



# The Link

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## Another Snow Day to Make Up? Not with DLDs

Most of us still have vivid memories of the record snow fall and arctic cold temperatures that blanketed our area for the better part of three months last winter. These conditions led to seven days of school being canceled, only to have to be made up by adding multiple minutes onto each day for the next nine weeks.

This year, the forecast continues to predict greater snow falls and colder temperatures than last year. As a result, and as a means of being proactive, the District is exploring the ability to hold Digital Learning Days. These DLDs are exactly what the names indicates - days spent learning through digital means - and they have been highly successful in other districts. Through the use of Chromebooks, or a home PC, the internet, and an online learning management system (LMS), teachers are able to provide education to their

students on days off. Recent changes to the hours and "seat time" requirements through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction make DLDs a real possibility for districts across the state such as Shiocton.

In the exploration phase, we are currently gathering information from districts who implemented DLDs last year. What worked, what didn't, what changes did you make, how did you connect those with slow or no internet - and a whole host of other questions are waiting to be answered as we learn from colleagues. Administration and teachers will also take part in a demonstration of various learning management systems, seek one that can house lessons and assist in the facilitation of instruction for students 4K - Gr 12.

Watch for more information in upcoming editions of The Link, as well as emails and posts on social media.

## WADA Recognizes Jackie Herrmann



Each year, the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association recognized someone from the school or community who has made a significant difference in the local school. WADA's Distinguished Service Award was created to recognize a person who is a supportive leader and who assists

in maintaining athletics as an integral part of the total educational program. The recipient of this award has made a significant impact on the lives of student-athletes, athletic programs and or athletic facilities.

Shiocton High School and the School District of Shiocton are pleased to share that **Mrs. Jackie Herrmann**, middle and high school secretary, was recently selected as an award winner by the WADA counsel.

In nominating Mrs. Herrmann for the award, Mr. Sam Nisler, Athletic Director, noted that, "Mrs. Herrmann is who I thought of when this award was brought to my attention. We are proud to recognize and award her for everything she does for the Shiocton School District." Mr. Nick Ortlieb, middle and high school principal, also commended Mrs. Herrmann for all that she gives to the students and staff. "Jackie has been an integral part of the success of the athletic program. She organizes parent meetings and Code of Conduct meetings, as well ensuring students have all of the necessary paperwork submitted in order to be eligible to participate." Mr. Ortlieb also noted that Mrs. Herrmann is "a strong communicator with our coaches and really serves as the lynchpin of the 'athlete' part of 'student-athlete'." Jackie is well deserving of this recognition."

Mrs. Herrmann was very surprised by the recognition, noting that she has "never won anything like this before". The plaque, which recognizes her selection as a Distinguished Service Award winner, proudly hangs by her desk in the school office. Be sure to stop by and share in her well-earned recognition.

## CLERICAL, PARAPROFESSIONAL, AND TEACHER SUBSTITUTES

The Shiocton School District is looking to build a pool of substitutes for our school offices, to serve as paraprofessionals, and/or to serve as a substitute teacher. In order to be considered a candidate, please send the following (or upload to WECAN <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>):

- Resume that includes employment history
- Cover letter detailing area of interest
- Three references

Once the materials are on file, you may be contacted for an interview with the Superintendent. If selected, you will be required to submit for a background check and to participate in related training. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at (920) 986-3351 x700.

## School/District Report Cards Released

Recently, the Department of Public Instruction released the Accountability Report Cards for schools and districts across the state.

Both Shiocton Elementary and Shiocton High School performed well, meeting expectations per the report card formula. The elementary and high schools both saw nearly 100% participation in the various assessments reported. The elementary school continues to meet or exceed the State Average with regard to student achievement with a strong performance by Gr 8 students in both math and ELA. The high school saw strong performance in the ELA area on the ACT while the overall score grew by well over 10 points from last year.

