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School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

February, 2013

Four- and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

by Kim Griesbach

The Shiocton School District will be holding four- and five-year-old kindergarten registration the week of **February 11-15**, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For four-year-old kindergarten, registration packets will be mailed home during the first week of February to parents/guardians whose children are eligible for the program. For five-year-old kindergarten, registration packets will be given to all students currently enrolled in the four-year-old program. Parents/guardians are asked to contact the elementary office at 986-3351 ext. 721 to request a registration packet if they do not receive one or if their child is not currently enrolled in the four-year-old program.

The forms within the packets are to be filled out and dropped off in the elementary office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during the week of registration. Registration will only take a few minutes. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate on that date.

It is not necessary for the child to be present.

Four-year-old Kindergarten:

The four-year-old program is an optional program. Registration is open to all children in the district who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2013. Students in the program meet for two full days each week.

Five-year-old Kindergarten: To be eligible for this program, a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2013. Students in this program meet for five full days each week.

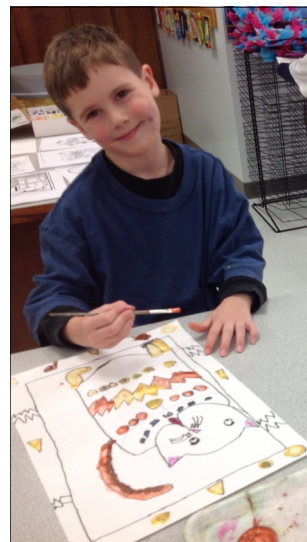
Orientation Sessions: Two orientation sessions will be offered in May. Parents may choose to attend either session with their child:

Friday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24, at 8:45 a.m.



K5 Art — Kindergarten Cats!



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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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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

Town Hall Meeting

Please put March 14 on your calendar for our next Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the LMC at the school. The purpose of this meeting will be to share information about the current school year, to discuss school safety issues, and to share the results from our District Visioning Committee.

Please plan to attend in order to stay informed about your schools. Also, the Board of Education meets regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there.

Teacher/Administrator Performance Evaluation System

Last year I worked with a group of teachers, administrators, college professors, and the folks at CESA 6 to develop tools that will accurately measure the effectiveness of teachers and school administrators. The process revolved around much of the work of Dr. James H. Stronge and the experiences of the people in the room. The biggest change in this evaluation system is the emphasis on student achievement.

Student achievement will now be as important as professional development in the evaluation process. Previously, professional development was the main focus of the teacher evaluation process. While professional development remains an important aspect of building teacher/administrator quality, the actual accomplishments of the students must be taken into account.

We have initially implemented this evaluation system for the 2012-13 school year. This has required some ongoing training for our administrators and teachers in order to prepare them to set goals that are tied to student achievement. Our hope is that the upgraded system will result in higher quality learning experiences for our children.

Please set up a time to meet with me if you would like the opportunity to discuss this topic in further detail.

Enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin winter weather!
Chris L. VanderHeyden

Please visit the district website at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair! Scholastic Book Fair!

Tuesday, March 5 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Come and take a walk throughout the halls of Shiocton Schools with your children/grandchildren to admire and enjoy the artwork, science projects, music performances, and much more. The students have used their creativity to make beautiful works that have been neatly displayed. Come and support your child and enjoy the evening with your family.

Also

Science projects will be displayed.
The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the cafeteria.
The Chief Spirit Lodge will be open.

Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

The High School Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to participate. Please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment.

*You don't need a special reason to give blood.
You just need your own reason.*

- ☺ Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.
- ☺ Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.
- ☺ Some believe it is the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.



Early Childhood Screening in April

Dear Parent(s):

The School District of Shiocton cordially invites you and your child to participate in our **free Early Childhood Screening to be held on Thursday, April 4, at Shiocton Elementary School.**

We are looking for children within the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2013, who may be eligible for the program. In addition, if your child will be four years old after September 1, 2013, and will not be enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten, please consider bringing your child in for screening. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.

Currently, the Early Childhood program runs half-days Monday-Wednesday-Friday during the school year. Children must qualify for the program, and this screening is a method of determining possible eligibility.

Sincerely,

Nicole Hess

Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher



Free gift for your child upon completion of the screening!

Post-Prom Help Needed



We are in need of donations of any kind for prizes that will be awarded at Post-Prom on April 20. Parents of students should consider donating gift cards, gas cards, Subway cards, or anything a teenager would like to win.

Activities will take place in the gym after Prom, and we are looking for parents of any high school students to be on hand to help with running games, serving refreshments, and set-up and clean up. If you are willing to help, even for an hour or two, please contact Mary Wagner at (920) 954-8583 or pmlkwag@yahoo.com or call Julie Gomm at school at 986-3351 ext. 702. Let's all pitch in where we are able to make this a memorable and safe event for our kids. Thank you!

Save the Dates Spring Paper Recyclable Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Middle School

Continuing to build on the successes of last fall's recyclable fundraisers, the middle school will again be collecting recyclable paper to raise money for the purchase of an interactive whiteboard. To help, please consider dropping off your paper recyclables to the **large dumpster** behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime from Monday, March 18, to Thursday, March 21.



If you have any questions, call Tim Huebner at 986-3351 ext. 739.

When: Monday, March 18, to Thursday, March 21

Where: The large dumpster behind the school

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



Future Recycling Dates

Monday, April 22, to
Thursday, April 25

Monday, June 3, to
Thursday, June 6

Save the Date for the First Annual Bean Bag Tournament

hosted by the Shiocton Wrestling Club

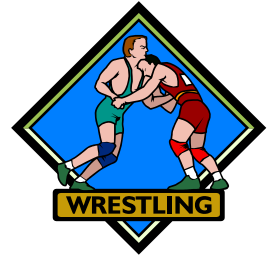
March 16 at the River Rail

Watch for the event flyer for more details on the Bean Bag Tournament. The River Rail Youth Raffle also takes place in the evening. Tickets for the raffle are available at the River Rail. For more information or if you would like to make a donation, please contact Dave Gomm at (920) 850-0322 or dgomm@coatingexcellence.com.



Youth Wrestling Starts Strong

by Kristi Piechocki



Youth wrestling officially started its season on January 9. We are proud to have over 30 kids signed up. Eleven wrestlers took an advanced wrestling clinic taught by Vic Scheller in December. Vic focused on advanced techniques and refining their fundamental skills. The club is very fortunate to have Vic Scheller, Mike Jahnke, and Ryan Hobbs as returning coaches again this year. Also, we would like to welcome new coaches Clint Raeck and Cory Demerath. Without you, there would be no youth wrestling. From the parents and wrestlers, THANK YOU! Your time and commitment to our children does not go unnoticed.

