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The Link

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

February, 2014

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 10-14**, 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, 2014. 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, 2014. Students in this program meet for five full days each week.

Orientation Session: An orientation session will be offered on Friday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten

Houterman Sisters Win Spelling Bee

by Jill Krohlow

Jocelyn Houterman, grade 4 (*below left*), won the schoolwide Spelling Bee. Her third grade sister, Jordyn (*below right*), came in second. They worked hard and



practiced every night as a family, and it was all worth it. Jocelyn was ecstatic that she won, and of course she was happy for her sister, too.

As the older sister, though, she was glad to come in first. Both students will now move on to the regional Spelling Bee, which will be held on February 11 at Lawrence University. Congratulations, Houterman sisters!

Geography Bee Winner

by Sarah Ver Voort

Eighth grader Gunnar Oskey is the schoolwide Geography Bee winner. A special congratulations to Gunnar since he has competed in the Geography Bee every year since 4th grade. Gunnar will next take the written test which gives him an opportunity to qualify to compete at the state level.



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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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Making the Call

I can remember the first time my daughters realized I had “the power” to close school. They were in awe and as speechless as my girls can be. I can also remember the first time the girls watched me go through the process: collecting information, considering data from multiple weather reports, and making the telephone calls back-and-forth between neighboring districts. Their look of awe remained but their speechlessness was quickly remedied, replaced instead by comments such as “Are you talking on the phone again?” and “How many more times do we have to watch the weather?”



Making the call – to run late, dismiss early, or close altogether – is a difficult decision to say the least. I consult with superintendents from neighboring schools and from others a bit farther away. Weather.com has become a mainstay on the computer, while all televisions are turned to the main channels. Dan and Dave with Outagamie County have been excellent sources of road condition information, while the four bus line owners afford yet another perspective on road travel and weather conditions. We look at the morning travel but also the afternoon; we take into consideration events planned and timing – how much time do we have vs. what is needed to adequately inform parents and caregivers.

Ultimately, the safety of students and staff governs the decision. Making the call is never easy, so I am appreciative of the many persons and sources of information that I can draw on when making the decision. Stay in and stay warm – I hear spring is just around the corner!

~ Mrs. Schweitzer

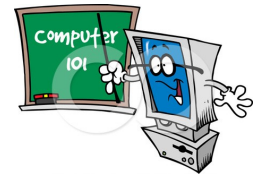
Public Forum on School Safety

The Safety Committee meeting on February 6 will include a public forum regarding school safety. This offering will afford attendees the opportunity to discuss their concerns about school safety, hear about measures in place to provide for safety, and learn more about processes followed in the event of an incident.

We invite parents, staff, and other adult community members to join us for this Public Forum on February 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in room H143.

Computers 4 Community

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



February 4	Computer Basics	5:30 p.m.
February 10	Internet Basics	5:30 p.m.
February 18	Work and Practice	5:30 p.m.

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

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic Coming to Shiocton Elementary



On Thursday, February 6, the Tri-County Dental Clinic will come to Shiocton Elementary School to offer a free dental screening and fluoride varnish to qualifying students. The qualification for participation in this program is that the student receives free or reduced-cost hot lunch and is in preschool, kindergarten, or elementary school.

This largely volunteer-driven nonprofit clinic focuses on prevention and early intervention with youngsters who have limited access or whose families cannot afford dental care. The first phase of the program takes place at school, with subsequent treatment at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic. All services are offered free of charge, including dental cleaning and any restorative treatment a child may require. If you wish to have your child participate and meet the qualification, please watch for the forms to come home soon with your child. If you have any questions, you can contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker, at 986-3351 ext. 714.

Food Service Position Open

The School District of Shiocton is seeking qualified candidates for a

Part-time Food Service Position.

Preferred candidates will be knowledgeable in food preparation, safety, and service. Please submit a resumé along with a letter of interest to:

Debbra Danke
P.O. Box 68
Shiocton, WI 54170
or e-mail ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Application deadline — February 7

Blood Drive Sponsored by Student Council

Wednesday

February 5

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please call
the high school
office to set up an
appointment at
(920) 986-3351
ext. 782.



Archery Club Scores Bull's Eye with Raffle

by Steve Parker

The Shiocton Archery Club sold nearly 4,000 tickets for the winter raffle. Over \$3,000 was collected, which will be used to buy equipment for the club and pay for tournament entry fees. Thank you to all who supported the club with this project. Winners were:

1st place	Matthews bow	Winky of Marion
2nd place	Ipod Touch	Ryan Malliet
3rd place	\$200	Ann Behnke
4th place	\$100	Bradd Yenor



Archery Club will shoot in the Kimberly YMCA Tournament on February 8. The club continues to shoot from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the elementary gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to come check out the club.

More information about the Archery Club or Archery in Schools program can be obtained from me at sjparker@gmail.com or 757-8871.

Make Appointments Now for Early Childhood Screening Held in March

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, March 13, 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, 2014, who may be eligible for the program. 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.

Please **call 986-3351 ext. 717 by Monday, February 17, to set up an appointment** or if you have any additional questions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Nicole Hess
Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher



Free gift for your child upon completion of the screening!

Governor Signs Concussion Education Amendment

December, 2013

Governor Scott Walker signed into law bill SB 258 that will require parents and student-athletes to review and sign concussion education forms only once each school year.

The change to the law eliminates much of the redundancy associated with the passing of the concussion law in 2012. Prior to the amendment, parents and student-athletes were required to sign concussion forms at the beginning of each interscholastic sport season.

The concussion law requires all youth athletic organizations to educate coaches, athletes, and parents on the risks of concussions and head injuries and prohibits participation in a youth activity until the athlete and parent or guardian has returned a signed agreement sheet indicating they have reviewed the concussion and head injury informational materials.

The law also requires immediate removal of an individual from a youth athletic activity if symptoms indicate a possible concussion has been sustained. A person who has been removed from an athletic activity because of a determined or suspected concussion or head injury may not participate again until he or she is evaluated by an approved health care provider and receives written clearance from the health care provider to return to the activity.

