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School Nurse News

After nearly sixteen years as the Shiocton School District School Nurse, **Mrs. Rebecca Ecker** will soon step away from her position. In early February, Mrs. Ecker will retire her stethoscope to spend more time with her family. Mrs. Ecker noted that her decision was bittersweet, as she has called Shiocton Schools home for so long. She has gotten to know so many of the students (including alum who are now parents of students) and staff, enjoying each day with her school family. Now, however, it is time for a new chapter, one that will begin with a family cruise before returning home to care for family and volunteer.

Shiocton School District has been very fortunate to have Mrs. Ecker providing care, attending to illness and injury, for nearly two decades. We wish Mrs. Ecker all the very best in her retirement.



Mrs. Rebecca Ecker is presented with a Moment of Merit from Board President Brad Ritchie.

Course Showcase Night: Gr 8—11

Ever wondered how courses of the same name when you were in school may have changed? Ever wondered what a particular course taught or why it was even offered? If you have had these or similar questions, then make plans to attend the first annual Course Showcase Night.

The **Course Showcase Night** will be held on **March 5, 2020** and will run from **6:00—7:00PM** during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents and students are invited to visit each of the departments to discuss the various courses, required and elective, that the teachers offer. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the course content and its applicability to college, career, and life after high school for both parents and students.

Welcome, Mrs. Fors

Mrs. Victoria (Vicki) Fors will begin as our new school nurse in early February. Mrs. Fors brings to the district years of experience in the medical/hospital environment, as well as nearly four years as a school nurse in the Appleton Area School District.

Mrs. Fors has provided care and care management for children of all ages at various schools in the AASD. She is looking forward to getting to know the students and staff, parents and other community members as she begins her tenure with Shiocton School District. Please stop in and give a warm Shiocton welcome to Mrs. Fors.

2020 –2021 Calendar

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

CHIEF CHATTER

MOVING COMPANY is MOVING IN

Make way for a new “business” in town, the Moving Company. New to Shiocton Elementary School, the Moving Company gives students a purposeful mental and physical break with a bit of heavy work.

Students arrive to class at different levels of alertness. Some students are sleepy and yawning, appearing uninterested, while others arrive “ready and raring to go” with enough energy to run a marathon; still others arrive somewhere in between those spectrum ends. Regardless of which level of alertness the child exemplifies, the fact remains that the child is not at all ready to sit, listen, and perform.

One sure fire means of addressing these student needs is heavy work or what is scientifically referred to as ‘proprioceptive input’. Proprioception is a form of input to the muscles and joints, a wakeup call to the nervous system. When heavy work is done, the brain and body are stimulated, energy is expended, and the child is more ready to purposefully focus on learning.

The Moving Company transforms this theory into application as students meet at the loading dock to pack a few books into a backpack and move them to the wagon station. There, the student unpacks the books and loads them into the wagon, then moves the wagon back to the original loading dock. During the moving process, the student and adults are engaged in conversation, building a relationship and setting the stage for a return to class, a return to focusing, and a return to learning.

A huge **thank you** to Mrs. Kern, Mrs. Butch, and Mrs. Thiel for bringing the Moving Company to Shiocton Elementary School.

~Mrs. Schweitzer



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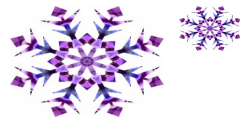
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All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.

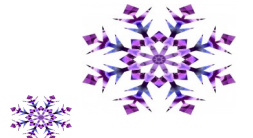
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Counselor's Corner



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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 academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

7-12 Students

Attention Juniors: The state required **ACT test will be on March 3.**

Applications for the 2020-21 **Youth Apprenticeship Program** will be **due by March 6.** If you missed the parent informational meeting will on February 5 but want to participate, call Mrs. Cornell today.

Start College Now applications for the 2020-21 school year are **due by March 1** to the Guidance Office. Current Sophomores and juniors may apply for college courses through the Start College Now program. See Mrs. Cornell for more details.

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. This month we will look closer into the calming down steps and practice belly breathing, counting, and using self-talk when we have strong feelings.

Grade 6 has been focusing on friendships, values, and emotions. We are looking more into how emotions control us and influence decision making.

