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Shiocton Community Comes Together to Fundraise for New School Playground

Shiocton schools are embarking on an exciting endeavor to revamp its playground, and the community is rallying behind the cause.

With the current playground showing signs of wear and tear, the District's administration, teachers, and parents have joined forces to initiate a fundraising campaign aimed at creating a vibrant and safe play space for students with all abilities.

The playground is not just a place for fun; it's an essential part of our students' development. We want to provide them with a space where they can engage in physical activity, socialize, and foster their creativity.

We've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from both within and outside the school community. People are eager to contribute however they can, whether it's through monetary donations, volunteering their time, or spreading the word.

Local businesses have also stepped up to the plate, with several pledging their support through sponsorships, grants, and monetary donations. We're proud to be part of this initiative and grateful for all of the donors. **SPICE** being a major driving force behind our campaign hosting their annual Basket Raffle with all of the funds raised

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District Seeks Capital Referendum Feedback

The School District of Shiocton is seeking feedback from community members in the wake of the Capital Referendum vote outcome on February 20, 2024.


Survey, Meeting

Community members are invited to share their feedback at the in-person meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:00PM in the Library Media Center (LMC). Additionally, community members can provide feedback through a four-question survey. A link to the online survey is available at the end of this article. A postage-paid paper copy of the survey will be sent to households in the school district by April 5, 2024.

"The project needs do not go away with the closing of the polls. We still have significant needs that must be addressed. The data collected through the survey, as well as the feedback received at the in-person meeting, will be very useful as the Board determines the next steps to be taken in order to meet those needs," commented Mrs. Nichole Schweitzer, District Administrator. "We want to thank everyone in advance for sharing their feedback and assisting us in determining how we move forward in providing efficient infrastructure and up-to-date learning spaces for our students and staff."

The online survey can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/j8CNpbAcobZ4ieKn9>.

COFFEE WITH COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 8:30AM  Due to Spring Break, we will not meet in April.

For the safety of our students and staff.



All visitors need to sign into the Office when entering the building during the school hours of 7:30AM - 3:30PM.

SHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Due to the start-up of two new sports this spring, we will now be postponing the inception of the Shiocton Athletics Hall of Fame until the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications are still being accepted and all of the applications that were received will be valid in the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you all for understanding and we are looking forward to this opportunity.

~Mr. Gunderson



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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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News from the PK—6 Office

April Greetings from the PK-6 Office!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend conferences as well as the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. The students always appreciate all of the adults who take the time to come out and look at their science exhibits, projects and beautiful artwork throughout the building. As well as those who stop to listen to their musical performances.

The science portion of the fair would not be possible without the students submitting projects to display. This is such an integral part of the fair and I thank each student and every family who helped contribute to this year's fair. Thank you so much!



Thank You!

Our students in Grades 3-6 are in the midst of Wiscon-

sin Forward Exam testing through the end of April. They are working hard to do their very best work on each test and we thank you for your support with this as well.

When students return from spring break, it will be important that we continue working together to help the students finish out the school year as strong as possible. We certainly appreciate all of your efforts to assist us with this, since we still have many things to accomplish this school year.

Summer School registration will take place from April 30, 2024 - May 9, 2024. Watch for specific information to come out just prior to when the window opens.

Regardless of the type of weather we encounter in April, I wish you a wonderful month!

~Mrs. Griesbach, PK-6 Principal

Griesbach Completes MS TEALS Experience

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

The Microsoft TEALS (Technology Education and Learning Support) program is a Microsoft philanthropy program designed to help build sustainable high school CS (Computer Science) programs. The program requires two years of in-classroom experience, which Shiocton High School teacher, Mr. Harley Griesbach, completed this year. Mr. Griesbach takes us through the learning process through the program and what TEALS is about.

