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SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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# The Link

School District of Shiocton  
Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

December, 2014

## After School Program Available

by Elizabeth Schneider

The After School Program is being held again this year for high school and middle school students. High school students started attending on November 18, and middle school students start in a few weeks.

The program is open to any student, but is specifically in place to give students who are chronically missing work or in need of additional homework time a place to go to catch up, get organized, and get extra help.



When teachers recommend students for the program, Mrs. Zeinert places a call home to guardians asking that they arrange transportation for their child to attend the program. The program is open to any students who would like to attend, but students with missing work or failing grades are strongly urged to attend. The After School Program runs Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the LMC.

If you would like more information or to find out how to get your child involved in the program, please contact me at 986-3351 ext. 787, Leah Werch at ext. 728, or Kelly Zeinert at ext. 751.

## Shiocton Christmas Party

Monday, December 15

*Chili Dinner in the cafeteria 4:00-6:30 p.m.*

*Winter Concert*

*at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym  
featuring grades 5-12 bands  
and grades 6-12 choirs*

## Elementary

### Winter Concert

*featuring grades 5K-5*

*Friday, December 19*

*1:30-2:30 p.m.*

*in the high school gym*



## Sleepover? Birthday Party? ... Transportation?

by Mrs. Schweitzer, Superintendent

'Tis the season for gathering at all ages. From cooking nights to sleepovers and birthday parties with nearly the whole class, many families are making plans for their child and relying on school bus transportation to get all of the children from school to their house, and maybe even back the next morning. If you are planning to have friends ride the school bus with your child, be sure to call your bus driver ahead of time. Many of our school buses are at or near capacity, with little room to transport extra students. A few minutes on the phone with your bus driver ahead of time will go a long way to ensuring many hours of happiness for your child and his/her friends.



*Cookies and Milk  
with Santa  
December 13  
(Details on page 13)*



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*All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.*

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Parents and grade 8 – 11 students are invited to attend

## Career Pathways: Options in Education

at Shiocton Schools

**Thursday, December 18**

**6:00 – 7:45 p.m.**

Please join us to learn more about the nearly 20 career pathways being created for students in Shiocton with collaboration from neighboring districts.

Fields of study include Engineering, Manufacturing, Welding, Agriculture Systems, Accounting and Business, and several more.

In addition to job placements in a field of interest, students will graduate with an industry-recognized certification.

### *Save the Date!*



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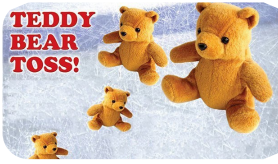
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On November 6, members of the Safety Committee joined our local EMS and fire department personnel at the Emergency Response Training (ERT) presentation hosted by members of the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department. This presentation provided us with an understanding of the various roles and responses the responding officers and groups would perform.

We look forward to learning more at the follow-up training to be held later this winter.

C O R N E R

## Teddy Bear Toss to Help Food and Toy Drive



SWAT will be hosting a Teddy Bear Toss on Monday, December 8, at the varsity boys basketball game. We encourage community members to bring new or gently-used stuffed animals to the game to throw out onto the court during halftime. All the stuffed animals will be given to families in need through the Food and Toy Drive. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

## Movies at the Public Library

The Shiocton Public Library will again be having movie afternoons in December. The dates and times are on Thursdays, December 4 and 18, from approximately 3:15-4:45 p.m. Popcorn and water will be available. Donations are appreciated. Please come and join us.



## Reality Check Volunteers Needed!

Parents, community members, and business owners:  
Help with an interactive, hands-on financial literacy event  
for high school seniors.

Thursday, January 15 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Shiocton High School

Help our seniors test their ability as consumers in our economy  
through an authentic financial event.

Contact Elizabeth Schneider, Social Studies teacher  
(920) 986-3351 ext. 787 or [eschneider@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:eschneider@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

## Archery Club Holds Raffle

*by Steve Parker*

The Archery Club is selling raffle tickets. Money collected will help purchase equipment and pay for transportation to tournaments. Tickets are \$1 for one or \$5 for six. **Grand prize is a new Mathews Reezen Bow** which retails for nearly \$900. **Second prize is a collection of gift certificates from Shiocton businesses worth \$200.** **Third prize is \$100 cash.** There are many other archery and non-archery related prizes that will be awarded as well.

Ticket sales will run through the beginning of January. Drawings will be held at our January 8 practice.

Tickets can be bought from club members, Officer Greg Fischer at the school, or select businesses in the Shiocton area. Questions can be directed to Officer Greg Fischer at 810-8204 or me at 257-7822.

The club is always open to new members from grades 4-12.

Buy Your  
Raffle Tickets  
Here

## Coffee with Community Reminder

Wednesday, December 3  
9:30-10:30 a.m.  
at the River Rail

Please join Mrs. Schweitzer for Coffee with Community. This is an opportunity for community members to share their hopes, thoughts, and ideas for the Shiocton School District over a cup of coffee. Hope to see you there!



## NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Shiocton  
April 7, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 27, 2015. The present incumbents are as follows:

Raymond Gomm  
Mary Hoffman

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**, with the School District Clerk in the School District Office in Shiocton at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary election is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Given under my hand this 24th day of November, 2014:

David Gomm, Clerk  
Board of Education  
School District of Shiocton

# News from the Nurse — What is Stroke?

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. It is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. Last year 795,000 people suffered a stroke in the U.S.

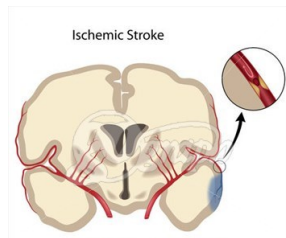
A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain either bursts, ruptures, or is blocked by a clot. As a result, the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs and pieces of the brain die.

## Stroke Risk Factors

Approximately 80% of strokes can be prevented. Though some stroke risk factors are uncontrollable, such as age and race, other risk factors are in your control and making small lifestyle changes can reduce your stroke risk. For example, hypertension, which is the leading risk factor, can be controlled by eating a healthy diet, regularly engaging in physical activity, not smoking, and by taking prescribed medications. The American Heart Association identifies seven factors to control for ideal health. Life's Simple 7: be active, control cholesterol, eat a healthy diet, manage blood pressure, maintain a healthy weight, control blood sugar, and don't smoke.

