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SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Link

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

December, 2013

CHIEFS ARE CHAMPS!

Division 6 State Title Caps Perfect Season

A hard-hitting and stingy defense employed by Shiocton all season propelled them to the Division 6 State championship in a 35-0 win over Darlington on November 21. It was the 11th shutout of an opponent by the Chiefs this season.

Jacob Van Asten ran to pay dirt from four yards out to give the Chiefs a 6-0 lead with 11:18 remaining in the second quarter. He added a 2-yard plunge at 6:57 of the quarter to extend the lead to 12-0. Patrick Brouillard caught a 35-yard strike from Van Asten to give the Chiefs a 19-0 halftime advantage.

Van Asten and Brouillard hooked up again with 4:50 remaining in the third quarter on a 47-yard halfback option play to balloon the lead to 27-0. The Chiefs broke out the trickery to extend their lead to 35-0 when Van Asten threw back to Talon Heinemeyer on the option play for a 22-yard touchdown pass.

The Shiocton defense allowed only 131 total yards and six first downs in the game. Jacob Van Asten led the Chiefs, having a hand in all five touchdowns. He ran for 109 yards and two touchdowns, passed for 147 yards and three scores. It's the first State championship for Shiocton (14-0) in three tries in the title game.

- from wiaawi.org



Winter Concert

Monday, December 9,
at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym
featuring grades 6-12 bands and choirs
(Fundraiser chili dinner
4:00-6:30 p.m.)

K5 Christmas Program

"What Happened to Santa's Tree?"
Thursday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m.
in the cafeteria

Grades 1-3 Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 19, at 12:45 p.m.
in the elementary gym

Grades 4-5 Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 19, at 2:00 p.m.
in the elementary gym



SPICE presents
*Cookies and Milk
with Santa*

Saturday, December 7
9:30 a.m.-noon in the school cafeteria

You won't want to miss this fun event. We'll have cookie decorating and other activities while you wait to see Santa. This event is FREE. Be sure to bring your camera!

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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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Giving Thanks

While it is best for us to be appreciative of all that we have been given each and every day, this is the time of year when we tend to set aside time in which to focus our thoughts on our blessings and participate in the act of giving thanks. Typically, we do so at home, surrounded by family and a feast. Today, I do the same here at school surrounded by a family of learners feasting on the fruits of our educators' labor.

One need not stray far to hear encouraging words as a student learns how to phonetically sound out words or break apart a whole into various factional units. Too, one can witness the dedication of both the teacher and the student during the after-school tutoring program as much as during those precious moments right before the bell sounds at the beginning of the day. Humility has been prevalent in buckets these past weeks as student-athletes have challenged themselves to progress in their chosen co-curricular activity without bluster nor bolstered ego.

'Tis but a short skip from here to see the overwhelming support this community has for its youthful learners. The building is beautiful and the programs funded. Posters adorn windows and supporters fill buses. Parents build robots and play in the band. Gymnasiums are opened and so are minds. Volunteers flood our classrooms while veterans' contributions fill our hearts.

Collegiality and friendships. A shared desire to improve — how we teach and how it's learned, how we play and how we perform. There is much to be thankful for as members of the Shiocton School District — the greatest of which is the opportunity to be a member of this family.

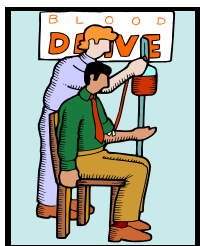
Wishing you and yours a wonderful day of giving thanks.

Mrs. Schweitzer

After-School Tutoring Available

The Shiocton School District is pleased to announce that we have started an After-School Tutoring Program for students in grades 6-12. The program started November 18 and runs from 3:15-4:15 p.m. This is a time when students can receive help, get organized, and complete all missing work. We will also be working on study skills, because all too often this is the issue. This service will continue until the end of the year. Students are responsible for their own transportation. Contact your child's teacher or the Grade 7-12 office for details.





Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 11

High School Student Council will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, December 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Teddy Bear Toss to Help Food and Toy Drive

The Teddy Bear Toss will be held by SWAT on December 13 at the varsity boys basketball game. We encourage community members to bring new or gently used stuffed animals. They will be tossed out onto the court during halftime. All the stuffed animals will be going towards families in need through the Food and Toy Drive.



Archery Club Holds Raffle

by Steve Parker

The Archery Club is selling raffle tickets. Money collected will help purchase equipment and pay for transportation to tournaments. Tickets are \$1 for one or \$5 for six. **Grand prize is a new Mathews Reezon Bow** which retails for nearly \$900. **Second prize is an iPod touch** with an estimated value of \$400. **Third prize is a collection of gift certificates from Shiocton businesses worth over \$200.** **Fourth prize is \$100 cash.** There are other prizes that will be awarded as well.



Ticket sales will run through the beginning of January. Drawings will be held at our January 9 practice. Tickets can be bought from club members, Officer Greg Fischer at school, or select businesses in the Shiocton area. Questions can be directed to Officer Greg Fischer at 810-8204 or me at 257-7822.

Citizen of the Year Nominations

Shiocton area residents are asked to make nominations for the 16th Annual Citizen of the Year Award sponsored by the Shiocton Area Business League. There are no restrictions as to the person nominated. Judging will be based on the time and effort given by the person nominated in support of community events. A banquet will be held to honor the person selected.

Mail or drop off entries at:

First National Bank
N5579 State Road 76
P.O. Box 37
Shiocton, WI 54170



Entry deadline is January 15, 2014

Music Recitals Coming in May Mark Your Calendars

The music recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students are scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2014. Please make a note on your calendars and watch *The Link* for more information.



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

**School District of Shiocton
April 1, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 28, 2014. The present incumbents are as follows:

David G. Gomm
Gregory Schoettler

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**, with the School District Clerk in the School District Office in Shiocton at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary election is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Given under my hand this 25th day of November, 2013:

David Gomm, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Shiocton



Ask.fm — A Social Media App

by Wendy Hartman, Media Director

Ask.fm is a social media site that allows users to ask other users questions and/or make comments in an anonymous fashion (both text and video are accepted). The site is available via the Internet or as an app that is downloaded to a smartphone. It is popular with tweens and teens. Many of these young people publicize their ask.fm information on other social media sites such as Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook. Ask.fm is available in 40 languages, making it truly a global social site.

Creating an account is simple — choose a username and password, and provide your name, e-mail address, and birthday. Ask.fm terms of service state that users must be 13 years or older, but there is no method of verification. Once logged in, a user can see all interactions on another's profile regardless of whether or not the person being viewed is a friend or not. The default setting for receiving questions/comments is anonymous; this can be changed, but it is buried in the privacy settings in the user profile. This is also where a user can block other individuals from sending questions/comments, but blocked individuals can still see the profile and interactions of the user who blocked them.

The anonymous nature of ask.fm makes it a perfect place for taunting, bullying, and inappropriate interactions. The best defense any parent can use is to talk with children about expectations and boundaries. Use the age restriction of 13 to your benefit and get an ask.fm account to view the interactions of your child with others.