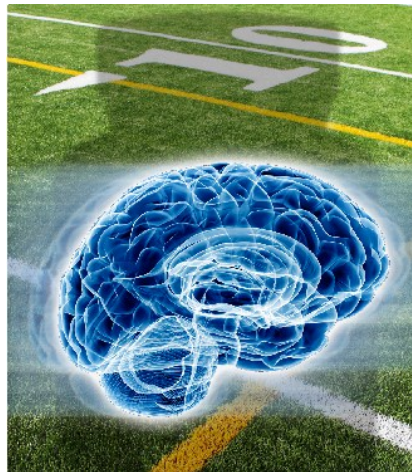
The WIAA has been a leader in concussion education, awareness, and student-athlete well-being. The membership's Executive Staff and Medical Advisory Committee contributed to the development of the concussion law. The WIAA website contains a video and substantial information regarding the signs and symptoms of concussions, as well as efforts to prevent and treat concussions. For more information, access the *Concussions* information page at <http://www.wiaawi.org/Health/Concussions.aspx>.



Can a Dietary Supplement Treat a Concussion? No.

Exploiting the public's rising concern about concussions, some companies are offering untested, unproven, and possibly dangerous products that claim to prevent, treat, or cure concussions and other traumatic brain injuries (TBIs).

The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) is monitoring the marketplace and taking enforcement actions where appropriate, issuing warning letters to firms — the usual first step for dealing with claims that products labeled as dietary supplements are intended for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease. The agency is also warning consumers to avoid purported dietary supplements marketed with claims to prevent, treat, or cure concussions and other TBIs, because the claims are not backed with scientific evidence that the products are safe or effective for such purposes. These products are sold on the Internet and at various retail outlets, and marketed to consumers using social media, including Facebook and Twitter.



One common claim: Using a particular dietary supplement promotes faster healing times after a concussion or other TBI. Even if a particular supplement contains no harmful ingredients, that claim alone can be dangerous, says Gary Coody, FDA's National Health Fraud Coordinator.

"We're very concerned that false assurances of faster recovery will convince athletes of all ages, coaches, and even parents that someone suffering from a concussion is ready

to resume activities before they are really ready," says Coody. "Also, watch for claims that these products can prevent or lessen the severity of concussions or TBIs."

A concussion is a brain injury caused by a blow to the head or by a violent shaking of the head and upper body. Concussions and other TBIs are serious medical conditions that require proper diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring by a health care professional. The long-term impact of concussions on professional athletes and children who play contact sports has recently been the subject of highly publicized discussions.

A growing body of scientific evidence indicates that if concussion victims resume strenuous activities — such as football, soccer, or hockey — too soon, they risk a greater chance of having a subsequent concussion. Moreover, repeat concussions can have a cumulative effect on the brain, with devastating consequences that can include brain swelling, permanent brain damage, long-term disability, and death. *(continued on next page)*

(Concussion continued)

“As amazing as the marketing claims here are, the science doesn’t support the use of any dietary supplements for the prevention of concussions or the reduction of post-concussion symptoms that would enable one to return to playing a sport faster,” says Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., director of FDA’s Division of Dietary Supplement Programs.

The Claims

One of the first alarms raised about dietary supplements being promoted to treat TBI came from the U.S. Department of Defense. “We first learned from the military about a product being marketed to treat TBI, obviously a concern with wounded veterans. We were taken aback that anyone would make a claim that a supplement could treat TBI, a hot-button issue,” says Jason Humbert, a senior regulatory manager with FDA’s Office of Regulatory Affairs. “That sparked our surveillance.”

FDA routinely monitors the marketplace. However, with more than 85,000 dietary supplements on the market and no product registration, products making false claims can slip through, at least for a time. Typically, products promising

relief from TBIs tout the benefits of ingredients such as turmeric and high levels of omega-3 fatty acids derived from fish oil. Turmeric is an Indian spice in the ginger family. For omega-3, FDA has recommended a maximum level of 3 grams per day from all sources, due to possible problems with increased risk of bleeding, increases in cholesterol, and problems with controlling blood sugar levels.

In its initial surveillance, FDA identified two companies selling multiple products claiming to prevent and treat concussions and other TBIs. One company claimed to have “the world’s first supplement formulated specifically to assist concussion recovery,” saying “it has the dynamic ability to minimize long-term effects and decrease recovery time.” A National Football League player testified to its “proven results in my own recovery” from a concussion, and an unnamed “licensed trainer” said he had incorporated it into his “concussion management protocol.”

Similar claims were made by the other company, which was selling four products claiming to protect against and help heal TBIs. FDA sent letters in 2012 warning both

companies that their products were not generally recognized as safe and effective for treating TBIs, that the products were misbranded (a legal term meaning, in this case, that the labeling of the products did not have adequate directions for use), and that unless various violations cited in the letters were promptly corrected, the violations could result in legal action taken without further notice, such as seizure or injunction.

Both companies changed their websites and labeling.

In December 2013, FDA issued a warning letter to Star Scientific, Inc., for marketing its product Anatabloc with claims to treat TBIs. FDA continues to monitor the marketplace for products with similar fraudulent claims, and will take appropriate regulatory action to protect the public health. “As we continue to work on this problem, we can’t guarantee you won’t see a claim about TBIs. But we can promise you this: There is no dietary supplement that has been shown to prevent or treat them,” says Coody. “If someone tells you otherwise, walk away.”

Find this and other Consumer Updates at
www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates

SPICE: Fun Activities Coming Up

Lots of fun activities are coming up in the school district. On February 22, we have another Free Family Movie Night planned. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* 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 March 4, we kick off our annual Spring Book Fair. The fair will run during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and during Parent/Teacher Conferences, so you will have lots of opportunities to visit and shop the fair. The book fair gets books in our children’s hands to encourage literacy and is also one of our biggest fundraisers. The Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair is a great opportunity to see your child’s artwork, science projects, and folk dancing, and to purchase new books for your home library. More information on these events will be sent home in mid-February.

On March 6, we will host our 14th Annual Funset



Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$3/wristband (non-refundable). Purchase of a wristband includes unlimited laser tag, bumper car rides, train rides, 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 and you do not have to attend all of them. 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 feel free to contact Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We’ll also meet at Hometown Grill on February 12 at 8:15 a.m. We hope to see you at one of these meetings.

Steve Parker, Chairman, sjparker92@gmail.com
Tanya Puls, Vice-chairman, tanyapuls@aol.com





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 and am not a fan of all of the snow that we have gotten so far.