## Types of Stroke

⇒ An Ischemic Stroke occurs when a clot or mass, often a fatty plaque deposit, clogs a blood vessel cutting off the blood flow to brain cells. Ischemic strokes account for 87% of all stroke cases.



⇒ A Hemorrhagic Stroke results from a weakened vessel that ruptures and bleeds into the surrounding brain tissue. The blood accumulates and forms a bruise within the brain tissue, compressing brain cells and causing them to die.

⇒ A TIA or Transient Ischemic Attack produces stroke-like symptoms. A TIA is caused by a clot; but unlike a stroke, the blockage is temporary and usually causes no permanent damage to the brain. TIAs are often called “mini-strokes.” Approximately 15% of all strokes occur after a TIA. A TIA is a medical emergency!



## Identifying Stroke

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs and symptoms of a stroke. F.A.S.T. is:

**F**ace Drooping — Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

**A**rm Weakness — Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**S**peech Difficulty — Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like “the sky is blue.” Is the sentence repeated correctly?

**T**ime to call 911 — If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and ensure they are transported to the hospital immediately by ambulance, the fastest way to get medical care.

Source and to learn more about stroke, visit [StrokeAssociation.org](http://StrokeAssociation.org).





### Principal's Report

As you move through this holiday season, my hope is that you'll find time to enjoy the little things in life that make the holidays special. May you focus on things that truly matter: friends and family.

Happy Holidays!



The Student Council is again sponsoring their annual Food and Toy Drive. They have been collecting nonperishable food items, toys, and money for several weeks, and the support they have received thus far from the community has been outstanding. During the month of November, staff members helped out as well. Staff members have been able to pay \$1 a day to wear jeans to work. This has helped Student Council raise a little extra money. We are hoping that these extra efforts will allow everyone to have a happy holiday season.

On December 9, our early release time will focus on the many initiatives that the district has started over the past two years (*Teacher Effectiveness, Build Your Own Curriculum, Data Digging* – just to name a few). All of these areas have a direct impact on instruction and student academics. By giving teachers time to focus on the many needs of our students, we are hoping to provide a more individualized plan of instruction to meet the needs of all students.

The Winter Band and Choir Concert will be held on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs.



Anderson directs the middle and high school choirs, and Mr. Yenor directs the middle and high school bands.

The students have been working hard on the musical selections, and I look forward to hearing them perform. They will be hosting a chili dinner before the concert.

The winter athletic seasons are underway and off to good starts. If you have time, come out and take in a boys or girls basketball game or a wrestling match. The dance team also performs at many events, so you get an extra bang for your buck. It is a great way to spend an evening and show your support for our athletes.

During this busy time of year, take time to enjoy the season and all it has to bring.

*Happy Holidays,  
Kelly Zeinert, Principal*

### DAR Representative

Alexia Beecher has been selected as Shiocton's 2014-15 DAR Representative. DAR stands for Daughters of the American Revolution. The recipient of this honor is selected by the Shiocton High School staff. A DAR representative must possess four qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Alexia has proven that she does possess those qualities and will represent Shiocton Schools well. Congratulations, Alexia!



### Fall Sports Awards

#### Volleyball

*MVP*  
Megan Coenen  
*Coaches Award*  
Dallas Stelter  
Julia Riehl



*All-CWC*  
*Honorable Mention*  
Corrie McCarthy  
Hannah Guyette  
Megan Coenen

#### Football

*All-CWC Offense*  
First Team  
Henry Fielding-RB  
Austin Riehl-WR  
\*Riley Wood-G  
Joep Leenman-K



*All-CWC Defense*  
First Team  
Garrett Gunderson-DB  
Henry Fielding-LB  
Riley Wood-DL  
Gavin Braun-P

Second Team  
Garrett Gunderson-RB  
Brady Bellin-T

Second Team  
Austin Riehl-DB  
Jordan Collar-DL

Honorable Mention  
Gavin Braun-End  
Nathan Schmidt-QB

Honorable Mention  
Brady Bellin-DL  
Bryce Kuehl-DL  
Gavin Braun-DB

*\*Unanimous selection*

#### *Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Awards*

All-State Honorable Mention: Garrett Gunderson-DB

All-Region:  
Riley Wood-OL, Henry Fielding-LB, Garrett Gunderson-DB

## Counselor's Corner

by Rhonda Uelmen

**Seniors** This is another reminder that college applications should be turned in as soon as possible. Many schools start to fill up around this time. This is also the time that college scholarship deadlines are coming due. Please check on your college website to confirm when those applications are due.



Speaking of scholarships, winter break is a great time to get started and complete some of our local scholarship applications. Some of our scholarships may be converted to online applications, so we will keep you posted when these are up and running. Both types will be taken this year.

**Juniors** Remember to make your junior meeting with me and invite your parent. I encourage your parent to attend for another set of ears.

Don't forget to visit colleges when you can and continue prepping for your ACT! Prep dates will be set up soon with core teachers to go over your ACT practice sample or to just learn test-taking strategies. Please keep your eyes on all the areas that I post events. These include *The Link*, Facebook, guidance bulletin board, announcements, and Skyward.

**Sophomores** As we wrap up another year of WKCE testing, Shiocton staff would like to thank all parents for adjusting their schedules for appointments so we could get all of our students tested. We had very few make-up tests. Great job, students, for all of your hard work as well!

**Freshmen** Freshman students who are still struggling to adapt to high school, please stop down or contact me to come up with some study strategies, one of which is the After School Program. This is an opportunity for students to stay after school and get their homework done as well as get any help they may need. The After School Program started in November. Also, our senior mentors in the S.H.Y. project have been doing a fantastic job with freshmen.



