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The Link

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

February, 2015

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 9-13**, 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, 2015. 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, 2015. 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.

Referendum Information Website; Additional Meeting Date

by Nichole Schweitzer

Recently, the Referendum 2015 website was created to host a variety of resources for voters. From this website, community members are able to access the *Info, Facts, & Figures* presentation used at the public information meetings. Talking points and information about when and where to vote are also posted on this website, which can be accessed by clicking on the Referendum 2015 link from the District's website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us).

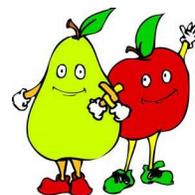


Shiocton School District taxpayers now have an additional date and time to learn about the proposed referendum: Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. here at the school. Below are all of the informational meetings scheduled prior to the vote on February 17.

- Thursday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m., Ellington Town Hall
- Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m., Shiocton Schools
- Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m., Maine Town Hall

Can't attend but have questions? Please call me at 986-3351 ext. 761 or Brad Ritchie at 360-2496.

SHS SWAT Fruit Sale



The annual SWAT Fruit Sale is on through Friday, February 13. If you would like to order fruit, contact a SWAT member or Kim Hauser at 986-3351 ext. 743. Delivery date is March 4. Proceeds from the fruit sale are used to sponsor safe, healthy activities for Shiocton High School students. SWAT appreciates your participation in the sale!

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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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Showcasing Shiocton Education: A Family Affair

By now, most of you have received an e-mail or other communication from the school letting you know of the new video recently created to showcase education in Shiocton. This video was truly a family affair involving tens of students from the brainstorming and planning stages, to the script writing and performances included within. A big thank-you goes out to the initial idea-generating group: Dallas Stelter, Haylee Conradt, Shelby Krause, Garrett Gunderson, Wesley Brouillard, Jordan Conradt, Riley Bellin, Matt Wilkinson, Cheyenne Ver Voort, Alexia Beecher, Logan Cummings, Bryce Kuehl, and Mason Gomm.

Many staff members also participated in the creation of the video, including Mr. Bradd Yenor to whom we must give much thanks. Without his multimedia prowess, the video would not have come to full fruition.

The video features so many more of our students and staff as they showcase the great educational offerings and opportunities here in Shiocton. If you have not yet watched this short video, please take a few minutes now to log on to www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. Here you will find the video front and center, ready for your viewing.

Open Enrollment

This video will also be used as a means of communicating the quality instruction and educational opportunities at Shiocton to the general public during the upcoming Open Enrollment period. We are looking forward to sharing our story with other students who we hope will join us in creating excellence in the new school year.

Referendum Update

The months of January and February are busy weeks for us as we seek to inform all members of our community about the upcoming school referendum. In addition to fielding questions by phone and in-person, the school board and I are hosting informational meetings in the community and surrounding townships. Our hope is that people will leave the meetings with a clear understanding of the district's financial situation so they can make an informed decision at the polls on Tuesday, February 17.

I know how busy our week nights can be, so please be sure to call with your questions if you are unable to attend an upcoming meeting. Need to review information about the referendum? Please visit the referendum website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us and click on Referendum 2015).

Here's to excellence in education; here's to Shiocton!

Mrs. Schweitzer

When is Cold "Too" Cold?

S Making the call to close or delay school is never an easy one nor a decision taken lightly. Much thought and investigation go into the decision. Multiple colleagues are consulted and information from NOAA, the National Weather Service, and from our local television forecasts are considered in making the decision.

F One of the most difficult calls to make is that regarding cold weather. Our standard rule of thumb is a constant 35° below zero with the wind chill during the morning hours when buses would be on the roads or students would be walking to school. Again, in making this call, we consult each other and the various sources of weather information.

E If you have questions about a call or a no-call, feel free to reach out; I will be glad to explain. As well, always remember that it is your decision to send your child or keep him/her home on those mornings. Here's to sunnier days and warmer weather!

C O R N E R

Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

Student Council will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, February 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 or stop in the high school office to make an appointment.



Are You Interested in Playing Summer Legion Baseball?

Shiocton Summer Sports wants to form a team for the summer of 2015. If you are 16-19 years old, you can play. If you are interested and have questions, please contact Mr. Backman at jbackman@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Save the Date!



Shiocton Alumni
Men's Basketball
and



Women's Volleyball Tournament

Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21

Check out the Shiocton High School Alumni Basketball/Volleyball group page on Facebook for up-to-date information. Contact Casie Korth at casie.laine@gmail.com for volleyball questions or Randy Schmidt at rschmidt@greatnortherncorp.com for basketball questions or to sign up your 2015 alumni team.

Paper Drive Brings in Over 154 Tons!!

by Tim Huebner

The January paper drive was a huge success, yielding 8.53 tons! The brutal wind chill couldn't keep our community away! With that big total, the funds raised from the paper drive since its start in 2010 currently top \$21,328.25! Those funds have been used to equip six middle school classrooms with interactive whiteboards. This year we will equip the seventh classroom.

I am very thankful to work in such a supportive community. During the week of the paper drive, an hour seldom passed without having numerous vehicles pulling up to the dumpster. I have been contacted by countless parents, alumni, and community members with offers of large donations of recyclables. Frequently, we will have a ton or more from a single source! This, and the numerous small donations of recyclables, adds up to the massive total of 154.4525 tons that have come in over the last four years. Thank you for your support!



Future paper drives:

Monday, March 16, to Friday, March 20
Monday, April 27, to Friday, May 1
Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.

Heartsaver AED/CPR Class to be Offered

When: Wednesday, February 18 3:15-5:30 p.m.
Where: Shiocton School, room H235
(Mr. Prodel'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.

Make Appointments Now for Early Childhood Screening Held in March

Dear Parent(s):

The School District of Shiocton cordially invites you and your child to participate in our **free Early Childhood Screening to be held on Thursday, March 12, at Shiocton Elementary School.**

We are looking for children within the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2015, who may be eligible for the program. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.



Please call 986-3351 ext. 717 by Monday, February 23, to set up an appointment or if you have any additional questions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Nicole Hess

Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher

Free gift for your child
upon completion of the screening!

WWII Guest Speakers Visit Shiocton High School

by Cheyenne Ver Voort, SHS senior

Sophomores at Shiocton High School were given a spectacular opportunity on Friday, December 19, when they were visited in their U.S. History class by several special guests. At the invitation of history teacher Ms. Elizabeth Schneider, Mr. Arnold "Bud" Stern of the 59th Field Hospital and Mrs. Dorothy Steward, wife of Howard Steward of the 1569th Army Air Corps, made an appearance to share their first-hand experiences during World War II.

Mr. Arnold Stern was working as an industrial nurse at the Hoover Dam when Pearl Harbor was attacked in December of 1941. Soon after, he returned home to New London and was drafted into the military the following August. Mr. Stern spent time in various training camps in the states before being sent overseas, first to England, then France.

Serving as a Medical Technician for the 59th Field Hospital under the 3rd Army, Mr. Stern landed on Utah Beach Area B on D+5, five days after D-Day. As Platoon Sergeant, he directed his men in providing emergency medical care and sending the wounded back to England for further medical treatment. Mr. Stern's division was a specialty unit focusing on chest and abdominal surgical procedures, and from September to May of 1944-45, the unit made 48 moves and serviced 1,476 combat patients. During this period of time, it was not uncommon for doctors, nurses, and technicians to be in surgery for 36 hours at a time.

