



# The Link

December 2017

"Where Excellence Is Expected"

## Vision Complete:

### 8 Guiding Principles, 5 Bold Steps

On Monday, February 13, the school and community members of the Visioning Committee met to finalize the vision for the School District of Shiocton. After several hours, the committee's collaborative efforts produced eight principles that will continue to guide our district's growth as we look ahead to the next few years. To, the committee crafted 5 Bold Steps that we will complete during the 2018-2019 school year that will continue to move our district forward. Watch for more details in an upcoming edition of The Link.

## Fitness Center Survey

As we look ahead to the possibility of constructing a multi-purpose facility that would include a fitness center open to the community, we need to explore further the equipment and hours of operation that community members would be seeking in that work-out facility.

Please take a few moments to complete this 10-question survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66N222V>



## **CHIEF CHATTER**

*By the time you read this, we will have just four short weeks until the winter break. If you're looking for a good book to read, I might suggest ...*

**Chop Wood, Carry Water:** Have you read this book? It is an excellent read; the chapters are short on pages and long on learning. In short, the book is about being committed, every single day, to the process and to the learning that is derived from the process. It is **not** about how to get ahead of your competition quicker, but rather emphasizes improving yourself, growing better incrementally each day. Why? Because every single day you are building your own house.

A little intrigued but equally confused? Find a GBB or BBB player and ask them, as they are building their house as we speak.

**Vision: Thank you** to all of the school and community members who shared their time, passion, and commitment over the course of the three meetings. Your energies, ideas, and actions will foster continued growth and excellence in education for the youth of Shiocton.

*The holiday season is a perfect time to reconnect with family and friends, to count our blessings, and to look ahead to a year of prosperity. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year.*

~ Mrs. Schweitzer

## Proposed Referendum Meetings

Wednesday, January 10 @ 7:00 p.m.—Shiocton School Library (#1)

Wednesday, January 24 @ 7:00 p.m.—Bovina Town Hall

Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00 p.m.—Ellington Town Hall

Wednesday, February 7 @ 7:00 p.m.—Town of Maine Hall

Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.—Shiocton School Library (#2)

## **NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

**School District of Shiocton  
April 3, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 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 23, 2018. The present incumbents are as follows:

Stacey Warning  
Michael J. Bellin

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 2, 2018**, 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 20, 2018.

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 2017:

David Gomm, Clerk  
Board of Education  
School District of Shiocton

Type A Notice under s. 10.01 (2)(a) Section 120.06(6)(b)

School District of Shiocton



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**KELLY THIEL**  
Special Education Director

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Business Manager

#### School Board

*President:* Bradley Ritchie  
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Village of Shiocton  
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Village of Shiocton  
*Member:* Aaron Pluger  
Village of Shiocton  
*Member:* Melinda Hofacker  
Town of Maine

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

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## News & Information from the PK-6 Office

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you were able to reflect on all of the things you are grateful for. I am so grateful for our school family (and my own family too, of course!). I am blessed with a wonderful staff, wonderful families, and community members who care so much about education. In addition, I think it is important that you realize how much joy your children bring to me on a daily basis. Whether it's the "Bubble Bubble, Toot Toot" chant that we can't seem to get out of our heads, or their great demonstration of perseverance, teamwork, creativity, etc., in the classroom, or through the one-on-one meetings I have with them, or through their outstanding display of good manners on a daily basis, or through watching them perform at their concerts or during their games, or from the sweet notes & treats they leave on my desk, or from the pictures they make for me to hang in my office, or through the ways they make me laugh... and laugh... and laugh (When I recently subbed in P.E. for Mr. Zdanovec, I went home with such a belly ache from laughing so much.), they



make me such a joyful leader. I just can't tell you enough how thankful I am to work with these little bundles of joys (all the way through high school & beyond)! And to see so many of you little "bundles of joy" bringing in your own children now. . . What a blessing for me! Thank you so much!

And now that I have happy tears in my eyes from all of the joy around me, it's time to highlight some of the upcoming events:

S.P.I.C.E. Information: The next SPICE meeting is coming up on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the River Rail. Other SPICE events include the Holiday Fair which will run on December 5-9 and also Cookies with Santa which will take place on Saturday, December 9.