### Important Dates:

December 4	Army National Guard visit
December 11	FVTC rep in pupil services at 2:20 p.m.
December 13	ACT exam date
January 1, 2015	FAFSA application is available <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
January 13	Mock interviews for seniors
January 15	ASVAB for juniors Reality Check for seniors at 8:00 a.m.
January 21	End of semester I

## Chess Club Prepares for Tournament

by Bill Greider

The Chess Club is preparing for their first tournament game on December 6 at Nekoosa, Wisconsin. In the meantime, some club members are getting experience



playing in nearby open tournaments. Lucas Radtke, a ninth grade student, played in the 2014 Waupaca County Open on November 1. Lucas, who is rated at 1250 by the United States Chess Federation, won first place in the Open Section.

Congratulations, Lucas! To be eligible to play in the open section, a

player had to be a USCF member and had to play all five rounds using the Swiss System. The Swiss System pairs like players against like players. For example, a player that won their first game would be paired against a player who also won their first game, and a player with two wins and a loss would face a player with the same win-loss record. One point is earned by the winner of a game, .5 points for a draw, or zero points for a loss. Control time clocks are used, and each player has 40 minutes to make their moves with a 5-second delay. Lucas won four games with one loss. He won first place outright, but in case of a tied win-loss record, the winner is determined by which player played the tougher competition based on their rating.

The Chess Club practices every Thursday after school in the art room and periodically will have open chess play for other students to come in and play and learn about chess. Mrs. Radtke and I are co-coaching this year's Shiocton chess team and are currently deciding which five players will represent Shiocton in the Northeast Wisconsin Chess Association (NEWCA) tournament games.



Each team has five players ranking on five boards. Our number one board player would play other teams' number one board player and our number two board player would play other teams' number two board player, etc. Lucas Radtke is our only rated player. Players are rated once they play in a tournament, and the rating is based on their competition and win/loss record. I played in my first USCF tournament November 8-9 — the Wisconsin Chess Association Veterans Tournament in Oshkosh — and entered as a non-rated player. My new rating will be based on the same criteria as the junior/scholastic level.

For more information about the Chess Club or questions about the game itself, please contact me.



# Art Club News *by Bill Greider*

## Mural Work

The Art Club has been busy working on the Shiocton Public Library mural and is in the final stages of putting in second coats and detailing. Students who worked on the project this year are Nicole Pomeroy, Heather Hellweg, Alexis Zick, Hunter Herminath, Jaden Schneider, Morgan Knoke, Courtney Jansen, Zach Thede, and Rylee Davis.



## Also at the Shiocton Public Library

On view now at the public library are two design projects from last spring's Art 2 classes. One is based on artist Debra Butterfield's horse sculptures, in which she designs horse forms using tree branches and twigs and translates these into bronze sculptures. Students selected an animal or insect to translate into a stick form, thinking about the shapes and forms that make up the essence of the animal.

Also on display is a project in which students learned about the artist Henry Moore, an abstract sculptor who created bronze sculptures based on the human form. Students made sketches of classmates before selecting the drawing they wanted to create as a sculpture. They then simplified and merged shapes to create an abstraction from the drawing. The next step involved making a plasticine form based on the abstraction. Students then did a side and front view sketch onto a foam block of the plasticine form and carved from multiple sides. After carving the block, students colored the foam with a single color to accent the highlights and shadows on the form.

## Art Club Trip

The club's trip to the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh to see a Henri Matisse print exhibition had to be canceled. Instead, the club went to the Milwaukee Art Museum to see the exhibition, "Of Heaven and Earth...500 Years of Italian Painting from Glasgow Museums." The exhibit includes religious paintings from the middle ages to the late renaissance and secular neo-classical as well as genre paintings into the 19th century. Featured artists



include the Venetian artists — Tiziano Vecellio, also known as Titian (1487-1576), and the beautiful Venetian canal paintings of Francesco Guardi (1712-1793). The museum also features a fine permanent collection and the renovated architecture designed by international architect Santiago Calatrava.



Plans are being arranged for an Art Club sponsored bus trip to Madison during the second semester to visit the Capitol rotunda, the Chasen Art Museum, the Madison Center for Contemporary Arts, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. This trip will be open to all high school students for a fee to help cover the cost of the bus. More details will be available in the near future.



## Art 3 Students Work on Stained Glass Designs

by Bill Greider

Art 3 students are currently beginning a new project in stained glass. Students had previous experience with stained glass in both Art 1 and Art 2, with simple introductory projects that taught them how to translate designs onto glass and cut out simple glass shapes, use a glass grinder to clean up rough edges, apply copper foil tape to the edges of each glass piece, and stabilize the design so they could finish the process by soldering the glass together.

In this project, students needed to design or find a design that would be at least 12" by 18" and require up to 30-50 pieces of cut glass to complete. The project will take four to five weeks to complete, including either applying a lead cam border or creating a wood frame to hold the finished piece. The process involves:

- creating two copies of the design (one for cutting out to trace onto the desired glass),
- tracing and cutting all the pieces of glass,
- cleaning rough edges with the glass grinder,
- applying copper tape evenly, making sure that it adheres properly to the glass,
- nailing the design onto a board so it does not shift while soldering,
- applying flux and soldering to create a half round bead of solder,
- coloring and sealing the solder and creating the mounting frame.



## Art Teacher Wins Award for Watercolor



Bill Greider won an award at Watercolor Wisconsin 2014, and his watercolor painting is on the new postcard for the exhibition (*pictured at right*). Bill is pictured at left with watercolors he did for a Drawing and Painting Exhibition at the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay.





## School Board Meeting Summaries

### October 20, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke.

**Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Logan Cummings, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the agenda as amended, adding letter C under New Business – set date for special board meeting to set the tax levy.
- Approve the 2014-15 District Goals after a second reading.
- Hire Terry Houterman for the part-time food service position contingent upon successful completion of the pre-work screening assessment.
- Approve Youth Options for second semester as presented.
- Hold a special board meeting on Monday, October 27, to set the tax levy.

In other discussion:

- Review agenda for Community Education Event — November 19.

Student report: Logan Cummings gave a high school Student Council update.

Board reports:

- Raymond Gomm: CESA 6 board meeting.
- Bradley Ritchie: WASB Fall Regional meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Elementary school update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Written report submitted on Parent/Teacher Conferences, volleyball regionals, varsity Level 1 football playoffs, choir concert, and WKCE testing.
- Mrs. Guex: October Aid Certification and DPI reports.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Superintendent meetings, Finance Workshop on October 22, Legal Issues in Education on October 23.