Learn more about our school and district performance at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

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# NEWS FROM GRADES PK-6 OFFICE

## **December Greetings from the Grades PK-6 Office!**

I hope the month of November filled you with gratitude and helped you focus on your blessings; I also hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The months of November and December can be so stressful, so I always try to maintain an attitude of gratitude to keep me centered and focused on what is truly important in life. With that being said, I would like to thank you for blessing me with your beautiful children every day - - from the tiniest of youngsters all the way to our high school students. I will never be able to put into words what a joyful experience it is for me to work with your kiddos and how much joy they bring to me on a daily basis. Thank you so much!



A special thanks to all of you who were able to come out and enjoy the Family Fun Night that was held in November. I know that families are busier than ever nowadays, so thanks to everyone who was able to attend. It is always a precious site watching families engage in activities of this nature.

As we work our way into December, here are some important things to mark on your calendar:

**Food & Toy Drive:** The high school Student Council Food & Toy Drive is continuing into December. Thanks, in advance, for all donations. As you donate, please keep in mind that we need items for children of all ages (from infants to ages 17-18).

**December S.P.I.C.E. Meeting:** The next SPICE meeting is coming up on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the River Rail.

**Cookies with Santa:** This event, sponsored by S.P.I.C.E., will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 8:00-11:00AM (\*Santa will only be available from 8:00-10:00AM)

**Band (Grades 6-12) & Choir (Grades 6-12) Chili Dinner & Winter Concert:** The band and choir students will perform on Monday, December 9.

- Chili Dinner from 4:00-6:30PM in cafeteria
- Concert at 7:00PM in the High School gym

**Early Release on December 11:** There will be a 12:10PM early dismissal on Wednesday, December 11. Staff members will be engaged in professional development during the afternoon on this day.

**Middle School Band/Choir Caroling:** The 6-8 Band/Choir students have their caroling trip coming up on Tuesday, December 17.

**Elementary Music Winter Concerts:** The elementary winter concerts are coming up on Friday, December 13 at the following times:

- Grades K-2 at 12:45PM in the High School gym (until approximately 1:30PM)
- Grade 5 Band will play at 1:45PM during the transition between programs
- Grades 3-5 at 2:00PM in the High School gym (until approximately 2:45PM)

Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before each program to assist with transition issues with high school lunch and between the two programs. Thank you so much for your help with this!

## **Other Upcoming Events/Activities and/or Important Dates to Remember:**

**Spelling Bee:** The Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, at 1:00PM in the cafeteria.

**Geography Bee:** The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 10, at 10:00AM in Mrs. Ver Voort's room.

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 holiday season.



Mrs. Kim Griesbach  
 Grades PK-6 Principal

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**School offices  
 will be closed over  
 Winter Break,  
 from December 23  
 until January 2.**



### 4K News

The 4K students have been working on counting to 4; putting numbers in counting order 1-4; being able to identify partners of numbers 2-4 and describing an arrangement of shapes. We just completed our first unit in Math Expressions. The children have now transitioned into geometry. We are looking at rectangles and identifying how many sides a rectangle has and how many square corners a rectangle has. Did you know that a square is a special rectangle? Although a square has all of its sides the same size, it still has four sides and four square corners. Therefore, it is a square, as well as, a special rectangle!

We also have been enjoying time with our Fourth Grade Reading Buddies! Each fourth grader is paired up with a 4K child to read to. The children are getting to know one another and each fourth grader is choosing books to meet his/her buddy's interests. It is a fun and enjoyable experience for all.

~Mrs. Romensko, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Goltz, and Mrs. Ninneman

### Grade 4 News

The fourth grade students have been growing and shining in so many areas this school year. As we continue through the winter season, we will continue to learn new and challenging concepts in all of our classes.

We will be finishing our persuasive writing lessons in the month of December. Our students have been learning how to use writing tools called Boxes and Bullets to organize their thoughts about their topic. It provides a bit of a guide as to how the writer can effectively state their opinion about a topic and provide evidence. By the end of this unit, you might just have a strong debater on your hands!

