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The Link

School District of Shiocton
Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

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 15-19**, 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, 2016. 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, 2016. Students in this program meet for five full days each week.

Orientation Session: An orientation session will be offered in the spring. Watch for details.

February, 2016

Third Grade SPICE Quilt Raffle



Tickets go on sale soon!
Look for more info inside this issue.

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SHARING EXCELLENCE with YOU

From experiments and projects to collaborative learning and individual creations, there are so many wonderful learning activities taking place each day, and we want to share them with YOU!

As we seek to find the right balance between mailings, handouts, and social media, we hope that you will help us out by completing a short survey (6 questions): <http://goo.gl/forms/B6DUAA075E>

Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

EDUCATIONAL NOTICE: Required Publication

Recent legislation requires all school districts to notify parents regarding the educational opportunities within their district, as well as other offerings, by January 31.

While the full document is published annually (see full copy later in this edition), the information is available year round from the District's website: www.shiocton.k12.wi.us see "Educational Notices" in the left column menu.

Visit the page directly at: http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/educational_notices.cfm

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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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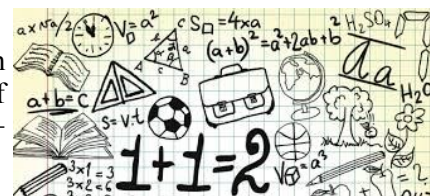
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Mid-Year Check-in

While students complete their end-of-semester exams, staff and administration take time to look at where we are and where we want to grow to yet knowing that there are only 90 days of school left.

CURRICULUM -

- ♦ K-6 — Year 2 of Math Expressions = different ways of doing + Math Talk + differentiation
- ♦ Gr 7 & 8 — Year 1 of Big Ideas = content and strategies, perseverance, and technology. Hang in there with us!
- ♦ Gr 9—12 — analyze math curricula, research assessment data, and propose a pilot
 - K-5 — Units of Study w/Woodburn = mini-lessons, guided reading, and Continuum of Literacy Learning
 - Gr 6-8 — Collections pilot = relevant reading and writing + critical thinking and application
- * K-6 Science — FOSS Science = engaging experiments and projects + record keeping, data analysis, and writing



ATHLETICS and FINE ARTS

- ⇒ Replaced stage curtain
- ⇒ 2 French horns + equipment
- ⇒ Partnered with music parents: dresses and suits for performances
- ⇒ Uniforms for HS SB, MS VB, MS BBB, MS GBB and FB helmets
- ⇒ Timing system for Track

WHAT'S TO COME? Keep watching ... we're growing; we're learning We're demonstrating **Excellence in Education!**

Heartsaver AED/ CPR Class to be Offered

When: Wednesday, February 24
3:15-5:30 p.m. (approximately)

Where: Shiocton School
Room H235 (Mr. Prodell's room)

The cost of the class is \$5, which includes the cost for your certification card.

To register, please call Rebecca Ecker, BSN, RN at (920) 986-3351 ext. 714, or you can stop in at the Shiocton Health Office.



SWAT Hosts Annual Fruit Sale

SHS SWAT members will host their annual fruit sale now through February 12. If you are interested in purchasing fruit to help support SWAT's mission of providing safe, healthy activities for students, please see a SWAT member or contact Kim Hauser at 986-3351 extension 743 or e-mail khauser@shiocton.k12.wi.us. Fruit delivery date is Wednesday, March 2. Thank you for your support!



Food Service Position

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 is Friday, February 5, 2016.

The Shiocton School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Benefits from Healthy Lunches

What kind of food do you put in your body? In the month of January, Shiocton Foodservice, along with the help of our talented 2nd graders, created a beautiful wall display. It features the children's favorite school lunches and can be found right in the Shiocton School District cafeteria. Knowing a child's preferred meal choice helps the Shiocton Foodservice Department provide healthy lunches.

Everyday school lunches must offer a certain criteria of foods. The 2nd graders drew food on a tray showing everybody what their favorite meal is. Some kids preferred having chili and buns, macaroni and cheese, and nachos, while others enjoyed having hot dogs, pizza, and hamburgers. Everyday students are offered fruits, vegetables, wholegrains, and low-fat dairy products. With the USDA regulations the students are limited to calories, saturated fats, and sodium. These products ensure students are receiving the necessary elements to having a healthier lifestyle.

Lunch is an important meal of the day. Many studies have shown food is what provides energy to the body through vitamins and nutrients. It allows students to be more productive in their activities and studies. Also individuals who don't eat lunch tend to gain more weight because they over eat during dinner time to compensate for nutritional components missed during lunch. The Shiocton Foodservice Department is determined to provide and educate our students with healthy food choices.