Upcoming events:

- Junior Prom — April 18, 2015
- Senior Awards Program — May 20, 2015
- Graduation — May 31, 2015
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade on Saturday, August 15, 2015

### October 27, 2014 (Special Meeting)

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, and Keith Skenandore.

The board voted to:

- Set the General Fund expenditures for 2014-15 at \$8,791,457 and levy upon the taxable property of the School District of Shiocton the sum of \$3,022,505 for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools; \$81,635 for the purpose of funding non-referendum debt; \$622,200 for debt-service retirement; and \$5,000 for Community Service fund for a total levy of \$3,731,340.

In other discussion:

- October Aid Certification and impact on levy.
- PMA Financial Forecast — Discuss revised projections and determine assumptions.

### November 5, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Scott Gralla, Nancy Schmidt, Glen Bunnell, Jeannie Otto, Jude Backman, and Beth Bloedorn.

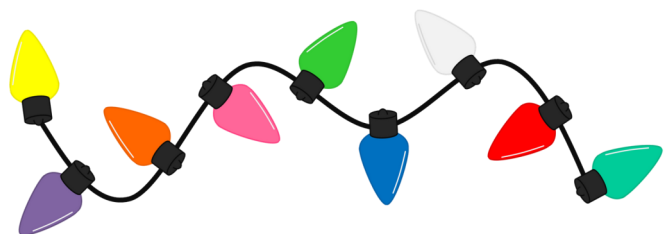
Presentation: Scott Gralla from the PMA Financial Network provided an update on the district's financial outlook.

Discussion:

- Financial outlook.
- Potential referendum needs and timelines.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: WKCE update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Veterans Day Program and paper donation.
- Mrs. Guex: Business office update.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Finance Workshop and Legal Issues, Math Morning.



## December Calendar of Events

1	Mon	<b>School Board meeting in the LMC</b> — 6:30 pm
1-5	M-F	Elementary/Middle School Penny Race for Food and Toy Drive
2	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
3	Wed	Coffee with Community at the River Rail — 9:30-10:30 am SPICE meeting at the River Rail — 6:00 pm
4	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm Girls JV/Varsity Basketball at Stockbridge — 5:30/7:00 pm
6	Sat	HS Wrestling Invitational at Oconto — 10:00 am
8	Mon	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Waupaca — 4:15 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. St. Mary's Springs — 6:00/7:30 pm Teddy Bear Toss during varsity boys halftime
9	Tue	<b>Early release for Staff Development</b> — 12:10 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
10	Wed	<b>The Link</b> — Deadline for submitting articles for the January issue
11	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at New London — 4:15 pm HS Wrestling at home vs. Rosholt — 7:00 pm
12	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm Kids Holiday Shopping in the cafeteria — 6:30-8:00 pm
13	Sat	<i>Cookies and Milk with Santa</i> in the cafeteria — 9:30 am-noon Kids Holiday Shopping in the cafeteria — 9:30 am-3:00 pm HS Wrestling Invitational at Brillion — 9:30 am
15	Mon	<i>Shiocton Christmas Party</i> — Chili dinner in the cafeteria — 4:00-6:30 pm Winter Band/Choir Concert in the HS gym — 7:00 pm MS Boys Basketball at Black Creek — 4:15 pm <b>School Board meeting in the LMC</b> — 5:30 pm
16	Tue	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
18	Thu	MS band and choir performs at Rennes Retirement Community in Appleton — 10:30 am-2:00 pm Career Pathways: Options in Education — 6:00-7:45 pm ( <i>see page 2 for more info</i> ) HS Wrestling at Menominee Indian — 7:00 pm
19	Fri	Elementary Winter Concert in the high school gym — 1:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm
20	Sat	HS Wrestling Invitational at Beaver Dam — 9:30 am
23	Tue	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Marion — 6:00/7:30 pm
24-1/4		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> — Winter break
29	Mon	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Invitational at Kress Center on UWGB campus — 10:30 am/1:05 pm
30	Tue	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Invitational at Kress Center on UWGB campus — 12:05 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Little Chute — 5:45/7:15 pm



*Cookies and Milk  
with Santa*

Saturday  
December 13  
9:30-noon

### Coming Up in January

2	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Kewaunee HS Wrestling at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah
5-9	Paper Recycling Fundraiser
6	Deadline for School Board candidate filing MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel
9	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home
16	School in session only if a snow day has occurred
21	End of the second quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal







## Food and Toy Drive Still Needs Your Help

Classes are still competing to see who can collect the most items for this year's Food and Toy Drive. The winning classes in elementary, middle, and high school will be rewarded with a special treat provided by Student Council.

Different products are being featured each week, but all items, including monetary donations, are always welcome and appreciated. Items featured in December are:

- December 1-5 Baby products/paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)  
\*Please submit monetary donations by this week as we need time to shop for items. Thank you!
- December 8-12 Any food or toys
- December 18-19 Delivery to families. Families will be notified of time and date.



We would like to thank everyone who contributes to this wonderful event! Each year we're able to accommodate more and more families thanks to this generous community!!!

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.  
All students must take ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.  
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, string cheese, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
<b>1</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, dinner roll, milk	<b>2</b> Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk	<b>3</b> Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, cookie, milk	<b>4</b> Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	<b>5</b> Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, tri taters, green beans, pears, milk
<b>8</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, sliced bread, broccoli, peaches, milk	<b>9</b> Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	<b>10</b> Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk	<b>11</b> Burritos, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	<b>12</b> Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk
<b>15</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>16</b> Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, milk	<b>17</b> Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pears, broccoli, milk	<b>18</b> Cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, peaches, milk	<b>19</b> Homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
<b>22</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, breadstick, milk	<b>23</b> Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, fresh vegetables, applesauce, milk	<b>24</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>25</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>26</b> <b>No School</b>

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day  
Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$36.55 for December  
Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$41.65 for December

Parents/Guardians — Please remember, money is needed in the lunch account before purchases are made. If your account has a negative \$20 balance, please send money or a cold lunch. Your child may not be allowed to eat hot lunch. No a la carte purchases will be allowed. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Elementary/Middle School News

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the **Veterans Day Program** in November. Once again, we had a great turnout from the community and the surrounding area. Students in grades K-12 participated in the program to honor veterans — past and present. The band, choir, and elementary students all did a wonderful job! Great job to everyone involved with this year's program!