Band (Grades 5-12) & Choir (Grades 6-12) Chili Dinner & Winter Concert: The band and choir students will perform on Monday, December 11.

- Chili Dinner from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- Concert at 7:00 p.m. in High School gym

The 6-8 Band/Choir students also have their caroling trip coming up on Tuesday, December 19.

Early Release on December 12: There will be a 12:10

early dismissal on Tuesday, December 12. Staff members will be engaged in professional development during the afternoon.

Elementary Music Concerts: The elementary music concerts are coming up on Friday, December 22 at the following times:

- Grades K-2 at 12:45 p.m. in the High School gym
  - Grades 3-5 at 1:45 p.m. in the High School gym
- Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before each program to assist with transition issues. Thank you for your help with this!

Food & Toy Drive: The Student Council Food & Toy Drive is continuing into December. This community continues to do such a great job with donating to this drive right up until the end, so I thank you in advance. As you donate, please keep in mind that we need items for children of all ages (from infants to ages 17-18).

Remember, for school information, follow us on:

- School website at [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us)
- Facebook – Shiocton School District
- Instagram – shiocton\_school
- Twitter – “@ShioctonSchools or @shiocathletics or @ShiocSupt

#### Other Upcoming Events/Activities:

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Ver Voort's room.

Spelling Bee: The Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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.



*Mrs. Kim Griesbach*  
PK-6 Principal







## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

By Mrs. Hoppe

Second grade has been busy in **Science**! Our students are investigating the properties of solids and using that new knowledge to design structures. Our second grade engineers will construct a tower that is at least 45 centimeters tall that can withstand wind. Their next task will be to build bridge that is at least 45 centimeters long. The students will be given a bag filled with a wide variety of materials/properties, and then will construct their tower or bridge with a partner. They will quickly learn which materials are the most useful and which don't help much at all. Later this year, we'll be moving on to an investigation of liquids. We can't wait!

During **math**, our second graders have become experts at using different methods to add 2-digit numbers such as New Groups Below, Show All Totals, and New Groups Above methods. We have also been using proof pictures to prove that our total, or sum, is correct. We connected what we learned about 2- and 3-digit numbers to help us explore place value and money in this unit, as well. Now we will be adding three or four 2-digit addends together! We also have been learning about the importance of perseverance in math and how it helps us in all areas of learning! Don't give up! You can do it!



Thank you, parents, for listening to your child **read** at night and asking about what strategies they are learning in math each day. You are their first teacher, and we appreciate all you do!

## SUPER READERS in Kindergarten

By: Mrs. Malesa

After eight weeks of learning reading strategies, Mrs. Malesa's Kindergarten-ers earned their SUPER READER Capes. When Kindergarten-ers come across a tricky word they use their super power strategies just like the Hulk uses his strength or Wonder Woman uses her jet



or Spiderman easily climbs building. The capes for the entire Kindergarten unit were purchased by Mrs. Malesa's aunt, Rita Olson, who donated her Thrivent volunteer hours to SPICE and earmarked \$250.00 for their purchase. Mrs. Malesa feels the capes really empower students to read and makes learning more FUN. Thank you Thrivent, SPICE, and Rita!

A few super power strategies include:

- **Eagle eyes**—picture power,
- **Snap word power**—sight words,
- **Fishy lips**—put the first sound on your lips,
- **Stretchy snake**—stretch the letter sounds out,
- **Flippy the Dolphin**—if the short sound doesn't make sense try the long sound.



## Upgrades to the Baseball Field

By: Mr. Backman

A couple upgrades to the Baseball Field were done earlier this school year including: turf in the baseball field, turf in the batting cages, and new gravel in the dugouts and warning track.

### Special Thank You to:

A and J Sod Cutter  
Cathage College  
Mark Schultz  
Drew Schultz  
Cole Wilcox  
Dan Nabbefeld  
Dave Vandenbosch  
Austin Vandenbosch  
Tyler Ace  
Sally Van Straten  
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# Counselor's Corner

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K-6 School Counselor—ext. 762

## K-6 Students

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be in to talk to our Grade 4 students about mental health this month. At the end of the presentations, all 4th graders will learn ways to help their bodies relax, decrease anxiety, control stress, and just improve their overall mental health.