February's Character Trait:

KINDNESS

The Great Kindness Challenge kicked-off this month's character trait. Here are some great ways to practice kindness at home and at school:

- Smile at people as you greet them

- Write a positive "sticky" note to someone and put it their lunch box or stick it to the bathroom mirror, or the fridge, or his/her locker
- Complete a chore at home or help a teacher, custodian, food service member, or other at school
- Say "thank you" to people as they return your kindness

Annual Notice: Academic Standards, Educational Options

The Board of Education approved the Annual Notice to Parents regarding Academic Standards and Educational Options at their January 27, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The School District of Shiocton will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards and Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards> and <http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fscp/pdf/ec-wmels-rev2013.pdf> respectively. You will find additional information at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards/guiding-principles> and <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards/literacy-all-subjects>.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School District of Shiocton is focused on providing a quality education with a variety of options to all students enrolled. The District's traditional pathway of education begins with 4-year-old kindergarten and ends with 12th grade; all course work planned meets state standards and is designed in a comprehensive manner to lead the student towards earning a high school diploma.

The District's schools include Shiocton Elementary School (Grades ECH – 8) and Shiocton High School (Grades 9 – 12).

In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms, Shiocton School District seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. Options include:

- CAPP/PIE courses (college credits) through St. Norbert College, UWU, UWW, and other UW system schools
- Transcript and Advanced Standing courses through FVTC (tech college credits or advanced standing)
- Career Pathway courses (including Project Lead the Way – Engineering and Biomedical)
- Industry-standard certifications through CTE courses
- KSCADE, Virtual, and Blend-ed courses
- Youth Options & Part-time Enrollment
- Youth Apprenticeships
- 66.0301 enrollment agreements between school districts
- Other: open enrollment; private schools within 5 mile radius; part-time enrollment for homeschooled students

Read the full Annual Notice at <https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district/NOTICE%20to%20Parents%20and%20Guardians%202021%20school%20Year.pdf>.

Grades 2, 3 Share Writings

It might not have been math or reading class, but there was a great deal of learning taking place as third graders celebrated National Puzzle Day by working together to complete several puzzles.

As children work on puzzles, they are exercising three basic skills: physical (holding, turning, fitting pieces); cognitive (using patterns, size and shape to solve a problem); emotional (prolonged focus, attention, and patience). Additionally, students working together on puzzles affords all the opportunity to exercise their social skills such as turn taking, sharing, and collaboration.



Grades 2, 3 Share Writings

Students in Grades 2 and 3 joined forces as they shared their works of written expression. Students in Grade 2 shared their finished personal narratives while third graders shared their persuasive writings. This is a great way for students to learn from a peer, while getting ideas and feedback from other writers not usually in their classroom.



Grade 5

Mrs. Singler

Students in Grade 5 are excited to begin their science unit on Living Systems. The scientists will be caring for red wiggler worms as they discover how the worms create compost and their relevance to the food chain. Students will also learn about the related systems:

- Earth systems: consumers, producers, decomposers, atmosphere, geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, & recycling worms
- Nutrient systems: Plants & animals/people
- Transport systems: Plants & animals/people



Fourth Grade News

Ms. Schreiter, Mr. Beer, and Mrs. Krohlow

Another school year is halfway complete and fourth grade has been keeping busy! In addition to receiving second quarter report cards, fourth graders have written persuasive essays and short stories and have learned strategies for mixed operation story problems. Fourth graders also learned about the environment and even adopted "pet" mealworms to study.

As we begin the third quarter, students are learning all about energy as they experiment with circuits, batteries, light bulbs, motor, wires and switches. Students are also learning how to develop an argument, that explains their scientific understanding and proves their point. In social studies, students are learning all about Wisconsin's rich logging history. Did you know that Wisconsin was once nearly covered with forest? Being that the Wolf River was used to transport logs to sawmills, Shiocton played a role in Wisconsin's logging history.

