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Out with the Old, In with the New

Main Playground Structure Purchased

After more than 25 years of play, the current playground structure has served its purpose. Over the last year, we planned and began fundraising for a new play structure, surfacing, benches, and other accessories for the outdoor play area. With all the research and consideration, we brought the design options to student representatives, recess supervisors, and staff to get their feedback on the play structure. The top choice overall will offer the students many options to spread out, climb, and slide, as well as have ADA capabilities to allow students with all abilities to use the play structure.

On September 4, 2024 the School Board of Education approved the purchase of a new playground structure through Northland Recreation. We will use a portion of the funds that were already raised through community donations, SPICE fundraising, and approved grants just shy of \$30,0000 with the remaining funds provided by the school budget that was designated for such projects. We anticipate the new structure to be installed by this November.



FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

Fundraising efforts within the community will continue so that we can improve the play space with rubber surfacing, benches, swings, additional climbing structures, and ADA picnic tables. If you would like to donate to the **Playground Fund** to aid in our efforts to improve this play space you may send a check earmarked to the Playground Fund to: Shiocton School PO Box 68, Shiocton WI 54170.



Starting now through October 15, 2024 SPICE will be selling **raffle tickets** to raise additional funds for the Playground Fund to make additional improvements to the play space. The raffle is \$5 per ticket with a chance to win bikes, golf merchandise, Carhartt jackets, and Yeti Coolers. The drawing will take place at the home Varsity Volleyball game on October 15, 2024 at 7PM. Watch for tickets being sold at home sporting events, as well as in the District Office. Please contact Mrs. Krueger in the District Office if you have any questions at 920.986.3351 x 700.



T-Mobile Presents \$5,000 check during Friday Night Lights

A \$5,000 check was presented on Friday, September 13, 2024 during halftime of the Varsity Football game. Athletic Director Dom Gunderson entered the Athletic Department into the T-Mobile Friday Night Lights competition where our school was chosen to win \$5,000 to renovate our outdoor athletic fields. The contest continues with chances to win an additional \$25,000. We ask that you help us increase our chances of winning additional funds by liking, sharing, and commenting on our Athletic page.



Veterans Day Breakfast

The Shiocton High School Student Council is pleased to host their annual Veterans Day Breakfast again this year. All local veterans are invited to enjoy a meal prepared by Student Council members on **Nov. 11 at 8:30AM**. More information will follow in the November issue of *The Link*.



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

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

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

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NEWS FROM GRADES PK—6 OFFICE

We are off and running into a new school year! As I write this, the temperature outside continues to be very summer-like! Hopefully, by the time you receive this month's addition, the temperatures will be slightly more normal for this time of year!

I would like to begin by extending "Happy Retirement" wishes to the many staff members who retired last year - - Mrs. Danke, Mrs. Funk, Mr. Heinemeyer, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Scheller, Ms. Pfundtner, and Mr. Zdanovec. As a school community, we thank each of them for their years of service and dedication to the Shiocton School District and wish them good health and an abundance of happiness in their next chapter.

With these retirements and a few other shifts, came many new staff members. Here are the new PK-6 staff members:

- Paige Fiestadt - Grade 4K Teacher
- Brooke Wolf - Grade 2 Teacher
- Ryen Scharf - Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Megan Henn - Speech & Language
- Tanner Baeten - Elementary Special Education

Paraprofessional

- Katie Christian - MS/HS Paraprofessional
- Connie Sell - Grade 4K Paraprofessional

There were 2 positions at the PK-6 level that we were unable to fill - - Elementary Physical Education/Adaptive P.E. and Middle School Special Education. The good news for one of those positions is that Mr. Zdanovec is going to return as a long-term substitute teacher! By the time you receive this month's addition of The Link, he should already be back on board with us. We thank him so much for coming back to help us out!

As I write this article, we are in the midst of planning for Parent-Teacher Conferences in October. Watch for more information on how you can sign up for a conference via Skyward this year.

Have a great month of October!

Kim M. Griesbach
 PK-6 Principal



District receives Overdose Aid Kits

Allowing school to be proactive in an emergency



During staff in-service week, a group of staff members attended training on substance abuse and the use of Narcan. Narcan is an emergency medication used to rapidly reverse a drug overdose. Our district was honored to receive the donation of two Overdose Aid Kits from Start Healing Now. One kit is located by the district office doors, and the other is located on the football field concession stand. Our goal is to bring harm reduction supplies to our youth, staff, and parents. We want to create a recovery friendly environment and be proactive in the event of an emergency.

Moving forward, we will be educating all staff members, along with students, on Narcan and the new overdose kits. The timing of these new kits and increased education is fitting as September is National Recovery month. That said, it's a great time to talk with your children and/or family members about substance abuse and mental health issues. Please reach out to our District Nurse, Kayla Duenas, with any questions related to our Overdose Aid Kits.

