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School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

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Badger State Representatives

Congratulations to our 2015 Badger State representatives! In June, three students will have the privilege of attending the Badger Boys State and Badger Girls State conferences. Staff members voted for the student(s) they felt would best represent our school in terms of patriotism, citizenship, and leadership. Students who will attend Badger Boys State are Logan Cummings and Trent Moder. Mason Gomm is the alternate. Megan Coenen will attend Badger Girls State. Among the activities on the agenda, students will develop party platforms and policies and learn about the different levels of state government.



Megan Coenen, Mason Gomm, Trent Moder, and Logan Cummings.

Quiz Bowl has Successful Season

by Wendy Hartman

The high school Quiz Bowl team recently completed a successful season. The B team competed in the CWC Conference Championship and took first place. Markus Hegge, Ryan Maki, Chris Peterson, and Riley Bellin represented the B team at the conference meet. They beat Weyauwega-Fremont by a score of 112-86. The B team finished the season with an overall record of 6-1. The A team also had a winning year, finishing 5-1 with their only loss to Iola-Scandinavia.



Above (l to r):
Markus
Hegge, Ryan
Maki, Chris
Peterson, and
Riley Bellin.



Right:
2014-15 Quiz
Bowl team.



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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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A Veritable Garden of Effort: Legislative Advocacy, Academic Growth

Likely, you have heard that Governor Walker has included a provision in his 2015-17 budget that would significantly cut spending on education across the state. Should his proposed budget be passed as it is, the Shiocton School District would see its per pupil funding cut by \$113,000 this next year alone. This is approximately 14% of the referendum dollars approved by taxpayers this past February.

At our March 2 school board meeting, the board approved sending a letter to our legislators. This letter outlined what we advocate for, such as a single assessment system to measure true growth and achievement, and continued funding support to maintain quality educational programming at all schools regardless of size. Additionally, I have assisted with presentations to nearly a dozen of our state legislators the past two months during our CESA Legislative Breakfasts. Together, our efforts aim to educate those sitting in the capitol and not in our classrooms. Please join me in advocating for schools by way of e-mailing or writing our local legislators: Senator Robert Cowles and Assembly Representative Gary Tauchen (<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/>).

Inside, our classrooms are filled with vibrant pictures depicting all things spring, while students continue to put forth the effort to concentrate on new concepts and different ways of doing. Third graders are creating their own fraction bars and manipulating them to show equivalents. Kindergartners are focusing their efforts on putting individual sounds together to make words of growing sizes; by the end of the year, kindergartners will be reading at a Level C. Books such as *Baby Farm Animals*; *Bathtime for Biscuit*; *What Time Is It, Mr. Crocodile?* and many more leveled books can be found at <https://www.readinga-z.com/books/leveled-books/?lbfFilter%5Blevel-C%5D>. Classroom teachers across the grades are looking ahead to summer professional development and the chance to learn how to teach through updated curriculum using technology and infusing new instructional strategies.

As cabin fever gives way to spring outings, please take a moment to visit our grades of growth — visit our classrooms or school-sponsored events. Raining out? Why not write a letter to your legislators in support of continued funding for our budding learners and tomorrow's leaders in Shiocton.

Mrs. Schweitzer

Tornado Awareness, Safety

April is Tornado Safety month and a time to remind ourselves of the proper ways to stay safe in the event of a tornado. According to Get Ready Get Safe, a few key safety tips include:

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- ⇒ **Seek shelter** — The safest place in the home is the interior part of a basement. If possible, get under something sturdy such as a heavy table. If you do not have a basement or storm cellar, consider an interior bathroom, closet, or hallway on the lowest floor.
- ⇒ **Seek cover** — If you are outside and not able to get inside, choose a safe place in a designated shelter or nearby sturdy building. If there is no building nearby, lie flat in a low spot and use your arms and hands to protect your head and neck.

Visit www.savethechildren.org and type 'tornadoes' in the search bar to read more of the 10 Tips for Tornadoes and how to prepare your family for such a storm.

C O R N E R

Items Needed by 5K

The kindergarten team is in need of these types of items. If you have any magnetic letters, magna doodles, or long feathers (such as peacock) and you are willing to give them a good home, please send them to Mrs. Malesa's 5K classroom.



Market Day Cookie Dough Winners

by Joyce Baggot

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to fourth grade parents, Mindy Hofacker and Patty Lorenz, along with Mrs. Timmers, Mrs. McNichols, and their students who came and assisted with sorting the orders.

Congratulations to Autumn Lorenz, Beth Casper, and Josie Erickson as the top sellers. They will receive gift cards to Best Buy. Autumn will receive a \$50 gift card; Beth, \$30; and Josie, \$20. Mrs. Krohlow's classroom sold the most and will get a Chocolate Chunk Cookie treat. Mr. Beer's class came in second, followed by Mrs. Singler's class. The fourth grade and elementary students helped raise over \$3,847 for the 2015 Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya fund.

Shiocton School District Annual School Census June 1-July 6, 2015

The annual census count will include all children in the Shiocton area School District ages 0-20 years. A census taker will contact you sometime during June 1-July 6. The district would also like to be made aware of children with potential problems in the areas of learning, behavior, physical disabilities/development disabilities, and speech/language. This is a requirement of the Federal Law. **If you have a newborn and/or small child and have not been contacted, please feel free to call the district office at (920) 986-3351.**

March Paper Drive Second Largest of All Time

by Tim Huebner

Many thanks to all who brought in paper recyclables during our March drive. We filled four dumpsters with a grand total of 11.69 tons! That total is the second greatest total of all time. We only missed a record by 1,200 pounds.

With nicer weather arriving, I am sure many of you are planning on some spring cleaning. We would be happy to take any and all paper recyclables off your hands for our future drives. The big yellow dumpster will again be behind school during dates listed below.

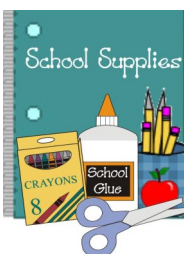
Please consider dropping your paper recyclables off. Thank you for your support! Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.



Future paper drives:

Monday, April 27, to Friday, May 1

Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5



School Tool Box™ Sale Starts May 1

by Tammy Welch

I know it seems early to think about the first day of school this fall, but our School Tool Box Sale starts May 1. This is a great resource for our children. It is a huge time saver. I order for my son each year and am finished buying school supplies in the time it takes to write a check. Parents from other school districts wish they had this opportunity. Prices for each grade level are listed below. Ordering will be available from May 1-29 and pick-up will be at registration in August. Please watch for your order form coming home soon. Don't miss out. The School Tool Box is brought to you by SPICE. If you have any questions, please call me at (920) 268-3307.

4-year-old kindergarten	\$27	4th grade	\$41
5-year-old kindergarten	\$59	5th grade	\$44
1st grade	\$33	6th grade	\$54
2nd grade	\$33	7th grade	\$38
3rd grade	\$52	8th grade	\$38

Each box sold = one child fed.

Every School Tool Box sold will provide one meal to a starving child through *Feed My Starving Children*. When we say "Help is here," we mean it.



Spring has Sprung! Softball's Annual Flower Sale is on Now Through April 24

Choose from:

- ☼ 3.5" potted geraniums, daisies, or begonias \$5
- ☼ 1-gallon kong coleus or dahlias \$8
- ☼ 10" beautiful hanging baskets \$18
(fuchsia, begonia, petunia, ivy geraniums, impatiens)
- ☼ 9" loaded full flower pot \$17
- ☼ wicker basket packed with flowers \$25

Many of you have purchased these flowers in the past. They come from Schroeder's Flowers and are gorgeous! These prices are comparable to, if not lower than, the greenhouse prices.

Contact any softball player or call Cheryl Pahlow at (920) 986-3445.



Archery Club Shoots for State

by Steve Parker

On March 7, several archers from the Shiocton Archery Club competed in the 1st Annual Wisconsin Bow Hunters Tournament in Oshkosh. Top shooter was Riley Krull with a score of 255, finishing just outside the top 10 for the event.

