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2020 NCWIT Wisconsin Affiliate Winner

We are excited to announce that Laura Kromm, one of our grade 11 students, has been selected as a 2020 NCWIT Wisconsin Affiliate Honorable Mention for Aspirations in Computing. Laura has demonstrated leaderships, strong academics and forward-thinking ability. She will be attending the award ceremony at MSOE in May. Congratulations Laura.

<u>Diversity and Inclusion</u> <u>Committee</u>

This year we have formed a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The mission of Shiocton's Diversity and Inclusion Team is to foster a sense of belonging within ALL students and families through establishing equality, removing obstacles, and educating students and staff with a purpose celebrating differences and cultivating empathy.

La misión del Equipo de la Diversidad y Inclusión de Shiocton es fomentar el sentimiento de pertenencia dentro de TODOS los estudiantes y familias a través de establecer la igualdad, eliminar los obstáculos, y educar a los estudiantes y al personal con el propósito de celebrar las diferencias y cultivar la empatía.

We look forward to planning events and providing resources related to diversity and inclusion. We also would welcome any interested community members to join our community. Your input is valuable! Please contact Jill Krohlow

(jkrohlow@shiocton.k12.wi.us) or Amanda Peterson (apeterson@shiocton.k12.wi.us) if you are interested in joining our committee. Thank you! One School, One Town, One Family!



CHIEF CHATTER #weareinthistogether

No one could have predicted that our digital learning days would be put to use on a more permanent basis. But here we are, and we are thankful that we are in this together, with each of you.

To say that there has been a learning curve for all of us is significantly understating the skills, strategies, and tools we have had to develop and use. So, too, the new roles and responsibilities we have all had to take on. While there have been bumps along this process and certainly some expressed frustrations by everyone, as a whole, we are doing well as we work together to give the children of our district a solid education in the midst of great uncertainty.

Thank you to the many parents who have emailed photos of you working with your students and of your students' work. The teachers are challenged daily by not having that direct contact with your child and these personal outreaches help to keep them connected. Thank you to the many teachers who are incorporating ZOOM meetings in order to stay connected with kiddos, help with the instruction of content, and generally provide a supervised social outlet for classmates. Did you know that even 4K kiddos are ZOOMing? Well, they are, and thanks to parents, grandparents, caregivers, and teachers, these youngsters can now share songs, chit-chat, and learn through stories just as they would have in the classroom.

A big thank you goes out to our support staff, from IT, food service and paraprofessionals to our bus drivers, office staff, and custodians. As I write, Mrs. Danke and meal helpers are preparing to package over 300 breakfast and 300 lunches for distribution beginning next week. Along the bus routes, we are dropping off academic and technology resources, as much as waving and keeping in touch with those we miss so much.

Our roles and responsibilities have all changed because we are in this together. Two things I know with great certainty: We didn't ask for this, but we are all doing a great job of making the best of it for the children. AND When we come out of this, we will be stronger and better for it.

Never more have we seen the benefit of working as one very strong team. #weareinthistogether and together we will get through this. ~ Mrs. S



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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.

The Link is published monthly, from September through June and can be viewed at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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NEWS FROM GRADES 7-12 OFFICE

To Parents of 7th-12th Grade Students,

I am thankful for the opportunity to reach out to all of you. This is a very unusual time for our school district. We are making the best of this situation by converting our daily lessons to a Digital Learning format. While this is not an ideal situation, it is the best way for our students to continue their education.

To that end, I want to ask for the help of all of our parents in making Digital Learning a success. Teachers will be sending out daily assignments and communicating frequently with their students. It will be important for parents to follow up with students and help them get things done from their end. We want to make sure that students are finishing and turning in assignments, as they both count for a grade and attendance. We appreciate the help from your end.