Grade 5 Student Council has been busy

planning activities for our Elementary School. This month they have planned fun Holiday dress up days for the week of December 18-22. Student Council also just started a new program called “Lunch Time Leaders”, where they are scheduled once a week to help out younger grade levels during lunch. This has been an awesome experience for these students, teaching them great leadership skills!

## 7-12 Students

**Attention Seniors** - Don't wait, complete your college applications. Contact your specific school for deadline dates.

**Financial Aid is open. Complete your FAFSA online now!**

**Local scholarship** applications are now open. These are located on the school webpage under Schools/High School/Scholarships.

**Attention Juniors:** ASVAB testing will be January 12. Students interested in the military should plan to test this morning in the Shiocton LMC

**Grade 11 Chief Chats** are underway. Please contact Mrs. Cornell to schedule your Chief Chat.

**Attention Students Grades 8-11:** Course registration forms for 2018-2019 will be coming home in January.

## DAR Representative

Wesley Brouillard has been selected as Shiocton's 2017-2018 DAR Representative. DAR stands for Daughters of the American Revolution. The recipient of this honor is selected by the Shiocton High School Staff. The representative must possess four qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Congratulations, Wesley!



## December Character Trait

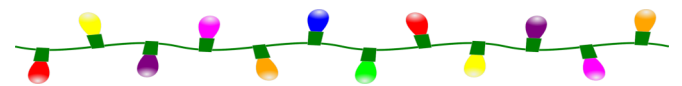
### Kindness

Fun activities to encourage Kindness:

1. Share stories of kindness,
2. Smile- a simple smile can have a powerful effect,
3. Give compliments,
4. Practice random acts of kindness,
5. Discuss empathy,
6. Volunteer and help others, and
7. Use manners.

## Upcoming Events

**December 4—**  
NAMI presentation - Grades 7 and 8  
**December 12—**  
MS Student Council  
**December 12—**  
Early Release @ 12:10—Staff Development  
**December 13—**  
FVTC representative at ELT  
**December 14—**  
Grades K-8 Hawaiian Day  
**December 25-29—**  
Winter Break



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!! Elementary Winter Concerts

**Friday, December 22 in the High School Gym**

**Grades K5-2 Concert: 12:45 p.m.**

**Grades 3-5 Concert: 1:45 p.m.**  
(Grade 5 Band Concert Starts First)



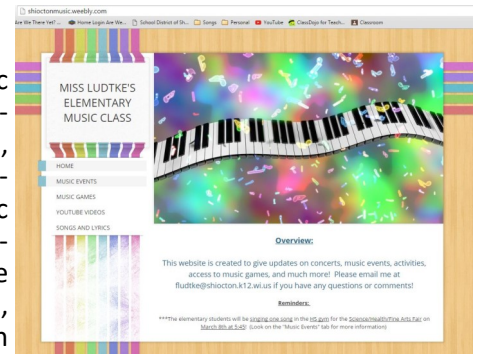
**Grade 4 Musical: March 6 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Cafeteria**



## Miss Ludtke's Music Website

### Website Information:

I have created a music website to give updates on concerts, music events, activities, access to music games, precorder information, YouTube videos, songs/lyrics, and much more! Please email me at [fludtke@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:fludtke@shiocton.k12.wi.us) if you have any questions or comments!



### How to get to my website:

- One way is to go to my website directly at [shioctonmusic.weebly.com](http://shioctonmusic.weebly.com) OR
- Go to the Shiocton website, click on “staff directory,” and type in my name. Then click on the “website” button, that should be next to my picture.

\*\*\* If you would like to watch the music video that I am in or any of my brother Lane's songs/compositions, they are on the website as well! Otherwise you can type in “I've Been Found” by Sly Joe and the Smooth Operators or “Lane Lee Channel” into YouTube.

### Precorders/Recorders

All Grades 3-5 students will be starting to practice their precorders, so please make sure your child brings theirs to school! Third graders and new students should have ordered their precorders because it is their first year. Students will be practicing their precorders using Precorder Karate. Students will learn the rhythmic value of notes and the placement of notes on the staff to prepare them for band and/or choir. They will also be able to perform with an instrument. They will have a way to show themselves and others their accomplishments by collecting strings/belts for their levels of learning. Please look on my website for more detailed information on precorders!

