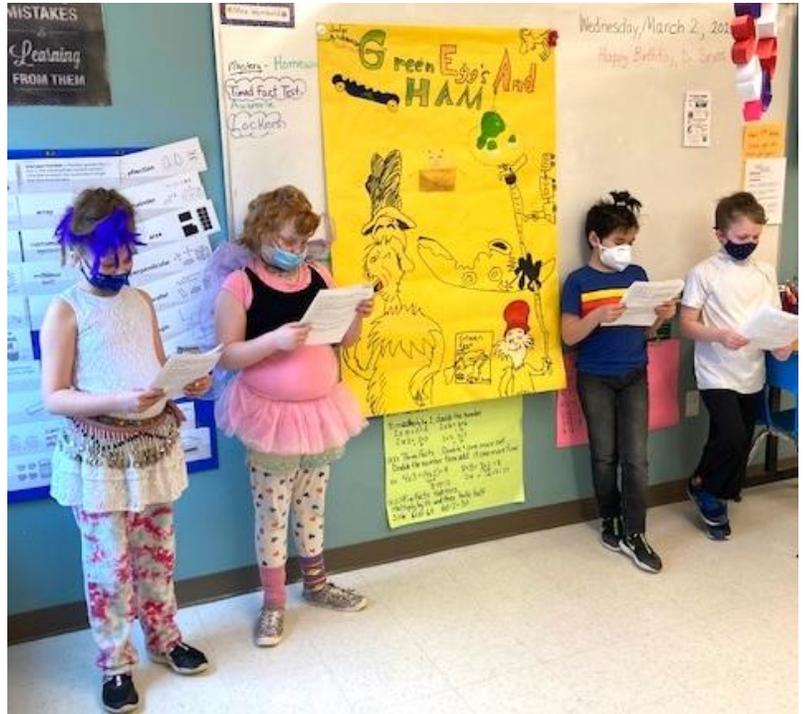
Cafeteria helped out by providing a breakfast of Green Eggs!



Wednesday, Wacky Day



More Wackiness!



Don't mistake the very top photo for Feet Day. The mismatched socks and backwards footwear is just Wacky!
At upper left, see where the button closure on those Levi's of 5th-Grader Creed W are? How did he manage that all day?
Immediately above, the 4th-Graders put on a Dr. Seuss Theatre as a classroom event by making posters of their Dr. Seuss story and then reading their parts in groups to the rest of their class.
At left, dress-up days also never fail to bring out the 'kid' in even the most mature of us.

Thursday, Place We'll Go!



Thursday's 'Places We'll Go' definitely brought out some variety of destinations. At left, Mr. Swenson looks like he has a 'Down Under' vacation planned. There were a surprising number of medical professionals in the building that day as (middle) Skylar A illustrates. At right, Sara Jo T displays a totally different take – she's heading for the woods; we hope she stays safe!

Friday, Sleep Day!



At far left, 3rd-grader Brooklyn H came fully equipped to make a sleep day out of her Friday. Near left, 4th Grader Harley W made do with the animal inspired PJs for the day.

St. Patrick's Day

It might be a bit incongruent that an English boy captured by pirates transformed into a Catholic missionary to Ireland who died on March 17, 461 would become so popular in the US. Yes, somehow, when the Irish immigrated, they brought St. Patrick's Day with them, and SCS made every effort to all out in the spirit of the shamrock and the green for March 17, 2022.



Clockwise from far top left: Emma R and Mrs. vB sort through the awards prizes for each dressed category. A fine treasure too of chocolates wrapped in green, spearmint gum, bracelets, and shamrock glasses. Fifth-grader Creed W with pants on frontwards this time but sporting fancy braces, bow tie, and perfect top hat. Freshman Pamela S added a topping of green of a different sort. Sixth-grader Sara Jo T, as a prize winner, has added her shamrock glasses to her attire. Finally, there was a mystery leprechaun that seemed to hover about in room 3 that day.

Spring Athletics

TENNIS

The tennis team has been able to get the most competitions completed so far this spring. One of the latest was their match versus Lone. Junior Tyler W-B (near right) battled through a tight No. 1 Singles loss, 8-9 and 5-7.