I would normally have my last paragraph of a Link article be an update on important dates upcoming. With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 virus and its spread, that makes it difficult to do. However, I will try to keep parents updated as best I can. First off, Forward and ACT Aspire testing has been pushed off. Governor Evers has filed a waiver to possibly allow us to forego testing for this school year. We have post-poned our Drama play - Life is Like a Double Cheeseburger until we can return to school. As of right now, Prom is on as planned on April 25, but make sure to be aware of communication being sent out if that were to change. Once the situation becomes more clear, I will have more updates for you. Thanks again for all of your help.

Nick Ortlieb Grades 7-12 Principal





Week 1: Food Delivery









Counselor's Corner



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K-6 School Counselor—ext. 762

Welcome 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 the academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

7-12 Students

Attention Seniors: Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Please check the school website to verify application directions and deadlines. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony is May 20.

Attention Grade 8: Eighth grade students will be attending a Career Fair in Clintonville on April 22.

Chief Chats - Eighth grade Chief Chats are being scheduled now. Contact Mrs. Cornell, school counselor, at 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us to schedule your conference time for May or June.

April's Character Trait:

HONESTY

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:

- Model honesty
- Reward truth
- Give appropriate consequences when a lie is told
- Correct mistakes

K-6 Students

Grades K-5 have been discussing strong feelings and what they do to our bodies. We also have started our calm down strategy: Stop, Name Your Feeling, Calm Down. Students have learned many different calm down strategies, including: Belly Breathing, counting, and using positive self-talk.

Grade 5 has finished Junior Achievement "More than Money", which has helped them learn how to manage money.

Grade 3 is finishing up Junior Achievement "Our City", helping them understand how cities work and run, and the importance of earning, saving, spending, and donating.

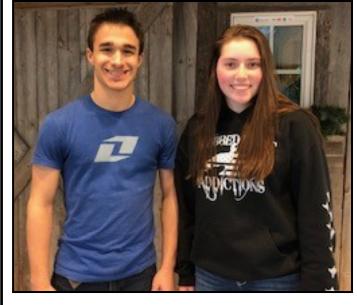
Grade 6 has been focusing on major and minor conflicts, and how to appropriately resolve a conflict.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are on hold.

Piano Recitals

Attention Mrs. Ritchie's students! The recitals will be held on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9, in the cafeteria. Please put that on your calendars so you do not schedule something else for that day. If you have to request morning, afternoon, or evening, please contact Mrs. Ritchie before April 10!



Congratulations to Shiocton Badger State delegates, Logan Heindl and Maria Coenen. They will represent Shiocton High School this June at the state conventions at Ripon College and UW-Oshkosh.

2020 - 2021 Calendar

The 2020-2021 Calendar is now available at https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/. Next year's calendar includes a week for Spring Break.

Substitutes Needed

The Shiocton School District is looking to build a pool of substitutes for our school offices.

In order to be considered a candidate, please send the following:

- Resume that includes employment history
- Cover letter detailing area of interest
- Three references

Once the materials are on file, you may be contacted for an interview with the Superintendent. If selected, you will be required to submit for a background check and to participate in related training.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 920-986-3351 x700.



Grade One: Springs into Math

It may seem as though spring will never come, but here in first grade, we're hoping for the best! In the next few months, we'll be reading and writing about spring. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed that it'll help bring sunshine and warm weather back to our area. Speaking of reading, please keep up that nightly routine of reading with your child. It's one of the most important stepping stones to a successful school year.

In math this last quarter, we'll be concentrating on the following units: time, fractions, 2D and 3D shapes, graphing, and solving addition and subtraction facts where there is an unknown partner (13+ = 18). Here are a few ideas to help your child connect math to the real world: Time—Telling time to the hour and half hour on both analog and digital clocks. Fractions—when making/cutting sandwiches or fruit, etc. ask your child to cut the food in half or fourths. Give your child 8 slices of an apple. Ask him/her to divide the slices in half (2 groups), or give you a fourth of the slices (2 slices). Shapes—play "I Spy" with common objects around the room. For example, say "I spy a circle" (clock), "I spy a cylinder" (can of soup), "I spy a rectangular prism" (shoe box). Graphing—have your child take a poll of family members about which vegetable to have for dinner or which movie to watch at night. Have them tally the results and ask them to report them to you. You can always ask them other questions like, "How many more people wanted peas than broccoli," or "Which movie choice was liked the least?" Unknown Partner Equations—present everyday type problems: when shopping, tell your child you need 9 cans of soup, but you already have 4 cans at home, so how many should you buy right now? When cutting fruit, tell your child you had 10 slices of an apple, but now there are only 3, so how many did I eat? By involving your child in these everyday type situations, he/she will see how important math is in our lives and how we use it in the real world.

