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The Link

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

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Look for Sports Info on Social Media

by Ryan Spaulding, Athletic Director

Updates and information about Shiocton athletics is on social media, including on Facebook. A Facebook page for our sports teams was recently formed and already includes information from some of our fall sports teams. Last spring, Shiocton established a Twitter account to inform fans of athletic events and scores. It has been fairly popular, but we are hoping to increase our followers.

Our Facebook page will be similar to the Twitter site in that it will provide updates. However, Facebook enables easier sharing of photos and more interaction. Both sites will be consistently updated with varsity scores for all sports. Some JV, C Team, and Middle School updates may also be included. For everything you need to know about Shiocton athletics, check out Facebook and Twitter.

The six students pictured at right were selected by the high school staff to represent our school at Badger Boys State/Badger Girls State, based on patriotism, citizenship, and leadership. Congratulations!

Left to right: Cheyenne Ver Voort, Garrett Gunderson, Samantha Schmidt, Asa Nett, Caitlin Majerus, and Mitchell Dorn.

Fall 2014 Wisconsin Student Assessment Schedule

1st and 2nd grade PALS
4K and 5K PALS
9th grade ACT Aspire
4th, 8th, 10th grade WKCE

Testing Window

September 15-October 10
October 13-November 7
October 6-24
October 27-November 7
(Science/Social Studies)

Badger State Girls and Boys

by Cheyenne Ver Voort

In June, five Shiocton students had the privilege of attending the Badger Boys and Badger Girls State conferences. The students who attended are Garrett Gunderson, Asa Nett, Mitchell Dorn, Cheyenne Ver Voort, and Samantha Schmidt. Caitlin Majerus was selected as an alternate. The Badger Girls conference was held on the UW-Oshkosh campus, and the Badger Boys conference was held on the Ripon College campus.

The students participated in creating an entire government for the mythical state of Badger. Students developed party platforms and policies and learned about the different levels of state government: city, county, and state. The conferences ended in a grand inauguration, which many state politicians attended. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker addressed the students about their futures as leaders in the state of Wisconsin.



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What Lies Ahead?

Nearly an entire month of learning is behind us as I write this article. Hard to believe that a month of learning is already in the past. Yet, we have much to look forward to in the coming months.

You Are Invited: Math Morning

Change is difficult, as can be anything which is new or different. *Math Expressions* is both — it is new to the district and includes many new strategies that are different from what we may have been taught. Back in the day, we learned by memorization or “rote.” *Math Expressions* is designed to build “numeracy literacy,” which is an understanding of each number in quantity rather than solely represented by a numeric character. *Math Expressions* is also designed to meet multiple learning styles by incorporating “different ways of doing.” We are all learning the new vocabulary and terminology, not to mention how to write equations with a mystery number and how to construct Math Mountains with partner, partner, total.

Recognizing that this can be very confusing and even frustrating for parents, we are pleased to be able to host **Math Morning on October 28 from 8:00-10:15 a.m.** Please plan to attend to learn more about *Math Expressions* and view the coursework right in your child’s own classroom.

Interested in a preview? Plan to attend the October 1 SPICE meeting for a short presentation. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC.

Skylert Messaging

We will continue to utilize the Skylert mass communication system to bring you messages throughout the school year, including notices regarding inclement weather and other important school-related happenings. If you have had a change in telephone or e-mail address since completing registration, please be sure to e-mail Cathy, our district’s registrar with the updated information at registrar@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

A busy year lies ahead for us as we seek to implement new curriculum and a bevy of new assessments, all the while seeking to provide the highest quality education for your child. We thank you for your continued support of all of us at Shiocton Schools, “Where Excellence is Expected.”

Mrs. Schweitzer

A Return to Safety

A return to school means a return to safety. Each month, we will conduct a fire drill at different times of the day so the students learn how and where to evacuate from more than just their classrooms. *We will also conduct two evacuation drills where students practice leaving the school grounds and going with the teacher to an assigned meeting location in the community. Our first combined fire and evacuation drill will be October 3. Please do not be alarmed if you see fire trucks and squad cars around the school building on this day, or if you see students walking away from the school building.* Chief Bunnell and the Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department, along with Chief Brownson will be practicing the combined drill with us.

S We are always seeking ways to keep our students and staff safe. **This year, we are implementing board policy that requires all visitors to sign in at one of the three offices regardless of the nature of your visit or the duration you will be in the school.** Again, this is so that we know who is in our buildings and with your children. Thank you in advance for your compliance.

A We are also studying the security of our building and our response in the event of a crisis on campus. While we explore the need for additional cameras, we are also exploring the most effective way of reacting to an intruder. Currently, our practice is to lock all doors, close all blinds, and sit quietly in a protected area of the classroom. In conjunction with the S-B Fire Department, our Safety Committee will learn more about options for “flight” or “fight” through an upcoming Emergency Response Training (ERT). Look for more information in the coming months.

C O R N E R

Coming in November

Let's Talk About It: Fox Valley

Mental illness silently affects many people on a daily basis, including many of our loved ones. Watch the school's website for more information regarding **Let's Talk About It: Fox Valley**, an annual program regarding mental health that:

- provides a panel of young adults to share their stories;
- provides guidance and strategies as shared by professionals in the field;
- gets people talking;
- provides information about local services and programs for support of needs;
- provides time afterwards to get people talking and connected to resources.



Veterans Day Breakfast

Student Council will be holding their Veterans Day Breakfast again this year. On November 11 all local veterans are invited to enjoy a meal prepared by Student Council members. Please see the November issue of *The Link* for details.

Seeking Families for the Food and Toy Drive

The Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be starting soon. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship or if you know of a school family in need, please contact one of the following people so we can add their name to the confidential list. Please call 986-3351.

Mrs. Kim Griesbach — ext. 747
Mrs. Kelly Zeinert — ext. 751

Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen — ext. 762
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider — ext. 787



First Paper Drive of the School Year Brings in 6.26 tons!



The September paper drive brought in 6.26 tons! Thank you to all who contributed. We really appreciate the support! The next paper drive will be Monday, October 13, to Friday, October 17. Please contact Tim Huebner at 986-3351 ext. 739 with any questions or concerns.

If Your Family Lives in Any of the Following Situations:

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to the loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible. If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

Local Liaison — Sandee Cornell (920) 986-3351 ext. 711.

State School Report Cards

Recently, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) released School Report Cards for each school in the state. For the third year in a row, both Shiocton Elementary School and Shiocton High School met the expectation set forth by the state.

Additionally, DPI published a District Report Card for each school district in the state this year. Once again, the School District of Shiocton has received a "meets expectations" rating through DPI.

For additional information, visit the following site hosted by the Department of Public Instruction: <http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/>.



Meet More New Staff Members

Ryan Spaulding — Athletic Director/Rtl Coordinator

I was raised in Black Creek. I attended Black Creek Elementary and Middle Schools and went on to Seymour High School. I went to UW-La Crosse and attended graduate school at UW-Milwaukee.