Post-Holiday Paper Drive and Future Dates

by Tim Huebner

Many thanks to all who contributed to the fall paper drives. This fundraiser would be impossible without the generous support of the community here in Shiocton. The fall drives brought in 7.5 tons!



This year we will be having a post-holiday paper drive. From Monday, January 6, to Friday, January 10, the large yellow dumpster will be behind school. This will be a great way to get rid of all those recyclables that seem to stack up at this time of year. However, **one item that cannot be contributed is wrapping paper.** Wrapping paper is not recyclable.

Future paper drives:

Monday, January 6, to Friday, January 10 –
Please, no wrapping paper

Monday, March 17, to Friday, March 21

Monday, April 28, to Friday, May 2

Monday, June 2, to Friday, June 6

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Dear Shiocton Backers:

It is important for us to look at co-curricular athletics as an important aspect of our school. Athletics are not something extra or superficial. The benefits of athletics to our young people are not something that can be measured. Teamwork, dedication, determination, commitment, winning and losing the right way are all important aspects of athletics. I want to thank the many people that make athletics successful and meaningful in Shiocton. Without coaches and teachers, enthusiastic students and parents, we would not have the quality programs we have. Our dedicated coaches are continuing to motivate and influence our athletes in the pursuit of excellence. All of us, by working together, will continue to keep our programs strong and worthy of respect.

The success of our athletic teams at Shiocton High School has left us much to be thankful for. The unified effort of so many has created a positive atmosphere that we can all take pride in.

A special thank you to our coaches who take time away from their own families to instill a sense of pride in our athletes, teaching them to always strive for success, believe in the team, respect authority, and face victory as well as defeat with dignity.

We are thankful to our administration for allowing our programs to work and achieve success. Their commitment to the excellence of our programs is valuable in our pursuits.

Our GridIron Club has been second to none in our determination to build a successful program. From the bleachers you're sitting on, to field improvements, to game day items, and the list can go on.... Without the manpower and money that our GridIron Club supports us with, we would not be complete. Thank you to all the members and a special thank you to the board members for their work.

Our athletes are challenged to always strive for perfection whether it is on the field or in the classroom. We challenge them to keep up the good work, and I thank all of you who support Shiocton athletics.

Good luck, Shiocton

Nick Senger, Athletic Director



Principal's Report

As you move through this holiday season, my hope for you is that you'll find time to enjoy the little things in life that make the holidays special. May you focus on things that truly matter — friends and family.

The Student Council is again sponsoring their annual Food and Toy Drive. They have been collecting nonperishable food items, toys, and money for several weeks, and the support they have received thus far from the community has been outstanding. During the month of November, staff members helped out as well. Staff members were able to pay \$1 a day to wear jeans to work. This has helped Student Council raise a little extra money. We are hoping that these extra efforts will allow everyone to have a happy holiday season. Kaylah Schuette, Brooke Piotter, Dallas Stelter, and Haylee Conrads are co-chairs of the Food and Toy Drive and are doing an excellent job organizing the various projects. I am sure that the families that receive the food and toys appreciate the support and help during this holiday season.

The Winter Band and Choir Concert will be held on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Anderson directs the middle and high school choirs and Mr. Yenor directs the middle and high school bands. The students have been working hard on the musical selections, and I look forward to hearing them perform.

On December 4 our early release time will focus on updating our curriculum (using the Build Your Own Curriculum Software system) and teacher effectiveness. Both areas will allow our staff an opportunity to influence student academics.

The winter athletic seasons are underway and off to good starts. If you have time, come out and take in a boys or girls basketball game or a wrestling match. The dance team also performs at many events so you get an extra bang for your buck. It is a great way to spend an evening and show your support for our athletes.

During this busy time of year, take time to enjoy the season and all it has to bring.

Happy Holidays,
Kelly Zeinert, Principal

Shiocton Hoops Club Donates New Uniforms

by Jonalee Elliott

The Shiocton Varsity Girls Basketball team would like to recognize the Shiocton Hoops Club and their generous donation towards new varsity uniforms. Thanks to the Hoops Club, the varsity girls basketball team will be entering the season with brand new uniforms to go along with their new attitude. The Hoops Club generously donated the funds to make it possible for new uniforms to be purchased. The old uniforms were seven years old, heavy, bulky, and most of all, very hot. I think I can speak for all the girls in the program when I say, "We are so grateful for the new uniforms."

This season will be different from the previous years. We have a new coach, new players, and a new attitude. It will be great to have a new look to go along with all of the other new things. Since we are going to be a very young team this year, with myself as the only senior, we are expecting some underclassmen to step it up, work hard, and contribute.

I can't restate enough how thankful the girls basketball program is for the generous donation from the Hoops Club for our uniforms. We couldn't have asked for a better club to support us during our journey as high school basketball players this year and for many years to come. Thank you again for allowing us to finalize our new beginning with the new uniforms and a new look.



Thank You!

SWAT Hosts First Dig Pink Event

by Kaylah Schuette

This year SWAT (Students With Alternative Thinking) hosted its first Dig Pink night on October 1. It featured a bake sale, raffle, and T-shirt sales. SWAT would like to thank all donors, the volleyball team, and both the Bondel and Shiocton communities for making this year's Dig Pink night such a success. The profit was \$890, and it was donated to the Susan B. Komen Foundation to help in the search for a cure for breast cancer. For our school this is a close-to-home issue. In 2009, our beloved middle school gym teacher and athletic director, Sue Neumann, lost her own battle with breast cancer. We do this specially in memory of her.



Counselor News

by Rhonda Uelmen - School Counselor, grades 7-12, (920) 986-3351 ext. 762 or ruelmen@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Seniors This is another reminder that college applications should be turned in as soon as possible. Many schools start to fill up around this time. This is also the time that college scholarship deadlines are coming due. Please check on your college website to confirm when those applications are due.

Speaking of scholarships, winter break is a great time to get started and complete some of our local scholarship applications. Some of our scholarships may change to online applications, so we will keep you posted when these are up and running. Both types will be taken this year.

Juniors Remember to make your junior meeting with me and invite your parent. I encourage your parent to attend for another set of ears.

Don't forget to visit colleges when you can and continue prepping for your ACT! Prep dates will be set up soon with core teachers to go over your ACT practice sample or to just learn test-taking strategies. Please keep your eyes on all the areas that I post events. These include *The Link*, Facebook, guidance bulletin board, announcements, and Skyward.

Sophomores As we wrap up another year of WKCE testing, Shiocton staff would like to thank all parents for adjusting their schedules for appointments so we can get all of our students tested. We had very few make-up tests. Great job to students for all of your hard work as well!

Freshmen If we have any freshman students who are still struggling to adapt to high school, please stop down or contact me to come up with some study strategies — one of which can be the after-school study program. This is an opportunity for students to stay after school and get their homework done as well as get any help they may need.