Mr. Stern was also present for the cleanup at the concentration camp Dachau, and for the liberation of camp Gusen, the work camp attached to Mauthausen death camp. "When we got there, the fire was still burning in the crematorium," Mr. Stern says



Mr. Bud Stern (left) tells the story of capturing several German officers and confiscating the Soviet binoculars he is holding in his hands.

of entering Gusen. The guards had fled, leaving the captive and the dead behind. Speaking of the inmates, he recalls that they were pitiful, mere skin and bone. At Gusen, he acted as the Ward Master and was responsible for the dispensary of the hospital unit in the camp. His unit was present at Gusen for two weeks before moving on. At Dachau, the unit arrived for the cleanup of the camp. Citizens from nearby towns were brought in to perform the removal and burial of remains. "In between the barracks," Mr. Stern says, "there were bodies piled up almost at the eaves."

These details are described with stunning clarity; there are simply some things in this life that one never forgets. Mr. Stern speaks on the importance of remembering what the second World War entailed and remembering the Holocaust. "What bothers me today is that some modern historians deny this happening," he states gravely.

"This is one of the reasons I'm here today to talk about it, because I saw it. It did happen." In his time of service, from 1942 to the conclusion of the war in 1945, Mr. Stern was awarded several medals and honors, including four bronze stars, the fourth highest individual military honor.

The students also heard from Mrs. Dorothy Steward, wife of the late Howard Steward. Mrs. Steward began by reminiscing on the day

Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, just as Mr. Stern had before her. She was 11 years old and preparing to serve as a waitress at an annual church dinner. Her family, in preparation for the dinner, was too busy to listen to their battery-operated radio that day, and did not find out about the tragedy until they arrived at church.

Soon after the events at Pearl Harbor, the man who would later become Dorothy's husband was drafted. Howard Steward attended six weeks of basic training in Atlantic City and was about to be shipped out when his unit was asked about raising pigeons.



A student examines the propaganda posters the German military air-dropped on Mr. Stern's unit warning of the cold winter ahead.

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WWII Guest Speakers *(continued)*

During the first World War, homing pigeons were a popular method of military communication. Short coded messages were inserted into miniscule capsules that were strapped to the pigeon's leg and carried to the desired location by the pigeon. Desiring to replicate this form of communication, officials asked soldiers in basic training whether or not any of them had any experience raising pigeons. Howard Steward had raised a number of pigeons as a boy and while in high school, so he volunteered and was sent to the island of Trinidad in the Caribbean.

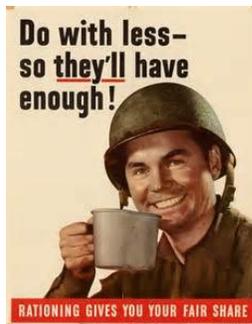
There, Howard was assigned to the Army Air Corps where he was a Private 1st Class in the 1569th Army Air Corps Air Transport Command. The pigeons were placed on any ships or aircraft that left Trinidad. If anything happened to that ship or aircraft, the pigeons would be released and would return to Trinidad. Their keepers were then able to calculate the location of the downed ship by the time the pigeons returned. Eventually, sonar and radar were perfected, and the use of messenger pigeons was phased out. Howard Steward made a request to be transferred to an airplane mechanic school; he was sent to California to train at Douglas Aircraft. He was then stationed in Missouri, followed by Maryland, and once, in the middle of the night, he ran checks on and de-iced President Truman's plane.

Not only did Mrs. Steward speak of her husband's experiences, but she shared valuable insight with students on what life was like on the home front during World War II. This being the first war to ever utilize planes, people were genuinely excited to see an aircraft flying overhead. "We would run outside to see them," Mrs. Steward said, "sometimes in the middle of the night."

The home front during World War II is also known for the birth of recycling. Scrap metal was collected to be sent off and melted down into shell casings, and every Friday after lunch, students in school would go to local farms and collect their scraps. Some also gathered silk from milkweed pods to be made into parachutes. Rationing also became a part of life on the home front. Families were limited to certain amounts of some things, and did not get others altogether. "We never saw a chocolate bar or bananas. And if you spent all the coupons, you couldn't get gas, sugar, wheat, (or) coffee until the next allotment," Mrs. Steward said.

She finished by leaving the class with this message: "If I could ask (my husband) what message I could leave you with, this is probably what he would say. Be sure to utilize what you are learning and, above all, if you are a smoker, quit. It isn't worth your life." Howard Steward developed throat cancer and has since passed away.

Students were very grateful for the guests to come in and share their experiences with the class, and were given the opportunity to ask the guests questions. This experience was an eye-opener for many of the sophomores and a good reminder to others. It is imperative for students and young minds to learn about and remember what has happened in history so they can better the future. And there is no better way to learn than to hear the wisdom of those who've experienced history first-hand.



Shiocton Wrestling Club Corn Hole Tournament



March 28

River Rail Bar
and Banquet Hall

More details to come.

Archery Club Starts Fifth Tournament Season

by Steve Parker

The Shiocton Archery Club has started its tournament season. The club has been practicing in the elementary gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Archers will shoot at the Bulls Eye Tournament in Kimberly on February 7, Hortonville and Oshkosh in March, and the state tournament in Wausau in April.

Thanks to all who supported the club by purchasing raffle tickets. The club sold almost \$3,000 worth of tickets and used the proceeds to purchase additional equipment for the practice range. The club now has the ability to have all members shoot during one practice and use the entire gym length. Winner of the Mathews bow was Bob Bronold. Ashlyn Van Camp was the winner of the second prize local gift certificate package, and the Schneider family was the winner of the cash third prize.

There are nearly 50 participants in the club now, and we can accommodate anyone else who would be interested in joining. Come check out this fun club. Practices start at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the beginning of April. Contact me at sjparker92@gmail.com for more information.





Principal's Report

As of the writing of this article, the school district is dealing with the loss of yet another student, Juan Polanco. It seems that life has a way of kicking us when we're down. And just when we think we can't fall any lower, we get kicked again. But it's important to remember that setbacks, failures, and tragedy are a part of life. Whether we manage to find joy and success in the daily struggle of life is largely dependent on our ability to persevere through even the toughest adversity without ever giving up. The staff and students will continue to persevere and lean on each other, because that is what family does.

Second semester began on January 22. Students are excited about 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 mention the **graduation policy** that is tied to our attendance policy. If you have a senior, please make sure that you understand the policy. The policy (which was passed at the July 16, 2007, board meeting) states that, in the last semester of the student's senior year, the student must have no more than 10 unexcused class hours (once they have reached their 10 days as allowed by the State of Wisconsin). Any student having 11 unexcused class hours (past the 10 days) will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Should a student not be allowed to participate, they will still receive their diploma; however, it will be mailed after the graduation date. The board also passed a policy stating that students should dress appropriately for graduation. For boys, this means a collared shirt and dress pants. For girls, it means nice slacks and a top or a dress. Flip-flops will not be allowed, nor will shorts and T-shirts. The board created a policy after they noticed the inappropriate attire of a few students in the past.

The Student Council will be hosting another blood drive on February 25. If you are interested in donating, please contact the grades 7-12 office (986-3351 ext. 782) and we will help you get signed up.

Winter Carnival will be held on February 20. 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, Grades 7-12 Principal

Chess Club News

by Bill Greider



The Chess team played in its second chess tournament in Waupaca on January 10. The team improved overall and several players won games, but the team still needs to find a way to win as a group. We are up against teams and players that, in most cases, have the advantage of several years of junior varsity and varsity experience compared to our first-year players.

Lucas Radtke continues to dominate the number one board and is tied for first place with 6 wins and 1 loss. Garrett Beyer, who missed our first tournament at Nekoosa, won his first game of the short season and is 1-3 on board 3, and Mitchell Nackers (1-6) won his first game on board 5. Zach Olson stepped in from JV to play board 2 as an emergency replacement for Vinny Coleman and played some intense games but lost his four matches and is 0-7. Zach Thede had some good games but unfortunately lost his four matches and he is 0-7. As a team we lost all four matches.

