



SPRING COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 Report to the Community

Building a Foundation of Excellence...One Student at a Time





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Elementary Program Spring Cove Elementary (K-Grade 2) and Martinsburg Elementary (Grades 3-5)

Our elementary program includes a primary school specially designed to meet the needs of our youngest students (SCE, K-2) and an intermediate program (MES, 3-5) designed to help students strengthen academic



STEM activities continue to be integrated into SCE and MES classwork.

and social skills as they approach the middle school years. The schools provide standards-based instruction in language arts, math, science, social studies, library media skills, technology, fine arts, and physical education.

At SCE, the successful implementation of Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), the Benchmark Assessment System, and other innovative resources are helping our students build strong literacy

foundations across all subject areas. Emphasis on reading and comprehension skills continues at MES through additional research-based literacy programs that help students improve reading, writing and communication skills.

Technology is an integral part of each school day. Students at SCE and MES have daily access to laptop computers before receiving their own Chromebook in Grade 5. This has opened the door to more interactive instruction, including an increased emphasis on integrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts into all aspects of the elementary curriculum, as well as dynamic new coursework at both SCE and MES that is helping students understand and embrace the basics of coding. Support staff, including counselors, reading specialists, special education teachers, and therapists are also available to students.

Spring Cove Middle School (Grades 6–8)

Students at Spring Cove Middle School (SCMS) are challenged by a standards-based curriculum that prepares them for the rigors and expectations of high school, including growing independence and accountability.

As part of our technology initiative, every student receives and is responsible for his or her own Chromebook computer, as well as an array of online academic resources. A fully-equipped computer lab in our library is also available for student use. STEM challenges are experienced in every grade through *Project Lead the Way* units: *Robotics*, *Flight and Space*, and *Medical Detectives*. A 3-D printer in our STEM laboratory also provides opportunities for student teams to conceptualize, design and manufacture items.

A variety of programs and organizations help students strengthen their skills outside of the classroom. Clubs include the Student Empowerment Team (SET), Fishing Club, Yearbook Club, Diversity Club, athletics, Student Council, Art Club, and the Junior National Honor Society.

Support staff, including counselors, special education teachers, therapists, *Life Skills* coaches, and others are also available to students.



Group projects at SCMS encourage students to share ideas and work together to solve problems.

SC Cyber Keeps Students Connected

District students who are interested in cyber education can enroll in SC Cyber and earn their diploma from Central High School. The accredited online curriculum is taught by PA-certified teachers, aligned with Pennsylvania standards, and can be customized to meet students' individual learning needs. Students can also take advantage of all SCSD extracurricular activities, as well as our Career and Technology Education programs including Production Agriculture at CHS and a wide range of programs offered through the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. For SCSD Cyber course offerings or more information, visit www.springcovesd.org/Cyber/.

2017 PSSA PROFICIENCY

	MES	SCMS
English Language Arts	57.3	66.6
Mathematics	44.6	35.4
Science	80.4	49.6

ACHIEVEMENT

2017 CHS ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Algebra I Keystone Exam Proficiency	56.0
Biology Keystone Exam Proficiency	56.0
Literature Keystone Exam Proficiency	65.0
Mean SAT Score	1085
Average ACT Composite Score	23.5
NOCTI Proficiency	84.85
Cohort Graduation Rate	94.23



From left: Cody Wyland, Scott Leydig, Andrew Miller, Sam Dick, James Holsinger, and Bradley Keagy are just a few of our CHS students who excel in GACTC programs.

Central High School (Grades 9–12)

Central High School (CHS) offers students 12 different academic and trade/technical pathways to meet their individual learning needs and prepare them for post-secondary success.

Students can earn college credits through our Dual Enrollment agreements with area colleges and universities, or take advantage of more than 25 trade/technical programs through our partnership with the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. New course offerings for the 2018-2019 school year will include Advanced Topics in Research, Reading, and Writing; English Composition I Dual Enrollment; Study Skills; STEM Human Bodies; Physics Dual Enrollment; and Fundamentals of Officiating.

Our guidance office is a key resource for students and families as they navigate post-high school processes, including advising about college options, financial aid, and scholarships. Through our 1:1 computer initiative, Chromebooks are available for every student to use in our classrooms.

