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# The Link

## School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Shiocton April 4, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 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 24, 2017. The present incumbents are as follows:

David Gomm  
Gregory Schoettler

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 3, 2017, 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 21, 2017.

Given under my hand this 21st day of November 2016:

David Gomm, Clerk  
Board of Education

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 12/5—School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12/12—Winter Concert  
Band (Grades 5-12)/Choir (Grades 6-12)  
-Chili Dinner from 4:30-6:30 in cafeteria  
-Concert at 7:00 p.m. HS gym
- 12/13—Early Release—12:10 p.m.  
FVTC representative @ 11:20 a.m.
- 12/16—Elementary Winter Concert  
-Grades K5-2 @ 12:45 p.m.  
-Grades 3-5 @ 2:00 p.m.
- 12/19—School Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12/23-1/1—Winter Break—No School

December, 2016

## Veterans Day: Remembering, Recognizing

In his First Inaugural Address, President Ronald Reagan shared a powerfully patriotic message that rings true still today: "Those who would say that we are in a time when there are no heroes... they just don't know where to look."

One did not need to look very far to see many a hero during the Veterans Day program hosted by the Shiocton School District on Friday, November 11. With one of the largest turnouts of veterans

yet experienced, students and staff welcomed and honored the veterans of the Shiocton community. From our youngest vocalists to our high school band and choir, the students provided patriotic and inspirational songs for all as they remembered their days of war and of peace. Mrs. Schweitzer shared a poem written by Charles Michael Province, which recognizes the soldier as the backbone, the defender of the many freedoms we enjoy, while Heather and Payton shared the story, America's White Table.



A highlight to the program was the recently reconstructed video. This moving and heartfelt tribute to our veterans by Mr. Yenor and Mrs. Ritchie honored the many men and women who have served and are serving, as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Shiocton School District wishes to thank everyone who attended, as well as the Student Council who once again hosted a pre-program breakfast for veterans and their spouses.

### Mill Rate Increase Under 50Cents

At the Annual Meeting held in September, community members approved an initial budget with a mill rate of \$11.16 per \$1000 of property value. This rate was already under \$11.67, the maximum mill rate allowed per the referendum. Through sound financial stewardship and property re-evaluations, the District is able to balance the budget with a mill rate of \$10.65. This is an increase of just \$0.47 per \$1000 of property value and still far below the maximum rate allowed.

The School District of Shiocton is committed to providing a high-quality education to the youth of our community with an expectation of excellence for all. We appreciate your continued support of this commitment.

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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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## AEW: A reminder for, of all

As I write, we are marking the end to American Education Week, a week-long celebration of the amazing and outstanding education taking place in public schools across the nation and specifically, in Shiocton. Many of you have likely observed many of the amazing and outstanding lessons being taught and the students learning through the grades by way of our social media blitz. From Facebook to Twitter to Instagram, our focus was to bring the classroom to you. Thank you to the many viewers who retweeted, shared, liked, and commented - we were pleased to give you glimpses into the teaching and learning that takes place each day here in Shiocton schools.

Nothing reminds you of your blessings like time spent with students and staff. Certainly, my days here and all of those I spend them with are among my greatest blessings. As the t-shirt says, so we live our days: one town, one school, one family. My life is the richer for the interactions and experiences shared with students, staff, parents, and community members. May the blessing of the season be upon you, as well.

~ Mrs. Schweitzer

### Shiocton Lego Bolts Advance to Sectionals!

The Shiocton Lego Bolts competed at Lakeshore Tech on November 13 in a regional First Lego League competition.

The theme this year was Animal Allies and the kids had to develop an innovative way to improve a relationship between animals and humans. They chose to focus on the problem of shark poaching for shark fins that are turned into shark fin soup.

The judges were impressed with their ability to work together as a team so well. The team was judged on their problem and the solution, research and presentation skills, teamwork, robot design for the table completion, and during the timed robot competition based on missions they accomplished. Their hard work paid off and their team advanced to the Sectional Competition, which will be held December 10 in Oshkosh.

