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Grade 5: Reflections from the Soon-to-Be Middle Schoolers

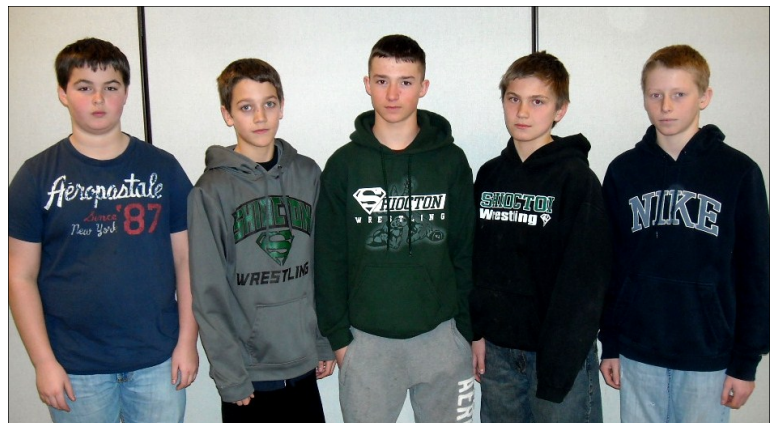
Fifth graders are realizing the end of elementary school is approaching quickly. They have been building the foundational skills needed for their future. This incredible feat should make them proud. The students have learned to measure their continued progress and, therefore, are able to make improvements and better themselves. A time for reflection was given to the students, and the following advice and memories were shared. Look for more fifth grade reflections on page 18.

- Lakelyn Barber: I have learned to listen to students and teachers because it makes you a better student and more respectful. Don't talk during class either because then you have no idea what the teacher is talking about.
- Mikayla Henry: K4 students, just have fun. K5 students, stay out of trouble. First grade, be careful with the gingerbread cookies because they always run away. Third graders, remember Mr. Backman likes polar bears and Mrs. Krohlow likes giraffes. Fifth graders, take good notes so you understand things better.
- Alyssa Durham: Listen to your teacher because he/she prepares you for the next grade.
- Austin VanDenBosch: Be respectful and responsible in school and out of school. Be nice to all living and nonliving things. Do homework and chores. Learn from your mistakes. An awesome quote I learned to use this year is "Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good gets better and your better gets best." Listen to others, so you know what to do and you can help others. Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya taught me more about teamwork.

Five Youth Wrestlers Qualify for State

by Kristi Piechocki

Good luck to our middle school wrestlers who qualified for the Kids Folkstyle State Tournament. Pictured below, left to right, are Ben Gunderson, Sawyer Theobald, Sam Van Straten, Billie Reif, and Trevor Young. The boys will compete for a State title March 22-23 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.



T.A.T.U. is Launched!

by Angela Hammill, AODA coordinator

T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use) has begun here in Shiocton! Students included in this new group are Samantha Bain, Olivia Bloch, Kaylah Schuette, Mackenzie Sommerfeld, Megan Coenen, and Hayley Vandenboom. We recently went through training with the Wisconsin Tobacco Coalition on ways to prevent and educate youth on the negative effects of tobacco. The group will make appearances at local community events as well as in classroom education for our elementary-aged children on tobacco use.



All materials used for our T.A.T.U. group will be purchased through an AODA mini-grant that Kaylah Schuette wrote. The grant gave us \$700 to purchase tools for the group. Thanks, Kaylah, and to all the girls for their hard work! Look for this group out and about!

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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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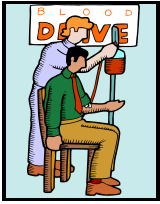
Jeanette Beer and Alyssa Magadanz's Second Place Middle School Principal's Choice Award grid painting entitled "Waves of Images."

Jenna Collar and Montana Stelter Third Place Middle School Principal's Choice Award grid painting entitled "The Gulf Stream."

2013 Award Winning Middle School Art Projects

Alli Scott's Honorable Mention Middle School Principal's Choice Award "Tick-Tock Clock."





Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

The high school Student Council will be hosting their final blood drive of the school year on Wednesday, April 3, from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please call the high school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 to schedule an appointment.

5th Annual Flower Sale

Sponsored by the Shiocton Softball Team
Flowers from Schroeder's Flowers

April 1-15



10" hanging basket	\$19	Fuchsias, Begonias, Ivy Geraniums, and New Guinea Impatiens
8" Mother's Day pot	\$15	
1-gallon pot	\$8	Dahlias or Kong Coleus
3.5" pot	\$4	Gerber Daisies or Geraniums

Those of you who have ordered before know how beautiful these plants are! Order dates are from April 1-15, with delivery just in time for Mother's Day on April 29. You can order from any softball player or call Dawn Kanaman at 359-0179 or Cheryl Pahlow at 986-3445.



Quiz Bowl A Team Takes Championship

by Wendy Hartman, Quiz Bowl Advisor

The high school Quiz Bowl A Team beat Wild Rose on March 13 to secure the CWC championship. They won with a score of 240-142. The victory was the 7th straight for the team, which finished the season undefeated. The conference championship title has not gone to Shiocton since 1997. Competing on the A Team for the championship meet were Nick Van Dyke, David McNichols, Jacob Redmann, and Andrew Louis (*above left to right*). Other A Team members include Dan Erickson, Brett Moxon, and Dominic Gunderson. The Quiz Bowl B team also completed a successful season with 3 wins and 3 losses.

Meet School Board Candidate Jeremie Birch

I have two beautiful daughters, Breanna (9) and Karissa (7). I am also married to a wonderful woman and mother, Pamela. I have been living here for over 10 years now and have come to love this community. I've been fortunate enough to have been on the district's Marketing and Visioning committees. I also have had the honor to coach a number of fabulous kids during both the indoor and outdoor soccer seasons. Throughout the years it has become so obvious how passionate this community is about the safety, success, and future of our children and community. As a community member, I share this passion as well and this is the reason I want to be on the school board. I look forward to the opportunity to help tackle the current challenges facing the district and also those that will be presented in the future. I am seeking your vote for election to the school board.

Paper Recyclable Fundraiser

by Tim Huebner

Please consider dropping off your paper recyclables in the **large dumpster** behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime from Monday, April 22, to Thursday, April 25. This is a fundraiser for the middle school. If you have any questions, call me at 986-3351 ext. 739.