Upcoming Dates:

December 14	ACT exam date
December 11	Paul Mitchell Salon rep at 2:30 p.m.
January 1	FAFSA application is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov
January 8	Mock interviews for seniors
January 10	ASVAB for juniors
	Reality Check for seniors at 8:00 a.m.
January 22	End of the first semester
	8th grade job shadows are due



2013-14 DAR Representative

Kaylah Schuette (*pictured at left*) has been selected as Shiocton's 2013-14 DAR Representative. DAR stands for Daughters of the American Revolution. The recipient of this honor is selected by the Shiocton High School staff. A DAR representative must possess four qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Kaylah has proven that she does possess those qualities and will represent Shiocton Schools well. Congratulations, Kaylah!



Photo by Elegant Exposure

Reality Check Volunteers Needed!

Parents, community members, and business owners

Help with an interactive, hands-on financial literacy event
for high school seniors.

Friday, January 10 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Shiocton High School

Help our seniors test their ability as consumers in our economy
through an authentic financial event.

Contact Elizabeth Schneider, Social Studies teacher
(920) 986-3351 ext. 787 or eschneider@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Varsity Football Conference Awards

Jacob Van Asten was named CWC-8 Offensive Player of the Year

1st Team Offense

Talon Heinemeyer
Dominic Gunderson
David McNichols
Jacob Van Asten

Honorable Mention Offense

Henry Fielding

Honorable Mention Defense

Garrett Gunderson
Brandon Gomm
Riley Wood
Henry Fielding

1st Team Defense

Talon Heinemeyer
Dominic Gunderson
Jacob Van Asten

2nd Team Defense

Austin Riehl
Patrick Brouillard



Varsity Volleyball Conference Awards

1st Team

Rachael Berard

2nd Team

Leah Wagner

Honorable Mention

Mckenzie Calder and Jonalee Elliott

Shiocton Future Business Leaders Attend Conference

by Brittany Schmidt

Schools from all over Wisconsin traveled to Madison for the Future Business Leaders of America Fall Leadership Conference on November 11-12. Shiocton and Seymour FBLA chapters traveled together to attend this event. This gave chapters the chance to network with others and attend workshops. It was not just business, though; members could also tour UW-Madison or the Kohl Center. In the end, it was to help better develop each chapter.

In coming months, FBLA members will compete in events hoping to make it to state and then nationals. At the leadership conference, some of the workshops described all the events — things such as task, expectations, and tips to follow while competing. This will help members choose the events to compete in and benefit them at regionals.

Other workshops that could be attended were for chapter development. During these events, members would collaborate with others on team working skills to get a good outcome. Things such as building a tower out of straws and tape were activities done during these workshops. These activities, hopefully, helped the chapters collaborate better with each other.

After going to the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, everyone had networked with different chapters, learned other ways of doing things, and had a better understanding of the different competitive events for in the future. It did not just benefit us as individuals, but also our chapters.



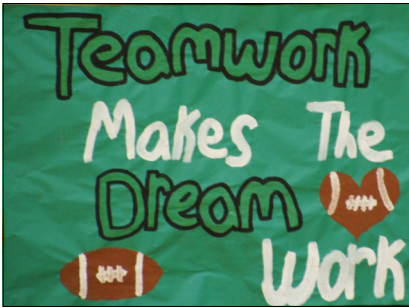
Left to right: Alyssa Leopold, Mckenzie Calder, Jon Jandourek, Rachael Berard, Leah Wagner, Brittany Schmidt, and Emily Kelly. Not pictured: Jessica Miller and Kurt Wismer, advisors.



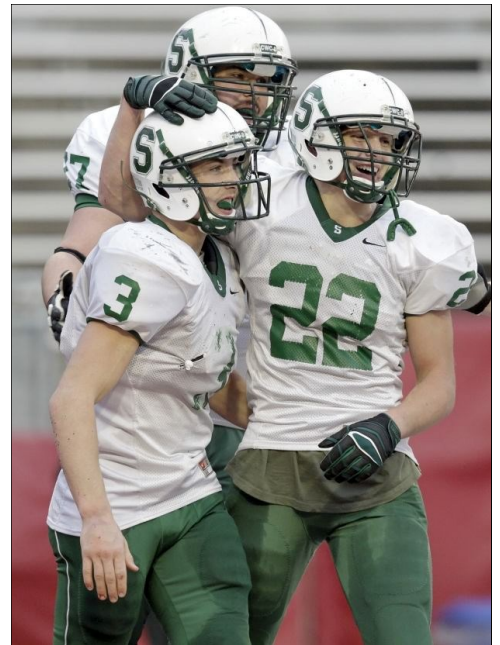
Fans Send the Chiefs to State



Thank you to Terri Brouillard
and Sue Hill for photos.







**Division 6
State Champs**



Shiocton 35 Darlington 0

December Calendar of Events

2	Mon	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Reedsville — 5:50/7:15 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Gibraltar — 6:00/7:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
3	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
4	Wed	Early release for Staff Development — 12:10 pm SPICE meeting at the River Rail — 6:15 pm
5	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:00 pm K4 Holiday Activity Night in the cafeteria — 5:00-7:00 pm
6	Fri	<i>Dolcé Bella</i> Jazz Choir performs at Festival Foods in New London — 12:00 noon JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Stockbridge — 6:00/7:30 pm
7	Sat	HS Wrestling at Oconto Invitational — 8:30 am Cookies and Milk with Santa in the cafeteria — 9:30 am-noon
9	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the January issue Band/choir chili dinner fundraiser in the cafeteria — 4:00-6:30 pm (<i>see back page</i>) Winter Concert in the HS gym featuring grades 6-12 bands and choirs — 7:00 pm
10	Tue	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Southern Door — 6:00/7:30 pm
11	Wed	SPICE meeting at Hometown Grill — 8:15 am Blood Drive sponsored by HS Student Council — 9:30 am-3:30 pm
12	Thu	K5 Christmas Program in the cafeteria — 1:30 pm MS Boys Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm HS Wrestling at Rosholt — 7:00 pm
13	Fri	Last day for donations to the Food and Toy Drive JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00 /7:30 pm Teddy Bear Toss during varsity boys halftime Varsity Girls Basketball at Pacelli — 7:00 pm
14	Sat	HS Wrestling at Brillion Invitational — 8:30 am
16	Mon	MS Boys Basketball at New London — 4:15 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
17	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Black Creek — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
18	Wed	MS band and choir performs at Rennes Retirement Community in Appleton — 10:30 am-2:00 pm
19	Thu	Grades 1-3 Holiday Concert in the elementary gym — 12:45 pm Grades 4-5 Holiday Concert in the elementary gym — 2:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at home vs. Menominee Indian — 7:00 pm
20	Fri	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm
21	Sat	HS Wrestling Tournament at Beaver Dam — 9:30 am Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Brillion at the Bradley Center — 3:00 pm C Team/JV Boys Basketball at Laconia — 4:30/6:00 pm
28	Sat	Varsity Girls Basketball at Marion — 7:00 pm
23-1/1		NO SCHOOL — Winter break



**Cookies and Milk
with Santa**

**Saturday
December 7**

Coming Up in January

2	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home
3	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home HS Wrestling at Manitowoc Lincoln
6-10	Paper Recycling Fundraiser
7	Deadline for School Board candidate filing MS Girls Basketball at home
10	Geography Bee
14	Spelling Bee
22	End of the first semester — 12:10 pm dismissal

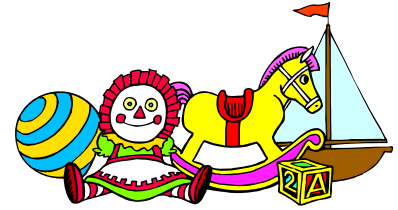


Food and Toy Drive Still Needs Your Help

Classes are still competing to see who can collect the most items for this year's Food and Toy Drive. The winning classes in elementary, middle, and high school will be rewarded with a special treat provided by Student Council.

