


Scotland Schools

October 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 MS FBall w/ Marty (H) 4PM JV 5:15PM; MS VBall @Menno 4PM	2 College Plannig Days w/Sr & Jr 8:15AM; VBall w/Wagner (H) C Game 5:15PM; CC Parents' Night; "Dig Pink" Night	3 8th Gr. & Ca- reer Class @Career Expo in Yankton 8:15AM-11:30; Scotland Clinic Flu Shot Clinic; CC @Irene 3PM	4 VBall @Centerville MS 4:15PM NO C game, JV 6:15PM, then Varsity; SAVE Assembly (PM)	5 FBall @Avon 7PM; KG to GSC 2-3PM	6 Gayville MS FBall Jamboree; MS VBall Tourn. @Avon
7	8 MS FBall @Avon 4PM; School Brd mtg. 7PM	9 School Pic Re- takes; VBall @Bon Homme JV 6:15PM; MS VBall @Tyndall 3:45PM	10 Region CC @Freeman 1PM	11 VBall w/T-D/A AC/DC (H) MS 4PM, C game 5:15PM, JV 6:30PM then Varsity; Parents' Night	12 FBall w/T-D-A/ AC-DC (H) 7PM Parents' Night	13 AC-DC VBall Tourn. 9AM
SE Butter Braids Sales Oct.8-22nd			SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR OCT. 10-16TH			
14	15 VBall @Alexandria MS 3:45PM, C game 5PM, JV 6:30PM then Varsity; "Love Doesn't Hurt" w/5th Graders	16 Early Dismissal 2:30PM P/T Conferences 3PM-9PM; Hearing Screen- ing K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th & 11th	17 "Onward Yank- ton" w/NHS Stu- dents (Sr & Jr)	18 FBall 1st Round Play-Offs	19 NO SCHOOL	20 State CC @Sioux Falls
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21	22 VBall @Menno C Game 5PM	23 Financial Aid mtg. @119 Com- puter Lab 6PM	24 Student Blood Drive @CR Noon-5:30PM	25 FBall Quarter Final	26 "Ending the Si- lence" Assembly Grades 6-12 Noon @Aux. Gym; National Alliance on Men- tal Illness	27 Oral Interp @Lewis & Clark Inv. In Yankton HS
28	29 VBall Regions 6B 1st Round 7PM	30 VBall Regions 6B Quarter Final 7PM; Oral Interp Dis- trict 3B @DWU	31 SE Halloween Parties 1:45- 2:45PM			

SCOTLAND HS/MS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Importance of School Attendance

By Chris McGregor, 6-12 Principal

Governor Dugaard has proclaimed September as Attendance Awareness Month. At Scotland Schools, we place a high value on school attendance as part of the foundation of a student's success in their education. Showing up for school has an enormous impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. We realize that some absences are unavoidable. But we also know that when students miss too much school – regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your student is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent, which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. At Scotland Middle and High School, the attendance policy states that students can actually lose credit if they miss more than 10 class periods in any one class in a semester. We don't want students to lose credit so having them here is extremely important. For the last four years, my motto for the Middle School and High School has been Be Here, Be On Time, Be Respectful, and Be Great! The first three parts of that motto have a big effect on the last part. We need our students to be here because:

Each day's lesson builds off what was taught before. Missing just one class can put you behind.

Absences can affect other students if the teacher has to reteach things that were missed.

In-class activities, such as experiments and demonstrations, usually cannot be made up.

Missing class discussions and explanations can make it harder to understand assignments.

Class participation is often included in grading.

Poor attendance leads to lower grades. It also raises the risk of dropping out of school and taking part in criminal behavior.

Good attendance is an important habit. You can lose a job for missing too many days of work.

Good attendance makes a difference! The teachers and staff at Scotland Schools are here for all students, but we need them to be here to get the full benefit of their education. Once again, absences are unavoidable at times and we understand that. However, we want to do all we can to make sure our students are here as much as possible so we can help them to that path of greatness we all know they can achieve. The Scotland School administration and teachers appreciate your support for our attendance efforts and we wish everyone a wonderful and safe 2018-2019 school year.