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 the inappropriate attire of a few students in the past.

Winter Carnival will be held on March 14. 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*

Business Department Takes Over the Chief Spirit Lodge

The Shiocton High School business department is now the new management of the Chief Spirit Lodge, the school store at Shiocton School District. Emily Kelly and Alyssa Leopold (*pictured below*), students in the Business Management course, were interviewed and selected to serve as the student managers of the store.

The Shiocton Booster Club was gracious enough to turn over all store operations and gift the business education department with the current inventory and cash assets in January, 2014. According to Mr. Wismer and Mrs. Miller, the business department is incredibly grateful for the gift and looks forward to the educational opportunities that a school-based enterprise will provide for our students.

The Chief Spirit Lodge will see the addition of a new cash register and inventory management and accounting system over the summer of 2014. New merchandise and a full website with the ability to purchase products online are also planned. It is our intention to make the Chief Spirit Lodge as real as possible to an actual retail business. Students involved will be in charge of all management, marketing, and financial decisions. All proceeds of the Chief Spirit Lodge will be reinvested into the store operations and will support Shiocton FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and eventually Business Education scholarships.

The school store will continue to operate and be open for many sporting and special events at the school. Any special requests for merchandise, or access to shop at the Chief Spirit Lodge, can be done by contacting Mr. Wismer or Mrs. Miller at Shiocton High School.



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 11	College Preview Night at FVTC from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
February 22	Financial Aid Workshop at FVTC at 2:00 p.m. See below for details.
February 25	Campus Career Day at NWTC. See flyer on pupil services board.
March 1	Deadline date for Youth Options. See below for more details.
March 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 7	Students do not have school. Deadline for the April ACT exam.

Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming ACT Prep given by Mrs. Uelmen sometime in March.

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 22 at 2:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity, which also includes scholarship drawings for attending. More information can be found at www.wicollegegoalwi.org or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

Seniors: Please continue filling out your scholarship applications, which can be located in pupil services if you have requested them or now online. Also, pay close attention to deadline dates and who you should turn the applications in to. If you are applying online, remember you still have to print them off and turn them in to Mrs. Boelter.

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



APPRENTICESHIPS which one works for you?

Also we will be requesting classes for next year. Please ask your son/daughter about the courses they will be requesting. 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 and seniors (and their parents): March 1 is the deadline date for Youth Options paperwork. Please see the course description booklet for details on what Youth Options entails. Any paperwork submitted after that date will not be honored.

Student Council Sponsors Blood Drive

Student Council will be sponsoring a blood drive at Shiocton High School on February 5 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please call the high school office to set up an appointment (920) 986-3351 ext. 782.



SWAT Annual Fruit Sale Fundraiser

SWAT (Students With Alternative Thinking) will once again be holding their annual fruit sale fundraiser. The community can check out their booth at the varsity boys basketball game on Friday, February 7. 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. 743. The fundraiser will run until February 10, with a pick-up date of March 4. Thank you for your continued support.



SWAT Hosts Volleyball Tournament

SWAT will host a volleyball tournament for the high school students and faculty starting at 9:15 p.m. on Friday, February 7, after the boys home game against Iola-Scandinavia. There will be prizes for the best dressed team and the winning team. Concessions are available during the tournament, including water, candy, popcorn, and pizza. Only teams that sign up in time can play, but anyone is welcome to come and watch the fun!



The Shiocton Proud YouTube Channel

You can now find 12 videos on YouTube highlighting activities at Shiocton High School. Students in Mr. Wismer's "eTechnology for the 21st Century Learner" class recently produced a series of 12 short videos highlighting the Village of Shiocton, clubs, classes, and sports at Shiocton High School. Working either individually or in a team, the students acquired photos and



footage, edited the videos online using the free YouTube editor, and then shared them with Mr. Wismer, who organized them on the

Shiocton Proud YouTube channel. You can see all the videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ShioctonProud>.

The videos are also circulating on Twitter by means of the Shiocton Pep Club and Shiocton athletics Twitter accounts. You can find them on Twitter by searching for #ShioctonProud. More videos may be listed on the channel as the year progresses. If there are videos highlighting the district that you think should be linked on the channel, contact Mr. Wismer at kwismer@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Wrestler Achieves 100th Career Win

by Coach Eric Clausen

Shiocton traveled to Manawa for the Central Wisconsin Conference multi-dual. As a team, Shiocton managed to go 3-2 for the day despite having a few of its wrestlers out of the line-up due to injury and other circumstances. Undefeated wrestlers who were 5-0 on the day included Austin Riehl at 138, Henry Fielding at 182 with one pin, and Dominic Gunderson at 195 with two pins. Garrett Gunderson was 2-0 at 152/160. Raymond Herb was 4-1 on the day with two pins. Wrestlers who were 3-2 for the day were Brian Dawes at 106 with one pin, Mason Gomm at 170 with three pins, and Trevor Young at 126 with one pin. Chandler Van Straten was 1-4 on the day at 132. **The highlight of the day for the Chiefs was Austin Riehl achieving his 100th career win during the multi-dual.**

Team scores:

Shiocton 25	Weyauwega-Fremont 45
Shiocton 40	Manawa 36
Shiocton 16	Bonduel 60
Shiocton 54	Tri-County 30
Shiocton 42	Marathon 24

Seniors are Successful in Reality Check

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 8, the seniors obtained mock checking accounts with the help of First National Bank. They came to school dressed professionally to participate in an interview conducted by area business people in their career field of choice.

On January 10, *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, daycare, even personal items and pets. Most were shocked at the price of daycare 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 Elizabeth Schneider, Rhonda Uelmen, Jessica Miller, and Kelly Zeinert. They, and the senior class, would like to thank all of the volunteers for donating their time and talents.



Trees for Tomorrow

by Logan Cummings and Sam Otto

On December 4, 2013, six sophomore boys embarked on an epic journey to Eagle River, Wisconsin. They were Sam Otto, Logan Cummings, Henry Fielding, Trent Moder, Mason Gomm, and Bryce Kuehl. They were going to Trees for Tomorrow — a camp dedicated to educating people about the importance of Wisconsin's natural resources and the need to conserve them for future generations.