2016 Shiocton Alumni Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament

When: Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19

Sign your team up by Friday, March 11.

Contact Casie Korth at casie.laine@gmail.com for volleyball questions
or Randy Schmidt at randycap48@gmail.com for basketball questions
or to sign up your 2016 alumni team.



Check out the Shiocton High School Alumni Basketball/Volleyball group page on Facebook for up-to-date information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/480888355355856/>

MS/HS Principal's Notes

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 cold weather and snow on the ground.

Second semester began on January 21, 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, school 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 February 19. 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
Shiocton 7-12 Grade Principal

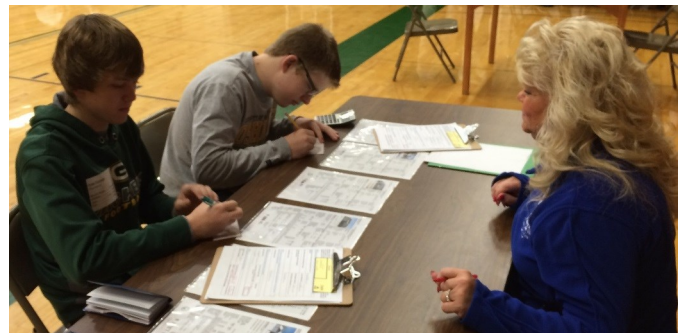
Seniors are Successful in *Reality Check*

For the tenth year, Shiocton seniors were again 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 Wednesday, January 13, 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 professionals in their career field of choice.

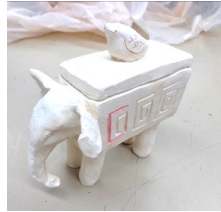
On Friday, January 15, *Reality Check* began. Seniors received their monthly income for their career choice and paid taxes. By creating stations, manned by community business people and volunteers, the seniors discovered how far their monthly paycheck would go. They purchased health insurance, autos, 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* events are organized by Elizabeth Schneider and Rhonda Uelmen. They would like to thank all of the volunteers for donating their time and talents and congratulate the seniors on successfully completing their interviews and this simulation.





High school students work on a clay project where they must first form a box shape. The finished piece will be of an animal of their choosing, such as an elephant, pictured below.



Wrestling Update — Chiefs Win the Battle!

Battle on the Fox

1.	Shiocton	170.5
2.	DeForest	162
3.	Middleton	138.5
4.	Green Bay West/East/Southwest	128.5
4.	Slinger	128.5
6.	D.C. Everest	113
7.	Appleton North	106.5
8.	Pittsville	69
9.	Berlin	59
9.	Homestead	59
11.	Menasha	57
12.	Little Chute	52.5
13.	Almond-Bancroft/Pacelli	47.5
13.	Appleton West	47.5
15.	Appleton East	44

Champions for Shiocton included Levi Snortum (132) who defeated Thomas Severson of DC Everest 6-5, Mason Gomm (182) who pinned Alex Schodin of Deforest in 3:02, and Henry Fielding (195) who defeated Kevin Rauls of Deforest by a score of 11-4. Placing second were Sawyer Theobald at 120 and Sammy VanStraten at 138. Taking third were Billy Reif at 152 and Trevor Young at 160. Placing fourth was Trent Moder at 170. Taking fifth was Raymond Herb at 126. Other wrestlers contributing toward the team championship were Ethan Flannery at 106, Brady Volkman at 145, and Ben Gunderson at 220. As coaches, it's hard to not be very impressed and proud of this group of wrestlers. We went into this tournament to test the waters a bit and get a good look at where we actually stand as individuals as well as a team. We realized that we have a lot of work to do yet, but were pleasantly surprised to know that we are on the right track and going in the direction that we want to be going.

Shiocton 72 Fox Valley Lutheran 9

Winning by pin were Levi Snortum (:56), Sammy VanStraten (3:53), Billy Reif (3:36), Trevor Young (3:55), Trent Moder (3:53), Mason Gomm (:43), Henry Fielding (:51), and Ben Gunderson (3:21). Winning by forfeit were Ethan Flannery, Gunnar Oskey, Sawyer Theobald, and Raymond Herb.

Shiocton 39 Laconia 30

Winning by pin were Raymond Herb (1:14), Sammy VanStraten (2:53), and Ben Gunderson (4:40). Winning by decision was Billy Reif (7-5). Winning by forfeit were Gunnar Oskey, Mason Gomm, and Henry Fielding.

