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The Link

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

April, 2014

K4/K5 Orientation Coming Up

by Kim Griesbach

K4 and K5 Orientation will take place Friday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. The orientation is for parents/guardians who have children entering four-year-old kindergarten or five-year-old kindergarten next year. Adults will receive general information about the school and the K4 and K5 programs, while their children visit the classrooms. Afterward there will be an opportunity for the adults and children to take a short bus ride. The orientation will last about an hour and a half.



K4 parents are to drop their children off in the K4 classroom (E115) at 1:15 p.m., and then report to the cafeteria. K5 students and parents are to meet in the cafeteria at 1:30 p.m.

If you have not already registered, please call the elementary office at 986-3351 ext. 721.



Three Wrestlers Earn Medals at State

Senior Dominic Gunderson, junior Austin Riehl, and sophomore Henry Fielding represented Shiocton at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament at the Kohl Center in Madison February 28-March 1. All three earned medals. Dominic placed fourth at 195 pounds and finished his season with a record of 45-5. Henry placed fourth at 182 pounds and had a season record of 40-2, and Austin placed sixth at 138 with a record of 32-6.



"Record-wise, our guys were 7-7 in Madison, which shows that we were able to hold our own down there," said coach Eric Clausen. "We are very proud of these three guys and what they were able to do at the state tournament, in addition to the rest of the season. Fortunately for us, we get two of them, Austin and Henry, back next season." See page 9 for more details.

Middle School Wrestlers Qualify for State

by Kristi Piechocki

Congratulations to the middle school wrestling state qualifiers (*left to right*) Levi Stueber, Levi Snortum, Cole Wilcox, Billy Reif, Kaden Piechocki, Sawyer Theobald, and Sam Van Straten. Best of luck at the 2014 Wisconsin Wrestling Federation Kids Folkstyle State Championships in Madison, March 28-29. Great job to all the wrestlers who competed.



2014-15 School Year Calendar

School District of Shiocton

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August

26, 27, 28 — In-Service

September

1 — Labor Day
 2 — First Day of School
 26 — Staff Development, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

October

10 — Homecoming
 16 & 20 — Parent/Teacher Conferences
 24 — No Students – Staff Development

November

4 — End of 1st quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
 26 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal
 27 & 28 — No School

December

9 — Staff Development, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
 24–31 — Winter Break

January

1 & 2 — Winter Break
 5 — School Resumes
 16 — School in session only if snow day has occurred
 21 — End of 2nd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

February

12 — Staff Development, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

March

4 — Parent/Teacher Conferences
 13 — No School
 26 — End of 3rd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

April

2-6 — Spring Break
 18 — Prom

May

4 — No students unless a snow day has occurred
 Teachers report on the 4th for Staff Development
 25 — No School, Memorial Day
 31 — Graduation

June

4 — Last day – End of 4th quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

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Spring Recitals

Time Requests Needed by April 10

The Spring Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students will be held on Friday evening, May 9, and all day Saturday, May 10. Anyone requesting specific times must contact Mrs. Ritchie by April 10.



Paper Recyclable Fundraiser Reminder

We will be having our paper recyclable fundraiser this month from Monday, April 28 to Friday, May 2. Please drop off your paper recyclables in the large dumpster behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime during that week. If you have any questions, please call 986-3351 ext. 739.



Our last drive of the school year will be June 2-9.

Archery Club Shoots for State

by Steve Parker

On March 1, the Shiocton Archery Club competed in the first annual Old 45 3D NASP tournament. Thirty-three Shiocton archers from 4th to 10th grade competed against other students from across the state. Students traveled from as far as Cashton and Wisconsin Dells to shoot in this fun tournament. Notable finishers were Riley Krull (3rd place) and Matthew Wilkinson (5th place) in the Middle School division and Josh Wilkinson (5th place) in the Elementary School division. In addition, the elementary team of shooters took first place in the Elementary Team division.

April 5 will find the club shooting in the State Tournament at Wausau West Fieldhouse. Shiocton's shooting time is 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Come support our shooters and see what school archery is all about. Spectator admission is free.



The club continues to shoot in the elementary gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Feel free to come check out the club. **We especially welcome any current third graders to come and see what our club is like.** Archery is available as a club sport starting in the 4th grade.

More information about the Archery Club or the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) can be obtained from me at sjparker92@gmail.com or 757-8871.

School Make-up Days

(as of this printing)

We have had to close school for several days due to snow, wind chills, and a gas leak. With two days worked into the calendar, we will need to make up days we have missed beyond that. We have settled on the following days to be used as full instructional days with students.

Monday, April 21 (gas leak make-up day)

Friday, June 6 (from ½ to a full day)

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10

Cookie Dough Sale Raises Over \$3,000

by Joyce Baggot, Market Day Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to fourth grade parents, Pam Birch, Cathy Bronold, and Rhonda Volkman, who came and assisted with sorting and filling orders.



Congratulations to Haily Mercier, Josie Erickson, Katie Hanks, and Jack Powers as the top sellers. They will each receive gift cards to Best Buy. Haily will receive a \$50 gift card, Josie-\$25, Katie-\$15, and Jack-\$10.

Mrs. Krohlow's students sold the most and will get a Chocolate Chunk Cookie treat. Mrs. Singler's class came in second followed by Mr. Beer's class. The combined classes of Mrs. Romenesko's students ran a tight race with Mr. Beer's class.

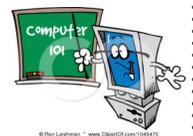
The fourth grade and elementary students helped raise over \$3,034 for the 2014 Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya fund.

Computers 4 Community

Shiocton School District teachers will be providing free computer and Internet training sessions to the local community again in April. Here is a list of dates, topics, and start times for the hour-long classes in April:

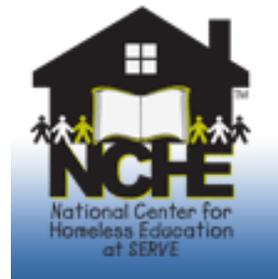
April 15	Google Searching Skills	3:30 p.m.
April 23	Tablets	3:30 p.m.
April 30	Social Media and Facebook	3:30 p.m.