I have taught for eight years. I worked at Bangor High School for one year. For the past seven years I taught middle and high school social studies in Peshtigo. I have also coached football, softball, and boys basketball. I am married. My wife and I are expecting our first child in January. I enjoy a variety of sports, both watching and playing them. I enjoy the outdoors, especially the warmer weather of summer.

I have several goals, including working with all of our coaches to help our teams be successful. Moving forward, I want to offer our student-athletes many great opportunities in competing in their sports. In the classroom, I want to help each one of the students I work with become stronger in the subject area we are focusing on.

Shannon Suda — High School Business Education

I was born in Green Bay and grew up mostly in Wausaukee. I graduated from Lena High School and received an associate's degree in Computer Information Systems from Fox Valley Technical College. I then attended Marian College and received a bachelor's degree in Business. I went to UW-Stout for my teaching certification.

I have a business and marketing background and worked nine years at Lutheran Social Services, doing statewide marketing and community relations for domestic and international adoption.

I have been married for 12 years and have two boys: Ethan, 11 years old; and James, 9 years old. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, biking, traveling, and playing games.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students.



Cathy Bronold — District Registrar

I grew up on the west side of Green Bay and attended Green Bay West High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to coming to Shiocton, I worked for 14 years at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley in Menasha as an academic program coordinator and advisor. I also worked in the Chicago area as a rehabilitation counselor, serving adults with disabilities in higher education and community vocational settings.

I am married and have a daughter in fifth grade and son in third grade at Shiocton. I enjoy reading, watching public television, gardening, and cooking/baking. I also volunteer by helping to coordinate Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in Shiocton.

My goals for the coming school year include maintaining accurate, up-to-date student data and demographic information in Skyward, the district's student information system, and other related data systems. I will also be involved in planning and implementation of online student enrollment and registration processes.

Natalie Grimm — High School English

I was born in Green Bay; during my childhood I moved several times. As a result, I attended many different schools in a fairly wide variety of settings. Some of the schools I attended were Pilgrim (Green Bay), Zion (Ft. Wayne, Indiana), West Elementary and North Polk Jr./Sr. High School (Polk City and Alleman, Iowa), and T.J. Walker Middle School (Sturgeon Bay). I graduated from North Polk High School in 2004 and then attended Iowa State from 2004-08. I graduated with a B.A. in Secondary English Education and a minor in Spanish Language.

Prior to teaching in Shiocton, I was employed at Menasha High School for two years. In addition to teaching English there, I also co-directed shows for the Menasha Jay Players. Before moving to Wisconsin, I taught for four years at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I was also an assistant coach for Oral Interpretation (Forensics) and Debate.

I am not married and do not have any children. I do have one dog, a Westie named Lambeau. I enjoy spending time with my family (sister, brother-in-law, and four children; they live in Kaukauna) and being outdoors near the water. In summer, I take as many opportunities as I can to go camping and hiking. In addition to these activities, I enjoy attending theatrical performances and various cultural festivals in the area.

I look forward to getting to know the staff and students of Shiocton better. During training I found the staff to be extremely positive and supportive. Their dedication and efforts are also evident in how students approached the new school year; even though I was brand-new to the district, the students were extremely hard-working and respectful right from the start. Overall, it's clear that this is a really excellent learning environment, so I hope that I can continue to maintain the standards of this outstanding district!

Become a Foster Parent or Respite Provider Today!

In Wisconsin alone, approximately 8,000 children are placed into foster care each year. LSS needs you to join in our efforts to make a difference for these youth. LSS provides specialized training, 24/7 support, respite care, case coordination, and more so that you can help make a difference in a child's life. Respite providers who can offer weekend or short-term care are also needed. Do you have a heart for children? Can you provide them with a safe and caring place to call home? A stipend is provided to help cover the cost. For more information contact Andrea Tepp at (715) 218-0547 or andrea.tepp@lsswis.org. If you know of someone who might be interested, please pass this on. The need is great throughout the state!



News from the Nurse *by Rebecca Ecker, RN*

Sleep Needs for Children

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. Children need enough sleep each night to feel fully rested and ready to face the day.

How much is enough?

Sleep is very important to every child's well-being. So how much should they get? Most kids' sleep needs fall within a certain range of hours based on their age. Still, despite sleep charts you might see, there's no magic number of hours required by **all** kids in a certain age group. Here are some approximate sleep recommendations by age — plus some sleep tips for parents to try.

Preschoolers

Preschoolers sleep about 10 to 12 hours per night. A preschool child who gets enough rest at night may no longer need a daytime nap. Instead, a quiet time may be substituted.

Most nursery schools and kindergartens have quiet periods when the kids lie on mats or just rest. As kids give up their naps, bedtimes may come earlier than during the toddler years.

School-age children and preteens

School-age kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep a night. Bedtime difficulties can start at this age for a variety of reasons. Homework, sports, and after-school activities, TVs, computers, and video games,



and busy family schedules might contribute to kids not getting enough sleep.

The link between a lack of sleep and behavior isn't always obvious. Tired adults are typically grumpy or lacking energy; sleep-deprived kids, though, can be hyper or disagreeable with extremes in behavior. This can make it hard for kids to pay attention in school.

It's important to have a consistent bedtime, especially on school nights. Be sure to leave enough time before bed to allow your child to unwind before lights out.

Teens

Teens need about 8½ to 9½ hours of sleep per night, but many don't get it. Because of early school start times on top of schedules packed with school, homework, friends, and activities, many are chronically sleep deprived.

And sleep deprivation adds up over time, so an hour less per night is like a full night without sleep by the end of the week. Among other things, lack of sleep can lead to:

- decreased attentiveness

- decreased short-term memory
- inconsistent performance
- delayed response time

These can cause bad tempers, problems in school, stimulant use, and driving accidents (more than half of "asleep-at-the-wheel" car accidents are caused by teens).

Teens also undergo a change in their sleep patterns — their bodies want to stay up late and wake up later, which often leads to them trying to catch up on sleep during the weekend. This sleep schedule irregularity can actually make getting to sleep at a reasonable hour during the week even harder.

Ideally, a teen should try to go to bed at the same time every night and wake up at the same time every morning, allowing for at least 8 to 9 hours of sleep.

Bedtime routines

No matter what your child's age, establish a bedtime routine that encourages good sleep habits. These tips can help kids ease into a good night's sleep:

- Include a winding-down period in the routine.
- Stick to a bedtime, alerting your child both half an hour and 10 minutes beforehand.
- Encourage older kids and teens to set and maintain a bedtime that allows for the full hours of sleep needed at their age.

Source: Nemours



Principal's Report

What's Happening

State testing is just around the corner. This year, the high school students will be tested several times throughout the year. Wisconsin will assess high school students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

- 9th grade students will take the ACT Aspire™ Early High School Assessment in the fall and spring.
- 10th grade students will take the ACT Aspire™ Early High School Assessment in spring.
- 11th grade students will take the ACT® Plus Writing and the ACT® WorkKeys® Assessment System in the spring.