In our next tournament on January 31 at Westfield, we will be shifting stronger players at our lower boards to try and gain enough points at boards 4 and 5 (13 possible points) to add to the 10 points we expect Lucas Radtke to win at board 1 in order to start winning matches as a team. The Westfield tournament will be what is called a series of "quick rounds." The matches will be shortened to 25 minutes per player instead of 50 minutes. Each player will play seven matches at their boards and consequently, points attained will be one-half of the normal points. Play will start at 9:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. Hopefully we will take some teams by surprise with our adjusted board strategies and gain some wins for the team. Go, Shiocton!



Seniors are Successful in Reality Check

by Elizabeth Schneider

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

More than 35 business people from Shiocton and the surrounding area volunteered their expertise to make the event happen. On January 13, the seniors obtained mock checking accounts with the help of First National Bank. Students came to school in their Sunday best to participate in an interview in their career of choice, conducted by area business people. On January 15, *Reality Check* began. Seniors received their monthly income for their career choice and paid taxes. By visiting stations manned by community business people and volunteers, the seniors discovered how far their monthly paycheck would go. They purchased health insurance, autos, mortgages, food, daycare, and even personal items and pets. Most were shocked at the price of daycare and health insurance. Many were frustrated when unforeseen expenses happened — just like in real life. Several had to make difficult financial decisions. Some applied for part-time employment. They definitely received a dose of reality.

The *Reality Check* team consists of Elizabeth Schneider, Rhonda Uelmen, and Kelly Zeinert. They would like to thank all of the volunteers for donating their time and talents, and congratulate the seniors on successfully completing this simulation.

REALITY



CHECK





Winter Carnival is February 20. Dress-up days will be held throughout the week, with the fun continuing through a full day of events on Friday.

Make a Tax Deductible Donation to Shiocton High School Post-Prom

Prom season is quickly approaching for most high schools in the area. Shiocton High School's Prom is Saturday, April 18, with Post-Prom to follow. Parents, administration, faculty, and students are working hard to make this year's Prom and Post-Prom a memorable and safe one.

There will be a post prom planning meeting Feb 11th @ 6:30 in the LMC. Any volunteers are welcome to attend.

For the 11th year, a group of volunteer parents is planning a fun-filled Post-Prom. To help defray costs, the Post-Prom committee is asking for donations. We are seeking money, food, merchandise, or gift certificates. Please help us make the 2015 Post-Prom a positive event for all involved.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Gomm at (920) 986-3351 ext. 702 or jgomm@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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City _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____

Tax receipt requested? Yes No

Donations (Check items)
_____ Money _____ Food
_____ Merchandise for prizes
_____ Gift Certificates for prizes
_____ I can volunteer

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_____ Donation enclosed
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PO Box 68, Shiocton, WI 54170



Art Students Finish Projects

As the semester comes to a close, so do some long-worked-on projects by Art 3 students. Several students finished the stained glass windows which they have worked on for a large portion of the

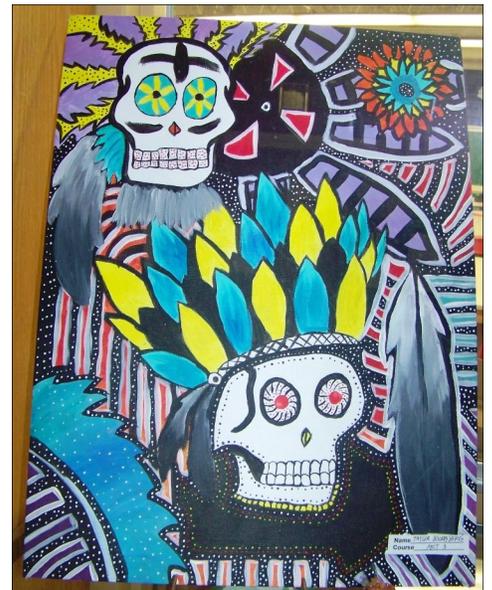
second quarter. Pictured are Donovan Dexter (above) and Noah Young (right).

After students finished their stained glass projects, they had the opportunity to paint a brick (pictured below) and make their mark permanent in the art room.



Some advanced Art 3 students worked on finishing their more independent study projects as well.

At right:
Acrylic on canvas painting by Tayler Wickesberg



Wrestlers on a Roll

by Coach Eric Clausen

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Winning by pin for Shiocton were Sawyer Theobald at 113 (:43), Raymond Herb at 120 (2:55), Sammy Van Straten at 132 (2:28), Mitchell Nackers at 195 (2:55), and Henry Fielding at 220 (1:41). Winning by major decision was Garrett Gunderson at 160 (11-2). Winning by forfeit were Levi Snortum, Austin Riehl, and Ben Gunderson.

December 13 Brillion Invitational

Shiocton 287, Omro 272.5, Peshtigo 270, Shawano Community 198, Brillion 166, Sturgeon Bay/Sevastopol 158, Marathon 119, Winneconne 91

Shiocton claimed the team title at the Brillion Invitational. In addition, Austin Riehl was voted the Most Valuable Wrestler of the tournament. Individual champions for Shiocton included Sawyer Theobald, who defeated Cody Eckstein of Omro by a score of 7-4; Raymond Herb, who pinned Gerritt Cooper of Omro; Sammy Van Straten, who pinned Dakota Cooper of Omro; Austin Riehl, who pinned Austin Clark of Omro; Garrett Gunderson, who defeated Matt Hess of Omro by a score of 5-0; and Henry Fielding, who defeated Austin Stebane of Brillion 7-1. Third place finishers were Levi Snortum and Ben Gunderson. Shiocton also received a fourth place finish from first-year wrestler Trent Moder, who gained his first career pin.



We wrestled very well. We were a little short-handed with nobody wrestling at 182, due to Mason Gomm being out with an injury and Mitchell Nackers being ill. But the rest of these guys definitely made up for it by picking up 32 pins as a team. We set a great pace and gained momentum in the first round, and fortunately were able to maintain it throughout the rest of the day.

December 18 Shiocton 54 Menominee Indian 28

Winning by pin were Sawyer Theobald at 113 (:48), Levi Snortum at 126 (1:23), Sammy Van Straten at 132 (1:31), Austin Riehl at 152 (3:40), Garrett Gunderson at 160 (:27), Mitchell Nackers at 182 (2:22), Henry Fielding at 195 (1:09), and Ben Gunderson at 220 (1:52). Winning by forfeit was Raymond Herb at 120.

December 20 Wickersham Memorial Classic

Shiocton 169, Beaver Dam 163, Valders 162, Neenah 147, Markesan 116, Cedar Grove/Belgium 93, Waupun 86, New Holstein 68.5, Winneconne 62.5, Horicon 55, Dodgeland 46

Shiocton claimed the team title at the Wickersham Memorial Wrestling Classic in Beaver Dam. In addition, Garrett Gunderson was voted the Most Valuable Wrestler of the tournament. Individual champions included Sawyer Theobald, who pinned Riley Slegler of Valders in 1:11;

Sammy Van Straten, who defeated Isaac Brockman of Cedar Grove/Belgium 3-0; Austin Riehl, who won by major decision (15-4) over Adam Lisowe of New Holstein; Garrett Gunderson, who defeated Forrest Yineman of Neenah 7-4; and Henry Fielding, who defeated Jaxon Seuzer of Dodgeland 9-3.