On March 29, thirty-five archers from 4th to 10th grade competed in the Old 45 Hortonville 3D Shoot. They shot against other students from across the state. Students traveled from as far as Cashton and Wisconsin Dells to shoot in this fun tournament. Tournament results were not finalized in time for this article. Check back in May for results.

April 11 will find the club shooting in the State Tournament at the Rothschild Convention Center south of Wausau. Over 1,500 shooters from all over Wisconsin will be there. Shiocton's shooting times are 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Come support our shooters and see what school archery is all about.

A brat fry fundraiser is being organized for this spring. Be on the lookout for information about helping or supporting our club. The club continues to shoot in the elementary gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Feel free to come check out the club. We especially welcome any current



3rd graders to come and see what our club is like. Archery is available as a club sport starting in the 4th grade. **We will be having an organizational planning meeting in the school**

cafeteria on April 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If interested in helping with the club for next year, please try to attend. More information about the Archery Club or the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) can be obtained from me at sjparker92@gmail.com or 757-8871.

2015-16 School Year Calendar School District of Shiocton

August

18 — Professional Development for Elementary/MS
20 — Professional Development for High School
25, 26, 27 — Professional Development

September

1 — First Day of School
7 — No School, Labor Day
9 — Picture Day
26 — Homecoming
28 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.

October

22 & 26 — Parent/Teacher Conferences
23 — No Students – Professional Development

November

4 — End of the 1st quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
25 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.
26 & 27 — No School

December

8 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.
24-31 — Winter Break

January

1-3 — Winter Break
4 — School Resumes
11 — PD*/Snow Day make-up: PD* all day for staff **unless** a snow day needs to be made up
20 — End of the 2nd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

February

11 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.

March

4 — No School
8 — Parent/Teacher Conferences
23 — End of the 3rd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal
24, 25, 28 — Spring Break

April

16 — Prom
18 — No Students – Professional Development

May

9 — PD*/Snow Day make-up: PD* all day for staff **unless** a snow day needs to be made up
29 — Graduation
30 — No School, Memorial Day

June

3 — Last day – End of the 4th quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

* Professional Development

2015 High School/Middle School Art Awards

High School Principal's Choice

Best in Show

Cierra Puls
Charcoal Drawing "Woman"



2nd Place (tie)
Heather Hellweg
Pop-Up Book "Family Tree"

2nd Place (tie)
Olivia Bloch
Charcoal Drawing "Girl"



Honorable Mention: Grace Langenhuizen/Captain Jack
Alyssa Scott/Pencil Dog

Middle School Principal's Choice



Best in Show

Brooke Rohloff, Daniela Rosa, Paige Scott
Grid painting "To Have Power"



2nd Place
Briceida Garcia Gonzalez
6th grade drawing "Do-Ster"

Honorable Mention:

Kylie Dake — 6th grade
Laura Kromm — 6th grade
Emily Korth — 6th grade
Payton Schnur — 8th grade
Cole Burmeister, Libby
Anderson, McKenna St.
Clair, and XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXX — 8th grade

2nd Place

Dallas Stelter
Charcoal Drawing "Baby Face"



People's Choice



Best in Show
Justin Ver Voort
Charcoal Drawing
"Man with Sun Glasses"

Honorable Mention:

Dakota Olmsted/Eddie Lacy Drawing
Jaden Schneider/Pencil Dragon
Abby Speering/Zombie Bridge
Olivia Scheeler/Octo-Box

Thank you to everyone who made artwork for this year's show. We had many positive comments about the quality of the work. Thank you to all of our judges. It is extremely difficult to pick winners when the work is so diverse and of such overall high quality.

Mr. Greider
MS/HS Art Teacher

News from the Nurse — Understanding Vaccines *by Rebecca Ecker, RN*

How Vaccines Work

A vaccine works by training the immune system to recognize and combat pathogens, either viruses or bacteria. To do this, certain molecules from the pathogen must be introduced into the body to trigger an immune response.

These molecules are called antigens, and they are present on all viruses and bacteria. By injecting these antigens into the body, the immune system can safely learn to recognize them as hostile invaders, produce antibodies, and remember them for the future. If the bacteria or virus reappears, the immune system will recognize the antigens immediately and attack aggressively well before the pathogen can spread and cause sickness.



The Herd Immunity Imperative

Vaccines don't just work on an individual level, they protect entire populations. Once enough people are immunized, opportunities for an outbreak of disease become so low even people who aren't immunized benefit. Essentially, a bacteria or virus simply won't have enough eligible hosts to establish a foothold and will eventually die out entirely. This phenomenon is called "herd immunity" or "community immunity," and it has allowed once-devastating diseases to be eliminated entirely, without needing to vaccinate every individual.

This is critical because there will always be a percentage of the population that cannot be vaccinated, including infants, young children, the elderly, people with severe allergies, pregnant women, or people with compromised immune systems. Thanks to herd immunity, these people are kept safe because diseases are never given a chance to spread through a population.

However, if too many people forgo vaccinations, herd immunity can break down, opening up the population to the risk of outbreaks. That is why many officials and doctors consider widespread immunization a public health imperative and blame recent disease outbreaks on a lack of vaccination. Outbreaks have occurred throughout the United States, involving both measles and whooping cough, with doctors and officials blaming low rates of vaccination.

Types of Vaccines

The key to vaccines is injecting the antigens into the body without causing the person to get sick at the same time. Scientists have developed several ways of doing this, and each approach makes for a different type of vaccine. Here are a few examples:

- **Live attenuated vaccines:** For these types of vaccines, a weaker, asymptomatic form of the virus or bacteria is introduced into the body. Because it is weakened, the pathogen will not spread and cause sickness, but the immune system will still learn to recognize its antigens and know to fight in the future.
- **Inactivated vaccines:** For these vaccines, the specific virus or bacteria is killed with heat or chemicals, and its dead cells are introduced into the body. Even though the pathogen is dead, the immune system can still learn from its antigens how to fight live versions of it in the future.
- **Subunit/conjugate vaccines:** For some diseases, scientists are able to isolate a specific protein or carbohydrate from the pathogen that, when injected into the body, can train the immune system to react without provoking sickness.
- **Toxoid vaccines:** Some bacterial diseases damage the body by secreting harmful chemicals or toxins. For these bacteria, scientists are able to "deactivate" some of the toxins. These dead toxins are then safely injected into the body. The immune system learns well enough from the dead toxins to fight off living toxins, should they ever make an appearance.

Future of Vaccines

While existing vaccines continue to be improved and distributed, the scientific community continues to work on a few difficult diseases. There is no working vaccine for HIV, malaria, or tuberculosis (there is a TB vaccine for children, but not adults). Consequently, these diseases continue to kill millions around the world.

A new generation of cancer vaccines, designed to train the body to better fight cancer, is also in early stages of development. The scientific community believes these drugs hold great promise for addressing growing rates of cancer, now the second most common cause of death in the United States.

It is hard to fully appreciate how vaccines have revolutionized modern medicine. The long schedule of vaccines may seem like a hassle. But, the fact is, vaccines have helped save millions and millions of lives.

Source: www.publichealth.org

Outagamie County Recycling Guidelines

Outagamie County

recycle!

Newly Accepted Items:



Cartons:
Milk • Soy Milk
Juice • Cream
Egg Substitutes
Broth • Soup
Wine • Etc.

Dairy Containers:
Yogurt • Margarine
Cottage Cheese
Sour Cream
Etc.

