

Scott Connection

January 2012
Issue #5



IMPORTANT DATES...

- 1/3—School reopens
- 1/3—3:00-4:00 p.m. Market Day pick up
- 1/11—Spelling Bee at Scott Auditorium
- 1/12—Scott Science Fair—Gym
6:30—7:30 p.m.
- 1/12—7:00 p.m. PTO—Cafeteria
- 1/16—Martin Luther King, Jr.
DAY OF SERVICE AT SCOTT
No School for Students
- 1/17-20—Spirit Week
- 1/19—1:00-5:00 p.m. Middle School
Honors Band rehearsal at
Kennett Square Middle School
- 1/20—End of 2nd Marking Period
- 1/20—7:00-9:00 p.m. Winter Ball
(Dance)
- 1/25—Market Day orders due
- 1/27—Dental Sealant Day
- 1/28—9:00a.m. –12:30 p.m. Honors
Band rehearsal at Kennett
- 1/30—In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
- 1/31—3:00-4:00p.m. Market Day pick
up
- 2/1—PTO Gift Card orders & money
Due
- 2/2—CASD Science Fair
9:00—12:30—Judging
1:00—2:00—Open House
2:00—Awards

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Scott Middle School Families:

Happy New Year and welcome back! I do hope that all of you had a fun, relaxing, and safe two weeks. We all are rejuvenated and ready to start 2012 strong. All of our teachers are giving the students a refresher course on classroom expectations since we had a long break. Please encourage your child to complete all their work on time and be prepared for class. The second marking period is over January 20th and we want all our students to do well. If your child has not done so, please encourage him/her to get involved in activities within our school community. The experience of involvement in extracurricular activities helps prepare your child for leadership opportunities that will enrich his/her middle school experience.

Please come out and support our MLK Day of Service on January 16th. All students do have a day off but we are developing our leadership talents on that day. This year we are joining with CASH to increase the community involvement in the MLK Day of service. Scott Middle School will be responsible for the community activities. Last year we had over 300 people and we are looking to double our attendance. Please look for the advertisement for the items that you can contribute to help make this day successful.

We will begin measuring how much your child has learned through the MAPS and the Study Island benchmark tests. This is our annual midyear test taking time. Please encourage your child to take the benchmark seriously because it will let us know how much your child has grown since the beginning of the

school year and what areas they may need additional support.

Speaking of support, the piloted program for families and school support, F.A.S.T, was quite successful. There will be another session beginning soon. If you have questions concerning the program, or interested in attending, please contact Ms. McGibboney. Please continue to work with your child so he/she can remain on track academically and finish the school year strong!

Sincerely,
Dr. Denise Ray

COLD & FLU SEASON APPROACHING

In an effort to maintain a healthy school environment parents are asked to monitor your child(ren) and keep them at home if they present with any of the following symptoms:

FEVER
CHILLS
VOMITING
DIARRHEA
UNUSUAL SKIN RASH
SORE THROAT
ENLARGED GLANDS
ABDOMINAL PAIN

District policy states that a child should be fever-free and without vomiting for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

By following these guidelines you will protect not only the health of your child, but also the health of his/her classmates.



SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES MANDATES

6th graders are required to have a physical examination that includes a scoliosis screening on file before the end of the school year. 7th graders are required to have a report on file for a dental examination. These requirements are necessary for entry into the next grade.

School-sponsored dental screenings are scheduled with Dr. Sardella for Thursday, February 23, 2011. Permission forms for this program were sent home with all 7th grade students in November. Please have your child return the form so we know if you plan to utilize the school program or the services of your family dentist.

6th grade physical examinations are ongoing. Please return the forms that were mailed home during the summer. Duplicates were sent home with students in December as well.

A December mailing was sent to all students in each grade. It contained your child's BMI, immunization status, and mandated program requirements that still need to be met. Please be sure to check for this mailing and return applicable forms to Mrs. Smith, School Nurse.