Different products are being featured each week, but all items, including monetary donations, are always welcome and appreciated. Items featured in December are:

- Dec. 2-6 Baby products/paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)
 *Please submit monetary donations by this week, as we need time to shop for items. Thank you!
- Dec. 9-13 Any food or toys
- Dec. 17-18 Delivery to families.
 Families will be notified of time and date.



We would like to thank everyone who contributes to this wonderful event! Each year we're able to accommodate more and more families thanks to this generous community!!!



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
2	Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, sliced carrots, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or beef and bean burrito, sour cream, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	4 Hot dog on a bun, Sun chips, fresh vegetables, fresh apples, milk Early release	5 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, applesauce, milk	6 Cheeseburger, French fries, green beans, mixed fruit, milk
9	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, milk	10 Whole grain pancakes, omelet, hash browns, orange juice, milk	11 Nachos, carrots, applesauce cup, milk	12 Chicken patty, baked beans, peas, peaches, milk	13 Sloppy Joes, tri taters, whole kernel corn, strawberry cup, milk
16	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with shredded cheese, sour cream, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	17 Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, green beans, peaches, apple crisp, milk	18 Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, whole kernel corn, mixed fruit, milk	19 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, baked beans, pears, milk	20 Homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, carrots, applesauce, milk

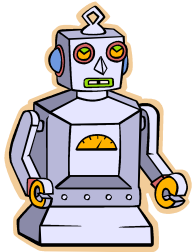
Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day
 Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$30.75 for December
 Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$35.25 for December

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

I am happy to report that the elementary and middle school students have completed all of the **WKCE testing** for the 2013-14 school year. I thank the students for doing their personal best each and every day. We should receive the results sometime in late winter. When we do, we will pass the information on to you.

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the **Veterans Day Program** in November. Students in grades 1-12 participated in the program to honor veterans, past and present. The band, choir, and elementary students all did a wonderful job! Great job to everyone involved with this year's program!



Congratulations to the **Shiocton LEGO Robotics team**, the LEGO Bolts, who finished in the top three for Robotic Performance at the Oshkosh Regional last month. The team was nominated for the overall Champions trophy and was acknowledged as one of the top teams in the Regional. The theme of this year's competition was "Nature's Fury." Each team had to research a form of natural disaster and a community that the disaster might impact. The team then had to come up with an innovative way to help improve the lives of those impacted by their chosen disaster. The LEGO Bolts studied tsunamis and the coastal town of Valdez, Alaska. The team developed an educational board game to help students learn about tsunamis and emergency planning. The team's performance in Oshkosh earns them a place at the State tournament on December 8 at Appleton East High School. Congratulations and best of luck to the following LEGO Bolt team members: Matthew Wilkinson, Josh Parker, Dylan Van Camp, Justin Hellweg, Maddie Daniels, Josh Wilkinson, Brandon Rohloff, and Logan Heindl (and coaches Steve Parker and Denelle Daniels). GO GET 'EM, LEGO BOLTS! ☺

December Events and Activities

Happy December! Staff, students, and parents are working very hard to prepare for all of the events and special activities that are coming up during the month of December. Here are a few events that you may wish to put on your calendar:



Cookies and Milk with Santa (sponsored by SPICE) is coming up on Saturday, December 7.

The Chili Dinner and Winter Music Concert is coming up on Monday, December 9. The chili dinner will take place from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Then, at 7:00 p.m., the middle/high school band and choir students will perform in the high school gym. Please join us!

The Kindergarten Program will take place on Thursday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m., in the cafeteria.

The Elementary Music Program is coming up on Thursday, December 19, in the elementary gym. Grades 1-3 will perform at 12:45 p.m., and grades 4-5 will perform at 2:00 p.m.

Cold Weather Reminders

It's that time of year again! Please make sure your child has the proper winter gear to wear to school (hat/ear muffs, mittens, boots, snow pants). The children do go outside for recess unless the temperature is below zero. Middle school students also go outside during their lunch/recreation time. Please help monitor that your child is dressing appropriately for winter. Thank you! ☺

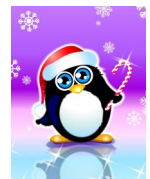


Food and Toy Drive

As you know, the Student Council Food and Toy Drive is going on right now. High School Student Council members coordinate this drive each year to help needy families within our community. Please help us in our final weeks of the drive! Any new or gently used items, as well as canned goods, will be greatly appreciated. As you donate, please keep in mind that we need items for children of all ages (from infants to ages 17-18). Shiocton is filled with incredible community members who come through year after year. Thank you so very much, in advance, for your thoughtfulness and your generosity!

During this season, may we all take time to count our blessings, appreciate all of the special people in our lives, and help those who are less fortunate. Have a safe, healthy, and joyous season.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
PK-6 Principal



Fun Fall Projects in Early Childhood

The Early Childhood class began the month of November by jumping into fall. Students learned about the fall season and discussed the changes they see outside. They had fun pretending to be leaves and learning the rhyme "5 Little Leaves." They also made two different fall trees out of handprints and pumpkin seeds. Students worked diligently on their fine motor control, sequencing, and counting skills by completing an acorn counting book. They got dirty using shaving cream and food coloring to make some impressive and beautiful fall leaves.



In addition to leaves, owls were hanging around our autumn tree. Students learned about animals that are awake at night. They practiced their fine motor and shape recognition skills by cutting shapes to assemble a paper plate owl. They also enjoyed making an owl out of graham crackers ☺. We hope you had a chance to check out our fall display.

We ended the month with a theme of turkeys. Students practiced color recognition skills by using a coffee filter to make a turkey. They also made turkey headbands and danced the turkey dance.

We look forward to running into December to catch the gingerbread man. From our classroom to your house ~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

K4 is Thankful

The four-year-old kindergarten classes are very busy this time of year. We are learning about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. We are also discussing foods for the harvest and what foods are necessary for good health. We need to eat healthy and keep our bodies active so we can grow and learn.



The most exciting time of year is just around the corner. The excitement of the season is sure to be felt by all.

K5 is Busy, Busy, Busy

November left us trying to find turkeys on our hallway bulletin boards, but the children did such an excellent job disguising our feathered friends. There were no turkeys to be found!! Awesome work, kindergartners! We do enjoy our art projects! For the month of December we have our kindergarten "angels" hanging out on the K5 bulletin board. Please stop by and take a peek.