When: Monday, April 22, to Thursday, April 25

Where: The large dumpster behind the school

What: Any paper recyclables (cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, or any paper item)

Final Paper Drive Dates

Monday, June 3
to
Thursday, June 6



2013 HS/MS Art Awards



Thank you to everyone who made the artworks in this year's show. We had many positive comments about the quality of all the work. Thank you to all of the judges. It is extremely difficult to pick just three winners when the work is so diverse and of such overall high quality.

Mr. Greider, MS/HS Art Teacher

High School Principal's Choice

Best in Show	Olivia Bloch	Pencil Drawing	"Lion"
Second Place	Holly Pingel	Stain Glass	"Red Cardinal"
Third Place	Alexandria Wolff	Painting	"Girl Portrait"

*Olivia Bloch
with her pencil
drawing "Lion."*

Middle School Principal's Choice

Best in Show	Jordan Elliott	Clay	"Monster"
Second Place	Jeanette Beer	Grid Painting	"Waves of Images"
	Alyssa Magadanz		
Third Place	Jenna Collar	Grid Painting	"The Gulf Stream"
	Montana Stelter		
Honorable Mention	Alli Scott		"Tick-Tock Clock"

*Jordan Elliott
with her clay "Monster."*



People's Choice

Best in Show	Natalie Guyette	3D painting	"Girl with Ice Cream"
Second Place	Samantha Bain	Clay Box	"Panda"
Third Place (tie)	Hayley Vandenboom	Clay Box	"Hippo"
	Alyssa Scott	Clay Box	"Wolf"
Honorable Mentions	Abby Speering, Brent Traxler, Olivia Bloch, Hunter Herminath, Sam Bloch, Faith Moser		

Natalie Guyette with her 3D painting "Girl with Ice Cream."

Youth Wrestling Wraps Up Successful Season

by Kristi Piechocki

March has been another successful month for our youth wrestlers. On March 2, twelve of our boys competed in what we call our NEW Tournament at Shawano High School. We competed with the schools we had duals with throughout the season. Overall, our team came in at second place, just three points shy of first! Our wrestlers also had eighteen pins! It was a great day and amazing to see how far the boys have come in their skills and confidence. Since we were in Shawano, a few of us even had a little ice fishing jamboree on the lake. I am not quite sure how the boys had any energy left, but they managed to find enough to run after tip-ups. Good times and great memories. Thank you, Coach Mike!

On March 7, the wrestlers were rewarded for their hard work with a swim night at the Clintonville Recreation Center. As always, they had a great time. Thank you to those parents who helped out, and thank you so much, Robin Riehl, for a safe ride and the use of your bus. It is greatly appreciated by all the wrestlers and parents. Thank you, Shiocton Wrestling Club, for funding the swimming and food.

On March 9, Garret Oskey competed at Regionals for a chance to advance to State. Garret took third place which is just shy of advancing, but we are so proud of him. Great job, Garret — way to step up and take a chance!

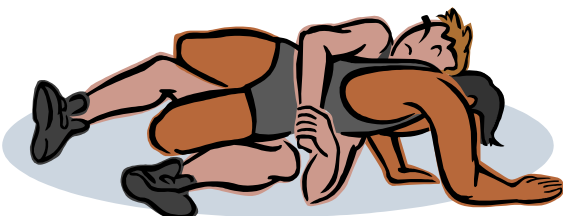
March 13 officially ended our practice season. The kids were rewarded with cake and ice cream at the end of the practice. Our 5th graders were awarded their gold pins as they officially finished the youth program. Kaden Piechocki, River Hobbs, Joe Scheeler, Garret Oskey, Hunter Raeck, and Austin Piotter — good luck in middle school. We look forward to watching your journey.



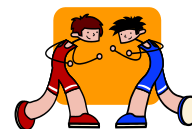
Also, it was a good time to thank our coaches for all they have put into the program. We were very fortunate this season to have five outstanding coaches, Vic Scheller, Mike Jahnke, Ryan Hobbs, Clint Raeck, and Corey Demerath. Thank you for all the time you have put into this youth program. On behalf of the parents, wrestlers, and the club, we are ever so grateful.

Thank you for your strong voices and believing in each and every wrestler! Ryan Hobbs, you will be missed. Thank you for the past six years that you have dedicated to this program! Clint Raeck, you too will be missed. It was great having you for a coach this past year.

As I write this, we await our Corn Hole Tournament at the River Rail on March 16. I know the name is a little odd, but we had to go with official Corn Hole guidelines because we could get three courts in the banquet room. Thank you to all who participated and donated to the bucket raffle. Also, we have about 20 wrestlers competing at the Brillion Tournament on March 23.



VIC'S PICKS



- ★ **Joe Merbach** Joe is another up-and-coming athlete who will do great things for the wrestling program. His attitude in practice is a valuable asset; others can learn from his example.
- ★ **Grant Oskey** Grant is not following in his brother's footsteps, but paving his own way in his wrestling career. He has many successful seasons ahead of him, and having him back next year will be a delight.
- ★ **Bryce Poppy** Bryce has come quite a long way since my first encounter with him last year. He is working hard to gain focus and control. When he channels his energy, he can wrestle out there with the best of them.
- ★ **Garret Oskey** Garret will be missed by the youth program, but is ready for middle school. He puts all he has into every practice and match. He had an extremely successful season, collecting quite a few wins and pins.
- ★ **Miles Suprise** Miles worked hard and focused on learning a front headlock. He also has won two "iron man" challenges in practice. Keep working hard and you will go far.
- ★ **Davin Piechocki** Davin is always respectful to his coaches, and is attentive and a good listener during practice. He is focusing hard on his fundamentals, improving his moves, and building his confidence so he can take it to the next level.
- ★ **Jordan Jahnke** Jordan is quite the scrapper, you can tell he gets plenty of practice at home with his older brother. Once the moves match his intensity, he will be a terror on the mat.
- ★ **Hunter Raeck** Hunter is going to do well with the middle school group next year. This year he has fared well with many wins at our duals and tournaments. He has been a consistent wrestler throughout his time in the youth program and his future is very bright.



Principal's Report

It seems like the past few months have just flown by. It has been a very busy few months and, as spring approaches, the high school continues to be very busy.