ACT Aspire™ Early High School — ACT Aspire assesses student readiness in English, math, reading, science, and writing. ACT Aspire is an online assessment in Wisconsin, except for students who require accommodations through Braille, Large Print, or American Sign Language, who will take ACT Aspire in a paper and pencil format.

ACT® Plus Writing — The ACT Plus Writing consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, mathematics, reading, and science; and a 30-minute essay test that measures writing skills. ACT Plus Writing will be a paper and pencil test in Wisconsin for the 2015 administration.

ACT® WorkKeys® — ACT WorkKeys is an applied skills assessment system that helps students compare their skills to the skills real jobs require. Wisconsin students will take three WorkKeys assessments:

Locating Information, Reading for Information, and Applied Mathematics.

The high school testing dates are tentatively set for October 9, 14, and 15.

7th and 8th graders will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The components of the Smarter Balanced Assessment include a summative assessment administered during the last 12 weeks of the school year (measuring students' cumulative progress from the past school year). Smarter summative assessments are administered in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for grades 3-8. The summative assessment consists of two parts — a computer adaptive test and performance tasks that will be taken on a computer but will not be computer-adaptive. The summative assessment will provide valid, reliable, and fair measures of students' progress toward, and attainment of, the knowledge and skills required to be college- and career-ready; and, via computer-adaptive testing, provide efficient and precise measurement of achievement and quick turnaround of results.

Dates of the middle school test will be determined later in the year.

Students in grades 8 and 10 will also take tests in science and social studies. The Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) is administered to all students enrolled in grades 4, 8, and 10 in Wisconsin public schools during the fall of each school year. **Dates of the WKCE tests will be determined later.**

Although it looks like the fall will be consumed by state testing, we still have the day-to-day schedule to work with. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 16 and

October 20 from 4:15-8:00 p.m. Please take time to come in and meet with your son/daughter's teachers to ensure good communication. It is much easier to address problems or get students help early in the semester rather than later.

Homecoming will take place on October 10. As in the past, there will be a variety of events throughout the week sponsored by Student Council. The Homecoming parade, led by the high school marching band (under the direction of Mr. Bradd Yenor), will start at 2:00 p.m. We will follow the usual route in front of school. The Homecoming dance will take place Saturday night in the high school cafeteria (tentative time 8:00-11:00 p.m.). At the dance, we will officially crown the Homecoming King and Queen. We hope that you are able to join us for the week's events.

It has been a busy start to the school year. I am excited, however, about the great things happening within our school district. If you have any questions that I can answer, don't hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,
Kelly Zeinert
Principal Grades 7-12*



Homecoming is October 10.
We will celebrate with dress-up days throughout the week and various events on Friday. We will also have a dance from 8:00-11:00 p.m. on October 11.

Sharpen Your Skills with the Chess Club

by Bill Greider

Shiocton High School has a Chess Club. Meetings are generally held each Thursday after school until 5:00 p.m. in my room. During our first meeting, members voted to join the Northeastern Wisconsin Chess Association (NEWCA) and form a team to play competitive tournaments. Mrs. Radtke and I are coaching the team. As in the past, club members can come to the art room during ELT to play chess.

In the future, we will be forming the five-player team that will make up our varsity squad. We will also discuss basic game tactics, openings, middle game and end game strategies, learn chess notation, and practice with a clock. Students are welcome to join the club or just show up to get some games in and improve their game-playing abilities. **Anyone interested in donating chess sets can drop them off in the art room.**

There are many great chess sites on the Internet. One that allows people to play other players as well as the computer and has a good tutorial available is chess.com. This site also has new daily chess quizzes that are great for sharpening your chess I.Q. Contact me for more information.



Lucas Radtke and Zach Olson playing tournament style chess with a time clock.

Counselor News — Happy October!

Attention seniors: Don't wait; get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them, the earlier you get your decision. Seniors will meet with Mrs. Uelmen to go over post-secondary plans one more time. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss this information.

There will also be a night when seniors and parents will be able to come and get their college application started and completed during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The application night will be **October 16**. This will follow **College Week**, where all of our teachers will celebrate where they went to college. All grades are welcome to join in the fun.



Attention juniors: The **PSAT** will be administered on **October 15** at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Uelmen will administer the exam in the gym. Bring calculators and pencils. The cost is \$15 and can be paid up until exam day. Pay ahead of time, though, and you will get the study guide that comes with the payment. This is a great opportunity to practice for your ACT and qualify for a national scholarship.

Juniors will meet with Mrs. Uelmen starting in mid-October to talk about post-secondary plans. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

There will be an **ACT prep** on **November 15** at 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room. There will be a form to sign up in October for juniors interested in taking the prep.

Attention sophomores: The following are the **WKCE dates** — **October 29, 30, and November 5, 6**. Please try

to avoid doctor appointments for these dates if you can. Contact me with any concerns regarding your child's testing.

Attention freshmen: The dates listed below will start our state testing for this year. Please try to avoid appointments on these days. Thank you in advance.

October 9 Math and Reading test (2 hrs/5 minutes)
 October 14 English and Writing test (1 hr/10 minutes)
 October 15 Science test (55 minutes)

Please keep posted on upcoming testing dates for all grades.

Attention all students:

October 7 FVTC Open House (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
 Please attend — application fee waived.
 October 15 PSAT **in the gym** at 8:00 a.m.
 October 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 College application night
 October 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 25 ACT exam
 November 7 Deadline for the December ACT test
 Please see Mrs. Uelmen.
 November 15 ACT prep — KSCADE room at 8:00 a.m.
 (pre-register with Mrs. Uelmen)



Please keep in mind that Mrs. Uelmen will be running workshops throughout the year. Check your gmail and Edmodo as often as you can. Also, don't forget to "like" the Shiocton High School College/Career Facebook page.

FALL SPORTS 2014



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Back row (left to right): Caitlin Majerus, Samantha Schmidt, Lizzie Van Dyke, Dallas Stelter, Peyton Moder, Haylee Conradt. **Front row:** Amber Raddant, Julia Riehl, Carmen McCarthy, Megan Coenen, Corrie McCarthy, Hannah Guyette, Jordan Elliott.



FOOTBALL

Photos courtesy Advertiser Community News & Times-Press



Back row: Reilly Tyler, Joe Herrmann, Jordan Ott, Riley Krull, Matt Peterson, Jacob Bolssen, Ricardo Muniz, Luis Leon, Ben Gunderson, Blake Johnson. **Row 4:** Mitch Dahlke, Gunnar Oskey, Jake Godin, Brian Dawes, Sam Van Straten, Levi Stueber, Quinn Vanden Heuvel, Eli Vanden Heuvel, Levi Snortum, Colton Kleiber, Brandon Spencer. **Row 3:** Ben Fahrbach, Chris Peterson, Austin Duenas, Auggy Hernandez, Logan Iseini, Alex Van Den Bosch, Wesley Brouillard, Ty Bedor, Joe Casper, Ray Herb. **Row 2:** Eric Colwitz, Bryce Kuehl, Trent Moder, Mason Gomm, Hank Fielding, Jordan Collar, Sam Otto, Nathan Schmidt, Brady Tonn. **Front row:** Brady Bellin, Kyle Henry, Riley Wood, Derrek Davis, Garrett Gunderson, Austin Riehl, Gavin Braun, Garrett Beyer, Asa Nett.