"It's Microsoft's approach to increasing the number of people pursuing career related fields related to the computer science field", said Mr. Griesbach on what TEALS is really about. In order to be a part of the TEALS program, one must first apply to work with Microsoft. Once you are a part of the TEALS program, Microsoft will have professionals come in to work with students. "They provide a support curriculum. They have co-teachers who come in and work with the students, showing them how stuff happens in the real world. Students get experience, understand logic and math, while gaining transferable skills in those careers," said Mr. Griesbach on what the learning environment is like with working through TEALS. "Industry professionals come in and talk.

Last week, we talked about how math is critical in life." When asked how working with the TEALS program provides a better learning experience, Mr. Griesbach responded with, "It validates everything we are doing, what happens in the real world." The classes that are offered through the TEALS program are Intro to Computer Science and AP Computer Science Principles. "It's a different way to teach while doing it with co-teachers. It's very different."

Learn more at: www.microsoft.com/en-us/teals.

Employment Opportunities

- Custodian
- Groundskeeper/Custodian
- Custodian Summer Help
- Kitchen Staff

The School District of Shiocton is looking to add to our educational team. If you or somebody you know are interested in any of the above positions please visit www.shiocton.k12.wi.us employment opportunities page to view the full posting.

JOIN OUR TEAM!



Mrs. Ritchie's Annual Piano Recital

Saturday, April 20, 2024

10AM and 2PM

School Cafeteria

Each recital will feature different performers and music selections. There will be a short reception following each recital. The public is welcome!

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A Closer Look at the Board of Education Candidates

Four community members are vying for two positions on the School District of Shiocton Board of Education, including one incumbent. Each candidate was asked to provide a short article about themselves, as well as a photo. Candidates are listed in the order they are placed on the ballot. A reminder to community members of the April 2, 2024 election.

Katie Derks



I grew up north of Shiocton, proudly a Town of Maine'r on a playground of 80 acres. I spent time in the outdoors-

shooting BB guns, riding bicycles, and hunting with my family. I was involved in all the things our school district had to offer at the time including academics, sports, band and student council. I remember watching my brother play under the lights on Friday nights and my sister getting aces on the volleyball court for the Chiefs. The tradition of going to River Rail to celebrate victories and accomplishments with the town will forever be part of my memory.

After I graduated from Shiocton High, much like my parents before me, I knew there was no where else I could imagine living or raising a family. Shiocton was the true definition of community and it is where I wanted to be. My husband, Luke, and I settled in our home in Shiocton.

I began a career in Insurance and have worked in that industry for the last 19 years. Now my children currently attend the school, with our youngest also attending the daycare. I have nephews currently in the school ranging from grade K5 to 12th. From Cookies with Santa to athletic events, the traditional Homecoming activities, and Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, the experiences I've been able to have through them has only added to my love of Shiocton.

I am invested in this community. I want to see the district and town

Stacey A. Warning



Hello! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Stacey Warning and I am a candidate for Shiocton School Board in the April

2024 election. I have been a member of the Shiocton School Board for nine (9) years and have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure. I am hopeful to receive your vote on April 2 to extend my School Board membership for another three (3) years.

I currently live in Ellington with my husband, Pete, and two children – Evalynn (8 yrs) and Brooks (5 yrs). I also grew up in Shiocton and graduated from Shiocton High School in 2004. After attending Denison University in Granville, OH and then Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, MN, I knew I wanted to return back to Shiocton as my place to call “home.” Serving as a member of the Shiocton School Board has allowed me the opportunity to give back and remain involved in the community I grew up in. I take very seriously my role as a member of the School Board and feel it is very important to represent all members of the community. Additionally, being an attorney has enabled me to pull from my professional work experiences and offer insight into certain issues the School Board has been faced with during my tenure.

As a member of the Shiocton School Board, my purpose is to ensure the motto “One Town, One School, One Family” continues to ring true. The school is a vital staple within the town of Shiocton and

Melissa Dawes



Hello, my name is Melissa Dawes. I am running for the Shiocton School Board. Although I am not a native of Shiocton,

I was welcomed into the Shiocton community almost 20 years ago. My children currently attend middle school in Shiocton, and both my husband and my late father are alumni of the Shiocton School District.