It takes a large team to run a club; thank you to those who donate so much of their time. The wrestling club benefits the youth, middle school, and high school wrestlers and the more parents involved, the more benefits the wrestlers receive. The club is purchasing youth singlets this year so all the kids will be able to wear one and not have to worry about the financial burden, which is great.

Twenty youth wrestlers traveled to Shawano on January 18 to dual against the Shawano/Bonduel youth wrestling club. For some of our youth, it was their very first time competing, so we are very proud of them. We also will be having a multi-dual with the Green Bay Trollcats in the beginning of February.

New to youth wrestling this year is our "Youth Wrestler of the Week." Check out the poster on the Wrestling Board and in the elementary entrance to see who "Vic's Picks" are. See *The Link* next month for a listing.



Shiocton Summer Sports Registration Dates

Mark your calendars!

by Jaclyn Pelky



Date	Time
Saturday, March 2	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Monday, March 4	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 9	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

All sign-up sessions will be held at Shiocton School. Please take advantage of these dates! Anyone signing up after March 15 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Early sign-up ensures the Shiocton Summer Sports Board time to organize teams, order T-shirts, and recruit coaches.

Registration Fees

T-Ball	\$20
Little League	\$25
10-12U	\$25
Pony League	\$30
14U-16U	\$30
Babe Ruth	\$35

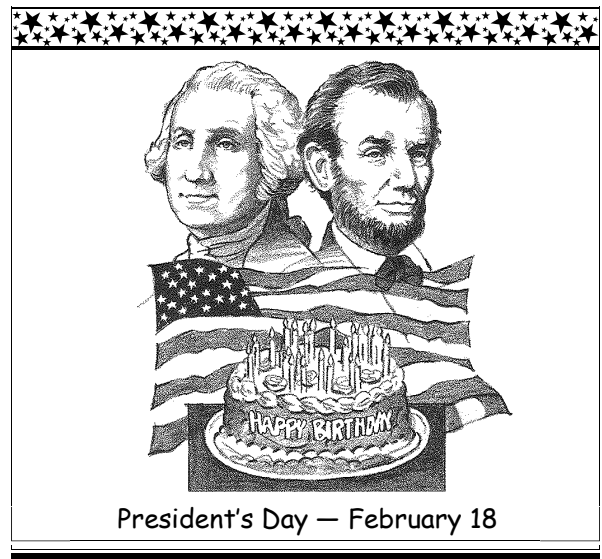


Opening Week Meetings

All meetings will be held at Shiocton Lake Park starting at 5:30 p.m.

T-Ball	May 20
Softball	May 21
Little League	May 22

Shiocton Summer Sports encourages all players and parents to attend for great information that will help throughout the season!



President's Day — February 18

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Choose My Plate

The United States Department of Agriculture's food guidance system is comprised of the new MyPlate symbol and other materials to help Americans make healthy food choices and to be active every day. MyPlate is part of a larger communications initiative based on *2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. MyPlate illustrates the five food groups that are the building blocks for a healthy diet using a familiar image—a place setting for a meal. Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate or in your cup or bowl.



For the Best Nutritional Value

- ⇒ Make most of your choices whole or cut-up fruit rather than juice, for the benefits dietary fiber provides.
- ⇒ Select fruits with more potassium often, such as bananas, prunes and prune juice, dried peaches and apricots, and orange juice.
- ⇒ When choosing canned fruits, select fruit canned in 100% fruit juice or water rather than syrup.
- ⇒ Vary your fruit choices. Fruits differ in nutrient content.

Food Groups

Grains — Make at least half your grains whole.

Health Benefits of Grains

- ⇒ Consuming whole grains as part of a healthy diet may reduce the risk of heart disease.
- ⇒ Consuming foods containing fiber, such as whole grains, as part of a healthy diet, may reduce constipation.
- ⇒ Eating whole grains may help with weight management.

Vegetables — Vary your veggies.

Key message is to make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Health Benefits of Vegetables and Fruits

- ⇒ Eating a diet rich in vegetables and fruits as part of an overall healthy diet may reduce risk for heart disease, including heart attack and stroke.
- ⇒ Eating a diet rich in some vegetables and fruits as part of an overall healthy diet may protect against certain types of cancers.
- ⇒ Diets rich in foods containing fiber, such as some vegetables and fruits, may reduce the risk of heart disease, obesity, and type 2 diabetes.
- ⇒ Eating foods such as vegetables that are lower in calories per cup instead of some other higher-calorie food may be useful in helping to lower calorie intake.

Fruits — Focus on fruit.

Key message is to make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Dairy — Get your calcium-rich foods.

Key message is to switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.

Health Benefits of Dairy

- ⇒ Intake of dairy products is linked to improved bone health and may reduce the risk of osteoporosis.
- ⇒ The intake of dairy products is especially important to bone health during childhood and adolescence when bone mass is being built.
- ⇒ Intake of dairy products is also associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes and with lower blood pressure in adults.

Protein — Go lean with protein.

Foods in the meat, poultry, fish, eggs, nuts, and seed group provide nutrients that are vital for health and maintenance of your body. However, choosing foods from this group that are high in saturated fat and cholesterol may have health implications.

Health Benefits of Protein

- ⇒ Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans and peas, eggs, nuts, and seeds supply many nutrients. These include protein, B vitamins, vitamin E, iron, zinc, and magnesium.
- ⇒ Proteins function as building blocks for bones, muscles, cartilage, skin, and blood. They are also building blocks for enzymes, hormones, and vitamins.
- ⇒ B vitamins found in this food group serve a variety of functions in the body. They help the body release energy, play a vital role in the function of the nervous system, aid in the formation of red blood cells, and help build tissues.

To find out more information, look on ChooseMyPlate.gov.

Source: ChooseMyPlate.gov



Principal's Report

The big question this time of year is, "Will the groundhog see his shadow?" I personally am hoping that he doesn't, as I am not a winter person.

Second semester began on January 23, and everyone is excited about the new classes and the opportunity to change things up. As we begin the second half of the school year, I encourage parents to keep in touch with teachers and make sure that their child attends school regularly.

With the start of second semester, I also want to take time and mention the graduation policy that is tied to our attendance policy. If you have a senior, please make sure that you understand the policy. The policy (which was passed at the July 16, 2007, board meeting) states that in the last semester of the student's senior year, the student must have no more than 10 unexcused class hours (once they have reached their 10 days as allowed by the State of Wisconsin). Any student having 11 unexcused class hours (past the 10 days) will not be allowed to participate

in the graduation ceremony. Should a student not be allowed to participate, they will still receive their diploma; however, it will be mailed after the graduation date. The board also passed a policy stating that students should dress appropriately for graduation. For boys this means a collared shirt and dress pants. For girls it means nice slacks and a top or a dress. Flip flops will not be allowed, nor will shorts and T-shirts. The board felt they needed to create a policy after they noticed inappropriate attire of a few students in the past.