This month we will continue the theme of *Family Ties*, and then proceed with *Animal Families*, as well as doing many holiday projects. The kindergartners will be getting ready and working hard for their Christmas program, "What Happened to Santa's Tree?" The children will learn many songs with actions and speaking parts, and will show off their surprising talents on Thursday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria



We will continue to review the letters and letter sounds we have covered and will be introducing the letters *Ll*, *Hh*, *Ee*, and the *ch* diagraphs blend. We have started blending the letter sounds together to create and read words, using the letters we have already learned: *Tt*, *Rr*, *Ss*, *Mm*, *Pp*, *Cc*, *Aa*, *Nn*, *Dd*, *Gg*, *Ff*, *Ii*, and the *sh* and *th* diagraphs. Have your child practice making words by blending the letter sounds together.

At school the children will be using the sight words we have learned plus our new words this month — *me*, *is*, *here*, *you*, *have*, *she*, *in*, *big*, and *no* — to build sentences. Please continue to study the sight word cards with your child. We have also worked on blending letter sounds together (*-am*, *-at*, *-ap*), and we will continue with these and add *-it*, *-ig*, and *-ip* this month. We are working on developing the children's writing skills, too. Encourage them to sound out words and write the sounds that they hear. They may surprise you!

In math this month we will continue working on numbers 0 to 20. The children will be introduced to Ten Frames. We will introduce geometry and fractions. The children will learn to identify, sort, and classify solid figures and plane shapes. We will also be talking about symmetrical shapes and lines of symmetry. We will begin working on addition and subtraction skills. Expect to see some math skills homework starting to come home.

Parents of K5 students, don't forget to help your child learn their phone number, address, birth date, and how to tie their shoes. We will be assessing all these skills in January.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!



Grade 1 G/T Art

Students studied San Francisco and the houses of San Francisco, as well as the crookedest street in the world, Lombard Street. We even took a virtual tour down Lombard Street. The students created a composition with a cat peering out of a window in San Francisco. Stop by to see the final pieces!

Above: Aubrey Hess

Below: Lydia Hofacker



First Graders Prepare for the Gingerbread Man

Wow! November has come and gone already. We were so busy in first grade that the month flew by. We had many discussions on the meaning of Thanksgiving and the first Thanksgiving. We also created projects centered around the Thanksgiving theme.

Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's students have been busy learning about animals in science class. The students can tell you all about living things, non-living things, and what living things need to survive. They can also talk your ear off about mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish, and insects. The students always enjoy learning about animals. They take great pride in their learning. The students in Mrs. Bellin's class were able to display their knowledge by creating an animal, its shelter, and food. The projects are still coming in, but so far, they look awesome! Thank you for helping your child with this project.

This brings us to December. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for this month. One favorite will surely be our gingerbread man unit. Besides reading several versions of this old tale, we will be using gingerbread men to learn about other states as well. We will send out a gingerbread man to a friend or relative in a different state in the hope of hearing back from them.

We are excited to see who we hear back from and what we can learn from them. No gingerbread unit would be complete without the actual making and baking of gingerbread men cookies! Even though we tell the cooks not to peek at the cookies when they're baking, they always forget, and a few gingerbread men run away. We'll have to be extra careful this year. ☺

In music class, our first graders are busy preparing for their holiday program with Mrs. Stellmacher. We hope you will be able to join us on December 19 at 12:45 p.m. in the elementary gym to hear our students present their holiday musical gifts.

As we enter the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, sometimes the routines of homework get set aside. Remember that the more your first grader reads, the better reader he/she will become. Please try to keep your nightly routine of reading and practicing spelling intact. Thank you for continuing to be an active participant in your child's education.



Box Top Challenge

by Steve Parker

The Box Tops for Education challenge, sponsored by SPICE, continues during December. The classroom that collects the most box tops during November and December wins a holiday party in January. Clip and collect those Box Top logos! Every 10 tops is worth a dollar to the school. Have your friends, family, and co-workers collect for you. This is a simple way to contribute great things for the school district.



Catching Up on Campbell's Labels

by Tanya Puls

SPICE is in the process of clipping and counting a couple years' worth of Campbell's Labels for Education. We are looking to get completely caught up around the first part of 2014. Please check your cupboards, and check with family, friends, and co-workers and drop labels off in the bin by the elementary office. We kindly ask that you **clip the point label only** and put them in a baggie or sealed envelope. This will help speed up the process for submission. We are at 20,030 and counting!



Upcoming Concerts

December 19

1st to 5th grade Holiday Concert
in the elementary gym
1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades - 12:45 p.m.
4th and 5th grades - 2:00 p.m.

February 14

1st and 2nd grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

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.



Sweet Results for Pie/Dessert Sale

by Joyce Baggot

Thank you to the elementary staff, students, and parents for their participation in selling over 100 pies and desserts. Mrs. Hoppe's second grade classroom will receive an apple pie party. This winning classroom sold a grand total of 16 pies. Josie Erickson, who sold 14 pies, was the outstanding pie seller. She will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.



Brooke Fryer and Dylan Morris tied as second and third place winners, and each will receive a \$10 gift card. Congratulations to Mrs. Hoppe's students. Mrs. Scott's kindergarten class came in second with 13 pies/desserts sold.

The Spanish club earned \$421 in profit from this fantastic dessert fundraiser. This will help towards funding their next trip.

So Much to Do in Grade 2!

December brings the anticipation of snowy weather and holiday celebrations! To occupy the second graders until the BIG event, we plan to keep them very busy by continuing to work on reading and writing skills, math facts, and so much more.

The students are progressing in their ability to find common mistakes in writing in order to make sentences grammatically correct in conversation and writing. We continue to work on our reading skills by making connections, predicting, inferring, and retelling. All of these things help to build comprehension, so that we can take away all of the great parts of a story. There is so much more to a book than the words on the page! Don't forget to remind your second grader to choose a "Good Fit" book. These selections build a reader's confidence as well as allow readers to build fluency, accuracy, expression, and comprehension. Happy reading!



Many second graders are beginning to soar through subtraction Rocket Math skills. Their confidence has built them up and they are eager for the quick 1-minute check each day. It is exciting to hear the "buzz" through second grade about which letter each student is working on. It is important to remember that students should be getting away from touch counting and focusing on memorizing the facts. The more practice students put into memorizing the math facts, the quicker they will blast off!

Lastly, with the end of November, we can officially say goodbye to warm temperatures. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather conditions on a daily basis. Wisconsin weather can be so unpredictable, so the best plan is to be prepared for each school day by sending all necessary items for cold weather as soon as they are needed. Each day, please provide your child with a warm coat, a cozy hat, and when the snow arrives – a few pairs of gloves, boots, and snow pants.

Thanks for all of the help, guidance, and support that you provide to your child! Happy Holidays from grade 2!

Grade 3: Bring on 2014

We have wrapped up our WKCE testing, our third grade music program, and our Veterans Day program. WHEW!! As we move forward, getting back to a normal learning routine is the game plan. In math, the third graders will be finishing up their multiplication unit and moving into division for the start of 2014. Please continue to review the multiplication facts at home.

Now that December and the hustle and bustle of the holidays are approaching, it's time to prepare for concerts, baking, shopping, and the visiting of family and friends. It is very important that students continue to get their reading minutes completed over break. We want the students to keep progressing forward.