He claimed victory in his doubles match with his partner, senior Koby B.

At far right, freshman Alvaro A claimed a victory in his No. 2 singles match and his No. 1 doubles match, where he teamed with Gabe F.

Koby also won his No. 3 singles match, while Aedan and James P teamed up to win at No. 3 doubles.



BASEBALL

Despite being a month into the season, the baseball team has managed to only record two contests: their home opener on March 18th, a 12-3 loss to Culver; and, a road win at Pendleton's JV 2, a 9-7 victory.

Players representing the team at right (l-r) include sophomore Sawyer B, junior Kole M (who is a dual sport competitor – see his track performance below), and freshman Antone A.



TRACK AND FIELD

While the track team was able to compete at Sisters High School on Wednesday, March 30th, another sign of the 'new normal' was their participation in the 'Carnival of Speed' hosted by McLoughlin High School of Milton-Freewater. After a two-year absence, the 85th Edition was conducted Friday, April 1, involving schools from all over eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington.

Leading the way on the girl's side was sophomore Sophie H (at right) who earned top ten finishes in all three throwing events. She also ran a leg on the 4 X 100 relay that finished 12th that included freshmen Taylor P and Lexi H along with junior Morgan G. Morgan was thirteenth or better in the shot, javelin and triple jump. Her 27' 5.5" jump in the triple established a new school record.

On the boy's side of the action, junior Kole M was the top placer with 8th-place finishes in the long jump and 400 meters. At right, Kole crosses the finish line winning his 400 qualifying heat at the Carnival of Speed.

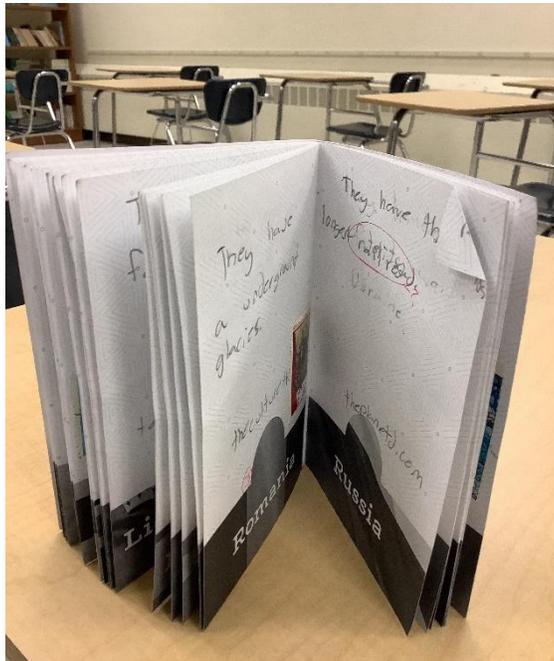
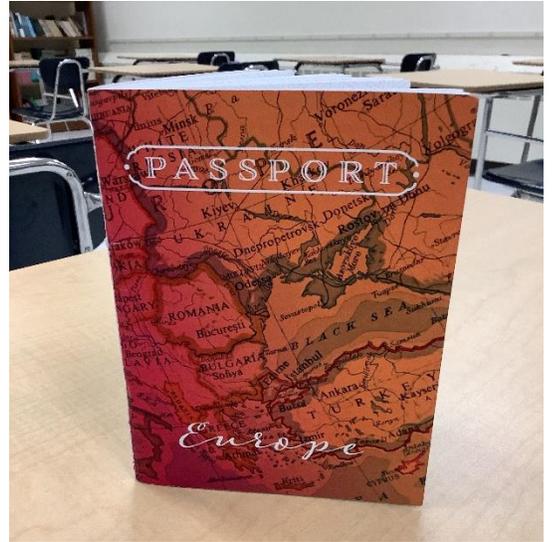


Photos of Kole at right courtesy of Cadence S.