We also offer 11 interscholastic athletic programs and 20 extracurricular programs that contribute to a well-rounded CHS experience. New offerings for the 2018-2019 school year include Book Club; Bowling Club; Math Competition Club; and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

Helping Our Students Succeed

Throughout the 2017-18 academic year, the SCSD administrative team, faculty and Board of Directors continued to strengthen our K-12 curriculum and program offerings. Working together, we:

- Organized the first annual CHS Personal Finance Festival
- Added a new science lab period for CHS Biology courses
- Added double periods for Algebra I in CHS and SCMS schedules
- Streamlined the CHS scheduling process
- Reduced out-of-district placements
- Expanded CHS Dual Enrollment opportunities
- Expanded CHS electives to include STEM and other career development courses
- Enhanced differentiated instruction at SCMS and in all Algebra I courses
- Partnered with Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathways for the first-ever SCE STEM Night, an interactive evening that attracted more than 100 families
- Expanded Leveled Literacy Intervention to all K-2 classrooms
- Implemented the Benchmark Assessment System in the primary grades
- Updated all Student Handbooks and Codes of Conduct

These efforts complement existing classroom-based and extracurricular activities noted below, and help students improve teamwork, leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills.

- **Career and Technology Education:** provides CHS students with hands-on technical, agricultural and business experience, as well as extracurricular leadership opportunities in organizations such as FFA.
- **Leadership Training:** encourages students as early as 3rd grade to explore leadership opportunities through Student Council, Student Empowerment Teams, Young Entrepreneurs Academy, Leadership Blair County Youth, RYLA, and other programs.
- **Art and the Performing Arts:** creatively engage our students in the arts from kindergarten through graduation.
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM):** hands-on programming in all grades continues to grow through activities like STEM Night at SCE; interactive coding courses at MES; STEM labs at SCMS; and new STEM-focused electives at CHS.
- **College and Career Readiness:** begins in kindergarten and expands over the years to include job shadowing, career fairs, Blair County Chamber of Commerce programs and other initiatives. Honors classes, Dual Enrollment courses with area universities, and our partnership with Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center also help prepare students for collegiate and workforce success.
- **Athletic Opportunities:** includes 11 competitive athletic programs for boys and girls beginning in Grade 7.

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Graduates Earn Scholarships, Awards

The SCSD community congratulates the Class of 2018, many of whom are continuing their education at two- and four-year colleges and universities, including Penn State, Juniata, and the University of Pittsburgh. Others will serve our country as members of the United States military or join the workforce. Prior to graduation, the following students were honored with scholarships and awards for their academic, leadership and community service achievements:

Valedictorian - **Eva Rhule**
Salutatorian - **Lauren Dangel**
Wendell Gahagan Community Service Scholarship - **Cassie Mock**
South Hills Business Award - **Meghan Flaugh**
NPC, Inc. Cooperative Educational Award - **Jenna Ritchey**
The Challenge Program, Inc. Awards (Sponsored by NPC, Inc.)
• Academic Improvement - **Sarah Kramer**
• Community Service - **Hunter Wierman**
• Academic Excellence - **Joseph McCulloch**
• Attendance - **Brittany Albright**
• STEM - **Lindsey Yingling**
NPC Blanket Award (Athletic Award) - **Cassie Mock**
Aaron N. Stuckey Memorial - **Kenedi Berkhimer, Blair Miller, Yvonne Longenecker, Joey Smith**
Clarke Scholarship - **Lauren Dangel, Joey Smith**
Richard K. Bouslough Scholarship - **Alyssa Brumbaugh**
Fleet Reserve Association Americanism Patriotism Contest - **Victoria Waite**
Trooper Landon Weaver Memorial Scholarship - **Ashley Sherry, Vincent Miller, Matthew Kagarise**
Steven R. McGraw Scholarship - **Yvonne Longenecker**
Keith Paden Scholarship - **Cody Wyland**
Nelson D. Metzger Memorial Scholarship - **Joey Smith**
Morrison Cove Rotary Club Scholarship - **Jenna Ritchey**
Jonathan Trujillo Annual Commemorative Rotary Scholarship - **Andrew James**
Steve King Memorial - **Hunter Wierman**
Bill and Jane Groff Memorial Scholarship - **Grace Baker**
Susan Lang Sacksteder Scholarship - **James Holsinger**
Nason Foundation Community Service Award - **Grace Baker**
Leah Hoover Memorial Foundation - **Eva Rhule, Jaraka Waite**
Bice Memorial Journalism Award - **Eva Rhule**
CHS American Red Cross Scholarship - **Kenedi Berkhimer, Ashley Sherry**
Tom Kennedy Memorial - **Cameron Ulery**
Lisa Meyers Audet Memorial Scholarship - **Kenedi Berkhimer, Lauren Dangel, Josiah Hample, Eva Rhule**
Spring Cove 2018 Spirit Award - **Korb Freeman**
Blair County Bar Association Scholarship - **Eva Rhule**
John Deere Award (West Central Farm Equipment) - **Yvonne Longenecker**
McEldowney Scholarship - **Kenedi Berkhimer, Andrew James**
2018 Sandy Run Lane Scholarship Award - **Yvonne Longenecker**
Stay Strong Award - **Olivia Smith**
Class of 1977 Dragon Spirit Award - **Preston Karstetter**
Michael X. DeStefano Memorial Scholarship - **Kenedi Berkhimer**
Martinsburg Business and Professional Women Award - **Alyssa Bassler**
Jack Shaffer Memorial Award - **Hannah Smith**
Nason Foundation Community Service Award - **Ashley Sherry**
Alex Barkman Memorial Scholarship - **Miranda Szymckec**
Wilt Gillette Family Science Award - **Lauren Dangel, Yvonne Longenecker**
Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship - **Cassie Mock, Yvonne Longenecker**
SCEA Educational Scholarship - **Cassie Mock**
2018 Military Appreciation Award - **Jacob Feathers, Austin Laufle, Matthew Kagarise, Ethan Welsh**
Gabrielle Frick Scholarship (R.S. Lions Club) - **Brooke Edmundson**