**Health Office:**  
**10 Tips for Holiday Party Season**

**T**is the season for holiday cocktail parties with bountiful buffets. As you gather with friends, family and coworkers to celebrate — and chances are you'll do this more than once — be mindful of healthy eating habits. Use these 10 tips to navigate holiday spreads so not to blow your diet entirely.

**1. Don't party on an empty stomach**

Rather than "saving up" for a big party meal, arrive with some food in your belly. This will help you tame your appetite so you can focus on the treats you really want.

**2. Dress for success**

That "expandable" holiday pantsuit spells trouble at the buffet table. You want to be able to feel it when you've eaten too much. So keep your pants or skirt on the tighter side. Belts work nicely, too.

**3. Rethink your drink**

Alcohol packs a surprising number of calories. Keep in mind that the more drinks you have, the lower your inhibitions — and the greater your chances of mindless overeating.

**4. Be last in line**

That spread of food looks great when you're the first one to it. But after a lot of people have gone through, the food doesn't look quite as appealing. Never underestimate the visual power of food.

**5. Make one trip — with one plate**

Have you seen the guy who creates a tower of food on the plate? Choose a salad plate if it's available, and make a "no-stacking" rule to ensure

reasonable portions and avoid going back for seconds.

**6. Use the napkin test**

If the food leaves an oil mark on a napkin, leave it on the table. Although some fats can be healthy (think olive oil, flax seeds, peanuts, etc.), that appetizer or dessert is more likely loaded with trans and saturated fats. If food leaves a stain on your napkin, it may leave one on your heart, too.

**7. Keep it wholesome**

Stick with whole foods when possible, avoiding the processed junk. Make a conscious effort to balance and brighten your plate with plenty of fruits and veggies, and don't doctor them with dips and sauces.

**8. Take the focus off food**

Friends and conversation are what holiday parties are all about anyway, right? Enjoy. But watch the dips and sauces while you're chatting. They add the most calories and fat to buffet tables. It's all too easy to dip a perfectly healthy carrot into 100 worthless calories of ranch dressing mid-conversation.

**9. Chew on this**

Avoid "picking" at the table after you're full by bringing gum to the party. After you've had an appropriate amount to eat, chew a stick of gum. It will keep you from eating on autopilot.

**10. Avoid late-party munchies and leftovers**

If your host offers a to-go plate, politely decline. Enjoy yourself at the party, within reason, without taking the party home with you.

Source: Cleveland Clinic



**Food and Toy Drive**  
**Still Needs Your Help**

**C**lasses 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 in elementary, middle, and high school 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're 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: 986-3351**

Mrs. Kim Griesbach - ext. 747

Mrs. Kelly Zeinert - 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.**

December is a busy month for SPICE as we prepare for our Holiday events! Our Free Family movie night is being held Friday December 1 with *Elf* as the main feature.

Our Holiday Fair will begin December 5 during the lunch hours, and will run through December 9. This is an event where children can bring money to school to shop at our holiday "store" for small and inexpensive gifts to give to family and friends. The kids love picking out items within their budget and wrapping them to take home.

Cookies with Santa will take place on December 9 as well and is free to the public. Consider volunteering for these heartwarming events. You will be glad you did! And again, our Plastic Bag Challenge is underway!

We cannot thank you all enough for your support and participation in all the things we do. We wish you and your families a safe and bright holiday season!



*SPICE presents*  
**"Cookies & Milk with Santa"**

Join us and Santa, in the school cafeteria, for this fun event on

**Saturday, December 9**  
**9:30 a.m. to Noon**

There will be Santa, games, cookies, and the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop for the children. Have your child bring a list of who they would like to purchase a gift for and his/her budget and we will help them shop and wrap their holiday gifts.

Every child will receive a free book. Don't forget your camera and your letter to Santa!

The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop will also be open Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., during lunch, in the school cafeteria.

(Holiday Shop hours are based upon appropriate staffing.)

**One Town One School One Family**  
**PRIDE**  
**SHIOCTON CHIEFS**



# 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 11**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** 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 **7:00 p.m.** 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 19** from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 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.



#### UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

##### ST. DENIS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 7

DOLCE BELLA

##### PEP BAND

Friday, December 8

6:45 p.m.