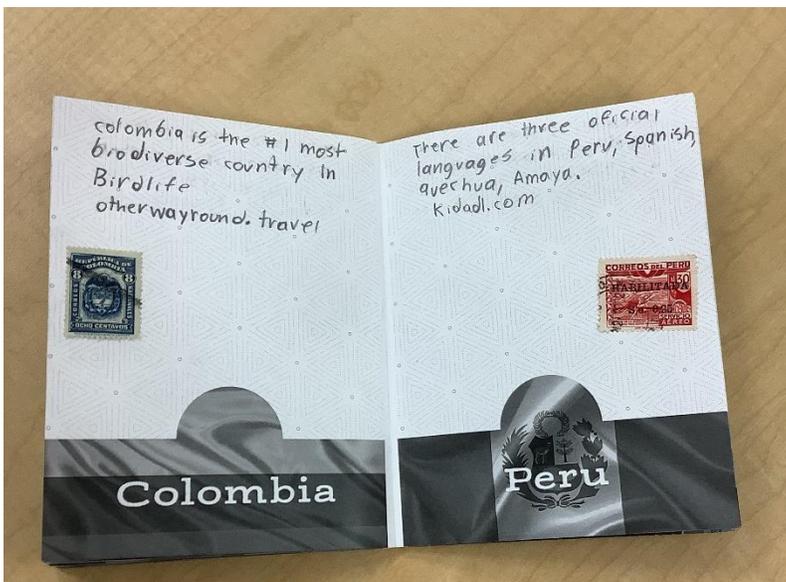
In or Out of the Classroom

The 7th Graders have managed to make their Geography Class a way to 'travel' the world – Passport, of course, required. Actually, their teacher, Mr. Stuart, has devised a curriculum project where, as regions are studied in the class, students also virtually travel through the region by compiling facts about each place and collecting stamps as tokens of their 'journey.'

The passports were designed by Mr. Stuart in cooperation with his wife. He had them professionally printed as a result of grant funding he received from the Sherman County Education Foundation. The Foundation also supplied the funds for the stamps that students can earn. The stamps often provide their own learning experience as the alphabet characters and spelling are those official to the country. Hence, a postage stamp from France would likely just have "RF" on it - Republique Francaise – while a stamp from Greece will be in an alphabet that only sororities and fraternities use and doesn't even spell 'Greece' at all!



Top-most photo is of the Passport containing the countries being studied in Europe. The inside individual country pages are at top left. The packages of stamps for Europe (which Mr. Stuart noted are way easier to get than other regions) are immediately above. At left are completed pages and stamps of the Passport for the South America region study.



First and Second Grade

The end of February into March and even beyond has presented a wealth of learning opportunities for the first and second graders at SCS. One such experience was a fish release as part of a joint 1st-2nd Grade field trip. The second grade contingent is at right. Below, Mrs. Cranston leads her class to the water's edge. At far right and below, she assists students as they pour their young rainbow trout into the pond.



Photos and story information courtesy of Mrs. Cranston.

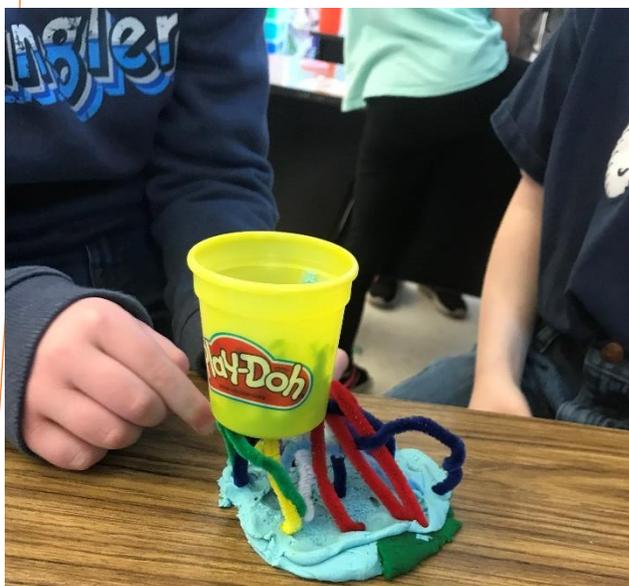
Last fall the 1st Grade planted tulip bulbs in the planter boxes on the west side of SCS (see photo below). This was made possible through a grant from the Sherman Soil and Water Conservation District. Well, what did March bring? The sprouting of those bulbs (photo at right). Students have been keeping watch over the progress of their bulbs and making predictions on when they will bloom. We will keep you posted!