Gov. Evers, WisDOT Announce Launch of Wisconsin's New Driver Education Grant Program



Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), recently announced the launch of Wisconsin's new Driver Education Grant Program. The program, funded by the 2023-25 biennial budget signed into law by Gov. Evers, aims to reduce barriers for low-income students to take driver education courses and become licensed drivers, while promoting safe driving and safer roads. Wisconsin Act 86 (2023) creates a driver education grant program to pay the costs of driver education courses for certain low-income eligible students at approved driver education providers. Parents wishing to learn more about the program and how to apply can do so by visiting: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/teen-driver/teen-sfty/degrant.aspx>

DONATE

+ BLOOD +

Student Council will be holding a
Blood Drive at School.
Please Call (920) 986-3351 x 782
to make an appointment

+ Wednesday

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October

9:30AM to
12:30PM



RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The last quarter of the 2021-2022 school year saw a stark decline in the number of COVID-19 positive cases among students and staff in the School District of Shiocton. This experience continued through the 2022 – 2023 and the 2023 – 2024 school years despite the existence of variants such as Omicron, JN.1, and, most recently, KP.3.1.1.

Shift towards endemic status

The status of COVID-19 remains that of an endemic. An endemic disease is considered to be a disease that is still around but that is occurring at a level that is not causing significant disruption in our daily lives.

Influenza is a commonly known virus considered to be an endemic. It is an illness for which there are vaccinations and treatment options. It is also one that can see a spike in positive cases at times, which can shift its status to that of an epidemic. When this happens, businesses and schools typically look to a longer weekend for closure and ramp up sanitation efforts for a period of time to ensure the virus is not living on surfaces nor in the air such that it could be contracted.

Given these factors, the School District of Shiocton will treat COVID-19 positive cases as it does all other endemic positive cases.

General Operations:

- Ill children stay home from school until 24 hours fever free without the use of a fever-reducing agent.
 - Parents are responsible to monitor their child(ren) each morning: do not send ill children to school
 - Parents will be encouraged to have their child tested for COVID if symptoms displayed are common symptoms of the virus
 - Contact the school nurse (x714) if you have concerns or questions about your child's symptoms
- Provide District Administrator continued decision-making ability regarding the institution of additional mitigation strategies in the case of school transmissions

Guidance and References:

- Continue to monitor District data regarding illness, positive cases, and related statistics
- Continue to monitor data and guidance provided by Outagamie County Public Health
- Continue to monitor research and guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

This Plan is fluid and will be revised as needed. Approved 9/9/2024

Seeking Families for Food and Toy Drive

The Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be starting in November. 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 your name to the confidential list and spread some joy to your family this holiday season.

Please call: 920-986-3351, Mrs. Cornell ext. 711, Mrs. Kern ext. 762, Mrs. Fallona-ext. 787

Counselor's Corner

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7-12 School Counselor-ext. 711

Welcome to the Counselor's Corner. We felt that providing a one stop shop 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.

K4-6 Students

Kindergarten through 5th grade students continue to practice skills that make them respectful learners and friends. This month we are introducing how to be assertive, rather than passive or aggressive. Students have become very familiar with what these words mean, and do a great job being assertive in the school setting. Please recognize and praise your child when they are using this skill at home too!

In Grade 6, we are discussing how our brains are changing at this time in their lives, and the importance of creating good habits that will stick with us!

7-12 Students

Seniors - Many universities have a late fall/early winter application deadline. Seniors may request their official transcript be sent to colleges by entering Parchment from our school district homepage.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens December 1, 2024 for families to start the application process

for federal college financial assistance. Watch for information coming on a parent financial aid evening event. Local scholarships will open on the district website in November. Watch for more information on this date.

Juniors -Schedule your Chief Chat now. Chief Chats are conferences with the student, counselor, and parent to discuss academic and career plans. Junior Chief Chats will run in November and December. Contact Mrs. Cornell to schedule your Chief Chat now.

Sophomores - Tenth grade students will be attending FOCUS at the PAC in Appleton on October 9, 2024. This performance, formerly called Party at the PAC, sends a strong message to teens on the importance of driving without distraction.

Eighth Grade- Eighth grade students will be attending a middle school visitation day at Fox Valley Technical College on October 24, 2024. Students will be able to tour the campus and view various academic programs.

Middle School Students - All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join the Middle School Student Council. The middle school student council helps to plan activities for our school. The group meets once a month during lunch/recess. Watch school announcements for meeting dates. New students can join at any time.

Starting out strong in First Grade

Our 2024-2025 school year got off to a great start! We've been concentrating on establishing routines, getting to know each other, and learning classroom/school rules. We've also read many books about being back at school and had several discussions about how exciting it is being in a new grade.