In reading, we are currently in our research unit. This will come in handy when we begin our third quarter writing unit. As well as in the many years of schooling to come, as this is a foundational tool of written expression.

Our math classes have been consisting of our division studies. We will be using these tools quite a bit as the school year progresses, so we will be needing continued focus and willingness to work hard from all of our fourth grade mathematics.

~Mr. Beer, Ms. Schreiter, and Mrs. Krohlow

### Kindergartens' Turkeys in Disguise

All of the kindergarten turkeys made it through Thanksgiving. Look at their awesome disguises!



~Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Malesa, Mrs. Pigsley, and Mrs. Lembcke



### 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 what we are thankful for. We also created projects centered around the Thanksgiving theme.

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. We will read several versions of this old tale and compare the stories. No gingerbread unit would be complete without the actual making and baking of gingerbread cookies! Even though we always tell the cooks not to peek at the cookies when they're baking, they always forget, and a few gin-

gerbread men run away. We'll have to be extra careful this year.

Our first graders are busy in music class preparing for their holiday program with Miss Ludtke. We hope you will be able to join us on December 13 at 12:45PM in the High School 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 completing math homework intact. Thank you for continuing to be an active participant in your child's education.

~Mrs. Bellin, Mrs. Streblov, and Mrs. Behnke

### "Good Morning!"

Grade 5 is proud to say that we start most days with a morning meeting. We gather in a circle, cheerfully greet each other by name (often with a handshake), and listen and respond to each other's news. Sharing helps us listen carefully, think about what we hear, formulate good questions, and learn about each other. If time allows, we do a group activity (which unites us, reinforces academic skills, and/or helps us learn to cooperate and solve problems), and an academic warm up (morning message), which helps us think about the day ahead. Morning meetings allow us to safely share our feelings and ideas. Each day we are reminded of how important we are and that we belong in our classroom community of learners.

Students voice their opinions about morning meetings:

- Courtney C.: "It fills my bucket on a bad morning."
- Aiden M.: "I enjoy learning more about my classmates."
- Dawson B.: "Morning meetings welcome others into our lives, it is important to take time for each other."

- Ella G.: "I like teamwork activities, and learning to build trust with my classmates."
- Holdyn V.: "The activities wake me up and get my brain going!"
- James W.: "I like to hear the funny things that go on with my friends over the weekend."
- Callista F.: Starting the day with our morning meeting makes me feel relaxed."

~Mrs. McNichols, Mrs. Singler, and Mrs. Ver Voort







# Counselor's Corner



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## 7-12 Students

**Attention Juniors:** Schedule your Chief Chat now. Chief Chats are conferences with the student, counselor, and parent to discuss academic and career plans. Junior Chief Chats will run through December.

**Attention Grades 8- 11:** Course registration for 2020-2021 will be taking place in January. Students will be bringing home their course registration forms to be signed by parent. Please take time to view the Course Description Guide and graduation requirements. If you have any scheduling questions, contact with your school counselor Mrs. Cornell at (920)986-3351 ext. 711 or email [scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

## K-6 Students

Grades K-5 have been practicing self-talk and listening with attention. Self-talk is a skill that can help us ignore distractions, make positive choices, and help us learn. Listening with Attention is a very important skill that has four steps:

- Focusing on the person's words,
- Not interrupting,
- Asking questions to find out more, and
- Repeating what you heard to show you understand.

Listening with attention is a skill that can help us in school, and it can also help us with our social relationships too!

Grade 6 has been focusing on the brain, and the importance of perseverance and working hard to make the brain stronger. Nobody is born smart, it is something that is achieved. If you have an area or subject that you struggle in, it is because your brain needs more practice.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 5:**  
Twin Day  
(Grades K-8)

**December 19:**  
Holiday Sweater Day  
(Grades K-8)

**December 23-January 1:**  
Winter Break



## December's Character Trait: Perseverance

Every month the counseling department will provide a positive trait to help students develop and foster positive character traits. We will list ideas for families to try at home and support what students learn in school.