Jeff Meals Memorial Award - **Jenna Ritchey, Brandon Mock**
D. Michael Claycomb Scholarship - **Grace Baker, Jared Smith**
Maxwell Transit Blanket Award (Athletic Award) - **Preston Karstetter**
Ed Miles Memorial Dragon Spirit Award - **Ashley Sherry**
U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athletic Award - **Blair Miller, Austin Laufle**
U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award - **Grace Baker**
U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence - **Austin Laufle**
Allegany College of MD Presidential Scholarship - **Jaraka Waite**
Altoona Rotary Scholarship - **Bradley Keagy**
BASIC Attendance - **Courtney Balliet**
Geneva College Academic Scholarship Alumni - **Peyton Shepley**
Heidelberg Scholastic Scholarship - **Lauren Dangel, Eva Rhule**
Kiwanis Club of Altoona - **Blair Miller**
Oakes Family Scholarship - **Hannah Hallman**
Pauline Kriston Scholarship - **Eva Rhule**
PIAA District 6 Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Award - **Preston Karstetter, Cassie Mock**
Point Park University Merit and Competitive Cheerleading Scholarship - **Trey Reininger**
Robert L. Hite Memorial Scholarship - **Grace Baker, Isaac Johnston**
Ted Heuston Scholarship Award - **Eva Rhule, Yvonne Longenecker**
Teeter Insurance Scholarship - **Cassie Mock**
David and Janet Hileman Scholarship - **Blair Miller, Yvonne Longenecker**

2018 Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center Awards

Digital Printing, Senior of the Year - **James Holsinger**
Interior Decorating and Finishing, Joseph J. Schamris Memorial Scholarship - **Bradley Keagy**
Tim Bartek Memorial Scholarship - **Bradley Keagy**
Drafting/Design Technology, Senior of the Year - **Scott Leydig**
Food Production, Special Recognition Award - **Andrew Miller**
Emergency Services, Senior of the Year - **Cody Wyland**
Computer Programming/Oracle Academy, Sgt. Brandon Adams Information Technology - **Samuel Dick**

2018 Departmental Award and Scholarship Winners (funded by SCSD faculty and staff members)

Art - **Brittany Albright**
Building Trades - **Jacob Noel**
Business - **Jenna Ritchey**
English Language Arts - **Alyssa Brumbaugh**
Social Studies - **Chelsey Dick**
Vocational Agriculture - **Yvonne Longenecker**
Music - **Brooke Edmundson**
Physical Education - **Cassie Mock, Austin Garner**
Science - **Lauren Dangel**
Foreign Language - **Eva Rhule**
Mathematics - **Nathan Earnest**

These scholarships are made possible by the generous support of area residents, families, businesses, and SCSD faculty and staff members. To establish a student scholarship to honor a loved one, a favorite teacher or even your own school memories, please contact Central High School at 793-2111.