The first class they did was Tree Identification. After learning the most important characteristics, they were assigned a challenge — go around the Trees for Tomorrow campus and identify marked trees. They walked around the campus identifying trees using a dichotomous key and looking at each tree's bark patterns, leaf types, and needle types.

The next day they would be going tree pruning to learn how these trees were taken care of so they could be used for boards or other things. This also helps the tree grow better. They moved together through the trees in a line so that they would be equally trimmed. The question then was, what to do with the branches? The instructor suggested we build rabbit habitats, or "rabbittats." They consist of sticks arranged in a teepee style with the snow dug out from the middle.

After our adventure of tree pruning and rabbatat construction, we next learned about logging history and learned the terms loggers often used such as hash slasher, which is cook; sawyers, which are the saw men; and dentist, which was the saw technician. We also learned about the activities that loggers used to do for fun while living for many months in a logging camp. One such activity was to start a match on fire with a hatchet. This task was left unaccomplished by the students and



teachers, but a teacher at Trees for Tomorrow lit the match on fire.

We also learned survival skills that night. With these skills we learned about building fires. The challenge was to build a fire not very big, but big enough to boil snow in a coffee tin. This proved very difficult to accomplish for some groups.

On their third day there, the students took a trip to the Tomahawk Paper Mill. In addition to the mill, they also were shown an area where there was a tree harvesting operation underway. The mill tour consisted of the boiler control room, which controls water flow and power usage in the entire facility. They then followed the path of a log as it is debarked, dried, and cut up into progressively smaller bits. These bits were then broken down with heat and steam and turned into paper. This particular mill creates corrugated medium, the wavy middle part to a cardboard box.

At the tree harvesting location, a forester for the mill and one from the DNR explained how they determine what trees to harvest and how many to harvest. They explained that dead trees do have some value, and about two per acre is healthy. Squirrels use them for homes, hawks and other birds use them to search for prey, and wolverines can more easily make their homes underneath them.

Next up was an introduction to compasses followed by a lesson

about wolves. The wolf lesson was all new information to just about everyone. The students were given all sorts of information about wolves and how they actually can help the deer population. This is currently the main source of animosity towards wolves. The common belief is that wolves destroy the local deer population, but DNR research has shown that


they typically eliminate the weak or sick deer. The wolf population, all in all, has made a miraculous comeback in our state.

The compass lesson was a review for some but a first for others. They covered the basics of aiming yourself in the cardinal direction or specific degree you want to go. The next morning they had a compass scavenger hunt. Students had to find trees around the campus, and on those trees were words. After they found a certain amount of words, they had to unscramble a sentence. We were separated into groups, which were Trent and Henry, Mason and Sam, and Logan and Bryce, who were the first back with the sentence and they won. The sentence was "Don't follow me, I'm lost."

Next they learned about raptors. The teacher brought out a live red-tailed hawk and a great horned owl. He taught them about their prey and how they hunt and also some unique facts about their body structure.

Overall it was an incredibly fun experience for everyone. Everyone had different favorites, but they would all do everything over again if they could. "An opportunity like this only comes around once in a great while," they said. After all, when else do you get to miss school with some friends and go travel around forests, live in dorms, and go experience cool, new things?

February Calendar of Events

1	Sat	FBLA Regional Leadership Competitions at Kewaunee HS Wrestling Tournament at Sturgeon Bay — 8:00 am MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 8:30 am	
3	Mon	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Shawano — 4:15 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 7:00 pm	
4	Tue	Grade 2 field trip to Building for Kids and Performing Arts Center — 8:10 am-2:20 pm Grade 3 field trip to Outagamie Public Library and Performing Arts Center — 8:15 am-2:45 pm Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 5:30 pm (see page 2)	
5	Wed	Blood Drive sponsored by HS Student Council — 9:30 am-3:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm	
6	Thu	Tri-County Dental Clinic coming to Shiocton Elementary C Team Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:30 pm Public Forum on School Safety in room H143 — 6:30 pm	
7	Fri	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm SWAT hosts student/faculty volleyball tournament — 9:15 pm	
7-10		SWAT Fruit Sale (see page 7)	
8	Sat	Archery Club at Kimberly YMCA Tournament HS Wrestling Conference Meet at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 10:00 am	
10	Mon	MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at home — 4:00 pm MS Girls Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 5:30 pm (see page 2) JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm	
10-14	M-F	K4/K5 Registration for 2014-15 in the elementary office — 7:30 am-3:30 pm	
11	Tue	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm	
12	Wed	SPICE meeting at Hometown Grill — 8:15 am Early release for Staff Development — 12:10 pm	
13	Thu	Grade 4 hosts Annual Grandparents Day MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Gibraltar — 6:00/7:30 pm	
14	Fri	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the March issue Grades 1 and 2 Music Concert in the cafeteria — 2:30-3:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm	
15	Sat	HS Band/Choir Solo and Ensemble Festival at Gresham HS Wrestling Regionals at Shiocton	
17	Mon	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Suring — 5:45/7:15 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
18	Tue	HS Wrestling Team Sectionals MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Black Creek — 4:00 pm Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 5:30 pm (see page 2)	
20	Thu	Grade 5 field trip to EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh — 8:10 am-2:50 pm MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 4:00 pm MS Wrestling at New London — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm	
21	Fri	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm	
22	Sat	HS Wrestling Individual Sectionals at Shawano SPICE Family Movie Night (<i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2</i>) in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm	

February Calendar continued

24	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office
		C Team/JV Boys Basketball at home vs. Brillion — 4:00/5:00 pm
		JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Sturgeon Bay — 6:00/7:30 pm
25/28/3-1		HS Boys Basketball Regionals
27	Thu	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
27/28/3-1		HS Wrestling Individual State Tournament

Coming Up in March

4	Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening only)
	HS Girls Basketball Regionals
5	Market Day pick-up
6	MS Wrestling at Weyauwega-Fremont
	Funset Boulevard Family Night
7	NWEA Convention — No school
11	Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
26	End of the third quarter — Early dismissal
27-31	Spring Break

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take a ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Muffins, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Bagels with cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk
3	Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	4 Brunch for lunch: French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice, milk	5 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	6 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, applesauce, milk	7 Sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, broccoli with cheese, mixed fruit, milk
10	Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	11 Nachos with meat sauce, cheese, sour cream, carrots, apple juice, milk	12 Chicken patty on a bun, potato wedges, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk	13 Pizza slice, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	14 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
17	Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, pears, bread, milk	18 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, milk	19 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, apple juice, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk	21 Ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, peas and carrots, applesauce, milk
24	Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, dinner rolls, peaches, milk	25 Brunch for lunch: pancakes, omelet, hash browns, orange juice, milk	26 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk	27 Basket for lunch: ham, turkey, cheese sub, Gold Fish crackers, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, cookie, milk	28 Pizza dippers, marinara sauce, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day
Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$41 for February
Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$47 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

Here's hoping you and your family are keeping warm during these frigid winter temperatures! What a change from our January/February last year. Whew!