A thank you also goes out to those of you who were able to attend the **Community Education Event** that was held in November! We thank you for coming out on such a cold evening to learn about the assessments which Shiocton students will be taking throughout the year.

### December Events and Activities

Happy December! Staff, students, and parents are working very hard to prepare for all of the events and special activities that are coming up during the month of December. Here are a few events that you may wish to put on your calendar:



*Cookies and Milk with Santa* (sponsored by SPICE) is coming up on Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The *Chili Dinner and Winter Music Concert* is coming up on Monday, December 15. The Chili Dinner will take place from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Then, at 7:00 p.m., the middle/high school band and choir students will perform in the high school gym. Please join us!



The *Elementary Winter Concert* for grades K-5 is coming up on Friday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym. We hope to see you there!

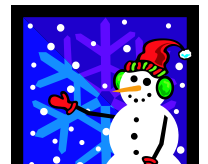
### Cold Weather Reminders

As you know all too well, the cold weather started a bit earlier this year in our area. We are not used to seeing students in winter gear this early, but, unfortunately, it is a must. Due to the cold weather, please make sure your child has the proper winter gear to wear to school (hat/ear muffs, mittens, boots, snow pants). The children do go outside for recess unless the temperature is below zero. Middle school students also go outside during their lunch/recreation time. Please help monitor that your child is dressing appropriately for winter. Thank you! ☺



During this season, may we all take time to count our blessings, appreciate all of the special people in our lives, and help those who are less fortunate. Have a safe, healthy, and joyous season.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺  
Elementary/Middle School Principal



### Food and Toy Drive

As you know, the Student Council Food and Toy Drive is going on right now. High school Student Council members coordinate this drive each year to help needy families within our community. Please help us in our final weeks of the drive! Any new or gently used items, as well as canned goods, will be greatly appreciated. As you donate, please keep in mind that we need items for children of all ages (from infants to ages 17-18). Shiocton is filled with incredible community members who come through year after year. Thank you so very much, in advance, for your thoughtfulness and your generosity!

### Important Dates to Remember:

Tues., Dec. 9	12:10 p.m. Early Dismissal for Staff Development
Mon., Dec. 15	Chili Dinner – 4:00-6:30 p.m. Winter Music Concert – 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 19	Elementary Winter Concert – 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 24	Winter Break Begins – No School
Mon., Jan. 5	School Resumes
M-F, Jan. 5-9	Community Paper Drive



## Fun Fall Activities in Early Childhood

The early childhood class began the month of November by jumping into fall. Students learned about the fall season and discussed the changes they see outside. Students had fun pretending to be trees and letting their leaves fall to the floor. They made various fall trees using corks, pumpkin seeds, and paint swatches. They got dirty using shaving cream and food coloring to make some impressive and beautiful fall leaves.

In addition to leaves, owls were hanging around our autumn tree. Students learned about animals that are awake at night and their diet of mice, birds, and bugs. Students practiced their fine motor and shape recognition skills by cutting shapes to assemble a shape owl. They also got both feet dirty making a footprint owl. We hope you had the opportunity to check out our fall display in the hallway.



The week of Thanksgiving, we focused on turkeys. Students made a turkey out of tissue paper and foam. The students' favorite part of the week was making turkey cookies – yummy!!

We look forward to running into December to catch the gingerbread man, as well as creating beautiful trees. From our classroom to your house ~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## Pie Sale Benefits Spanish Club

by Joyce Baggot

Thank you to the elementary staff, students, and parents for their participation in selling over 100 pies and desserts. Mrs. Pigsley's 5-year-old kindergarten classroom received an apple pie and ice cream party. This winning classroom sold a grand total of 40 pies.



Congratulations to Mrs. Pigsley's students. Mr. Backman's third grade class came in second, selling 26 pies, and Mrs. Otto's second graders followed in third place with 22 pies sold.

Aiden Schmidt and Carly Lorenz, who each sold 22 pies, were the outstanding pie sellers. They each received a \$40 Best Buy gift card. Third place went to Phoebe Pierce, who received a \$20 gift card for her pie-selling efforts.

The Spanish Club earned \$620 in profit from this fantastic pie fundraiser. This will help towards funding their next south of the border trip.

## Healthy Eating in 4K

The four-year-old kindergartners have been busy learning about the first Thanksgiving and the fall harvest. We have also been focusing on nutrition and identifying what food groups certain foods fit into. The children enjoyed listing the foods from lunch and putting them in the correct space on our plate. We have enjoyed watching short videos about good nutrition and exercise.



We have been reading many stories about the first Thanksgiving and comparing the foods that they ate at the first Thanksgiving to the foods we eat today at Thanksgiving. Did you know that they did not have pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving? However, they did have pumpkin stew!

The children are looking forward to preparing for Christmas — the best time of the year for a child! Happy holidays!

*SPICE presents*

## Cookies and Milk with Santa

Saturday, December 13

9:30 a.m.- noon in the school Cafeteria

You won't want to miss this fun event. We'll have cookie decorating and other activities while you wait to see Santa. This event is FREE. Be sure to bring your camera!



*NEW this year,*

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING for the kids!

Our shop will be open on Friday, December 12, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Have your child bring a list of people they would like to shop for and a budget, and we will help them pick out gifts and wrap them.

There will be items from 25¢ to \$20, but the majority of the items are under \$5. There will be games and activities for the children while they wait for their turn to shop.



## Building Reading Skills in 5K

In December we will continue the theme of *Family Ties*, and then proceed with *Animal Families*. We will also be creating some holiday projects.

Kindergartners will continue to review the letters and letter sounds we have covered and will be introduced to the letters *Ll*, *Hh*, *Ee*, *Bb*, and the *ch* diagraph blend. We have started blending the letter sounds together to create and read words, using the letters we have already learned: *Tt*, *Rr*, *Ss*, *Mm*, *Pp*, *Cc*, *Aa*, *Nn*, *Dd*, *Gg*, *Ff*, *Ii*, and the *sh* and *th* diagraphs. Have your child practice making words by blending the letter sounds together.