Pre-registration for classes is not required. Classes will be held in the high school business computer lab (room H141). Visit the school's website for more information at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. We look forward to teaching and learning with our community members this spring!



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.



Gifted and Talented

Nicole Hess (grades K-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us
 Karen Rudat (grades 4-8) 986-3351 ext. 580 or krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Noetic Learning (Online Math Center)

Math Contest

On April 10, students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a written math contest. Students are given 45 minutes to solve 20 problem-solving questions independently. Stay tuned to the next issue of *The Link* for results.

Challenge Math

Challenge Math is designed to hone young students' mathematical problem-solving skills and logical-reasoning skills. Students receive numerous challenging word problems. The problems are non-routine problem-solving questions. Challenge Math is designed for gifted elementary students in grades 3-6. Challenge Math runs for 10 weeks, offering 100 math questions that strengthen creative problem-solving and logical-reasoning skills.

Sixth Graders to Attend College Day for Kids

On Friday, April 11, three students from sixth grade will go to UW-Stevens Point for a unique experience. They will have the opportunity to spend a day in the shoes of college students by taking courses taught by professors, dining in the cafeteria, and experiencing life on campus.



Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books students participated in the state competition which was held on February 19 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 Josh Wilkinson, Mickalya Denis, Breanna Birch, and Emily Griesbach (*pictured above*) did an outstanding job! Thank you to our participants for your hard work and dedication!

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Tips to Prevent Poisonings — Safety Tips for You, Your Family, and Friends

Unless noted, the safety tips below were adapted from the American Association of Poison Control Centers' poison prevention tips for children and adults.

Drugs and medicines

- Only take prescription medications that are prescribed to you by a healthcare professional. Misusing or abusing prescription or over-the-counter medications is not a “safe” alternative to illicit substance abuse.
- Never take larger or more frequent doses of your medications, particularly prescription pain medications, to try to get faster or more powerful effects.
- Never share or sell your prescription drugs. Keep all prescription medicines (especially prescription painkillers, such as those containing methadone, hydrocodone, or oxycodone), over-the-counter medicines (including pain or fever relievers and cough and cold medicines), vitamins, and herbals in a safe place that can only be reached by people who take or give them.
- Follow directions on the label when you give or take medicines. Read all warning labels. Some medicines cannot be taken safely when you take other medicines or drink alcohol.
- Turn on a light when you give or take medicines at night, so that you know you have the correct amount of the right medicine.
- Keep medicines in their original bottles or containers.
- Monitor the use of medicines prescribed for children and teenagers, such as medicines for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD.
- Dispose of unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs properly.

Household chemicals

- Always read the label before using a product that may be poisonous.
- Keep chemical products in their original bottles or containers. Do not use food containers such as cups, bottles, or jars to store chemical products such as cleaning solutions or beauty products.
- Never mix household products together. For example, mixing bleach and ammonia can result in toxic gases.
- Wear protective clothing (gloves, long sleeves, long pants, socks, shoes) if you spray pesticides or other chemicals.
- Turn on the fan and open windows when using chemical products such as household cleaners.

Keep young children safe from poisoning

Be prepared

- Put the poison help number, 1 (800) 222-1222, on or near every home telephone and save it on your cell phone. The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Be smart about storage

- Store all medicines and household products up and away and out of sight in a cabinet where a child cannot reach them.
- When you are taking or giving medicines or are using household products:
 - Do not put your next dose on the counter or table where children can reach them—it only takes seconds for a child to get them.
 - If you have to do something else while taking medicine, such as answer the phone, take any young children with you.
 - Secure the child safety cap completely every time you use a medicine.
 - After using them, do not leave medicines or household products out. As soon as you are done with them, put them away and out of sight in a cabinet where a child cannot reach them.

Other tips

- Do not call medicine “candy.”
- Identify poisonous plants in your house and yard and place them out of reach of children or remove them.

What to do if a poisoning occurs

- Remain calm.
- Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and the victim has collapsed or is not breathing. If the victim is awake and alert, dial 1 (800) 222-1222. Try to have this information ready:
 - the victim’s age and weight
 - the container or bottle of the poison if available
 - the time of the poison exposure
 - the address where the poisoning occurred
- Stay on the phone and follow the instructions from the emergency operator or poison control center.

Source: cdc.gov

2014 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 our judges this year. It is extremely difficult to pick winners when the work is so diverse and of such overall high quality.

Mr. Greider – MS/HS Art Teacher

Heather Hellweg with her brother, Justin, who inspired her acrylic painting entitled "Justin."



High School Principal's Choice

Best in Show	Heather Hellweg	Acrylic Paint: Grey, Black, and White	"Justin"
Second Place	Taylor Bauman	Charcoal Drawing	"Cheetah"
	Rachael Berard	Charcoal Drawing	"African Girl"

Honorable Mentions Alaina Maronn/Charcoal Girl and Jesse Cain/Watercolor Ram



Tabitha Morris, Jewel Brunner, and Jackie Korth with their "Wreck of Ole 97."

People's Choice

Best in Show	Abby Speering	3-D Shadow Box	"Walking Dead"
Second Place	Samantha Bain	Relief Print	"Horse & Trailer"
Honorable Mentions			
Peyton Moder	Shark Clay Box		
Bryanna Knoke	Horse Shadow Box		
Justin Ver Voort	Moose Pencil Drawing		

Abby Speering with her 3-D Shadow Box entitled "Walking Dead."