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 – Dylan Morris
Grade 5 – Logan Heindl
Grade 6 – Tanner Baeten
Grade 7 – Caleb Winter
Grade 8 – Gunnar Oskey
Overall school winner – Gunnar Oskey



Spelling Bee:

Grade 3 – Jordyn Houterman (schoolwide runner-up)
Grade 4 – Jocelyn Houterman
Grade 5 – Josh Wilkinson
Grade 6 – Mikayla Henry
Grade 7 – Megan Pigsley
Grade 8 – Lucas Radtke
Overall school winner – Jocelyn Houterman



The Spelling Bee was exceptionally exciting this year since the school winner and runner-up both happen to be elementary students and also SISTERS! I don't recall this happening before! ☺ Their classmates were so happy for them and also so proud of them! You should have heard the cheers as these two were escorted back to their classrooms! How exciting!

We wish our overall winners the best of luck as they advance to the next level of competition. Again, congratulations to all of the students who participated in these events this year. G-R-E-A-T job! ☺

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 2014-15 school year will be held during the week of February 10-14. Please see the front page of *The Link* for more details. In addition, there will be an Orientation on Friday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. Parents will receive more information about the Orientation in the registration packets. 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 2014-15 school year is from February 3 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 12.

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

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: The fair is coming up on March 11, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Participation sheets will be going home with students in grades K-6 in the near future. 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 me in the office if you have any questions about this year's fair. Following the fair, there will be a "Music in our Schools" concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Please join us for a fun-filled evening!

Winter Weather Reminders: It doesn't seem like we have had many days to go outside this year, but please know that the students do go outside for recess as long as the temperature (including wind chill) is above zero. Therefore, please make sure your child is dressing properly for the weather. 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 ☺
Grades PK-6 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! ☺

Snowy Activities in Early Childhood

The month of January was filled with many snowy activities to accompany our snowy and cold outdoors. Winter fun was kick-started in January with all different sizes and shapes of snowmen. Students made snowmen out of paper towel rolls and circles (to practice size seriation) and stamped them using tissue tubes. Shredded paper was another art medium we used to decorate our winter snowmen. Another snow-filled picture was based on the book *The Snowy Day*. Students used cookie cutters and toothbrushes to create a beautiful winter scene. I believe the snowman snack — cupcakes with frosting and small M&Ms — was the students' favorite activity of the month!



Mittens were the theme that brought January to a close. Students practiced fine motor skills by cutting out mittens and then stringing them together. The last theme of January was based on *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. The story is about a little boy who loses his mitten in winter. Animals come and get into the mitten as it stretches and stretches. Tickled by the mouse's whiskers, the bear sneezes and all of the animals come tumbling out! The students loved the story and enjoyed using the SMART board to put the animals in the mitten. They worked on who went in the mitten first and last, as well as identifying the animals. They could also take one home to practice their story recall.

The fun continues in February with themes about the post office, hearts, penguins, and polar bears.

K4: Winter Weather Fun

The four-year-old kindergartners have been busy learning about winter weather. We enjoyed making paper snow people to decorate the hallway. We have been able to get outside and enjoy the giant snow hills on the playground. We all have so much fun in the snow.

We have also been exploring one of our favorite authors, Robert Munsch. He writes very silly and entertaining stories. Two of our favorites are *Thomas' Snowsuit* and *50 Below Zero*. We compared and contrasted the books with the video versions. The children were able to see similarities and differences between the book and the video.

We continue to work on rhyming words, name printing, and letter sounds. We are happy to be back into a familiar routine now that the holidays are over.



SPICE Hosts 14th Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night

by Jill Vyse

On March 6, SPICE will host the 14th Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$3/wristband (non-refundable). Purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, carousel rides, kids play area, and laser tag. Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!



Working with Numbers in K5

100th Day, Valentines, Animal Adventures, and Around the Town are themes we will be investigating this month. A mini post office will be set up in each kindergarten room, where the children will be delivering their classroom valentines. In reading and language arts, we will be focusing on the letters *Vv*, *Jj*, *Yy*, and *Zz*. Our upcoming high frequency words are *went*, *oh*, *three*, *where*, *four*, *too*, *has*, *will*, *five*, *into*, *they*, *play*, *six*, and *make*.

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 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 ("putting together") and subtraction ("taking apart"). 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!

Grade 1 Starts Book Reports

First grade had a great start to 2014! 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. Through these stories the students will do projects that help with retelling a story, organizing characters, identifying with the characters in the stories, and many more skills.

We also have started book reports. The kids are starting off by giving oral book reports each week. Students should be practicing at home so that they are confident and prepared on book report days. Later in the semester we'll change from oral reports 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. In March, their classes will be starting the social studies units. Mrs. Streblov's class focused on their last unit of social studies, which consisted of learning about our country. The students worked hard prior to that learning about natural resources, recycling, and other ways to care for our earth. They 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. Streblov's students will be starting 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!



Upcoming Concerts

February 14

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

April 11

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

May 30

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

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

A big thank you to all who participated in our recent **Box Top Challenge**. We collected a total of 3,820! Good job. Congratulations to Mr. Beer's 4th grade class. They collected 686 Box Tops! A special treat will be coming their way.

Now it's time to get ready for the next challenge. Start collecting. Dates to be announced. Good luck!

February Fun 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 and the Performing Arts Center in Appleton. During our day-long trip, we will participate in a Discovery Class about weather, explore the many educational exhibits, eat lunch at the museum, and see an entertaining play in the afternoon at the PAC! It's going to be a fun-filled, busy day!