DANCE TEAM



Back row (left to right): Coach Jamee Van Straten, Olivia Lorge, Samantha Wagner, Cierra Puls, Tyler Wheeler, Desiree Pelky. **Front row:** Lauren Calder, Olivia Scheeler, Jewel Brunner, Shelby Krause, Claire Fielding. Not pictured: Amber Raddant and Jenna Collar.

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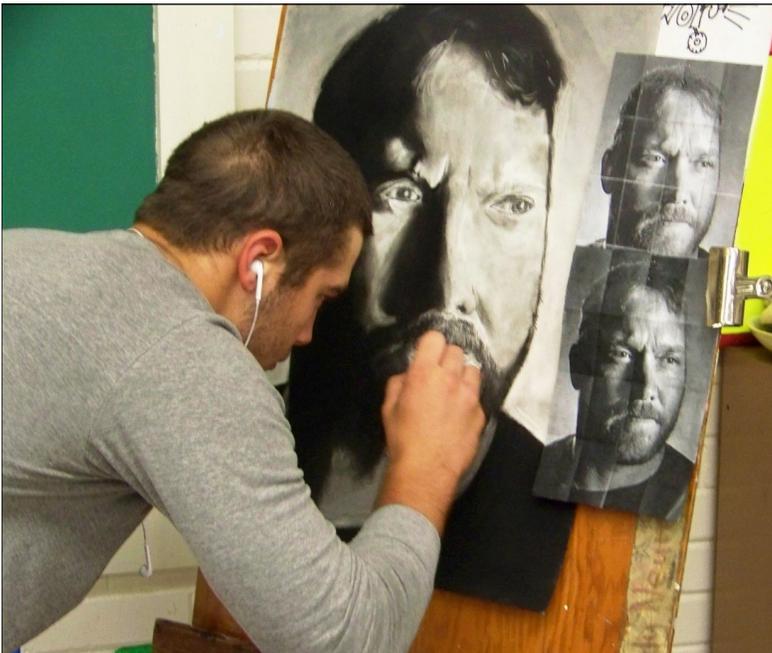
Art 3 Charcoal Drawing Project

by Bill Greider

Art 3 is a high school art course (one semester) that allows students to explore, more intensely, the standard themes and media of fine art. This semester, Art 3 students are learning the advantages of the medium of charcoal and the theme of portraits in their first project. First we looked at images done in charcoal by major artists in the medium. This was followed by a demonstration of soft edges (blended) versus hard edges (sharp) to convey surface and space, as well as how distinct value shifts (light to dark) and simplified values help direct the focus of the image. The project finishes up with a group critique to allow students the chance to glean from others how to improve their studio work.

Below: Justin Ver Voort

Right: Cierra Puls



October Calendar of Events

1	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
2	Thu	MS Football at home vs. Fox Valley Lutheran — 5:00 pm	
3	Fri	Varsity Football at Bonduel — 7:00 pm	
4	Sat	JV Volleyball at Iola-Scandinavia Invitational — 9:00 am	
6	Mon	JV Volleyball at Shiocton Invitational — 4:00 pm MS Volleyball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV Football at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
6-20		Band/choir fundraiser (see back page for details)	
7	Tue	MS Football at home vs. Waupaca — 4:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Volleyball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm	
8	Wed	Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
8-10	W-F	Grade 5 Outdoor Education Experience at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya	
9	Thu	MS Volleyball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm	
10	Fri	Varsity Football at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 7:00 pm (Homecoming)	
11	Sat	CWC Volleyball Pool Play at TBA — 10:00 am	
13	Mon	JV Football at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm	
13-17	M-F	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school	
14	Tue	MS Volleyball at Menominee Indian — 4:30 pm MS Football at Bonduel — 4:30 pm JV Volleyball Dual Match Pool Play at TBA — 6:00 pm CWC Volleyball Dual Match Pool Play at TBA — 7:30 pm	
			<u>Parade</u> Friday, October 10, 2:00 pm <u>Football Game</u> Friday, October 10, 7:00 pm <u>Dance</u> Saturday, October 11, 8:00 pm
15	Wed	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the November issue Dolcé Bella music students field trip to Fox Cities PAC Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
15-21	W-Tue	Fall Book Fair sponsored by SPICE in the cafeteria — see page 15 for times	
16	Thu	Picture Retake Day in the elementary gym — 7:30-9:30 am Parent/Teacher Conferences — Grades K4-12 — school all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm Youth Wrestling registration — 5:00-8:00 pm	
17	Fri	Grade 4 field trip to Dempze Cranberry Bog in Wisconsin Rapids — 8:00 am-2:45 pm Grade 5 field trip to the Shiocton Airport — 12:25-2:30 pm Varsity Football at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 7:00 pm	
18	Sat	C Team Volleyball at Xavier Invitational — 8:30 am	
20	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office Early Childhood field trip to Cuff's Pumpkin Patch — 8:15-10:30 am Parent/Teacher Conferences — Grades K4-12 — school all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm Youth Wrestling registration — 5:00-8:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
21/23/25		HS Volleyball Regionals	
22	Wed	Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
23	Thu	Grade 3 field trip to Appleton Fire Department and Paper Discovery Center — 8:30 am-2:30 pm	
23-31		Red Ribbon Week	
24	Fri	No school for students — Staff Development HS Football Playoffs Level 1	
27	Mon	<i>Back to Broadway!</i> Fall Choral Concert in the HS gym — 7:00 pm	
28	Tue	Math Morning for parents — 8:00 –10:15 am (see page 2) MS band/choir field trip to <i>Cirque Peking</i> at the Fox Cities PAC MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 4:00 pm	
29	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
30	Thu	Last day for Box Tops Scramble challenge	
30/11-1		HS Volleyball Sectionals	
31	Fri	HS Football Playoffs Level 2	



Coming Up in November

- 4 End of the first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
MS Boys Basketball at Manawa
- 5 SPICE meeting in the LMC
- 11 Veterans Day Program
- 17-21 Paper Recycling fundraiser
- 26 Early release
- 27/28 Thanksgiving break