My professional experience has allowed me the opportunity to learn leadership, accountability, and attention to detail. I have almost 25 years of experience in finance and customer service. I worked in the financial institution industry for over 17 years. I have been in the healthcare billing industry since 2018, with the past 4 of those years finding my true passion in mental healthcare. In addition to my financial experience, I have owned my own business since 2010.

I come from a family that has a strong calling for community service and support. I find the best way to learn and better understand the needs and support for the community and school are to immerse myself in them and volunteer when and where I can. I was introduced to Shiocton Partners In Children's Education (S.P.I.C.E.) by another parent and was awakened to the needs of the teachers, students, and school. I was S.P.I.C.E. board president for 2 terms where I was able to work closely with the Shiocton District Office, School Board, and the teachers and staff. I have had the pleasure of working with the Shiocton Hoops Club as an assistant coach,

Nancy Schmidt



The Shiocton School District is a hidden gem in the Green Bay/Appleton area. Our lovely community

supports a school district that provides an engaging education and prepares our young ones for their future while serving as a hub for local events. It's a source of pride for many who reside here. As a parent of four boys who are actively involved in academic and extracurricular activities through their entire educational experience in Shiocton, and the spouse of a 25-year district teacher and coach, I am a strong advocate for the school district's contributions to our community. My commitment is to enhance the quality of education and strengthen the relationship between the school and the community.

As a candidate for the school board, I am eager to bring my extensive business and life experiences to the table to benefit our community. With over 25 years of experience as a financial professional and CEO, I possess the necessary skills to aid the board in fulfilling its important responsibilities, including fiscal management, promoting student achievement, policy-making, and maintaining positive community, teacher, and administrative relationships. I have a proven track record of leading, advising, and collaborating with others to achieve positive outcomes. I strongly believe in the value of diverse perspectives and I am committed to ensuring that the voices of members of our community are heard when it

Katie Derks

continue to grow and flourish. I want Shiocton’s children to experience the sense of community I had growing up, and the pride I have now when talking to a stranger about where I am from, the school I attended and where my children go. I want them to be able to attend a safe school that gives them a solid education and all of the opportunities for a successful future as they enter adulthood. I want this not only for my children, but all the children of this community and future generations.

Stacey A. Warning

should continue to foster as a “family” for not just students, but for community members, staff, employees, and parents as well. I look forward to receiving your vote on April 2 and continuing my role as a member of the Shiocton School Board for another term.

Melissa Dawes

concessions coordinator, and scheduling coordinator. The many years of working with the school have provided me with a unique insight into the needs of the school district and students.

I’ve experienced and realized the many challenges that our district and community face and feel I can bring a realistic and down-to-earth approach to meeting the needs of those challenges. Academic achievement, mental health, well-being, and the ability to be equitable for all students are all important to me; as well as to meet the physical needs of the students to allow for continued growth and development of the school and student body.

I am most certainly not a politician, but rather I am a parent, passionate leader, and community partner. It would be my honor to be elected to the Shiocton School Board to help ensure success for our school and students.

I ask for your support on April 2nd, 2024, in my mission of providing all students and our school the opportunity to grow and thrive.

Nancy Schmidt

comes to setting policies and determining fiscal management.

I am confident in my ability to enhance the quality of education for our children and foster stronger bonds between the school and the community. I take this responsibility seriously and am fully equipped to carry it out with precision. I hope to earn your vote on April 2, 2024 and invite you to learn more about me and my family by visiting my candidacy Facebook page: Nancy - Shiocton School BOE Candidate.



Visit:
<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>
 for more information on your polling location and hours.

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going towards the playground fund. That fundraising effort is currently ongoing until May 8, 2024. Basket raffle tickets will be available in the district office during the school day. There is a large banner in the lobby outside the office with ALL items for viewing. Tickets are: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$12. Please call or stop the district office for more information regarding this raffle.

While the journey towards a new playground may be just beginning, We are optimistic about the possibilities it holds for its students. This project is about investing in our students future and creating a space where they can thrive.