Shiocton 66 Menominee Indian 12

Shiocton won the dual 66-12 which was Parents' Night as well as Youth Night in Shiocton. Winning by pin were Gunnar Oskey at 120 (1:36), Raymond Herb at 126 (3:46), Sawyer Theobald at 132 (1:51), Levi Snortum at 138 (1:24), Sammy VanStraten at 145 (3:19), Billy Reif at 152 (3:43), Trevor Young at 160 (1:48), and Henry Fielding at 195 (1:08). Winning by forfeit were Blake Johnson at 170, Mason Gomm at 182, and Benny Gunderson at 220. Overall, Shiocton wrestled very well against an aggressive and tough Menominee Indian team. We moved our 106, Ethan Flannery, up to wrestle 113 in order to give him more mat time. Our first year wrestler, Dakota Olmsted, wrestled in an exhibition match. Both guys wrestled well and did a great job, however came up short on the night. Hopefully this will give us some momentum, which we will definitely need, heading into our upcoming meets.



Counselor's Corner

February Issue

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Counseling Department. Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

7-12 Students

Seniors: *Reality Check* was once again a success. Students were able to make some meaningful network contacts that will help them in the future. Now it's time to move on to Scholarships and the FAFSA. The FAFSA became available on January 1 at fafsa.ed.gov

Juniors: Students will start prepping for their exam, which is the ACT. This exam is used for state testing and college admissions and it's free. Please try to avoid days off for this exam. We only get one make-up date.

All Students: In January, students started their course requests for next year. The next step is developing their schedules. Feel free to go over the Course Description Book and align your courses to your interests. We have new courses offered. Check it out!

Youth Options: If any sophomore or junior wants to explore and take college courses for the 2016-17 school year they need to see Mrs. Uelmen. Paperwork is due March 1 for fall of 2016.

Youth Apprenticeship: There will be a meeting set up soon for any junior or senior student interested in working in a selective career field while taking college classes. This program awards two high school credits a semester.

7/8 Grade We continue to practice the character education theme of the month. These are important academic and emotional times for your middle school students. It is important that you keep an open line of communication with them so they feel comfortable talking to you.

K-6 Students

Schoolwide we continue to focus on positive character traits. Guidance class lesson topics have been on bully prevention/awareness and respect for diversity. Check out these great books on bullying shared with students during guidance class: *Say Something* by Peggy Moss and *Sorry, My Secret Bully* and *Just Kidding* by Trudy Ludwig.

Personal Safety Presentations

On February 24, Mrs. Kobussen from the Assault Center in Appleton, will be presenting to students in grades 1, 3, and 6 on topics of personal safety. A parent letter will be coming home for these students.

Character Education Presentation

The High School SWAT group led fourth and fifth grade students in teaching lessons on character education. The younger students moved to stations where the high school students led activities on topics such as respect, diversity, honesty, bully prevention, and friendships.

Upcoming Events

- January 1** FAFSA became available at fafsa.ed.gov
- February 17** UW-GB rep at 2:20 p.m. in Pupil Services
- February 19** Winter Carnival
- March 1** ACT Exam
- March 2** Work Keys Exam

Character Education Theme for December

Tolerance

What is this all about? Every month the counseling department will put out a theme, districtwide, for developing and fostering our students' character. This month's theme is "Tolerance." We will list ideas for parents to try at home and support what students learn in school.

TIPS:

- ⇒ Forgive others.
- ⇒ Do not judge others.
- ⇒ Learn about Black History Month.
- ⇒ Introduce yourself to someone you do not have a lot in common with.
- ⇒ Understand your differences.

Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Wendy Pfundtner (Grades K-6) (920) 986-3351 ext. 627 or wpfundtner@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Spelling Bee Congratulations!

Imagine having to spell words like pomposity, quid pro quo, pancetta, and cartouches. These and other challenging words had to be spelled by Shiocton's students (grades 3-8) who participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition at the local level.

Our two winners (pictured at right) are Jordyn Houterman (grade 5), who took first place, and runner-up went to her sister Jocelyn (grade 6). After winning the final round, Jordyn was required to spell an additional word and that word was "ramifications."



I would also like to congratulate Reghan Conradt (grade 3), Abbie Fischer (grade 5), and Tanner Drath (grade 6) who competed in rounds 6 and 7 with Jordyn and Jocelyn. There were 34 students who participated in this year's Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all these students for improving their spelling skills!

Congratulations Jordyn and Jocelyn!

We are so proud of you and wish you the best as you continue in the regional competition at Lawrence University in Appleton on Tuesday, February 9!