Produce, Bakery & Deli Containers:
Berry • Donut
Potato Salad
Dips • Etc.

www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org



METAL AND GLASS:

ACCEPT

Aluminum Bottles & Cans
Steel, Tin & Bi-metal Cans
Empty Aerosol Cans
Food & Beverage Glass Bottles and Jars

DO NOT ACCEPT

No Aluminum Pans or Foil
No Empty Paint Cans

GUIDELINES:

Empty and rinse all bottles and containers
Remove and discard all screw caps

PAPER:

ACCEPT

Newspapers & Inserts
Cardboard & Paperboard (cereal & cracker boxes)
Junk Mail & Office Paper
Milk, Juice & Soup Cartons
Phonebooks, Books, Magazines & Catalogs

DO NOT ACCEPT

No Paper Contaminated by Food or Grease
No Tissue
No Gift Wrap

GUIDELINES:

Flatten and cut cardboard to no larger than 2' X 2'
Place shredded paper in paper bag, secure and label



PLASTIC:

ACCEPT

All Plastic Bottles & Containers:
Soda, Water & Other Drink Bottles
Food & Household Bottles, Jars and Jugs
Dairy Containers & Lids
Produce, Bakery & Deli Containers

DO NOT ACCEPT

No Plastic Bags, Wrap or Film
No Motor Oil Bottles
No Styrofoam

GUIDELINES:

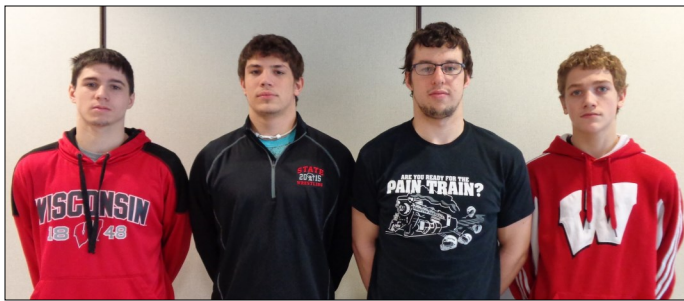
Empty and rinse all bottles and containers
Remove and discard all screw caps



Principal's Report

The past few months have just flown by. As spring approaches, the high school continues to be very busy.

I want to recognize the great things happening in the high school and let you know about the accomplishments of our young men and women. Our winter athletes have wrapped up their seasons, and I want to acknowledge their accomplishments. The wrestling team sent six wrestlers to sectionals and four on to state competition — Austin Riehl, Mason Gomm, Henry Fielding, and Sawyer Theobald (*pictured below*). Henry took second place at state and Austin took fourth. Great job, gentlemen!!



Our girls basketball team surprised everyone in playoffs. They became regional champions and made it to sectionals, losing to Algoma. Our boys basketball team finished the regular season and did well in playoffs, but fell to Amherst.

The junior class has been working hard getting ready for Prom. This year's Prom is April 18 at Stone Cellar at Riverview Gardens, from 7:00-11:30 p.m. The theme is "Fire and Ice." A FREE bus will leave from the high school at 6:45 p.m. and return at 11:15 p.m. If you would like more information about the bus, please contact the grades 7-12 office. For those who would like to take pictures of court, it will be announced at 10:00 p.m.

Immediately following Prom, we will once again host a Post-Prom event at the high school. The Post-Prom committee has some outstanding prizes, as well as entertainment this year. If your child has never come to Post-Prom, please encourage him/her to do so; it is a great time and is free. You do not need to attend Prom in order to attend Post-Prom.

I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our music department. We have several students going on to state as a result: Christie Depner (piano), Ashly Weis/Sarah Williamson (piano duet), Katie Lasee (music theater), Josh Parker (vocal solo), Megan Coenen (vocal solo), Brittany Wicinski (vocal solo), Jeanie Beer (vocal solo), and Ashly Weis (vocal solo).

As the weather gets nicer and spring fever begins to take over, I would like to remind students and parents about the consequences for a skip day. In the past, the tradition in Shiocton (like in many schools) was for the seniors to take a day off and have a party. As an alternative and to deter the skip day, seniors have been given the Friday before graduation to go on a canoe/tubing trip with a cookout, all free of charge. The senior class of 2015 has already been warned that if there is a senior skip day, the canoe/tubing trip will be canceled and students will be required to attend school on that day (after graduation rehearsal). Any student who skips will be required to make up all of the time absent prior to graduation, or they will not be able to participate in the ceremony. This strategy has worked well the past few years, and we hope it is a trend that will continue.

Spring athletics are underway. I encourage fans to attend games and cheer in a positive manner. Your support is greatly appreciated by the athletes and coaches.

If you would have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751.

Have a great month!

Kelly Zeinert, Grades 7-12 Principal

You are Welcome to Attend Post-Prom

All high school students are welcome to attend Post-Prom. Even if you do not attend the formal Prom dance, you're still welcome to come to Post-Prom. It is free and fun. Post-Prom runs from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. on April 18. There will be a free bus from the Prom site (Stone Cellar at Riverview Gardens) to take students back to school where Post-Prom is being held. Parents do not need to come back to Appleton to get their sons/daughters from the dance.

There will be fun and games, food, and prizes. With funds raised from 50/50 raffles, pizza sales, and



wonderful donations from community businesses and individuals, we'll make sure everyone gets some kind of prize by the end of the night. We have large TVs, iPad, Xbox One, video games, bungee chairs, movies, fleece blankets, and more.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Julie Gomm at jgomm@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Art 101 College CAPP Students Learn about Print Portfolios



Students in Mr. Greider's college art class were treated to a variety of professional print portfolios as an introduction to their printmaking unit. Students will create a printmaking design and will have the option to work as a group in a portfolio collaboration. But what is a print portfolio?

Mr. Greider brought in several print portfolios in which he was a participating artist. He has been in over 20 portfolios and is currently included in one that is due in August of 2015 through the University of Colorado. A print portfolio involves a group of artists sharing their prints. It gives the artist a way to get their work out to many people who are interested in printmaking, and it is an inexpensive way of collecting a wide variety of prints from other artists.

In the portfolio Mr. Greider is currently in, he will make an edition (number of prints printed from the plate or matrix) of 25 prints on a standardized paper size of 10.5 x 13.5 inches using the portfolio theme of "Passing From Here to There." He will ship his prints, a resumé, and basic information with the edition by the due date. He will then receive a portfolio (storage case) with 23 prints, one from each participating artist, including one of his own of the same number; for example, he might get all prints numbered 15/25.

The prints will be in an exhibition at the University of Colorado in the spring of 2016. They will keep that portfolio in their special collections, and another portfolio will be presented to the Artist Printmaker Research Collections, Museum of

Texas Tech, for their special collections. This is one way for an artist to utilize the multiplicity of the printmaking medium to share their work with many people, get great art exposure in many places, build up their own collection, and see the work of many other artists in their own home.

Students were able to look at and discuss three different portfolios, see the way different print mediums look, and see a variety of creative artwork by artists from all over the United States, as well as other countries. The first portfolio was created by a group of UW-Parkside students in 1985, and the theme was "A Taste of Wisconsin." It is in the special collections of UW-Parkside library and Wisconsin Gas & Light Collection. The second portfolio was a national print exchange called "Eclectic I" and was created in 2001. The last portfolio was made in 2008 and named "The Machine Stops." It was organized by a printmaker from Arizona, and it is in the collections of The University of Arizona Museum of Art; the University of Aberystwyth, Wales, United Kingdom; the University of Colorado; Southern Graphics Print Council; and Virginia Commonwealth University.

F The Shiocton FBLA chapter competed at the Regional Leadership Conference on February 7 in Two Rivers. Placing in the top three and qualifying to participate at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in La Crosse on April 13-14 are: Cheyenne Ver Voort, third place in Impromptu Speaking; Sam Bain and Brett Vander Wielen, second place in E-Commerce; and Emily Kelly, Alyssa Leopold, and Alexis Zick, second place in Emerging Business Issues.

Students placing in the top eight were: Ryan Maki, eighth in Business Math; Caitlyn Henry, seventh in Client Service; Tabitha Morris, fifth in Client Service; Heather Hellweg, fifth in Digital Design and Promotion; and Riley Bellin, fourth in Introduction to Information Technology.