Go Highlanders!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 HOMECOMING ROYALTY KING LUCAS PEDERSEN & QUEEN BRITTNEY BAUDER

Hearing Screening w/K, 1st, 2nd,
3rd, 7th & 11th grade Tuesday

Scotland Clinic Flu Shot Clinic
Wednesday Oct. 3rd. Cost \$25.00

Picture re-takes Tuesday Oct. 9th

College Planning Days w/Sr. & Jrs.
Tuesday October 2nd in Mitchell

Financial Aid Night Tuesday Oct.
23rd 6PM in the 119 Computer Lab

Career Expo in Yankton w/8th graders
Wednesday October 3rd ... leave at
8:15AM



Scholastic Book Fair-2018

News from the Library

The Scotland School Library along with the Scotland Public Library will host our Annual Scholastic Book Fair Weds. Oct. 10th thru Tues. Oct. 16th. Hours will be:



Weds. Oct. 10th-4pm-8pm,
Thurs. Oct. 11th-9am-8pm, (also Teacher Sneak Preview)
Fri. Oct. 12th-9am -3pm,
Sat. Oct. 13th:10am-2pm, (Open House with coffee and cookies for community)
Mon. Oct. 15th: 9am-8pm,
and Tues. Oct. 16th: 9am-8pm (which is also Parent-Teachers conference day.)

TRYING AGAIN THIS YEAR: Do you have change in your pocket? Would you like to change the lives of our youth in reading? If you see a bucket in the school and want to lighten your load, drop your change off? If you can't find a bucket, just drop it off at one of the secretary offices or at the library and we will get it to a bucket. All the money that is raised in the buckets stays in our school classrooms.

Join us in our coin war to show support for classroom libraries:: And Help us Donate books to CHARITY!

Every cent we raise will help us buy books for OUR CLASSROOM LIBRARIES and for every dollar we raise, Scholastic Book fairs donate 1 book to a charity.

The Charities are: Kids in Distressed Situations & Kids in Need Foundation

Monday: Oct. 1st: Power for **Pennies/ Wear Color-Blue Day**

Tuesday: Oct. 2nd: Nutty for **Nickels-Wear Color Purple Day**

Wednesday: Oct. 3rd: Dynamite for **Dimes-Wear Color Green Day**

Thursday: Oct. 4th: Quacky for **Quarters: Wear Color Red Day**

Friday: Oct. 5th: **Bring any change: Wear Color Orange Day**



The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released and award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, and current best sellers from more than 150 publishers.

You can help the school build classroom libraries as well as the community library by purchasing books for the teachers and library through the **Classroom Wish Lists** which will be in the library during the book fair. Families, teachers, students, parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend this book fair.

We are offering a link on our homepage that you can go to if you can't come to the book fair and would still like to purchase items: The dates for the online book fair is: **Oct. 7th-24th** The link on the homepage you can go to is:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/scotlandelementaryschool3>

Remember up to 50% of the profit made by our book fair goes toward building classroom libraries as well as enhancing the selections at our school/public library!!

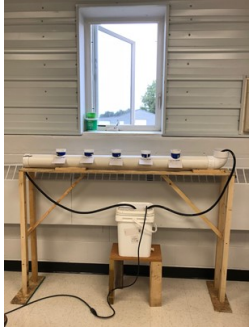
Mrs. Pam Settje/Scotland School Librarian

October Newsletter Articles (Kaufmann's Korner)

A New Journey for all of Us

FFA students have the opportunity this year to complete in fall competitions called LDEs, which stands for Leadership Development Events. We have started preparing early as it is a first for them and for me, as a new teacher. Some are working as a team, and others are preparing individually. Team events are Marketing Plan, Ag Sales, Ag Communications, and Ag Issues. The individual events Scotland will be participating in include Ag Broadcasting, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Job Interview. Students will be competing in Brookings on November 2nd, followed by the district competition to qualify for state on November 5th in Mitchell.