Our next field trip is scheduled for January 10, 2014. This trip will be to Mosquito Hill to do some snow-shoeing. We will get more info to you as the date gets closer. Just a reminder: All third graders do go outside for recess, and they need to be dressed properly. Please have your child bring their winter coat, hat, boots, and mittens.

We wish everyone a fun-filled holiday season.



The 3rd Grade Team ☺

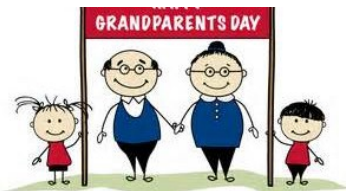
Grade 4 Tackles Testing and G.R.E.A.T.

We are so proud of our fourth graders! They tackled the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam with positive attitudes and great thinking. Now with that behind us, we can breathe a sigh of relief and start enjoying the winter weather. Remember, boots, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow pants are what all of the “cool” warm kids in Wisconsin wear for recess. Fourth grade students are not allowed on the snow hills if they do not have boots and snow pants.



On January 10, fourth graders will be able to participate in the school Geography Bee. Fourth grade teachers look for their geography buffs throughout November and into December. It is a good idea for students interested in geography to start studying maps, globes, and geography facts at home. The teachers will be choosing their contestants based on geography work done at school and at home, and on classroom observations.

Fourth graders will also be participating in the school Spelling Bee on January 14. It is not too early for spelling-minded students to start preparing themselves for that. The teachers run classroom spelling bees to help decide who will go to the schoolwide competition. All Spelling Bee and Geography Bee participants will be chosen by December 17.



We will be hosting our 7th annual Grandparents Day on Friday, February 14. Students will interview a grandparent or special grand-friend and create an essay about the grandparent's life compared to their own. We will be sending the interview questions home prior to the holidays so students have

time to conduct their interviews. These essays will be presented to the grandparents on February 14. It is a fun afternoon in which we reminisce about our grandparents' past, teach a little history, and enjoy each other's company.

Hello parents,

The fourth graders (*pictured below*) recently completed the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. We spent six classroom sessions together learning about gangs, violence, bullying, and drug and alcohol abuse.

The students learned some new skills for how to handle these issues in a non-violent way and how to communicate their feelings properly when dealing with these issues. When the fourth grade G.R.E.A.T. graduates are in seventh grade, we will be doing another twelve-week session of G.R.E.A.T.



There were some family letters sent home to keep the parents up to date on what the class was working on and hopefully answer some of your questions. Feel free to call me if you have any other questions.

*Thank you,
Officer Fischer*



Elementary/MS Student Council Dress-up Days

Wednesday, December 11
Mismatched/Backwards Day

Wednesday, January 8
Western Day

Geography Bee Coming in January

The annual Geography Bee will take place on January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Ver Voort's room. Six qualifiers from each grade level (4th-8th) will be competing to be crowned Geography Bee Champion. Good luck to all students taking the qualifying test!



LEGO Bolts Robotics Team Qualifies for State

by Coach Steve Parker

The LEGO League Robotics team, the LEGO Bolts, recently competed in the Oshkosh Regional qualifying tournament. The tournament featured 26 teams ranging from Ashwaubenon to Fond du Lac. The theme of the competition was *Nature's Fury*. Each team had to research a form of natural disaster and a community that that disaster might impact. The team then had to come up with an innovative way to help improve the lives of those impacted by the disaster. The LEGO Bolts studied tsunamis and the coastal town of Valdez, Alaska. The team developed an educational board game to help students learn about tsunamis and emergency planning.

The LEGO Bolts finished in the top three for Robotic Performance and were nominated for the overall

Champions trophy. While they didn't win the trophy, it was nice to be acknowledged as one of the top teams in the Regional. Shiocton was consistently referred to as a veteran high-scoring team and one to keep an eye on.



The well-rounded performance of our Shiocton team earned it a berth in the State Tournament scheduled for December 8 at Appleton East High School. The top 60 teams in the state will compete in the areas of robot design, robot performance, research project presentation, and teamwork. The LEGO Bolts look forward to a strong showing in that competition.

Shiocton is one of the few districts outside the Appleton area that has a robotics program. Of the surrounding districts, only the Greenville/Hortonville school district has teams participating in LEGO League competition. This excellent academic program is a definite plus for our district.



Team LEGO Bolts is made up of Matthew Wilkinson, Josh Parker, Dylan Van Camp, Justin Hellweg, Maddie Daniels, Josh Wilkinson, Brandon Rohloff, and Logan Heindl. Denelle Daniels and I are the coaches. The Shiocton LEGO League team is generously sponsored by the St. John's Family Fund administered by the Shiocton School District. More information on LEGO League can be obtained at www.firstlegoleague.org.



Front row (left to right): Josh Parker, Josh Wilkinson. Middle row: Brandon Rohloff, Logan Heindl, Dylan Van Camp. Back row: Maddie Daniels, Justin Hellweg, Matthew Wilkinson, Coach Steve Parker.

Grade 5: U-Nah-Li-Ya Memoirs and a Trip to the Airport

Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya means “Place of Friends.” All staff members, students, parents, and teachers worked on providing friendship during the three-day stay. Everyone could feel the caring and respectful atmosphere. Once the students returned to school, they began writing about their adventure. They needed to look back on their experience, draw from it, and find meaning. After all, our life matters. Each student wrote a memoir, and from that they created a six-word memoir. Students were introduced to an iPad app called *pic collage* and were able to arrange photos and text to create their memoir. One memoir and two six-word memoirs are included here. To see a collection of six-word memoirs, go to the school website and click on Staff Directory; under McNichols, click Web site, then Links, then Camp Video.

In October, the Shiocton Flyers Club sponsored a bus so the fifth graders could visit our local airport. Students learned about airplane parts, basics of flying, navigational terms, and different types of aircraft, and were able to get inside the airplanes. The club also awarded T-shirts to two students. We are very thankful for the donation of time and money the Shiocton Flyers Club has given to make this trip possible.