Chess Club Season Winds Down *by Bill Greider*

Recently the varsity chess team had two tournaments, one in Green Bay at Notre Dame Academy in February, and the other at Marion High School in March.

The tournament in Green Bay consisted of three rounds against Neenah High School's red team, Marion High School, and Waupaca High School. Our team played poorly overall, with only Lucas Radtke winning two games with one draw. All other Shiocton players lost all three games. Mitchell Nackers was at board #2, Zach Olson was at board #3, Garrett Beyer played board #4, and Zach Thede played board #5. All our players played tough games, but the experience we lacked in tournament play against some veteran teams definitely showed up in the matches.

At Marion, the overall play of our team improved, but



we had a player cancel at the last minute who we were unable to replace, so we gave up nine points at board #2

in all four matches. The Marion tournament was the last of the regular season and consisted of four rounds against Green Bay Notre Dame Academy, Nekoosa High's blue team, Nekoosa's red team, and Neenah High School's white team. Lucas Radtke won all four of his matches. Zach Olson, playing at board #4, had 1 draw and 3 losses; Vinny Coleman, playing board #3, lost all four games; and JV player Jordan Ott, playing for the first time at board #5, had 1 win and 3 losses. Again our inexperience and the loss of major points by forfeiture at board #2 really disadvantaged our overall ability to compete.

We had a tough season but I have confidence that as we build our program, so too will our play improve. I've talked to several coaches and they all reported having rough opening seasons on varsity when they started. Most said they didn't start a varsity team until after a couple years of building their junior varsity groups into more competitive players. I started with a varsity team this year because four of our five players are seniors, and Lucas Radtke was a high-rated player.

On a positive note, our one freshman and varsity team captain, Lucas Radtke, won first place for season tournament play with 15 points. Lucas had a record of 16 wins, 3 draws, and 2 losses. He will be awarded a trophy at the post-season tournament in Neenah on March 14.

Zach Olson, who was on the junior varsity, moved up in four of the five tournaments, showed improvement, and won 2 games and had 2 draws.

We have a post-season tournament in Neenah on March 14. This is a self-contained tournament where any player can win a trophy based on that day's play. Seasonal awards will be given at the end of play. Our varsity team will consist of Lucas Radtke #1, Garrett Beyer #2, Zach Olson #3, Vinny Coleman #4, and Mitchell Nackers #5. We will include a few junior varsity players at this open tournament to give them experience for next year's season. Jordan Ott and Heather Hellweg have already committed to play, and we are hoping to get a few more to compete. Go, Shiocton!

Counselor's Corner

Course scheduling may be done differently this year so please keep posted. More information will follow.

Mrs. Uelmen will administer the **AP exams** in May. Dates are as follows:

- AP Chemistry — 8:00 a.m. on May 4
Students have a day off. AP testing will occur.
- AP Calculus — 8:00 a.m. on May 5
- AP Biology — 8:00 a.m. on May 11

The **Marines recruiter** will be in the commons during lunch on Thursday, April 16.

A **Fox Valley Technical College rep** will be in the pupil services office during ELT on Tuesday, April 21.

Reminder to seniors: Local scholarship applications are due to Mrs. Boelter by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Please be aware of enclosures (letters of recommendation, transcripts, essays, etc.) that might be needed to accompany your application. A completed application is your responsibility.



SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Wednesday, May 20, on your calendars (parents, too!) for the **Senior Awards Program**. Please ask off work ahead of time to be sure that you have that night off. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards, will be given out at that program. PLEASE plan to attend.

Art 101-CAPP Class Works on Printmaking Unit

by Bill Greider

Students in my college art class are working on their printmaking projects. They had the option to use a relief technique or an intaglio technique with a theme of their choice.

Seven students worked with the relief technique, which involved drawing their subject onto a linoleum block and then carving out the areas that are to remain un-inked. Surface areas not cut out were rolled with ink, a paper was put on top of the inked areas, and the ink was transferred onto the paper by applying even pressure onto the back of the paper by rubbing with a smooth tool.

Six students worked with the intaglio print process, which involved using a clear plastic plate in which marks were scratched or textures were made using roulette or mezzotint tools. Ink is applied and forced into the marks, and the plate surface is wiped clean with a stiff cheesecloth fabric with starch in it known as tarlatan. The ink stays in the scratched and impressed patterns. The plate is put on a printing press and a sheet of damp paper is laid on top of the inked plate. Felt blankets put on top of the paper help force the ink in the plate marks to transfer onto the paper when the plate is run through the press. This process is similar to how paper money is printed.

Students are required to do an edition (number of the same prints) of five minimum. Color is an option and increases the complexity of the process, because it involves more than one printing of the plate, and registration of the plate through the different printing stages requires accurate alignment.

A critique is scheduled at the end of the project to share and summarize the quality of the printmaking solutions. Next project... Old Masters Bas Relief. Students will select an old master's painting and interpret it into a three-dimensional clay bas (low) relief art form.



From top photo:

1) cutting linocut relief plates,

2) inking intaglio dry point prints,

3) intaglio prints being pulled off the plates on the press,

4) a student signing and numbering an intaglio edition,

5) a color relief print in registration block being pulled.



April Calendar of Events

1	Wed	Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
1-24		Softball flower sale fundraiser (see page 4 for more info)
2, 3, 6	Th/F/M	No School — Spring Break
6	Mon	Varsity Softball at Shawano — 4:00 pm JV Baseball at home vs. Seymour — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball at Seymour — 4:30 pm
7	Tue	Spring Election Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office HS Track at home — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm
8	Wed	Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm
9	Thu	HS Track at Bonduel — 4:00 pm JV Baseball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball and Softball/JV Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30/6:00 pm
10	Fri	JV Baseball at Freedom — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball at home vs. Freedom — 4:30 pm Varsity Softball at home vs. Fox Valley Lutheran — 4:30 pm
11	Sat	Varsity Baseball at home with Escanaba and Seymour — 11:00 am/1:00 pm
13	Mon	HS Golf Invitational hosted by Manawa (Cedar Springs Golf Course) — 12:00 noon HS Track at Tri-County — 3:45 pm JV/Varsity Baseball at Little Chute — 4:30 pm Band/choir St. Louis trip students and parents meeting in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
13-14	M-T	FBLA State Leadership Conference in La Crosse
14	Tue	HS Track at Wild Rose — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball and Softball/JV Softball at Manawa — 4:30/6:00 pm
15	Wed	The Link — deadline for submitting articles for the May issue Local scholarship applications due in pupil services — 2:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
16	Thu	MS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 3:45 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm Archery Club meeting in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm
16-30		Summer School Registration
17	Fri	Badger Band trip for grades 6-8 band students HS Golf hosted by Iola-Scandinavia (Whistling Straits Golf Club) — 11:00 am HS Track at Rosholt — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Gibraltar — 4:30 pm
18	Sat	Prom at Stone Cellar at Riverview Gardens — 7:00-11:30 pm Post-Prom in the HS gym — 11:00 pm-4:00 am
20	Mon	HS Track CWC meet at Manawa — 4:00 pm (rain date — April 21) JV Baseball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball and Softball/JV Softball at Pacelli — 4:30/6:00 pm
21	Tue	HS Golf hosted by Pacelli (Stevens Point Country Club) — 3:30 pm
23	Thu	HS Golf hosted by Stockbridge (Hickory Hills Golf Course) — 3:30 pm MS Track at home — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball and Softball/JV Softball at home vs. Amherst — 4:30/6:00 pm
24	Fri	Grade 6 College Day for Kids at Stevens Point
25	Sat	State Solo and Ensemble Varsity Baseball/Softball Tournament at home (three games) — 10:00 am
27	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office HS Golf hosted by Amherst (Glacier Woods Golf Club) — 3:30 pm HS Track Invitational at Iola-Scandinavia — 3:45 pm MS Track Invitational at Rosholt — 4:00 pm JV Baseball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm



April 2-6



April Calendar continued

27	Mon	Grand Band Recruit meeting in the band room for parents of 4th graders — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
27-5/1	M-F	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
28	Tue	HS Golf Invitational hosted by Weyauwega- Fremont (Fox Fire Golf Course) — 12:00 pm JV Baseball/Softball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm
30-5/3	Th-Su	St. Louis trip for HS band/choir students

Coming Up in May

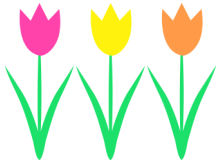
1-29	Order School Tool Box
4	No students unless a snow day has occurred — Professional Development HS Golf at home Varsity Baseball and JV/Varsity Softball at home JV Baseball at Weyauwega-Fremont
5	MS Track Invitational at home
6	Market Day pick-up
7	HS Track Invitational at Marion
20	Senior Awards Program

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	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, string cheese, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
			1 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, sliced pears, buttered bread, milk	2 No School	3 No School
6 No School	7 Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, peaches, milk	8 Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	9 Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pineapple, milk	10 French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, graham cracker, orange juice, milk	
13 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	14 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, sliced carrots, refried beans, peaches, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, bread slice, milk	16 Mini corn dogs, baked beans, broccoli, dinner roll, pears, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk	
20 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, bread slice, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, peaches, milk	22 Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, cookie, milk	23 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	24 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken quesadilla, green beans, pears, milk	
27 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, bread slice, broccoli, peaches, milk	28 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	29 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce cup, milk	30 Burritos, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk		
Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$40.85 for April Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$46.55 for April					* 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.					

Elementary/Middle School News

Happy Spring!

Staff and students are very much looking forward to spring-like weather, as I'm sure you are as well.



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair: Thank you to those of you who were able to come out to the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair in March! The students did such a great job with their science fair projects and displays, their artwork, and their musical performances. This fair would not be possible without these contributions. So, thanks to all of the students who participated, in one way or another, in this event! Also, thanks to the parents and community members who supported the book fair.

Music In Our Schools Month: *Music In Our Schools Month* was celebrated in March. Students performed at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, as well as at various Solo and Ensemble events. In addition, a concert was held, which featured the band and choir students throughout the district. Great job to all of the students and staff involved with the music program in Shiocton!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: If you did not have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s) in March, please know that you can do so at any time. Contact Mrs. Murphy in the office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you need any assistance with contacting a teacher. As we head into the fourth quarter, it is even more important for you and your child's teacher to stay in contact with one another. Also, it's important to note that the fourth quarter grades carry over for fall sports in middle school. If you have a child in grades 6-8, make sure to remind him/her of this! This typically helps the students remain focused and on track through the remainder of the school year.

Assembly Held in March: The Freedom Drama Troop performed various skits for students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 in March. The performances were very well received by Shiocton students. If you have a child in one of these grade levels, make sure to ask them about the assembly.

Here is some information to share with you for the month of April:

Spring Break: Students will have a long weekend for spring break this year. The break will begin on Thursday, April 2, and extend through Monday, April 6. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 7.



Badger Exam for Grades 3-8: In April, students in grades 3-8 will take the Badger Exam. The Badger Exam (which replaces the WKCE for English/Language Arts and Math) is an online assessment which all students in grades 3-8 in Wisconsin are mandated to take this spring. The testing dates will be posted on the elementary/middle school tab of the school's website as soon as the dates are finalized. To access the website, go to www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Summer School Registration: Summer school registration will begin on Thursday, April 16, and will run through April 30. Summer school classes will begin on Monday, June 8, and run through Wednesday, July 1. We typically have about 250 students participate in summer school classes each year, which is A-W-E-S-O-M-E!!!

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Orientation for 2015-16:

Two orientation sessions will be held for families with little ones entering 4K or 5K next school year. If you registered your child in February, you already received information on the upcoming orientation sessions. Families may choose to attend one of the following sessions:

Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 22, at 8:45 a.m.



If you missed the registration week in February, or need more information about the orientation sessions, please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721.

Mid-quarter Date for Fourth Quarter and End of School Year: The mid-quarter date for quarter 4 is Thursday, April 30. The quarter ends on Thursday, June 4, which is the last day of school; students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m. on this day. Lunch will not be served on the last day of school.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach ☺
PK-6 Principal



Open Enrollment window for the 2015-16 school year will run through April 30.

See the school website for more information at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Shiocton Elementary/Middle School

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Be Responsible

Be the Best That You Can Be

Lions and Lambs in Early Childhood

Students had a Seuss of a good time during the first week in March. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and his literary works, students made a fish bowl full of fish handprints, the Lorax out of tissue paper, and did some goldfish graphing and amazing counting. We ended the week by watching the reading of *The Lorax*.

Students were not sure if March was going to come in like a lion or go out like a lamb, but they welcomed the warmer weather by making fingerprint and cork-painted sheep and lions out of paper plates, handprints, footprints, and forks.



The favorite topic of the month was pizza week. The students used vegetables for toppings on their pretend pizza. Inspired by the book and movie *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig, students made themselves into pizzas. They were kneaded and rolled out. They then had pepperoni (checkers) and cheese (string) sprinkled on them. Another great book read during our theme was *Hi, Pizza Man!* by Virginia Walter. We practiced answering the door for the pizza man and were surprised by the people and animals who were delivering our pizza. The best part of the theme was making and, of course, eating homemade pizza.

To end the month and begin April, we focused on the book *Knuffle Bunny*. Students made bunnies out of paper plates and footprints. They also did the bunny hop wearing their bunny hats! In April, themes will include frogs, ponds, and moose.

Art Show a Success!



The 2015 Art Show was a success! Thank you to all of the families who came out and enjoyed the beautiful work created by art students here at Shiocton Schools! Pictured is Gage Relien with the support of his mother and father. Gage is holding his processional elephant made in G/T Art. Mom is holding his 3D clay fish dish, and Dad has his clay architecture design. Media: clay and glaze.

Lisa Beecher

Springtime in 4K

The four-year-old kindergartners have been enjoying some nicer weather. We have been able to get out for some much needed recess. We finished our nursery rhyme unit and have moved on to preparing for Easter. The children made marble-painted eggs, boy and girl bunnies, and their own bunny baskets. The Easter Bunny surprised us with a visit, and he left bunny tracks all over our classroom! He also hid our bunny baskets, and the children had a wonderful time trying to find them. The children continue to enjoy our center activities. They are all getting very good at rhyming and alphabet recognition.



How quickly time flies. The school year is flying by. The children are growing and showing wonderful progress. Happy spring!!

5K: Getting Ready for First Grade

We would like to thank all parents who attended our parent meeting for reading in the LMC last month. We are so excited to have the children reading well and even more excited to have parents help reinforce reading strategies at home. Please feel free to contact a kindergarten teacher if you have any questions about your child's reading ability.

This year, spring seemed to come quickly! It was a VERY COLD WINTER!! Yippee, April is finally here! We hope that means even warmer weather, since this month we'll be exploring our surroundings, as well as planting flowers and talking about recycling and Earth Day.

By April, your child should be able to identify all upper- and lowercase letters and produce the sound(s) that each letter makes. Children should also be able to easily read all the sight words in their reading bag. We continue to add more sight words to bags right up until the last week of school! (Yes, even more words than in previous years.)

Each child has been working to read words using their reading strategies! The teachers find much joy in the success of their students and the development of their reading and writing skills! Thank you, parents and grandparents, for your support at home in practicing with your child. This practice is essential for your child to become a good reader.

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5K News *(continued)*

In math, we continue with addition and subtraction facts to ten. We've been having a fun time learning the partners of ten and other numbers. We're having fun playing games, too!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 20 (rain date May 21), when we will take a field trip to the NEW Zoo. Children will need to bring a bag lunch with a drink. We will be taking a second field trip on Wednesday, June 3, to Navarino Nature Center. This will be an all day event as well. Children will need a bag lunch and a drink. More information will be sent home closer to the date. We are looking forward to these events!