Hydroponics System is Hydrating the Plants



Students selected what seeds to plant on Friday when the box of seeds arrived. They also set up everything to make the system worked before leaving for the weekend. On Monday when students checked the seeds, all of them sprouted over the weekend. They have been excited to finally use the system that has been in progress since school started. Currently, we have asparagus, onion, radishes, and two types of flowers planted. It is going to be a trial and error with the various kinds of things we grow along the way.

Livestock Judging Field Trip

Over the past two weeks, students in the Introduction to AFNR class have been learning about livestock judging for cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. To help them better understand, the classes traveled to local farms on Monday, September 24th to judge the animals first hand.



Students had the opportunity to judge live sheep and learn more about judging wool at Peder-sen's farm. The students may have been quiet on a Monday morning, but now are more curious about sheep's wool.

The second location the classes went to was Pravecek's to learn more about judging pigs. To aid in biosecurity, students learned why they needed to put on plastic coveralls and boots before entering the barn. Students asked many questions about why some of the animals looked different than others and about the operation.





A few students volunteered, at DeBoer's, to help put some of the beef animals in a smaller pen to make it easier to look for specific characteristics on the animal.

While we were waiting and watching the others help pen some animals, students were commenting on how cold it was. After seeing the sheep, pigs, and beef animals, students were discussing the smells they experienced and how it was going to affect them the rest of the day.



**P/T CONFERENCES
TUESDAY OCT. 16TH
NO SCHOOL OCT. 19th**

**Parents' Nights:
Cross Country: Oct. 2nd
Volleyball: Oct. 11th
Football: Oct. 12th**



Remember to use our new Main Entrance if you are stopping to pick your student up for an appointment or to drop them off for classes after the start of the school day. If you have a meeting with a staff member, you will need to sign in and out of the Main Office.

FAFSA Workshop

October 23rd at 6pm in the 119 Computer Lab (next to the library)

I hope all senior students and at least one parent from each family plans to attend. This will be a workshop where you can sit down and fill out your FAFSA form from start to finish—all with the help of financial experts from Mt. Marty and myself.

****Before you can fill out your FAFSA form the student and one parent will need to have a FSA ID. The FSA ID acts as your personal legal signature.**

NOTE: The students will make their FSA ID in school with Mrs. Fritz on Oct 16th (they will need to know their Social Security Number in order to make an ID.)

Parents, in order to attend the FAFSA workshop please make sure you have created a FSA ID prior to that evening. If you have previously created a FSA ID for yourself, you do not need to create another one, but please have your information available the night of the workshop.

You can use the attached worksheet to help you fill it out and remember what information you are providing, as you will use this FSA ID for years to come.

It is recommended that ALL students who are planning to further their education after high school, fill out the FAFSA form. It helps families access federal grants, work study, student and parent loans, and state grants and scholarships.

If you cannot make the workshop, you can use this link to fill out your FAFSA on your own: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> (Applications open October 1st)

To complete the FAFSA students and parents need to bring the following:

Social Security number (for both parent and student)

Dates: birth, death, marriage, divorce

2017 W-2s and tax returns

Most recent bank balances

Amounts of any other income

Net value of assets

Please contact Mrs. Fritz with any questions at 605-583-2237 ext 231 or carly.fritz@k12.sd.us

Or

Browse the FAFSA.gov webpage: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

FSA ID Worksheet

Before you can fill out your FAFSA form the student and one parent will need to have a FSA ID. The FSA ID acts as your personal legal signature.

In order to make your FSA ID, you will need to know your social security number.

Be sure to enter your phone number so you can easily reset your password if you need to. Also, they will ask you to verify by phone or email at the end of the application process. Be sure you have access to the phone number or email that you entered on the application.

Students: Do not use your K.12 email address! (Your K12 email address will expire, so you need to use an email address that you will have for years to come.)