Middle School Principal's Choice

Best in Show	Jewel Brunner, Jackie Korth, Tabitha Morris "Wreck of Ole 97"		
Second Place	Ricardo Muniz, Dante Spencer, Reiley Tyler, Hunter Herminath		
	8th Grade Grid Painting	"Trail Riders"	
Honorable Mentions			
Megan Pigsley	7th Grade Coil Pot		
Drew Schultz	7th Grade "Puddle" mini-painting		
Peyton Bauman	7th Grade Cubist Pastel		



Principal's Report

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

I want to recognize some great things happening in the high school and let you know about a few accomplishments of our young men and women. Our winter athletes have wrapped up their seasons and I want to acknowledge their accomplishments.

This year the wrestling team sent five wrestlers to sectionals and three on to state competition (Henry Fielding, Austin Riehl, and Dominic Gunderson). Henry took 4th place, Austin took 6th place, and Dominic took 4th place. Great job, gentlemen!! Dominic was also invited to participate in the Senior Honors Wrestling Night on March 11 at Kimberly High School. Our boys basketball team finished the regular season with a 17-7 overall record. They did very well in playoffs but fell to Brillion in the first sectional game.

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 12 at the Timber Rattler Stadium, from 7:00-11:30 p.m. The theme is "A Walk Down Memory Lane." Tickets are \$10 a person. A FREE bus will leave from

the high school at 6:45 p.m. and return at 11:15 p.m. If you would like more information about the bus, please contact the grade 7-12 office. For those of you who would like to take pictures of the 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 from 11:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. 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 want to take a minute and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Shiocton Music Department. We have several



students who will be going on to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival as a result. They are Jon Jandourek,

Veronica Calderon, Olivia Bloch, Megan Coenen, Mitch Dorn, Bryce Kuehl, Molly Coenen, Sydney Wilcox, and our Jazz Choir (*Dolcé Bella*), made up of Emma Lee Wagner, Veronica Calderon, Heidi Besch, Missy Krause, Cheyenne Ver



Voort, Jordan Stadler, Wendy Adams, Jeanie Beer, Brittany Wicinski, and Katie Lasee.

As the weather gets nicer and spring fever begins to take over, I would like 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 2014 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 is underway and I 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



Counselor's Corner

High school scheduling for 2014-15 begins June 11! Appointments may be made beginning May 5. 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 11, 12 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
June 13, 16, 17 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Juniors**
Chief Chats June 18, 19 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
June 20, 23 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Sophomores** June 24 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
June 25, 26 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Freshmen**
Chief Chats June 27, 30, July 1 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
July 2, 3 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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

- AP Calculus: 8:00 a.m. on May 7
- AP Statistics: 12:00 noon on May 9
- AP Biology: 8:00 a.m. on May 12

A **Fox Valley Technical College rep** will be in the pupil services office during ELT on Thursday, April 11.

Reminder to senior students: **Local scholarship applications** are due to Mrs. Boelter by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. 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.

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Wednesday, May 21, 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 free. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards, will be given out at the program. **PLEASE** plan to attend.

Art Club: Work on Public Library Mural Continues...

The Art Club is near completion of the "Alice in Wonderland" mural in the Shiocton Public Library. Students went through the process of working out the sketch ideas into the placement on the corner walls inside the library. The theme of "Alice in Wonderland" was suggested by the library director, Melanie Waldron. We are currently finishing filling in the first base coat of colors and are developing over those areas to create a detailed, finished mural. We are looking to complete the mural by spring break.

Art Club students who have been able to help on the mural this year include Jesse Cain, Rylee Davis, Hayley Mastey, Courtney Jansen, Jessica Peoples, Heather Hellweg, Tyler Wheeler, Alyssa Magadanz, Alexis Zick, and guest Justin Hellweg.



Future Business Leaders of America State Competition



When Shiocton Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed at Regionals on February 1, many people came close but only two competitors made it through to State. Those winners, ranking third place or above at Regionals, were Jon Jandourek, competing in Computer Applications, and Dallas Rihm in E-Business. FBLA State will be held in Appleton on April 7-8. The best of luck to both of these competitors as they try to advance on to Nationals.

Wrestlers at Madison

by Coach Eric Clausen

In Madison, Shiocton had three of its wrestlers become place winners in the WIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament. Earning a fourth place finish were Dominic Gunderson at 195, as well as Henry Fielding at 182. Earning a sixth place finish was Austin Riehl at 138.

The wrestlers started out real well with both Austin and Dominic winning their preliminary matches on Thursday night to put them in the bracket for the weekend. Austin defeated Mitch Garriety of Lomira by a score of 13-4, while Dominic pinned Sam Zehnder of Martin Luther in 5:23 to advance. The wrestlers struggled in the quarterfinals with only Dominic advancing to the semi-finals on Friday night, after defeating Nate Cody of Mineral Point in overtime. Dominic was defeated by Nick Klein of Random Lake in his semi-final match by a score of 7-4.

On Saturday, Austin defeated Weston Cracraft of Mishicot by a score of 6-1. He was eventually defeated in the final seconds of the fifth place match by Ross Siegenthaler of Mineral Point to take sixth place. Henry defeated Jaylen Lansin of Cumberland 7-2 and Kamren Bornbach of Stratford 7-4, before being defeated by Cody Rider of Iowa-Grant/Highland by a score of 6-3 and

taking fourth place. Dominic went on to pin Mitch Lien of Clear Lake in 3:16 before being defeated by Ethan Hofacker of Spring Valley/Elmwood by a score of 5-2 and also taking fourth place.

Record wise, our guys were 7-7 down in Madison, which shows that we were able to hold our own down there. It was Dominic's first trip to Madison and he wrestled very well, pinning two of his opponents with his other matches being very close. Dom has always been a fan favorite and role model in Shiocton, so it was great to see him finding success in Madison. That alone was a big win for our team and our program. We are very proud of these three guys and what they were able to do at the state tournament, in addition to the rest of the season. Fortunately for us, we get two of them, Austin and Henry, back next season. I know they were a little disappointed in the outcome. Hopefully that will serve as motivation for them during the off-season and going into next year.



Upcoming Blood Drive

High School Student Council will be sponsoring the final blood drive of the school year on April 2 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please contact the high school office to sign up at (920) 986-3351 ext. 782.