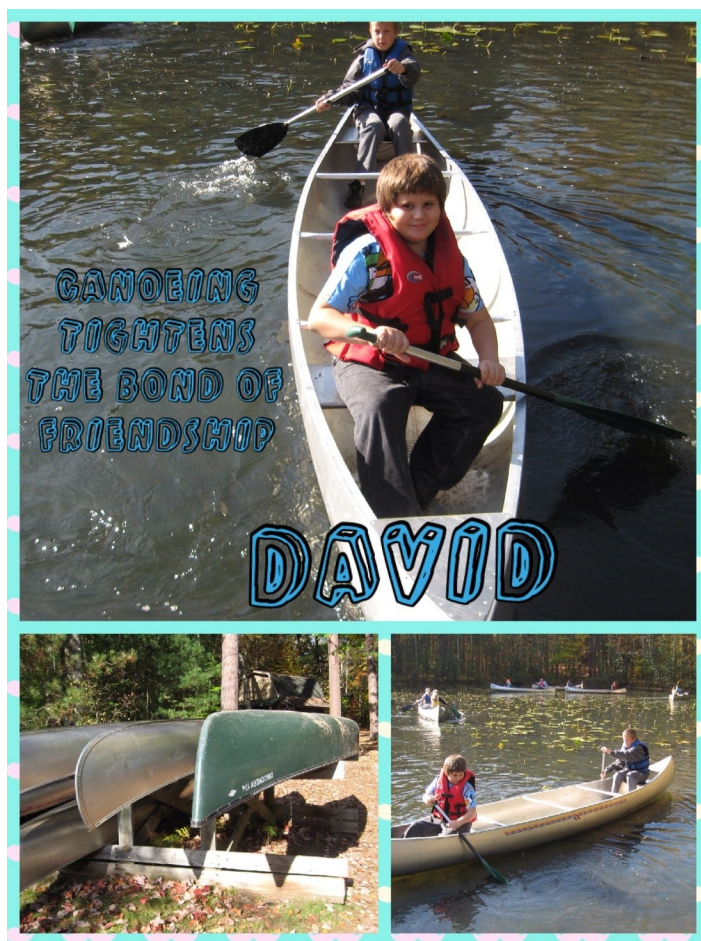
Kissing the Moose

It was the last day of Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. I was standing by my friends, Laura, Selina, and Sydney. The bell had rung for the last meal of the last hour of the last day at camp. We all entered and sat at our tables. We were nearly done eating when everyone started shouting, “Who has the gizmo?”

This meant that anyone who had one of the gizmos had to go up in front and do something silly. I had a gizmo, so I had to go to the front. I was very excited. I was surprised to find out that Hunter, my classmate, had the other gizmo. The counselor said I had to climb the ladder, sing “You Are My Sunshine” and kiss the moose.

I climbed the ladder slowly because I was scared of falling. Clink. . . Clink. . . Clink. When I started to sing I felt nervous, embarrassed, and silly at the same time. I kissed the moose and climbed down the ladder slowly. Clink. . . Clink. . . Clink. All the tables of students were laughing. “Ha ha ha hee hee.” Back at my table I laughed and clapped seeing Hunter kiss the big brown moose. I felt happy. I learned that it’s okay to be silly sometimes.

Mickayla Denis



Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell – School Counselor, grades K-6
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A special thanks to...

- ☺ Students involved in WKCE testing – thank you for your best efforts in completing the state testing.
- ☺ Students and families who donated candy for the U.S. troops. Pictured below are fifth grade Student Council members packaging the candy that was donated.
- ☺ Families who contributed to the Food and Toy Drive this month.



7th/8th Grade Counselor News

by Rhonda Uelmen – School Counselor, grades 7-12
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The 7th and 8th graders were busy with WKCE testing during the month of November. I am working on make-up test sessions with students who missed a test day.

The 8th graders are required to perform a job shadow, which is due at the end of the semester. Parents and students will set this up; however, if there are challenges with that, please feel free to contact me at school. I have many resources that would be helpful. Ideally parents can help their child find the job area, but have the student make contact. Educators are finding that our students are lacking the ability to communicate effectively because of texting and the Internet. Each student has a syllabus with the job shadow requirements. Please take pictures if the place of employment will allow it.

Finally, please continue to have conversations with your children about respect. Even though you don't agree with someone, you do not have the right to hurt someone physically or verbally because they do not believe the same thing. Accept differences, especially if it does not have anything to do with you. The months of November and December will be spent covering manners, respect, and protective behaviors. A letter was sent home to the 8th graders' parents about the content we will be covering. Their content is a little more in depth than what we cover in 7th grade, hence the informational letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 762.



Happy Holidays from SPICE

by Steve Parker, SPICE Chair, sjparker92@gmail.com

The holidays are such an exciting time of year, and they are approaching fast! We are so lucky that Santa will be visiting us in the cafeteria again this year! Mark your calendar, because the annual *Cookies and Milk with Santa* is Saturday, December 7. This is such a fun event that you won't want to miss it. We will have cookie decorating and other fun activities while you wait to see Santa. Be sure to bring your camera for that treasured picture of your little one(s) visiting Santa. This event is FREE.

The second annual Fall Free Family Movie Night was a huge success. Over 140 students, family, and friends watched *Turbo* in the comfort of the school cafeteria. The kids especially enjoyed setting out blankets and pillows to watch the show. Thanks to all who helped organize and run that event.

SPICE tries its best to thank all of our volunteers throughout the year, but I want to extend an extra thank-you to all parents, teachers, and community members who support our organization. We have a dedicated group of volunteers attending most of our meetings, but we also

have a larger group of volunteers who help out with our many events through the year. Without your help and support, there would be no SPICE.



We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. Being a part of an organization like SPICE is a rewarding experience when you see the difference you can make in your school and its students. It's also a great way to meet other parents and teachers. New members bring a different perspective and fresh ideas to our group and help to carry our efforts into the future. Our next meeting is December 4 at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail. Please feel free to join us. Along with other business, we will discuss the planning of upcoming events such as Funset Boulevard, the Spring Book Fair, and a possible late winter/early spring Movie Night. We also meet the second Wednesday of each month at 8:15 a.m. at Hometown Grill, and you are welcome to join us on December 11.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!



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Spelling Bee

This month, the G/T teachers have shared with your child/ren's teachers (grades 3-8) the spelling words for this year's competition. The top two from each classroom (grades 3-8) will compete during the schoolwide Spelling Bee on January 14, 2014.

The school's best speller will then have the opportunity to continue the contest through the regional, state, and national levels. As parents or guardians, help your child to become our best Bee speller. If you would like a copy of the word list, please contact your child's teacher or the gifted and talented teachers.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is an annual statewide reading competition. Students are challenged to individually read a wide genre variety of 20 books by February, 2014. They then participate in a schoolwide Battle of the Books by answering questions pertaining to the 20 books they have read. Four finalists are chosen to compete in the statewide online competition in February.

Groups have been established and are meeting with their designated teachers. During these meetings, students continue in their reading adventures, as well as complete their journal of story element questions. If your child is involved, please encourage him/her to continue reading and responding in their journals. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hess or Mrs. Rudat.

News from the Nurse — Kid-Friendly Veggies and Fruits

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

10 Tips for Making Healthy Foods More Fun for Children

1. **Smoothie creations** — Blend fat-free or low-fat yogurt or milk with fruit pieces and crushed ice. Use fresh, frozen, canned, and even overripe fruits. Try bananas, berries, peaches, and pineapple. If you freeze the fruit first, you can even skip the ice!
2. **Delicious dippers** — Kids love to dip their foods. Whip up a quick dip for veggies with yogurt and seasonings such as herbs or garlic. Serve with raw vegetables like broccoli, carrots, or cauliflower. Fruit chunks go great with a yogurt and cinnamon or vanilla dip.
3. **Personalized pizzas** — Set up a pizza-making station in the kitchen. Use whole-wheat English muffins, bagels, or pita bread as the crust. Have tomato sauce, low-fat cheese, and cut-up vegetables or fruits for toppings. Let kids choose their own favorites. Then pop the pizzas into the oven to warm.
4. **Caterpillar kabobs** — Assemble chunks of melon, apple, orange, and pear on skewers for a fruity kabob. For a raw veggie version, use vegetables like zucchini, cucumber, squash, sweet peppers, or tomatoes.