### TIPS:

- Set realistic and age-appropriate challenges
- Praise and encourage strong effort
- Model perseverance (struggle but keep going)
- Share stories of famous people who demonstrated perseverance (Michael Jordan, J.K. Rowling, Katy Perry, Stephen King, Jim Carey, etc.)



**Congratulations to:**

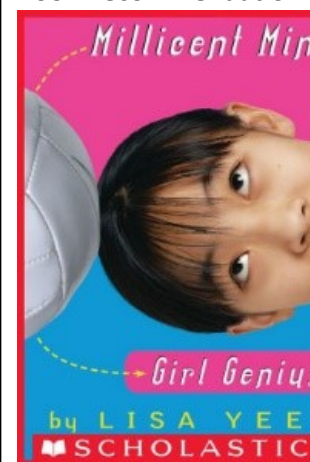
**Carley Kriewaldt**

**Carley is the 2019-2020 Shiocton DAR Good Citizen recipient.**

## Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Check out our GT website on the Shiocton website. Go to the **Students** tab, then **Students Home**, and click on **GT Program**. There are many wonderful resources under the **More** tab when you click on **Resource Links**. I will be updating and improving as time permits. Feel free to offer suggestions. Enjoy!

### Book Recommendation:



**Who would have thought being smart could be so hard (and funny)?**

Millicent Min is having a bad summer. Her fellow high school students hate her for setting the curve. Her fellow 11-year-olds hate her for going to high school. And her mother has arranged for her to tutor Stanford Wong, the poster boy for Chinese geekdom. But then Millie meets Emily. Emily doesn't know Millicent's IQ score. She actually thinks Millie is cool. And if Millie can hide her awards, ignore her grandmother's advice, swear her parents to silence, blackmail Stanford, and keep all her lies straight, she just might make her first friend.

*What's it going to take? Sheer genius.*

~Ms. Pfundtner

## Elementary Winter Concert

### Date:

- Friday, December 13

### Times:

- Kindergarten-Grade 2— Concert @ 12:45PM
- Grade 5 Band— Concert @ 1:45PM
- Grades 3-5— Concert @ 2:00PM

### Location:

- High School Gym

### Website:

- [shioctonmusic.weebly.com](http://shioctonmusic.weebly.com)
- You can find all of the lyrics and YouTube links for the winter concert songs on the website.





## Shiocton Teen Nights: Brought to you with S.P.I.C.E.

Shiocton is a great community that supports its students, staff, and families. There was no exception when the Shiocton Teen Night Committee partnered up with S.P.I.C.E. to provide middle school students (Grades 6-8) opportunities to go on outings outside of school with their peers. With no recreation program in Shiocton, this new club offers a fun environment for teenagers to bond and make memories, socialize and include their peers in a safe setting, and provide recreational opportunities that not all parents can provide.

On Friday, October 25, Shiocton Teen Night partnered with S.P.I.C.E. (who generously paid for the bussing and towards adult chaperones) took 66 students, three teachers, one para-professional, and many volunteer parent chaperones to their first event. Spooks on Spurr provided great entertainment between the Forest of Freaks haunted trail and Mansion of Misery (also at a graciously reduced price for our group), not to mention a live band.

On November 26, Shiocton Teen Night & S.P.I.C.E. presented *Frozen 2* at Hollywood Cinema in Appleton. The committee plans to host two-three future events in the Winter/Spring as well and appreciates the positive feedback from students and parents.

### Testimonials from a parent and some students:

Melissa (parent): "I think these events are a good way for the kids to bond and keeps them out of trouble where the parents don't necessarily have the ability to do something like this for their kids. We thank S.P.I.C.E. and the Middle School team that helped set this one up and look forward to future ones."

Kyler- "I participated because I love haunted houses and hanging with my friends. The fun part was the fact that we could hang with who we wanted, and it didn't really matter what we were doing. We could have walked through the trail, house, or even of just hung out by the fire. It was a fun time to spook your friends. I think teen nights should continue. It gives kids great outside-of-school opportunities."