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, string cheese, juice, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole-grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
	* Menu subject to change		1 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk	2 Burritos, whole kernel corn, Fruitable juice, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, dinner roll, broccoli, peaches, milk
	6 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, refried beans, mandarin oranges, milk	7 Pizza slice, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk	8 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, pears, milk	9 Cheeseburger on a bun, Wisconsin blend vegetables, baked beans, peaches, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, dinner roll, string cheese, green beans, applesauce, milk
	13 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, dinner roll, milk	14 Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	15 Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, strawberries, milk	16 Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, garden salad, pineapple, milk	17 French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice, milk
	20 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garbanzo beans, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, sliced carrots, refried beans, peaches, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, dinner roll, milk	23 Mini corn dogs, baked beans, medley blend vegetables, dinner roll, pears, milk	24 No School
	27 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, dinner roll, milk	28 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, green beans, peaches, milk	29 Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, cookie, strawberry cup, milk	30 Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pears, milk	31 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, French fries, whole kernel corn, pineapple, milk

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day
Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$47.30 for October
Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$53.90 for October

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

Elementary/Middle School News



Happy October, Shiocton Families! ☺

Here are a few things that we either just finished up on or will be involved in during the upcoming month:

During the months of September and October, Shiocton students participate in different local and state assessments such as STAR, MAP, PALS, and the WKCE. Here is some information about each assessment:

STAR Testing: Grades K-8 have completed STAR Early Literacy and/or STAR Reading, and Grades 1-8 have completed STAR Math. There is not a STAR math assessment for 5K. These computerized tests provide valuable information for classroom teachers to use to meet the individual needs of their students.

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing: Students in grades 3-8 are in the midst of MAP testing in the areas of reading, language, and math. This is a computerized assessment which the district uses to assess each individual student's growth over time.

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS): The Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) is a research-based screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring tool that is required to be given to all students in grades 4K-2 in Wisconsin. First and second grade students in Shiocton are in the midst of taking this assessment right now. Grades 4K and 5K will be taking this assessment in October. Students within these grade levels will also take the assessment again in the spring.

Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) Testing: The WKCE is a state assessment that will be given to students in grades 4, 8, and 10 in October. The testing date for the 2014-15 school year is October 28 for students in grade 4. This year the test will only contain items pertaining to science and social studies, since the rest of the subject areas will be tested in the spring through the use of a new state assessment.

So, as you can see, there has been a lot of testing going on around here which will continue throughout this month. By next year, we hope to narrow down some of the testing that we, as a district, have control over so that we only use the assessment tools that will give us the best information for working with the students throughout the year.

Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya: Our fifth grade students are preparing for their trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, which is scheduled for October 8-10. Have a GREAT time, fifth graders! ☺



Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for October 16 and October 20 during the evening hours. Please refer to the text boxes below for more information.

Thursday, October 16:

School will be in session all day for all students.
Conferences will be held during the evening hours.

Monday, October 20:

School will be in session all day for all students.
Conferences will be held during the evening hours.



Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, from 7:30-9:30 a.m.
☺ S-M-I-L-E! ☺

By now, hopefully, your child is settling in and has some solid routines established. Please continue to ensure that your child is reading at home, or is being read to at home, since we know this has a significant impact on your child's academic progress.

Have a wonderful month of October! Enjoy the beautiful colors of the season.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Grades PK-6 Principal
Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747



New Friends in Early Childhood

Welcome back to a new school year! We started off the year learning the classroom routine and making new friends. The students worked on greeting and identifying their friends by name.

We began the month with a theme around the book *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. This story is about a raccoon who doesn't want to go to school because he will miss his mom. The students made a shape raccoon and experimented with their handprints in paint. They also learned about different raccoon facts in language group time – ask your child to tell you some. ☺



During the month of September, our predominant theme was apples. The children worked hard on their fine motor skills by coloring coffee filters to make mosaic apples and tearing construction paper to make the apple skin. Students also counted with one-to-one correspondence by putting letter apples on their head after hearing the book *Ten Apples Up On Top* by Dr. Seuss. Students increased their vocabulary by discussing the various apple parts through hands-on exploration. Students enjoyed taste-testing apples and found out what was left after they were all done eating – a core.

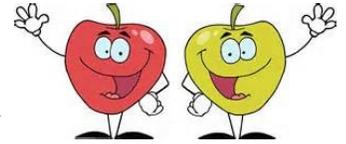
We will greet October with themes of spiders and pumpkins. We plan to take a field trip to Cuff's Pumpkin Patch in Hortonville where we will go on a hayride, pick pumpkins, and experience a corn maze (weather permitting). Hello, fall!

4K Off to a Great Start

The four-year-old kindergartners have been adjusting to school. We've worked on recognizing our names in print, counting, color identification, and following school and classroom rules.

We have also been learning about apples — apple colors and how apples grow. And we know that an apple is a fruit. The children made a *Five Apples Up On Top* book. They had to count the correct

number of apples to put on each page. We



also tasted different colored apples and graphed the apples we liked the best. We discovered that green apples are sour!

We are getting ready for fall, and we look forward to learning about all of the changes that come in autumn.



Learning and Fun in 5K

It's a brand new year and a brand new group of five-year-old kindergartners! All of the students are settling in to their new routine. Each and every day they practice writing their names and learning the names of their friends.

We are very excited about our new math series, *Math Expressions*. In unit one, students are studying numbers 1 through 10 and learning about simple shapes. They are counting by sequence and working on number order and quantity of objects in a set.

We are learning to read in kindergarten. We know a few new sight words, such as *a, the, my, red, orange, and yellow*. We will be learning new words and adding them to our card rings each week. We will add sight words *blue, green, purple, brown, like, look, am, I, and can*. It is so exciting to hear the students read and recognize the new words. Along with the words, we are also practicing writing letters. So far we have worked on *Mm, Tt, Rr, and Ss*. In October we will add the letters, *Pp, Cc, Aa, Nn, and Dd*. Every week the teachers are sending home paper books for the children to use and keep in their own library. These may come in handy for car rides, too!



Our centers are underway! We have had many parent helpers and they are VERY much appreciated. It is so important to be able to create smaller groups and provide

more learning opportunities for our students. During centers we keep busy by reading, cutting, gluing, counting, and writing. Centers are one of the most important parts of our kindergarten day!

Beginning next month and continuing through the school year, each 5K student has the opportunity to be the Star Child for a week. During their special week, we learn more about the children through questions, special items brought from home, etc.

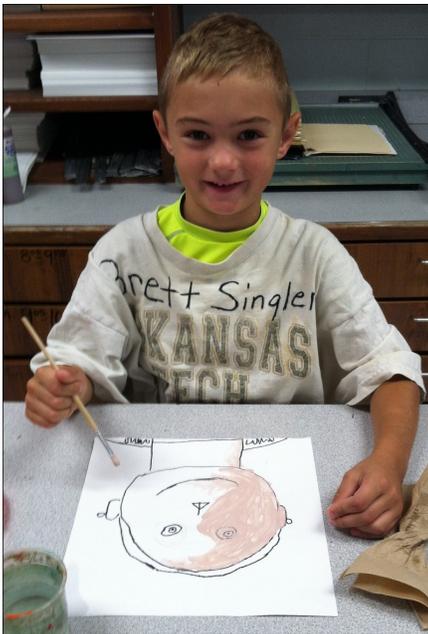


Since October is Fire Safety Month, we are looking forward to visiting the Shiocton-Bovina Fire Station. It is always exciting for the students to have opportunities to see and learn about the important community services provided in their town.