February is also when we begin our Fang's Reading Club incentive program! It is a great way for kids to read some interesting books while working toward a goal and earning a reward! The students will have the opportunity to earn a Timber Rattler ticket along with a hot dog/soda voucher. In order to earn the ticket, each second grader will need to read 75 minutes each week! Reading is a great activity on these cold and snowy evenings! So...snuggle up with a good book, second graders!!

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 students are busy learning cursive and finishing their multiplication and division facts, and will eventually head into the land of fractions. As always, keep practicing those multiplication and division flash cards.

February will be a busy month. Fang's Reading Club is in full swing and concludes on March 14. All third graders need to read 100 minutes every week (20 minutes nightly), and after they read 200 minutes they earn a baseball. A different baseball reward/prize will happen after each reading period. When students collect four baseballs, they will earn a Timber Rattler ticket, along with a free hot dog and soda. Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattler stadium is Saturday, May 31, at 6:35 p.m.



The third graders will be having a small Valentine's Day party on Friday, 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 4, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. As always, please read, read, and read, to become that better reader. Lots of things are happening and before we know it, spring will be here.



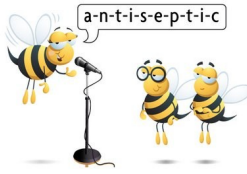
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Karen Rudat (grades 4-8) 986-3351 ext. 580 or krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us

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

The schoolwide Spelling Bee was held on January 16. 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 Jocelyn Houterman from fourth grade. Jordyn Houterman, a third grader and Jocelyn's sister, took second. Our superintendent, Mrs. Schweitzer, was the moderator/pronouncer for this year's Spelling Bee. Both students will advance to the regional Spelling Bee on February 11 at Lawrence University. BEE sure to wish them good luck at this competition.



3rd Grade

Jade Doucette
Jordyn Houterman*
Davin Piechocki
Dawson Schmidt
Colten Schuh
Kendal Stingle

4th Grade

Yenna Anaya
Breanna Birch
Rose Heinz
Holly Herminath
Jocelyn Houterman*
Colton Westby

5th Grade

Cameron Conradt
Sam Flannery
Logan Heindl
Brandon Rohloff
Jack Scott
Josh Wilkinson*

6th Grade

Justin Hellweg
Mikayla Henry*
Kaden Piechocki
Austin Van Den Bosch

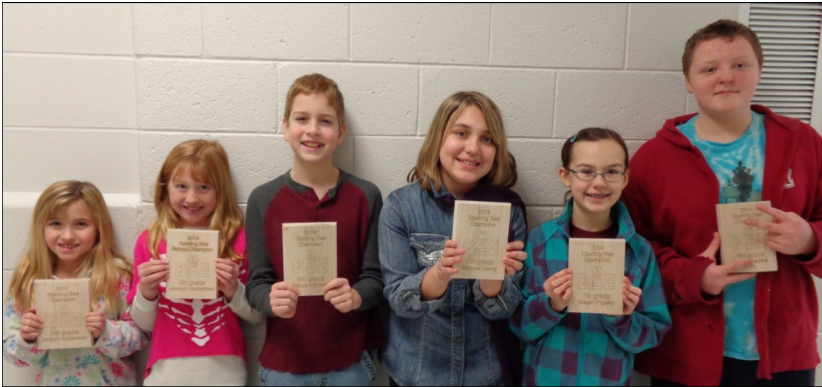
7th Grade

Sam Bloch
Matt Denis
Sky Hubert
Megan Pigsley*
Caleb Winter

8th Grade

Jacob Bolssen
Mitchell Dahlke
Marco Gonzalez
Markus Hegge
Lucas Radtke*

* Grade level winners



Battle of the Books



These fourth and fifth grade students have committed themselves to be part of this year's Battle of the Books. Since the middle of September, the students have been challenged to read 20 books by the end of January. It was a huge commitment for these students who have been vigorously reading and answering comprehension questions in preparation for the online battle in February.

SPICE Presents Free Movie Night

SPICE is hosting a Free Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 22, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The movie to be shown is *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*. Admission is free for students and adults. Minor concessions (popcorn, candy, beverages, etc.) will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket to sit on to make the floor or cafeteria seating more comfortable. Watch for more information about this event. Any questions can be directed to Cheralee Marcks at c.t.marcks@gmail.com.



Help Us Earn Campbell's Bonus Points

by Tanya Puls

We have received confirmation from Campbell's Labels for Education that our school has earned 35,444 points with our December submission. Labels for Education is now offering 100 bonus points when five product UPCs are submitted attached to their Bonus Flyer. A flyer was sent home in January with a deadline of January 31. Our goal is to earn 2,500 bonus points while only submitting 125 UPCs. Campbell's will also be holding a spring bonus. Be on the lookout this month for another Bonus Flyer. Please help our school "Earn Free Stuff" by participating in this activity.



Grade 4 Welcomes Grandparents

Every school year we teachers and students are amazed at how fast the year goes by. The explanation for that is that school is a busy place! The fourth graders have received their second quarter report cards and are now embarking on the second semester.

Congratulations to the fourth grade participants in the school's Spelling Bee: Jocelyn Houtermann, Holly Herminath, Colton Westby, Rose Heinz, Breanna Birch, and Yenna Anaya. Congratulations also to the top fourth grader in the Geography Bee, Dylan Morris. You represented us very well.

We are hosting our annual Grandparents Day on Thursday, February 13. The students have interviewed a grandparent and are working on writing something about their grandparent's life. These will be presented to grandparents on that day. It is a fun afternoon in which we reminisce about our grandparents' past, teach a little history, and enjoy each other's company.

Fang's Reading Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, has started. Fourth grade students are required to read 125 minutes per week for eight weeks. Every two weeks, prizes are awarded for reaching this goal, with the grand prize being Timber Rattler tickets to all the successful readers! Stay tuned for an exciting announcement about a special incentive prize for reading.



Counselor's Corner

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

Guidance class lessons for grades K-2 focused on feelings, anger management, and respect. Grades 3-6 did bully prevention/awareness and respect for diversity. Check out these great books shared with students during guidance class:

- 3rd grade — *Say Something* by Peggy Moss
- 4th and 5th grade — *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig
- 6th grade — *Just Kidding* by Trudy Ludwig

Personal Safety Presentations

On February 18, Mrs. Kobussen from the Assault Center in Appleton will present to students in grades 1, 3, and 6 on topics of personal safety.