I want to take a minute and recognize some great things happening in the high school and let you know about a few accomplishments of our young men and women. Nick Van Dyke has been chosen as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. This is a huge accomplishment and a great honor. Nick Van Dyke and Levi Singler have also been chosen to participate in the WFCA Shrine All-Star Football Game on July 20 at Titan Stadium. Our winter athletes have been recognized for their accomplishments as well. This year the wrestling team sent eight wrestlers on to Sectionals and three on to State competition (Henry Fielding, Austin Riehl, and Zech Riehl). Zech Riehl took 5th and Austin took 4th place. Great job, gentlemen!! Zech was also invited to participate in the All-Star Wrestling Match on March 5 at Kimberly High School. Our boys basketball team finished the regular season with a 15 – 4 overall record. They did very well in playoffs but fell to Reedsville in the first Sectional game. Forensics had six students advance in competition (Samantha Bain, Logan Cummings, Natalie Guyette, Emily Kelly, Daphne Potter, Brett Vander Wielen). FBLA has three students advancing to State. They are Samantha Bain, Hayley Vandenboom, and Brett Vander Wielen for E-Business. Great things are happening at the high school and within our community.

The junior class has been working hard, getting things ready for Prom. This year's Prom will be held April 20 at Gardens of the Fox Cities from 6:00-12:00 p.m. The theme is "A Night under the Stars." Tickets are \$15 a person or two for \$20. For those of you who would like to take pictures of court, it will be announced at 10:00 p.m. Immediately following Prom, we will once again be hosting a Post-Prom event. That event will take place at the high school. The Post-Prom committee has some outstanding prizes as well as entertainment this year. If your child has never come to Post-Prom, please encourage them to do so. It is a great time and it is free

(to anyone who attends Prom). You do not need to attend Prom in order to attend Post-Prom.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Shiocton Music Department. We have several students who will be going on to State as a result: Jazz Choir Dolce Bella with members Brittany Wicinski, Sydney St. Clair, Emma Wagner, Nicole Clement, Anna Depner, Veronica Calderon, Shelby Krause, Missy Krause, Katie Lasee, Alexandria Wolff, Ekko Haberman; Soloists Sydney St. Clair (Classical and Jazz Improv), Veronica Calderon (Classical and Music Theater), Jon Jandourek (Classical and Music Theater), Sarah VanderHeyden (Classical), Emma Wagner (Classical), Amos Huse (Music Theater), Megan Coenen (Classical), Ashley Weis (Classical); and Veronica Calderon and Sydney St. Clair on their duet.

As the weather gets nicer and spring fever begins to take over, I would like to take this time to remind students and parents about the consequences for a skip day. In the past, the tradition in Shiocton (like in many schools) was for the seniors to take a day off and have a party. As an alternative and to deter the skip day, seniors have been given the Friday before graduation to go on a canoe/tubing trip with a cookout, all free of charge. The senior Class of 2013 has already been warned that if there is a senior skip day, the canoe/tubing trip will be canceled, and students will be required to attend school on that day (after graduation rehearsal). Any student who skips will be required to make up all of the time absent prior to graduation, or they will not be able to participate in the ceremony. This strategy worked well the past few years, and hopefully it is a trend that will continue in the future.

Spring athletics are underway, and I would like to encourage fans to attend games/meets and cheer in a positive manner. Your support is greatly appreciated by the athletes and coaches.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. Have a great month!

Kelly Zeinert



Student Council Holds Final Blood Drive

Student Council will be holding its final blood drive of the year on Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please call the high school office at 986-3351 ext. 782 to schedule an appointment.

Counselor's News

High school registration begins June 4!!

Appointments may be made beginning May 2

Students are expected to come into the pupil services office before or after school to sign up for the date/time they want to register for next year's classes. Parents are also welcome to call Mrs. Boelter at 986-3351 ext. 713 between 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or Mrs. Uelmen at ext. 762 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to request a time slot. No students will be permitted to come in during class time to make an appointment.

WARNING! Students' schedules will be done for them if a student/parent fails to schedule an appointment. This may prevent students from getting the courses they want. Appointment dates/times are as follows:

SENIORS

June 4 – 6 (3:00-7:00 p.m.)

June 10 – 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

JUNIORS

June 12 – 14 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

June 17 – 19 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

SOPHOMORES

June 20 – 21 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

June 24 – 25 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

FRESHMEN

June 26 – 28 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

July 1 – 3 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Reminder to senior students: **Local Scholarship Applications** are due to Mrs. Boelter by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Please be aware of enclosures (letters of recommendation, transcripts, essays, etc.) that might be needed to accompany your application. A completed application is your responsibility.

Salon Professionals Academy will be having a representative visit students in the pupil services office during ELT on Wednesday, April 24.

A **Fox Valley Technical College** rep will be in the pupil services office during ELT on Thursday, April 25.

Mrs. Uelmen will be administering the **AP exams** in May. Dates are as follows:

AP Chemistry 8:00 a.m. on May 6

AP Calculus 8:00 a.m. on May 8

AP Statistics 12:00 noon on May 10

AP Biology 8:00 a.m. on May 13

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Wednesday, May 22, on your calendars (parents, too!) for the **Senior Awards Program**. Please ask off work ahead of time to be sure that you have that night off. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards will be given out at that program. PLEASE plan to attend.

High School Creates Lip Dub Video

Students in the high school and middle school videotaped a schoolwide lip dub video and Harlem Shake during the March Winter Carnival events. The recording celebrated all that makes our school great, including sports and clubs. The video was shared via social media and can also be viewed at <http://bit.ly/WaEIPc> (or searchable at www.schooltube.com).



National Honor Society Banquet



A banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 7, to honor the current National Honor Society members and to induct the new members. All are welcome! Dinner will be served at the River Rail at 6:00 p.m. with the ceremony

to follow. Bill Collar will be the guest speaker. Being inducted into NHS is a great honor, and the banquet provides a great opportunity to recognize these exceptional students.

Banquet tickets can be purchased for \$12. All new inductees will receive a complimentary ticket. Tickets will be on sale during the month of April either from Ms. Tetzlaff or through the high school office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Amanda Tetzlaff

NHS Advisor

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News from the Nurse

Inhalants: Death is Only a Breath Away

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Did you know...?

By the eighth grade, one in five young people has used an inhalant to get high, risking brain damage and death. Young people can get high on more than 1,000 legal and useful everyday products.

What are inhalants?