Making it into the championship match and placing second was Raymond Herb at 120. Taking third was Levi Snortum at 126, who also recorded two pins on the day. Taking fifth was Ben Gunderson, who won by major decision (11-3) over Dan Olbinski of Horicon. Taking seventh was first-year wrestler Trent Moder at 170. Unfortunately Mason Gomm remains out of the line-up due to injury. We hope to get him back after the holidays, which will bolster and solidify our line-up even more.

Once again, we were able to gain momentum early and maintain it throughout the day. We put six out of our 12 wrestlers into the finals which really helped. Our upper classmen are definitely serving as leaders for our younger guys who are trying hard to keep up with them.

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Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah-Howards Grove 13

Winning by pin were Sammy Van Straten (0:43), Garrett Gunderson (1:10), Trent Moder (3:12), and Ben Gunderson (3:05). Winning by major decision was Austin Riehl (17-5). Winning by decision were Levi Snortum (13-7) and Henry Fielding (6-3). Winning by forfeit were Sawyer Theobald and Mason Gomm.

January 3 Rocket Scramble

Lomira 748	Brookfield East 368
Oostburg 572	Deerfield 365
Valders 544	Marshall 362
Shiocton 524	Cedar Grove/Belgium 339
Kenosha Christian Life 519	Sheboygan South 325
Campbellsport 513	Plymouth 281
Southern Door 495	Brillion 277
Mishicot 435	Horicon 251
Markesan 427	Dodgeland 220

Shiocton finished fourth out of 18 teams at the Rocket Scramble in Cedar Grove. Claiming an individual championship was Henry Fielding. Taking second place was Sammy Van Straten.

Finishing third were Sawyer Theobald, Austin Riehl, and Garrett Gunderson. Taking fourth was Levi Snortum, who wrestled and won a very exciting match to put him into the gold bracket for the day. Finishing sixth was Trent Moder. Other place finishers were Raymond Herb (8th), Ben



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Wrestlers on a Roll *(continued)*

Gunderson (10th), Trevor Young (10th), and Blake Johnson (12th).

This was a scramble tournament, which meant a lot of our guys wrestled round robin format against some of the best wrestlers in the state. I was very pleased with some of our freshman wrestlers, who were definitely tested and were able to prove how talented they are. We just missed taking third place as a team, and I believe if we had Mason Gomm back in our line-up we would have easily pulled that off. But we are taking our time with getting Mason back on the mat and hope to do so within the next few weeks. Not only will it help us as far as strengthening our line-up tremendously, but will also give us a good morale boost going into the second half of the season.

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Winning by pin were Raymond Herb (0:42), Blake Johnson (1:58), Austin Riehl (0:28), Mason Gomm (1:02), and Ben Gunderson (2:55). Winning by major decision were Trevor Young (15-2) and Henry Fielding (16-3). Winning by decision was Sawyer Theobald (7-0). Levi Snortum and Sam Van Straten won by forfeit.

Overall, we wrestled well. A couple of matches got away from us, but it allowed us to see what changes we need to make, as well as what we need to improve on before February rolls around.

January 8

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Winning by pin were Raymond Herb (0:50), Trevor Bruns (0:20), Levi Snortum (1:23), Sammy Van Straten (1:10), Austin Riehl (0:35), Garrett Gunderson (0:25), Trent Moder (1:18), Mason Gomm (3:04), Henry Fielding (0:52), and Ben Gunderson (2:54). Winning by major decision was Trevor Young (8-0). Winning by forfeit were Gunnar Oskey and Sawyer Theobald. Winning by decision in an exhibition match was Blake Johnson (9-4).

Despite the cold temperatures and snow, we were very happy to see our hometown crowd show up to support us. We really appreciate the support. In addition, it was youth night for our

youth wrestlers and was just a fun atmosphere all around. It was great for our guys to go out and do as well as they did. They definitely kept our fans involved the entire match, especially with 10 pins on the night.



Counselor's Corner



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Important Dates

- February 3 Teen Symposium at the Paper Valley Hotel
- February 5 NWTC representative in pupil services at 2:30 p.m.
- February 10 College Preview Night at FVTC from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- February 24 Campus Career Day at NWTC
See flyer on pupil services board.
- February 28 Financial Aid Workshop at 2:00 p.m.
See below for details.
- March 1 Deadline date for Youth Options. Details below.
- March 3 All juniors will take the ACT (please avoid absences).
- March 4 All juniors will take the ACT WorkKeys.
- March 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 13 Deadline for the April ACT exam

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

There will be a **financial aid application help day** called College Goal in February for anyone who may need assistance with their FAFSA. This would include anyone attending an institution of higher learning. Fox Valley Technical College is the closest location, and their help day will be on February 28 at 2:00 p.m. See next page for more dates and locations. Please take advantage of this great opportunity, which also includes scholarship drawings for attending. More information can be found at www.collegegoalwi.org or contact Mrs. Uelmen.



Seniors: Please continue filling out your scholarship applications, which can be found on the school's website under "Counselor's Corner." Also, pay close attention to deadline dates and who you should turn the applications in to. If you are applying online, you still have to print them off and turn them in to Mrs. Boelter.

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



Also, students will be **requesting classes for next year**. Please ask your child about the courses they will be requesting. They should be as accurate as they can make them. The courses requested determine the master schedule, which then determines your child's schedule in June.

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



COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN 2015

ATTEND TO WIN A SCHOLARSHIP

**\$30,000 in
scholarships
will be
awarded**

Get **FREE**, on-site professional assistance completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is the form you must complete to be considered for grants and loans to help pay for college.

All Saturday Events start at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday's Events start at 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, Feb. 7 th 2:00 P.M.	Saturday, Feb. 21 st 2:00 P.M.	Wednesday, Feb. 25 th 6:00 P.M.	Saturday, Feb. 28 th 2:00 P.M.
<p>Fond du Lac Marian University Stayer Center 45 S National Avenue</p> <p>Kenosha Gateway Technical College The Center for Bioscience 3520 30th Avenue</p> <p>Milwaukee Washington HS of Information Technology 2525 N Sherman Blvd Use main entrance on Sherman blvd</p> <p>Oak Creek MATC 6665 S Howell Avenue Park in lot C and use entrance #13 to the lecture hall</p> <p>West Bend West Bend High Schools 1305 E Decorah Road Use Auditorium Entrance on River Road County Highway G</p>	<p>Janesville Hedberg Public Library 316 S Main Street</p> <p>Kenosha UW-Parkside 900 Wood Road Student Center</p> <p>DeForest (Madison Area) DeForest Area High School 815 Jefferson Street</p> <p>Milwaukee (2 Locations) Alverno College 3400 S 43rd Street Parking in 4 level structure Handicap parking at main entrance</p> <p>Washington HS of Information Technology 2525 N Sherman Blvd Use main entrance on Sherman Blvd</p> <p>Oshkosh UW-Oshkosh 800 Algoma Boulevard Reeve Union</p> <p>Platteville Platteville High School 710 E Madison Street Commons Area</p> <p>Rhineland Nicolet College Learning Resources Center (LRC) 5364 College Drive Enter LRC - park in the lot in front</p> <p>Superior Superior High School 2600 Catlin Avenue Library Computer Lab</p> <p>Waukesha UW-Waukesha 1500 N University Drive Commons Building</p>	<p>Green Bay East High School 1415 E Walnut Street Use Entrance on Walnut Street</p> <p>La Crosse UW-La Crosse WING Technology Center 1705 State Street</p> <p>Lac du Flambeau Lac du Flambeau Education Center 562 Peace Pipe Road</p> <p>Madison Edgewood College 1000 Edgewood College Drive Use main entrance</p> <p>Manitowoc UW-Manitowoc 705 Viebahn Street</p> <p>Marinette UW-Marinette 750 W Bay Shore Street Enter Main Building</p> <p>Milwaukee Washington HS of Information Technology 2525 N Sherman Blvd Use main entrance on Sherman Blvd</p> <p>Racine Gateway Technical College 1001 Main Street Racine Conference Center Entrance & parking behind building</p> <p>Rice Lake UW Barron County Ritzinger Hall 1800 College Drive</p> <p>Wisconsin Rapids Mid-State Technical College 500 32nd Street North, Building A</p>	<p>Appleton Fox Valley Technical College 1825 N Bluemound Dr Entrance 1, Room A105</p> <p>Baraboo UW-Baraboo/Sauk County 1006 Connie Rd</p> <p>Eau Claire Chippewa Valley Technical College 620 W Clairemont Avenue Entrance by Parking Lot P1 at the front of the building or P9 on the west side</p> <p>Elkhorn Gateway Technical College 400 County Road H Building 100 Use South building entrance</p> <p>Milwaukee Washington HS of Information Technology 2525 N Sherman Blvd Use main entrance on Sherman Boulevard</p> <p>New Richmond WITC New Richmond Campus 1019 South Knowles Avenue</p> <p>Wausau Northcentral Technical College 1000 W Campus Drive Main Entrance, Rooms E101 & E102</p>
<p>Saturday, Feb. 14th 2:00 P.M.</p> <p>Milwaukee (2 Locations) Mount Mary University 2900 N Menomonee River Parkway</p> <p>Washington HS of Information Technology 2525 N Sherman Blvd Use main entrance on Sherman Blvd</p>			