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

Select students at Scott Middle School have the opportunity to receive dental sealants on Friday, January 27th 2012. If you would like your child to participate in this free program, please return the form that was mailed in December (Chester County Health Department Consent Form & Medical History Form) to Mrs. Smith at



the health suite.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents of 7th graders are reminded that the following immunizations are required by the State of Pennsylvania:

Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis - booster)

MCV (meningococcal vaccine—1 dose)

Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox -2 doses)

Additionally, ALL students in ALL grades must have the 2 doses of varicella vaccine (chicken pox) if there is no history of prior disease. Please submit documentation showing administration of these vaccines. Any student lacking the required vaccine will be excluded from school effective May 1, 2012.

HO! HO! HOORAY OPERATION CHRISTMAS



We are pleased to announce that through the hard efforts of our students and faculty we raised over \$400.00 and collected hundreds of cans for Operation Thanksgiving/Christmas. For the last two months we collected canned food in Advisory/Homeroom. Donations were given to the Coatesville Food Cupboard where holiday baskets were made for less fortunate families here in our community.

For many consecutive years our students and faculty have given to this worthwhile endeavor. Our faculty sponsored Casual Friday Dress /Down Days to raise funds. Many thanks for your generous contributions and true holiday spirit.

Happy Holidays!

Student Council

NEWSLETTER COUPON WINNER

After you read your issue of Scott Connection, fill out the newsletter coupon in the back and have your child bring it into the main office. Your child will be eligible to win a prize!

No December newsletter coupon winner, no one turned in the coupon! Please come to the Main Office to pick up your prize.

BOOK FAIR

Scott's Book Fair was held from December 5th through 9th. A special thank you to all staff, students and parents who helped support the library through the Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair was a huge success! Special thanks to Mrs. Kuhn without whom the fair would not have been possible and Mrs. Shanmugam who volunteered 3 separate days to help us!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

It's that time of year when we start talking about wearing warmer clothing and snow closings.

When it becomes necessary to close school due to inclement weather or emergency conditions, parents will be receiving a telephone call via the district's Connect Ed system. Please contact the school immediately if your telephone number changes so you will receive these very important calls.

In order to keep the telephone lines open for official announcements from the Superintendent, parents are **asked not to call the school** for early closing information. The Connect Ed system will make the announcements as soon as they become official. Stay tuned.

When delayed openings occur, students should not arrive prior to the delayed opening time, since a delayed opening could change to a closing.

ONE HOUR DELAY

Buses will run one hour later. School doors open at 8:30 a.m.

TWO HOUR DELAY

Buses will run two hours later. School doors open at 9:30 a.m. **No breakfast served.**



SCIENCE FAIR IS FAST APPROACHING!

The 2012 Scott Middle School Science Fair is fast approaching and it is time for students to get moving! At this time project ideas should have been approved and special forms submitted. All students should have had parents fill out a designated supervisor form before experimentation can begin. It is important for students to be supervised so they do not hurt themselves or others.

Before experimentation begins, students should decide what they will measure and have a table constructed in order to record data in an organized way. Once finished with the experiment and data table students should construct a graph and analyze their data/results. There are good graphing sites on line like: <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph>. Once they have analyzed their results they should write a conclusion that supports or fails to support their original hypothesis statement. Students should expand on their conclusion to include unexpected results or relationships they discover.

Students need to type up or neatly print their steps of the science project into report form. Teachers have a science fair report template available for students to use. Also, students need to recopy these steps into larger print on separate sheets of paper so that they can be attached to the display board. Students should not write directly onto the display board. Students should arrange the display board according to teacher instructions. It is important for students to make the display board neat, orderly, and interesting.

Students need to bring in the finished display and report on the morning of the science fair. The report should be placed in front of the display board. No materials should accompany the display board. Use pictures of your experiment instead. Liquids, chemicals, and electricity (AC) is absolutely not permitted.

Good luck!