Winter Carnival will be held on March 7. This is an excellent opportunity for staff and students to enjoy the Wisconsin weather this time of year and release a little energy. Watch the school website for specific information. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 986-3351 ext. 751.

Kelly Zeinert
High School Principal

High School Counselor News

Become a fan of Shiocton High School Counselor News on Facebook!! Search Shiocton High School Career/College. It is open to view and comment.



Important Dates:

- February 12 College Preview Night at FVTC from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- February 23 Financial Aid Workshop at FVTC. See below for more details.
- February 27 Campus Career Day at NWTC. See flyer on pupil services board.
- March 1 Deadline date for Youth Options. See below for more details.
- March 8 Deadline for the April ACT exam.

There will be a Financial Aid application help day called College Goal Wisconsin in February for anyone who may need assistance with their FAFSA. This would include anyone attending an institution of higher learning. Fox Valley Technical College is the closest location and their help day will be held on February 23 at 2:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at www.wicollegegoalsunday.org or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

Seniors: Please pick up your scholarship applications in pupil services if you have requested them. Also, pay close attention to deadline dates and who you should turn the applications in to.

Parents: We started a new program at Shiocton High School a couple of years ago called Youth Apprenticeship. The students heard a presentation on it in January. If you or your child would like to learn more about how to proceed, please contact Mrs. Uelmen about the upcoming parent meeting.



Also please ask your son/daughter about the courses they will be requesting for next year. They should be as accurate as they can make them. The courses requested determine the master schedule which then determines your child's schedule in June.

Next year's juniors, seniors, and parents: March 1 is the deadline date for Youth Options paperwork. Please see the course description booklet for more details on what Youth Options entails. Any paperwork submitted after that date will not be honored.

Lucky Number Seven — Seniors are Successful in Reality Check

by Roberta Ligocki

For the seventh year, Shiocton seniors once again were faced with the challenges of Reality Check, a financial literacy program designed to show students the realities of working in the real world of personal finances.

More than 35 business people from Shiocton and the surrounding area volunteered their expertise to make the event happen. On January 9, the seniors obtained mock checking accounts with the help of First National Bank. They came to school in their Sunday best to participate in an interview conducted by area business people in their career of choice.

On January 11, Reality Check began. Seniors received their monthly income for their career choice and paid taxes. By visiting stations manned by community business people and volunteers, the seniors discovered how far their monthly paycheck would go. They purchased health insurance, autos, mortgages, food, day care, even personal items and pets. Most were shocked at the price of day care and health insurance. Many were frustrated when unforeseen expenses happened—just like in real life. Several had to make difficult financial decisions. Some applied for part-time employment. They definitely received a dose of reality.

The Reality Check team consists of Roberta Ligocki, Elizabeth Schneider, Rhonda Uelmen, and Kelly Zeinert. They would like to thank all of the volunteers for donating their time and talents.



Pam Wilcox explains the housing choices to Vojtech Pavliska.



Forest Nett picks a card to determine if he will pay for a day care center or at-home day care, while Riley Van Asten, Sydney St. Clair, Nicole Clement, Nick Van Dyke, and Ashley Van Den Bosch watch.

S.W.A.T. Fruit Sale Fundraiser

S.W.A.T. (Students With Alternative Thinking) will be holding a fruit sale fundraiser. The community can check out their booth at the varsity girls basketball games on Tuesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 7. They will also be at the varsity boys games on Thursday, January 31, and Tuesday, February 12. Types of fruit being sold include oranges, pineapple, grapefruit, pears, four different types of apples, and mixed boxes. If you would like more information, e-mail K.J.S.14Shiocton@gmail.com or call (920) 986-3351 ext. 711. S.W.A.T. will be selling until February 18 with a pick-up date of March 6.



Shiocton FBLA Competing at Regionals

by Kurt Wismer

On Saturday, February 2, eighteen Shiocton FBLA students will compete at our first Regional Leadership Conference at Two Rivers High School. The students will compete in the following events:

- E-Business (web design)
- Public Speaking
- Desktop Publishing
- Word Processing
- Job Interview
- Marketing
- Sports Management
- Business Presentation
- Healthcare Administration
- Introduction to Technology Concepts



The students have been busy preparing for their presentations, taking pretests, and creating reports and documents for the last month. Students who place in their competition will advance to the State competition in Wisconsin Dells in April. Good luck, Shiocton FBLA members! Look for the results of the event in the next *Link* issue!



Gifted and Talented

Nicole Hess (grades K-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us
Lindsay Pribek (grades 4-12) 986-3351 ext. 795 or lpribek@shiocton.k12.wi.us

College Day for Kids Stevens Point 2013

Shiocton sixth graders will be attending College Day for Kids on Friday, April 19. While there, the students will be engaged in three different interactive, academic classes of their choosing. The students attending College Day were selected based upon their WKCE test scores, teacher recommendations, evidence of strong leadership skills, and self-motivation in their academics. We are excited for April to arrive and bring about College Day fun!



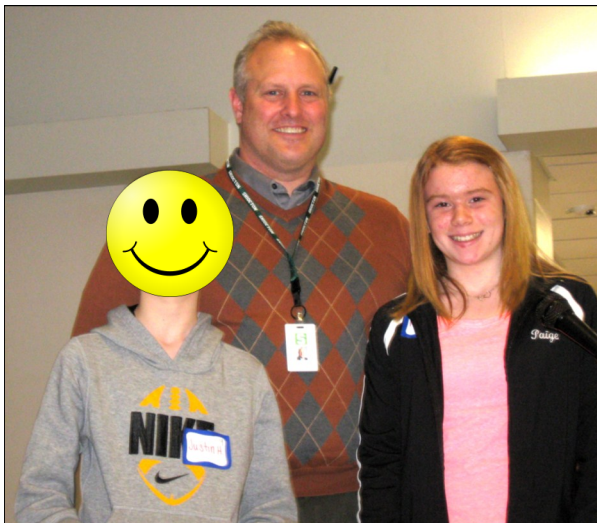
Gifted and Talented Grant Project

For 2012-13, CESA 6 has been provided a grant for Gifted and Talented students. The grant requires students to work as a team to research, design, and implement a community project that will coordinate with academic core classes. The Shiocton School District, along with other local districts, are participating in this unique grant opportunity and wonderful learning experience. Students chosen for this project were selected by the following criteria: WKCE scores, G/T program status, and the ability to be a task and relationship oriented leader. The students selected for the grant project are currently working on designing a greenhouse for the school to utilize for studying plant growth.