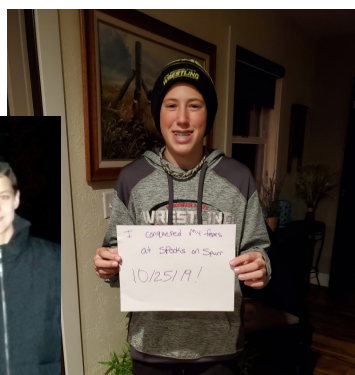
Kayleigh- "I think what I like most about this experience is that it is more of a chance to hang out with friends or new people without having to be with a massive group. Overall, I think that these field trips are a fun way to get more connected with others in middle school."

Karissa- "The last teen night was super fun! I went because I enjoyed having the freedom of not having a teacher right by you all the time. It was a fun night where you could hang out with your friends. I will definitely go to more teen nights in the future. Also in the future, another fun idea for a teen night would be to go to Altitude. It's a new trampoline park in Appleton."

Ty- "My view of teen night is amazing. I think that teen night is a really fun time to hang with your friends and have fun doing it. No matter what you're doing, even if you're at a haunted house, you are having a great time. Having an experience like this is very cool. Not many schools get to do this so having an opportunity like this is really fun where each and everyone gets a fun experience. Because of teen night, I went to my first haunted house and conquered my fear with my friends! I wish to keep having teen nights even next year when I won't be here. Others would love it."



Spooks on Spurr



## 12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season

**Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.**

1. **Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs.** It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
2. **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
3. **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
4. **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
5. **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
6. **Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.** Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
7. **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
8. **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
9. **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
10. **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
11. **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
12. **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.

Source: CDC.gov

# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...**  
**THE SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY:**  
*Chili Dinner and Winter Concert*

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with warm food and great music. The *Shiocton Christmas Party* is a sure way to usher in the warmth of the season. Join us as we serve chili, buns, refreshments, and dessert on **Monday, December 9**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30PM** and will feature live holiday music as you dine. We will feature bucket raffles at the event. And we've even invited Santa to join us, too! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at **7:00PM** and feature all bands and choirs (Grades 6-12). Please look for information coming home this month and on our Facebook pages with more details on the Shiocton Christmas Party. Be sure to invite the entire family. Let's celebrate the season together!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS CAROL FOR THE ELDERLY

The middle school band and choir (Grades 6-8) will travel to a couple retirement homes in Appleton on **Tuesday, December 17** from approximately 10:30AM to 3:00PM. 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.

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### PEP BAND

Friday, December 6  
6:45PM

### SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 9

**CHILI DINNER**  
4:00-6:30PM  
Cafeteria

**CONCERT**  
7:00PM  
HS Gym  
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CAROLING TRIP

Tuesday, December 17  
10:30AM-2:30PM  
Appleton  
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### PEP BAND

Friday, December 20  
6:45PM

### ALL-STAR BAND/CHOIR

Saturday, January 18  
Tigerton HS  
SELECT HS BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### MS SOLO/ENSEMBLE

Monday, February 10  
MS BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

## Inclement Weather: School Closing/Delay Announcements

It's that time of year again when we look to the thermometers and skies for possible falling flakes as the temperatures dip. Make sure that you are well prepared to receive notices of school delays, closings, and cancellations:

Watch the news and check their delays/closing/cancellation listings online:

- WLUK (Fox 11)  
<http://fox11online.com/>
- WFRV (Channel 5)  
<http://www.wearegreenbay.com/>
- WBAY (Action 2 News)  
<http://wbay.com/>
- NBC (Channel 26)  
<http://www.nbc26.com/>
- WSAU (Radio: 550AM, 99.9FM)  
<http://wsau.com/>

Update your Skyward information to include:

- Primary phone number (home or cell) for automated call notifications

- Cell phone number for text messages
- Email address for mailed notification
- Download the Shiocton School District App (for Android and Apple)



School delays will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program. Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events and practices will also be canceled. Announcements will be posted to television and radio stations, including their online listings, as early as possible.