The kindergarten team wishes you and your family a happy spring! We would also like to thank SPICE volunteers for all that they do. We appreciate your gift of time for all the behind the scenes work you do for our school and community.

Grade 1 Welcomes Spring

Ahhh! Spring is not only in the air, but also in the first grade classrooms. We will be reading various stories about spring this month and next, including some of our favorites, like *Wake Me in Spring*, *One Bright Monday Morning*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We'll also make spring-type decorations, like butterfly wands and kites. What a nice way to bring in the new season.

In math this last quarter, we'll concentrate on the following units: time, fractions, 2D and 3D shapes, graphing, and solving addition and subtraction facts where there is an unknown partner ($13 + \underline{\quad} = 18$). Here are ideas to help your child connect math to the real world:

- Time — Tell time to the hour and half hour on both analog and digital clocks.
- Fractions — When making/cutting sandwiches or fruit, ask your child to cut the food in half or fourths. Give your child eight slices of an apple. Ask him/her to divide the slices in half (two groups), or give you a fourth of the slices (two slices).
- Shapes — Play "I Spy" with common objects around the room. For example, say "I spy a circle" (clock), "I spy a cylinder" (can of soup), or "I spy a rectangular prism" (shoe box).
- Graphing — Have your child take a poll of family members about which vegetable to have for dinner or which movie to watch at night. Have them tally the results and report them to you. You can then ask questions like, "How many more people wanted peas than broccoli?" or "Which movie choice was liked the least?"
- Unknown partner equations — When shopping, tell your child you need nine cans of soup, but you already have four cans at home, so how many should you buy right now? When cutting fruit, tell your child you had 10 slices of an apple, but now there are only three, so how many did I eat?

By involving your child in these everyday situations, he/she will see how important math is in our lives, and it is not just something we learn about in school but will never use in the real world.

It's hard to believe that we're heading into our fourth quarter already. The students have come a long way. We're so proud of them! Give your child a hug and express how you feel, too.



Creating Books in Grade 2

Spring has FINALLY made its way here (we think)! No more snow pants (we hope). Now we're ready to move into our final and BEST quarter of the year. Our students have learned so much, and this is when we should really be able to see all of the wonderful progress they've made since September. Encourage your child to continue doing their best, as it definitely gets more challenging to focus as the weather gets warmer.

This month in math the students will be mainly focusing on 3-digit addition and subtraction. We will continue to solve story situations using all of the cool strategies learned so far. But now we'll be using them with 3-digit numbers. It's amazing how far these kids have come with being able to think through a story

situation and use one of several strategies to solve it.

Amazing! Thanks, parents, for your help and support with getting homework completed nightly. That helps so much!

Our second graders have spent a lot of time third quarter researching, studying, and writing a book about an animal that they chose. What a cool experience! We first spent time exploring nonfiction and informative writing and how authors get their readers engaged and interested in the subject. We learned about many different text features found in nonfiction books. Then we took all that we learned and each student put together his or her own book, complete with all of those text features. Students



researched using books, the Internet, reference books, dictionaries, and articles they found. The finished texts are awesome! Be sure you take time to read through it with your child.

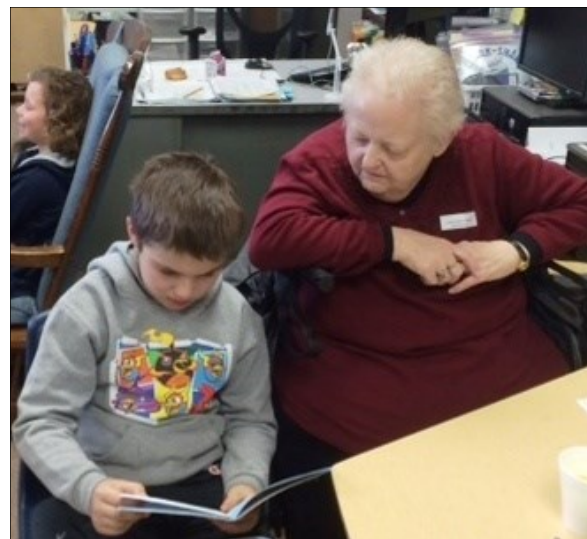
They had a great time creating it!

Our second graders are becoming very fluent readers! It's easy to see now how far they've come as readers. When your child reads to you, take a moment and think back to how they read at the beginning of the year compared to now. Wow! You should be hearing lots of expression in their voices and greater fluency. Be sure to let your child know that you've noticed all of their amazing progress and are proud of them.

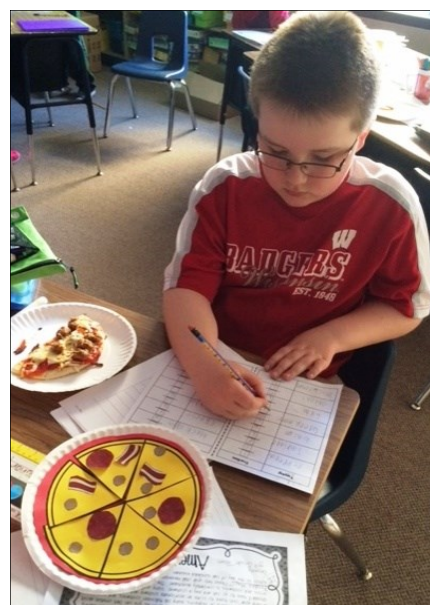
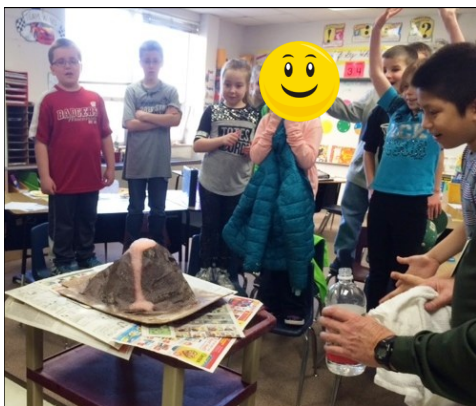
Third Grade News



Grandparents visit the classroom.



At left: Third graders demonstrate science fair projects for their classmates.



*Creating fractions with pizza.
Yummy learning!*

Counselor's Corner

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

Guidance classes (grades K-6) have been or will be focusing on the importance of safety. Check out the website www.netsmartz.org for videos and tips to keep children safe when online or out in the community.

Badger Exam

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the new Wisconsin computer-based state test called the Badger Exam. Thank you for your hard work, students. Do your best on the test!

Spread the Word

The elementary school Student Council sponsored a "Spread the Word to End the Word" day. This campaign educates on cognitive disabilities and promotes respect for all individuals. Students in third through seventh grade attended an assembly where Mrs. Madsen delivered a powerful message about how "Words Hurt" and the importance of displaying respect. Students proceeded to pledge their respect by signing the "Spread the Word" banner. Pictured below: Fifth grade Student Council members McKayla Weso and Katie Hanks display the "Spread the Word to End the Word" banner.



Fifth Grade Chief Chats

Chief Chats for all fifth grade students and their parents will begin April 27. This is an opportunity for the student, parents/guardians, and counselor to meet together to discuss, plan, and collaborate to help ensure academic success and healthy transitions. During the conference, the following will be discussed: goals, interests and skills, co-curricular activities, career clusters, learning style, and transitioning to middle school. Please contact me to schedule your 30-minute Chief Chat at 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Grade 3 Art: Clay Aztec sun gods

Junior Achievement Underway in 3rd Grade

Pictured: Junior Achievement instructor Ashlee Marohn explains zones and city planning to third graders Claire Collar, Brett Schmidt, Lexi Riehl, and Clayton Marohn.