The team included the following students: Clayton Marohn, Daltyn Enders, Abbie Daniels, Harrison Hofacker, Ethan White, Josh Wilkinson, and Maddie Daniels. Great job and good luck at Sectionals!

# News & Information from the PK-6 Office

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you found time to reflect on all of the things you have to be thankful for. It might be a difficult transition to December after having such beautiful weather for parts of November, but I know we can do it!



As you know, there are many things that take place during the month of December. Here are some of the events and activities I'd like to highlight:

S.P.I.C.E. Information: The next SPICE meeting is coming up on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the River Rail. SPICE is also sponsoring "Cookies with Santa" which will take place on Saturday, December 10.

Band (Grades 5-12) & Choir (Grades 6-12) Chili Dinner & Winter Concert: The band and choir students will perform on Monday, December 12.

- Chili Dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- Concert at 7:00 p.m. in High School gym

Early Release on December 13: There will be a 12:10 early dismissal on Tuesday, December 13. Staff members will be engaged in professional development during the afternoon.

Elementary Music Concerts: The elementary music concerts are coming up on Friday, December 16 at the following times:

- Grades K-2 at 12:45 p.m. in the High School gym
- Grades 3-5 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School gym

Please arrive no sooner than 20 minutes before each program to assist with transition issues. Thank you for your help with this!

Food & Toy Drive: The Student Council Food & Toy Drive is continuing into December. Please help us in our final weeks of the drive! As you donate, please keep in mind that we need items for children of all ages (from infants to ages 17-18). Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



## Other Upcoming Events/Activities:

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Ver Voort's room.

Spelling Bee: The Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## Are you aware of all of the different ways to stay connected to our school? Here are a few . . .

School Website: For school information at any time, visit the Shiocton School District's website at [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us). Here you can find the lunch menu, the calendar for the entire district, and so much more. If you go to the Elementary/Middle School tab, the information there is updated as often as possible. Also, Grade 6 parents - - Do you know you can go to the school website, log in to Skyward, and view your child's progress with assignments and assessments? If not, feel free to contact Mrs. Murphy at 920-986-3351 ext. 721 for your login information. This is a great way for middle and high school parents to stay connected.

Facebook: Are you on Facebook? The Shiocton School District is also on Facebook. You can follow "Shiocton School District" to see a variety of postings each week.

Instagram: If you are an Instagram user, you can follow "shiocton\_school" for a variety of posts about the great things happening in the Shiocton School District.

Twitter: Are you on Twitter? If so, did you know you can now follow the school and see all of the great things happening all throughout the district? Follow @ShioctonSchools to see all of the information. You can also follow Shiocton Athletics @shioathletics for sports related information.

~\*~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.~\*~

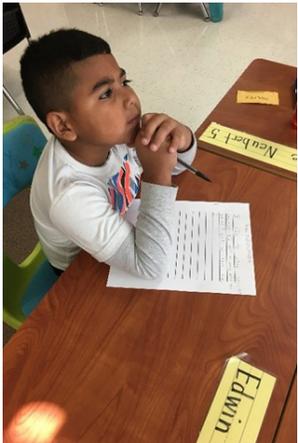
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kim Griesbach  
PK-6 Principal



# Second Grade News

By Mrs. Otto

It's hard to believe that it is December already! The school year is zipping by! In Writing Workshop, second graders celebrated the culmination of all that we learned about narrative writing, otherwise known in second grade as "Small Moment" stories. Now, we have moved on to opinion writing. We are learning how to write letters about characters we've met in books! In our letters, we are practicing formulating our opinions, providing reasons, and using examples or evidence from the text to support our claims. Once a letter is written, it is tucked inside the book and put back in our library for others to read! Will another reader share our same opinion or will he/she disagree? This is a catalyst for some interesting discussions with our book talk buddies!



Edwin thinking about his writing.



Ashlee and Brenna—  
Book Talk Buddies

In math, our second graders have learned different methods they can use to add 2-digit numbers such as New Groups Below, Show All Totals, and New Groups Above methods. We have also been using proof pictures to prove that our total or sum is correct. We connected what we learned about 2- and 3-digit numbers to help us explore place value and money in this unit, as well. Now, we can even add three or four 2-digit addends together! We have also been learning about the importance of perseverance in math and how it helps us in all areas of learning! Don't give up! You can do it!