Inhalants are chemicals that cause a person to feel “high” after inhaling or breathing them in.

Why do people abuse inhalants?

Because they feel peer pressure and because inhalants are cheap and easy to find.

How does someone abuse inhalants?

- **Huffing:** Breathing in fumes from a cloth soaked in a chemical.
- **Sniffing:** Breathing in fumes from an open container or filling a closet or car with vapors.
- **Bagging:** Placing the substance in a plastic bag and holding it over the mouth and nose.
- **Spraying:** Spraying a substance directly into the mouth.

Signs of inhalant use may include:

- red or runny eyes or nose
- spots or sores around the mouth
- unusual chemical breath odor
- drunk, dazed, or dizzy appearance
- nausea, loss of appetite
- anxiety, excitability, irritability
- disappearance of household products
- discovery of chemical-soaked rags, socks, or bags

Harmful effects of abuse of inhalants:

- permanent damage to the nervous system, lungs, kidneys, and other organs
- coma or death
- danger to unborn children when used by pregnant women
- poor judgment, vision and coordination, and loss of many other skills needed for safe driving and making safe decisions

In addition, mixing inhalants with other drugs, especially depressants like alcohol or tranquilizers, is hazardous.

Prevention:

- Talk with your children. Teach them the dangers of this abuse.
- Education must start at a young age. Inhalant abuse often begins in elementary school and can lead to further drug abuse, lifelong problems, or even death.
- If you suspect inhalant abuse, consult a school counselor, doctor, or drug counseling center.

Substances which are abused include everyday products found in the home.

In the kitchen:

- butane
- cooking spray
- correction fluid
- lighter fluid
- whipped cream propellants



In the bedroom:

- hair sprays
- nail preparations

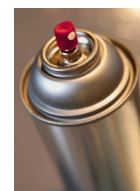
In the garage:

- gasoline
- kerosene
- refrigerants
- turpentine



In the workshop:

- aerosol sprays
- felt tip markers
- glues and adhesives
- paint and paint thinners
- solvents
- spray paints



For poison education information contact:

Poison Help 1 (800) 222-1222

Wisconsin Poison Center

Cathy Smith – csmith@chw.org (414) 266-2630

Anna Travis – atravis@chw.org (414) 266-3816

University Hospital Poison Prevention and Education Center

Donna Lotzer – ppec@hosp.wisc.edu (608) 265-8160

Source: Wisconsin Poison Center



Awesome Art Projects from the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair



School Board Meeting Summary

March 4, 2013

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

Others — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Caitlin Majerus, Scott Gralla, Chris Brownson, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Scott Gralla presented information on the district's Financial Planning Program. Budget models with forecast scenarios were presented.

Delegation: Chris Brownson, Village Police Chief, was in attendance to address the need for camera access between the school and law enforcement. She expressed that this is a security issue, and that a school/police connection was very important. The district is working with Wire Technology Services to address access solutions.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process update.
- Town Hall Meeting agenda review. The meeting will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on March 14.
- Technology Plan — first reading.

- Ray Gomm stated that he felt the school/law enforcement camera access connection was a very important issue. He questioned the cost of implementing this initiative and the possibility of cost sharing with the village.

The board voted to:

- Approve the Youth Options for 2013-14 as presented.

Student report: Caitlin Majerus reported on Student Council.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, Book Fair, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and SPICE Funset Boulevard event.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Music concert, Shrine Game selections, Merit Scholar finalist, State Wrestling Meet, Boys Basketball CWC and Regional winners, and WFCA All-Star Game.
- Mrs. Guex: Federal Funding Conference.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Legislative Breakfast and Administrative Evaluation Training.

Closed session: To discuss Employee Negotiated Benefit LTC and Employment Matters, Staffing 2013-14.

April Calendar of Events

1	Mon	Deadline for special time requests for Mrs. Ritchie's music recitals
1-15		Softball team flower sale (see page 3)
2	Tue	School resumes Spring election HS Baseball/Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
3	Wed	Student Council Blood Drive — 9:00 am-3:30 pm
4	Thu	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office HS Track at Bonduel — 4:00 pm
5	Fri	MS Band students final Badger Band field trip payment due (\$35)
8	Mon	HS Golf at Manawa (Cedar Springs) — 1:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
9	Tue	Grade 4 plays BINGO with senior citizens at St. Denis Church HS Softball at home vs. Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 4:30 pm
10	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
11	Thu	HS Track at home — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Pacelli — 4:30 pm
12	Fri	Grade 8 field trip to Barlow Planetarium at UW-Fox Valley — 10:00 am-3:00 pm HS Baseball at home vs. Freedom — 4:00 pm HS Softball at home vs. Fox Valley Lutheran — 4:30 pm
14	Sun	Skating Party at Skaters Edge sponsored by SPICE — 1:00-5:00 pm
15	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the May issue HS Golf at Amherst (Glacier Woods) — 3:30 pm HS Track CWC Meet at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
16	Tue	HS Baseball/Softball at Manawa — 4:30 pm
16-30		Summer School registration
18	Thu	MS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 3:45 pm HS Track at Menominee Indian Invitational — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
19	Fri	MS Band Badger Band field trip HS Golf vs. Iola-Scandinavia (Whistling Straits) — 1:00 pm
20	Sat	Junior Prom at Gardens of the Fox Cities — 6:00-12:00 pm Post-Prom in the HS gym
22	Mon	HS Golf at home (Eagle Creek) — 3:30 pm MS Track at Rosholt Invitational — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
22-25	M-Th	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
23	Tue	HS Golf at Weyauwega-Fremont Invitational (Foxfire) — 11:00 am HS Track at Manawa — 4:00 pm
25	Thu	MS Track Invitational at home — 4:00 pm HS Track at Tri-County Invitational — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
26	Fri	HS Softball at Gibraltar — 4:30 pm
27	Sat	State Solo and Ensemble Festival
29	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office Softball team flower sale delivery HS Golf at Manawa (Cedar Springs) — 3:30 pm HS Track at Iola-Scandinavia Multi-Meet — 3:45 pm MS Track at Manawa — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Manawa — 4:30 pm



April 20



30 Tue HS Golf at Amherst Invitational (Glacier Woods) — 10:00 am
 HS Baseball/Softball at Oconto — 4:30 pm
 Grand Band Recruit parent meeting in the band room — 6:00 pm