Third graders are learning all about communities, banking, and financial literacy. For five weeks the third graders are participating in the business economics program of Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement is a nationwide program that is dedicated to teaching young people skills for the future. Thank you to the volunteer Junior Achievement presenters: Jon Majerus, Ashlee Marohn, and Michele Kluess. Thank you to the Shiocton Business League, Lions Club, SPICE, and Entertainment Book organization for funding Junior Achievement.

April Dress-up Days:

Wednesday, April 8 — Jersey day

Wednesday, April 22 — Favorite color day



Success for SPICE

by Tanya Puls, Chairperson

March was a busy month with lots of successes to celebrate! A special

thank you to all the volunteers who helped at our recent events.

Without the parents, teachers, family members, and friends, these events

would not be possible.

To start off, the Spring Book Fair was a great success! Many families came and enjoyed the fair. They were able to purchase books to increase their own home libraries while earning points that helped our school library add to its collection of books. Thanks to all who came and supported this great event.

Next, we had a great turnout at Funset Boulevard again this year. We were happy to see so many families enjoying a fun night at such a low cost! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Free Family Movie Night continues to be a popular program. Proceeds from concession sales are used to pay for the school movie license that SPICE sponsors.

Time is running out, so keep collecting Labels for Education. Watch for an April classroom challenge.

Please Note:
Labels for Education is discontinuing their

program. We will no longer be collecting labels after April 30 when the spring challenge ends. Please do not continue to send them to school.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me at tanyapuls@aol.com or vice-chair Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 8
6:00 p.m. in the LMC

Wednesday, May 6
6:00 p.m. at the River Rail



What's Up in Grade 4?

Fourth grade is the first year of school that students get "official" instruction in the art of keyboarding. Mrs. Ligocki, our high school business education teacher, has been or will soon be instructing the students in the basics of typing. Each homeroom will have six weeks of typing instruction. It is pretty amazing how swiftly students pick it up. From now on, when you see a fourth grader on a keyboard, watch for their excellent technique: hands on home row and sitting up straight. Mrs. Ligocki stresses that it is important to learn where the keys are now and worry about speed later.

For six days in March the students participated in *Adventures in Dairyland*, a program funded by Outagamie County UW Extension. It was taught to our fourth graders by Kristy Erickson. This unit educates students on one of Wisconsin's important industries. A highlight of the unit will be a field trip to the Erickson farm in April.

Our state online assessment takes place in April, too, and it is now called the Badger Examination. We will be sharpening our skills and applying all of the knowledge we have gained this year to give it our best effort!

April will be filled with learning as much as we can about our beautiful and interesting state of Wisconsin. Another very important event coming up in May is our Madison field trip! The fourth grade students, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our capitol and Vilas Zoo. This trip is highly anticipated and always rewarding.



The Grand Band Recruit!



"I WANT YOU FOR SHIOCTON BAND!"

Is your 4th grader interested in joining band next year?

RECRUIT MEETING

MONDAY

APRIL 27

6:00 p.m.

BAND ROOM

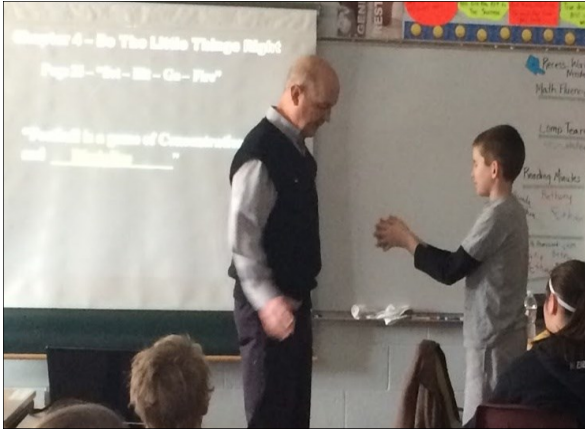
The Grand Band Recruit is Here!

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF 4th GRADERS: The time has come to recruit for next year's 5th grade beginning band. Over the past couple weeks, we've been talking about different instruments in band and figuring out which one your child will play next year in 5th grade. We'll hold a very important meeting on **Monday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **band room** to talk about renting instruments and what it takes to be in the 5th grade beginning band. The 4th graders are pumped up for next year. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

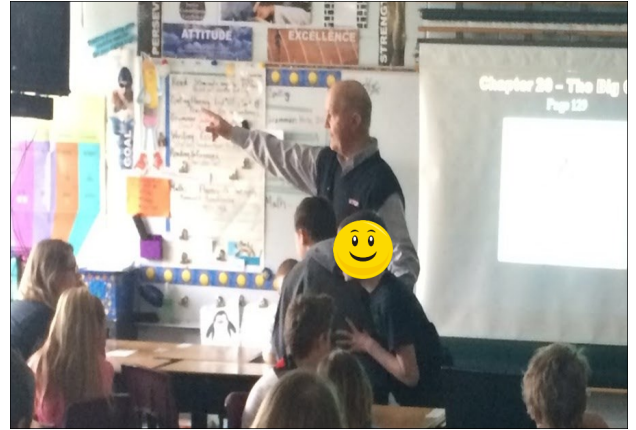
Author Bill Collar Visits Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students recently finished the book *It's More than a Game*, by Bill Collar. The story is about a boy, Jason, who joins his school's football team. Jason ends up learning a lot about character from his coach, and finds what he learns on the field applies in many other parts of his life. While reading, even students who do not play football found many ways to connect to the book's message.

After reading the book, fifth graders were privileged to have the author come and speak to us. Coach Collar did a great job giving more background for the story, answering our lingering questions, and explaining the theme of positive character building and what that means to our students.



Ryan McCarthy volunteers to test his concentration with a fun game.



Xxxxxx Xxxxxxx and Dylan Larsen demonstrate a tackling drill.

Congratulations to the **5th grade girls basketball team** on a great season! They finished with a first place at Almond-Bancroft and a third place at Chilton! Nice job, girls! Pictured (l to r): Haylee Conradt, assistant coach; McKayla Weso; Katie Hanks; Kendall Schnur; Olivia Conradt; Dave Conradt, head coach; Larissa Young; Brooklyn Kleiber; Cora Gassner; and Dallas Stelter, assistant coach.



*Grade 5
Art:
Clay slab
ice cream
sundaes*

*Grade 7
G/T Art:
Clay mask
designs*



Middle School Wrestlers Qualify for State

by Kristi Piechocki

Congratulations to middle school wrestlers Tyler Hess, Billy Reif, and Kaden Piechocki, who qualified for the WWF Kids Folkstyle State Wrestling Tournament. The tournament takes place March 27-28 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Congratulations to Billy Reif on taking first place at the Bay Port Regional. Great job to Cole Wilcox and Hunter Raeck at the Bay Port regional also.



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

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

Battle of the Books

It Was Teamwork That Made the Dream Work!!

Our "Dream Team" did a fantastic job in the final Battle of the Books competition held among teams from across Wisconsin. They scored 285 regular points and 15 tiebreaker points. We are anxiously awaiting information on where we placed; stay tuned. Great reading effort!! This is our "Dream Team" for Battle of the Books 2014-15 (left to right): Amelia Schuh, Davin Piechocki, Jordyn Houterman, Breanna Birch, and Abbie Fischer.



Noetic Learning Math Contest

This year we offered The Noetic Learning Math Contest twice (fall and spring) and, can you believe it, the spring one is right around the corner — Tuesday, April 7. The Noetic Learning Math Contest is a math problem solving contest for elementary students. The goal of the competition is to encourage young students' interest in math, to develop their problem solving skills, and to inspire them to excel in math.

During the contest, students are given 45 minutes to solve 20 problems. Many problems are designed to

challenge students and to enrich their problem solving experiences. The contest is designed for students in grades 3-6 and is open to all of our students. This year we have 33 third graders, 37 fourth graders, 26 fifth graders, and 13 sixth graders, for a total of 109 students who are going to give it a try. Watch for the results in next month's issue of *The Link*.