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Trees for Tomorrow: Learning in the Outdoors

by Riley Bellin, Tyler Frahm, and Ryan Maki

On the morning of December 3, four students from Shiocton High School were excited and optimistic about the next four days. From December 3-6, these students were going to use the outdoors as their classroom. The students, Caitlyn Henry, Riley Bellin, Ryan Maki, and Tyler Frahm, were chosen to attend a workshop at Trees For Tomorrow, a natural resource specialty school in Eagle River. Before leaving school, Ryan Maki said, "I think that this is going to be a great experience that we will remember for a long time. I am really excited to learn new things and meet new people."

The main reason for attending this event was to gather new knowledge and see important issues from different perspectives. Trees for Tomorrow is a program that has been around since 1944, and was started by members of utility companies in northern Wisconsin to restore resources that had been destroyed by logging.



Today, the "Trees" program runs workshops for students to learn about the importance of resource conservation, as well as other important life skills and information regarding careers in forestry and wildlife management. There were many classes we took at "Trees." These included orienteering, GPS use, wildlife identification, tree identification, snowshoeing, and wolf population management. Not only did we learn about these topics, we went out into the field and practiced what we learned.

One of the most interesting things that we learned about was GPS units. A GPS (global positioning system) uses three satellites orbiting the earth to pinpoint your location using trigonometry and other math. These



systems were first used by the U.S. military, but were adapted for civilian use. Nowadays, GPS units are a part of our daily lives; the navigation system in your car, your cell phone, and tracking devices all use GPS. After we learned about snowshoeing, we went geocaching, finding locations containing prizes, with our new GPS

skills. About this experience Tyler Frahm said, "This was a fun and interesting experience for me and everyone that went. We had new experiences that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to try. The most important part is no one got lost."

After learning about tree identification, we went around the "Trees" campus to locate these trees. There were many points we could look for, such as the way the leaves or boughs are aligned on a branch, if the leaves or needles are arranged in bundles, the fragrance of a tree (specifically if it was coniferous), and the bark pattern. The teachers also helped us have a better understanding of how to use a Dichotomous Key, which uses a system of questions to help you narrow down which tree you are looking at.

After orienteering, the use of a compass for navigation, we were stranded (intentionally) in the middle of the woods with only a compass bearing to go off of to get back to the bus.

When we were initially dropped off and told to find our way back, we were a bit scared but optimistic because we had a very knowledgeable leader, Mr. Schwaller. He helped us not only stay on track, but find our way back to the bus in an efficient time.



Another of the classes we took was the history of logging and lumberjacks. We learned information about

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the different types of lumberjacks, what their jobs were, and their salaries. Logging was one of the main reasons settlers moved to Wisconsin. Because of the high demand, many loggers came to the areas of northern Wisconsin between the mid-1800s and the early 1900s due to the vast areas filled with huge pine trees. Companies would hire anywhere from a few to hundreds of lumberjacks to cut down the massive trees that grew in the fertile soil and ship them down the river to the mill. There, the logs could be turned into paper and any number of building materials that were necessary to build houses for the growing cities all across the midwest.



One of the most fun and challenging activities we did was the lumberjack challenges. These events were lumberjacks' way of entertaining themselves and passing the time on Sundays, which they had off. The things that we did included using a cross-cut saw to cut a log (both teams from our group finished in 34 seconds), and trying to strike a match stuck in a stump with a hatchet. Tyler Frahm was the first person from the school to strike the match since the school started going to "Trees." After him, everyone in the group struck the match. This was the first time in "Trees" history that an entire group struck the match. "I don't think they could have made it any easier for me; this was a piece of cake!" said Riley Bellin, one of the successful lighters.



During our classes and activities, we went into the field and talked to experts. We went to a logging site and

spoke with a logger, wildlife biologist, and a college student majoring in wildlife biology. We also toured the PCA paper mill in Tomahawk and talked with various employees. They provided insight that we wouldn't have received by sitting in a classroom at school. Aside from showing us how to use natural resources in a great way, we



were taught about pros and cons of logging on animal habitats and forest regrowth, and also how supply and demand of these resources fluctuate over time and what we could do to ensure a steady supply of resources.

Of the many things preached at the workshop, the most noteworthy is to protect your natural resources. In the past, these resources were used without restrictions and without being replaced. In the present, there are restrictions to how much of every resource we use. There are also laws about replacing the resources we use. For example, for every tree cut down by a logging company, two trees are to be planted either at the same site or at another one.



Trees for Tomorrow was a great experience. Riley Bellin said, "I never knew this many good things could be done with natural resources. I certainly feel like a more educated person, both in the sense of natural resource preservation and natural resource recreation." This clearly demonstrates the benefits of sending students to the "Trees" program, which includes valuable skills for the future, a first-person view of careers that relate to forestry, and important ethics about the conservation of our resources.

February Calendar of Events

1-13		SWAT Fruit Sale and Band/Choir Gift Card Sale	
2	Mon	MS Wrestling at New London — 4:15 pm Hunter Safety class begins in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
2-13		Market Day Cookie Sale	
3	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at Waupaca — 4:15 pm Summer Sports Registration sign-up in the commons area — 5:00-7:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm	
4	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
5	Thu	Referendum informational meeting at Ellington Town Hall — 7:00 pm	
6	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to Mosquito Hill — 9:00 am-2:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm	
7	Sat	Archery Club tournament at Kimberly MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 8:30 am HS Wrestling Conference Meet at Weyauwega-Fremont — 10:00 am	
9	Mon	MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm Referendum informational meeting in the LMC — 7:00 pm	
9-13	M-F	4K/5K Registration for 2015-16 in the elementary office — 7:30 am-3:30 pm	
10	Tue	C Team Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm	
11	Wed	Quiz Bowl at Bowler Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm Post-Prom planning meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm Referendum informational meeting at Maine Town Hall — 7:00 pm	
12	Thu	Early release for Staff Development — 12:10 pm MS Wrestling at Shawano — 4:15 pm	
13	Fri	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the March issue C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm	
14	Sat	NEWCA (Northeast Wisconsin Chess Association) tournament at Notre Dame Academy HS Wrestling Regional at Coleman	
16	Mon	Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Suring — 6:00/7:30 pm	
17	Tue	Primary Election and Referendum voting HS Wrestling Team Sectional at Amherst MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Seymour — 4:15 pm MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at home — 4:15 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm	
18	Wed	Quiz Bowl at Gresham Heartsaver AED/CPR class in room H235 — 3:15-5:30 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm	
19	Thu	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm	
20	Fri	HS Winter Carnival Grade 2 field trip to Performing Arts Center — 11:30 am-2:10 pm MS Girls Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm	
21	Sat	HS Solo and Ensemble Festival at Iola HS Wrestling Individual Sectional at Shawano	