If additional information is needed, contact smithju@coatesville.k12.pa.us

READING OLYMPICS

Our team is still forming, so far we have eight students that have joined and only have room for a total of 15 so hurry and join. All you have to do is read five books from a long list of Reading Olympic Books, which you will find in Scott's library. Our first meeting will be in January during H bell schedule for the students, look for an announcement and get reading over winter vacation!

Competition is March 28, 2012 at *West Chester East High School* beginning at 5:15 and over by 8:30. I need a mediator and scorekeeper to help out on the night of competition so if your child is part of our team please join us as parents are more than welcome to come out and watch their child compete. Any questions or if you would like to join, help out, or just want more information please email me at mccabec@coatesville.k12.pa.us or call X-55112 at 610-383-6946.



RIF

Our first RIF, which occurred right before Thanksgiving break, went really well. Our second RIF will occur sometime in January. If anyone is willing to volunteer to help during the school day it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at mccabec@coatesville.k12.pa.us.

Science Fair Open House
and Award Presentation!!



Thursday, January 12th
6:30 to 7:30
Scott MS Gym

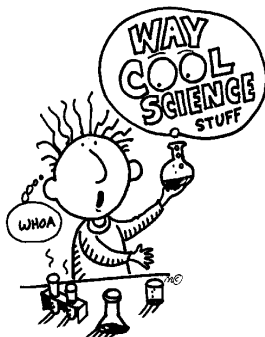
Science Fair Display Boards
On sale now!

36" x 48" Display Boards

White—\$4.00

Color—\$5.00
(Yellow, red, green, blue, black)

See Mr. Smith or your science
teacher for details.



Science Fair Timeline
Scott MS Science Fair

January 12th

7.30-10 set-up

10-3 Judging

6.30-7.00 Open House

7.15-7.30 Award Presentation

CASD District Science Fair

February 4th

Chester County Science Fair

March 8th

Delaware Valley Science Fair

April 3rd—5th



SCOTT NEWSLETTER COUPON

PARENTS: After you read the Scott Newsletter, please complete the form below and have your child turn it in to the front office, so he/she will be eligible for a PRIZE! Each month the P.T.O. will hold a drawing for students who turn in coupons confirming that their parent received and read the newsletter! (Each student receives a copy of the newsletter.)

I have received and read the Scott Connection.

Date _____

Student's Name _____ Homeroom _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

WINTER SCHEDULE 2011-2012

1/6/12	Away	Girls Basketball against South Brandywine	Dismissal 2:00
1/10/12	Away	Girls Basketball against Downingtown	Dismissal 1:30
1/13/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Penns Grove	Dismissal 2:15
1/18/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Stetson	Dismissal 2:15
1/20/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Kennett	Dismissal 2:15
1/23/12	Away	Boys Basketball against Peirce	Dismissal 1:30
1/25/12	Away	Boys Basketball against Patton	Dismissal 1:30
1/27/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Lionville	Dismissal 2:15
1/31/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Chichester	Dismissal 2:15
2/1/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Great Valley	Dismissal 2:15
2/3/12	Home	Boys Basketball against Engle	Dismissal 2:15
2/6/12	Away	Boys Basketball against North Brandywine	Dismissal 2:00
2/10/12	Away	Boys Basketball against Downingtown	Dismissal 1:30
2/14/12	Away	Boys Basketball against South Brandywine	Dismissal 2:00

2012 Scott Middle School Science Fair

When? This years Science Fair will be held on Thursday, January 12th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Awards? There will be 6th, 7th, and 8th grade categories. Each category will have one blue ribbon award (1st place) and several red ribbon awards (2nd and 3rd places). These students will be able to advance to district and county science fairs in February and March.

Other awards may include: Most creative project; Best looking project; Best logbook;

There will also be numerous Honorable Mention awards presented. All students receive a certificate award.

What are the parts of the Science Fair Project?

The parts of the Science Fair Project Display board should include: **Title, Problem, Purpose, Materials, Procedure, Data, Graph, Results, Conclusion, and Abstract.** A **report** must accompany the final Science Fair Display. A **journal or logbook** is suggested but not required. Additional information will be provided by the teacher and will explain each part of the science fair project in greater detail.