As the fundraising campaign gains momentum, the school district looks forward to the continued support of the community in turning this vision into a reality. With everyone's help, a brighter, more inclusive playground is on the horizon for the students of Shiocton.

A Big **THANK YOU** to our community and corporate donors who already are supporting the initiative.

- The Gloede Family
- Sportsmans Club
- Bob Brownson in Memory of Nancy Brownson
- AMCOR
- All World Ford
- Meijer

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please contact the school district at 920-986-3351 x700 or send a check, ear marked for the playground fund, to: The School District of Shiocton ATTN: Playground Fund PO Box 68 Shiocton, WI 54107.



Gage’s Gauge: Spring Sports Preview

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

As the seasons change, so do the sports. In this article, we take a look at some of the spring sports and what to expect.

Golf

The Shiocton golf team returns all of its production from a year ago, bringing back Seniors Logan Leeman and Zach Flannary, as well as Junior Tristan Muller. Prior to the recent coaching change, last year's Head Coach, Dan Chandler, was looking to senior leadership and having them share their knowledge of how they practice and how to approach each course. Mueller is a player expected to make a big jump by becoming more consistent with his play. A significant factor to the team’s success this year would be that all three of their players have familiarity with conference matches and know how to approach them, which should generate more consistent scores. As the Chiefs wel-

come new Head Coach Travis Gerriets, the team looks to compete for a top five finish in conference play.

Softball

The Chiefs softball team will head into this season with five seniors and an immense amount of potential. Some of the team's top returners include Sydney Ritchie, Liz Pelky, Hailey Poppy, and Mallory Oskey. Head Coach Dawn Kanaman talks about her seniors and how they will lead this team. “Sydney Ritchie is our vocal leader and hardest worker on the team. Liz Pelky shows her leadership by playing any position asked of her. Hailey Poppy will continue to lead us from the pitching rubber. Josie Erickson has a goal to improve her game on both sides of the ball. Kyler Rettler continues to set an example for the younger players by working hard to improve her skills.” The Chiefs will need big things out of their seniors to achieve

Busy in First Grade

By: Mrs. Nikolai, Mrs. Behnke, Ms. Schoen

Here in first grade, we have been enjoying the first signs of spring with the warm days we have been having. We have been able to do some science learning outside exploring with our shadows and day and night patterns! In the next few months, we'll be exploring various opinions as we read and write about them. Just a reminder to 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. Also remember to check SeeSaw for important messages and work that has been added to your child's journal.



In math this last quarter, we'll be concentrating on the following units: time, fractions, 2D and 3D shapes, measurement, and solving addition and subtraction facts where there is an unknown partner ($13 + \underline{\quad} = 18$). 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). 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.



Senior students prepare for adulthood



On March 12, all seniors participated in "Adulting Day" at Shiocton High School. This information-packed day helped students prepare for various aspects of adulthood so they can leave Shiocton High School feeling more

confident in their ability to succeed as adults. The day began with a question and answer session in which local business leaders shared tips for success in their career fields. Students then engaged in some gym activities to promote physical health and socialization.

Students also chose four break-out sessions on topics including Surviving on Campus, Identity Theft Protection, Insurance, Retirement Savings, Budgeting, Employment Paperwork, Basic Car Maintenance. These sessions were accompanied by a delicious homemade lunch during which students also learned about proper meal etiquette.

We couldn't make events like this happen without the help of many volunteers.



We'd like to thank the following individuals sharing their expertise with our seniors:

- Tammy Powers, Tyson Foods
- Doug Pahlow, Pahlow Masonry
- Carmen Backman, Navitus
- Mike Sippert, School District of Shiocton
- Dan Gassner (& guest speaker Nick), State Farm Insurance
- Jennifer Blazek (& college student guests), UW Extension College for Rural Wisconsin
- Katie Gellings, UW Extension
- Brad Ritchie, IQ Resource Group
- Kay Hietpas, NAMI of the Fox Cities
- Mitch Nonn, Primerica Financial Services
- Erick Hopfensperger & Amanda Vanden Boogaard, Wolf River Bank
- John Bergstresser, School District of Shiocton

Shiocton Elementary/Middle School "Get Moving/Run Club."