Winter Carnival and a Performance by Outbreak!



own Jordan Conradt on guitar. They played great songs by Jimmy Eat World, Blink-182, Poison, and many more, while students danced and cheered. This performance was an excellent way to end a very enjoyable day!

Winter Carnival 2014 was a huge success. Students enjoyed various activities on and off campus in the morning, including cupcake decorating, Ukrainian egg making, open gym, movies, bowling, swimming, and much more.

Then, after lunch, students took part in the pep assembly, where various clubs and sports were recognized for their achievements throughout the year. The pep assembly was followed by a staff-student volleyball game, in which the seniors turned out victorious.

The highlight of the day came with the live performance by the band Outbreak. Outbreak is composed of teens from the Fox Valley, with Shiocton's

April Calendar of Events

1	Tue	Spring election HS Baseball at home vs. Omro — 4:00 pm
2	Wed	Student Council Blood Drive — 9:30 am-3:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
3	Thu	HS Softball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
4	Fri	SPICE Free Movie Night presents <i>Frozen</i> in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm
5	Sat	State Archery Tournament at Wausau West Fieldhouse HS Softball at Marion — 10:00 am/12:00 noon HS Baseball at home vs. Omro — 12:00 noon HS Band/Choir students to see Blues Brothers Revue at the Weidner Center — 4:45 pm
7	Mon	HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
7/8	M/T	FBLA State Meet in Appleton
8	Tue	Grade 4 to St. Denis for Bingo with senior citizens
10	Thu	Deadline for special time requests for Mrs. Ritchie's music recitals HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
11	Fri	Final payment due for Badger Band trip students Grade 6 College Day for Kids at Stevens Point — 6:30 am-3:30 pm Grade 5 Music Concert in the cafeteria — 2:30 pm
12	Sat	Junior Prom at Timber Rattler Stadium — 7:00-11:30 pm Post-Prom in the HS gym — 11:00-3:00 am
14	Mon	HS Track CWC Meet at Amherst — 4:00 pm (rain date — April 15) HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Manawa — 4:30 pm
15	Tue	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the May issue Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm
15-30		Grade 4 fundraiser for Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
16-30		Summer school registration
17	Thu	Deadline for Labels for Education Classroom Challenge HS Baseball/Softball at Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm
18	Fri	No school
21	Mon	School for all — gas leak make-up day Registration deadline for Krazy Bowling HS Golf at home (Eagle Creek) — 3:30 pm HS Softball at Omro — 5:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
22	Tue	HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Pacelli — 4:30 pm
23	Wed	Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm
24	Thu	Statewide Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill HS Track at home — 4:00 pm
25	Fri	Grades 6-8 band students to see the Badger Band at the Kohl Center in Madison K4/K5 Orientation in the cafeteria — 1:30 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Amherst — 4:30 pm
26	Sat	State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UW-Oshkosh HS Track at Reedsville Invitational — 9:45 am
27	Sun	Shiocton Skating Party at Skaters Edge sponsored by SPICE — 1:30-6:00 pm
28	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office HS Golf at Gresham — 3:30 pm HS Track at Iola-Scandinavia Invitational — 3:45 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
28-5/2		Paper Recycling Fundraiser behind school
29	Tue	HS Baseball at home vs. Clintonville — 4:30 pm Grand Band Recruit meeting in the band room for parents of 4th graders — 6:00 pm
30	Wed	Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm





Coming Up in May

- 1 HS Track at Tri-County Invitational
HS Baseball/Softball at Bonduel
JV Softball at home
- 9/10 Piano/Guitar Recitals
- 21 Senior Awards Night
- 26 Memorial Day—no school

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take a 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, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Muffins, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Bagels with cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk
		1 Grab-n-Go salad or Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner rolls, milk	2 Brunch for lunch: pancakes, omelet, hash browns, orange juice, milk	3 Basket for lunch: ham, turkey, cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, cookie, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, French fries, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk
	7 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas, shredded cheese and lettuce, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	8 Mini corn dogs, rice, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk	9 Chicken nuggets, sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese, dinner roll, pears, milk	10 Chicken noodle soup, string cheese, sliced carrots, dinner rolls, applesauce, milk	11 Pizza slice, lettuce salad, apple crisp, pineapple, milk
	14 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	15 Sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, broccoli with cheese, mixed fruit, milk	16 French toast sticks, hash browns, orange juice, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, sliced carrots, baked beans, applesauce, milk	18 No School
	21 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	22 Nachos with meat sauce, sour cream, sliced carrots, apple juice, milk	23 Pizza dippers with marinara sauce, green beans, strawberries, milk	24 Chicken patty on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, milk	25 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
	28 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, pears, dinner rolls, milk	29 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, green beans, peaches, milk	30 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk		* Menu subject to change

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day
Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$43.05 for April
Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$49.35 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.

Words From Our Administration

Spring Has Sprung!

'Tis true, despite the cooler temperatures, the calendar says that spring is here effective today (March 20). Inside the school, we see and hear the evidence of spring. Black and gray give way to color in clothing as winter coats give way to sweatshirts. The heavy footfalls of tracksters echo throughout the halls as student athletes do their best with indoor practice. The resounding crack of the bat escapes the gym walls, filtering into the halls and conjuring up memories of hours spent in bleachers, sun on our faces, cheering on the guys and gals.

Classrooms are filled with vibrant pictures depicting all things spring: flowers, sunshine, and *green* grass. Calendar counts grow closer to 180 and charts of the weather begin to include more ☀ and fewer ❄ days. Educators begin to incorporate a few more outdoor learning activities and field trips, along with rain dates just to be on the safe side. As a whole, our outlook becomes more optimistic, and hope springs eternal as daylight shines longer into our evenings.

As cabin fever gives way to spring outings, be sure to include a visit to your (grand)child's classroom or to one of the many upcoming school-sponsored events. Spring has sprung! We invite you to enjoy it with us at Shiocton Schools!

