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Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

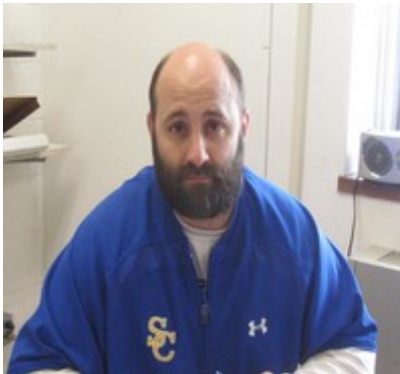
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## Mr. Lance Amick Eager for New Role

By: Madison

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, I interviewed Mr. Lance Amick, our new high school principal for next year. The first question I asked was, “Has the practice been stressful so far?” He replied with, “No. I am really enjoying the experience, it’s very reassuring.” Amick states that this new position will be a good challenge, and he loves a good challenge! The thought of being the high school principal crossed his mind because he has always enjoyed being the leader of a team. He loves that feeling. He still isn’t sure if he will continue to be the girls softball coach or not. Next year will be Mr. Amick’s 17<sup>th</sup> year working here at Scott City. As a dedicated employee, he has held numerous extra positions as both a head and assistant coach for various sports for both boys and girls, and is also a bus driver. Possible changes or improvements he sees in the near future revolve around constantly looking at ways to improve SC schools, students, teachers, and staff. What he likes most about our district is that “it’s home”. Mr. Amick’s ideal high school is a district of great chemistry rooted in respect, accountability, and people trying to achieve greatness. Good luck!

**New high school principal, Mr. Lance Amick (left) and new elementary principal, Dr. Keisha Panagos (right).**



## Dr. Panagos is New Elementary Principal

This month I interviewed new elementary principal, Dr. Keisha Panagos. Dr. Panagos is very passionate about the field of education and loves being a Scott City Ram. When Mrs. Garner made her announcement that she accepted a position at another district, Dr. Panagos knew she wanted to pursue the position. She’s been an educator for the past twelve years and has worked here at Scott City for ten of those years.

She’s been a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, a K-12 Title 1 teacher, and K-12 curriculum director/A+ coordinator. Being a principal is one of things Dr. Panagos has always envisioned herself doing. The elementary is transitioning into becoming a professional learning community and will be entering into it’s third year next year.

## MS Drama presents, “Typecast” By: Britney

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, the middle school Drama Club preformed “Type Cast” directed by Mrs. Miller. The play was about a group of kids who are trying out for play. They all have a certain role it seems they should be cast in, but the theatre director gets sick and the gym coach has to take over. He gives the kids all the wrong roles and it ends in hilarity. The cast of the play included: Emmalynn, Heather, Avarie, Daniel, Zahra, Mercie, BriAnna, Heaven, Skylar, Taylor, and Owen. They worked after school twice a week since January.” This year’s play was different because most of the roles are teenagers, so it made line memorization easier because it’s something they may say in real life, whereas, last year’s play was adult roles.” said Mrs. Miller. If you see any of the cast members be sure to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication.

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By: Lillie

Dr. Panagos is excited to keep moving forward towards educational excellence. She’s made great gains and will continue working as a collaborative team and focusing on high expectations for all. She’s very exited about the culture change they are seeing in the elementary and is honored that she was selected to continue to build upon those efforts. Dr. Panagos is very proud to work at Scott City R-1. She says opportunities are endless (both academically and extra curricular) for our students.

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## Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Taylor Hamlett

By: Kacie

This month I interviewed the wonderful Mrs. Taylor Hamlett for our Teacher Feature. Mrs. Hamlett has been teaching here for three years. She teaches Freshmen English, High School Theatre, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Theatre. She sponsors the Improv Troop, Speech Team, and High School Theatre. In the past, Mrs. Hamlett has taught Creative Writing and Speech. I asked Mrs. Hamlett why she was leaving and she said, "I did not want to leave. It was not part of my plan. I got a phone call from Jackson asking me to come in and talk to them about a Theatre position and they asked me if I wanted a job. I graduated from Jackson and I will be working with my teacher, Mr. Clubbs, who is the man who made me want to be a teacher. This has always been my dream." I asked Mrs. Hamlett about her favorite memories here at SC. Mrs. Hamlett said, "My first year/1<sup>st</sup> hour class, a mouse ran across the floor and I managed to jump on a desk. The High School Theatre also threw me a surprise birthday party, and the Reader's Theatre took 3<sup>rd</sup> at districts this year." Mrs. Hamlett said she will also miss professional development lunches with Ms. Kirchner, Mrs. Pletcher, and Mrs. Weber at their usual place. In her free time, Mrs. Hamlett loves to go to the movies, hang out with her mom, eat, and travel. She also likes to kayak with her husband. Mrs. Hamlett will be greatly missed.

### New Student Spotlight Andrew -5<sup>th</sup> grade

By: Eli

I spoke with Andrew, a new fifth grade student here at SC. Andrew previously went to school in Paragould, Arkansas. Some differences he noticed is the school colors are blue and gold here and were green and gold there. Andrew says there is a lot more homework here compared to his old school. Andrew's favorite sports are basketball and some football.