It is an after-school program that prepares children to run/walk a 5K (3.1 mile) We will be sponsoring a fun run on Friday, May 17, 2024 here in town.

This program is for **second through eighth** grade students. Meeting in the cafeteria for practice warm-ups and pick up. Ms. Schmidt (2nd) and Mr. Parker (5th) will be contact people for the club. Training will begin on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 3:15- 4:00**. Practices will start out 45 minutes long and will increase as our run lengths increase. Practices will only be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks. I will have a schedule ready to pass out to your child at the first practice. Pick up will be by the cafeteria/lobby entrance (District Office).



Battle of the Books

By: Wendy Pfundtner, GT Teacher

Our BOB team's final battle score was 300 with 12 out of 15 tie breaker points totaling **312 points!** Shiocton Elementary placed **19th** in the 300 Honors Club out of 222 Elementary Wisconsin School Districts competing.

I am proud of all the students who participated this year! I believe the contest is important, but the most valuable part of BOB is that students are introduced to quality literature, read a variety of genres, enjoy the books they've read, have opportunities broaden their vocabulary, discuss each of the book's plots, characters, themes and make connections to themselves, other books read and the world.



The students grow in their knowledge by asking higher level questions and working together as a team. As with all books, some resonate with the reader more than others. All Battle of the Book participants celebrated their dedication to reading with a pizza party on Friday, March 8, 2024. We enjoyed delicious food while watching the Disney movie Ruby Bridges during this event.



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what they want to this year. A player Coach Kanaman mentioned as someone who could take a big leap is Junior Abi Presteen. She also mentioned Brenna Beilfuss and Ella Griesbach as two young players who could be early contributors. On what will be the biggest factor in determining the Chiefs success, Coach Kanaman mentioned their pitching and overall defense. What they are looking to accomplish this season, "The goal is always to finish at the top of the conference. This group of seniors have been playing together for a long time. They have yet to reach their full potential." Chiefs fans should be very excited for this season. "This is a close-knit, fun loving group of players! We're excited to see how they will cap off their softball careers. The younger players will benefit greatly and learn a lot from these experienced players."

Baseball

After winning conference last season, the Chiefs hope to repeat that same success this year. The baseball team returns four seniors, with one new senior joining the team this year. First Year Head Coach Ben Prodehl knows how he wants his seniors to lead this team this season. They're looking for James Mutchie, their "Ace" and Cornell college commit, to get ten plus wins this year. First baseman Ty Marcks to continue his "catch everything" play and stay consistent at the plate. Center fielder Ben-

nett Schmidt to be a leader in the outfield and have a monster season at the plate. Outfielder Gunner Baker to get on base any way possible. They are also looking to get something out of first year senior Carter Young to contribute in a winning way. Both Head Coach Ben Prodehl and Assistant Coach Ben Taylor mentioned Junior Sawyer Young as a player that should make a big jump in his play this season. The Chiefs are looking for one of their many young players like Reid Flannery, Braylon Krull, Jackson Young, Henry Garvey, and Blake Carton to step up, and get in the lineup. What will be their biggest factor leading to success this season? Coach Taylor mentioned the pitching needing to live up and be as good as the expectations. Coach Prodehl said playing "3-out" baseball, limiting "free bases", putting the ball in play, and COMPETING. The Chiefs will look to defend their conference title, compete for a regional championship, and build a strong foundation for Shiocton baseball. Coach Prodehl left with, "Everything Counts - Be On Time"

Good luck to the Shiocton spring sports teams. We hope the seniors have a great last season and the teams accomplish many great things.



LMC News
By: Mrs. Woodward

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a state-wide reading challenge sponsored by WEMTA (Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association) where students are asked to work in a team of 2, 3, or 4 students to read and answer questions about 20 different books. This year, twenty-two 6th and 7th grade students participated in the Middle Level and four High School students participated at the Senior Level.