Spelling Bee Grade Level Winners

(left to right)
Reghan Conradt
(3rd grade), Ava
Lorenz (4th
grade), Jordyn
Houterman, (5th
grade), Jocelyn
Houterman (6th
grade), Brandon
Rohloff and
Mickayla Denis
(7th grade),
Mikayla Henry
(8th grade)



G/T Parent Resources

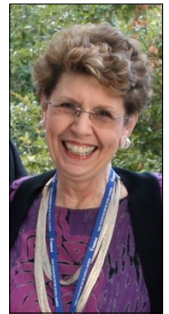
Check out this resource for parents of gifted children: **SENG** (SENGinars online) This website has many resources. Please take some time to explore <http://www.sengifted.org/programs/senginars>.

100 Words of Wisdom Author: Dr. Linda Kreger Silverman

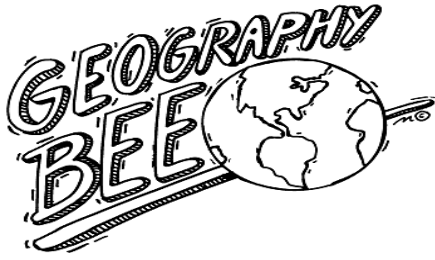
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"Giftedness is **not** what you do or how hard you work. It is *who you are*. You think differently. You experience life intensely. You care about injustice. You seek meaning. You appreciate and strive for the exquisite. You are painfully sensitive. You are extremely complex. You cherish integrity. Your truth-telling has gotten you in trouble. Should 98% of the population find you odd, seek the company of those who love you just the way you are. You are not broken. You do not need to be fixed. You are utterly fascinating. Trust yourself!"

~ Dr. Linda Kreger Silverman



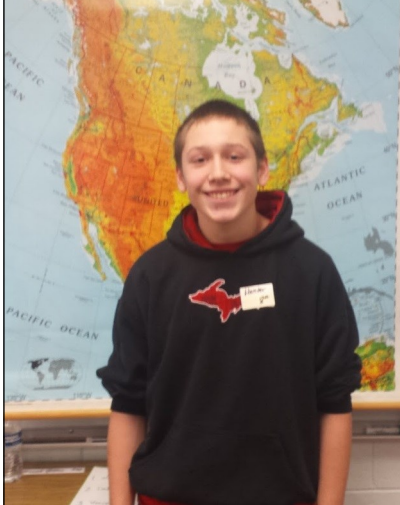
***** Linda Kreger Silverman, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist. She founded and directs the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development and its subsidiary, the [Gifted Development Center](#). She also founded Visual-Spatial Resource and Advanced Development Journal. She has studied the psychology and education of the gifted since 1961 and has written over 300 articles, chapters, and books, including *Counseling the Gifted and Talented*, *Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner* and *Advanced Development: A Collection of Works on Gifted Adults*. Her Ph.D. is in educational psychology and special education from the University of Southern California.



The 30th annual Geography Bee took place on January 8 in Mrs. Ver Voort's classroom. Congratulations to all competitors! Here are the final results.

Grade level winners:

4th grade: Sean Shepard
 5th grade: Autumn Lorenz
 6th grade: Bethany Freeman
 7th grade: Name
 Withheld
 8th grade: Hunter Raeck



Schoolwide winner
 Hunter Raeck



Tanner Baeten, the runner-up, shakes the hand of Hunter Raeck, the champion.

Third Grade SPICE Quilt Raffle

The quilt was inspired by Van Gogh and our artistic little minds here in Shiocton. It will be raffled off, and will be available to anyone who buys a ticket. **Tickets go on sale soon—please watch for letters to come home!** Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You may purchase as many tickets as you would wish. The tickets will be due back to the homeroom teachers **by February 29**, or must be turned in at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 8. The drawing will be held on March 9 at school. Winners will be notified and officially announced at the next SPICE meeting which will be held on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. The quilt is the big prize of the raffle. There will be other prizes available as well from the stylists at Studio 54, Angela Lee Photography, Sara Greil @ Vivid Graphix, Liz Anderson (Thirty-One), and Herb Farms, just to name a few.

We are indebted to Jeanne Reese for the beautiful work, talent, and time spent on the quilt. We are also appreciative to Mark and Melissa Reese for donating the supplies and to Mrs. Beecher for her guidance and vision she shared with our students. The quilt is breathtaking, and we cannot wait to give it a good home!