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Username:

Password:

Email Address:

Security Questions and Answers:

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Counseling Connections

-Stay Connected with What the 6th and 7th Grade Students are Learning in their Counseling Lessons-
By Mrs. Fritz, K-12 School Counselor

Character: What is it and why do you need it?

For this lesson we reviewed what good character is and how it's developed. We talked about how we have been working on our character since we were born! It's something that is developed by the decisions we make on a moment to moment basis. The focus of our lesson was teaching students about **why character is so important**! Having good character can help you build a foundation for success in life, helps you reach your full potential, and sets you up for opportunities that others don't have access to! It makes you a better student, friend, employee, spouse, parent, neighbor and citizen. Having good character is something that everyone can have—it doesn't cost a thing, and you don't have to have any special talents or skills to obtain it.

Be the kid with good character! And be proud of your words and actions!



Notes from Mrs. Fritz K-12 School Counselor

National Honor Society

National Honor Society applications will be distributed the beginning of October to juniors and seniors who have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

College Fair and Career Expo

Juniors and seniors will be attending a college fair and career expo in Mitchell on October 2nd. The Career Fair is at Dakota Wesleyan University, and the Career Expo is at the Fairgrounds. Please bring money for lunch.

RTEC Career Expo

The 8th grade class and the students from Mrs. Fuk's Careers Class will be attending the RTEC Career Fair on October 3rd in Yankton. They will leave the school at 8:15.

Onward Yankton

National Honor Society Students, Student Council Officers, and Student Council Class Reps from the Junior and Senior Class will be attending a leadership seminar in Yankton on October 17th. This day will be packed with insightful speakers and engaging conversation—helping students cultivate creativity, leadership, and innovation.

FAFSA Workshop

There will be a FAFSA Completion Workshop for seniors planning to further their education after high school and their parents on October 23rd at 6pm in the 119 Computer Lab, by the library. See attachments for more information.

NAMI "Ending the Silence" Assembly

On October 26th, we will have a presentation for our 6-12th grade students on mental illness and suicide prevention. This is put on by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) out of Sioux Falls.

College Application Week

The week of October 29-November 2nd all seniors can apply to 3 South Dakota Colleges or Universities for free! This opportunity is available only during these dates. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Fritz.

24 Hour Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

If you or someone you know needs help with depression, relationships, drugs, alcohol or suicidal thoughts please call!

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

Visit their webpage for more information: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/> or <http://www.helplinecenter.org/suicide-and-crisis-support/>

Please visit my webpage for announcements, scholarship information, college and career planning and more resources!