Elementary School Student Council

Day for the Dogs/Chomp and Chew for the Cats

Chew gum for the day! For \$1, students in grades K-5 will be allowed to chew gum for the day (if gum is chewed responsibly). All proceeds will go to the Fox Valley Humane Association.



Middle School Student Council

Sucker and Carnation Sale for Valentine's Day

The MS Student Council will be taking orders for heart suckers and carnation flowers during lunch on February 10, 11, 12. Suckers are 50¢ and carnations are \$1. They will be distributed on February 13.



February Dress-Up Days (grades K4-8)

Wednesday, February 5:
Twin Day
(dress like a friend)

Wednesday, February 19:
Class Color Day
K4 – rainbow colors
K5 – white
1st – red
2nd – blue
3rd – green
4th – orange
5th – yellow
6th – black
7th – purple or gray
8th – brown or pink

5th Graders Establish Colonies

Land ho! Students in Mrs. Ver Voort's social studies class have been learning about the settling of the 13 British colonies. With the game *Discovery 3*, students learned first hand the troubles and frustrations the early settlers endured in their quest for a successful colony.

To begin the game, each class was divided into four colonies. The groups had to name their colony, design a flag, and pack their ships with the appropriate supplies. Each student was given a job. They were either the governor, banker, recorder, trader, or mapper for their colony. With each job came separate responsibilities.

Once ready, students had to decide why they wanted to leave England. The majority chose the same reason early colonists did — to flee in search

of religious freedom. Each colony took turns drawing sailing cards to cross the Atlantic



successfully. Upon arrival, a landing card was drawn. Colonists had to determine where along the east coast they would begin. The game board was a huge grid drawing of the east coast on a large bulletin board.

The game was a test of strategy and good luck. Cards were drawn with situations the early colonists would have endured, such as "After a successful hunt, wolves attacked your drying fish. Limited food was gained, two points per hunter." These cards determined the fate of each colony for weather and their luck at farming, hunting, and fishing.

During the 20 rounds of play, colonists not only worked hard to survive, but they also wanted to gain more land. Land could be gained by trading or attacking nearby colonies or the indigenous people living on the desired land. The outcome of the attacks was determined by a skill the student would have to do successfully. Playing *Discovery 3* was an educational experience the students will remember.

Coming up in February is the fifth grade field trip to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on February 20.



On Top of the World: Geography Bee Winners

by Sarah Ver Voort

Another exciting Geography Bee concluded January 10! Thirty qualifying students in grades 4-8 competed in this event, which is sponsored by National Geographic. The grade level winners pictured above (left to right) are:

4th grade — Dylan Morris

7th grade — Caleb Winter

5th grade — Logan Heindl

8th grade — Gunnar Oskey

6th grade — Tanner Baeten

The schoolwide winner is Gunnar Oskey. He will have an opportunity to qualify for state competition by taking a written test. State champions qualify for the national competition which is hosted by the famous Alex Trebek!

Thank you very much to Vern Louis and his tech. ed. class for creating and engraving the beautiful wooden plaques for the winners!

Get Ready for Middle School Track



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

Coach Ver Voort and Coach Zdanovec

Paper Drive Cannot be Beat by Polar Vortex!

by Tim Huebner

Despite record cold temperatures of historic note, the January paper drive brought in 8,120 pounds or 4.06 tons. Thank you for your support during very challenging weather conditions. I am 100% confident that the March drive will have bright and sunny days! Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739. Future paper drives will be Monday-Friday, March 17-21; Monday-Friday, April 28-May 2; and Monday-Friday, June 2-6.



Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

This year, we need your help to make sure all of our students are fully prepared for academic success. We all know that hungry children have a more difficult time doing their best work. That's why we encourage all students to begin the school day with a nutritious breakfast.



The **School Breakfast Program** is available for purchase to all students every weekday morning. You do not have to register your child in advance. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or only occasionally. School breakfast makes good sense – it provides $\frac{1}{4}$ of your child's nutritional needs, meets Dietary Guideline recommendations, and offers children a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

School Breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when kids are running late or parents have to be at work early. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please have your child take advantage of breakfast here at school.

Thank you for helping us to make sure that all of our students start the school day alert, well fed, and ready to learn.

Sincerely,
Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

Reminder: Music Recitals Coming in May

The music recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students are scheduled for May 9 and 10.

Please make a note on your calendars and

watch *The Link* for more information.



News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Be a Healthy Role Model for Children — Ten Tips for Setting a Good Example

1. **Show by example** — Eat vegetables, fruits, and whole grains with meals or as snacks. Let your child see that you like to munch on raw vegetables.
2. **Go food shopping together** — Grocery shopping can teach your child about food and nutrition. Discuss where vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy, and protein food come from. Let your children make healthy choices.
3. **Get creative in the kitchen** — Cut food into fun and easy shapes with cookie cutters. Name a food your child helps make. Serve it for dinner. Encourage your child to invent new snacks. Make your own trail mixes from dry whole-grain, low-sugar cereal and dried fruit.
4. **Offer the same foods for everyone** — Stop being the “short-order cook” by making different dishes to please children. It's easier to plan family meals when everyone eats the same foods.
5. **Reward with attention, not food** — Show your love with hugs and kisses. Comfort with hugs and talks. Choose not to offer sweets as rewards. It lets your child think sweets or dessert foods are better than other foods. When meals are not eaten, kids do not



- need “extras” such as candy or cookies as replacement foods.
6. **Focus on each other at the table** — Talk about fun and happy things at mealtime. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later. Try to make eating meals a stress-free time.
7. **Listen to your child** — If your child says he or she is hungry, offer a small, healthy snack even if it is not a scheduled time to eat. Offer choices. Ask “Which would you like for dinner, broccoli or cauliflower?” instead of “Do you want broccoli for dinner?”
8. **Limit screen time** — Allow no more than two hours a day of screen time like TV and computer games. Get up and move during commercials to get some physical activity.
9. **Encourage physical activity** — Make physical activity fun for the whole family. Involve your children in the planning. Walk, run, and play with your child instead of sitting on the sidelines. Set an example by being physically active and using safety gear, like bike helmets.
10. **Be a good food role model** — Try new foods yourself. Describe its taste, texture, and smell. Offer one new food at a time. Serve something your child likes along with the new food. Offer new foods at the beginning of a meal, when your child is very hungry. Avoid lecturing or forcing your child to eat.