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Report and Journal (Log)

What kind of projects?

Students should select a research project in a topic area that interests and suits them. All projects should follow the scientific method, involve measuring data, and include a graph that is used for analysis and conclusion. Models (ex. volcanoes) are not considered research projects.

Projects involving animals or animal tissue- special forms due to Mr. Smith by November 11th.

Projects involving human subjects, controlled substances, or "risk" - special forms due by December 9th.

***Mold or smell Projects are not permitted (unless done in a licensed lab with a scientist).**

Set up for the Science Fair?

The set up for the science fair will take place in the gym during morning classes. Students will come down with a morning class to set up their projects. Parents and teachers will be there to help them. Project displays should include regulation size boards, report, and logbooks. Liquids, loose materials, electricity, foods, and chemicals are **not** permitted in the set up. Pictures of the experiment should be attached to the display board instead.

Display boards are available for sale for \$4.00-\$5.00. See Mr. Smith in December (Room 105).

Science Fair Open House:

The Science Fair Open House is a good time for parents and students to see the wonderful projects our participating students have completed. The first half hour is to look over the projects and the second half hour is for award presentation. All students should take their projects home with them at the conclusion of the Open House. All remaining projects will be dismantled and removed for students to take home the following school day. Open house is usually from 6.30 to 7.30 pm on the night of the Science Fair.

**For more information contact: smithju@coatesville.k12.pa.us also, see my web page for links.
 For Official Science Fair Rules and Information use: www.sciserv.org/isef/rules.asp or <http://www.cciu.org/>**



YOU'RE INVITED

Coatesville Area Teachers Association invites
you to a **STOOPENDOUS**

SUESSTASTICAL CELEBRATION OF READING

Friday, March 2, 2012

6 ~ 8 p.m.

Coatesville High School



Come one, Come all!!

Games, Crafts, Raffles, K-Pets, Author, Eloise
Greenfield, Finger Printing, Refreshments,
Prizes for all & much, much, MORE.....

The more that you **READ**, the more things you will **KNOW**. The more that you **LEARN**, the
more places you will **GO!!**

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

545 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

"Excellence in Education"

August 2011

SCHOOL MEAL POLICY

All students will receive a Personal Identification Number (PIN) card at the beginning of each school year. This PIN will remain the same as long as the student remains in the same school. Once the student graduates or transfers to another school, then a new PIN is given to the student. The student will access their meal account when purchasing breakfast, lunch or a la carte items by using this PIN. All students can prepay for their meals by depositing cash or check into their account. Prepayments are accepted daily in the cafeteria, or online at PayPAMS (www.paypams.com)

FNS #791-1, PROHIBITION AGAINST DENYING MEALS AND MILK TO STUDENTS AS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action that indirectly results in the loss of meals or milk is allowable (example: a student suspended from school). However, when withholding meals or milk is the disciplinary action, or the disciplinary action directly results in the loss of meals or milk, it is inconsistent with the state regulation and not allowable. For example, school food authorities are to make a reimbursable meal or milk available to any student attending school who, for disciplinary reasons, is not allowed to eat in the cafeteria. Denial of meals or milk is inconsistent with Sections 2 and 9 of the National School Lunch Act and Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966

SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES IN SECONDARY GRADES (6-12)

Any student in grades 6 thru 12 who does not have money to pay for their meal will be allowed to charge or debit one lunch meal to their account. The student will not be allowed to charge any more until the account is paid in full. Breakfast meals and a la carte items are not allowed to be charged. All students in grades 6 thru 12 must have cash or money in their account in order to receive a meal or any other item. Please make sure your child has a bagged meal or meal money.

ALLOWABLE SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES IN ELEMENTARY GRADES (K-5)

Any student in grades K thru 5 who does not have money to pay for their lunch meal will be allowed to charge or debit their meal account up to (\$5.00). Breakfast meals and a la carte items are not allowed to be charged. Letters will be sent home on a weekly basis to remind parents that they owe the cafeteria money for lunch charges. Any student with a negative account balance must pay in full at the end of each marking period; otherwise, that student may not be allowed to participate in extra curricular activities.