It's hard to believe that we're heading into our 4th quarter already. The students have come a long way. We're so proud of them! Give your child a hug and express how you feel too.

Grade Four



Spring is on the way, and our fourth graders have been enjoying the sunshine and milder temperatures.

Every year the fourth graders take part in a program called, "Adventures in Dairyland". This program gives students knowledge of dairy farming, a very important industry to our state. A local

farmer teaches the content to our students and then invites us to spend some time at their dairy farm.

April will also be filled with learning as much as we can about our beautiful and interesting state of Wisconsin. The fourth grade students, teachers and quite a few parents will be touring our capitol and Vilas Zoo. This trip is highly anticipated and always rewarding.

Grade Five

The new adventure in online learning has begun strong here in Shiocton. Just as we were about to do a Digital Learning Day (DLD) training, WI schools get shut down due to COVID-19. Instantly we begin online learning. Teachers gathered their ideas and plans for their students to learn at home. Fortunately grades 3-12 already had Chromebooks here at school and were allowed to take them home. Younger students without Wi-Fi have been provided paper copies. Parents are really being helpful and stepping up to the plate to help their children continue their education at home. Paras, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, and administrators are all assisting in one way or another. Some strategies are working smoothly while others still need some tweaking. Some students have emailed pictures of their assignments to their teachers showing that they are keeping up with their work while others complete their assignments in Google Classroom. We definitely are Shiocton Strong here.



Grade 3 Supporting our State Wrestlers: Jericho and Dion Helser. Go Chiefs!





BADGER BAND TRIP CANCELLED

The High School Band performed at the Unfortunately, the Badger Band concert has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus guarantine. Our April 17 trip to Madison is off. Students were refunded all payments made towards the trip. If you have any questions, please Mr. Yenor. We will be back to visit the Kohl Center next year to see one of the nation's premiere college bands. Go Badgers! And "On Wisconsin!"

SHIOCTON BAND WANTS YOU

April is the month when we recruit 4th graders for next year's beginning band. Please stay tuned for more information on when and how that will take place, including an evening parent meeting with details on how to get an instrument and all the expectations for 5th grade beginning band next year.



"I WANT YOU FOR **SHIOCTON BAND!**"

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 15 7:00PM HS BAND/CHOIR

MS CHOIR **TIMBER RATTLERS TRIP**

Tuesday, May 19 Fox Cities Stadium 6-8 CHOIR

MS SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday, May 20 2:00PM 5-8 BAND/CHOIR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 25 10:30AM 8-12 BAND

HS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 31 1:00PM 8-11 BAND/9-12 DHOIR

ABOVE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

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What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019

Follow the steps to help prevent the and water are not available, clean your disease from spreading to people in hands with an alcohol-based hand saniyour home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care your home, except forgetting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transporta- mouth with unwashed hands. tion, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people day and animals in your home

available.

Animals for more information.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor If you have a medical appointment, call that you have or may have COVID-19. tion during use of the product. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people Monitor your symptoms from getting infected.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you your healthcare provider and tell them are around other people (e.g., sharing a that your have, or are being evaluated room or vehicle) or pets and before you for , COVID-19. Put on a facemask beenter a healthcare provider's office. If fore you enter the facility. These steps you are not able to wear a facemask will help the healthcare provider's (for example, because it causes trouble office to keep other people in the office breathing), then people who live with or waiting area from getting infected or you should not stay in the same room exposed. mask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can; immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean If you have a medical emergency and your hands with an alcohol-based hand need to call 911, notify the dispatch sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% personnel that you have, or are being alcohol covering all surfaces of your evaluated for COVID-19. If possible, put hands and rubbing them together until on a facemask before emergency medithey feel dry. Soap and water should be cal services arrive. used preferentially if hands are visible dirty.