A STRONGER FUTURE



Class of 2018 – By the Numbers

- 140** Graduates
- 53** Seniors who received scholarships
- \$50,000** Amount of scholarships awarded
- 72%** Attending college, trade, or technical school
- 20%** Entering the workforce
- 8%** Joining the U.S. Military
- 30** NHS members
- 19** Graduated with high honors (95% or higher GPA)
- 16** Graduated with Honors (90%-94.99% GPA)
- 7** Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Hispanic Honor Society) members

Strategic Goals

In 2017, SCSD developed and adopted a five-year strategic plan to strengthen students' educational experiences across all grade levels. This year, the administrative team will focus on several initiatives that meet the District's five-year strategic objectives, including:

- Ongoing **curriculum mapping** to identify and address academic gaps and redundancies;
- Expansion of **Dual Enrollment** opportunities for CHS students;
- Enhancements to District-wide **School Safety** initiatives; and
- Implementation of new tools, including an updated **website**, to encourage parent and community involvement.

Look for progress updates in upcoming issues of *Braggin' About the Dragons*.

Updated Policies and Procedures

We continue to update SCSD policies and procedures as part of SCSD's five-year strategic plan. Highlights of recently updated policies include:

Athletic Registration Fee

The registration fee for junior and high school interscholastic athletics is now \$50. This fee covers participation for the entire year regardless of the number of sports in which the athlete participates.

Searches

Students, staff, visitors, and volunteers are subject to search while on District property, conveyances, or at District events. Metal detectors, wands, and/or other technological devices may be used during random and/or suspicion-based searches of individuals, property, belongings, lockers, vehicles, etc.

Threats

Students are prohibited from communicating threats, directly or indirectly, toward any student, employee, Board member, community member, or property owned, leased, or being used by the District. All threats are taken seriously and investigated promptly. Potential terroristic threats are referred to law enforcement. Disciplinary action, which may include expulsion, will be taken in accordance with the situation.

Helplines

The District offers students counseling, Student Assistance (SAP), school-based mental health services, and other supports. Students and parents can contact us at any time for assistance. Here are

valuable helplines and resources for help outside of school or in crisis situations after school hours:

- **Emergencies & Suspicious Activity: 911**
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline : 1-800-273-8255**
- **Community Crisis Center/Altoona UPMC: 814-889-2141**
- **Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships: 814-381-0921**
- **Teen Shelter Hotline: 1-800-227-TEEN**
- **Victim Services Hotline: 814-944-3585**
- **PA Bully Prevention Consultation Line: 1-866-716-0424**

Registration of New Students

All eligible school-age children may enroll by registering on InfoSnap (Go to www.springcovesd.org/Registration/). A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she is five on or before 9/1/18. A beginner is eligible for 1st grade if he/she is 6 on or before 9/1/18. A student who is 8 shall be admitted at any time during the school year.

InfoSnap Reminder

Please make sure your child's InfoSnap profile is up-to-date so that we have current contact and emergency information. If you have not received your child's personalized SnapCode, please contact **Geri Bridenbaugh**, Office of the Superintendent, at 224-3060.

More details regarding District policies can be found in each school's Student Handbook/Code of Conduct at www.springcovesd.org/Handbooks/ or under the Policies tab found at www.springcovesd.org/BoardDocs/.



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Community

Families.....	5,268
Adults.....	10,284
Children Under 18.....	2,358

Students

Central High School	563
Spring Cove Middle School.....	447
Martinsburg Elementary School	415
Spring Cove Elementary School	365
Total Enrollment	1,790

Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center..... 65

Economically Disadvantaged 44%

Clubs 31

Varsity & Junior Varsity Sports 17
 Junior High Sports..... 11

Musical Groups 3

Personnel

Administrators	10
Faculty.....	126
Paraprofessionals	51
Secretarial	18
Custodial/Maintenance.....	20
Food Service.....	22
School Police Officer	1
Athletic Director.....	1

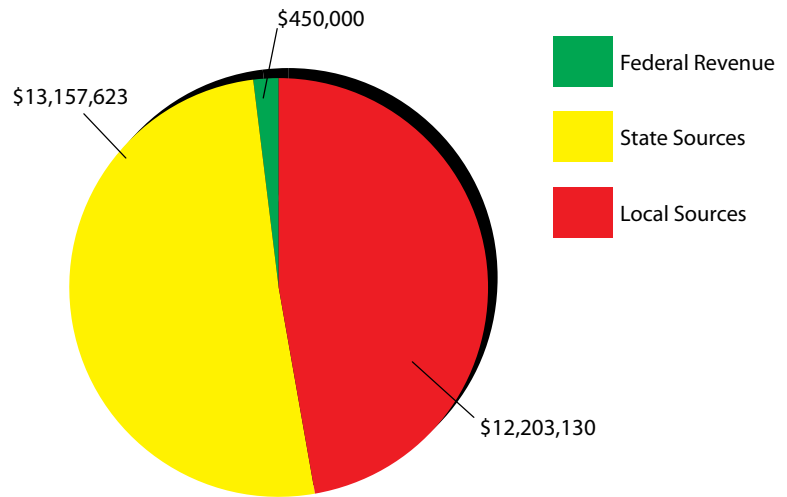
Faculty Experience

Five years or less.....	39
Six to nineteen years.....	41
Twenty years or more.....	46