Kindergartners do have homework. Each night please review the sight words, letter cards, and new book bag books. Some children may not receive their book until later in the week. However, the book should be read a minimum of five days before placing it in the at-home "Book Box." If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. We would be happy to help!

Stay tuned for more updates from Mrs. Pigsley, Mrs. Malesa, and Mrs. Scott in their weekly "What's Happening?"

Below: 5K artists Ella Griesbach and Brett Singler working on self-portraits.

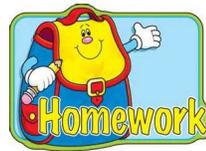


Great Start in Grade 1

Our 2014-15 school year got off to a great start! We read books about camping, the ABC's, and taking a mouse to school. We even created some of our own books to go along with these topics. Two of our best-loved books, *Mrs. Wishy-washy* and *Wishy-washy Day*, are written by one of our favorite authors, Joy Cowley. Through these books, we learned a lot about farms and animals.

To wrap things up, we went on our first field trip of the year, to Herb Farms, where the children were able to tour the barn, feed calves, sit on tractors, and eat yummy treats. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to chaperone, and a big thank you to Cynthia and Ron Herb for paying our busing costs and allowing us to visit their farm.

The first month has been a big success when it comes to homework.



It was great to see that the reading assignments and math homework/remembering pages were completed and turned in on time. Thank you, parents, for listening to your child read and encouraging them to always do their best work.

Together we make a great team!

News from Grade 2

We've kicked off an awesome new school year in second grade. Thanks, parents, for your support at home with learning the new homework routine! Our new *Math Expressions* curriculum has been a big adjustment with homework expectations, but we are seeing lots of good results and light bulbs going on over some cute little heads. The homework reinforcement helps tremendously! Your support at home is key to your children's success here at school. We're off to a fantastic start!



In October we will be working hard in reading. We are learning new strategies to become better readers with more stamina to read for longer stretches of time. We are also beginning our Guided Reading groups, where we read and teach reading strategies from books that are exactly at your child's reading level.

Listening to your child read each night is a wonderful opportunity for growth in reading. You, as a parent, are the teacher that counts most in your child's life. That one-on-one reading time is so important to students' success as independent readers.

This year we're also taking time to learn how to pick "just right" books. The children are working on how to choose books that interest them, books they can understand, and books that have words they (mostly) know. Please continue to monitor your child's choice of books, and point out if the books are too easy or too hard.

In social studies our students will be learning what "community" means and the different types of communities that people can live in. We'll discover that there are LOTS of great community helpers in Shiocton.

Our doors are always open to parents if you would like to visit our classrooms. Our daily lunch time is 10:50-11:20 a.m. If you would like to help with lunchroom monitoring any day or on a regular basis, please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks again for all of your help at home. It's going to be a great year — full of growth and accomplishments!!

Box Tops Scramble — New Classroom Challenge

by Kim Polasek

Please start collecting Box Tops for Education. A new Box Tops Challenge started on September 15 and will end on October 30. The challenge is grade vs. grade, so all students in the same grade are working together. Collection bags have been placed in the 4K through grade 5 classrooms. Send Box Tops to school with your child's name and grade clearly marked. Box Tops should be placed in the bag in the classroom and NOT in the collection box by the elementary entrance. A SPICE volunteer collects and counts submissions on Fridays. Results are posted on Mondays on the SPICE bulletin board, so you always know where your grade stands in the competition. A prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the challenge.

Good luck everyone and START CLIPPING!
E-mail sibercrazy@gmail.com with questions.



Welcome to Third Grade

Welcome back to school! We had a busy start to the year. Mr. Backman, Mrs. Kleiber, and Mrs. Madsen were happy to meet many parents at Open House. Please remember that if you have any concerns, give us a call or e-mail to set up a conference. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 16, and Monday, October 20. More information on the times will be sent home with your child. We hope to see many of you throughout the year at conferences, field trips, the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, at lunch, or whenever you can visit. Remember to sign in and pick up a visitor badge.



Brand new for the third graders is the agenda. This is a wonderful tool to help students become organized, to communicate between parents and teachers, and also to use as a resource, as it has many learning tools on the back pages to assist students with math, grammar, social studies, and life skills. On the bottom of each school day page is an area for parents to write in reading minutes and initial that your child has read the required 15 minutes each day and it equals 75 minutes a week.

With our new math curriculum, *Math Expressions*, there is a learning curve for all of us. More nightly homework and practice will be involved. As we all fine-tune this new process, feel free to contact us with questions.

The third grade teachers are already planning field trips which may include Barlow Planetarium, snowshoeing at Mosquito Hill, Navarino Nature Center, and possibly one or



two more. Our first field trip is to the Appleton Fire Department in the morning and then to the Paper Discovery Center for lunch and to learn about the world of paper. The date is October 23.

As mentioned in our weekly update, if you plan on being a chaperone or classroom helper, a background check form needs to be filled out ahead of time. Please contact your child's teacher with questions on this.

All three third grade classes are off to a great start. Just a reminder — if you need to contact us, e-mail works best. Thanks for making the start of our school year a success.

Come to the Fall Book Fair

by Steve Parker

Come visit Sir Readalot's Castle Book Fair. The fair will run from October 15-21 in the cafeteria. It will be open during school lunch hours Wednesday through Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and during Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Make a point of coming to the fair after talking with your children's teachers.



A Scholastic flyer highlighting books from the fair will be sent home soon. Look at the flyer with your child and note titles they are interested in. The fair will have many more books than can be listed in the flyer, so come and see all that is available!

You can also purchase books online with no shipping charges. Books are delivered to the school and sent home with your child. Access the online fair at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and follow the simple instructions. There are many more titles and options available at the online store.

Proceeds from SPICE book fairs go towards supporting the education of all students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment have been purchased with book fair revenue. Supporting the book fair supports the school district, while also showing your children that reading is important. That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Questions about the book fair can be directed to me at 257-7822 or sjparker92@gmail.com.

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Cornell – School Counselor, Grades K-6
(920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us

September – Welcome Back/Academic Success

Students in grades 4-6 have set SMART goals (goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely). You will find your child's goals in the back of their agenda. Check them out! ☺

Paying attention, following directions, and good listening are important skills. Students in grades 2-6 are practicing and discussing how these skills help us at school, at home, and in the community.

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

The bucket-filling philosophy is that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and it is our job to fill the buckets of others with our kind words or actions. Check out the storybook *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud, which our younger students read in guidance class. Our students have been reminded, "what are you going to do to fill a bucket today?"



Upcoming Events: Red Ribbon Week October 23-31

Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized to prevent illegal use of drugs and alcohol. Students will be participating in activities that promote healthy choices and activities.