Source: *ChooseMyPlate.gov*

School Board Meeting Summaries

December 16, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Dino Heinemeyer, Lucas Steinbach, Dominic Gunderson, Henry Fielding, Mason Gomm, Garrett Gunderson, Patrick Brouillard, Austin Riehl, Talon Heinemeyer, Jacob Van Asten, Antonio Hernandez, Brandon Gomm, Eric Bunnell, David McNichols, Jon and Karen Jandourek, Wendy Hartman, Mary and Leah Wagner, Kaylah Schuette, McKenzie Calder, and Terri and Bob Brouillard.

Moment of Merit: Coach Heinemeyer and members of the football team were recognized and congratulated on their outstanding football season.

Presentations:

- Presentation by the 2013-14 Badger State Boys and Girls representatives.
- Presentation on Scholarship Webpages.

Student report: David McNichols — Student Council.

Board report: Jeremie Birch — Finance Committee.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: SBA pilot program and LEGO League.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Band/choir concert and chili supper update and FVTC evening classes.
- Mrs. Guex: Fund 73 — OPEB.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Updates on PMA forecast, 2013-14 hours of instruction, 2014-15 calendar, and phone system.

After adjourning, the board viewed artwork displays.

January 6, 2014

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

The board voted to:

- Approve a Youth Options request for second semester.
- Approve the 66.03.01 Summer School Agreement.
- Approve the resignation of C Team volleyball coach.
- Approve the resignation of a food service employee.

In other discussion:

- PMA Financial Forecast presentation tentative schedule.
- Review of Resolutions for the Annual School Board Convention was tabled until January 20 meeting.
- New legislative effects on Shiocton School District: Acts 59, 60, 63, and 115.

Board report: Raymond Gomm — Legislative Breakfast.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Written report on upcoming events in the elementary school.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Written report on high school English courses for 2014-15.
- Mrs. Guex: Written report on end of the year and beginning of the year business activities.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Postings for special education and food service positions, board convention/session choices, Skylert System, Computers 4 Community, and Youth Options.

Closed session: To discuss administrator contracts and superintendent evaluation.

January 20, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Christy Krause, Glen and Laurie Bunnell, Greg Rose, Lisa Fischer, Candy Mansfield, Miranda Reeck, Alex Hagon, Cal Knudson, Shari Peterson, Joe Coenen, Sue Miller, Ann Shears, Lisa Young, Dawn Doucette, Linda Depner, Robert Smith, John Wilkinson, Denelle Daniels, Sadie O'Brien, Mary Knoke, Amanda Winnekeus, Terri Brouillard, Kris Brownson, Michelle Sixel, Krista Klanderman, Jeremy Helser, Greg Ylvisaker, and Beth Bloedorn.

Public comment: Ann Shears, Candy Mansfield, Chris Krause, and Glen Bunnell commented on concerns regarding an alleged list authored by students enrolled in the high school.

The board voted to:

- Have Raymond Gomm support all of the resolutions recommended by the WASB with the exception of Resolution 14-15.
- Approve the unpaid leave requests as presented.
- Hire Tanya Puls for the special education secretary position.
- Approve the Seclusion and Restraint Report.

Presentation: Information on new high school courses was provided by Michelle Sixel and Krista Klanderman. They are CAPP English (English 101 through UW-O), Written Communication (exploring articulation through FVTC), English 11, CAPP Art (Art 101 through UW-O), and FACE classes.

In other discussion:

- Vision Process update.
- Math Curriculum update.
- Summer school pay.
- Course Description Booklet — first reading.
- Discussion and recommendations on available spaces for open enrollment was tabled, with action to be taken at the special board meeting scheduled for January 27.
- Sessions to be attended at WASB State Conference.

Board reports/comment:

- Raymond Gomm — Legislative Breakfast, *Post-Crescent* article regarding scholarships, and CESA 6 meeting canceled due to inclement weather.
- Mary Hoffman — Policy Committee.


Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, and Smarter Balanced Assessment plus WKCE testing.
- Mrs. Zeinert: First semester finals and 1 to 1 Initiative.
- Mrs. Guex: Second Friday count, open enrollment numbers, expenditure certifications for Medicaid Administrative Claims.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: KSCADE renovations and Computers 4 Community update.

Closed session: To discuss a student discipline matter.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS TRAVEL TO GRESHAM

The High School Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held at Gresham High School this year on **Saturday, February 15**. 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 Gresham to support your child's work in music. It means a lot to have parents show their encouragement to their kids.

CHOIR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ALL-STATE CHOIR

Veronica Calderon, Jon Jandourek, and Lizzie Van Dyke represented Shiocton at the All-State Choirs in Milwaukee on the weekend of January 10 and 11. These students were nominated by Mrs. Anderson for their musicianship and leadership in the high school choir. Their applications were then considered by a committee from the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association. They learned their music ahead of time and then spent two days rehearsing with the other participants. The final performance with students from all over Wisconsin was held at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee. These three students appreciated the skills they learned as singers as well as the opportunity to sing with choirs of over 100 students. They brought back these skills and shared them with our own choir.

Thank you for representing our school in such a great way!!

DID YOU KNOW...

"It is our job, as parents, educators, and friends, to see that our young people have the opportunity to attain the thorough education that will prepare them for the future. Much of that education takes place in the classroom. We must encourage our youngsters in such pursuits as music education. In addition to learning the valuable lesson that it takes hard work to achieve success, no matter what the arena, music education can provide students with a strong sense of determination, improved communication skills, and a host of other qualities essential for successful living."

—Edward Rensi, *President & CEO*
McDonald's Corporation

PEP BAND

Friday, February 7

PEP BAND

Tuesday, February 11

PEP BAND

Friday, February 14

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 15
Gresham HS
HS BAND/CHOIR

PEP BAND

Thursday, February 20

PEP BAND

Thursday, February 27

Music In Our Schools Month CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 11
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
6-8 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

High School Trip to see... BLUES BROTHERS REVUE

Saturday, April 5
7:30 p.m.
Weidner Center
HS BAND/ CHOIR STUDENTS
DETAILS COMING SOON!!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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