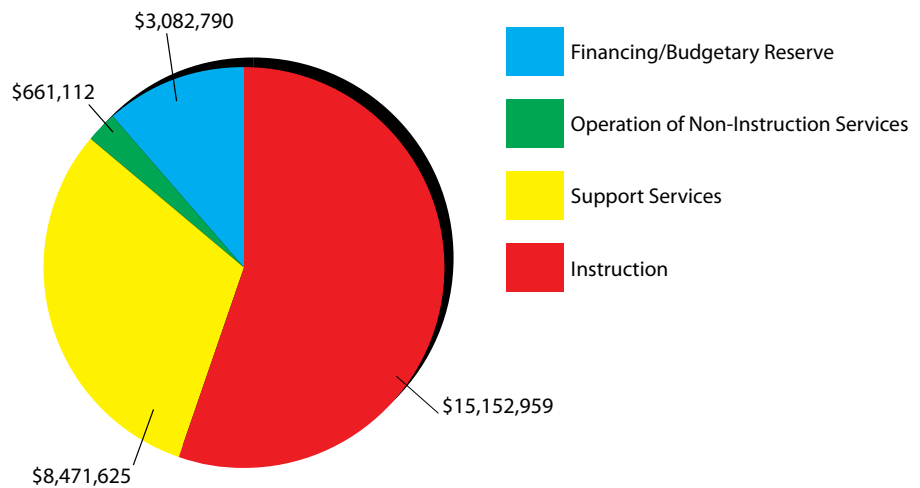
Bachelor's Degree.....	74
Master's Degree or Equivalent.....	52

2018/19 Budget

Estimated Revenues \$25,810,753



Estimated Expenditures \$27,368,486



Notice of Non-Discrimination

SCSD is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. For information regarding non-discrimination policies, civil rights, or grievance procedures, contact the SCSD Compliance Officer via the SCSD Business Manager, 1100 East Main Street, Roaring Spring, PA, 16673 or at 814-224-5124.

RESPONSIBILITY

District Secures More Than \$1.1 M in Grant Funding



Grant support helps fund extracurricular activities, such as the Foreign Language Club visit to IUP and other club initiatives.

During the 2017-18 school year, SCSD earned \$1,100,541 in competitive grant funding from a variety of public and private sources. This amount reflects a 14% increase in grant awards compared to 2016-17. The funds support an array of educational and safety programs designed to strengthen student performance, achievement, and campus safety. Samples of these grant awards include:

- **\$406,028** – Title I, II and IV grants to help SCE and MES students meet state academic standards
- **\$333,458.64** – IDEA-611 and IDEA-619 funds to support special education services
- **\$291,450** – Ready to Learn grant to support full-day kindergarten programming
- **\$25,000** – Monsanto grant to enhance the SCMS and CHS science curriculum by providing training, materials and equipment to implement an innovative Human Bodies course
- **\$20,000** - Safe Schools grant to fund District-wide Chief of School Police position
- **\$20,000** – Safe Schools grant to fund District-wide safety equipment purchases
- **\$5,978.89** – Career/Technology Education Supplemental Equipment grant to purchase an aquaculture/aquaponics system that will provide students with hands-on experience related to fish and crop production
- **\$250** - Blair County Chapter of PA Association of School Retirees Education Support grant for Foreign Language Club initiatives

An additional \$49,774.59 in private and community funds also helped to support improvements to the athletic track; restock our supply of student writing tablets and notebooks; restore the MES playground; grade and seed Bean Hill; purchase paint products for PennDot's Paint the Plow contest; sponsor the SCE Carnegie Science Center Assembly; and purchase a new band trailer, 44 Varsity Baseball jerseys, a speaker/amplifier for Cove Youth Football, track and cross country equipment, and materials for the SCMS Fishing Club.