On January 25th, the 7 middle level teams each other for a chance to represent Shiocton Middle School at the state level. The Reading Queens, a team of two 6th grade readers, came out victorious, beating out the Champions, our team of 7th graders that won the competition last year.

On Tuesday, February 20th, the Reading Queens endured techno-

logical issues in the online state battle and earned a score of 180 out of 370 points. The Senior Level team tied for 19th place in the state competition with a score of 375 out of 525. Both teams enjoyed a pizza lunch to celebrate their accomplishments. All 26 participants will enjoy an ice cream celebration in April to wrap up the battle season.



Book Fiesta: A Free Bilingual Event Celebrating Book Joy



Join us in the LMC on April 30, 2024 from 5:00—7:00PM to celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), a world-wide event that celebrates family literacy. Listen to read-alouds, make crafts, go on a scavenger hunt adventure, have a bite to eat, and celebrate what book joy means to you! All families are welcome to attend.

Shiocton Child Care Center News:

Registration for summer will begin in the month of May. Please reach out to Megan Jarosh if you have any questions, or are interested in signing up for a fun summer!



Picture: Marinette School District taking a tour and learning more about our Child Care Center

The Shiocton Child Care Center will be celebrating **The Week of the Young Child** on April 8-12. We will participate in the following festivities:

Music Monday

The children will make instruments, do music and movement and play instruments from around the world.

Tasty Tuesday

Everyone will make a tasty treat to enjoy for a snack.

Work Together Wednesday

All of our friends will work together to create a structure with building materials or an art project.

Artsy Thursday

The kiddos will use different art materials to create something special to show their families.

Family Friday

We will take the time to learn more about the families we have in SCCC, and celebrate the uniqueness of each other.



We would like to welcome **Ms. Daniela** to our team. Daniela is a Shiocton High School graduate who has taken on the role as our assistant two-year old teacher. She comes to us with experience as a lead two-year old teacher, and we are so excited to have her on our team!



Counselor's Corner



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Welcome to the Counselor's Corner. We felt that providing a single location 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.

K-6 Students

We are continuing to practice our Emotion Management strategies:

1. Stop
2. Name Your Feeling
3. Calm Down

Students will work to practice calming down with belly breathing, self-talk, and counting. Students will also start learning the appropriate steps to follow when they have a problem.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 will start discussing their future plans. Grade 5 will begin focusing on their skills, hobbies, and interests. They will also be learning more about what to expect in Middle School. In Grade 6, students will start their Academic Career plan activities through Xello, which is a program that helps students plan for their future! Xello allows students to learn more about careers, colleges, and the workforce.

Attention Seniors: Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Please check the school website to

verify application directions and deadlines. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony is May 8, 2024.

Attention Grade 8: Eighth grade students will be attending a Career Fair in Clintonville on April 23. Watch for more information coming home.

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.

In March, high school students attended a mental health presentation from NAMI.



Pictured: Junior students talk with college and career representatives at the Post-Secondary Fair in New London.

All juniors had the opportunity to attend and visit with individuals from universities, technical colleges, military branches, unions, and employers.



School Nurse News

School-Age Children Need Their Rest

One of the most important things parents can do to ensure their child's success in school is to help them to get enough sleep. On average, children need about nine hours of sleep a night to feel fully rested and ready to face the day. Sleep deprivation is one of the leading causes of students not living up to their fullest potential. Here are some helpful tips to ensure your child is adequately rested when the school bell rings.

Establish a regular bedtime and stick to it. Setting a regular bedtime and wake up time reinforces a child's biological clock, making it easier to fall asleep quickly and wake feeling fully rested and alert.

Eliminate distractions in your child's room. If there's a television or computer in the bedroom, establish another place where kids can use them.

Avoid feeding your child a big meal too close to bedtime. A heavy meal close to bedtime can keep a child awake at night.