5. **Bugs on a log** — Use celery, cucumber, or carrot sticks as the log and add peanut butter. Top with dried fruit such as raisins, cranberries, or cherries, depending on what bugs you want!
6. **Fruity peanut butterfly** — Start with carrot sticks or celery for the body. Attach wings made of thinly sliced apples with peanut butter and decorate with halved grapes or dried fruit.
7. **Frosty fruits** — Frozen treats are bound to be popular in the warm months. Just put fresh fruits, such as melon chunks, in the freezer (rinse first). Make "popsicles" by inserting sticks into peeled bananas and freezing.
8. **Homemade trail mix** — Skip the pre-made trail mix and make your own. Use your favorite nuts and dried fruits, such as unsalted peanuts, cashews, walnuts, or sunflower seeds mixed with dried apples, pineapple, cherries, apricots, or raisins. Add whole-grain cereals to the mix, too.
9. **Potato person** — Decorate half a baked potato. Use sliced cherry tomatoes, peas and low-fat cheese on the potato to make a funny face.
10. **Put kids in charge** — Ask your child to name new veggie or fruit creations. Let them arrange raw veggies or fruits into a fun shape or design.



School Board Meeting Summaries

November 4, 2013

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; Nick Senger; Steve and Josh Parker; Connie and Brandon Rohloff; Denelle, Maddie, Scott, and Steve Daniels; Scott Defferding; Julie and Logan Heindl; Lois and Justin Hellweg; Matthew and Josh Wilkinson; David McNichols; and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: The Lego League team presented their project to the board.

The board voted to:

- Approve the curriculum for Introduction to Marketing.
- Approve the curriculum for Business Management.
- Set the General Fund expenditures for 2013-14 at \$8,657,318 and levy upon the taxable property of the School District of Shiocton the sum of \$2,722,853 for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools; \$81,635 for the purpose of funding non-referendum debt; \$621,100 for debt-service retirement; and \$5,000 for Community Service fund for a total levy of \$3,430,588.
- Accept the resignation of Rhonda Uelmen from her middle school volleyball coaching position.

In other discussion:

- Review of tentative Town Hall Meeting agenda for November 13.

Report: Nick Senger (athletic director) gave an update on fall sports and a look ahead to winter sports.

Student report: David McNichols gave a Student Council update.

Board report: Jeremie Birch gave an update from the Finance Committee.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Learning and Assessment Center updates, Book Fair, Professional Development, and Math Adoption.
- Mrs. Zeinert: 1915 diploma, Professional Development, and Veterans Day Program.
- Mrs. Guex: Tax Relief Bill, Fund 80 changes, follow-up to October 21 questions, and review of Student Activity Account results.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Follow up to October 21 questions, fire and evacuation practice, Scholarship Applications, and Regional Career Pathways.

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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; Tracy Kollock; Julie and Logan Heindl; Lynn, Nathan, Glen, Eric, and Laurie Bunnell; Chris and Maria Coenen; Selina and Paula Enders; Shari Peterson; Stacey and Trista Rose; Jennifer, Nate, Trenton, and Michael Twombly; Laurie McNichols; and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentations:

- CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program) presentation by UW-Oshkosh representative.
- Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya presentation.

The board voted to:

- Hire Ben Prodel for the C team basketball coaching position for the 2013-14 season.
- Approve requests for Employee Leaves of Absence as noted in the board briefs.
- Approve the Finance Committee recommendation on Coaching Staff Compensation plan upon verification of tournament days.
- Approve the Finance Committee recommendation for Fund 80 expenditures: Computer 4 Community Project.
- Approve sponsorships for Badger Boys and Badger Girls State.

In other discussion:

- Follow-up to Town Hall Meeting.
- The CAPP program and how it may tie into the DPI initiatives.
- Clarification of an invoice.
- Positive comment from community regarding care of a student.

Board reports:

- Ray Gomm: CESA 6.
- Mary Hoffman: Update on policies reviewed.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: LEGO League, early dismissal on November 27, WKCE testing, and other school events.
- Mrs. Zeinert: After-school tutoring program, Staff Development, and other school events.
- Mrs. Guex: Title I and Title II funding.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Legislative Breakfast, DPI Educator Effectiveness Grants, SOAR Grant, Veterans Day Program, and other district updates.

Closed session: To discuss the retirement benefits of individual employees of the district.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS CAROL FOR THE ELDERLY

The middle school band and choir (grades 6-8) will travel to Rennes Retirement Community in Appleton on **Wednesday, December 18**, from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will be excused from classes but will be expected to make up any work missed during the trip. We will stop for lunch before our performance. There is no cost for the trip other than the cost of lunch at McDonald's. A signed permission slip will be required of all students attending the trip. Please be on the lookout for information coming home early this month. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor.

JAZZ CHOIR TO PERFORM AT NEW LONDON FESTIVAL FOODS

Dolcé Bella, our Women's Jazz Ensemble, will perform at Festival Foods for its Taste of the Season celebration on **Friday, December 6**. They will spread a little cheer by singing holiday favorites for shoppers at 12:00 noon.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Be sure to spread the word about the *Shiocton Christmas Party* — our winter concert, delicious chili dinner fundraiser, and fabulous bucket raffle and silent auction on **Monday, December 9**. Bring grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors, and friends! Let's celebrate the season together!

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BUCKET RAFFLE | SILENT AUCTION GIFTS

We are featuring a bucket raffle and silent auction at our chili dinner fundraiser and winter concert on **December 9**. Check out these great packages that YOU COULD WIN!!

- Ukulele, stand, bag, & book basket
- Chamilia bracelet and bead basket
- Homemade kraut basket
- Decorative wall clock
- Tackle box, spotlight, & cooler basket
- Handmade bag
- Tastefully Simple basket
- Music fleece tie blanket
- Hoops Club T-shirt basket
- Spirit Lodge basket
- Bulk Price Foods gift box
- Simon's Cheese gift certificate
- Tailgate gift basket
- Baby basket
- Vintage sign
- Autographed book basket
- Hummingbird feeder, ornament, & \$35 gift certificate for hair coloring
- Heid Music Gift Package

Thank you, in advance, to those who have donated these gift packages and others who have made monetary donations to our raffle and auction!

SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chili Dinner Fundraiser! Bucket Raffles! Silent Auctions! Winter Concert! Santa Claus!

You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday season over a warm meal and the sounds of the season...plus a raffle for over a dozen fabulous gift packages, a silent auction for a few fantastic gift items, and a special visit from Santa.

Join us as we usher in the holiday season!

BUCKET RAFFLE

1 ticket \$1
6 tickets \$5

CHILI DINNER

adults (12-up) \$5
kids (4-11) \$3
children (under 4) FREE!

WINTER CONCERT

FREE for all ages!

Shiocton Schools • Monday, December 9 • Chili Dinner 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Concert 7:00 p.m.