All parents and staff members will be contacted via the Skyler messaging system. If you have had any changes in your phone number or e-mail address, please update this information by calling your school office at (920) 986-3351. Doing so will ensure that you receive these important email, phone calls, and text messages.

## Shiocton Fitness Center Celebrates One-Year Anniversary!

On Saturday, November 9, the SFC celebrated their one-year anniversary with an open house. Community members were invited to tour the facility, pick up membership information, tryout a yoga class with Randi Raeck, and a fitness class with Leah Ritchie. Dr. Jolene Garvey Pintar gave an informative nutrition presentation.

Attendees were provided lunch and a chance at winning some fantastic prizes.

The big winners were:

- Justin Ross- snack basket and one-year membership
- Karen Tickler- fitness basket and one-year membership courtesy of Doug and Cheryl Pahlow
- Joyce Baggot- yoga basket

A fitness basket and 3-three month memberships were also given away. Thank you to all who attended. Our fitness center is a wonderful, healthy addition to our great community!

## Fitness Center Hours

### Community Hours

Monday-Friday:  
5:00-7:30AM

Monday-Thursday:  
4:30-8:30PM

Friday:  
4:30-7:00PM

Saturday:  
7:00-11:00AM



**Grades 7-12  
Supervised  
Student Hours**

Monday-Friday:  
6:00-7:30AM  
and 3:15-4:30PM

*Shiocton Fitness  
Center...  
Physical Fitness:  
For School.  
For Community.  
For Life.*

## SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chili Dinner • Bucket Raffles • 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. Let's celebrate the season together!

SHIOCTON  
SCHOOLS

MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 9

CHILI DINNER 4:00-6:30PM  
CONCERT 7:00PM

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## Shiocton Child Care Center

**What we did in November:** Our wonderful teachers have completed their first round of observation and documentation to help set challenging, yet attainable goals, for our youngest learners. They have used these goals and observations to better plan activities with the specific focus of each child's goal in mind. Our teachers have also learned about new and different materials to add to the classroom for the children to use on their own throughout the day, along with fun and interesting new items to include in sensory exploration, art and creativity, as well as fine motor development.

**What to expect in December:** We will be using the month of December to teach the children about togetherness and giving back during the most festive, cozy time of the year. We will celebrate "National Day of Giving", "National Brownie Day", "National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day", "National Candy Cane Day", and "National Thank You Note Day". By bringing monthly activities into the center, the children are able to take a break from regularly scheduled activities and join into something exciting, group oriented, and new. It is during these times that our kiddos learn and retain the most of what they are doing.

### **Current openings:**

SCCC has availability for one infant beginning in March 2020! For more information, please contact Samantha Curtiss at (920)986-3351 ext. 790.

In addition, SCCC is currently searching for a warm, team-oriented individual to join our staff as a part time assistant teacher. Resume, cover letter, and references can be sent to Mrs. Samantha Curtiss at [scurtiss@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:scurtiss@shiocton.k12.wi.us). Interested candidates must be 18-years-old or older.



## Food and Toy Drive Still Needs Your Help

Classes throughout the Shiocton School District are still competing to see who can collect the most items for this year's Food and Toy Drive. The winning classes will be rewarded with a special treat provided by Student Council. There is still time to help as the Drive goes through Friday, December 15.

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

If your family is experiencing a financial hardship or if you know of a school family in need, please contact one of the following people so we can add your name to the confidential list and spread some joy to your family this holiday season.



**Please call: (920)986-3351**

Mrs. Kim Griesbach - ext. 747

Mr. Nick Ortlieb - ext. 751

Mrs. Sandee Cornell - ext. 711

Mrs. Dannielle Kern - ext. 762

Ms. Elizabeth Schneider - ext. 787

## Happy Holidays from S.P.I.C.E.

Over the past couple of months, events and activities have really picked up with S.P.I.C.E., and thanks to our many committee chair people and volunteers, our activities have been a great success. We are so appreciative to be a part of such a great school and community!