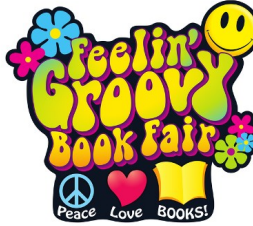
Thank you for your continued support of SPICE, your Shiocton PTO



Spring Book Fair

by Steve Parker

Reading is *Totally Groovy*!! Come to the Spring Book Fair where the theme is everything 70s, Peace, Love, and Groovy. The book fair, which will be located in the **school cafeteria**, will run from **March 1-9**. The fair will be open during school lunch hours. In addition, we will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair from 4:00-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. Make a point of coming on the 8th to take a look at the great art exhibits, marvel at the science fair, 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 what all 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 get delivered right to the school and then sent home with your child. 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 has 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.



Pull for the Houses that Love Built Pull Tab Drive A Reminder About the Ronald McDonald House Charities

What are Ronald McDonald Houses? They are a home away from home for families during the medical treatment of their seriously ill children. In Wisconsin, we have houses in Madison and Milwaukee. The cost for families staying in the house is mainly made up through charitable donations. These houses allow families to stay together when it counts the most.

How Can We Support Ronald McDonald Houses? Many schools collect aluminum pop tabs for the Pull Tab Drive. In October 2007 we started the Shiocton Schools Pull Tab Drive. Since then we have been able to donate \$458.15 to the Madison and Milwaukee houses (\$229.50 each). We have collected 1202.3# of tabs so far. GREAT JOB, SHIOCTON STUDENTS!

LET'S CONTINUE THE PULL TAB DRIVE IN SHIOCTON

A box labeled "Pull for the Ronald McDonald House" is located by the other collection boxes in front of the elementary/middle school office. Save your tabs in a plastic bag or other small container and place it in the box. Besides beverage can pull tabs, tabs from other cans (soup, fruit, vegetables etc.) can also be saved.

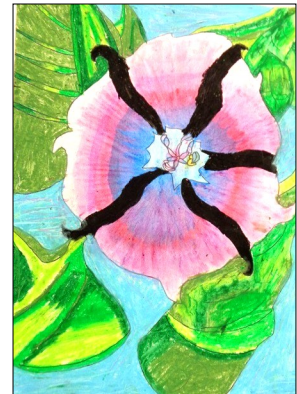
We will take the pull tabs to a participating recycling center. Checks will be cut to the Ronald McDonald House. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Madison and Milwaukee houses.

We will update you close to the end of the school year about how many pounds of tabs we have collected. Any questions, contact Bryce Kuehl at 986-3231.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair

Tuesday, March 8
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Come and take a walk throughout the school and enjoy artwork, science projects, music performances, and much more. This is a fun evening for the family and a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their work for the community. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open and Parent/Teacher Conferences will also be taking place.



SPICE: Bustling with Activity

by Mindy Hofacker, SPICE Chair

SPICE is bustling with activity during these cold winter months! We held our most recent **Free Family Movie Night** on January 8 and had about 80 people in attendance! We hope to have one more movie night this spring, so stay tuned for details. We have kicked off our **Quilt Raffle** and tickets are available for sale. See the article in this edition of *The Link* to see a picture of the quilt and find out how you can buy a chance to win this gorgeous quilt made by Jeanne Reese. There are also many other prizes available from many community businesses. We are so grateful for the donations and we again want to thank Jeanne and her family for the donation of her time, the materials, and her talent.

We will hold our **Spring Book Fair** beginning March 1. It will be open during lunch hours and also in the evening during Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 8. Our book fairs are big fundraisers for our group, plus they help earn free books for our school. They help to promote literacy in our schools and the kids love them! We will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and working the fair so look for information to come home this month.

We will be holding our annual **Funset Boulevard Family Fun Night** on Thursday, March 3. There is no school on Friday, March 4, so we hope you can join us for a fun evening! The cost is \$4/wristband (non-refundable). **WRISTBANDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT!** 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 soon with more information about the event and how to order your wristbands. There are a limited number of wristbands available and they will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

The winning classroom for our most recent **Box Tops Challenge** was Mrs. Singler's class. The challenge earned over \$1,100! Keep saving those Box Tops for our Spring Challenge. There will be more details on this in upcoming months. These are also a huge part of our fundraising dollars and they add up quickly — 10 cents at a time. This money purchases the playground equipment for each of the classrooms and we also are replacing the nets on the basketball hoops outside! Thanks for helping fund these things simply by clipping Box Tops off the many products you buy. Help us earn even more by asking friends and family members to save and clip their Box Tops too! We also still participate in the Trex Plastic Bag challenge, so keep saving those bags and plastic films listed in the flier sent home. The challenge will wrap up April 15.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. We hope you will join us to find out how you can help our group. There are so many ways to get involved right now, and any help we can get from parents is so appreciated! Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact me at Shofackers@gmail.com. Stay warm out there!