S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

The schoolwide Spelling Bee was held on January 21 in the school cafeteria. We had a fabulous group of spellers compete for the school's title of top speller. The top two spellers from each classroom (listed at right) represented their grade and tried their best to correctly spell the words presented. Our lucky winner was Justin Hellweg from fifth grade. Paige Scott, a sixth grader, took second. They are pictured below with Mr. VanderHeyden, the moderator/pronouncer for this year's Spelling Bee. Both students will advance to the regional Spelling Bee and represent Shiocton on February 12. BEE sure to wish them good luck at this competition.



3rd Grade

Breanna Birch
Jocelyn Houterman
Colton Westby
Holly Herminath
Sara Scott
Larissa Young

4th Grade

Cameron Conradt
Mickayla Denis
Brandon Rohloff
Jack Scott
Logan Heindl
Josh Wilkinson

5th Grade

Mikayla Henry
Carley Kriewaldt
Sky Green

6th Grade

Leigha Young
Paige Scott
Sam Bloch
Cole Burmeister
Lukas Berard
Maddie Otto

7th Grade

Olivia Scheeler
Lucas Radtke
Jacob Bolssen
MaKenna Moeller
Tabitha Morris

8th Grade

Autumn Riehl
Coleman Ubl
Hayden Rasmussen
Alyssa Magadanz
Rylee Davis
Christie Depner

SILA

Marco Gonzalez
Brady Tonn
Megan Pigsley

School Board Meeting Summaries

December 17, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Keith Skenandore, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the Memorial/Dedication Policy as presented.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process follow-up.
- Audit follow-up.
- Garbage pick-up decision. The Village of Shiocton will no longer be providing services for garbage pick-up for the district. Van's Waste will now be providing this service.
- Review of Resolutions for the Annual School Board convention.
- District website tour.
- Security system demo.

Board report: Mr. Warner submitted his Notification of Non-Candidacy for the upcoming spring school board election. He will be relocating due to a job change. He thanked fellow board members and the administration for their support during his years of service.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: STAR update, Response to Intervention update, and December programs.
- Mrs. Guex: Open Enrollment information.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: LEGO League, NEOLA, keycards, and holiday gathering.

Closed session: To discuss superintendent evaluation and administrative contracts.

January 7, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Keith Skenandore, Trent and Christie Moder, Sharon Pingel, Caitlyn Majerus, Nick Senger, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Mr. Senger and Trent Moder gave a report on the Sportsmanship Summit they recently attended.

The board voted to:

- Approve the Course Description Booklets as presented.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process follow-up.
- The ballot order for the spring election will be as follows:
 1. Missy Van Dyke
 2. Jeremie Birch
 3. Brad Ritchie
- Discussion of Resolutions at the State School Board Convention.
- Rifle range concerns.
- NEOLA Policy updates.

Student report: Caitlyn Majerus reported on Student Council.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Geography Bee and ACCESS testing.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Reality Check, All-Star Band/Choir, and end of the first semester.
- Mrs. Guex: "Fiscal Cliff" payroll solutions.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Fox Valley Superintendents' Meeting update.

Closed session: To discuss superintendent evaluation and review of a parent complaint against a staff member.

January 21, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, and Beth Bloedorn.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process follow-up.
- NEOLA Policy update.
- Discussion of possible Town Hall Meeting dates for March. March 13 or 14 are being considered. Mr. VanderHeyden will report back as to which date is preferable.
- Discussion of School Board Retreat meeting. A date of February 7 was agreed upon. The retreat will be conducted from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

Board report: Ray Gomm reported on CESA 6.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Spelling Bee, end of the second quarter, SMS Festival, PALS mid-year assessment for K5, and Middle School Level I Forensics.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Second Friday enrollment information, Legislative Breakfast, and SILA update.

Closed session: To review a parent complaint against a staff member.

February Calendar of Events

1	Fri	MS jazz students field trip to Lawrence University Grade 2 field trip to Building for Kids — 8:20 am-1:45 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
1-18		S.W.A.T. Fruit Sale Fundraiser (see page 7 for more info)
2	Sat	FBLA Regional Competitions at Two Rivers High School — 6:30 am-4:30 pm MS Girls Basketball Tournament at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 11:30 am HS Wrestling Conference Meet at Tri-County — 10:30 am
4	Mon	MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Shawano — 4:15 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
4-8	M-F	FBLA Week
5	Tue	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
6	Wed	Varsity Quiz Bowl match at home Student Council Blood Drive — 9:30 am-3:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm
7	Thu	Tri-County Dental Clinic coming to Shiocton Elementary TASK soccer sign-up in the commons area — 3:00-3:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
8	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
9	Sat	HS Wrestling Regional at Manawa
11	Mon	MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at home — 4:15 pm
11-15	M-F	K4/K5 Registration for 2013-14 in the elementary office — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
12	Tue	FBLA Installation Ceremony (with Seymour FBLA) at home — 2:21 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Suring — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling Team Sectional
13	Wed	Early release for Staff Development — 12:10 pm
14	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Marion — 4:30 pm
15	Fri	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the March issue C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
16	Sat	HS Band/Choir Solo and Ensemble Festival at Bowler HS Wrestling Individual Sectional at Shawano SPICE presents Free Family Movie Night (<i>Madagascar 3</i>) in the cafeteria — 6:00-7:30 pm
18	Mon	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
19	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm HS Girls Basketball Regionals
20	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
21	Thu	Grade 5 field trip to EAA Air Venture Museum in Oshkosh — 8:10 am-2:50 pm MS Girls Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
21-23	Th-Sa	HS Wrestling Individual State Tournament
22/23	Fr/Sa	HS Girls Basketball Regionals
25	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office HS band/choir Nashville trip payment due (\$145) MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Gillett — 4:15 pm
26	Tue	HS Boys Basketball Regionals
28	Thu	Spring Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:30 am-1:00 pm MS Wrestling Meet at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm HS Girls Basketball Sectionals



Groundhog Day
February 2





Coming Up in March

- 1 Spring Book Fair
- 1/2 HS Boys Basketball Regionals
- 2 MS Wrestling Tournament
- 4-6 Spring Book Fair
- 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening only)
- 5 Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
- 6 Market Day pick-up
- 7 Funset Boulevard Family Night
- 8 NWEA Convention — No school
- 14 Town Hall Meeting
- 22 End of the third quarter — Early dismissal
Spring Break