~ Mrs. Schweitzer

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At last month's Safety Summit, hosted by the West Bend School District, Mr. Dave Gomm and Mr. Greg Schoettler attended learning sessions regarding school safety. The information they brought back has renewed our discussions regarding safety here at Shiocton Schools. Do we continue to teach children to hide, or do we explore the "fight or flight" practice instead? Should we be locking all of the doors during the day and implement a buzz-in system? What procedures should we follow with parents who enter the school to drop off and pick up their children each day?

Going forward, we will continue to seek practices that ensure both a safe and welcoming environment at Shiocton Schools. You can be a part of this process — join us on June 16 for the next Safety Committee meeting.

C O R N E R



☺ Happy spring! ☺ Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair in March. 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!

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 is the time of the year when students often let homework and grades slip unless a parent/guardian is closely monitoring progress. With the fourth quarter quickly approaching, this is the perfect time for parents of middle-schoolers to remind their children that fourth quarter grades roll over to determine eligibility for sports during the 2014-15 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, Shiocton!

Students in grades 4, 6, and 8 will soon be participating in the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Pilot**. Shiocton was chosen as a district to participate in the pilot. Grade 4 will participate in the math portion, while grades 6 and 8 will participate in the English/Language Arts portion. The students have been doing a great job of working on the practice tests and getting used to the computerized format. Keep up the great work!

Summer school registration will take place from April 16 through 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.

There will be a **K4/K5 Orientation** on Friday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. Please call the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 for more information.

Have a wonderful month of April!

Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Principal, Grades PK-6





SPICE will host a free movie night April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will be showing Disney's *Frozen*.

Early Childhood Celebrates Seuss

Students had a Seuss of a good time during the first week in March. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and his literary works, students made fish handprints, Thing 1 and Thing 2, turtles, and did some goldfish graphing. We ended the week by watching the reading of *The Lorax*.

Students welcomed the warmer weather by making umbrellas using bingo dabbers, tissue paper kites, pipe cleaner lions, and cotton ball sheep. They practiced their fine motor skills with all of the cutting they did this month.

The favorite topic of the month was pizza week. Students used vegetables for toppings on their pretend pizza. 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. They then had pepperoni (checkers) and cheese (string) sprinkled on them. Another great book read 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 include caterpillars and butterflies.

Rhyme Time in K4

The four-year-old kindergarten class has been focusing on nursery rhymes this month. We identified rhyming words, looked at ending chunks, and recited many rhymes. We also made many art projects to go along with our nursery rhymes.

We ended the month with the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. Each child made a pig mask and then we acted out the story. The children had fun being pigs and running from house to house to stay away from the Big Bad Wolf.



We have been able to get outside more and enjoy some warmer weather. Getting some energy out is definitely necessary after the long cold winter we had. We are looking forward to spring!

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

We would like to thank all parents who attended our parent meeting for reading in the LMC 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! It was a VERY COLD WINTER!! Yippee, April is finally here! We hope that means warmer weather, since this month we'll be exploring our surroundings, as well as planting flowers and talking about recycling and Earth Day.



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 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 find much joy in the success of their 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 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 work on math skills. That practice provides the extra boost in your child's abilities. We have been working on and will continue to work with base ten and ten frames.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 22 (rain date May 29), when we will take 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! The kindergarten team wishes you and your family a Happy Easter!

*The kindergarten unit would like to thank SPICE for all that they do. We appreciate your time and effort. Also, a BIG thank you for the books we received after the book fairs. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

Shiocton Skating Party at Skaters Edge

1150 N. Mayflower Drive, Appleton

Sunday, April 27

1:30 – 6:00 p.m.

\$3.75 roller skates / \$5.75 roller blades

No need to register ahead of time.

Happy skating!



Contact Cindy Conradt at 986-3282 or

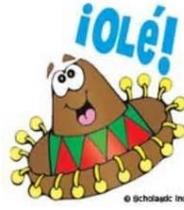
cindeerocks@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Book Fair Fiesta a Big Success!!

by Steve Parker

The Spring Book Fair was a big success. Over 700 books were sold to students, staff, and libraries in the area. Proceeds from the fair allowed more than \$500 worth of books to be donated by SPICE to classrooms and the school library. In addition, over \$1,300 was raised to help fund projects and equipment requests made to our organization.

Thank you to all who helped plan, decorate, and staff the fair. Thanks also to all staff and parents who worked together to make this a successful event. Great job!! Again, thank you for all your support. Here's to making Shiocton Schools great!!



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 some of our favorites, like *Wake Me in Spring*, *One Bright Monday Morning*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We'll also make spring-type decorations, like butterfly wands and kites. What a nice way to bring in the new season.

In math this last quarter, we'll be concentrating on the following units: fractions, 2-D and 3-D shapes, graphing, and solving addition and subtraction facts where there is an unknown quantity ($13 + \underline{\quad} = 18$). Here are a few ideas to help your child connect math to the real world.

- Fractions — When making/cutting sandwiches or fruit, etc., ask your child to cut the food in half or fourths. Give your child eight slices of an apple. Ask him/her to divide the slices in half (two groups) or give you a fourth of the slices (two slices).
- Shapes — Play “I Spy” with common objects around the room. For example, say “I spy a circle” (clock), “I spy a cylinder” (can of soup), or “I spy a rectangular prism” (shoe box).
- Graphing — Have your child take a poll of family members about which vegetable to have for dinner or which movie to watch at night. Have them tally the results and report them to you. You can always ask other questions like, “How many more people wanted peas than broccoli,” or “Which movie choice was liked the least?”
- Unknown quantity equations — Present everyday problems. When shopping, tell your child you need nine cans of soup, but you already have four cans at home, so how many should you buy right now? When cutting fruit, tell your child you had 10 slices of an apple, but now there are only three, so how many were eaten? By involving your child in these everyday situations, you show him/her how important math is in our lives, and it is not just something we learn in school but will never use in the real world.