February Calendar (continued)

- 23 Mon Market Day orders due in the Elem/HS office
Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm
- 24, 27, 28 HS Girls Basketball Regional
- 25 Wed Quiz Bowl at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood
Student Council Blood Drive — 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Sewing/Quilting Lab in H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
- 26 Thu C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs.
Weyauwega-Fremont — 5:45/6:00/7:30 pm
(parents night)
- 26-28 HS Wrestling Individual State Tournament
- 27 Fri Band students music trip final payments due
- 28 Sat NEWCA (chess) tournament at Marion High School

Coming Up in March

- 2 Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria
MS Wrestling at Gillett
- 3 HS Boys Basketball Regional
- 3-10 SPICE Spring Book Fair
- 4 Market Day pick-up
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 6 SPICE Free Family Movie Night
- 9 MS Solo and Ensemble
- 10 Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
- 12 SPICE Funset Boulevard Family Night
- 13 No school
- 26 End of 3rd quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal



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
2	Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, sliced carrots, refried beans, peaches, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, bread slice, milk	5 Mini corn dogs, baked beans, medley blend vegetables, dinner roll, pears, milk	6 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk
9	Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, sliced bread, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, peaches, milk	11 Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, cookie, milk	12 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, tri taters, green beans, pears, milk
16	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, sliced bread, broccoli, peaches, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	18 Portessi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, strawberries, milk	19 Burritos, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	20 Pizza dippers, fresh garden salad, mandarin oranges, milk
23	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	24 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, mixed vegetables, string cheese, dinner roll, applesauce, milk	25 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pears, broccoli, milk	26 Cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, peaches, milk	27 Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, 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, \$43 for February
Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$49 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.

Elementary/Middle School News

Happy February! Before sharing information for the upcoming month, I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the Geography Bee and the Spelling Bee. Way to go! Here are the grade level and school winners:



Geography Bee:

Grade 4 – Autumn Lorenz
 Grade 5 – Breanna Birch
 Grade 6 – Nate Bunnell
 Grade 7 – Austin Van Den Bosch
 Grade 8 – Megan Pigsley
 Overall school winner – Austin Van Den Bosch
 Runner-up – Megan Pigsley



Spelling Bee:

Grade 3 – Shelby Erickson
 Grade 4 – Jordyn Houterman
 Grade 5 – Jocelyn Houterman
 Grade 6 – Josh Wilkinson
 Grade 7 – Mikayla Henry
 Grade 8 – Megan Pigsley
 Overall school winner – Jordyn Houterman
 Runner-up – Jocelyn Houterman



Congratulations to all of the participants and grade level winners! Good luck to Austin and Jordyn as they move on to the next level of competition. GREAT job! ☺

As we enter the third quarter of the 2014-15 school year, here are some important dates and reminders:

Mid-quarter for Quarter 3: The mid-quarter date for the third quarter is coming up on February 20. For middle school grades, please remember that parents and students can check the grades online at any time throughout the year. If you are unsure how to do this or need your password to log in, please contact the PK-6 or the 7-12 office at 986-3351 ext. 721 or 782.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are coming up on Wednesday, March 4, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. If your child's teacher does not contact you for a conference and you would like to have one, please feel free to contact him/her to make arrangements for a conference.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair: This year's fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 10. We hope to have great participation from students of all grade levels this year! The fair will be held from 4:00-7:30 p.m. all throughout the district. During the fair, a BOOK FAIR will also be open to the public in the cafeteria area. Please see Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Griesbach in the office if you have any questions about this year's fair.

Arrival at School: Please note that school begins at 7:57 a.m. for all students. It is very important that the students arrive on time each day. At school, we work very hard to teach responsibility and to help students develop healthy habits which will help them as they transition into adulthood and the workforce. Bad habits such as tardiness are hard to break; therefore, we are working very hard to help students develop good habits right from the start. One thing we tell students is to try getting up 5-10 minutes earlier or to leave the house 5-10 minutes earlier. That extra 5-10 minutes often makes the difference and helps the students get off to a positive start to the school day. Thanks so much for your attention to this!

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration:

Registration for students who will be entering 4K or 5K during the 2015-16 school year will be held during the week of February 9. Please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Watch for specific information about the Orientation sessions for students and parents which will be held in May.



Upcoming Early Releases: There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on Thursday, February 12, and Thursday, March 26.

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



Sincerely,
 Mrs. Griesbach ☺
 Principal – Grades PK-6

Open Enrollment Window for 2015-16 school year:
 February 2 – April 30

Shiocton Elementary/Middle School

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be the Best That You Can Be

Snow Fun in Early Childhood

The month of January was filled with many snowy activities to accompany our snowy and cold outdoors.

Winter fun was kick-started in January with different “snowy” books – *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* and *The Snowy Day*. Children used story props to re-tell the story and practice winter weather and clothes vocabulary words. They then created snow-kissed trees using a paper towel tube.

Students made snowmen of all different sizes and shapes. They made snowmen using their name, snowmen using their picture, and snow globe snowmen. The students worked hard at cutting out all those circles!



Winter fun continued in January learning about birds that do not fly — penguins. Children practiced walking like penguins and got dirty making footprint penguins. The students also made a rectangle penguin and a paper bag penguin. They learned the *5 Little Penguins* rhyme and had fun pretending they were penguins diving for fish.

The fun will continue in February with themes about polar bears, hearts, and mittens.

Spring Book Fair Coming in March

by Steve Parker

Just a friendly heads-up that the Spring Book Fair will be March 3-10. The theme is *Reading Under the Sea*.

Plan to visit during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and see all the cool decorations the kids put together. Be on the lookout for more information as the date approaches. Hope to see you there!!

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

Any questions about the book fair can be directed to me at 257-7822.



It’s C-C-Cold in 4K!

The four-year-old kindergarten classes have been busy with our winter unit. The students made beautiful snow people to decorate our hallway and little snowmen for the bulletin board. We also became familiar with a wonderful author named Robert Munsch. He writes silly stories, and one of our favorites is *50 Below Zero*. We have been story mapping, identifying rhyming words, and writing journal stories. We have also been working on identifying letters and letter sounds.



With the extreme cold and little snow, we have not had much recess time. Hopefully, February will provide many more opportunities for us to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

5K Heads for Day 100!

100th Day, Valentine’s Day, Animal Adventures, and Around the Town are the 5K themes for this month. In reading and language arts, we will be focusing on reviewing the uppercase and lowercase letters and their associated sounds, as well as continuing to focus on comprehension skills. When reading books with your child, please remember to ask Who?, What?, When?, Where?, Why?, How?, and Why do you think? questions. Our upcoming high frequency words are *here, they, as, big, little, ball, out, she, do, or, boy, girl, this, yes, no, mom, and dad*.