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade Kindness Project - By

Recently, Mrs. C. Kern's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class completed a kindness project. After the recent school shootings, the students were scared of what might happen. The students decided they wanted to focus on the good and give hope to other students. They started their project by making a presentation to Mrs. Garner.

The presentation told how they hoped the project would be a reminder to all about their actions/ words, and get people to treat people differently.



Mrs. Taylor Hamlett  
ELA & Speech/Theatre  
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New student spotlight, Andrew  
5<sup>th</sup> grade.

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One of Andrew's favorite hobbies is to play basketball. Andrew's favorite subject in school is Math. So far Andrew's favorite teacher is Mrs. Porch because she does fun activities in class.

After getting the approval of Mrs. Garner, the students began making posters. They hung these posters all around the school with quotes they picked out. Mrs. Kern asked the students if they had seen a difference in attitudes since the project began. The students mostly said they saw a change. Mrs. Kern said, "The project empowered students to be the change instead of being told to." I love the message this project conveys and I am going to make a change in my attitude.

## HS Science Club Hosts Experiments

By: Bri

Mrs. Weber and the High School Science Club are teaching and showing the elementary kids science experiments. I asked Mrs. Weber what Science Club is exactly. She said, "We participate in the Science Olympiad, in which the students compete in various events. We also perform experiments for the elementary students." The kind of experiments the Science Club has done are crushing a soda can, putting pencils through a zip-lock bag with water, microwaving Ivory soap, and making fire snakes.  
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## Community Spotlight: Burger King Remodel

By: Logan

Jennifer Pobst of Mid-America Hotels corporation answered some questions about Burger King's latest remodel. The Burger King in Scott City opened in 1983. The store has been remodeled a number of times over the past 35 years, but this remodel will be special to bring it to the latest image of the Burger King brand. Most of the changes are aesthetic and cosmetic to the interior and exterior of the restaurant for a more updated image. Each renovation Burger King does is completed with an internal construction team who take great

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High School Science Club**

Members of the Science Club volunteer for various experiments, and they invite any elementary classes to participate. All of these experiments took place in the high school science lab during their advisory time. They perform the experiments once a quarter. Mrs. Weber said the kids favorite experiments were anything with fire.

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pride in the detail of their work. Many may be able to do their remodels with a cheaper budget, but in the end Burger King wants to provide guests with the best quality product possible that will last. The remodel is projected to be completed mid-May. Burger King is confident their guests will like the new changes and latest image for the Burger King brand. It should be an exciting new look for the community. Both the exterior and dining room package were getting past their useful life. The exterior look will be the most impactful change the guests will see.



**Everyone's favorite local fast food restaurant, Burger King.**

## Reading Reward Trips

By: Paige

Throughout the year, middle school students have been working hard on a website called Reading Plus. Sixth grade students had to make it to grade level or above to earn a special reward trip, but 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade had to read 100 nonfiction stories with an 80 percent average comprehension rate. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip is to Grant's Farm and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip is to the Bonne Terre Family Fun Center. The trip for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip was on April 26<sup>th</sup>. I asked Mrs. Howell if she plans on having future trips like this and she replied with, "Yes, as long as we can get them approved." I asked Mrs. Barks the same question and she said "I hope so. I think it's good to reward students for their hard work."

## HS Speech/Theater Shines

By: Allyson

I asked Mrs. Hamlett about her speech team this year. She said, "We had a seventeen member team. They did a really great job! They rocked it and I was really proud of them". She stated that their performance ability was their greatest strength this year. Finalists at districts included: Bryce-storytelling, Ada and Misty-duet acting, Harlie-Humorous Interpretation, Joe-Prose and Elise-International Excerpt. The team placed third in their Reader's Theater performance of, "Everyone Gets Eaten by Sharks". The theater class goes down twice a week to the Elementary to preform dance and other acts for the younger students.

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Dr. Panagos' long term goals are to continue to build a solid educational foundation in the elementary. They are going to continue to refine and strengthen their PLC beliefs and center their actions around success for all. She believes there is great responsibility to uphold the non-negotiable beliefs that: all students can achieve high standards (given sufficient time and support), all teachers can teach high standards (given the right assistance and conditions), and high expectations and early interventions are essential. Dr. Panagos has always been a person that looks at the big picture and will work hard to foster relationships and support with the community. She's very excited about what the future holds here at SC!



**One of the students' bird projects on display in the FEMA building for Fine Arts Week.**

## Fine Arts Dept Showcases

SC Talent By: Lizzy

Last month Scott City Schools held a Fine Arts program, which showcased art work from K-12, performances by the high school band, elementary honor choir, and high school theater. This event was held in the FEMA building and Mr. Miller says it was smooth and successful! It had a very good turn out and almost all of the seats in the FEMA building were taken up by guests. For this event Mr. Miller said it wasn't hard setting it all up, it was just very time consuming. Mr. Miller thinks since he has been here the Fine Arts program has increased and become more important overall. One of the things he is most proud regarding the Fine Arts department is how unified the department is and how talented our students are!

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