We extend our thanks to **Canadian Paper Connection** and the **McCabe Group**; **Lowe's Heroes Program**; **Canary Labs**; **Roaring Spring True Value**; **CHS Music Parents**; **CHS Baseball Boosters**; **Cove Youth Football**; **Exxon Mobil Education Alliance Program**; **Acquatic Imitations**, **John Kennedy Chapter of TU**, **Paul Downs**, **Carl Reed** and **Project Healing Waters** in memory of **Lynn Hildebrand**; **Field and Stream**; and the **friends and family of the late Bill Maloney** for their support of these programs.

Efforts Help Save \$35,000

With leadership from **Ms. Kathy Hazenstab**, SCSD Business Manager, the District trimmed approximately \$35,000 from its operational budget last year and generated an additional \$5,000 in interest after making positive changes to its investment plan.

Savings came from a variety of sources, such as eliminating \$900 in annual storage costs after auctioning stored equipment that was no longer needed; locking in natural gas pricing for six months for an estimated savings of \$4,800; and implementing a new copier contract and paper supply agreement that reduced these costs by \$8,500.

Several money-saving initiatives adopted last year will have multi-year benefits. For example, a reduction in the Bean Hill water line size will lower water costs by \$1,000 every year and a new trash hauling contract will save the District nearly \$60,000 over the next three years.

Ms. Hazenstab and her team will continue to explore opportunities that can reduce operational expenses without jeopardizing student achievement.

DRAGON PRIDE FOUNDATION

Venture Grants Boost Student Engagement, Classroom Innovation

Each year, the Dragon Pride Foundation awards Venture Grants to SCSD teachers who work to make the classroom experience more engaging for our students. Grants totaling more than \$18,000 were awarded to teachers during the 2017-18 school year to support these projects:

Eric Rohmann Author/Illustrator Visit, SCE

Mrs. Susan Zangrilli

Noted children's book author and illustrator Eric Rohmann visited SCE during Read Across America Week, and conducted a workshop for parents to help foster literacy in school and at home.

Dragon School Spirit Project, SCE

Mrs. Lauren Zeznanski

A new dragon mascot costume is helping to promote school spirit, welcome special guests and recognize student achievement.

3rd Grade Spring Musical Program, MES

Mrs. Christi Gartland, Dr. Traci Shoemaker, Mrs. Marsha Hoover

The teachers purchased props and materials that were used during the 3rd grade musical program this spring. The musical helps students develop public speaking skills and begin to understand the importance of giving back to the community.



Mrs. Sarah Sarvey displays clay and ceramic kiln pieces created by MES students.

sculptures, and glaze ware, and strengthening design and artistic skills at the same time.

Spring Musical, SCMS

Mrs. Jessica Petrovich

Dozens of students in grades 6-8 participated in *The Little Mermaid Junior* as actors, singers and dancers, stage crew, and lighting specialists. The experience helped them improve public speaking, teamwork, and creative skills.

Recording Studio Equipment and Soundtrap Software, MES

Mr. Daniel Drumm

Specialized equipment and software will allow MES students to apply their music and technology skills to create their own music tracks just like a real recording artist.

Saving Lives by Engaging Students, CHS

Ms. Laurie Fichtner

This grant supported the purchase of Driver's Education materials, including "Drunk Buster Goggles" which simulate the effects of alcohol, drug use and physical exhaustion on driving abilities and judgement.

Ellison Die Cut Machine and Letters, CHS

Ms. Wendy Engelberg

Teachers are now creating engaging and vibrant hall displays thanks to a time-saving die-cut machine and accompanying letters.

The Dragon Pride Foundation also helped support the District's first-ever Personal Finance Festival, a successful day-long event where juniors and seniors learned basic budgeting skills, and how personal and lifestyle choices can impact the monthly bottom line.

Mrs. Lauren Zeznanski and SCE's new Dragon mascot share a smile.

Mrs. Laurie Fichtner shows off some of the new life-saving Driver's Education tools.



With Gratitude

The work of the Dragon Pride Foundation would not be possible without the generous support of the community and our donors. With their help, we continue to fund programs and initiatives across SCSD that help our students reach their potential in and outside of the classroom. Thank you!

SCSD Faculty and Staff Donors: \$6,209 in donations

Melissa Angelo-Kuzar
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Zach Wozniak
Other anonymous donors

Community Donors: \$1,280 in donations

John K. Bolger Funeral Home Inc. – William J. Helsel
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In Memory of Chuck Russell
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In Memory of George H. Wineland
Other anonymous donors

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Supporters: \$8,000

Since January, the Dragon Pride Foundation has received \$8,000 in funding from **First National Bank, Clearfield Bank and Trust,** and **S&T Bank** through the state's EITC program. This program enables eligible and approved businesses to allocate all or some of their state tax payments to the Foundation to be used for SCSD educational programming.