Coming Up in May

2 HS Golf away
 HS Baseball/Softball away
 JV Softball at home
 3/4 Piano/Guitar recitals
 4 Drama Club presents “Jeepers Creepers”
 7 National Honor Society Banquet
 8 Market Day pick-up

Breakfast served daily with a variety of cold cereal, milk, 100% juice, toast, and fruit.
 Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch.
 Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No school	2 Pizza dippers with marinara sauce, mandarin oranges, green beans, milk	3 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, broccoli with cheese, peaches, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese sandwich, tri-taters, Wisconsin blend vegetables, pineapple, milk	5 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, carrots, pears, milk
8 Pizza slice, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk	9 French toast sticks, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken noodle soup, uncrustable sandwich, carrots, applesauce, milk	11 Mini corn dogs, rice, peas, fruit cocktail, milk	12 Grab-n-Go salad or turkey, ham, and cheese sub sandwich, Sun Chips, fresh vegetables, cookie, strawberry cup, milk
15 Chicken patty on a bun, French fries, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, carrots, peaches, bread, milk	17 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	18 Sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, green beans, pears, milk	19 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas, shredded cheese, lettuce, peas, mandarin oranges, milk
22 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, baked beans, milk	23 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	24 Nachos with meat sauce, sour cream, peas, apple juice, milk	25 Pizza fries, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, milk	26 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce, green beans, milk
29 Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, milk	30 Grab-n-Go salad or taco fries, green beans, peaches, milk			* Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.95 per day, \$9.75 per week, \$40.95 for April
 Middle/High School — \$2.25 per day, \$11.25 per week, \$47.25 for April

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.

Elementary/Middle School News



Hopefully there will be a little “spring in the air” by the time you read this month’s *Link*. ☺

I would like to begin this month by thanking all of you who were able to come out and join us for the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair last month. Once again, there was a wonderful turnout for this event! Also, thanks for your support of the book fair that was held in conjunction with the fair. A special thanks to all of the students who participated through projects, displays, artwork, and/or music. G-R-E-A-T job! ☺

There was also a very nice turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences last month. With “spring fever” approaching, please remember to pay special attention to your child’s agenda or homework folder and his/her progress in individual classes. This seems to be the time of the year when students take a dip unless a parent/guardian is closely monitoring progress. With the fourth quarter quickly approaching, this is the perfect time for parents of middle school students to remind their children that fourth quarter grades roll over to determine eligibility for sports during the 2013-14 school year. (This is a great motivator for students who intend to begin or continue with sports in the coming year.)

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the recent band and choir performance. Great job, to all of the performers! Also, congratulations to all of the students who participated in winter sports, Forensics, music festivals, and other clubs and/or activities. I would also like to wish our middle school wrestlers the best of luck as they travel to their State competition in the very near future. Go get ‘em, gentlemen! I hope you have a wonderful time and a great experience! ☺

Summer School Registration

April 16 – April 30

* All fees must be paid at time of registration.

Upcoming Events/Activities and Information

No School/Spring Break: There will be no school from March 25 through April 1 due to spring break. School will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Summer School Registration: Summer school registration will take place from Tuesday, April 16, through Tuesday, April 30. Students will be scheduled into classes on a first-come, first-served basis. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. Please call the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 for more information.

Open Enrollment: Just a reminder that the open enrollment window for the 2013-14 school year is from February 4 through April 30. To download an application form, please visit www.dpi.state.wi.us (the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website). You may also contact the district office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 700 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten PALS Testing: If you recall, Wisconsin implemented the Kindergarten PALS Assessment during the 2012-13 school year to monitor individual students’ progress in the fall and in the spring. Students in kindergarten will begin their spring PALS testing at the end of April into the first part of May. Parents will be hearing more information about this from the classroom teachers.

Upcoming K4/K5 Orientations for the 2013-14 School Year

May 17 or May 24

Please call the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have not already registered for the orientation.

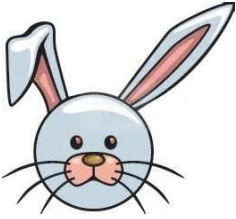


I hope you enjoy some special family time during the break. If you are traveling, please travel safely and have a wonderful time! If you are heading south, please try to bring some of that sunshine and warm weather back with you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal

Early Childhood Thinks Spring

Students hopped into a theme of bunnies. They made bunnies out of wallpaper and tissue tubes. They made fluffy bunny faces using cotton balls glued to a paper plate with their picture in the center. Students made bunny hats and practiced scissor skills by cutting out the ears for the bunny from construction paper. In addition to our bunny crafts, we read many bunny books, including *Knuffle Bunny*. Students hopped down the bunny trail wearing their bunny hats. They also used their hands to make grass for a bunny to hide in.



The favorite topic of the month was pizza week. The students made a pretend pizza by identifying pizza ingredients using different shapes and colors of construction paper. Inspired by the book and movie, *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig, the students made themselves into pizzas. They were kneaded and rolled out, and then had pepperoni (checkers) and cheese (string) sprinkled on them. Another great book read during our theme was *Hi, Pizza Man!* by Virginia Walter. We practiced answering the door for the pizza man and were surprised by the people and animals who were delivering our pizza. The best part of the theme was making and, of course, eating homemade pizza.

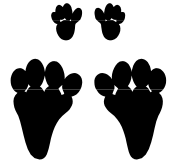
In April, themes will center around caterpillars and butterflies.



Thing 1 and Thing 2 seemed like too few to celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss, too. Our day was made even more special when we added Things 3-4-5-6 and 7-8-9-10!

K4 on the Bunny Trail

The four-year-old kindergartners have been very busy this month. We finished our nursery rhyme unit and then moved into Easter and spring. We had a little Easter party before spring break, and we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny. That tricky bunny left bunny tracks in our classroom, and he hid our hand-made bunny baskets.



The children are working on counting syllables in words and letter/sound correspondence. The school year is just flying by. Wishing all of you an enjoyable spring break.

Title I Needs Assessment to be Conducted

by Michelle Jorgensen, Title I Reading Teacher

Annually, coinciding approximately with the end of the third marking period, Title I conducts a Needs Assessment of all students in four-year-old kindergarten through grade 4. There are three phases of this Needs Assessment. In Phase 1, our classroom teachers are asked to identify students at risk of not achieving academic success. The classroom teacher identifies the needs of each of these students. A "tentative" priority list of students is created from this information.