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
* Menu subject to change	Breakfast Reminder On days when we have a 2-hour delay, we will not be serving breakfast before school. <i>Debbra Danke, Food Service Director</i>			1 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk
4 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, pears, milk	5 Brunch for lunch: French toast sticks, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	6 Basket for lunch: ham, turkey, cheese sub, chips, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, cookie, milk	7 Grab-n-Go salad or mini corn dogs, rice, baked beans, pineapple, milk	8 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, uncrustable sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
11 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk	12 Grab-n-Go salad or spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, milk	14 Chicken patty on a bun, tri-taters, carrots, peaches, Valentine cookie, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, milk
18 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, pears, bread, milk	19 Nachos with meat sauce, cheese, sour cream, carrots, mandarin oranges, milk	20 Pizza slice, lettuce salad, peaches, milk	21 Sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, string cheese, apple juice, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, French fries, peas, pineapple, milk
25 Grab-n-Go salad or pizarroni, carrots, pears, bread, milk	26 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, baked beans, peaches, milk	27 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, fruit bar juice, applesauce, milk	28 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, mandarin oranges, peas, milk	

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.95 per day, \$9.75 per week, \$39 for February
Middle/High School — \$2.25 per day, \$11.25 per week, \$45 for February

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

It's hard to believe we are already in the midst of the third quarter, but here we are! As you know, the next few months will continue to fly by due to all of the events and activities that will be taking place.

I'd like to begin by congratulating all of the students involved with this year's Geography Bee and Spelling Bee. Great job, to the following grade level winners:

Geography Bee:

Grade 4 – Trenton Twombly
 Grade 5 – Justin Hellweg
 Grade 6 – Sam Bloch
 Grade 7 – Quinn Vanden Heuvel
 Grade 8 – Ryan Maki
 Overall school winner – Trenton Twombly



Spelling Bee:

Grade 3 – Jocelyn Houterman
 Grade 4 – Brandon Rohloff
 Grade 5 – Justin Hellweg
 Grade 6 – Paige Scott (schoolwide runner-up)
 Grade 7 – Tabitha Morris and Lucas Radtke
 Grade 8 – Christie Depner
 Overall school winner – Justin Hellweg



Again, congratulations to all of the students who participated in these events this year. G-R-E-A-T job! ☺

I'd also like to congratulate all of the elementary students who have been working so hard to "fill buckets" throughout the day. It's so important for each of us to focus on filling other people's buckets instead of dipping from them! Great job to everyone who is working on this on a daily basis! Keep it up! ☺

Upcoming Events/Activities and Information

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration: Registration for students who will be entering K4 or K5 during the 2013-14 school year will be held during the week of February 11-15. Please see the front page of *The Link* for more details. Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held May 17 at 1:30 p.m. or May 24 at 8:45 a.m. Please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Please help spread the word about the registration week if you know anyone with children eligible for either grade. Thank you!



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

Upcoming Early Release: Just a reminder that there will be a 12:10 p.m. early dismissal on Wednesday, February 13.

Midquarter for Quarter 3: The midquarter date for the third quarter is Thursday, February 21.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: The fair is coming up in early March. Participation sheets will soon be going home with students in grades K5-6. Students in grades 7 and 8 may pick up a participation sheet from their teacher or from the elementary/middle school office. We hope we will have great participation from students of all grade levels again this year! Please see Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Griesbach in the office if you have any questions about this year's fair.

Winter Weather Reminders: As we approach another cool down in temperatures, please make sure your child is dressing properly for the weather. As long as the temperature is above zero, our students do go outside. Thank you for your assistance with making sure your child is dressed properly during the winter months.



Have a wonderful month of February! Remember to keep your child reading about 20 minutes per evening!

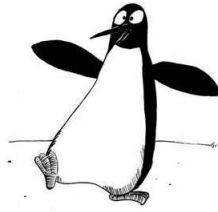
Sincerely,
 Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
 Elementary/Middle School Principal

Great job to all of the students
 participating in winter sports,
 Forensics, music festivals, and other
 clubs and/or activities.
 Keep up the GREAT work! ☺

Winter Fun in Early Childhood

The month of January was filled with many snowy activities, despite the lack of snow outside. Our hallway was adorned with a landscape full of penguins and snowmen.

Winter fun started in January with learning about birds that do not fly — penguins. Children practiced walking like penguins and got dirty making footprint penguins. The students made penguins out of paper plates, shapes, and tissue paper. They practiced their fine motor skills by tearing paper and cutting, as well as reinforcing shape and color recognition skills. Students also learned the *5 Little Penguins* rhyme. They were ecstatic to bring home their iceberg with their penguins.



Snowmen was the theme that brought January to a close. Students made snowmen out of shapes, the letters of their name, and paper towel rolls. They tasted shaved coconut, as that was one way we decorated our winter snowmen. Students also worked on stringing a winter necklace. I believe the snowman snack — made of marshmallows, frosting, and small M&Ms — was the students' favorite activity of the month!

The fun will continue in February with themes about the post office and hearts.

K4 Makes Snowpeople



The four-year-old kindergartners have had a busy month. We started off the new year with a snowman unit. The children painted and decorated their own snowpeople. They made some wonderful creations. Our hallway is lined with lovely snowpeople!!

We have been focusing on rhyming and looking at the ending chunks of words that rhyme. We have also been working on letter identification. We will continue to explore winter weather as we move into February. Thankfully, Mother Nature has been cooperating. The children love to get out in the snow, and the snow hills at school have been a big hit.

We have also been reading some Robert Munch stories. The children loved hearing *Thomas' Snowsuit* and *50 Below Zero*. We will continue to explore more of Robert Munch's work and discover just how silly his stories can be.

K5 Kids are Growing!

Our kindergartners are growing up so quickly! Pants and shirts that fit at the beginning of the year are now a size (or two) too small. And those tiny white baby teeth grins are gradually being replaced by wide-mouthed permanent toothed smiles.

With this in mind, one of our units of study in the month of February will be dental health. We will discuss appropriate food choices as well as brushing and flossing techniques that help maintain a healthy smile.



100th Day, Valentines, Bug Surprises, Animal Adventures, and Around the Town are additional themes of study we will cover this month. We will have a mini-post office set up in each kindergarten classroom, where the children will be delivering their classroom valentines. In reading and language arts, we will be studying the letters *Qq, Uu, Vv, Jj, Yy, and Zz*. Our upcoming high frequency words are *one, little, went, where, too, oh, has, will, they, and play*.