4K Keeping Warm

The 4-year-old kindergarten students have been keeping warm during their winter unit. Several great stories have highlighted our wintry units.

After reading *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert the students made beautiful snowmen (pictured at right) out of various art supplies. The students also made beautiful wintry scenes using paint swatches and snowmen out of cotton balls. Another favorite activity was making a snow globe using a picture of themselves all dressed in their winter apparel.

We also became familiar with the wonderful author of Robert Munsch. The students loved *50 Below Zero* (you may have heard them saying - this house is going CRAZY) and *Thomas' Snowsuit*. He writes many silly stories that make the student laugh.



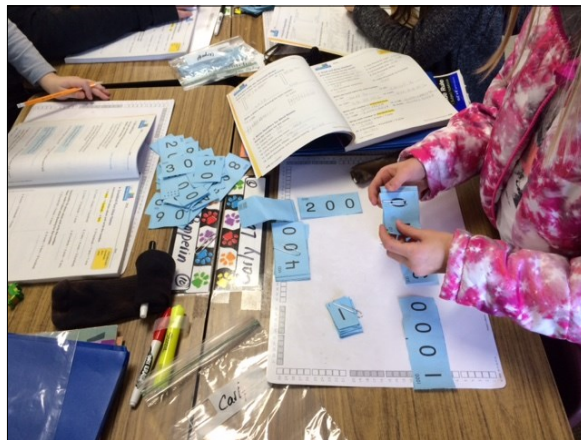
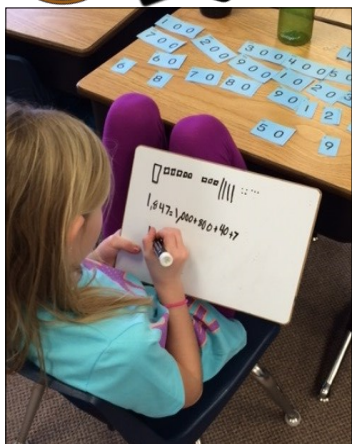
Another student favorite was *The Mitten* and *The Hat*. The students practiced story sequencing and reenacting the story using props. We have been focusing our efforts on name writing, letter identification, and letter sounds. We have also been working on counting. Keep reading to your child at home.



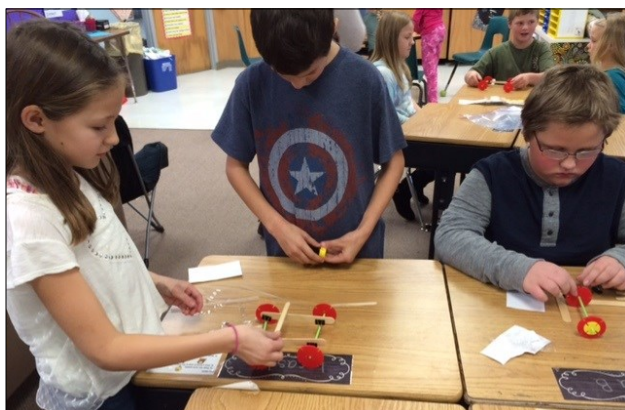
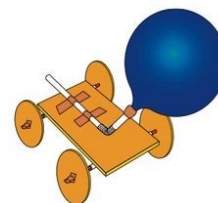


3rd Graders Use New Techniques

We are using our secret code cards to help learn place value and addition/subtraction.

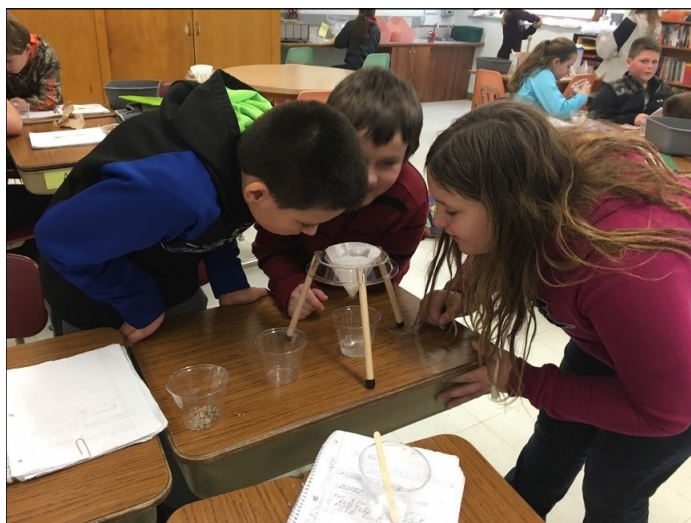


Below students work on becoming engineers in science by designing and creating our carts.