Once the student reaches (\$5.00) in charges, a phone call will be made to the home stating that the student has reached the (\$5.00) limit. If you owe on the account and your child comes to school with no money or no bagged meal, your child will receive an alternate meal, consisting of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and white milk, until the account is paid in full. The charge for each one of these meals is \$1.00. The cafeteria cannot deny receipt of a current meal to pay for a past due account when the child is either prepaying or pays on a daily basis for meals.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS (NSF) CHECKS

Any student who prepays into their meal account with a NSF check, that dollar amount plus any bank charges will be debited from that Student's account upon receipt of the NSF check from the bank. The cafeteria will no longer accept any checks for a student's account once a NSF check has been written.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



YOU'RE INVITED

EVENT: PARENTS' NIGHT

WHO: PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

DATE: Thursday, January 26th, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

***PLACE: COATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS
9 / 10 CENTER - AUDITORIUM***

***COUNSELORS WILL PRESENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT SCHEDULING FOR 9TH GRADE***

Please complete form below and return with payment. Checks can be made payable to "Coatesville Field Hockey". Deadline for REGISTRATION is January 15.



COATESVILLE FIELD HOCKEY INDOOR PROGRAM

JANUARY 15, 22, 29 FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26 MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 AND APRIL 1

12 WEEK PROGRAM FOR \$100; 4 WEEKS INTRAMURALS AND 8 WEEK LEAGUE

Name: _____ School: _____

Address: _____ Tee Shirt Size: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Student Accident Coverage for Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Student (K-12) in the Coatesville Area School District participating in any school sponsored extra-curricular or co-curricular activity and parents/guardians of these students must be aware that injury may occur during such activities. In order to insure both acknowledgment of possible injury to the student and proper insurance coverage for any student, who may be injured, the Coatesville Area School District requires each of its schools to have on file a signed student accident coverage form for students participating in such activities. This student accident coverage form must also contain the name of the **insurance company AND the policy number**, with which the student is insured.

Please Note: All students participating in extra curricular or co-curricular activities must carry accident insurance either through school insurance or a private insurance plan carried by the parent. School accident insurance carries a no-deductible \$500,000 limit in accordance with terms and conditions of the policy. The Board of School Directors covers all students on school-sponsored sport teams (including intramurals) while participating in these events. However, these students should carry school insurance or have coverage under a private insurance plan if they intend to participate in other activities. Please complete and sign this form and return it promptly to your child's school. Be sure to indicate if your child has applied for school insurance or if you carry insurance on your child. **If you carry private insurance, please indicate the insurance company with which you have coverage and the policy number.**

PLEASE NOTE: This student accident coverage form must be completed in order for your child to participate in any extra-curricular or co-curricular activity.

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**Coatesville Area School District
Student Accident Coverage Form**

I approve of _____ participating in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

CHECK ONE:

_____ I carry insurance with the _____ Insurance Company that covers my child in the event of any injury. POLICY # _____

_____ I have applied for Student Accident Insurance through the plan offered by the Coatesville Area School District.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

PARENTS: SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS BELOW, OR COME TO
OPEN ENROLLMENT ON JANUARY 15TH FROM 2-3PM!! - COACH DELGRIPPO

COATESVILLE FIELD HOCKEY INDOOR

12 WEEK PROGRAM FOR \$100

INTRAMURALS:

Sundays in January 15, 22, 29 and February 5
3-5PM

**Groups will be broken down by experience and skill level
(Novice/Beginner, and Intermediate/Advanced)

LEAGUES:

Sundays in February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1
**League teams and divisions are formed by experience and skill level.

We provide new mouth guards for ALL participants.

**We have equipment for new players, however if you own your own stick
and shin guards please bring them!!**

MAKE PAYMENT TO COATESVILLE FIELD HOCKEY

Contact Information

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610-383-3730 ext. 81323