Our Open House was very successful. We hope you had an opportunity to come in and meet your child's teacher. A big thank you goes out to all who were able to donate an item from our classroom wish lists. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

The first month has also been a big success when it comes to homework. It's great to see that the nightly reading and math practice pages are being completed and



turned in on time. Thank you, parents, for listening to your children read and encouraging them to always do their best work. Together we make a great team!

Make sure to be checking SeeSaw for messages, photos and examples of your child's learning in their SeeSaw journal.





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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Choice of Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel or Cinni Mini Roll Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake wraps or Fruit, Juice, Milk	Mini Chocolate or Mini Powdered Sugar Donuts, Apple Frudels, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, fruit, Juice Milk	Choice of Chocolate Chip or Banana Muffin, String Cheese, Breakfast Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Pancake wraps, fruit juice Milk	Choice of Cereal, Oatmeal Banana Chocolate Chip Granola Round, French Toast Sticks, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Long John Donut, Pancake Wrap, French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Super Nachos, Green Beans, Apple Juice Box, Oatmeal Chocolate Bar, Milk	2 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Strawberry/Blueberry/Apple Mix, Milk	3 Grab & Go Salad Chicken Alfredo with a Twist, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Bananas, Milk	4 Deli Board Walk Turkey, Ham, and Cheese Sub on a Bun, Fuitable Juice, Applesauce Cup, Ice Cream, Milk
7 	8 Portessi Cheese Fries, Mixed Vegetable, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	9 Walking Tacos w/Trimmings, Corn, Pears, Vanilla Graham Cookie, Refried Beans, Milk	10 Ooey Goodness Macaroni and Cheese, Uncrustable, Green Beans, Peaches, Milk	11 Grab & Go Salad Chicken Noodle Soup, Peas/Carrots, Applesauce, String Cheese, Dinner Roll, Milk
14 Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Pears, Milk	15 Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	16 Popcorn Chicken, Rice, Peas and Carrots, Fresh Apples, Milk	17 Cheeseburger on a Bun, Baked Beans, Pineapple Chunks, Sunchips, Milk	18 
21 Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Peaches, Milk	22 Chicken and Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Roll, Milk	23 Pancakes, Hash Brown, Sausage, Orange Juice, Fresh Kiwi, Milk	24 Hotdog on a Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Smiles, Pineapple, Milk	25 Chicken Smackers, Cheesy Broccoli, Rice Krispie Treat, Fruit Mix, Milk
28 Chili and Homemade Buns, Peas and Carrots, Strawberry Cup, Milk	29 Chicken Patty on a Bun, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk	30 Mini Corn Dogs, Peas, Fresh Oranges, Craisins, Pudding, Milk	31 Pizza Dippers w/Marinara, Cheesy Broccoli, Peaches, Milk	

UPCOMING EVENTS



10/1 MS Football @ Weyauwega 5:00PM
10/1 JV2/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Menominee 5:45PM
10/3 MS/HS Cross Country @ Rosholt 4:00PM
10/3 MS Volleyball vs. Weyauwega 4:00PM
10/3 MS Football @ Pacelli 5:00PM
10/3 JV2/JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Clintonville 5:30PM
10/4 HOMECOMING
10/4 Varsity Football vs. Oconto Falls 7:00PM
10/7 NO SCHOOL/Staff PD Day
10/7 HS Boys Cross County @ Marion 4:00PM
10/7 JV Football @ Crandon 5:00PM
10/7 Board Meeting 6:00PM
10/8 MS Football vs. Clintonville 4:30PM
10/8 MS Volleyball @ Wittenberg 4:30PM
10/8 JV2/JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Iola 5:45PM
10/9-10/11 Gr. 5 Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
10/10 MS/HS Cross Country @ Weyauwega 3:45PM
10/10 MS Volleyball vs. Amherst 4:00PM
10/11 SPICE Book Fair Begins

10/11 Varsity Football vs Crandon 7:00PM
10/14 JV Football vs. Northland Pines 4:30PM
10/14 MS Volleyball @ Bonduel 4:30PM
10/15 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15 –8:00PM
10/16 Building Project Committee Meeting 6:00PM
10/17 MS/HS Cross Country @ Weyauwega 4:00PM
10/17 Varsity Volleyball Scrimmage vs. Oshkosh 3:30PM
10/17 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15 –8:00PM
10/17 Varsity Football @ Northern Pines 7:00PM
10/18 NO SCHOOL/ Staff PD Day
10/18 SPICE Spooky Spree 2:00PM
10/21 Board Meeting 6:00PM
10/30 Building Project Committee Meeting 6:00PM
10/31 MS Boys Basketball @ Wittenberg 4:00PM

Scan to view calendar of events



SHIOCTON FITNESS CENTER



FITNESS CENTER HOURS
M-F: 5:00AM-7:30AM
M-TH: 4:30-8:00PM (7:00PM ON FRI)
SAT: 7:00-11:00AM
Reach out to Sarah with any questions! 920-986-3351 or svervoort@shiocton.k12.wi.us