Ask your child about- estimating and measuring length, learning how to use measurement tools appropriately, making line plots and recognizing 2 and 3 dimensional shapes! Second graders are engaging in some great 'hands on', authentic learning opportunities!

As the end of 2016 is quickly approaching, 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 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!

# Fourth Grade News

By Mrs. Krohlow

Looking back on all that we have accomplished in the first quarter really gives one perspective on what great work habits 4th graders can have. We've solidified our understanding of place value in numbers, learned numerous methods of adding, subtracting and multiplying larger numbers, learned how to write narrative stories, and deepened our understanding of the importance of characters in stories. We've also read so many books that it is hard to count! All of this while learning how to be the best student and citizen we can be. Whew! This is an exciting age in a young person's life.

We also have our first field trip under our belt. The fourth grade students were fortunate enough to be invited to tour the Dempze Cranberry Company in Biron (near Wisconsin Rapids) on October 20. It was a great day to watch the cranberry harvest, and learn about Wisconsin's leading fruit crop in both production and value!

As a bonus, we just happened to be there when an ESPN photojournalist was visiting. He was there to interview the Dempze family, because Mrs. Dempze's grandson, Vince Biegel (#47) plays football for the Wisconsin Badgers and will be in the 2017 NFL draft. They had a drone there to take pictures, and we got our picture taken!



Fourth grade is the first year for students to participate in the Geography bee that is held in January. Each class took a Geography test and the top three "Geo Buffs" from each class are studying like crazy for that test!

We will be participating in the school-wide Spelling Bee also held in January. It is not too early for students to start preparing themselves. Students are chosen for the spelling bee by looking at evidence of their daily work with words and their performance in classroom spell downs. These spell downs also give them practice with the format of a spelling bee, so they will be better prepared for the real thing.

## District/School Report Cards Released

By Mrs. Schweitzer

Report cards for schools and districts across the state were released for public review on Thursday, November 17.

The report cards measure four key areas: student achievement in ELA and math; student growth; closing gaps between student populations (special education, English Language Learners, social/economically disadvantaged, etc); readiness for graduation/post-secondary success.

Report cards for Shiocton Elementary School (Gr K-8), Shiocton High School (Gr 9-12), and the district can be found on the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Accountability School and District Report Card webpage, <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

There are many positive marks and areas of growth to celebrate across the grades. For example, SHS once again achieved 100% graduation rate and met the goals set for us by the State for both daily student attendance and participation in the state test. Both schools saw growth in closing the achievement gaps for different sub groups and in various academic areas.

Keep in mind that the report card changed dramatically since last published for the 2013-2014 school year, both in what is reported and how it is measured. As you review the report cards, please let Mrs. Zeinert, Mrs. Griesbach, or I know if you have any questions.

## The School Captains

By Mr. Spaulding

A new group has formed within Shiocton High School. The group is called The School Captains and consists of ten student-athlete leaders in grades 9-12. Group members are Austin Duenas, Caitlyn Henry, Nate Schmidt, Sydney Wilcox, Ben Gunderson, Gabby Gunderson, Allison Erickson, Reis Stingle, Ally Durham, and Cole Wilcox. Recommendations from coaches were used in selecting the student-athletes to form the group. It was initiated and led by Mr. Spaulding, district athletic director.

The purpose of The School Captains is to further foster the leadership abilities of the student-athletes so that they can use their skills to further promote leadership, development, and success of their fellow student-athletes and teams. The group plans to analyze a variety of topics that pertain to athletics, universally and specific to Shiocton. Members are excited about this new opportunity for student-athletes to work together and have already met a couple of times.

The group has started their inaugural year by participating in the #myreasonwhy campaign. The National Federation of High School sports is running this campaign to encourage student-athletes to use social media to explain their story as to why they participate in high school athletics. Two members of The School Captains will share their reasons for playing high school sports each week starting soon on Shiocton Athletics' social media accounts. You can check out Shiocton Athletics on Facebook and @ShiocAthletics on Twitter to see the reasons why some of our student-leaders choose to commit to playing high school sports.