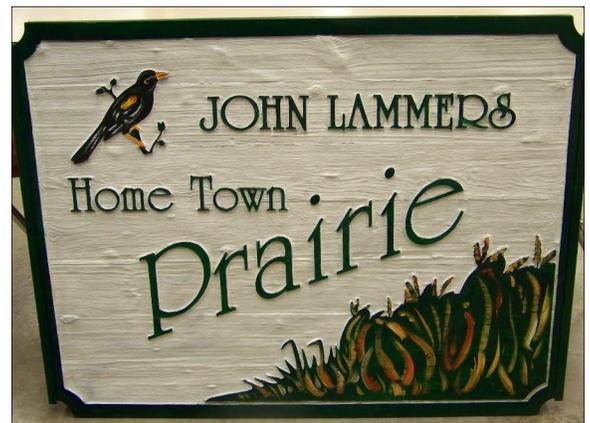


In Math Expressions, our unit focus is number partners, problem drawings, and tens. The children will continue to work on developing their addition and subtraction skills and increase their fluency of basic facts. Identifying, describing, and naming three-dimensional shapes as well as explaining the relative positions (beside, next to, beneath) of shapes will also be covered. With this in mind, we look forward to seeing our kindergartners rise to the challenge of tackling some new skills and making some GREAT gains in math this month!!

The kindergarten team wishes you a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Prairie Sign Refreshed

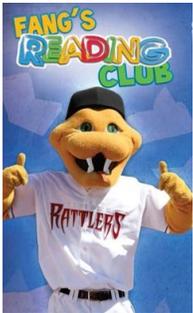
The John Lammers home town prairie sign was recently spruced up by Mr. Greider. The sign had been weather worn, and Mr. Greider repainted it and gave it a fresh layer of varnish.



Grade 1: Reading for Rattler Tickets

First grade had a great start to 2015! We hope you enjoyed seeing all the snowy things that drifted into your homes throughout January. February will be just as eventful! Our author studies will consist of two wonderful authors, Audrey Wood and Mercer Mayer. Through these stories the students will work on retelling a story, organizing characters, identifying with the characters in the stories, and many more skills.

We also have started the Fang's Reading Club program. Students are to read at least 15 minutes a night. Please sign the form that was sent



home after they complete their goal each night. Once the form is complete, return it, and the student will receive the corresponding baseball and small prize. If students

meet their goal of 75 minutes a week for eight weeks, the final baseball (the end goal) will be a free ticket to a Timber Rattler game, along with a free hot dog and soda at the game.

Mrs. Bellin's class and Mrs. Behnke's class are continuing with their science units. Mrs. Streblov's class focused on their last unit of social studies, which consisted of learning about our country. They worked hard prior to that learning about natural resources, recycling, and other ways to care for our earth. They even made posters stressing the importance of natural resources and why we should preserve them. These posters were placed around the school for everyone to enjoy! In February, Mrs. Streblov's class will be starting their science units.

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



Our second graders learned about states of matter by making a hypothesis and observing the changes in our indoor snowman throughout the day.



Jordan Jahnke is observing the changes with our snowman when we increased the temperature.



All that is left of our snowman at the end of the day!

Grade 2 Writes Nonfiction

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

Adding to the excitement of sending and receiving valentines, we will be heading to the Performing Arts Center in Appleton to see the play *Curious George*.

Many students and parents are familiar with this classic story. It will be exciting to see our favorite characters come to life.



Second graders are also learning more about nonfiction books. We have studied the features of nonfiction texts and how they help us with comprehension. Now that they are familiar with this type of writing, each second grader will make his/her own nonfiction book. First, each student will research an animal and take notes. Then they write down what they learned, remembering to include cool facts and other information that would interest a third grade audience. The books will also include a Table of Contents, headings, labels, captions, bold print, and even a glossary! When finished, the students will share their books with a third grader! Be ready to learn some cool facts, third graders!

Take me out to the ball game! Our Fang's Reading Club incentive program is now in full swing! This program is a great way for kids to read some interesting books while working toward a goal and earning a reward! Students will have the opportunity to earn a Timber Rattler ticket along with a hot dog/soda voucher. In order to earn the ticket, each second grader must read 75 minutes each week! Reading is a great activity on these cold and snowy evenings! So...snuggle up with a good book, second graders!!

Grade 3: To the 3rd Quarter and Beyond

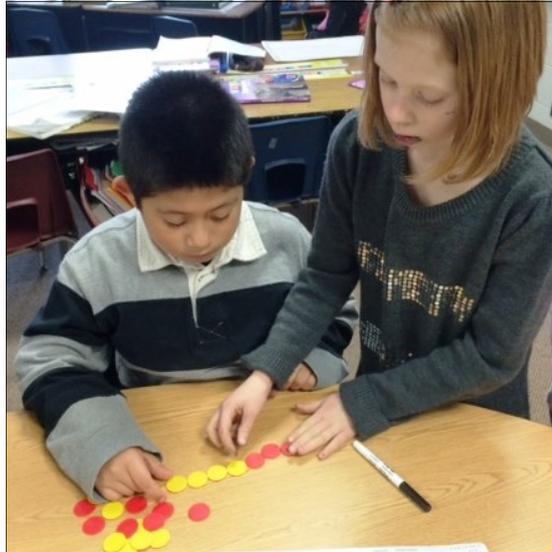
Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already into the third quarter of school. Third graders are busy with their new math learnings and showing some great math drawings to help the learning. They will be expanding their math skills with more difficult addition/subtraction, situation equations, and variables.

Congratulations to our six 3rd graders who participated in the school Spelling Bee on January 13: Shelby Erickson and Alexis Widmann from Mr. Backman's class; Kyler Rettler and Karissa Birch from Mrs. Kleiber's class; Kira Schwaller and Alexis Garcia from Mrs. Madsen's class.

Now is the time to begin thinking about the ALL-SCHOOL SCIENCE/HEALTH/FINE ARTS FAIR which is on Tuesday, March 10. If your son or daughter wants to enter a project, these projects will be on display the afternoon/night of the fair — March 10 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym.

February will be a busy month. Fang's Reading Club is in full swing through the months of February and March. Third graders need to read 100 minutes every week. After they read 200 minutes they earn a baseball, and a different baseball reward/prize will happen after each two-week reading period. When students collect four baseballs, they earn a Timber Rattler ticket, along with a free hot dog and soda at the game. Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattler stadium is Saturday, May 30, with a 6:35 p.m. start.

This is an early reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Wednesday, March 4, with conferences from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Lots of things are happening and before you know it, spring will be here.



Learning new math strategies for place value and addition.

Youth Baseball Clinic

The Shiocton High School baseball team will be having a youth baseball clinic on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in both school gyms. The clinic will be **for boys who are currently in 3rd grade through 7th grade.**



A flyer will be coming home in February detailing the clinic. From 12:00-12:30 p.m., there will be a quick youth coaches Q and A session.

If interested in signing up for the camp or if you have questions, please contact Mr. Backman at jbackman@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Third graders working on the new math skills and groupings and count ons.



Extraordinary Hat Day!

Happy Valentine's Day

SPICE: Fun Activities Coming Up

Lots of fun activities are coming up in the school district. On March 6, we have another **Free Family Movie Night** planned. *Big Hero 6* will be shown in the school cafeteria.



Admission is free, and minor concessions will be available for only a dollar. This will be a fun event for all ages.

On March 3, we kick off our annual **Spring Book Fair**. The fair will run during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and during Parent/Teacher Conferences, so you will have lots of opportunities to visit and shop the fair. The book fair gets books in our children's hands to encourage literacy, and is also one of our biggest fundraisers. The **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair** is a great opportunity to see your child's artwork, science projects, and folk dancing, and to purchase new books for your home library. More information on these events will be sent home in mid-February.

On March 12, we will host our 15th Annual **Funset Boulevard Family Night**. 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 in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. Our meetings are small and informal and you do not have to attend all of them. Please come and see what we are all about. SPICE makes a difference in our school; come and be a part of that difference.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you at one of our meetings.