There are many ways you can help S.P.I.C.E. to support your child and school:

- Volunteering your time as an event chairperson
- Volunteering your time at an event
- Prepare for an event completing projects at your home
- Monetary donations - you may make a general donations or specify how you would like the funds used

Email us at [spice@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:spice@shiocton.k12.wi.us) to find out how you can help today!

We will see you soon at our next meeting located on River Rail on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00PM.

### Fall Box Top Challenge

We raised \$550 with the Fall Box Tops Challenge. Winning classrooms were Ms. Schmidt, Mrs. Hoppe, and Mrs. Krohlow. Thank you to

all of the families scanning receipts on the Box Tops app.

### Fall "Arctic Adventure" Book Fair

The Fall "Arctic Adventure" Book Fair was a great success! We exceeded our goal of over 500 books sold, earned over \$1,000 for S.P.I.C.E. projects, and teachers received books for classroom libraries. All of this while students and their families enjoyed finding wonderful, new books to read!

Thank you to all of the volunteers and school staff who helped make the book fair a success. Your generous donation of time and effort is what helps PTO events, such as the book fair, to be possible for our school.

Watch for details about our spring "Jungle" book fair coming this February.

### S.P.I.C.E. Family Movie Night

S.P.I.C.E. would like to invite you to the upcoming family movie night that will be held in the school cafeteria on December 13. The movie that will be shown is *Home Alone* and will start at 7:00PM. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. Hope to see you there!

Thanks again for supporting S.P.I.C.E. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!



**\*Please note the time change for Cookies with Santa from previous Link article.**

**S.P.I.C.E. Presents**

# **COOKIES WITH SANTA**





**December 7th**  
**8:00 - 11:00am**  
**Located in the Cafeteria**

**Santa will be there from 8:00 - 10:00am**  
**Get your picture with Santa, decorate cookies & play games!**

**Free!!**

# DECEMBER

**\*\*Menu subject to change without notice\*\***  
**Breakfast prices:** 4K-12—\$1.30 per day  
**Lunch prices:** 4K-8—\$2.50 per day \$12.50 per week  
9-12—\$2.75 per day, \$13.75 per week