"We are very grateful that these businesses have chosen to allocate a portion of their EITC funds to the District," said **Dr. Betsy Baker**, Superintendent. "Their support will help us implement innovative classroom activities for students across the District."



Many thanks to Burger King and their golfers for their support of the 2018 golf tournament. Burger King donated \$5,000 to the Dragon Pride Foundation and served as the tournament sponsor.

"Fore!" Our Students

On June 8, the excitement was high when 49 golfers took to the links to support the Dragon Pride Foundation and the Morrisons Cove Rotary Club. The annual tournament raised more than \$9,700 to support programming that benefits the region.

Proceeds from the event support Rotary Club activities, as well as Foundation initiatives such as the Venture Grant program. Many thanks to the sponsors who made this year's tournament possible, including:

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Blair Gastroenterology Associates
Conemaugh Nason Medical Center
Curry Supply
Delaney Insurance
Headline Marketing & Communications
Keller Engineers
Laura Burke for State Representative
Maxwell
Metz
Moorefield Communications
NPC, Inc.
Roaring Spring Water/Spring Cove Container
Spring Cove Education Association
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DRAGON PRIDE FOUNDATION

SCSD Remembers Frank L. Moore

Mr. Frank L. Moore was posthumously honored with the 2018 Leon Kensinger Award during a community ceremony on May 6. Mr. Moore served SCSD as a teacher, counselor, and coach for nearly 40 years.



It's Easy to Help!

Your tax-deductible donation to the Dragon Pride Foundation will help us continue to support innovative and engaging learning opportunities for SCSD students. Donations are a lasting way to remember or honor a loved one, a favorite teacher, or friends and family members. And don't forget that classes can make a collective contribution to celebrate their time at Central High School.

Send donations to Dragon Pride Foundation, 1100 East Main Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Foundation at 814-224-3060. Thank you for your support!

Dragon Pride Foundation

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The Dragon Pride Foundation is a volunteer organization that acquires and distributes funds to provide opportunities for SCSD students to benefit from enhanced educational, arts and athletic programs, while bolstering Dragon Pride throughout the Spring Cove community. All monies raised by the Foundation benefit SCSD students. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions made to the Dragon Pride Foundation are tax deductible. Many thanks for your support.



From left: Dr. Ramon Burket, Mrs. Deborah Snyder, and Dr. David Crumrine were honored at the 2018 Celebration of Excellence.

Celebrating Excellence Across SCSD

Each year the Dragon Pride Foundation honors three individuals who have made a significant and positive impact on the SCSD community. The honorees represent the best of our community in education and community service. In April, it was our privilege to recognize **Dr. David Crumrine** as Educator of the Year, **Mrs. Deborah Snyder** as Support Staff of the Year, and **Dr. Ramon Burket** as Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Crumrine joined SCSD in the early 1980s to teach American History and Government at CHS. In February, he retired from his position as Principal of CHS, marking the end of nearly 40 years of service. During his tenure, he led efforts to build and strengthen the Dual Enrollment program, Student Assistance Team, Alumni Association, assessment and data analysis efforts, curriculum improvements, and communication between CHS, students and parents. Dr. Crumrine also served on the Board of Directors of PIAA, District 6, Spring Cove Educational Foundation, and the Pennsylvania Principals Association.

Mrs. Snyder also retired from CHS this year after many years as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher. She was a familiar face on CHS field trips and throughout the SCSD community. Described as "an example of a selfless heart for our children, staff, and community," Mrs. Snyder looks forward to the next chapter of her life and rewarding herself not with what she can teach people but with what others can teach her.

Dr. Ramon C. Burket completes the circle of 2018 honorees. Dr. Ramon, who spent many years as the volunteer CHS football team physician and also earned the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008, currently works with CHS Calculus students to help them master these math skills. Students appreciated the real-world applications of calculus concepts that Dr. Burket shared, adding great value to the course.

The SCSD community congratulates this year's honorees. Applications for 2019 nominees can be found at www.springcovesd.org/Foundation/ and will be accepted through January 31, 2019. Honorees will be recognized at the 2019 Celebration of Excellence in the spring.

COMMITTED TO BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

A Warm Welcome

We are happy to welcome several new employees to the SCSD community. These individuals bring extensive experience, certifications, and advanced degrees to their positions and our students. We're glad you're here!