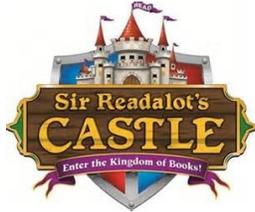
Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding the academic, emotional, or social needs of your child. ☺

SPICE...Off and Running!

by Tanya Puls, Chairperson

SPICE (Shiocton Partners in Children’s Education) is off to another good start. Kim Polasek is working on getting new playground equipment for our classrooms. We hope to have it distributed by the end of September.

The Scholastic Book Fair, *Sir Readalot’s Castle*, will be held from October 15 through October 21. This will overlap with Parent/Teacher Conferences. So if you have an hour or two to help, please contact Steve Parker at 257-7822.



We will run classroom challenges for *Box Tops for Education* starting in September, and *Labels for Education* in October. Flyers will come home letting you know how you can participate in these challenges. **Please note:** These are two separate challenges – *Box Tops for Education* and *Labels for Education* need to be separated.

We are holding a movie night on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a free family film in the cafeteria. We’ll show the recent release *Mr. Peabody and Sherman* — should be fun for the whole family. Concessions such as popcorn and candy will be on sale. Concession proceeds help pay for the movie license.

Special note: Our meeting on October 1 at 6:00 p.m. will include a presentation by Superintendent Schweitzer on the new math curriculum. This is a follow-up to the presentation she did in April. It’ll be a great time to learn more about the new math program and ask questions.

SPICE is made up of a special group of individuals who are forever promoting the education of our children. Wouldn’t you like to be a part of all of this? Please consider coming to our next meeting to see what SPICE is all about. The more parent/teacher involvement we have, the more we can do to make a difference! **Our next meeting is October 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC.** We hope to see you there!

If you are not able to attend one of our meetings and have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (920) 585-6715 or tpuls@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Youth Wrestling Sign-up 5K-5th Grade

Registration Dates

Thursday, October 16 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 20 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Look for our table during the Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair.



Parent/Wrestler Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

Contact Kristi Piechocki at (920) 810-0241 with questions. Please pass the word on to others!

The Shiocton Wrestling Club is looking for an energetic and patient 5K-5th grade **Youth Head Wrestling Coach**. This person should have a wrestling background and be willing to work with other volunteer coaches. Essential duties and responsibilities are to:

- promote and coordinate the youth wrestling program,
- develop and organize the practice schedule for the upcoming season,
- establish and list dual meet and tournament dates for the upcoming season,
- instruct and demonstrate wrestling techniques and rules, and
- motivate and manage young individuals with a wide range of personalities.

Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2014. For more information, contact Dave Gomm at (920) 850-0322.



Grade 4 Ready to Go

We have a month of school under our belts and everyone has comfortably settled into the fourth grade routine. Our memories are refreshed about everything we learned in third grade, and we are trying to fine-tune our best study habits. We are in the process of taking STAR tests and MAP tests already. Next we will set goals for ourselves and figure out strategies for our learning this year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled this month, on October 16 and 20. On October 17, we will be going to Dempze’s Cranberry Bog in Biron (Wisconsin Rapids area) to learn about this unique crop grown in Wisconsin.

We have been fortunate to have Officer Fischer come into our fourth grade classrooms to teach the G.R.E.A.T. program. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. It is a program that teaches the prevention of violence and negative behaviors as its primary objectives. It also forges a positive bond between law enforcement officers and children.





Gifted and Talented

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

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is an annual statewide reading competition where students, as a team or independently, read 20 books of various genres. Students then participate in a schoolwide Battle of the Books by answering questions pertaining to the 20 books they have read.



The top four finalists compete in the statewide online competition in February, 2015.

Students in 4th and 5th grade can participate in Battle of the Books. Currently we have 28 fourth graders and 17 fifth graders signed up. There is still time, so if your child would like to join, please have him/her talk to me or their teacher.

The book lists are available in the language arts teachers' classroom, or you can find more information on the website http://www.wemta.org/programs/battle_of_the_books.cfm.

Please continue to encourage and support your child's reading. Maybe you could even take the challenge to read books from the list yourself and discuss your reading together.

Mathematical Talent Search

UW-Madison is conducting a mathematical talent search. The university is challenging middle school and high school students to solve a set of five problems each month until February. These problems are unusual, challenging, and enjoyable. Though they are not easy, their solutions do not require advanced mathematical knowledge — just hard work and creativity. Students can work on the problems at their own pace. They can send in their solutions to be graded. Top participants are invited to Madison for an Honors Day in the spring and to participate in an exam for the Van Vleck scholarship to UW-Madison. Students interested in competing should contact me. A copy of the problem set will be sent home with your child. Good luck to all of our math wizards!

Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

- ◆ Noetic Learning Math Contest grades 3-6 – November, 2014
- ◆ Schoolwide Spelling Bee – January, 2015

Grade 5 Studies Conservation

Did you know the average American throws away about FOUR pounds of garbage every day? The fifth grade did some quick calculations and they found out, for the month of September, EACH fifth grade student and teacher has produced about 120 pounds of garbage. In science, fifth graders have been learning about Earth's natural resources and how important it is to be less wasteful and keep our Earth clean.

To learn more about conservation, the fifth grade attended Conservation Day at the Pat Koehnke farm on September 23 (*pictures below*). Throughout the day, students moved between stations to learn about things like water pollution, soil erosion, rock formation, food production, woods, pond habitats, and composting.



Students got the chance to catch some fish at the Pond and Wildlife station.



Team two won the river pollution game!

School Board Meeting Summaries

August 11, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- accept the resignation of Kurt Wismer from his Business Education teaching position and include the assessment of liquidation damages in the amount of \$700 as per Board Policy #3149 for resignations received on or after July 15.
- approve a contract change for Michelle Jorgensen. The change would acknowledge a lane change on the salary schedule.
- hire Robin Schmidt for the grade 2 teaching position.
- hire Raymond Nielsen as the ELL and middle school Spanish teacher, contingent upon his release from his current contract and upon the approval of an emergency license through DPI.
- hire Crystal Chizek as the freshman volleyball coach.
- hire Tina Parker as the grade 8 volleyball coach, contingent upon enough participants to warrant a team.
- hire Michelle Kriewaldt as the grade 7 volleyball coach, contingent upon enough participants to warrant a team.
- hire April Kent for the middle school Special Education teaching position.
- approve the bid from Bimbo Bakery for bakery products.
- approve the bid from Morning Glory for dairy products.
- approve the bid from Wilkinson Excavating, LLC for snow removal.
- approve the bid from Van's Waste Inc. for recyclables and waste material pick-up.
- approve the bid from G & K Services for mops and towels.
- sponsor one girl and one boy for Badger State.

In other discussion:

- Career Pathways resolution — staffing and the three-year commitment to the program.
- Emergency Response Training on August 12.
- PMA Financial Forecast update/next steps.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Updates on staffing, enrollment, registration, and Open House.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Updates and a look ahead at the 2014-15 school year.