In Phase 2, the district Title I Reading Teacher reviews and examines the information to determine what grade levels and subject areas will receive Title I services. A rationale is written to support this decision. Based on our district's "early intervention" philosophy, the lower grades are generally given top priority for receiving these services. I then meet with Mrs. Griesbach, classroom teachers, and several district parents to convey this information. We also discuss how to meet the needs of the students who have been identified but who are not placed in Title I.

In Phase 3, all students identified in Phase 2 as Title I candidates are screened to determine their level of need. Some of the screening will be done this spring, and it will continue in the fall. After screening assessments are completed, Title I services will be offered to those students who do qualify.





Second Grade Authors Read to Kindergartners

At left: After researching and writing about their chosen animal, the second graders read their nonfiction animal books to the five-year-old kindergarten class. The second graders enjoyed sharing their knowledge and the kindergartners learned some fun and interesting facts!



K5: In April, Kindergartners are Getting Ready for First Grade

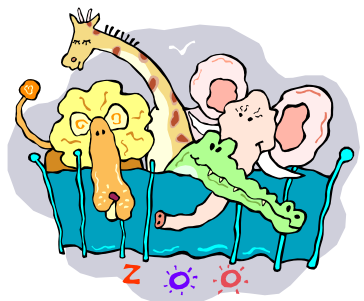
We would like to thank all parents who attended our parent meeting for reading held in the LMC (Library Media Center) last month. We are so excited to have the children reading well and even more excited to have parents help reinforce reading strategies at home. Please feel free to contact a kindergarten teacher if you have any questions about your child's reading ability.

This year, spring seemed to take forever to get here! Yahoo, April is finally here! The kindergartners are anxiously awaiting the sight of a sprout to appear in the pot in which they planted tiny zinnia seeds. It is truly a test of our patience, because it just won't happen overnight! We are all eagerly looking for signs of spring to "sprout" before us!

By April, your child should be able to identify all upper-and lowercase letters and produce the sound(s) that each letter makes. Children should also be able to easily read all the sight words in their reading bag. We continue to add even more sight words to bags right up until the last week of school! (Yes, even more words than in previous years.) Each child has been working to read words using their reading strategies! The teachers have found much joy in the success of the students and the development of their reading and writing skills! Thank you, parents and grandparents, for your support at home in practicing with your child. This practice is essential for your child to become a good reader and writer.

In math, we will continue with addition and subtraction facts to ten. Keep practicing with those flashcards! The teachers appreciate your help in guiding your child at home with working on math skills. That practice provides the extra boost in your child's abilities. Kindergartners will also continue to work on counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. They will continue to apply the rule for telling if a number is an even or odd number, as well as working on ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd....) and math vocabulary.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 29, when we will be taking a field trip to the NEW Zoo. Children will need to bring a bag lunch or order a lunch from the cafeteria for that day. More information will be sent home closer to the date. We are looking forward to this event! Thanks for all you do!

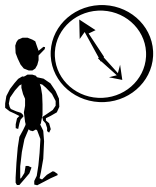


Grade 1 Welcomes Spring

Ahhh! Spring is not only in the air, but also in the first grade classrooms. We will be reading various stories about spring this month and next, including *Wake Me in Spring*, *One Bright Monday Morning*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We also will be making spring decorations, like butterfly wands and kites. What a nice way to bring in the new season.



In math, the children will be starting a unit on money toward the end of the fourth quarter, but now is the time to give them that head start they sometimes need in this difficult unit. Extra exposure to identifying and counting coins at home is very beneficial in helping children retain the concepts taught in class. Try starting out by having your child identify the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter by name and value. Then count a row of similar coins. For example, count all pennies or all nickels before mixing coins together. Once that's mastered, then mix the coins gradually. For example, start off with just pennies and nickels. Then add pennies and dimes. Then nickels and dimes, etc., gradually working your way up to counting all four coins together.



After our money unit, we will be concentrating on telling time to the hour and half hour on both digital and analog clocks. Practicing with your child now will help ensure success in this difficult unit. Please keep practicing math skills at home, too. Memorization of facts is the key to speed and accuracy.

We've been working hard in class on written book reports. We've written both fiction and nonfiction reports together. Now the children are ready to try writing their reports on their own at home (with parental support). Remember, two written reports are due by the end of April.

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



Gifted and Talented

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Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books students participated in the State competition which was held on February 20 at our school. Students had to answer 25 questions pertaining to the books they read, with an additional five tie-breaker questions. The students had 30 minutes to complete the test online. The elementary team gave answers by clicking on the correct title and author.



The team of four (pictured above) – Josh Wilkinson, Cassidy Trimberger, Nikki Harvath, and Mickayla Denis – shared 19th place out of 76 schools. They all did an outstanding job! Thank you to our participants for your hard work and dedication!

6th graders: College Day for Kids in Stevens Point

On Friday, April 26, five students from 6th grade will go to UW-Stevens Point for a unique experience. They will have an opportunity to spend a day in the shoes of college students by taking courses taught by college professors and experiencing college food and life in the cafeteria on campus.

Shiocton Skating Party at Skaters Edge

1150 N. Mayflower Drive, Appleton

Sunday, April 14 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

\$3.50/roller skates or \$5.50/roller blades

No need to register ahead of time.

Happy skating!

Contact Cindy Conradt at cindeerocks@gmail.com
with questions or concerns.



Great Progress in Grade 2

Spring has FINALLY made its way here. Yes! Welcome back to our final and BEST quarter of the year. Our students have learned so much, and this is when we should really be able to see all of the wonderful progress they've made since day one. Encourage your child to continue doing their best, as it does get more challenging to focus once the weather gets warmer.

This year in math we've been learning important everyday skills — like how to count money and tell time — and soon we'll be learning how to measure and do fractions. Please look for opportunities at home to reinforce what has been taught. Ask your child what time it is every day. Ask what fraction of the pizza they're eating or how much change is in your coin jar. Find some things to measure at home, or estimate the length of items you see. How long is your book? Your bed? Your smile? The practical application of these skills shows the kids how they'll use their math in "real life."

Later this month in science we'll be learning about the water cycle, changes in matter, and weather. We will also learn about tornadoes and the difference between a "tornado watch" and a "tornado warning." We will practice our drill with all of the other kids in Wisconsin during the statewide Tornado and Severe-Weather Awareness Drill on April 18.