Fifth Graders Become Scientists

The fifth graders have been learning about mixtures and solutions in science class. So far, they've been able to successfully separate both mixtures and solutions based on their properties. Not to mention, the fifth grade students are getting pretty good at designing experiments to answer a question!



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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PEP BAND

Tuesday, February 2
Thursday, February 4
Friday, February 12
Thursday, February 18
Thursday, February 25

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Monday, February 8
3:30-6:30 p.m.
Shiocton MS
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 20
HERE!!!!
HS BAND/CHOIR

CONCERT COLLAGE

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
5-8 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 15
Kohl Center, Madison
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

HOME STRETCH TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break, we hit our solo and ensemble season. This event is our best opportunity for musical growth and achievement in the year. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The **Middle School Festival** is **Monday, February 8**, from **3:30-6:30 p.m.** right here at school. We are in need of six to seven parent volunteers to be room monitors for the festival. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor. The **High School Festival** is **HERE** this year on **Saturday, February 20**. We need LOTS of help for this (see below). Individual event times will be posted as we get closer to the event.

IF YOU'VE GOT TWO (2) HANDS...WE NEED YOU!!

We are hosting the High School Solo and Ensemble Festival this year. With five other schools coming to Shiocton, we need lots of volunteers to help out. We're proud to have one of the nicest schools in the conference. We like to show our Chief pride with a well-run festival in our bright, clean facility. And it all starts with parents and volunteers (like you!) to say, "YES...WE'LL HELP!" Can we count on you to help showcase Shiocton with us? Consider signing up for a 3-hour shift on **Saturday, February 20**. Contact Lori Maki, Mrs. Anderson, or Mr. Yenor if interested.

WHY teach music?

music is a science

It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

music is mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

music is a foreign language

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English – but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Also, many songs we study are from other cultures.

music is physical education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

most of all, music is art.

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.



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NOTICE to EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS for Children who Reside in the Shiocton School District

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School District of Shiocton is focused on providing a quality education to all of the students within our district. We strive for understanding and application; we educate so that all may meet the common expectation: “Shiocton, Where Excellence is Expected.”

The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old-kindergarten through Grade 12 leading to a high school diploma. Schools in our district include **Shiocton Elementary School (Grades ECH – 8)** and **Shiocton High School (Grades 9 – 12)**.

Specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District’s schools include:

- Early Childhood (for students who are at least 3 years of age but not yet school-age)
- Special Education programming for students with disabilities
- English-language learner (ELL) education
- Gifted & Talented education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- After School Tutoring
- Summer school education
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications, including at-risk and alternative education programming

In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms, Shiocton School District seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. Options include:

- CAPP/PIE courses through UWO, UWW, and other UW system schools (college credits)
- Transcript and Advanced Standing courses through FVTC (tech college credits or advanced standing)
- Career Pathway courses including industry-standard certifications
- KSCADE, Virtual, and Blend-ed courses
- Youth Options (courses at certain colleges & universities for students in Gr 11 & 12)
- Course Options (up to 2 courses at other educational institutions subject to state and local eligibility requirements including dual-credit opportunities)
- Youth Apprenticeships
- 66.0301 enrollment agreements between school districts
- Other: open enrollment; private schools within 5 mile radius; part-time enrollment for homeschooled students

If you are interested in learning more about these educational options, please contact Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen, MS/HS Counselor, at x762 or Mrs. Sandee Cornell, ES Counselor, at x711.

Additional educational options for children who reside within the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program or other educational institution other than a District school include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other program for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student’s high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma
- Full-Time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a non-resident school district

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- Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under Wis. Stat. § 115.7915
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin parental choice program. The following participating private schools are located within the District's boundaries or within 5 miles of the District's boundaries (for transportation purposes):
 - Most Precious Blood Catholic School – New London
 - Emmanuel Lutheran School – New London
 - Bethlehem Lutheran School – Hortonville
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside within the District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Such students have the opportunity to participate in middle school after school athletic activities.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 118.145(4).
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under Wis. Stat. § 118.53 and to participate in District interscholastic athletic activities and other District extracurricular activities as provided under Wis. Stat. § 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at (920) 986-3351 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at (608) 266-3390.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The School District of Shiocton will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standard>.