HS Gym

##### SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY:

##### CHILI DINNER &

##### WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 11

##### CHILI DINNER

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Cafeteria

##### CONCERT

7:00 p.m.

HS Gym

6-12 BAND/CHOIR

##### PEP BAND

Friday, December 15

6:45 p.m.

HS Gym

##### MIDDLE SCHOOL

##### CAROLING TRIP

Tuesday, December 19

10:30 a.m.-2:30p.m.

Appleton

6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

## Shiocton SWAT Out Cancer Event Update

By: Mrs. Hauser

Shiocton High School's Students With Alternative Thinking (SWAT) would like to thank all of the students, staff members, and community members who supported our 2017 SWAT Out Cancer Event on Tuesday, October 3.

Because of the generosity of so many people who donated money and raffle basket items, and those who purchased raffle tickets, t-shirts, bake sale items, and supported the concession stand, we were able to raise \$956.00! All of the money raised was donated to the American Cancer Society. Wow!

Thank you, Shiocton School and Community for being such caring, thoughtful people!

## Annual Spelling Bee

When: January 9, 2018

Snow Date: January 11, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria



## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

SHIOCTON AREA RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO  
MAKE  
NOMINATIONS FOR THE:

## 20th 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 ENTRIES TO:

Shiocton Area Business League  
W7568 Kirschner Rd.  
Shiocton, WI 54170

OR

Drop off at:  
JOHNSON'S HARDWARE

ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 12, 2018

## SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chili Dinner • Bucket Raffles • Santa Claus • Winter Concert

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!

**Monday, December 12**

**Chili Dinner 4:00-6:30 p.m.**



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## 3-year-old Play Group Shiocton Elementary

**Dates:**  
December 15  
January 19  
February 2 & 16  
March 16  
April 6 & 20  
May 18



**Time: 8:30 a.m. to  
10:00 a.m.**

**Schedule:**  
Center time  
Group meeting  
Art  
Snack

Classes will be held in the Early Childhood room E152. Themes will be based on the season and time of year. Any questions, please contact Ashley Schwister (920) 986-3351 ext. 717.



Parents will need to RSVP for each class. Due to the space available, there will be a max of 15 children able to attend each play group. Monday before each group, parents need to call and reserve a spot for their child for that Friday. For example, the first play group will be September 15, please start calling or e-mailing September 11. Call Ashley Schwister at (920) 986-3351 ext. 717 or email: [aschwister@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:aschwister@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

## Parents of children aged 2 ½ - 4 years old... Child Development Days

The Shiocton School District early childhood screening team provides developmental screenings to children ages 2-1/2—4-years-old who reside within the school district boundaries. Look for more information in upcoming *The Link* newsletters for specific dates/times of the screenings.



Below are some things you should look for in your child:

### By age 3, most children:

- Are understood by family 75% of the time,
- Speak in short sentences,
- Answer simple questions,
- Understand most things said to him/her,
- Enjoy listening to storybooks,
- Begin to play with other children,
- Enjoy helping adults,
- Match primary colors,
- Dress self with help,
- Walk up and down stairs; one foot per step,
- Pedal a tricycle,
- Snip with a small scissors,
- Draw lines with a crayon, and
- Point to body parts.

### By age 4, most children:

- Speak clearly; are understood most of the time,
- Use language to express emotion,
- Frequently asks questions,
- Participate in rhyming games,
- Talk about pictures in a book,
- Enjoy pretend play with children,
- Can identify to at least four colors,
- Catch a large ball tossed to them,
- Know full name, age, and gender,
- Cut paper with a scissors,
- Jump forward or over an object,
- Draw a circle, and
- Can orally count 1-10 and can count a group of objects up to 5.



**G**rade 8 students learned about the programs at FVTC, including the culinary arts program. These students were able to enjoy the pancakes that they made.