The photos below illustrate plants that are under a grow light outside the 1st Grade classroom (bottom right). The students have also been growing their very own 'Turf Buddy' (far bottom photo). As a sort of field study, the students make regular measurements that track the growth of their Turf Buddy.



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SCS has the good fortune of having in-house clay/pottery expertise. Para-professional Betsy Casper (center at left) has been sharing her skill with clay and pottery creations for the past couple of years. This spring she is working on projects with grades K-6 as a result of financial support from the Sherman Education Foundation. As you saw on page two, she assisted the 1st Graders with animal creatures. For the 3rd Grade in the photos on this page, students were working on storage containers with intricate design pressings.



Fridays in the 1st Grade classroom is reserved for STEAM activities and learning. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The STEAM concept is intended to help students see how these disciplines possess interrelationships that work together to increase critical thinking and problem-solving skills. One recent STEAM project was to build a leprechaun trap as well as a rainbow bridge to hold pots of gold. The photo at left illustrates one such effort.

Photo immediately above and story information courtesy of Mrs. Cranston

FFA State Convention



Another sign of near normal was the SCS Chapter members traveling to Redmond to attend the State Convention as an in-person and not virtual event. Above are those who made the trip and who have participated in a variety of District competitions throughout the 2021-22 academic year (l-r): Advisor Mr. Swenson, Aurora B, Cadence S, Codie Lee H, Violet W, Sawyer B, Griffin G, Bailey C, Luke F, Henry P, Gabe F, Logan B, Cali J, Joseph R, and Courtney C.

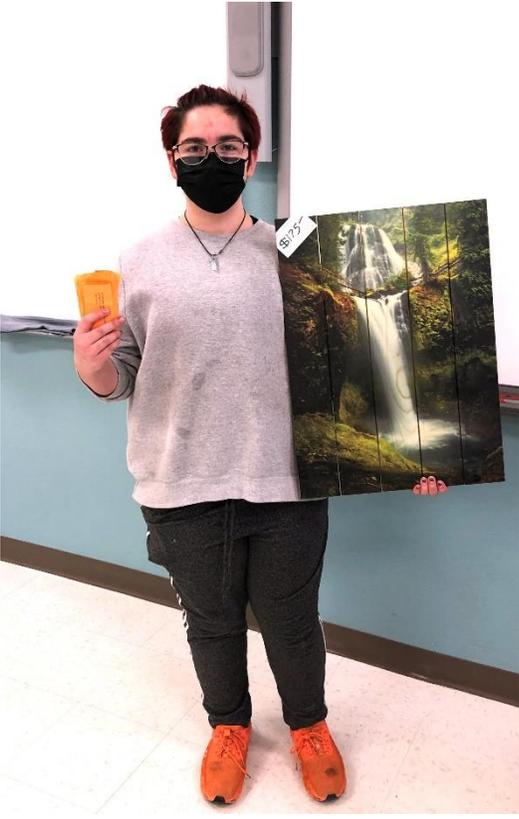


Highlights of SCS participation at the State Convention this year included President Cali J (far left) competing and finishing in 4th Place in the Technology Scrapbook Competition and Cadence S (near left) placing 5th in the Public Speaking competition.

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PBIS Awards

If you have been keeping tracking of the imprints that have been earned by SCS students in Mr. Stuart's classes, you know that after one week of being resupplied in February he was down to just one imprint left. That imprint is now gone! Eighth-grader Marlie J (at right) delivered her 175 PBIS tickets in order to claim the last of the imprints prior to spring break. Mr. Stuart will have to do more research in order to find those images that are 'just right' for an imprint while also seeking grant money to afford their purchase.



In honor of Dr. Seuss and the completion of National Reading Month, we leave you all a sample of some Seuss wisdom that has been displayed in the hallways of SCS over the past month. Remember that no matter what you do, you will impact someone today – what will that impact be?

5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss

1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.

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