Avoid sodas and other beverages with caffeine. Consuming anything with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime can interfere with a good night's sleep.

Build in quiet time before bedtime. Because the days are still long, children may want to go outside to play after dinner. Make sure they come back inside in enough time to allow some time to relax before bedtime.

Establish a relaxing bedtime routine. Is it a bath in the evening, followed by a book? Or the reverse? Try different routines: find out what works best, and stick to it.

Make sure the room is dark and quiet and the bed is comfortable. Use a nightlight if your child is afraid of the dark.

Maintain a comfortable room temperature. Be sure the bedroom isn't too hot or too cold, and that pajamas are comfortable and seasonal.

Shiocton Steps for Suicide Awareness Walk



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 4, 2024** and plan to join community members for the next Shiocton Steps for Suicide Awareness Walk. (Watch for more information or visit them on Facebook.)

S.P.I.C.E.

Shiocton Partners in Children's Education

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Support a New Playground!! All proceeds from our Quilt/Basket Raffle and Auction this year will be put towards funding a new playground. Please see the front page for more details and help support our district!

Book Swap – This year, in lieu of the spring book fair, S.P.I.C.E. is rolling out a "Book Swap." This will give students the chance to bring home "New-to-me" books at the end of the school year at no cost!

We are accepting donated books (Infant - 8th grade) in school beginning in April through early May. Donation boxes will be in the elementary classrooms and other designated areas throughout the school. Elementary and Middle school students will then be able to "shop" for books the week of May 20th. Childcare families will have the opportunity to participate during child pick up. Our goal is for each child to take home two or more books and begin their summers with a fun read!

Celebrate your senior – Yard signs are available again this year! When you sign up, S.P.I.C.E. will place yard signs in your Senior's yard, for roughly a week to celebrate their success. Visit the Shiocton S.P.I.C.E. homepage to fill out an online order form and get the celebration started! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends – are all welcome to sign up. You can also contact S.P.I.C.E. or sign up in the District Office.

Exciting events:

- Quilt/Basket Raffle and Auction: *Now – May 8*
- Quilt/Basket Raffle Drawing: *May 8 at 6:30 pm in the LMC*
 - Auction closes: *May 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm*
- Funset Boulevard Family Night: *May 9th 4:00pm to 8:00pm*
 - Staff Appreciation Week: *TBD*
 - FREE Drive-In Themed Movie Night: *May 17th*
- Elementary/Middle School Book Swap: *May 20 thru 24th*

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on April 10th at 6:30pm in the school library.

We hope to see you there!



APRIL



****Menu subject to change without notice****
Breakfast prices: 4K-12— \$1.40 per day
Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.60 per day
9-12—\$2.85 per day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Choice of Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel or Cinni Mini Roll, Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake Wraps, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Mini Chocolate or Mini Powdered Sugar Donuts, Apple Frudels, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Choice of Chocolate Chip or Blueberry Muffin, String Cheese, Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake Wraps, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Choice of Strawberry or Chocolate Fudge Pop Tarts, Oatmeal Banana Chocolate Chip Granola Round, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Long John Donut, Pancake Wrap, French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk
1	2	3	4	5
8 Grab N Go Salads, Chicken and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Rolls, Milk	9 Cheeseburgers on a Bun w/ Trimmings, Baked Beans, Chips, Sliced Pears, Milk	10 Chicken Smackers, Seasoned Broccoli, Orange Smiles, Dried Cranberries, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk	11 Super Nachos, w/ Meat Sauce, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, 100% Fruit Juice Box, Vanilla Graham Cracker Cookie, Milk	12 Grab N Go Salads Cheezy Creamy Potato Soup Seasoned Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Chilled Applesauce, Milk
15 Ooey Goey Goodness Macaroni and Cheese, PB & J Uncrustables, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Milk	16 Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Seasoned Green Beans, Sweet Pineapple Chunks, Garlic Bread, Milk	17 Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fresh Bananas Chocolate Pudding Cup, Milk	18 Boardwalk Turkey, Ham and Cheese Sub on a bun, Fruitable Juice, Applesauce Cups, Ice Cream Cup, Milk	19 Grab N Go Salads Cheese Quesadilla, Green Seasoned Peas, Sliced Peaches, Milk
22 Homemade Chili and Buns, Seasoned Peas and Carrots, Sweet Chilled Strawberry Cups, Milk	23 Grab N Go Salads, Build Your Own Soft Shell Taco w/ Trimmings, Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Pears, Milk	24 Italian Pizza Dippers, Green Peas, Sweet Pineapple Chunks, Milk	25 Grab N Go Salads, Homemade Pizzaroni, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Fruit Mix, Garlic Bread Stick, Milk	26 Grab N Go Salads, Meatballs w/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Milk
29 Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Milk	30 Cheeseburgers on a Bun w/ Trimmings, Baked Beans, Chips, Sliced Pears, Milk			