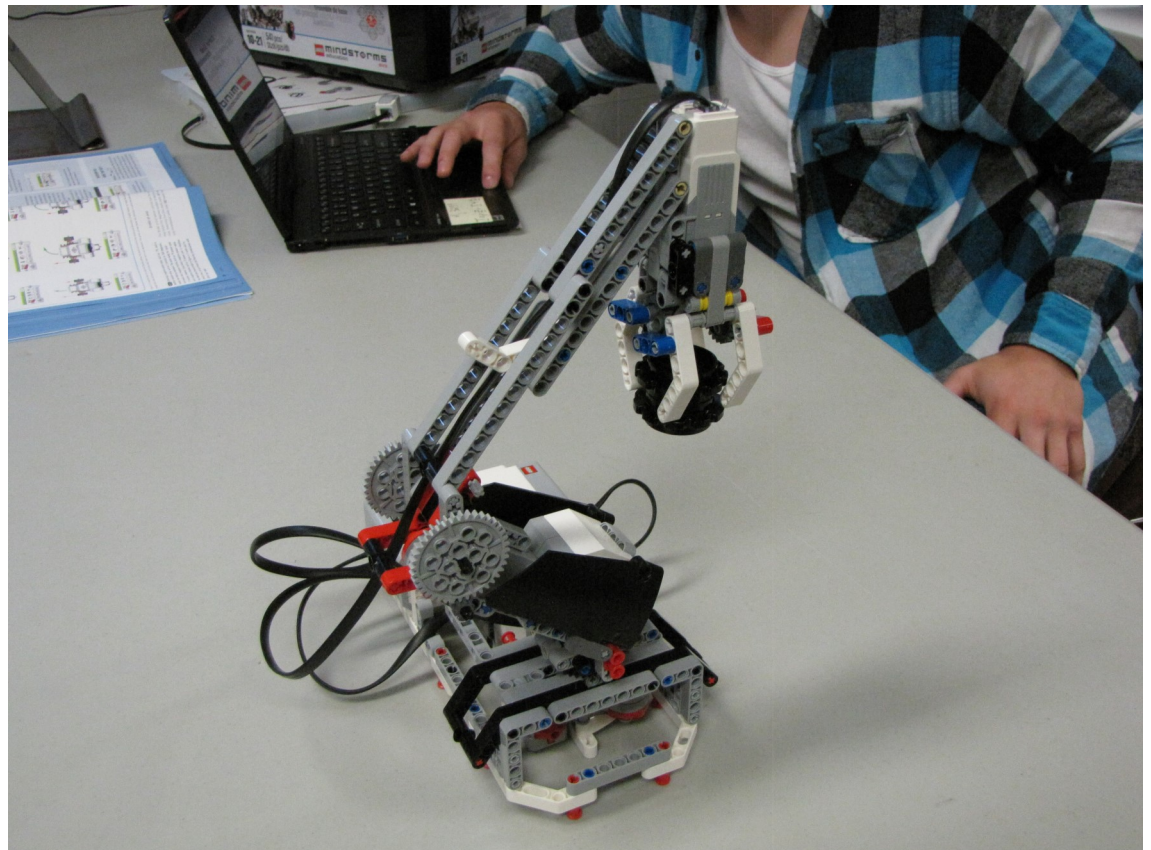
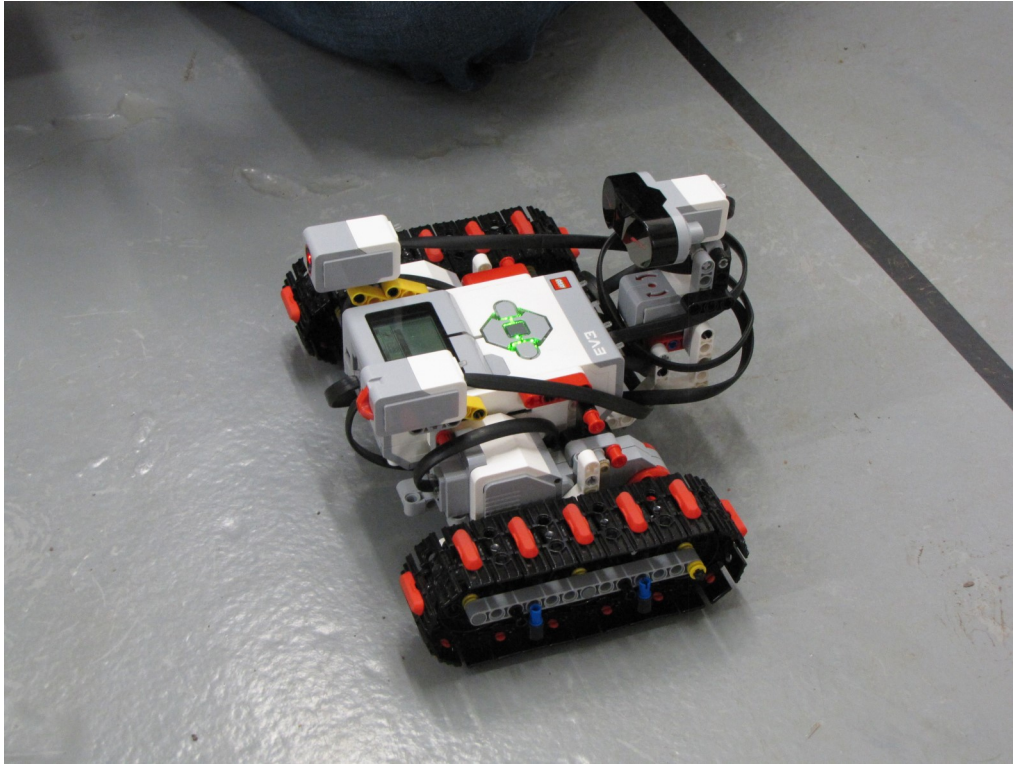
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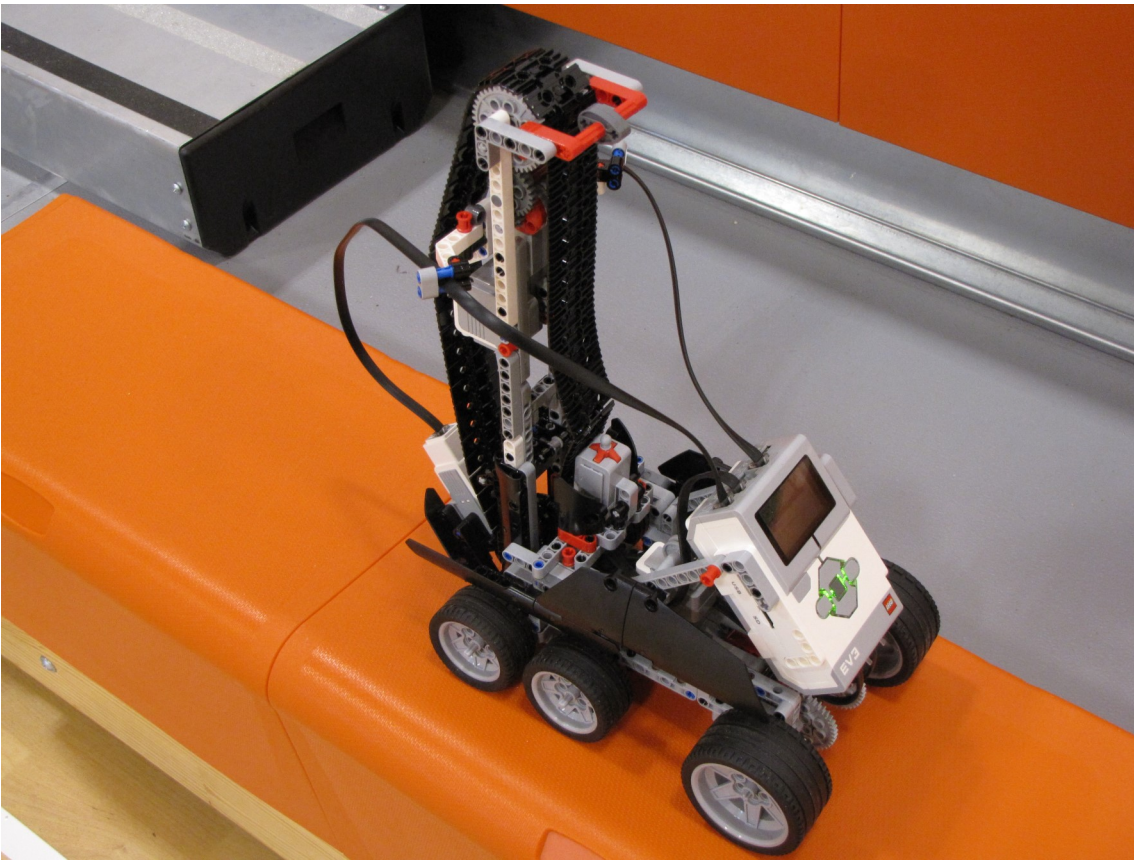
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Exciting Robotics Class 2018-19

We now have an Introductory level robotics and an advanced robotics. In both courses we use the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Robotic Building Kit. The kits include many types of building pieces, a small computer interface (called a brick), and 6 different types of sensors. There are basically 2 facets to the course: the building of the robot, and programming it to perform desired tasks. Pictured are some of the robots we have built to date, Students have successfully programmed each with a different set of tasks.





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