Outside of the classroom, our students have had the opportunity to compete in the school Spelling and Geography Bees. Congratulations to the fourth grade participants in this year's Spelling Bee: Mason Affeldt, Emily Becher, Colton Childs, Inai Sanchez, Cadence Van Asten, and Addrianna Zschaechner. Fourth grade is the first year that students can participate in the school-wide Geography Bee. The qualifying participants this year were Christian Ashline, Bentley Enders, Lily Marohn, Chito Quiroz, Antonio Rangel, and Monica Young. They all represented fourth grade very well this year.

With financial assistance from S.P.I.C.E., fourth graders participated in a community outreach effort by making bagged lunches for a local warming shelter in Appleton. These kids sure have big hearts!



Geography Bee 2020

Sponsored by the National Geographic Association, the 2020 school geography bee took place in Mrs. Ver Voort's room on Jan. 10th. Our runner-up is 7th grader Tyler Pamperin (left) and the school-wide winner is 8th grader Logan Leeman. Congratulations to our 2020 Geography Bee runner-up and school champion!

Grade-level winners include:

- 4th grade: Antonio Rangel
- 5th grade: Ruby Foesch
- 6th grade: Gage Relien
- 7th grade: Tyler Pamperin
- 8th grade: Logan Leeman

The next step is for Logan to take the online geography test to seal his chance at qualifying for the state-level geography bee.

Good luck, Logan!



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

The "Pussy Willow" themed quilt is just about complete,
and will be as gorgeous as it always is!

A huge "Thank you!" to the 3rd Grade class and Mrs. Beecher for their artistic abilities in creating the quilt squares, and to Jeanne Reese for using her talents to put it all together.

Raffle tickets are on sale now through a S.P.I.C.E. Member or in the elementary school office. Please keep an eye out for tickets being sent home with all 3rd Grade students, and the youngest/only child of your family that will be available for purchase as well.

Recently, a flier was sent home regarding items needed for the raffle baskets. If you have any items you are willing to donate, please send them to school with your child. S.P.I.C.E. will be collecting them from the classrooms by February 14th.

We thank you for your continued support that allows us to provide many awesome things for the children and the district!

As a reminder, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00pm in the

Spring Book Fair

Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY!

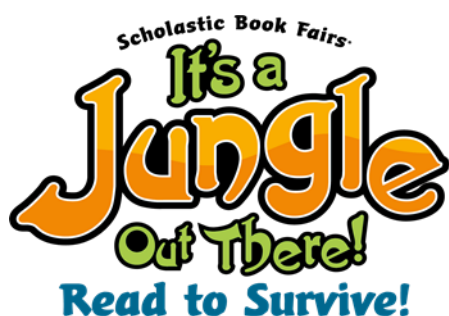
Swing into the Jungle Theme Spring Book Fair for some exciting reading adventures. The Book Fair is scheduled to take place **February 28 – March 6** in the School Library (LMC).



Students can visit the fair during school lunch hours and during the Parent Teacher Conferences/Fine Arts Fair on Thursday, March 5, from 4-8 pm.

If you have questions or would be interested in becoming a book fair volunteer, please contact Frances Meek at (920)246-1166 or fmeek19@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Spelling Bee 2020

Imagine having to spell words like vortices, prestigious, or absorptive! These and other challenging words had to be spelled by 36 of Shiocton's students in Grades 3-8 who participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition at the local level on Tuesday, Jan. 7th.

Congratulations also go out to the highest round winners at each grade: Grade 3: Lincoln Griesbach, Charlotte Leeman and Ellis Suprise (triple tie); Grade 4: Cadence Van Asten and Addy Zschaechner (tie); Grade 5: Wyatt Hess; Grade 6: Bryn Keberlein; Grade 7: Billie Jean Pulls; Grade 8: Shelby Erickson



Reghan Conrardt, runner-up; Billie Jean Puls, Champion.

Congratulations Billie Jean and Reghan! Good luck at Regionals at Lawrence University in Appleton on Tuesday, February 11th!



2020 Scripps School-wide Gr 3—8 Spelling Bee Participants



LMC News
By Mrs. Woodward



Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies for our Makerspace. We greatly appreciate your support and kindness.