In our Harcourt Math series, we will be covering *Numbers 0 to 30* and *Number Patterns* with numbers 0 to 100. Our *Numbers 0 to 30* unit is designed to give children the vital concrete experiences with numbers that will establish strong foundations for all number work to come. Children at this age typically know some of the number names and may be able to say many of their numbers in order, but to truly understand numbers they need opportunities to explore the nature of numbers. This unit provides opportunities for children to begin to develop their number sense — to begin to see that five is not just a word or a funny shape drawn on the paper, but an idea that can be used in many different situations.

Toward the middle of February, we will be covering *Number Patterns* with numbers 0 to 100. Around this time, kindergartners begin to feel fairly confident in their knowledge about numbers and in the counting strategies they have been developing. Building on this knowledge and skill, the children break some new ground as they tackle projects that give them a first peek at concepts they will be exploring in more depth as first graders. During this number pattern unit, the children will encounter the idea of parts and wholes in several forms, be introduced to the idea of number combinations, and have their first



formal experience with greater numbers — up to 100! The children have also been working on the concepts of addition and subtraction. With

this in mind, we look forward to seeing our kindergartners rise to the challenge of tackling some new skills and making some GREAT gains in math this month!!

The kindergarten team wishes you all a Happy Valentine's Day!

February Free Family Movie Night!!

SPICE will again sponsor a Free Family Movie Night on Saturday February 16. This event will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will be showing *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*. *Madagascar 3* is the third in an animated series which is fun for all ages. It is sure to be a family favorite!



Admission to our movie night will be free for both students and adults alike. We will have minor concessions (popcorn, candy, Gatorade, etc.) for sale. We recommend you bring a blanket to sit on to make the floor or cafeteria seating more comfortable.

Be looking for more information about this fun event. Any questions about this event can be directed to Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com.

Grade 1 Starts the New Year Right

First grade had a great start to 2013! We hope you enjoyed seeing all the snowy things that drifted into your homes throughout January. February will be just as eventful! Our author studies will consist of two wonderful authors, Audrey Wood and Mercer Mayer. You are sure to recognize and enjoy all the different stories coming home this month. Through these stories the students do projects that help with retelling a story, organizing characters, identifying with the characters, and many more skills.

We also have started book reports. The kids are starting off by giving oral book reports each week. They should be practicing at home so that they are confident and prepared on book report days. Later in the semester these oral book reports will change to written book reports that will be done at home.

Mrs. Bellin's class and Mrs. Behnke's class will be wrapping up their science units. They're studying many fun topics including animals, planets, and weather! In March, Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's class will be starting their social studies units. Mrs. Streblow's class focused on their last unit of social studies, which consisted of learning about our country. They worked hard prior to that learning about natural resources, recycling, and other ways to care for our earth. They even made natural resource posters stressing the importance of natural resources and why we should preserve them. These posters were placed around the school for everyone to enjoy! In February Mrs. Streblow's class will start their science units.

One reminder for February is to always check your child's folder that is coming home each night for important information about things that are happening. This month always seems to go so fast. Have a great month!



Grade 1 Art

Ava Lorenz creates Georgia O'Keeffe inspired flowers! Media: watercolor and metallic crayons.

What's New in Grade 2?

As we head into February, our second graders are anxiously awaiting Valentine's Day! They soon will be busy making valentine containers to be filled with kind words and maybe even a little candy! What a great way to literally fill someone's bucket!

Adding to the excitement of sending and receiving valentines, we will be heading to The Building for Kids for our second field trip on February 1.



During our day-long trip we will participate in a Discovery Class on simple machines, explore the many educational

exhibits, and even eat lunch at the museum!

In science we have been learning about animal groups and habitats. As a literacy extension, each second grader will write a nonfiction book about an animal of his/her choice. The students have been researching different conventions of nonfiction books such as bold print, Table of Contents, Glossary, Index, comparisons, and photographs. The students will add these features to their books along with interesting information they have gathered. When the books are completed, the students will have the opportunity to share them with students in other grades/classrooms. What a great way to showcase their knowledge about a favorite animal and utilize the organized format of nonfiction text!

Second grade is full of Slam Dunk readers! Our Slam Dunk Reading Incentive Program has wrapped up, and many of our second graders met their reading goal! The reward for all their reading (besides expanding their knowledge and discovering some entertaining books!) is two free tickets to a UW-Green Bay basketball game on February 9! Way to go, second graders! They know the 10 "secrets" to becoming a better reader: READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, and...READ!©

Spring Book Fair

by Steve Parker

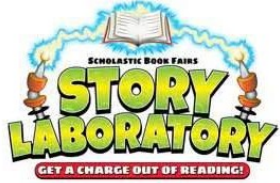
It's a Science Fair Story Laboratory!! The Spring Book Fair is only a few weeks away. The book fair, which will be located in the school cafeteria, will run from February 28 to March 6. The fair will be open during school lunch hours (10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) on Thursday through Wednesday. In addition, we will be open during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Make a point of coming during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — take a look at the great art exhibits, marvel at the science projects, then come shop at the book fair!!

Prior to the fair's opening, a Scholastic flyer highlighting books from the fair will be sent home. Take a look at that flyer with your child and make note of any titles they are interested in. The flyer will tell you where on the shelves specific books can be found. Of course, the fair will have many more books than can be listed on the flyer. You'll just have to come to the school and see all that we have available!

In addition, there is the option of purchasing your books online. In fact, there are many more titles and options available at our online store. And here's a bonus — no shipping charges. The books are delivered right to the school and then sent home with your children. You can access our online fair by going to www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and following the simple instructions. It's safe, convenient, and easy.

Remember, proceeds from SPICE book fairs go towards supporting the education of all the students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment have been purchased with book fair revenue. Supporting the book fair supports the school district while also showing your children that reading is important. That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Any questions about the book fair can be directed to me at 757-8871.



Music Recitals Scheduled for May

Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's piano and guitar students will be held on May 3 and 4 in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars! There will be an evening recital on Friday and recitals at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Mrs. Ritchie with any conflicts with the date or special requests for performance times.



Grade 3 – To the Third Quarter and Beyond

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already in the third quarter of school. The third graders are busy learning cursive, finishing their multiplication and division facts, and now learning about fractions. Congratulations to our six 3rd graders who participated in the school Spelling Bee on January 21: Sara Scott and Larissa Young from Mr.

Backman's class; Breanna Birch and Jocelyn Houterman from Mrs. Kleiber's class; Colton Westby and Holly Herminath from Mrs. Madsen's class.



Another "congratulations" to all who participated in the UWGB Slam Dunk Reading Challenge. For those who won a free ticket, we hope to see you at the UWGB men's basketball game on February 9.