At school the children will be using the sight words we have learned, plus our new words this month — *gray*, *for*, *are*, *you*, *see*, *play*, *he*, *me*, *be*, *has*, *in*, *is*, *his*, and *that* — to build sentences. Please continue to study the sight word cards with your child. We have also worked on blending letter sounds together (*-am*, *-at*, *-ap*), and we will continue with these and add *-it*, *-ig*, and *-ip* this month. We are working on developing the children's writing skills, too. Encourage your child to sound out words and write the sounds that they hear. They may surprise you!

In math this month we will be working on building teen numbers using 5-groups, showing teen numbers as a group of ten ones and further ones, match partners and totals for teen numbers, tell and solve addition and subtraction stories, and show partners for numbers 2 through 7.

Parents, don't forget to help your child learn how to tie their shoes, as the teachers do not tie shoes after Christmas!

Happy holidays to you and your family!



**5K Art**  
Working  
with  
watercolor  
and oil  
pastels

Above:  
*Owen  
Drath*

At right:  
*Lana  
Arneson  
and  
Asja  
Everson*



## First Graders Prepare for the Gingerbread Man

Wow! November has come and gone already. We were so busy in first grade that the month flew by. We had many discussions on the meaning of Thanksgiving and the first Thanksgiving. We also created projects centered around the Thanksgiving theme.

Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's students have been busy learning about the Scientific Method in science class. We have been learning how to 1) ask questions about the world around us, 2) form a hypothesis, 3) experiment, and 4) express conclusions through writing. It is exciting to see the first graders "think like a scientist."

This brings us to December. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this month. One favorite will surely be our gingerbread man unit. We will read several versions of this old tale and compare the stories. No gingerbread unit would be complete without the actual making and baking of gingerbread man cookies! Even though we always tell the cooks not to peek at the cookies when they're baking, they always forget, and a few gingerbread men run away. We'll have to be extra careful this year. ☺



Our first graders are busy in music class preparing for their winter concert with Miss Ludtke. We hope you will be able to join us on December 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym to hear our students present their holiday musical gifts.

As we enter the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes the routines of homework get set aside. Remember that the more your first grader reads, the better reader he/she will become. Please try to keep your nightly routine of reading, practicing spelling, and completing math homework intact. Thank you for continuing to be an active participant in your child's education.



## So Much to Do in Grade 2!

December brings the anticipation of snowy weather and holiday celebrations! To occupy the second graders until the BIG event, we plan to keep them very busy by continuing to work on reading and writing skills, math strategies, and so much more. The students are progressing in their ability to find common mistakes in writing in order to make sentences grammatically correct in conversation and writing. We continue to work on our reading skills by making connections, predicting, inferring, and retelling. All of these things help to build comprehension, so that we can take away all of the great parts of a story. There is so much more to a book than the words on the page! Don't forget to remind your second grader to choose a "Good Fit" book. These selections build a reader's confidence as well as allow readers to build fluency, accuracy, expression, and comprehension. Happy reading!

We worked on adding 2-digit numbers in math. We have learned about new groups below, show all totals, and new groups above strategies. We can also show a proof picture to prove our sum as well. We are connecting place values and money to these strategies throughout the unit. Now we can even add three or four 2-digit addends together! WOW, are we rocking out in math in second grade. Ask your child about how we are exploring length and shapes right now — estimating and using tools to measure, along with making line plots. Our math brains are overflowing with knowledge.



Lastly, we can officially say goodbye to warm temperatures. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather conditions on a daily basis. Wisconsin weather can be so unpredictable, so the best plan is to be prepared for each school day by sending all necessary items for cold weather as soon as they are needed. Each day, please provide your child with a warm coat, a cozy hat, and since the snow has already made its debut – a few pairs of gloves, warm boots, and snow pants. If you are unable to provide these items, please contact your child's teacher. Thanks for all of the help, guidance, and support that you provide to your child!



*The 2014  
Winter Concert  
featuring  
grades 5K-5  
and  
the grade 5 band  
will be on  
Friday,  
December 19,  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
in the  
high school gym.*

### Elementary/Middle School Student Council News

The elementary and middle school Student Councils are sponsoring a **Penny Race** from December 1-5.

Students may bring in spare pennies and place them in their grade bucket during lunch. If you would like to provide a larger donation, silver coins and bills placed in opposing grades' buckets will subtract from their penny total. All proceeds will help purchase items for the Food and Toy Drive. The grade with the most money in their bucket will be rewarded with an ice cream party. ☺



- ◆ Monday, December 8, is Football Fan dress-up day.



### Third Grade – Ready for More Learning

We have finished our first two units on multiplication and division with numbers up to 100. As with many of the new curriculum concepts and standards, third graders are to be fluent with their multiplication facts up to 100. Multiplication and division work will still happen, even though the young math wizards have moved on to measurement.

As we continue into the month of December, the "ALL-school" Food and Toy Drive will move forward, and this is a great chance for school and community to come together and help families in need. Also, the third graders have a special request to donate items to the Harbor House. If you can help out with either one of these holiday donations, that would be great.

Our busy December will include our Winter Concert. This will take place in the high school gym on Friday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!! Also, just a reminder that winter break begins after classes on Tuesday, December 23. School will resume on Monday, January 5.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the third grade team.



# Don't Eat Me!!

by Third Graders

Hey Mr. Hunter, don't eat me for Thanksgiving. I might have the yucky bird flu. I have a fever 172°F. I am sweaty all the time. I eat too many gross worms.

I am really stinky. I never take showers. I'm in the mud all the time. I have fleas and ticks.

I don't have no meat on my bones. I'm the size of your hand. I don't taste good. See I told you that you don't want to eat me. But...I would love to be a guest at your table! Happy Thanksgiving.

Lizzy Pelky



Dear Mr. Hunter,

Please do not eat me! Three reasons not to eat me are first, I have a doctor appointment. Second, I have a dentist appointment. Third, I am getting married.

I have a doctor appointment. I have the flu. I have worms crawling out of me. I have pumpkin guts in my stomach.