Three teams of 6th graders competed against each other on Thursday, January 30th in our school's Middle Level Battle of the Books competition to see which team would represent Shiocton at the state level. Since October, students participating in the [Battle of the Books](#) have been reading from a list of 20 books, discussing the books, and practicing answering questions about the books. The 11 students who participated did a great job despite their nerves. The winners of the school battle were the 4 Sportitiers -- Malloory, Lucy, Gage, and Eli. They will participate in the online state battle at the end of February. The second place team was Book-a-rhino -- Maddie, Kailee, Hannah, Lily. Rounding out the competition were the Book Beasts - Nova, Vanessa, and Molly. All participants will enjoy a special celebration later this spring. Congratulations to all of 11 of the students who participated and competed in our school battle.



Shiocton Child Care Center

After enjoying the down time with family in December during their holiday celebrations, our kiddos returned in January eager to learn!

We started January by celebrating National Whipped Cream Day, which we used to allow children to explore their creativity using a safe, tasty treat! Kiddos got to focus on creativity and individuality this month, especially on this national day, when they used this material for artwork and sensory learning. We were able to see the beauty in simplifying the amount of art materials children use and allowing them to run free with their creativity and imagination, which resulted in unique process art and an entirely individualized finished product.

What to expect in February: What better time to explore emotion and encourage healthy conversation about feelings than in the month of love? In February, SCCC teachers will be responsible for creating conversation, group times, and activities to reflect each child's healthy social and emotional development. A wonderful children's movie that beautifully explores emotion is "Inside Out". By using these easily recognizable characters in some of their lessons, teachers will be able to encourage our youngest learners to recognize, name, and vocalize their emotions. By doing this, our young children will also be able to recognize specific emotions in others, learn to help others experiencing them, and cope with their own. By encouraging this emotional exploration and understanding, each child will develop a healthy social and emotional depth.

Enrollment: SCCC is proud to be enrolled at maximum capacity and is currently accepting wait list applications for all ages. Thank you, parents, for your continued recommendation of SCCC to those you know.



Hunter Safety: New Location

Shiocton Hunter Safety will now be held in the new Shadows On The Wolf Education Center located at N5575 Old Highway 54.

Instruction begins February 24 and runs from 6:00— 9:00PM. Class also meets at this time on March 2 and March 9. Additionally, a field day is scheduled for March 7. Students must attend the morning session or afternoon session.

Log onto the Wisconsin GoWild and look for my Hunter Safety class registered in Outagamie County. You must register online.

The cost is \$10.00 per student that will be paid the first night of class. If you have any questions feel free to contact Greg Fischer at (920) 810-8204.



Early Childhood Development Days

* Free Developmental Screening for children 2½ to 4 years old and not currently attending 4K during the 2019-2020 school year for Shiocton School District Residents

* Areas assessed include speech/language, personal-social, motor and academic readiness

* Contact Rose Stingle, Special Education Secretary to set-up an appointment:
920-986-3351; ext. 764

WHEN
WEDNESDAY,
March 11TH

3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY,
March 13TH

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

WHERE
Shiocton
Elementary School
Room 118



Battle of the Books

Our 2020 BOB team was chosen from 12 students in Grades 3-5. They are: Ella Griesbach, 5th grade, Ryan Meek and Addy Zschaechner 4th grade and Charlotte Leeman 3rd grade with Kenadie Lerch 5th grade, an alternate, in case one of the team members is absent on the day of the state battle. **Congratulations!**

We will battle numerous other elementary schools in Wisconsin on a chosen date the last full week of February. Until then, we will be practicing as well as delving deeply into the books we've read.

Employment Opportunities at the **School District of Shiocton:**

- IT Assistant
- District Registrar/AESOP Coordinator
- Child Care Teacher Assistant Float