The students did a nice job on their second quarter book report project, where they made a statue or puppet of their favorite character and presented it to the class. Now is the time to begin thinking about your son or daughter's third quarter book report. This book report task is to create a scientific display or diorama for the all-school Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair which is on Tuesday, March 5. Students need to read a book pertaining to science, gather information from the book, and then create a scientific diorama or display to show what they read about. This book report is due February 28 (date has changed due to date of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair). These projects will be on display the afternoon/night of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair – March 5 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

February will be a busy month. Fang's Reading Club is in full swing through the month of February. All third graders need to read 100 minutes every week. After they read 200 minutes they earn a baseball, and a different baseball reward/prize will happen after each reading period. When they collect four baseballs, they earn a Timber Rattler ticket, along with a free hot dog and soda at the game. Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattler stadium is Saturday, June 1, with a 6:35 p.m. start.

The third graders will be having a small Valentine's Day party on Thursday, February 14, from 2:00-2:45 p.m. The class name list can be found in your child's agenda. This is an early reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, March 5, with afternoon/evening conferences only. Lots of things are happening and before you know it, spring will be here.



Time Flies in Grade 4

As the end of the first semester arrived, we were all wondering how our year is moving so quickly. The old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun," must apply here. Our students have been putting in a tremendous effort thus far, and we know the second half of the year will continue to bring out their best.

We recently completed the school Geography Bee. Each classroom competed to find two representatives and one alternate for the school competition. Fourth grade alternates were Maddie Daniels, Mickayla Denis, and Emma Scharmann.



Fourth grade representatives were Maria Coenen, Cameron Conratt, Selina Enders, Brandon Rohloff, Josh Wilkinson, and the schoolwide winner, Trenton Twombly. We are all so proud of Trenton as he won the competition that included students through eighth grade! Good luck to Trenton as he takes the written test to see if he will be able to move on to the state level!

Students are also taking part in the Spelling Bee. Class representatives were Cameron Conratt, Mickayla Denis, Logan Heindl, Jack Scott, Brandon Rohloff, and Josh Wilkinson. Alternates for the Spelling Bee were Abby Demerath, Jaden Dorn, and Hudson Spencer.

We completed the second set of MAP tests during January. Our district can use this tool to get an idea of where each child's strengths are in math and language arts.

Many thanks to the students and families who generously donated items to Chances Animal Rescue, Inc. during the holiday season. We received a thank-you note from the rescue which showed our donations to be worth approximately \$125! Students will also be raising funds for their 5th Grade Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya field trip. They have already been selling cookie dough and will have other opportunities to raise funds as the school year progresses.

Speaking of field trips, we are already making plans for the Madison field trip later this year. The date for the field trip is May 15. We will need to get a number of chaperones for this trip in the near future so we can make plans for buses. If you'd like to take part in this activity, please be aware that a note will be coming home soon, or feel free to contact your child's teacher for more information.



Fourth Grader Wins Geography Bee

The 2013 Geography Bee was a great experience for all involved. All students were given the Geography pre-test. The six students with the highest scores in each grade level 4th-8th entered the competition. Thirty students competed in Mrs. Ver Voort's classroom on January 4. The grade level winners were:

- ⇒ Trenton Twombly - 4th grade
- ⇒ Sam Bloch - 6th grade
- ⇒ Quinn Vanden Heuvel - 7th grade
- ⇒ Ryan Maki - 8th grade



Fourth grader Trenton Twombly (*pictured*) won the schoolwide competition! He then took the state level qualifying written test. Trenton has potential to compete in the State Geography Bee in April if he is one of the top 100 qualifiers. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants!



Grade 5 Studies Personification

The fifth graders studied personification in language arts class. Personification is a figurative language technique where an object or idea is given human characteristics or qualities. In other words, using our language, we make an object or idea do something that usually is only done by people. With personification, speakers and writers make the object or idea like a person and, hence, they personify it.

Examples of personification:

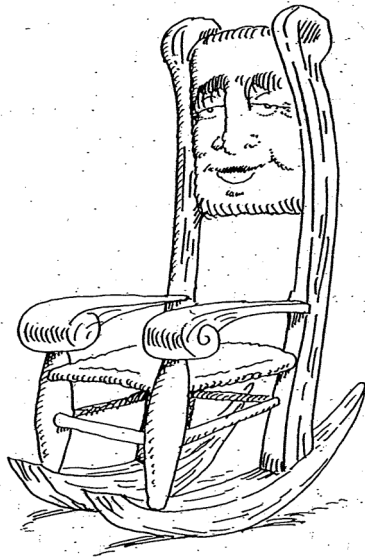
- In the story *The Three Bears*, the bears are an example of personification. They live in a house, cook porridge, sit on chairs, and sleep in beds. These are things people do, not bears.
- Famous quote: "Opportunity may knock, but it seldom nags." *David Mamet*
- Hey diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon. The little dog laughed to see such a sport, and the dish ran away with the spoon. *Mother Goose*
- Sentences:
 - The sun stretched its golden arms across the plains.
 - The clouds pushed each other around in the sky.
 - The stars danced playfully in the moonlit sky.
- Advertising:
 - Oreo: Milk's favorite cookie.
 - Goldfish crackers: The snack that smiles back.
 - Kleenex says "Bless you."

Included on the next page are some of our personified ads and stories.

My name is Mr. Comfy Comfortable. I have brown on my face and all over my body. Scratches cover my body and spider webs are all over me.

Currently I live in Asia in the country of China. I'm in a basement of a little house. It is rather crowded with furniture. The furniture looks at me like I am crazy because I still long to have someone sit in me. It feels good when people sit on me. Mom, dad, uncles, Santa, grandpa, and grandma have all sat on me. Meeting Santa was my funniest and most interesting day. He is really fat and made my joints creak. His beard and fur cuffs tickled me. Being a rocking chair sure is fun.

Levi Spencer



My name is Rocky and I have dark wood and blue cushions. I'm currently living in an apartment building in Los Angeles, California. It's not bad living in Los Angeles. It's just that by the rate I'm going, I should be living in a mansion because I am the host of my own talk show, and I have to say that it is pretty awesome. I've met some funny people on my talk show like Dwayne Johnson, Katy Perry, One Direction, and Julia Roberts.

Being a rocking chair is awesome. You've seen all the amazing things we can do. Most people think that we're just there so they can sit down, but when there's nobody around, we're out living our lives to the fullest. Sometimes when no one's home, the other furniture and I hang out. I guess we're all pretty good friends, but ever since the recliner overheard the owners talking about redesigning the living room, he's been preparing to take my place. That's why I have to start making better impressions on the owners so they don't get rid of me.