College Day for Kids ~ UW-Stevens Point

This College Day for Kids is a program designed for high-ability sixth graders and will be held on Friday, April 24. Participants visit the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus for enrichment classes taught by university faculty and academic staff. The students enjoy lectures and hands-on activities. The goals of the program are:

- To introduce sixth graders to a university setting and thereby encourage them to set appropriate educational goals.
- To provide higher level enrichment through exposure to a variety of topics.
- To promote healthy, effective development through interactions with higher ability peers from other schools.

Mickayla Denis, Logan Heindl, Brandon Rohloff, Trenton Twombly, Trey Van Straten, Ethan White, and Joshua Wilkinson will be attending. Have fun and enjoy spending a day in the shoes of a college student!

College Day for Kids ~ Oshkosh

College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh will be held on Monday, May 18. All fifth grade academic/art gifted and talented kids have been invited.



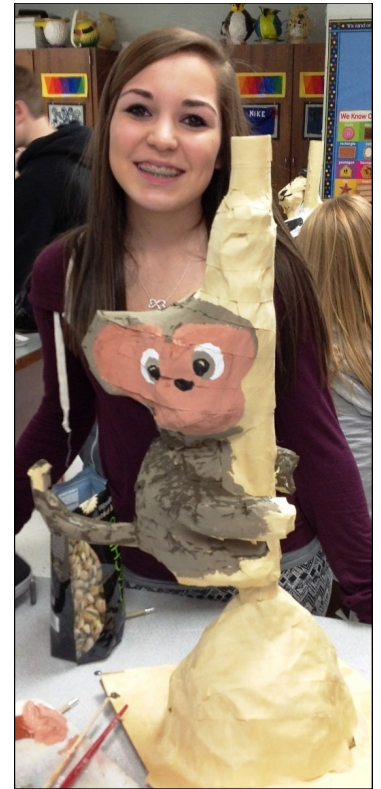
Grade 8 G/T Art: Paper Mâché Sculpture



Paige Scott



Reis Stingle



Maddie Otto



*Finished giraffe by
Lindsey Diemel*

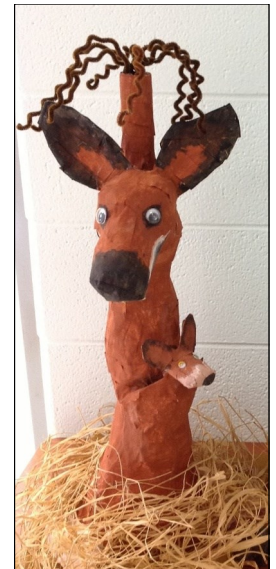


Peyton Bauman

*Finished kangaroo
by Peyton Bauman*



*Allison Erickson,
Owen Suprise,
Cortny Leopold*



School Board Meeting Summaries

February 16, 2015

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, Terri Brouillard, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- accept the resignation/retirement of Speech and Language Pathologist, Patty Loppnow.
- formally recognize the Chess Club and approve a stipend of 2.5% for the Chess Club advisor.
- name Cierra Puls as the 2014-15 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient after the closed session took place. Dave Gomm abstained from the vote.

In other discussion:

- Referendum update.

Board reports:

- Raymond Gomm: CESA 6 meeting.
- Jeremie Birch: Policy Committee update.
- Bradley Ritchie: State School Board Convention.
- Gregory Schoettler: State School Board Convention.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Badger Exam update, upcoming Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, and Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Mrs. Zeinert (written report): Dance Team competition update, FBLA regional competition update, and February 12 staff development.
- Mrs. Guex: Professional Development update and Pension Debt report.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Legislative Breakfast, superintendents' meeting, 2015-16 calendar, and Math Expressions training on February 12.

Closed session: for consideration of student data and to break a tie to determine the district's designated scholar and alternate(s) for the 2014-15 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship.

March 2, 2015

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer; Denise Guex; Kelly Zeinert; Kim Griesbach; Logan Cummings; John, Lisa, and Josh Wilkinson; Ken, Linda, Megan, and Kayleigh Pigsley; Mitchell Dorn; Bryce Kuehl; Amy, Chris, Shelby, and Allison Erickson; Michelle and Russ Henry; Bonnie Taylor; and Beth Bloedorn.

Moment of Merit: The board recognized and congratulated the Geography and Spelling Bee winners.

Performance: A saxophone duet was performed by Mitchell Dorn and Bryce Kuehl.

The board voted to:

- approve revised Policy #5830: Student Fundraising.
- approve revised Policy #8500: Food Services.
- approve revised Policy #8540: Vending Machines.
- approve revised Policy #8550: Competitive Food Sales.
- approve revised Policy #9211: District-Support Organizations.
- approve revised Policy #3430.01: Family and Medical Leave of Absence (Professional).
- approve revised Policy #4430.01: Family and Medical Leave of Absence (Support).
- approve Resolution put forth to send to the Governor and State Legislators regarding school funding for the upcoming state budget.
- hire Jessica Zuleger for the Speech/Language Pathologist position starting with the 2015-16 school year.

In other discussion:

- April meeting dates. Due to spring break and board reorganization, the April meetings will be held on the 13th and 27th.
- Review 2015-16 calendar.
- Review donation of concession stand.
- Review Big Ideas – grades 7 and 8 math series.
- Referendum information and update.
- Bonnie Taylor, new school reporter from the *Advertiser Community News*, introduced herself to the board.

Student Council report: Logan Cummings — Winter Carnival and the blood drive.

Board report: David Gomm — Building/Grounds Committee update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, Badger Exam, upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences, and MS Solo and Ensemble.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Athletic and co-curricular updates and ACT testing plans.
- Mrs. Guex: Legal/HR Conference.

Upcoming events:

- Building/Grounds Committee meeting — April 15
- Junior Prom — April 18
- Senior Awards Program — May 20
- Graduation — May 31
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade — Saturday, August 15

THE UPBEAT!

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St. LOUIS TRIP MEETING

Monday, April 13
6:00 p.m.

Cafeteria
REQUIRED of TRIP-GOERS
AND THEIR PARENTS

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 17
Kohl Center, Madison
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 25
SELECT HS STUDENTS

GRAND BAND RECRUIT PARENT MEETING

Monday, April 27
6:00 p.m.

Band Room
ALL PARENTS OF 4th GRADERS
INTERESTED IN JOINING BAND!!

HS TRIP to St. LOUIS

April 30-May 3
HS BAND/CHOIR

TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

Tuesday, May 12
Fox Cities Stadium
6-8 CHOIR STUDENTS

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 15
7:00 p.m.
High School Gym
HS BAND/CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

ALL ABOARD FOR ST. LOUIS!

As we come to the final month of preparations for our high school band/choir trip to St. Louis, we will have a required trip meeting for all parents and trip-goers on **Monday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **cafeteria**. Because we are talking about the rules and expectations for trip conduct and behavior, it is essential that all trip-bound students and their parents are at the meeting. Please make the necessary arrangements to attend. We will have a chaperone meeting immediately following.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS SEE BADGER BAND

We're coming to the home stretch of our Badger Band trip. The kids are very excited to go. All remaining balances are due at this time. If you haven't done so already, please turn in your second payment of \$25 to Mr. Yenor. The University of Wisconsin Badger Band is one of the premiere college marching bands in the country. And we get to hear them play! *On Wisconsin!*

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADERS...

The *GRAND BAND RECRUIT* is here! Throughout the month of April, we'll demonstrate and test out all the instruments in band. The 4th grade classes will even visit some of the band classes to hear the full band play. Then on **Monday, April 27**, we'll have a **parent meeting** for all parents and students interested in joining band. The meeting will take place in the **band room** at **6:00 p.m.** We'll talk about instrument rentals and what it takes to be in 5th grade band. We look forward to seeing you there!

DID YOU KNOW...

Music is about communication, creativity, and cooperation, and by studying music in schools, students have the opportunity to build on these skills, enrich their lives, and experience the world from a new perspective.

—Bill Clinton
Former President of the United States



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