You should not share dishes, drinking precautions until the risk of secondary glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or transmission to others is thought to be bedding with other people or pets in low. The decision to discontinue home your home. After using these items, isolation precautions should be made they should be washed thoroughly with on a case-by-case basis, in consultation soap and water.

Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and For more information: www.cdc.gov water for at least 20 seconds. If soap COVID19

tizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel You should restrict activities outside dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and

Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every

High touch surfaces include counters, People: As much as possible, you tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixshould stay in a specific room and away tures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tabfrom other people in your home. Also, lets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any you should use a separate bathroom, if surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use household Animals: Do not handle pets or other cleaning spray or wipe, according to the animals while sick. See COVID-19 and label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves the healthcare provider and tell them and making sure you have good ventila-

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing). Before seeking care, call

with you, or they should wear a face- Ask your healthcare provider to call the local and state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate.

Discontinuing home isolation

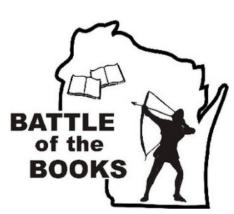
Patients with confirmed COVID-19 Avoid sharing personal household items should remain under home isolation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.

~Vicki Fors, RN



A Battle of the Books state-wide competition sponsored by the Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association (WEMTA) took place during the last week of February. Of 54 teams competing at the Senior Level. Mickayla Denis finished in 16th place overall, admirably representing Shiocton High School in the online battle. Way to go Mickayla! The Middle Level team consisting of 6th graders, Mallory Oskey, Lucy Foesch, Gage Relien, and Eli Jorgensen, also competed at the state level along with 145 other teams. The students

started preparing for the competition in October by reading books from the official book lists, learning about the books and authors, answering practice battle questions. and memorizing the titles and authors of the books. Students who participated in the state competition enjoyed a pizza lunch to celebrate their successful completion of the competition. A celebration with all 12 of the Battle of the Books participants who finished the Battle of the Books season is planned to take place when we return to school.



Although the library buildings are inaccessible during the school closure, there are still many wonderful resources to keep everyone reading, creating and learning. Some examples include author read alouds, eBooks, audiobooks, drawing tutorials with illustrators on YouTube, and educational databases. This is a great time to try out something new! Visit the Library Media Center pages under the "Students" tab on the district website to access all kinds of literacy and learning resources. There is a special Destiny Collection titled Digital Learning Days - Students & Families where I am sharing resources as I find them. I will continue to add and update resources throughout the school closure.

On Digital Learning Days, I can be reached by email at vwoodward@shiocton.k12.wi.us. My office hours on DLD days are 8:00-



Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help with any of the resources or assistance as we navigate through this unprecedented time together.

and

Digital Learning Days -Students & Families

PLEASE CONSIDER WOLUNTS

Become our S.P.I.C.E. Secretary, as part of the Executive Board, responsible for the communications. He or she will keep agendas & minutes of general meetings, and Facebook updates. Help us with filling the remainder this year and next as our secretary.

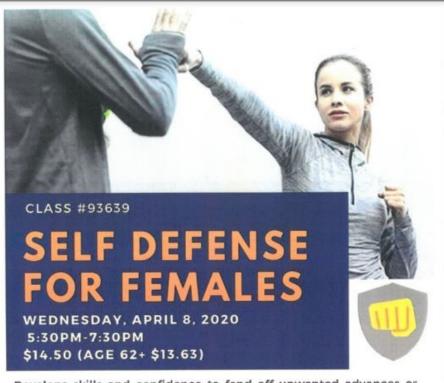
S.P.I.C.E. Executive Board two-year positions beginning in June 2020:

- Chairperson
- **Treasurer**

Contact us at spice@shiocton.k12.wi.us to get started and make an impact on your child's school and education!