I have a dentist appointment. My teeth are rotten. My jaws have zombie guts. My jaws are filled with worms.

I am getting married. I have to get my veil. I have to get my dress. I have to go get my hair done.

These are three reasons why you should not eat me for Thanksgiving.  
CHICKEN TASTES BETTER!!

Autumn Taylor

Dear Mr. Farmer,

Please do not eat me for Thanksgiving! Three reasons not to eat me are first, I have a car to fix. Second, I have a salon appointment. Third, I am stinky.

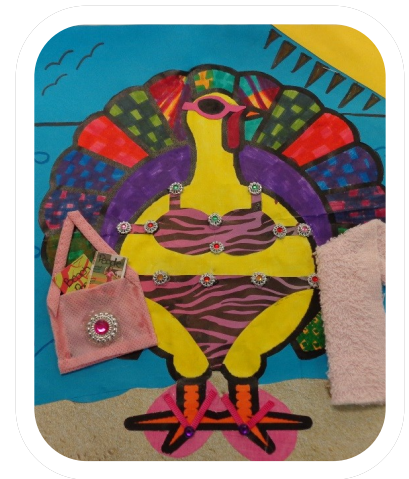
I am going to get a new headlight. I am getting an oil change. On Sunday I am getting leather seats.

I have a beauty shop appointment. I am going to get my nails done. I am getting my feathers curled. I am going to get my beak polished.

I am stinky. I have not taken a shower in a year. My feet smell. I have bugs in my hair.

These are the three reasons why you should not eat me. Chicken tastes better.

Kendyl Blohowiak



Never eat turkey in your life! My three reasons you should not eat turkey are I have to play baseball, I have to work out, and my legs make cracking noises.

My first reason you should not eat turkey is I have to play baseball. I need to be there for my team. I didn't want to be late. Plus I want to play in the baseball field.

My second reason you should not eat turkey is I have to work out. If I didn't work out I won't be "turkied up." I would be way too skinny to eat. Plus I would be sweaty.

My third reason why you should not eat turkey is my legs make cracking noises. You will get annoyed when the cracking starts. Plus you really wouldn't want to eat those skinny legs. My legs will not taste very good. That's why you should not eat turkey.

Ty Marcks



## Happy Holidays from SPICE

by Tanya Puls, SPICE Chair, [tpuls@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:tpuls@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

The holidays are such an exciting time of year, and they are approaching fast! We are so lucky that Santa will be visiting us in the cafeteria again this year! Make sure to mark your calendars, because the annual *Cookies and Milk with Santa* is on Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. This is such a fun event that you won't want to miss it. We will have cookie decorating and other fun activities planned while you wait to see Santa. Be sure to bring a camera



for that treasured picture of your little one(s) visiting Santa. This event is FREE.

**New this year:** During *Cookies and Milk with Santa*, SPICE is running a holiday fundraiser. Children may shop for holiday gifts for their loved ones from 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. There will be many gifts under \$5, and we will provide the children with a personal shopper! Look for additional information coming home soon!

The Third Annual Fall Free Family Movie Night was a huge success. Over 100 students, family, and friends watched *Mr. Peabody and Sherman* in the comfort of the school cafeteria. The kids especially enjoyed setting out blankets and pillows to watch the show. Thanks to all who helped organize and run that event.

SPICE tries its best to thank all of our volunteers throughout the year, but I want to extend an extra thank-you to all the parents, teachers, and community members who support our organization. We have a dedicated group of volunteers attending most of our meetings, and we also have a larger group of volunteers who help out with our many events through the year. Without your help and support, there would be no SPICE.

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. Being a part of an organization like SPICE can be a rewarding experience when you see the difference you can make in your school and its students. It is also a great way to meet other parents and teachers. New members bring a different perspective and fresh ideas to our group and help to carry our efforts into the future.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the River Rail. Please feel free to join us. Among other business, we will be discussing the election of officers for the 2015-16 school year and possibly a January Movie Night.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

THANK  
YOU!

## Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Cornell – School Counselor, Grades K-6  
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### Children With Anxiety

Anyone from the youngest child to the oldest adult experiences anxiety and fears at one time or another. Many anxieties and fears are normal. Toddlers experience “separation anxiety” from caregivers. Kids ages 4-6 may have fears that are not based in reality, such as monsters. Kids ages 7-12 may have fears that reflect real circumstances that may happen to them, such as bodily injury or natural disaster. Adolescents may experience anxiety of social acceptance or academic achievement.



**Signs of anxiety:** Clingy, impulsive, distracted, nervous movements (twitches), muscle tension, shaking, trouble sleeping, sweaty hands, accelerated breathing/heart rate, nausea, headaches, stomachaches.

#### What to do:

- ◆ Recognize that, from your child's perspective, these fears are real.
- ◆ Listen to your child and show them that you recognize their anxiety.
- ◆ Teach coping strategies, such as positive self-statements (“I will be OK,” “I can do this”).
- ◆ Practice relaxation techniques, such as visualization (“Imagine you are floating on a cloud or lying on a beach”) or deep breathing (“Imagine your lungs are balloons and let them slowly deflate”).
- ◆ If your child's fear seems out of proportion to the cause of stress, this may signal the need to seek outside help. Contact your doctor or mental health professional.

#### Resources for children:

- ◆ *What to Do When You Worry Too Much*, by Dawn Huebner
- ◆ *Billy Monster's Nightmare*, by Alan Durant
- ◆ *The Huge Bag of Worries*, by Virginia Ironside

#### Resources for parents:

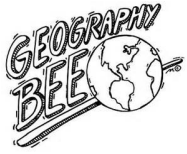
- ◆ *Helping Your Anxious Child*, by Ronald Rapee
- ◆ *Freeing Your Child From Anxiety*, by Tamar Chansky
- ◆ *Anxiety-Free Kids*, by Bonnie Zucker



## Grade 4 Gets Ready for the Bees

The second quarter is always welcome, because routines are well established, the class has developed a certain comfort level, and the students are very aware of the academic growth they are achieving.