One of the funniest experiences I've ever had being a rocking chair was probably when I was just starting out. I was sitting in a furniture store waiting, just waiting for someone to buy me. One day I got so bored of waiting to be a great piece of furniture for someone. That was when I saw an old couple walk in and go up to the cash register lady. They said they were looking for a rocking chair. That was my chance, so I made myself look as comfy as possible. I was then taken home by the old couple and was put in the corner of the room. I was introduced to all the other furniture by the footstool. He was the first friend I made. It was the day that I made my first mistake. I was talking to someone when the owner walked in. She heard me talking and flipped because she thought she was going crazy. Then she passed out and we told her it was all a dream.

Nikki Harvath

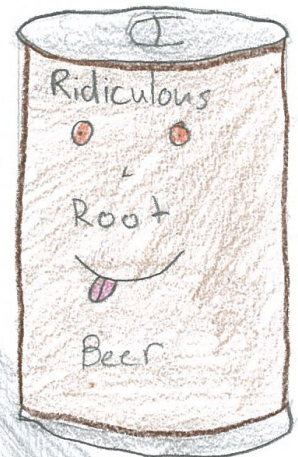


I'm Shelly the Shoe and I got something for you. They're called "Basket Toppers." If you're sick of heavy, too loose, too tight, or not enough style basketball shoes, buy me. I'm light, not too tight or loose, and I come in any of your school colors like green and white or purple and gold. So if you want to be in style buy me.

Carley Kriewaldt

Hi. I'm Ridiculous Root Beer! I play pranks on your friends. When they open me, instead of getting ice cold tasty root beer, they get bad tasting water! Order a 12-pack for two easy payments of \$4.99! You have to get some Ridiculous Root Beer! Call 1-800-555-Root, that's 1-800-555-Root!

Kaden Piechocki



Grade 5 Art

Clay slab snowflakes; media: clay and glaze



SPICE has Fun Activities Coming Up

by Steve Parker, SPICE Chairman

Lots of fun activities are coming up in the Shiocton School District. On February 16 we have another Free Family Movie Night planned.

Madagascar 3 will be shown in the school cafeteria. Admission is free and minor concessions will be available for only a dollar. This will be a fun event for all ages.



On February 28 we kick off our annual spring Book Fair. The theme this year is *Story Laboratory*, which fits

in perfectly with the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair that runs at school during the same time. This is a great opportunity to see your child's artwork, science projects, the students folk dancing, and to purchase new books for your home library. The book fair gets books in our children's hands to encourage literacy and is also one of our biggest fundraisers. More information on these events will be sent home in mid-February.

On March 7, we will host our 13th Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$2/wristband (non-refundable). The purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, half-price laser tag, carousel rides, and kids play area.



Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. Our meetings are small and informal. You do not have to attend all meetings. Please come and see what we are all about. SPICE makes a difference in our school; come and be a part of that difference. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at sjparker92@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there.

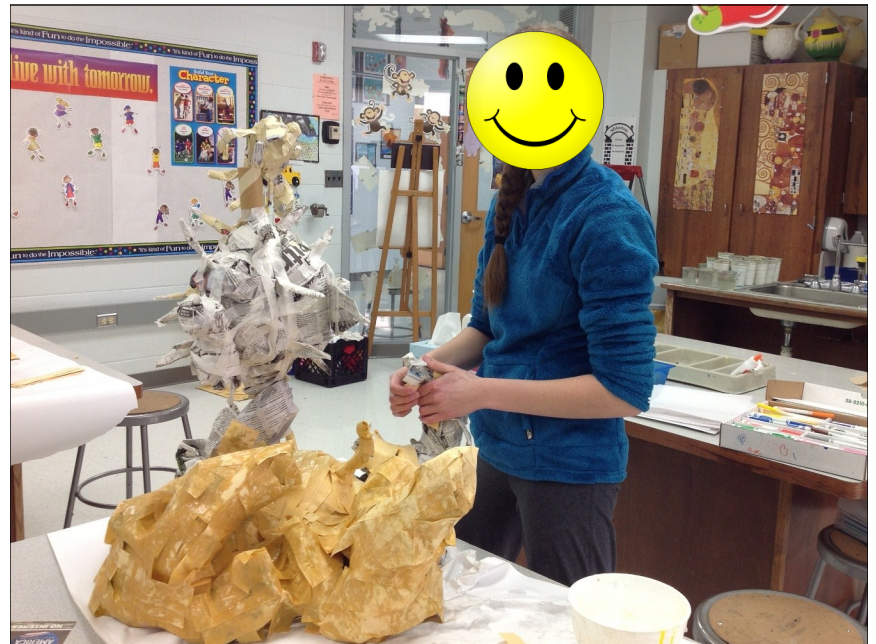


Grade 8 G/T Art

3-D paper mâché projects.


Top: Caitlyn Henry creating her octopus.

Middle: Riley Bellin and Peyton Moder.



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SHIOCTON MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND WINS GRANT

The Madison Jazz Society awarded 2012-13 grants from its Memorial School Grant Fund to music programs in 28 Wisconsin schools. Shiocton Band was selected as one of those schools! We received a \$200 grant to help students learn about and perform jazz. "We are very pleased that these grants will assist students from all over Wisconsin now and in years to come. We are thrilled to see that many schools throughout the state are working to provide opportunities to learn about America's original art form—jazz," MJS President Linda Marty Schmitz stated. Thanks to Madison Jazz Society for their financial gift!

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENT DUE

Final payment for the high school music trip to Nashville is due **Monday, February 25**, in the amount of \$145. All other balances must be paid up at that time. The trip is fast approaching!

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS TRAVEL TO BOWLER

The high school Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held at Bowler High School this year on **Saturday, February 16**. This is one of our most important events of the year to help develop students' individual musicianship. It's a chance for us to focus in on each student, right where they're at, and help them strengthen and develop their artistic potential. Students will be given their specific event times as we get closer to the festival date. Please consider joining us in Bowler to support your child's work in music. It means a lot to have parents show their encouragement to their kids.

DID YOU KNOW...

Music performance teaches young people to conquer fear and to take risks. A little anxiety is a good thing, and something that will occur often in life. Dealing with it early and often makes it less of a problem later. Risk-taking is essential if a child is to fully develop his or her potential. Music contributes to mental health and can help prevent risky behavior such as teenage drug abuse.

PEP BAND

Tuesday, February 5

PEP BAND

Friday, February 15

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 16
Bowler HS
9-12 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

PEP BAND

Thursday, February 21

HS TRIP PAYMENT DUE

Monday, February 25

MUSIC In Our SCHOOLS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 12
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
5-12 BAND, 6-12 CHOIR

BAND and CHOIR TRIP to NASHVILLE

March 21-25
HS BAND/CHOIR

BADGER BAND TRIP

April 19
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

April 27
SELECT HS STUDENTS

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



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