We couldn't do all of this without our volunteers. Please reach out to a S.P.I.C.E. Board Member or email spice@shiocton.k12.wi.us to find out how you can help.





Develops skills and confidence to fend off unwanted advances or attacks, by teaching personal defense and effective methods to de-escalate encounters. This is a hands-on physical class geared for those 16 years old or older. Participants should be prepared to engage in physical activity.



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Battle of the Books

Our BOB team's final battle score was 285 with 15 out of 15 tie breaker points. In no other year since I've worked with students in BOB, have we had 15 out of 15 tie breaker points. This year's team has been included in the 200 Club. Our score was higher than the last two years, but not as high as the years we reached the 300 Club. We competed against 236 teams and were very high on the list. Hopefully, next year we will regain the 300 club status. There are some awesome, dedicated readers in grades 2-5. I am proud of all the students who participated this • year! I believe the contest is important, but the most important part of BOB is that students are introduced to quality literature, read a variety of genres, enjoyed the books they've read, have had numerous opportunities to broaden their vocabu-

lary as well as discuss with each other the book's plots, characters and themes. The students have definitely grown in their knowledge by asking higher level questions, making connections and working together as a team. As with all books, some resonate with each reader more than others. Unfortunately due to our DLD program, our pizza party has been postponed. Also, a picture will be taken when we are back together.

College Day for Kids ~ UW Stevens Point (Canceled for this year, am hoping the students who signed up may choose to attend next year if UWSP provides that option. Haven't heard yet.)

College Day for Kids ~ Oshkosh (Candelled)

Upcoming GT Events:

All on hold as of now

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/10 NO SCHOOL—Good Friday

4/13 NO SCHOOL

4/14 SCHOOL RESUMES (digital learning)

4/14 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING in LMC—6:00PM (TENT.)

4/27 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING in LMC—6PM

PROM: We are exploring options that would afford our high school students the ability to enjoy Prom

and After Prom. Please watch for information in the coming weeks garding.



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S.P.I.C.E. Quilt & Basket Raffle Winners

- Handcrafted Quilt Brad Ritchie
- Basket #1 Arts & Crafts Lisa Smith
- Basket #2 Craft Basket w/ Cookie Cutter Sally Ritchie
- Basket #3 Baking Tim Reese
- Basket #4 Spa Basket Cindy DeRaiser
- Basket #5 Arts & Crafts w/ Sketch Pad Robin Schmidt
- Basket #6 Baking Rhonda Nelson
- Basket #7 Cleaning w/ Vinegar Joyce Baggot
- Basket #8 Wolf River Chiro Christeena Putzer
- Basket #9 Kitchen Utensils Kristen Biese
- Basket #10 Craft w/ Mr. Potato Head Dan Young
- Basket #11 Bath Kit Sara Janzen
- Basket #12 Pedicure Kit Alison Stache
- Basket #13 Cleaning w/ Paper Towel Brad Ritchie
- Basket # 14 Craft Foam Joyce Baggot
- Basket #15 Wheel of Fortune Gift Bag Jodi Keberlien
- Basket #16 Giant Coloring Books Kristin Nowak
- Basket #17 Kiwi Co Tim Reese
- Basket #18 Oriental Trading/\$25 Gift Card Lisa Smith

- Basket #19 WG&R Furniture/\$50 Gift Card Carson Nelson
- Basket #20 Kwik Trip/\$50 Gift Card Michael Presteen
- Basket #21Badger Sports Park/4 Attractions Jared Pamperin
- Basket #22 GB Botanical Garden/4 Passes Kristin Biese
- Basket #23 Woodman's \$50 Gift Card Scott Meek
- Basket #24 PDQ/Manager's Car Wash Kris Samuelson
- Basket #25 Timber Rattlers/4 Regular Tickets Jeanne Reese