We've been working hard in class on written book reports. We've written both fiction and non-fiction reports together. Now the children are ready to try writing 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.

Grade 2 Survives Winter

Spring has FINALLY made its way here (we think). We can all tell our grandkids someday that we survived the winter of 2014! Now we're ready to move into 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 September. Encourage your child to continue doing their best, as it definitely gets more challenging to focus as the weather gets warmer.

At this time in math we've been learning important everyday skills — like how to tell time, measure, and count money — and soon we'll be learning how to do fractions. Please look for opportunities at home to reinforce what has been taught. Ask your child what time it is every day. Ask how much change is in your coin jar or what fraction of the pizza they're eating. 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 really shows kids how they'll use their math in “real life.”



This month in science we will 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 our statewide Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill on April 24.

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.

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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!

Labels for Education Classroom Challenge

by Tanya Puls

SPICE is having our very first Labels for Education Classroom Challenge. A flyer went home in March asking parents to please clip your labels on the dotted line and submit them to school with your child's grade and teacher's name no later than April 17 to be counted toward the challenge.



The winning classroom will receive a treat! Labels for Education are not limited to Campbell's products. You can also find them on BIC, Dannon, Emerald, Glad, Pace, Pepperidge Farms, Pop Secret, Post, Prego, SpagettiOs, Swanson, V8 beverages, V8 Splash, V8 V-Fusion, and Wolfgang Puck. Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products.

Please note: Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education are two separate programs. Please be sure to separate Labels for Education and Box Tops before putting them in the bins outside the elementary office or submitting them to your child's teacher.

Grade 3: Spring Has Sprung!!

Grade 3 artist Owen Strelbow glazing his clay lizard.



We have completed three quarters of learning and will finish strong with our last quarter. The students will be challenged with a higher level of reading and writing.

Many students have earned a free ticket to the Timber Rattler game on May 31. The first pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. Thanks to all for participating in the T-Rat reading challenge. SUPER JOB of reading, and keep on reading your way to success.

Division and fractions have been conquered and the students are continuing to learn about geometry. Shapes, sizes, lines, angles, congruent shapes, polygons, flips, and turns are just a few of the geometric family of terms. Perimeter and area are also included in the learning.

Cameron Moreland from NBC 26 will be visiting during the end of April. Cameron will talk about his job as a meteorologist and about tornado safety.

As always, keep on practicing those math facts and READ, READ, and READ some more to prepare for the fourth grade. If you have any questions, please contact the third grade team leaders.



Spring Concerts

April 11

5th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

May 30

4th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions,
call Debby Stellmacher at ext. 771.

Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell

School Counselor, grades K-6
(920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or
scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us

All guidance classes (grades K-6) have been or will be focusing on the importance of safety. Check out the website www.netsmartz.org for videos and tips to keep children safe when online or out in the community.

5th Grade Chief Chat

Chief Chats are underway and will continue throughout April. Thank you to all parents and 5th graders who have attended. Chief Chats are conferences with the student, parent, and counselor that focus on your child's future interests, learning style, WisCareers, and middle school transition. There is still time to schedule your Chief Chat. Please contact me at 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us. If you are unable to attend, please call to indicate that, and I will meet with your child individually and share necessary information with you.

Student Council News

Thank you, bus drivers! Student Council members recognized our bus drivers for their hard work for Bus Driver Appreciation Week – March 3-7.



Dress-up Days

Wednesday, April 9: Sports Jersey Day

Wednesday, April 23: Hawaiian Day

Adventures in Grade 4

In March we created Poppy Posters and wrote Americanism Essays for the Shiocton American Legion Auxiliary, visited with our grandparents on the rescheduled Grandparents Day, and also participated in piloting the math portion of the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment). The SBA will be replacing the WKCE test next year. Ask your son or daughter about the Iditarod. It was an exciting race this year with the first place winner, Dallas Seavey, winning by only two minutes in 65 mph winds.



For six days in March the students participated in “Adventures in Dairyland,” a program funded by Outagamie County UW Extension. It was taught to our fourth graders by Tammy Stilles and her sons (*pictured at left*). 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! We even learned how to make some delicious treats using dairy products. The highlight of this unit on the dairy industry is a field trip to a dairy farm in April or May.

Fourth grade is the first year of school that students get “official” instruction in the art of keyboarding. Mrs. Miller, our high school business education teacher, has been or will soon be instructing students in the basics of typing. Each homeroom will

have six weeks of typing instruction. It is pretty amazing how swiftly students learn to type without looking at the keys. From now on, when you see a fourth grader on a keyboard, watch for their excellent technique: hands on home row and sitting up straight. Mrs. Miller stresses that it is important to learn where the keys are now and worry about speed later.

On April 3, fourth and fifth grade students will be exploring the Dream Flight USA Shuttle bus. The bus will come to Shiocton, and various science/space lessons will be presented. On April 8, we will walk to St. Denis Church to play Bingo with the senior citizens. April 15-30 we will be participating in a fundraiser for our fifth grade trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya.

We will also be working on our spring writing assessment throughout April. We’ll 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.

A very important event will be coming up in May; it 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 graders, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our Capitol and Vilas Zoo. This trip is highly anticipated and always rewarding.



The Grand Band Recruit!



“I WANT YOU FOR SHIOCTON BAND!”

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

RECRUIT MEETING
TUESDAY
APRIL 29
6:00 p.m.
BAND ROOM

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF 4th GRADERS!

The Grand Band Recruit is here! Throughout April, during Mrs. Stellmacher’s 4th grade music classes, we’ll demonstrate and test out all the instruments in band. The 4th graders will even visit some of the band classes to hear the full band play.