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Breakfast	Strawberry or fudge pop tart, String cheese, or Breakfast sandwich, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, or bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Choice of cereal and/or Trix yogurt or Breakfast pizza or Pancake wrap or French toast sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk		PB & Jelly uncrustable or Egg and cheese breakfast burrito or French toast sticks or Pancake wrap or Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Choice of muffin and/or Boiled egg or Breakfast pizza or French toast sticks or Pancake wrap, Fruit, Juice, Milk		WG long John donut or Pancake wrap or French toast sticks, Breakfast sandwich, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
2	Homemade chili and buns, Flavored peas and carrots, Applesauce cups, Milk	3 Build-your-own walking taco with trimmings, Shredded cheese, Mixed vegetables, Sliced peaches, Milk		4 Chicken patty on a hamburger bun, Baked beans, Fresh bananas, Pudding cup, Milk		5 Grab-n-go salad, OOEY gooey goodness macaroni and cheese, PB & J uncrustable, Seasoned green beans, Mandarin oranges, Milk		6 Grab-n-go salad, BBQ pulled pork, Tri taters, Seasoned green peas, Mixed fruit, Milk	
9	Super loaded nachos with meat sauce and trimmings, Whole kernel corn, Apple juice, Milk	10 Chicken strips, Creamy mashed potatoes, Seasoned green peas, Fruit mix, Chocolate graham cookies, Milk		11 Grab-n-go salad, Creamy tomato soup, Grilled cheese sandwich, Mixed vegetables, Applesauce, Milk		12 Mini corn dogs, Seasoned tri taters, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Milk		13 Grab-n-go salad, Build-your-own chicken fajitas with trimmings, Seasoned green beans, Chilled sliced peaches, Milk	
16	Grab-n-go salad, Pizzaroni, Buttered whole kernel corn, Garlic bread sticks, Chilled sliced peaches, Milk	17 Grab-n-go salad, Build-your-own soft shell taco with trimmings, Seasoned green beans, Chilled sliced peaches, Milk		18 Popcorn chicken, Fluffy mashed potatoes, Steamed seasoned broccoli, Chilled sliced pears, Dinner roll, Milk		19 Cheeseburger on a WG hamburger bun, Animal crackers, Baked beans, Mixed fruit, Milk		20 Stuffed crust cheese pizza, Green beans, Sweet pineapple chunks, Milk	
23		24		25		26		27	
				HAPPY HOLIDAYS WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL					
30		31				<div><b><i>**Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain bread and buns are offered. All students must take 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch. Fresh fruit and vegetable are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.**</i></b></div>			
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## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2	MS Boys Basketball @ HOME—5:00PM	12/10	Varsity Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega HS—7:30PM	12/20	Varsity Girls Basketball @ HOME—7:30PM
12/3	JV Girls Basketball @ HOME—6:00PM	12/11	JV Boys Basketball @ HOME—6:00PM	12/21	Varsity Wrestling @ Shawano HS—9:30AM
	Varsity Girls Basketball @ HOME—7:30PM	12/12	Varsity Boys Basketball @ HOME—7:15PM	<b>12/23-31 NO SCHOOL</b>	
12/4	<b>S.P.I.C.E. Meeting @ River Rail—6:00PM</b>	12/13	<b>EARLY RELEASE—12:10PM</b>	12/27	JV Boys Basketball @ Oconto HS—12:30PM
12/5	MS Boys Basketball @ Manawa ES—4:00PM		MS Boys Basketball @ HOME—4:00PM		Varsity Boys Basketball @ Oconto HS—2:00PM
	JV Boys Basketball @ Amherst HS—6:00PM		JV Girls Basketball @ HOME—6:00PM	<b>1/2 SCHOOL RESUMES</b>	
	Varsity Boys Basketball @ Amherst HS—7:15PM		Varsity Girls Basketball @ HOME—7:30PM		
	Varsity Wrestling @ HOME—7:00PM		Varsity Wrestling @ Bonduel HS—7:00PM		
	<b>Twin Day—Grades K-8</b>		<b>Elementary Winter Concerts in HS Gym</b>		
12/6	JV Girls Basketball @ HOME—6:00PM		~Grades K5-2—12:45PM		
	Varsity Girls Basketball @ HOME—7:30PM		~Grade 5 Band—1:45PM		
12/7	Varsity Wrestling @ Antigo HS—10:00AM		~Grades 3-5—2:00PM		
	<b>Cookies with Santa in cafeteria—8-11:00AM</b>		<b>Family Movie Night in Cafeteria—7:00PM</b>		
12/9	<b>Band/Choir Chili Dinner and Winter Concert (Grades 6-12)</b>	12/14	Varsity Wrestling @ Brillion HS—9:30AM		
	~Chili Dinner in cafeteria—4-6:30PM		JV Boys Basketball @ HOME—1:30PM		
	~Concert in HS Gym—7:00PM		Varsity Boys Basketball @ HOME—3:00PM		
12/10	MS Boys Basketball @ Weyauwega MS—4:00PM	12/17	<b>MS Band/Choir Caroling Trip—10:30AM-2:30PM</b>		
	JV Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega HS—6:00PM	12/19	JV Boys Basketball @ Bonduel HS—6:00PM		
			Varsity Boys Basketball @ Bonduel HS—7:15PM		
			Varsity Wrestling @ HOME—7:00PM		
			<b>Holiday Sweater Day—Grades K-8</b>		
		12/20	JV Girls Basketball @ HOME—6:00PM		