See the school website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us) and select **Employment Opportunities** option in the Quick Links section.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 2/1 | Hoops Club Tournament – 6 AM – 10 PM | 2/11 | Staff Literacy Book Club in LMC – 3:15 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Manawa – 4:00 PM Boys JV 2 Basketball @ Bonduel – 6:00 PM Archery Practice – Elem. Gym – 6:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ HOME – 7:15 PM Girls JV Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @HOME – 7:30 PM | 2/21 | Boys JV Basketball @ Wittenberg – 6:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ Wi-B – 7:15 PM |
| 2/2 | Hoops Club Tournament – 6 AM – 10 PM | 2/12 | Quiz Bowl @ HOME – 9:15 AM | 2/22 | Varsity Wrestling Individual Sectionals Varsity Wrestling Sectional @ Shawano – 10:30 AM |
| 2/3 | SCHOOL BOARD MEETING in LMC – 6:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ HOME– 4:00 PM Girls JV Basketball @ Wittenberg – 6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ W-B – 7:30 PM | 2/13 | Girl Scout Troop 2491 in F/CE room – 3:15 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega – 4:00 PM Boys JV 2 Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM Boys JV Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ HOME – 7:15 PM | 2/24 | DC/NY Trip Parent/Student Mtg. in LMC – 6:00 PM |
| 2/4 | Girls MS Basketball @ Amherst MS – 4:00 PM Girls JV Basketball @ GB East – 5:45 PM Boys JV Basketball @ Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran – 6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ GB-East – 7:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran – 7:30 PM | 2/14 | Girls JV 2 Basketball @ Menominee – 6:00 PM Girls JV Basketball @ Menominee -6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ Menominee – 7:30 PM | 2/25 | Boys JV Basketball @ HOME Boys Varsity Basketball @ HOME – 7:15 PM Girls Varsity Basketball-Regional Game 1 @ TBD |
| 2/5 | S.P.I.C.E. meeting in LMC – 6:00 PM | 2/15 | Varsity Wrestling Regionals: TBD vs TBD | 2/27 | Varsity WR Individual State Meet @ TBD Girl Scout Troop 2491 Mtg. in F/CE room – 3:15 PM |
| 2/6 | Girls MS Basketball @ HOME – 5:00 PM Girls JV2 Basketball @ Bonduel – 6:00 PM Girls JV Basketball @ Bonduel – 6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ Bonduel – 7:30 PM | 2/17 | MS Girls Basketball @ Home – 4:00 PM Boys JV 2 Basketball @ Bonduel – 6:00 PM | 2/28 | Varsity Wrestling Individual State Meet TBD Girls Varsity Basketball-Regional Game 2 TBD |
| 2/7 | Boys JV Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ HOME – 7:15 PM | 2/18 | SCHOOL BOARD MEETING in LMC – 6:00 PM Winter Carnival – AM EARLY RELEASE @ 12:10PM HS Forensics Sub-district Meet – 3:30 PM Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Races – 5:30 PM Archery Practice in Elem. Gym – 6:00 PM Varsity Wrestling Team Sections @ TBD - TBD | 2/29 | Varsity Wrestling Individual State Meet TBD Girls Varsity Basketball-Regional Game 3 TBD |
| 2/8 | Hoops Club Tournament – 6 AM – 10:00 PM Varsity WRTournament @ Almond – 9:30 AM Boys JV Basketball @ Manawa – 5:00 PM Boys JV 2 Basketball @ Manawa – 5:00 PM Boys Varsity Basketball @ Manawa – 6:30 PM | 2/20 | 4 th Grade Girl Scout troop 2005 mtg. in Art Room – 3:00 PM Archery Practice in Elem. Gym -6:00 PM Girls JV Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball @ HOME – 7:30 PM | | |
| 2/9 | Hoops Club Tournament – 6 AM – 10 PM | | | | |
| 2/10 | Staff Literacy Book Club in LMC – 3:00 PM MS Solo/Ensemble – 4:00 PM Boys JV Basketball @ HOME – 6:00 PM | | | | |

February Breakfast & Lunch Menus

The menus are available at https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district/food_service_menus.cfm.

SHIOCTON FITNESS CENTER & MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY

Community Hours

Monday-Friday:
5:00-7:30AM

Monday-Thursday:
4:30-8:30PM

Friday:
4:30-7:00PM

Saturday:
7:00-11:00AM



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Grades 7-12

Supervised Student Hours

Monday-Friday:
6:00AM-7:30AM
and 3:15-4:30PM

NEW

Saturday: 11:00AM-12:00PM

*Students must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian to use the facility during supervised hours.

*Shiocton Fitness Center . . . Physical Fitness:
For School. For Community. For Life.*