Miss Tori Benton, Math Teacher, SCMS
Miss Benton holds a Middle Level Mathematics degree from St. Francis University. She has been involved in several math and science extracurricular programs, including ATOMS camp, Try Math-a-Lot, *FIRST* Lego League, and math-focused parent workshops.



Mrs. Marissa Cerully, Assistant Principal, CHS
Mrs. Cerully is a graduate of Ursinus College and Gratz College, and holds principal certification from Point Park University. She brings more than a decade of high school teaching and coaching experience to SCSD, and most recently served as Dean of Students at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School.



Mr. Andrew Kaminski, English Teacher, CHS
Mr. Kaminski, a Hollidaysburg native, moved to rural Alaska to begin his teaching career after graduating from Penn State. He later relocated to West Virginia and served as a middle school Language Arts teacher before joining SCSD.



Mrs. Natalie Kaminski, Language Arts Teacher, SCMS
Mrs. Kaminski, a graduate of Penn State and a Hollidaysburg native, brings nearly 10 years of teaching experience to SCMS. She launched her teaching career in a remote Alaskan village before spending seven years in West Virginia as a 7th grade English teacher.



Mrs. Kim Moyer, Data Manager, SCSD
Mrs. Moyer returns to SCSD after serving as the School Data Manager and Data Quality and Training Coordinator at IU 10. She holds a Master's degree focused in business intelligence and analytics from Saint Joseph's University.



Ms. Kristen Murgo, Life Skills Teacher, SCE
Ms. Murgo graduated from IUP with degrees in Special Education and Early Childhood Education. She comes to SCSD after serving in Special Education at Hollidaysburg Area School District.



Mrs. Sara Olivieri, Emotional Support Teacher, SCMS
Mrs. Olivieri holds an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Special Education, and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has extensive special education classroom experience and has also served as an elementary teacher in Virginia.



Mrs. Christine Rhoades, School Counselor, SCMS
Mrs. Rhoades, who earned her graduate degree in School Counseling from IUP, has extensive school counseling experience and has taught adolescent development, psychology and related courses at the college level for nearly 10 years.



Mr. Lucas Runk, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, SCSD
Mr. Runk, a graduate of Central High School, earned his building trades certification while serving as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the SCSD Maintenance Department before being promoted to Supervisor.



Miss Brianna Toth, Science Teacher, SCMS
Miss Toth holds a B.S. degree in Biology from St. Vincent College, a Master's degree in Exercise Science from IUP, and a teaching certificate from St. Francis University. She joins SCSD after completing her student teaching at Forest Hills Junior High.

State Applauds SCSD Special Ed Program

Over the last two years, **Mr. Harry Gregg**, Director of Special Education, and his team have been committed to improving SCSD special education programs. Their efforts are paying off for students across the District.

During the 2017-18 school year, state officials conducted a comprehensive audit of the program. After an extensive review, they concluded that the program met or exceeded all state requirements. For the first time in many years, no corrective actions or improvement plans were needed. State officials were especially impressed with positive behavior support programs that are in place in all SCSD schools; the team's knowledge of state requirements and regulations; the level of special education training that all teachers receive; and that special education requirements are being implemented with commitment and trustworthiness.

"Our dedicated team has made tremendous strides to improve and strengthen our special education services," said **Dr. Betsy Baker**, Superintendent. "We are very proud of the work they have done to make sure that every student has the resources and support to reach his or her potential."

Introducing Our New Website www.springcovesd.org

This summer, we unveiled an updated website that makes it easier for families and community members to stay up-to-date on SCSD happenings. The site is easy to navigate and includes faculty contact information, calendar items, athletic schedules, menu selections, academic resources, and much more. Visit www.springcovesd.org to see what's new!

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SCSD Mission

To inspire and equip all students to become responsible, respectful, and productive contributors to our local and global communities.

SCSD Vision

Our vision is for our...

- stakeholders to put the needs and interests of all students at the forefront of every decision;
- students to learn in a safe and caring environment;
- students to be actively engaged in independent and collaborative 21st Century learning; and
- students to graduate and effectively apply their knowledge and skills to achieve their individual potential.



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2017-18 Operational Achievements

- Resurfaced the CHS track
- Replaced rooftop SCMS HVAC units
- Refurbished SCMS lockers and cafeteria floor
- Relocated SCMS office to the former CENTER to improve safety
- Established new cost-effective transportation contracts
- Updated District emergency plans to meet state requirements
- Initiated NaviGate system to strengthen school safety efforts
- Implemented fobs for school entry to enhance safety measures
- Completed extensive updates to SCSD Policy Manual and Board Operational Guidelines