## Inclement Weather: School Closing/Delay Announcements

It's that time of year again when we look to the thermometers and skies for possible falling flakes as the temperatures dip. Make sure that you are well prepared to receive notices of school delays, closings, and cancellations:

Watch the news and Check their delays/closing/cancellation listings on line:

WLUK (Fox 11) <http://fox11online.com/>

WFRV (Channel 5) <http://www.wearegreenbay.com/>

WBAY (Action 2 News) <http://wbay.com/>

NBC (Channel 26) <http://www.nbc26.com/>

WSAU (radio: 550AM \* 99.9FM) <http://wsau.com/>

Update your Skyward information to include

Primary phone number (home or cell) for automated call notifications

Cell phone number for text messages

Email address for mailed notification

Download the Shiocton School District App (for Android and Apple)

Decisions to delay school will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program. Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events/practices will also be canceled. Announcements will be posted to television and radio stations, as well as their on-line listings, as soon as possible following the decision to delay, close, or cancel.

All parents and staff members will be contacted via the messaging system. If you have had any changes in your phone number or e-mail address, please update this information by calling your school office at 986-3351. Doing so will ensure that you receive these important email, phone, and text messages.

# SPICE

By Melinda Hofacker

As the holidays approach, SPICE wants to wish you all a joyous and safe season. We have been busy preparing for our 3rd Annual Holiday Shop which opens December 6 during the lunch hours. It will be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. December 6-10 provided enough volunteers are available. If you are interested in volunteering for the Holiday Shop, we can always use as many people as possible to help the kids shop, pay for items, and wrap them to bring home to family and friends. It is a fun event to work at and a fantastic way to get into the holiday spirit! Our Cookies with Santa event will be held on December 10 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is a free event for the kids. They can decorate a cookie and visit Santa. The Holiday Shop will also be open during this time. We hope to see you there!



Our Box Tops challenge was a success. Thank you to all who clipped, saved, and donated! We were able to raise \$884 for playground equipment for our school. Congratulations to Mrs. Behnke's classroom who won the challenge and enjoyed an ice cream party as a prize. Their classroom had 1,560 Box Tops. Keep saving for the next challenge in February.

The Plastic Bag Challenge sponsored by Trex is underway. Bags can be brought to one of three areas for drop off: the elementary foyer, in the main foyer by the District Office, and near the high school office. We also need more volunteers to be willing to collect the bags during the challenge. There is a schedule set up for weekly collection and the bags can then be weighed in the elementary office and logged. From there the volunteers take them to one of the participating stores in the area and donate them. Stores include Copps, Pick n' Save, Kohl's and Target. Please contact me at [5hofackers@gmail.com](mailto:5hofackers@gmail.com) for more details. The winning school receives a bench made of Trex lumber.



Our first movie night of the year was held Nov 18. The movie shown was "Finding Dory" and the families had a great time. The next movie night is scheduled for January 20.

Also, stay tuned for details to come home about this year's quilt and basket raffles that will take place in March. This year's third graders are creating a quilt with Mrs. Beecher with Monet's Water Lilies as the inspiration. The finished quilt squares are absolutely beautiful and the quilt is currently being created by the talented Jeanne Reese. We cannot wait to see it! Thanks to Jeanne, Mrs. Beecher, and the third graders for their hard work!

We hope you have a great holiday and hope to see some new faces at our meetings! The next meeting will be December 7 at 6 p.m. at the River Rail. Come see what we are all about. Enjoy the season! Thank you for your continued support of SPICE.

## Come Join the Nutrition Speaker!

By Mandy Trautman

On December 7 from 3:15- 4:15 p.m., Lee Hyrkas, who is a Registered Dietitian for Bellin Health, is coming to speak to the Shiocton staff and community. Please come join us in the Shiocton School's LMC and learn more about nutrition. He will be focusing on finding quick and healthy recipes for on-the-go families. He will also have some holiday friendly recipes that you can share and impress others with. We would love to see you come out and learn more on trying to take a step closer to a healthier lifestyle especially during the holiday season.