Then on **Tuesday, April 29**, we’ll have a Parent Meeting for parents of 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 join band. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fifth Graders Take a Stand on Chocolate Milk

The freedom to argue is one of our most important freedoms. Argument is a part of what it means to be a citizen in a democracy. Fifth graders were introduced to writing standard 1, which states, “Students will write opinion pieces or topics, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.” The students were assigned to write a letter to their principal, Mrs. Griesbach, about their position on whether or not to serve chocolate milk in school. It is important to weigh the conflicting views and to decide thoughtfully on one’s own position, and then articulate that position in ways that convince others. Many students found it difficult to suspend judgment to build their argument. The fifth graders would like to challenge their readers this month to do research on the chocolate milk debate.



I would like to thank
SPICE and their
Labels for Education
program for using
many of their points
to purchase a
beautiful globe for
my classroom.
Thank you!

Sarah Ver Voort

Dear Mrs. Griesbach,

I think there should NOT be chocolate milk in schools. There are lots of reasons why. I’m focusing on three of those reasons. First of all it has a lot of sugar, second of all it causes obesity, and third of all it costs more money than other products.

First of all, chocolate milk has sugar in it. Scientists show that when kids drink chocolate or strawberry milk every day for a year, they gain nearly two gallons of extra sugar a year! White milk and skim milk have less sugar than chocolate milk. So chocolate milk is not needed, as most people can tell. The children have enough sugar as is! Also, there are more calories in chocolate milk than in white and skim, although it may not be much, but we can still do without.

Secondly, there is a problem with obesity. Obesity has been a growing problem for a while because of the sugar in chocolate milk. Although it turns into fat, it can still be burned off. Another problem about obesity is that if kids keep drinking chocolate milk for about a year, they gain a lot of sugar that consequently turns into fat if not burned off. But what if kids don’t burn the fat off? They get obese. And when they get obese, it will be hard for them to do physical fitness (gym).

Finally, not only is chocolate milk unhealthy and has lots of sugar, it costs more. School budgets are low, so why would they pay more for chocolate milk instead of white milk which costs less. By eliminating chocolate milk from school menus, the extra money can go to other things like equipment and food. Besides, there are also other beverages that are healthier than chocolate milk in schools. I think schools should set a good example and not buy things (like chocolate milk) we don’t need!

In conclusion, I think that schools should NOT have chocolate milk because it has a lot of sugar in it, it causes obesity, and it costs more. Even if you don’t like the idea now, later in life you will look back and know that you’ve made a good choice!

Love,
Sydney E. Sausen

Dear Mrs. Griesbach,

I think chocolate milk should not be banned from schools. It should not be banned from schools because it has nine essential nutrients. Also, some kids like the taste of it better than regular milk. The last reason chocolate milk should not be banned from schools is because it is a better choice than sports drinks and sodas.

The first reason chocolate milk shouldn’t be banned from schools is that it has nine essential nutrients. For example, chocolate milk’s nine essential nutrients are calcium, vitamin A, vitamin D, B12, protein, potassium, riboflavin, niacin, and phosphorus. Also, each one of the nutrients has an important job to help your body. In addition, potassium keeps blood pressure regulated and body fluids balanced. They also help strengthen bones and build and repair muscles.



The second reason chocolate milk shouldn’t be banned from schools is that some kids like the taste of chocolate milk better than white milk. For example, giving kids a choice between chocolate milk and white milk, almost any kid would choose chocolate milk over white milk. Also, some kids who don’t like the flavor of white milk will drink chocolate milk instead.

In addition, chocolate milk helps kids get their three daily servings of dairy that is recommended.

The last reason chocolate milk shouldn’t be banned from schools is that chocolate milk is a better choice than sports drinks and sodas. For example, Great Value Caffeine Free Root Beer has 49 grams of sugar, 0 grams of protein, and total calories are 180. Also, kids who drink chocolate milk don’t consume more sugar, fat, and calories than non-milk drinkers. In addition, research shows flavored milk drinkers are not heavier than non-milk drinkers. Soda and sports drinks have too many carbs and too much sugar, so then chocolate milk is a better choice.

In conclusion, I think chocolate milk should not be banned in schools. It should not be banned in schools because it has nine essential nutrients, most kids like the taste of chocolate milk better than white milk, and it is a better choice than sports drinks and soda. *To keep your body in good health is a duty; otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.* — Buddha

Sincerely,
Macy Raeck

5th Grade Boys Capture Second Place in Two Basketball Tournaments

by Gina Van Straten

With several large schools now playing in the Shiocton Hoops Club competitive tournaments, the 5th grade boys turned in a strong performance and finished second at their home tournament on January 12. They also made it to the championship game of the Great Northern Basketball League Wisconsin Rapids tournament on February 22, where they finished in second place. Team members, under the direction of coaches Chad Schmidt and Brad Jorgensen, are pictured below. We're very proud of you, boys!

*Back row (left to right): Caden Schmidt, Trenton Twombly, Jake Korth, Hudson Spencer, Logan Heindl, and Austin Wilinski.
Front row: Trey Van Straten, Jack Scott, Tyler Pelky, and Carson Shears.*



MS Track is Off and Running



Middle school track begins April 1. Practices are every day after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Middle school track is for all interested students in grades 6-8. Physical forms need to be turned in to the office in order for students to participate. If your child has not had a physical, especially 6th graders, please see that he or she gets one. If you have any questions, call Sarah Ver Voort at (920) 986-3351 ext. 742. We are looking forward to a fun season and the warm weather!

Coach Ver Voort and Coach Zdanovec

SPRING
Is in the air

SPICE: Fun Events Coming Up

by Steve Parker, SPICE chairperson

March was a busy month with lots of success to celebrate! A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped at many of the events. Without the parents, teachers, family members, and friends, these events would not be possible.