- Mrs. Guex: Year-end update and DPI reports.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: WASDA conference on August 6 and a look ahead at the 2014-15 school year.

Upcoming events:

- Fall Regional Meeting — October 9 at the Bridgewood in Neenah with 6:30 p.m. dinner and program to follow at 7:30 p.m.
- State Convention in Milwaukee — January 21-23, 2015
- Junior Prom — April 18, 2015
- Senior Awards Program — Wednesday, May 20, 2015
- Graduation — May 31, 2015

August 25, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Dick Kuettel, Mike Bellin, Dan Nabbefeld, Greg Ylvisaker, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Building and grounds tour conducted by Dick Kuettel, director of maintenance.

The board voted to:

- accept the resignation of Krista Klanderman from her high school English teaching position and include the assessment of liquidation damages in the amount of \$700 as per Board Policy #3149 for resignations received on or after July 15.
- hire Shannon Suda for the Business Education teaching position. This will be a 75% contract.
- hire Natalie Grimm as the high school English teacher, pending release from her contract from Menasha.
- hire Kasey Milbach for the technology assistant position.
- approve the resolution on Career Pathways. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Mr. R. Gomm opposed.
- approve the Non-Discrimination statement as follows: *The Shiocton School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.*
- adjust the half-day sub pay to \$55. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Mr. D. Gomm abstaining.
- approve the 2014-15 CESA 6 contract as presented. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Mr. R. Gomm abstaining.

In other discussion:

- Seclusion and Restraint Report
- Recognition of Donations – Booster Club, Modern Woodmen of America, and Daanen & Janssen

Board reports:

- Gregory Schoettler: Safety Committee update and Emergency Response Training on August 12.
- Jeremie Birch: Policy Committee update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Enrollment, start of school events, and Open House on August 27.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Football and volleyball seasons start and Picture Day.
- Mrs. Guex: Written report on end of year and beginning of year budgets and personnel needs, Open Enrollment (OE), Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- Mrs. Schweitzer: *Math Expressions* training, food service update, and open enrollment transportation.

Closed session: to discuss professional staff employment and compensation.

Upcoming events:

- Employment and School Law Seminar — October 16/17 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells

September 8, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Greg Ylvisaker, Sandee Cornell, Farin Ludtke, Betsy Foesch, Laura Kraft, Robin Schmidt, Kasey Milbach, Shannon Suda, and Beth Bloedorn.

New Staff Introductions: The following new staff members were in attendance: Farin Ludtke, Betsy Foesch, Laura Kraft, Robin Schmidt, Kasey Milbach, and Shannon Suda. New staff that attended the meet and greet earlier in the evening were Ryan Spaulding and Tim Schoelzel.

Presentation: Sandee Cornell, elementary school counselor, presented information on the 2013-14 McKinney-Vento Grant and gave an overview for the upcoming school year having to provide services without the grant.

The board voted to:

- approve a Line of Credit with First National Bank - Shiocton: Authorization of the district's administration to take all appropriate action to establish a Line of Credit on behalf of the district with First National Bank Shiocton in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, as needed for cash-flow. (This authorization is non-recurring.)

- rescind previously approved Board Resolution authorizing the district to borrow up to \$1,700,000 on a short-term basis, as needed for cash flow.
- increase the adult lunch price to \$3.10 as per DPI requirements.
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 7440: Facility Security.
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 3120.09: Volunteers (professional staff).
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 4120.09: Volunteers (support staff).
- approve as amended and adopt Policy 9150: School Visitors.
- approve and adopt revised Policy 4419.02: Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (support staff).
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 3419.02: Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (professional staff).
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 5340: Student Accidents.
- approve the revisions and adopt Policy 1422: Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (administration).
- approve and adopt Policy 3122: Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (professional staff).
- approve and adopt Policy 4122: Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity (support staff).

In other discussion:

- A thank-you note was received from Dennis Defferding.
- PMA Financial Forecast update – reminder of dates, October 6 and November 5.
- School Board Scholarship – content, format, and deadline. The new deadline for applications will be April 1.
- School calendar concerns for 2015-16.
- Possibility of purchasing pencils for the Firemen's parade.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Beginning of the school year, overview of Fall Assessments, and Picture Day.
- Mrs. Zeinert: CAPP English status, overview of Fall Assessments, and general updates.
- Mrs. Guex: Update from the business office, open enrollment update, and borrowing vs. line of credit information.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: September/October conference dates, Administrative Convention rotation, change in announcements procedure, and 2014-15 Goals.



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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MUSIC STUDENTS SELL COFFEE AND PIE

This month, we will hold our annual fundraiser, **October 6-20**, but we won't be selling pizzas. This year, we're selling delicious Edwards dessert pies along with an assortment of coffees. This fundraiser is a huge benefit for our music students (grades 6-12). All profits go to students, deposited into an individual account set up for use towards music trips. The more a student sells, the more he or she knocks off the price of a future music trip. It is only to the students' advantage to sell big! So, if you're a family that's looking for an easy treat after supper or a good cup of coffee to wake up with, here's a great way to satisfy your appetite and help a band/choir student raise money for their activities this year. We hope you will support them in their efforts. Work hard and sell big!

HOMECOMING SHOW: *THE BRITISH INVASION!*

The band (grades 7-12) is proud to play again at half-time of the Homecoming football game **Friday, October 10**. This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in America. We're proud to present *The British Invasion!*, featuring some of the Beatles' greatest hits. Band students will meet in the band room to warm up at 7:15 p.m. and are required to wear their band V-necks for the show.

DOLCÉ BELLA TRAVELS TO FOX CITIES PAC

Dolcé Bella will travel to the PAC on **October 15** during the school day to see Grammy Award-winning *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, an all-woman African-American a cappella ensemble. This troupe expresses history through song, dance, and sign language. What a great arts experience filled with culture, history, and more!

COFFEE & PIE FUNDRAISER

October 6-20
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

PEP BAND

Tuesday, October 7
6:15 p.m.

SHIOC HOMECOMING

Friday, October 10

PARADE

2:00 p.m.
7-12 BAND

PEP BAND

6:15 p.m.

FIELD SHOW

Half-time of FB game
7-12 BAND

DOLCÉ BELLA TRIP TO *SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK*

Wednesday, October 15
During school
Fox Cities PAC
DOLCÉ BELLA

BACK TO BROADWAY! FALL CHORAL CONCERT

Monday, October 27
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
6-12 CHOIR

MS BAND/CHOIR TRIP TO *CIRQUE PEKING*

Tuesday, October 28
During school
Fox Cities PAC
6-8 BAND/CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...

"Music is one way for young people to connect with themselves, but it is also a bridge for connecting with others. Through music, we can introduce children to the richness and diversity of the human family and to the myriad rhythms of life."

—Daniel A. Carp, *Chairman and CEO*
Eastman Kodak Company

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

—Dr. Joseph M. Calahan
Vice President, Xerox Foundation



BACK TO BROADWAY!

FALL CHORAL CONCERT
October 27 • HS Gym

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