## SWAT SWAT SWAT

By Mrs. Hauser

SHS SWAT will hold a "Stuff the Stocking" sock drive on Friday, December 9 at the Shiocton Girls' Basketball Game. If you so choose, please bring a pair/package of new socks (any size infant through adult and any style will do). Place your sock donation in the huge stocking; our goal is to "stuff the stocking" full of new socks to be donated to the Shiocton Food and Toy Drive. Please consider joining us as we attempt to make the holidays a little warmer for Shiocton families!



## Terracycle

By Miss Schmidt



First, I want to thank all of the students and parents who have continued to help us do our part in recycling here at Shiocton Schools. We have been involved in roug brigades up to this point. What this means is that we have been trying to prevent four different types of materials from ending up in the landfills. Juice pouches, applesauce squeeze pouches, mini-muffin pouches, and writing utensils. As a school community we have successfully prevented more than 5,000 items from entering the landfills! That is a pretty big success in my mind.

Now, for the unfortunate news; Terracycle, the company that we are working with to recycle and upcycle these items has notified me that they will no longer be accepting writing utensils at this time. The sponsor for this program is no longer supporting it; thus, if we choose to continue recycling them, we would need to pay for the shipping of the items ourselves. I looked into this because I feel that this is a huge way for us to do our part, and it is costly due to the weight.

The other change is that we are on a wait list for juice pouches now as the Capri Sun company is no longer supporting their brigade, either. Many other organizations have also found this brigade, thus there is a waitlist at this time. We will continue to collect the juice pouches, mini-muffin pouches, and applesauce squeeze pouches in the cafeteria. Unfortunately, we will have to go back to throwing away the writing tools again.

If you have any question or suggestions, please contact Miss Schmidt at ext. 784 or email [rschmidt@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:rschmidt@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

# Middle School Student Council

## Motivational Speaker

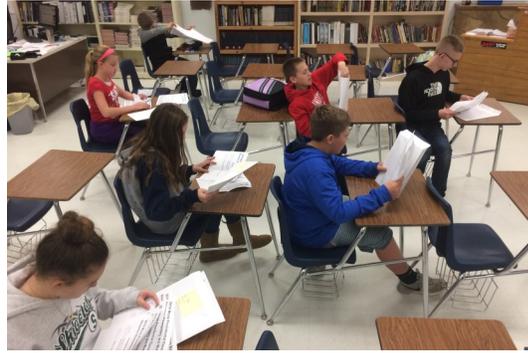
Mr. McGowan is a renowned motivation speaker who connects with kids of all levels through humor and real-life stories. On October 25, Mr. McGowan spoke to students district-wide on topics of respect for one another, strategies students can employ when met with hurtful words or action, acceptance of differences, making positive and healthy choices, and the importance of effort and attitude.



Mrs. Hegner's third grade class speaking with Mr. McGowan following the presentation.

## Election

Students in Grades 1-8 participated in Shiocton's very own elementary/middle school presidential election. In the student election, Donald Trump was victorious over Hilary Clinton by a vote of 213-137.



Grade 8 students tallying the votes for the election.

## Student Council Summit

On November 14, student council officers attended the Student Council Summit at the Radisson Hotel in Appleton. Pictured are: Ashlyn VanCamp, Makenna Scott, Dylan Morris, and Colton Westby. Officers not pictured: Breanna Birch and Whitney Geiger.



## Upcoming dates:

- 12/8: Dress as your favorite Movie Character
- 12/16: Student Council Meeting

## Food and Toy Drive Still Needs Your Help

By Mrs. Schneider

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. There is still time to help as the drive goes through Friday, December 16.

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

## Dig Pink Event

By Mrs. Hauser

Shiocton High School SWAT would like to thank all of the students, community members, businesses, and school staff for their support of our annual breast cancer awareness event that was held on October 11.