Our second graders are becoming very fluent readers! When your child reads to you, take a moment and think back to how they read at the beginning of the year compared to now. Wow! You should be hearing lots of expression in their voices and more fluency as they read. Be sure to let your child know that you've noticed their amazing progress and are proud of them. Thanks again for all of your help!

Grade 2 Art — Clay Penguin



Grade 3: Spring has Sprung!!

Our third graders have been busy learning about weather and prepping for meteorologist Cameron Moreland's visit on April 18. We've been honored to have him here with us the past several years, and always on the national tornado awareness day. Be sure to watch for your child on NBC26 News that evening! They ARE shining stars!

Spring also brings your child another opportunity to participate in the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test. This is a chance for the students to showcase their knowledge in language arts, reading, and math. This test is taken three times a year. We are excited to see the improvements the students have made since the fall. The actual dates of the tests will be in your child's agenda. Getting to bed on time and eating a healthy breakfast will help your child do his/her best. Thank you for your help.

Many students have earned free tickets to the Timber Rattler game through Fang's Reading Club! Way to go!! The T-Rat game is Saturday, June 1, at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton, with a 6:35 p.m. start. Let's hope for nice weather!!

As always, thank you for all you do! We are thoroughly enjoying our year!



Grade 4 Looks Ahead to Madison Trip

Fourth grade is the first year that students get “official” instruction in the art of keyboarding. Mrs. Ligocki, our renowned high school Business Education teacher, has been or will soon be instructing the students in the basics of typing. Each homeroom will have six weeks of typing instruction. It is pretty amazing how swiftly the students pick it up. From now on, when you see a fourth grader on a keyboard, watch for their excellent technique: hands on the home row and sitting up straight. Mrs. Ligocki stresses that it is important to learn where the keys are now and worry about speed later.



In March the students participated in *Adventures in Dairyland*, a program funded by Outagamie County UW Extension. It was taught by local dairy farmers, Greg, Barb, and Chris Volkman. There is nothing better than learning from the people who live it, and we thank them for sharing their knowledge and many experiences with us! The highlight of this unit is a field trip to the Volkman's farm in April.

Another very important event coming up in May is our Madison field trip! So April will be filled with learning as much as we can about our beautiful and interesting state of Wisconsin. The fourth grade students, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our Capitol and Vilas Zoo. This trip is highly anticipated and always rewarding.

Our spring writing assessment takes place in April, too. We will sharpen up our pencils and apply all of the knowledge we have gained this year to produce a sample of our best writing. It will be fun to see our gains in writing ability.

Counselor's Corner

by Angela Hammill, K5-7 Counselor
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Fifth Grade Student Council Attends State Conference

Fifth grade Student Council members (pictured left to right), Dylan Van Camp, Cole Wilcox, Carley Kriewaldt, Aliyah Schmidt, and Kellyn Van Straten, attended the annual Elementary Student Council State Conference at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Shiocton Elementary Student Council (advised by me) made its second appearance at the elementary level this year. Students enjoyed the breakout sessions that focused on leadership and incorporating giving back to the community.



Chief Chats

Our fifth grade student career conferences have been going great this year! Thank you to all parents and children who have attended. Chief Chats are discussions your child, you, and I have that focus on your child's future career interests, their learning style, personality, WISCareers, as well as middle school transition. If you haven't yet booked an appointment for a Chief Chat, there is still time! Please call Kay Boelter at (920) 986-3351 ext. 713 to do so. If parents are unable to make a Chief Chat, I will meet with your child individually and send the materials home for you both to look over.

THE GRAND BAND RECRUIT!



**“I WANT YOU FOR
SHIOCTON BAND!”**

Is your 4th grader
interested in joining
band next year?

RECRUIT MEETING

TUESDAY

APRIL 30

6:00 p.m.

BAND ROOM

**The Grand Band Recruit
is Here!**

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF 4th GRADERS: The time has come to recruit for next year's 5th grade beginning band. Over the past couple weeks, we've been talking about different instruments in band and figuring out which one your child will play next year in 5th grade. We'll hold a very important meeting on **Tuesday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **band room** to talk about renting instruments and what it takes to be in the 5th grade beginning band. The 4th graders are pumped up for next year. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

Grade 5: More Reflections from the Soon-to-Be Middle Schoolers

- Sandy Schmidt: I learned “Never Eat Soggy Waffles” for “North, East, South, and West” from Mr. Backman.
- Kellyn Van Straten: The words “Safe, Responsible, and Respect” have helped me get through elementary school, and they will be important for the rest of my life. Our fifth grade field trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya taught me about teamwork. If you use teamwork you will be successful. If you want everything your way, you don’t communicate. Without communication the team won’t be connected. If we have schoolwide teamwork, there will be no bullying.
- Cynthia Goetz: As you get older, school goes at a faster pace. Pay attention and listen in school. The point of school is to learn. Be respectful and have a good attitude. Remember that practice makes perfect, and mistakes help us learn not to do it again.
- Ben Weso: It is important to have PMA which is positive mental attitude, and I learned that from Bill Collar’s book *It’s More Than A Game*. If you want to see some really cool planes, go to the Shiocton Airport and/or the EAA.
- Destannie Wagner: Expect things to get harder in each grade.
- Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya is the best field trip ever. Don’t give up because you think you can’t. Learn to love to learn. Be organized.
- Morgan Brux: I remember painting snowmen, marble painting, little green leprechaun footprints all over the room, and third grade was full of a lot of reading time. Get homework done and handed in on time.
- Dylan Van Camp: Wow, from finger painting to such a variety of math skills in fifth grade.
- Aliyah Schmidt: Pay attention in school.
- Kaden Piechocki: Because of the second grade Abraham Lincoln project, I know that he was the 16th president and president during the Civil War. Mrs. Krohlow always says, “If you struggle at something, study it HARDER.” “Always practice to get better, not to get it over with,” says Mrs. McNichols.
- River Hobbs: Be excited about fifth grade, not scared.
- Joe Scheeler: I remember when I was in first grade and I flicked my loose tooth and it went flying right out of my mouth. My classmates helped me find it.
- Emily Kerr: Don’t be shy.
- Austin Piotter: My Science Fair project with foam airplanes and a 100-inch runway was fun. Come to school with lots of notebooks and pencils. Never let yourself down.
- Cole Wilcox: I remember in kindergarten tossing an egg from the building to see whose wouldn’t break.
- Deven Bedor: Always give people a chance. Don’t bully.
- Pay attention in class because you may get a chance to read.
- Hunter Raeck: Work at things to get better.
- Litzy Padilla: I remember the fourth grade plays and they were so funny.
- Sky Green: Find the right book to read; it will be a BLAST. Learning is not boring.
- Jordyn Bauman: Don’t pick on people or call them bad names, because you have to treat people the way you want to be treated. Read 100 minutes or more each week.
- Lydia Kettner: Do not tip your chair. Always tell the truth.
- Corbin Lorge: It’s not the dog in the fight, it’s the fight in the dog.
- Jennifer Muniz: Teachers want the best for you.
- Skylor Bruns: “You can do it!” is what I heard from all my teachers. It is fun to take on challenges. Study, study, STUDY! Believe in yourself.
- Carley Kriewaldt: School is the same as sports, hunting, or anything you like because if you try your best, you can be the best.
- Colton LaForest: Don’t worry, you’ll be fine.
- Lizzie Van Voorhis: Ask friends to play with you.
- Levi Spencer: Make good choices, clean up your messes, and read a book.
- Sienna Rasmussen: School makes you smart.
- Jadyn Manske: Don’t chew gum in class, walk in the building, and be on time.
- Brayden St. Thomas: I got to like new books like *Percy Jackson*, *The Lost Hero*, and *Harry Potter*.
- Ashley Gorski: First friends are unforgettable.
- Chase Van Camp: “Save the drama for your llama.” “When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.” My dad says, “Don’t blink, one day you start fifth grade and before you know it, it’s summer break.”