To start off, the **Spring Book Fair** was a great success! Many families came and enjoyed the fair. They were able to purchase books to increase their home libraries while earning points that helped our school library add to its collection of books. Thanks to all who came and supported this great event. Next, we had a great turnout at **Funset Boulevard** again this year. We were happy to see so many families enjoying a fun night at such a low cost! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Free Family Movie Night continues to be a popular program. Over 130 students and parents enjoyed *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*. Proceeds from concession sales are used to pay for the school movie license that SPICE sponsors. We will host one last movie, *Frozen*, on April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Keep collecting **Box Tops for Education** (boxtops4education.com) and **Labels for Education** (labelsforeducation.com). Money from these simple collection programs helps buy classroom equipment and playground supplies. Watch for a spring classroom challenge for both of these programs in the coming months.



SPICE is sponsoring a **Skating Party** on April 27 from 1:30-6:00 p.m. at Skaters Edge in Appleton. Should be fun.

Special note: Our **next meeting** on April 2 at 6:15 p.m. will include a presentation by Superintendent Schweitzer on the new math curriculum. Come to the meeting to find out what SPICE has planned and learn about the new math program. If you are interested in participating in SPICE, please plan on attending the meeting. It is a wonderful way to get involved with your school and work with other parents.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me at sjparker92@gmail.com or our vice-chair, Tanya Puls, at tanyapuls@aol.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 2, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC
Wednesday, May 7, at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail

School Board Meeting Summaries

February 17, 2014

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

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

The board voted to:

- Proceed with the ventilation tube painting recommendation from the Buildings/Grounds Committee.
- Proceed with the recommendation from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to add two handicap parking stalls across the street from the elementary school entrance.
- Approve the revised Appendix F as presented.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process — Update from February 12 meeting.
- First review of 2014-15 school calendar.

Board reports:

- David Gomm — Convention sessions.
- Raymond Gomm — WASB Delegate Assembly and other convention sessions and CESA update.
- Jeremie Birch — Finance Committee update and PMA follow-up.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Mid-quarter report, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Mid-quarter report and grades 8-11 scheduling update.
- Mrs. Guex: Review of OPEB investment account for 2013, update on open enrollment period February 3-April 30, and historical January tax levy payments.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Updates on superintendents' meeting, gas leak, mascot issue, and math curriculum.

Closed session: To discuss a personnel matter.

March 3, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Kelly Zeinert, Greg Ylvisaker, Gunnar and Bridget Oskey, Trent Moder, Logan Cummings, Bryce Kuehl, Sam Otto, Mason Gomm, Henry Fielding, Jeff Otto, Kristie Moder, Terry Schwaller, Nick Senger, David Meyers, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the agenda as amended, tabling the business manager's report, as well as the Safety Summit report, and adding on the Student Council report.
- Approve the 188-day 2014-15 calendar.
- Approve the Retiree Only - Health Reimbursement Account.
- Hire Angela Oskey for the part-time food service position.
- Approve a leave of absence for Eugene Zdanovec.

Moment of Merit: Gunnar Oskey was recognized as the winner of the schoolwide Geography Bee.

Presentation: Students gave a *PowerPoint* presentation sharing their experiences and what they learned at Trees for Tomorrow.

In other discussion:

- PMA Financial Forecast update/follow-up.
- First review of math curriculum recommendation.
- The Board of Canvassers for the spring election will be Jeremie Birch, Julee Scheller, and Beth Bloedorn.

Student report: David McNichols reported on Student Council.

Board reports:

- Bradley Ritchie — Convention sessions.
- Jeremie Birch — Finance Committee.
- David Gomm — Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- Gregory Schoettler — Safety Summit — tabled.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Submitted written report on elementary updates/events.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, athletics update, and hypnotist presentation.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Legislative update, course options, state wrestling, and gas leak update.



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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TICKETS TO SEE THE *BLUES BROTHERS REVUE*

We are taking a group of students to see the Blues Brothers Revue on Saturday, **April 5**. We still have a few tickets to sell. If interested, please contact Mr. Yenor or Mrs. Anderson. Tickets are \$30 and include bus and admission to the Weidner Center for the show. We will stop at Golden Corral for dinner on the way to the show. The bus will leave Shiocton at 4:45 p.m. So, get a ticket and join us for an evening of Chicago-style blues, jazz, and funk and all the dance moves and comedy of the Blues Brothers!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS SEE BADGER BAND

We're coming to the home stretch of our Badger Band trip. The kids are very excited. The second and final trip payment in the amount of \$32 is due **April 11**. 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!*

TRIP TO SEE *BLUES BROTHERS REVUE*

Saturday, April 5
Weidner Center, GB
HS BAND/CHOIR

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 25
Kohl Center, Madison
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 26
SELECT HS STUDENTS

KRAZY BOWLING!

Saturday, May 3
T&T Lanes
1:00 and 6:00 p.m.
21 and OLDER, REGISTERED

PIANO STUDIO RECITALS

May 9: 7:00 p.m.

May 10: 10:00 a.m.,

1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
ALL PIANO STUDENTS

MS CHOIR

TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

Tuesday, May 20
During school
6-8 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/upbeat.cfm • [facebook.com/shioctonband](https://www.facebook.com/shioctonband) • [facebook.com \("Shiocton Choir Shiocton"\)](https://www.facebook.com/ShioctonChoirShiocton)

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KRAZY BOWLING!

SATURDAY, MAY 3

T&T LANES

(in Shiocton)

Krazy Prizes

Bucket Raffles

50/50 Drawings

Black Sand (student band)

And much more!!

Ever want to bowl with a plunger or an oven mitt!? How about blindfolded!? Get some friends together and go Krazy Bowling! Join us for an afternoon or night full of fun while helping raise money to get our high school band and choir to St. Louis in 2015!

All you need is a team of four to five friends 21 or older. All bowlers receive one drink ticket, free snacks, and plenty of opportunities to win fun prizes!! Food available for purchase, too. Prior bowling experience NOT necessary!

MUST be 21 to play and MUST be pre-registered by April 21. Go to:

[Facebook.com/ShioctonMusicParents](https://www.facebook.com/ShioctonMusicParents)

1:00 p.m. **BOWLING** session 1

4:30 p.m. **BLACK SAND** performs

6:00 p.m. **BOWLING** session 2