You may have purchased a t-shirt or participated in the basket raffle. You might have donated baked goods or items for a raffle basket. Maybe you purchased a dig pink item or supported the concession stand. Whatever you did, it did not go unnoticed! Because of the generosity of so many, SWAT was able to donate \$592 to the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation. It was heartwarming to witness the outpouring of support for this worthwhile event. Thank you so much!

# Counselor's Corner December Issue

**Sandee Cornell**

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PK-6 School Counselor ext. 762

Dear Reader,

**W**elcome to the Counselor's Corner. We felt that providing a one stop show for our information would be more useful and convenient to all of our students and their families. Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

## Upcoming Events

**December 13:**  
FVTC College rep visit

**December 16:**  
Distance Learning Course  
registration deadline

**December 23-31:**  
Winter Break

**January 11:**  
Senior Interviews

**January 13:**  
Reality Check

**January 13:**  
Grade 11 ASVAB test

**February 13:**  
My Education My Way

**February 28:**  
Grade 11 ACT

## 7-12 Students

**Attention Seniors:** FAFSA is open. Families may submit their college financial aid applications at this time. Students, complete your college applications as soon as possible. See Mrs. Cornell if you need help. Seniors have been invited to be part of the "Remind" app to get text reminders on scholarships, applications, and other important information from Mrs. Cornell.

**Senior Parents:** If you would also like to get those reminders, please email Mrs. Cornell your cellphone number.

**Attention Juniors:** The state ACT test is February 28. Please continue to work hard on the practice testing!

**Freshmen:** For anyone struggling to adapt to high school, please stop into Guidance for some study strategies. The after school study program has started. This is an opportunity to get help with homework from a teacher or peer.

## K-6 Students

Wow, I cannot believe December is here... Time is flying in the counseling department!

I am working with each classroom every other week, delivering lessons to enhance academic, career and social/emotional growth in students. I am so impressed with the respect, excitement, and all of the students eagerness to learn. Also, 5th grade Student Council is finally underway. We hope to be making some changes during their recess time to encourage more options for students. Stay tuned!

## Character Education Theme for December

### Caring

**E**very month the counseling department will provide a positive trait to help students develop and foster positive character traits. We will list ideas for families to try at home and support what students learn in school.

### TIPS

- Donate to the food/toy drive
- Create a kindness project for your family to participate in
- Take time to share the highlights of your day or week
- Teach your child empathy
- Volunteer together
- Do a random act of kindness together

# Health Office

By Mrs. Ecker

Tri- County Community Dental Clinic is coming to Shiocton Elementary School.

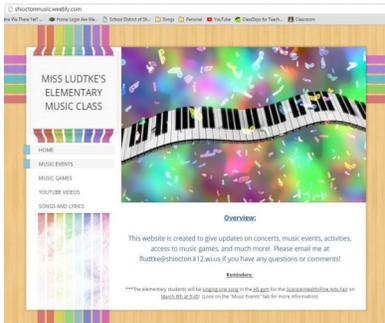
On Thursday, December 8, the Tri-County Dental Clinic will come to Shiocton Elementary school to offer a free dental screening and fluoride varnish to qualifying students. The qualification for participation in this program is that the student receives free or reduced cost hot lunch, and does NOT have private dental insurance. It is available for students in preschool, kindergarten and elementary school. This largely volunteer-driven, nonprofit clinic focuses on prevention and early intervention with youngsters who have limited access or whose families cannot afford dental care. The first phase of this program takes place at school with subsequent treatment either at school or at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic. All services are offered free of charge including dental cleaning and any restorative treatment a child may require. If you wish to have your child participate and meet the qualification, please complete the forms your child brings home and return to school. If you have any questions, you can contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker at 986-3351 ext. 714.



## Miss Ludtke's Music Website

### Website Information:

I have created a music website to give updates on concerts, music events, activities, access to music games, precorder information, YouTube videos, songs/lyrics, and much more! Please email me at: [fludtke@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:fludtke@shiocton.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions or comments!



### How to get to my website:

- One way is to go to my website directly at <http://shioctonmusic.weebly.com/>
- Go to the Shiocton website, click on "staff directory," and type in my name. Then click on the "website" button, that should be next to my picture.