SCHOOL/DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

Per the State, accountability report cards will not be created for 2014-15, but assessment results will still be publicly posted in WISEdash. Results from the 2014-15 Badger Exam, The ACT, ACT Aspire, DLM, and WKCE (science and social studies) will all be reported in the WISEdash Public Portal (<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.js>).

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As per state budget bill 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/5>) and Wisconsin State Statute Section 115.7915(5) (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/115/V/7915/>), school boards are required to annually notify the parents/guardians of each child with a disability enrolled in the school district of the new Special Needs Scholarship Program (private school voucher program), which is available to students with an individualized education program (IEP) who meet specified conditions outlined in state law.



Give Your Child a Healthy Start!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program.

Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

All students must take 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	Muffin, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby snacks, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain long john, fruit, juice, milk
1	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, shredded cheese, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	2 Tomato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, Wisconsin blend vegetables, sliced peaches, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, pineapple, garlic bread sticks, milk	4 Hot dog on a whole grain bun, tater tots, baked beans, strawberry cup, milk	5 Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, Mrs. Schultz's fruit fluff, milk
8	Spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh garden salad, mixed fruit, garlic bread sticks, milk	9 Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, peaches, bread slice, milk	10 Pizza dippers with sauce, peas, sliced pears, milk	11 Build your own burritos with trimmings, refried beans, black beans, whole kernel corn, mandarin oranges, milk	12 Pizza slice, green beans, fresh apples, valentine cookie, milk
15	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over steamed rice, steamed broccoli, whole grain dinner roll, sliced peaches, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos in a crispy corn taco tub with trimmings, refried beans, black beans, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over fluffy mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, orange smiles, bread slice, milk	18 Turkey/ham/cheese on a whole grain bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, raisins, Fruitable juice, birthday cake ice cream cup, milk	19 Grab-n-Go salad or gooey goodness creamy macaroni and cheese, uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk
22	Grab-n-Go salad or build your own hamburger on a WG bun with trimmings, French fries, baked beans, sliced pears, milk	23 Breakfast for lunch: pancakes, hash browns, Trix yogurt, orange juice, milk	24 Chicken nuggets, oodles of seasoned noodles, steamed broccoli, sliced peaches, milk	25 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, peas and carrots, dinner roll, applesauce, milk	26 Pizza dippers, with marinara sauce, garden salad, mixed fruit, milk
29	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo over penne noodles, garlic toast, California medley vegetables, mandarin oranges, milk				
Breakfast prices: 4K-12 — \$1.00 per day Lunch prices: 4K-8 — \$2.30 per day, \$11.50 per week, \$48.30 for February 9-12 — \$2.55 per day, \$12.75 per week, \$51 for February					* Menu subject to change

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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

February Calendar of Events

1	Mon	MS Girls Basketball at Clintonville — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
2	Tue	MS Wrestling at Clintonville — TBD MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Waupaca — 3:45 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
3	Wed	Quiz Bowl at home vs. Bowler — 9:30 am SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm
4	Thu	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
5	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
6	Sat	MS Girls Basketball Tournament at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 8:30 am HS Wrestling Conference Meet at Amherst — 10:30 am
8	Mon	MS Solo and Ensemble Festival at Shiocton — 3:30-6:30 pm MS Wrestling at Neenah — 4:15 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. North Fond du Lac — 6:00/7:30 pm
10	Wed	Quiz Bowl at Iola-Scandinavia — 9:30 am
11	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
12	Fri	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the March issue JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00 pm
13	Sat	HS Wrestling Regional at Amherst — 10:30 am JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm
15	Mon	MS Wrestling at Clintonville — TBD School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
15-19	M-F	4K/5K Registration for 2016-17 in the elementary office — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
16	Tue	HS Wrestling Team Sectional at Manawa — 6:00 pm MS Girls Basketball at Seymour — 4:15 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm
17	Wed	Quiz Bowl at home vs. Gresham — 9:30 am
18	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
19	Fri	HS Winter Carnival JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
20	Sat	HS Wrestling Individual Sectional at Bonduel — 10:30 am HS Solo and Ensemble at Shiocton — 7:00 am-5:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Laconia — 6:00/7:30 pm
23	Tue	MS Wrestling at Brillion — 4:15 pm
23, 26, 27		HS Girls Basketball Regional
24	Wed	Quiz Bowl at Marion — 9:30 am
25	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 3:45 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
25-28		HS Wrestling Individual State Tournament
29	Mon	Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm



*Happy
Valentine's Day!*



Coming Up in March

1-9	SPICE Spring Book Fair
3	SPICE Funset Boulevard Family Night
4	No school
8	Parent/Teacher Conferences Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
23	End of 3rd quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
24, 25, 28	Spring break