The last day of school will mark a beginning for the fifth graders — saying hello to middle school, a place that will introduce a new learning experience each and every day. Lockers, rotating classrooms more, new friends, and different teachers — it’s a brand new world.

The teachers wish to send their fifth graders off with this message, “Strive for excellence, take advantage of every opportunity, be the BEST that you can be, and be proud of the work you accomplished this year.” Congratulations!



Books with the Boys #8

by Tim Huebner, with guest review by Colton Kleiber

Tim Huebner

The book *Jungle Force* by Jim Eldridge is an action-packed novel about a mission in Africa by the elite Delta Force. The mission centers on saving a freedom fighter held hostage by a gang of thugs that terrorize a local village. Delta Force manages to be successful despite the odds against it.

The book is a very quick read, but I believe that is the author's style. Jim Eldridge had a long career in Great Britain as a writer on radio and TV scripts, in addition to being the author of over 80 books. His works cover the gamut of historical fiction, including books on both the World Wars, Victorian England, and modern times. I think anyone interested in a quick read could find a book that would hold their attention from this author.

I believe this to be a classic type of book that would have high interest for any middle school reader interested in the military. Given the author's prolific writings, this book could serve as a springboard for readers to find more of his works that would suit their interests.

Basic Facts about the Book

Author: Jim Eldridge

Title: Jungle Force

Published by: Egmont 2011

Reading level: Middle School and up

Page count: 208

This can be found used or new on Amazon and in most public and school libraries.

Colton Kleiber

The title of my book is *Jungle Force* by Jim Eldridge. The book is about a West African freedom fighter that was kidnapped. The mission for the Delta unit was to rescue the freedom fighter named Mwango. He was being held hostage by a gang of about 25 to 30 soldiers. The Delta unit has only six soldiers. They figure out where Mwango is being held hostage with some information from a local village that the gang has terrorized in the past. The leader of the gang, Ngola, is planning on selling Mwango and is holding him hostage in an abandoned hotel. Later in the book, Delta force saves Mwango and finds a way to stop the local village from being terrorized again.

I liked the book. This was probably my favorite book of all time. The reason I liked the book was because it kept pulling me in and I wanted to keep reading. The book is a very smooth read.

I would recommend this book to anyone. Readers who like action, adventure, and the army will love this book. The book just has a way of pulling you in and making you want to read more. I highly recommend this book.




Grade 8 Gifted/Talented Art
Paper mâché sculpture



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS SEE BADGER BAND

We're coming to the home stretch of our Badger Band trip. The kids are very excited to go. The second and final trip payment in the amount of \$35 is due **April 5**. All remaining balances must be paid up at that time. The University of Wisconsin Badger Band is one of the premiere college marching bands in the country — and we get to hear them play! *On Wisconsin!*

ATTENTION ALL 4TH GRADERS AND PARENTS!

The *GRAND BAND RECRUIT* is here! Throughout April, during Mrs. Stellmacher's 4th grade music classes, we'll demonstrate and test out all of the instruments in band. The 4th grade classes will even visit some of the band classes to hear the full band play. Then on **Tuesday, April 30**, we'll have a **parent meeting** for all parents and students interested in joining band. The meeting will take place in the **band room at 6:00 p.m.** We'll talk about instrument rentals and what it takes to be in 5th grade band. We look forward to seeing you there!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS YEAR-END CONCERTS

We are gearing up for our final concert performances of the year. The high school music groups present the *Shiocton Showcase*—an assortment of full group, small ensemble, and featured soloists—on **Friday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.** with fun songs and lighter-side music. The middle school groups and 5th grade band present their in-school concert on **Tuesday, May 14, at 1:45 p.m.** This concert is during school but open to the community. Please come and join us!

DID YOU KNOW...

"Studying music encourages self-discipline and diligence, traits that carry over into intellectual pursuits that lead to effective study and work habits. An association of music and math has, in fact, long been noted. Creating and performing music promotes self-expression and provides self-gratification while giving pleasure to others. In medicine, increasing published reports demonstrate that music has a healing effect on patients. For all these reasons, it deserves strong support in our educational system, along with the other arts, the sciences, and athletics."

—Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 19
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 27
SELECT HS STUDENTS

GRAND BAND RECRUIT PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, April 30
6:00 p.m.
Band Room
PARENTS OF 4th GRADE
STUDENTS JOINING BAND

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 10
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
9-12 BAND and CHOIR

MS In-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY CONCERT

Tuesday, May 14
HS Gym
1:45 p.m.
5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 27
Bovina Cemetery
10:30 a.m.
7-12 BAND



**"I WANT YOU FOR
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