### Precorders/Recorders

Students will be starting to practice their precorders so please make sure your child brings theirs to school! Third graders and new students will need to order their precorders because it is their first year. Students will be practicing their precorders using Precorder Karate. Students will learn the rhythmic value of notes and the placement of notes on the staff to prepare them for band and/or choir. They will also be able to perform with an instrument. They will have a way to show themselves and others their accomplishments by collecting strings for their levels of learning. Please look on my website for more detailed information on precorders!

## Special Education News



My name is Dino Heinemeyer, and I have had the honor and privilege to teach high school special education here at Shiocton high school for the past 17 years. Over the years, I have witnessed many of our kids move on and achieve great things. I am also very proud of the fact that I have been able to balance teaching great students with coaching equally great athletes over the same period of time. As many of you know, I have three children, all of whom graduated from Shiocton High School. Aside from teaching and coaching, I enjoy outdoor activities, as well as working many different sporting events right here in Shiocton.



My name is Leah Werch, and I am a high school special education teachers at Shiocton. I have a bachelor's degree in special education and an autism certificate from UW-Oshkosh; I am currently working on a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Marian University. My husband, David, and I have been together for 13 years and have 2 wonderful children, Francesca and Deacon, and 1 fur baby, Oscar. As a family, we love camping, grilling out, fishing, gardening, and reading.



My name is Donna Morris, and I an elementary special education teacher. I earned my bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education from UW-Steven's Point. I have a Master's degree from Marian University. I have taught special education here in Shiocton for more than 20 years. I have two children who also attend school in Shiocton.

# 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 warm food and great 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 12**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30PM**. and will feature live holiday music as you dine. We will feature bucket raffles and silent auctions at the event. And we've even invited Santa to join us, too! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at **7:00PM**. and feature all bands and choirs (grades 6-12). 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 a couple retirement homes in Appleton on **Tuesday, December 20** from approximately 10:30AM to 2:30PM. 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.

### PEP BAND

Friday, December 2  
6:45p.m.  
HS Gym

### PEP BAND

Friday, December 9  
6:45p.m.  
HS Gym

### SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY: *CHILI DINNER & WINTER CONCERT*

Monday, December 12

#### CHILI DINNER

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

#### CONCERT

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

### PEP BAND

Tuesday, December 13  
6:45p.m.  
HS Gym

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CAROLING TRIP

Tuesday, December 20  
10:30a.m.-2:30p.m.  
Appleton  
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### PEP BAND

Friday, December 18  
6:45p.m.  
HS Gym

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

## 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. Let's celebrate the season together!

SHIOCTON SCHOOLS • MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 • CHILI DINNER 4:00-6:30 pm  
CONCERT 7:00 pm

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# December Calendar of Events

1	Thurs.	MS Boys Basketball @ Bonduel—4:00 p.m. Varsity Wrestling @ home—7:00 p.m.
2	Fri.	JV Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. C Team/Freshman Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m.
3 5	Sat, Mon.	Varsity Wrestling @ Oconto—10:00 a.m. <b>School Board Meeting</b> —6:00 p.m. MS Boy Basketball @ home—4:00 p.m.
7	Wed.	SPICE meeting—6:00 p.m. @ River Rail
8	Thurs.	MS Boys Basketball @ Seymour—4:15 p.m. C Team/Freshman Boys Basketball @ Manawa—6:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Manawa—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Manawa—7:30 p.m.
9	Fri.	JV Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. C Team/Freshman Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m.
10	Sat.	Varsity Wrestling @ Brillion—9:30 a.m. SPICE Cookies with Santa—9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
12	Mon.	Band (Grades 5-12)/Choir (Grades 6-12) Winter Concert -Chili Dinner from 4:30-6:30 in cafeteria -Concert at 7:00 p.m. HS gym
13	Tues.	<b>Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.</b> FVTC College Representative—11:20 a.m. JV Boys Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. C Team/Freshman Boys Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m. C Team/Freshman Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega—6:00 p.m. JV Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega—7:30 p.m.
15	Thurs.	Varsity Wrestling @ home—7:00 p.m.
16	Fri.	Elementary Winter Concert—Grade K5-2 @ 12:45 p.m. Grade 3-5 @ 2:00 p.m.
17	Sat.	Varsity Wrestling @ Appleton West High School—9:30 a.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Laconia—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Laconia—7:15 p.m.
19	Mon.	<b>School Board Meeting</b> —6:00 p.m.
20	Tues.	JV Boys Basketball @ Pacelli—6:00 p.m. C Team/Freshman Boys Basketball @ Pacelli—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Pacelli—7:30 p.m. JV Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. C Team/Freshman Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m.
22	Thurs.	Varsity Wrestling @ Fox Valley Lutheran—6:30 p.m. JV Girls Basketball @ home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m.
23-1/1	<b>Winter Break—No School</b>	
27	Tues.	JV Boys Basketball @ UWGB Kress Center—TBD Varsity Boys Basketball @ UWGB Kress Center—7:15 p.m.
28	Wed.	Varsity Boys Basketball @ UWGB Kress Center—TBD JV Girls Basketball @ Saint Mary—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Saint Mary—7:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