Fourth grade is the first year for students to participate in the Geography Bee that is held in January. Fourth grade teachers will be looking for their geography buffs throughout November and December. It is a good idea for students interested in geography to start studying their maps, globes, and geography facts at home. The teachers will be choosing the contestants based on geography work done at school and classroom observations.



We will also be participating in the school Spelling Bee in January, and it is not too early for students to start preparing themselves for that. Students are chosen for the Spelling Bee in the same way they are chosen for the Geography Bee. The teachers also run classroom bees to help them decide who will go to the schoolwide competition.



**Grade 4 Art** Students created weavings using looms, warp and weft thread, beads, wooden dowels, and feathers. The Shiocton Pride weavings above were created by Dawson Schmidt (left) and Bennett Wilcox (right).

## Lego Bolts Compete in Regional

by Steve Parker

The Shiocton Lego robotics team, the Lego Bolts, competed at the Lakeshore Technical College Manitowoc



Regional on November 15. They put their robot through its paces in three robot matches and presented their research on black holes to a panel of judges.

Twenty-seven teams competed at the day-long tournament. While our team did not advance to the next level of competition, they learned a lot and had fun in the

process. Lots of people stopped by their booth to do their black hole experiment and watch their YouTube videos. The team did Shiocton proud!

Team Lego Bolt is made up of Dylan Van Camp, Tanner Baeten, Maddie Daniels, Logan Heindl, Josh Wilkinson, and Abbie Daniels.



## Gifted and Talented

Karen Rudat (grades K-7)  
986-3351 ext. 627  
or krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us

**Noetic Math Contest** On November 13, we had 84 students in grades 3-6 participate in the Noetic Math Contest. I am so very proud of these kids for challenging themselves and volunteering to be a participant. The message we want to send to all our kids is, "It is COOL to be good at math!" Winners to be announced.

**Battle of the Books** Our fourth and fifth graders in Battle of the Books (BOB) continue to vigorously read books. Contestants remain in competition. These readers simply amaze me with their efforts. Keep up the good work!! You do us proud!

**Spelling Bee** Shiocton School District is registered for the annual Spelling Bee contest with Scripps. The Spelling Bee is for all students in grades 3-8. Teachers have given students a copy of their word list to take home to study and prepare for their classroom spelling bee. Each teacher will be conducting a classroom bee sometime prior to December 17. The top two spellers from each classroom will move on to the local Spelling Bee.

The local Spelling Bee will be on Tuesday, January 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If school is canceled due to weather, the makeup day will be Thursday, January 15. The top speller(s) will then move on to the regional level in February.





## Fifth Graders Visit the Shiocton Airport

On October 17, the Shiocton Flyers Club hosted the fifth graders at the local Shiocton airport. Students learned about airplane parts, basics of flying, navigational terms, and different types of aircraft. A huge “Thank You” to the club for allowing us to explore the airport and sit inside a couple of their planes. The club also awarded two T-shirts to a lucky boy and girl whose names were drawn from a bucket. Winners of the T-shirts are Bethany Freeman and Andrew Behnke (pictured at right).



*Students learn about the airplane parts, such as fuselage, wings, rudder, flap, engine, and ailerons.*



*This is gyrocopter II because the first one crashed. The foot pedals are used to steer the plane. The throttle controls the speed.*

*-Andrew Behnke*



*This is a parachute plane, which floats like a kite. The engine is located in the back.*

*-Eyan Putzer*

## Post-Holiday Paper Drive

*by Tim Huebner*



Many thanks to all who contributed to the fall paper drives. This fundraiser would be impossible without generous support by the community here in Shiocton. The November drive brought in 5.5975 tons!

We will again be having a post-holiday paper drive. From Monday, January 5, to Friday, January 9, the large yellow dumpster will be behind school. This will be a great way to get rid of all those recyclables that seem to stack up at this time of year. **However, the one item that cannot be contributed is wrapping paper. Wrapping paper is not recyclable.**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 986-3351 ext. 739.

## 7th and 8th Grade Counselor News

*by Rhonda Uelmen*

The 7th grade will be covering protective behaviors for the month of November and December. A note was sent home regarding this, so please contact me if you do not want your child to participate, or if you have more questions.


The 8th grade careers class for the first quarter is finished and the second quarter is under way. I have found this class to be invaluable for preparing the 8th grade students for high school. Please continue to speak with your son/daughter about what the future holds for them.





# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...**

## THE SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY: CHILI DINNER AND WINTER CONCERT

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with good food and good music. The *Shiocton Christmas Party* is a sure way to usher in the warmth of the season. Join us as we serve chili, buns, refreshments, and dessert on **Monday, December 15**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** and will feature live holiday music as you dine. We will feature a bucket raffle and silent auctions at the event. And we've even invited Santa to join us, too! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at **7:00 p.m.** and feature all bands and choirs. Please look for information coming home this month and on our Facebook pages with more details on the *Shiocton Christmas Party*. Be sure to invite the entire family. Let's celebrate the season together!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS CAROL FOR THE ELDERLY

The middle school band and choir (grades 6-8) will travel to Rennes Retirement Community in Appleton on **Thursday, December 18**, from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will be excused from classes but will be expected to make up any work missed during the trip. We will stop for lunch before our performance. There is no cost for the trip other than the cost of lunch at McDonald's. A signed permission slip will be required of all students attending the trip. Please be on the lookout for information coming home early this month. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor.

## SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY: CHILI DINNER and WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 15

### CHILI DINNER

4:00-6:30 p.m.  
Cafeteria

### CONCERT

7:00 p.m.  
HS Gym  
5-12 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CAROLING TRIP

Thursday, December 18  
10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Rennes Retirement,  
Appleton  
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### CHRISTMAS PEP BAND

Friday, December 19  
6:30 p.m.  
HS Gym  
7-12 BAND

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Happy Holidays!

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# SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chili Dinner Fundraiser • Bucket Raffles • Silent Auctions • Winter Concert • Santa Claus

You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday season over a warm meal and the sounds of the season...plus a raffle for over a dozen fabulous gift packages, a silent auction for a few fantastic gift items, and a special visit from Santa.



SHIOCTON SCHOOLS • MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 •

CHILI DINNER 4:00-6:30 pm  
CONCERT 7:00 pm