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# December

**\*\*Menu subject to change without notice\*\***  
Breakfast prices: 4K-12—\$1.15 per day—\$18.40 for December  
Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.50 per day \$12.50 per week—\$40.00 for December  
9-12—\$2.75 per day, \$13.75 per week—\$41.25 for December

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Lucky Charms, Frosted Chocolate Mini Wheat cereal, Boiled egg, or English muffin with sausage/egg, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, Fruit, Juice	Minion honey graham fun shape snacks, Yogurt, English muffin with sausage and egg, or Pancake wrap, or French toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, Breakfast pizza, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Strawberry or fudge pop-tart, String cheese, English muffin with sausage and egg, or Pancake wrap, or French toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Long John donut, Breakfast pizza, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
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.					1  Grab-n-go salads, BBQ pulled pork Sandwich, Tri-taters, Baked beans, Mandarin oranges, Milk
4  Chili with homemade buns, Green peas, Strawberry cups, Milk	5  Chicken Patty on a WG Bun, Tri-taters, Baked beans, Fresh apples, Milk	6  Pizza slice, Fresh crispy garden salad, Pineapple, Fresh baked apple crisp, Milk	7  Grab-n-go salad, Salisbury steak, Creamy mashed potatoes, Flavored steamed broccoli, Mandarin oranges, Slice of bread, Milk	8  Grab-n-go salad, Gooney goodness cheesy macaroni and cheese, Uncrustables, Green beans, Strawberry kiwi fruit slushy, Milk	
11  Grab-n-go salads, Taco fries with trimmings, Seasoned peas, Peaches, Chocolate graham cookie, Milk	12  Homemade chicken noodle soup, String Cheese, Dinner roll, Flavored country blend vegetables, Applesauce, Milk EARLY RELEASE	13  Spaghetti with Meatballs, Fresh crispy garden salad Garlic bread sticks, Pears, Milk	14  Cheeseburgers on a WG bun, Gold fish crackers, Baked beans, Mandarin oranges, Milk	15  Parfaits, Pizza dippers with marinara, Seasoned green beans, Pineapple chunks, Milk	
18  Chicken nuggets, Seasoned rice, Seasoned broccoli, Strawberries, blueberries, and apple Slices, Milk	19  Grab-n-go salads, Chicken alfredo with a twist, Flavored green beans, Peaches, Garlic toast, Milk	20  Brunch For Lunch Pancakes with syrup, Hash browns, Sausage, Orange juice, Milk	21  Grab-n-go salad, Pizzaroni, Seasoned mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Garlic bread stick, Milk	22  Parfaits, Build-your-own soft shell taco with trimmings, Whole kernel corn, Pears, Milk	
25 	26  WINTER BREAK	27	28	29 	

## December Calendar of Events

### 11/27-12/1 PAPER DRIVE

- 12/1 Varsity Wrestling @ Oconto HS—4:00 p.m.
- 12/4 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00 p.m.**  
MS Boys Basketball @ Seymour MS—4:15 p.m.  
**- Grade 7 and 8 A Teams Only**  
JV Boys Basketball @ Manawa HS—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Manawa HS—7:30 p.m.
- 12/5 C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/7 MS Boys Basketball @ Waupaca MS—4:15 p.m.  
Varsity Wrestling @ Home—7:00 p.m.
- 12/8 JV Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega-Fremont HS  
—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega-Fremont  
—7:30 p.m.

- 12/8 JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/9 Varsity Wrestling @ Brillion HS—9:30 a.m.
- 12/11 MS Boys Basketball @ Home—4:15 p.m.
- 12/12 EARLY RELEASE—12:10 p.m.**  
MS boys Basketball @ Weyauwega-Fremont MS  
—4:00 p.m.  
C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Omro HS—5:45 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Omro—7:15 p.m.  
JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/14 MS Boys Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m.  
Varsity Wrestling @ Amherst HS—7:00 p.m.
- 12/15 JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.  
JV Boys Basketball @ Bonduel HS—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Bonduel HS—7:30 p.m.
- 12/16 Varsity Wrestling @ Appleton West—TBD
- 12/18 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00 p.m.**

- 12/19 JV Girls Basketball @ Iola-Scandinavia HS  
—6:00 p.m.
- 12/19 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Iola-Scandinavia HS  
—7:30 p.m.  
JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/21 C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/22 JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
- 12/25-12/29 WINTER BREAK**
- 12/28 Varsity Boys Basketball @ Kress Center UWGB  
—10:30 a.m.  
Varsity Wrestling @ Little Chute HS—6:30 p.m.
- 12/29 C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.