1/2	Mon.	School Resumes
1/17	Tues.	<b>Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.</b> End of Quarter 2
1/18	Wed.	Professional Development Day—No School
May 19-20		Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students



*Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch.*

*Whole grain bread and buns are offered.*

*All students must take 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch. Fresh fruit and vegetable are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Fun Shape Cinnamon snack, Yogurt, Fruit juice, Milk	Strawberry Pop Tart, Boiled egg, Fruit juice, Milk	Cereal Bar, String Cheese, Fruit juice, Milk	Uncrustable (peanut butter and jelly), Fruit juice, Milk	Long John Donut, Fruit juice, milk
				1 Grab-n-go salad, Build-your-own fiesta chicken fajitas on a soft tortilla shell w/trimmings, Peas, Peaches, Milk	2 All beef hot dog on a WG bun, Potato wedges, Baked beans, Fruit cocktail, Milk
	5 Grab-n-go salads, Build-your-own soft shell taco and trimmings, Refried beans, Black beans, Whole kernel corn, Fruit mix (blueberry, strawberry, pineapple), Milk	6 Grab-n-go salads, Chicken alfredo w/ a twist, Winter blend, Garlic toast, Sliced peaches, Milk	7 Loaded turkey and ham sub on a WG bun, Fresh vegetables, Applesauce cups, Birthday ice cream cups, Milk	8 Grab-n-go salad, Chicken and gravy over creamy mashed potatoes, Peas, Cranberry sauce, Orange smiles, Sliced bread, Milk	9 Parfaits, Tomato soup w/ grilled cheese sandwich, Mixed vegetables, Applesauce, Milk
	12 Grab-n-go salad, Goopy goodness macaroni and cheese, Uncrustables, Green beans, Mandarin oranges, Milk	13 Pancakes, Hash browns, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk <b>Early Release</b>	14 Build-your-own cheeseburgers on a WG bun, French fries, Baked beans, Sliced pears, Milk	15 Parfaits, Pizza dippers, w/ marinara, Fresh crispy tossed salad, Pineapple chunks, Milk	16 Homemade chicken noodle soup, String cheese, Dinner roll, Peas and carrots, Lemon raspberry slushy, Milk
	19 Pizza slice, Green beans, Pineapple, Fresh baked apple crisp, Milk	20 Mini corn dogs, Creamy mashed potatoes, Broccoli w/cheese, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	21 Spaghetti w/ meatballs, Fresh crispy tossed salad, Garlic bread sticks, Pears, Milk	22 Chicken patty on a WG bun, Tri taters, Baked beans, Fresh apples, Decorated Christmas cookies, Milk	23 <b>WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>
	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Winter Break—No School</b>					

**\*\*Menu subject to change without notice\*\***

Breakfast prices: 4K-12—\$1.10 per day

Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.40 per day \$12.00 per week, \$38.40 for December

9-12—\$2.65 per day, \$13.25 per week, \$39.75 for December