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/1 –4/5 No School - SPRING BREAK

4/2 Spring Election

4/8 HS Baseball vs Weyauwega 4:30PM/6:00PM

4/8 HS Softball vs. Weyauwega 4:30PM/6:00PM

4/8 Finance Committee Meeting 5:00PM

4/8 Board Meeting 6:00PM

4/9 HS Golf @ Golden Sands 10AM

4/9 HS Baseball @ Amherst 4:30PM

4/9 HS Softball @ Amherst 4:30PM

4/11 HS Track @ Rosholt 3:45PM

4/11 HS Baseball @ Manawa 4:30PM

4/11 HS Softball @ Manawa 4:30PM

4/11 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 5:00PM

4/13 HS Softball @ Gillet 10:00AM

4/14 NHS Honor Society Banquet 1:30PM

4/15 HS Track @ Amherst 4:00PM

4/15 HS Baseball @ Bonduel 4:30PM/6:15PM

4/15 HS Softball @ Bonduel 4:30PM

4/16 HS Track (Rain Date) @ Amherst 4:00PM

4/18 HS Baseball vs. Iola 4:30PM

4/18 HS Softball vs. Iola 4:30PM

4/18 MS Softball @ Gresham 6:00PM

4/19 HS Track @ Winneconne 4:00PM

4/19 School Play Performance HS Gym 7:00PM

4/20 Mrs. Ritchie's Recital 10:00AM

4/20 HS Softball Triangular 10:00AM

4/20 School Play Performance HS Gym 3:00PM

4/22 MS Track @ Weyauwega @ 4:00PM

4/22 HS Baseball @ Menominee 4:00PM

4/22 HS Softball @ Menominee 4:00PM

4/22 Finance Committee Meeting 5:00PM

4/22 Board Meeting 6:00PM

4/23 MS Baseball vs Tri-County 4:30PM

4/23 MS Softball vs Tri-County 4:30PM

4/25 HS Golf @ Thornberry Creek 9:00AM

4/25 HS Baseball vs Wittenberg 3:30PM/5:30PM

4/25 HS Softball vs. Wittenberg 4:30PM/6:00PM

4/25 MS Track @ Manawa 4:00PM

4/26 HS Baseball @ Wittenberg 3:30PM

4/26 HS Track @ Brillion 4:00PM

4/26 HS Softball vs Omro 4:30PM/6:00PM

4/26 HS JV Baseball vs. Crandon 4:30PM

4/29 HS Golf @ Bullseye County Club 10:00AM

4/29 HS Baseball vs Amherst 4:30PM

4/29 HS Softball vs Amherst 4:30PM

4/29 MS Baseball @ Iola 4:30PM

4/30 HS Golf @ Golden Sands Golf Course 10:00AM

4/30 HS Softball @ Wittenberg 3:30PM/5:00PM

4/30 MS Track @ Weyauwega 4:00PM



SHIOCTON FITNESS CENTER

Community and Student Hours

M-F: 5:00-7:30am

M-Th: 4:30-8:00pm F: 4:30-7:00pm

Sat: 7:00-11:00am

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