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

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Over the Counter (OTC) Literacy for Your Family

The Household OTC Medicine Checklist

- Know the dose. Keep the medicine and the dosing device it comes with together.
- Read and follow the *Drug Facts* label every time.
- Check that all medicines, vitamins, and supplements are stored up and away and out of sight and reach of children.
- Ensure that the child safety caps are locked on all medicines.
- Remind visitors to keep luggage, pocketbooks, or anything else that might have medicines in it out of children's reach and sight.



- Medicines should not be taken without the supervision of an adult.
- Make sure your children know that using OTC and prescription medicines incorrectly can cause harm.
- Program the Poison Help number into your phone: 1-800-222-1222.

1. **Read the *Drug Facts* label each time.**

This is the label on all over-the-counter drugs that tells you the name(s) of active ingredients, warnings you should consider when using the medicine, and the correct dose and schedule for taking the medicine.

2. **Know the dose.**

Carefully measure out the medicine in the dosing device that comes with it, and be sure to make note of how often the medicine can be taken. Never take more than the recommended dose, and don't redose sooner or more often than directed by the *Drug Facts* label.

3. **Ask a pharmacist, nurse, or doctor.**

Pharmacists, nurses, and doctors, like those who answer the phone at your local poison center, are resources that you can rely on to answer questions about medicines, dose, medicine disposal, and overall responsible use.

4. **Store OTC medicines "up and away."**

Many kids' medicines look, smell, and taste good so kids will take them. Store all drugs out of kids' reach and out of sight immediately after using them.

5. **Know the active ingredients.**

The active ingredients in medicines treat your symptoms. Know the active ingredients in your medicines, and don't use two medicines with the same active ingredient.

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WHAT'S ON THE LABEL?

Drug Facts help you understand the medicines that you take and how to take them safely. All medicines should be taken under the direct supervision of a parent or trusted adult.



Drug Facts*

Active Ingredients	Purpose
Medicine 100 mg	cough suppressant
Medicine 150 mg	nasal decongestant

Uses Temporarily relieves:
 ■ coughing due to minor throat and bronchial irritation
 ■ nasal congestion

Warnings
 Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to this product or any of its ingredients.

Ask a doctor before use if you have liver or kidney disease.
 Your doctor should determine if you need a different dose.

When using this product
 ■ you may get drowsy ■ be careful when driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery ■ excitability may occur, especially in children

Stop use and seek medical help right away if an allergic reaction occurs.

Keep out of reach of children. In case of overdose, get medical help or contact your local poison center at 1-800-222-1222.

Directions
 ■ Tablet melts in mouth. Can be taken with or without water.

Age	Dose
adults and children 12 years and older	2 tablets every 12 hours; do not use more than 4 tablets in a 24-hour period
children 6 years to 11	1 tablet every 12 hours; do not use more than 2 tablets in a 24-hour period
children under 6 years of age	ask a doctor

Other Information
 ■ store at 20°–25° C (68°–77° F) ■ keep dry
 ■ see end panel for lot number and expiration date

Inactive Ingredients
 anhydrous citric acid, aspartame, magnesium stearate, maltodextrin, modified food starch, sodium bicarbonate, D&C yellow no. 10

Questions or Comments?
 Call weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

The **Uses** section of the label tells you the symptoms the medicine treats.

Look in the **Warnings** section to learn about what other medicines you should not take with this medicine, side effects the medicine can cause, when you should ask a doctor before taking the medicine, and other important safety information like when to stop taking the medicine and talk to a doctor.

The **Directions** section of the label tells you the amount of medicine (dose) you can take, how often you can take the medicine, and how much you can take in one day.

Some medicines also have a **Questions or Comments?** section of the label that gives you the phone number of the company if you have questions or comments on the specific medicine.

The **Active Ingredients** section of the label tells you the names of the active ingredients in the medicine and what jobs they do (e.g., relieve pain, reduce fever, or suppress cough). Some medicines may have more than one active ingredient.

In the **Other Information** section of the label you'll find other things you need to know such as how to store the medicine.

You'll find a list of any preservatives, food coloring, flavoring, or other ingredients not intended to treat your symptoms in the **Inactive Ingredients** section on the **Drug Facts** label. These can be important if you or someone in your family has an allergy.

*This is not an actual Drug Facts label.

OTC MEDICINE FACTS

1. Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines need to be treated with the same care and caution as prescription (Rx) drugs.
2. Ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you have questions about an OTC medicine.
3. Always use the dosing device that comes with your OTC medicine.
4. Never take multiple medicines with the same active ingredient.
5. All medicines, including OTC medicines, should be put up and away, and out of sight, after every use.



KNOW WHO TO ASK

Poison centers are open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Calls are fast, free, and confidential. Program the Poison Help number into your phone:

1-800-222-1222



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Karen Rudat (grades K-7) 986-3351 ext. 627 or krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Spelling Bee Congratulations!



Grade level winners (left to right): Shelby Erickson (grade 3), Jordyn Houterman (grade 4), Josh Wilkinson (grade 6), Jocelyn Houterman (grade 5), Mikayla Henry (grade 7), and Megan Pigsley (grade 8).

What do the words ipso facto, debilitate, savvy, hirsute, palliative, anathema, and eschew have in common? They were all words that had to be spelled by district students (grades 3-8) who participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition. As hard as it is to imagine, our two



winner remain the same as last year. However, this year it was Jordyn Houterman (grade 4) who took first place, and runner-up went to her sister, Jocelyn (grade 5). After winning the final round, Jordyn was required to spell one additional word, and that word was "gaffe."

I would like to also congratulate Megan Pigsley (grade 8), who competed hard with Jordyn and Jocelyn in rounds 11 to 17. There were 34 students who participated at this level.

Congratulations, girls! All of us wish you the best as you continue in competition regionally at Lawrence University in Appleton on Tuesday, February 10!!

Battle of the Books

DREAM TEAM! From the 19 students who completed Battle of the Books, we built our dream team that will continue on and compete at the state level in February.



Congratulations to our winners, who are all fourth graders: Abbie Fischer, Jordyn Houterman, Davin Piechocki, and Amelia Schuh. Breanna Birch, grade 5, is the alternate. Let's cheer them on!

Noetic Math Contest

In November, 84 students in grades three through six participated in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national math problem-solving contest held twice a year. There were 19,367 mathletes representing 1,279 teams across the country participating in the fall contest. Our school winners are pictured below. Congratulations to all the winners! The results demonstrate our students' great problem-solving skills and math talents.

Back row (left to right): Davin Piechocki, Colton Westby, Ethan White.

Front row: Logan Leeman, Alexis Garcia, Ben Bronold.



Congratulations

Grade 4 News

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

Fang's Reading Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, has started. Fourth graders are required to read 125 minutes/week for eight weeks. Every two weeks prizes are awarded for reaching this goal, with the grand prize being Timber Rattler tickets to all the successful readers!

February is going to be a month of writing for us. We will write an Americanism Essay entitled "What Freedom Means to My Family" for the American Legion Auxiliary as well as our opinion writing theme. We'll also learn about the Iditarod, "The Last Great Race," that begins March 7. We'll read the story *Stone Fox*, by John Reynolds Gardiner, along with building background for this fascinating race.

Last month, six 4th graders participated in the school Geography Bee. Autumn Lorenz was the 4th grade winner. Congratulations, Autumn!

We have two upcoming events that you may want to put on your calendar. Students will write essays on their grandparents prior to celebrating with grandparents on April 24, and our field trip to Madison to visit our state's capital will be on Monday, May 11.



Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Cornell – School Counselor, Grades K-6
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Safety Presentation

On February 17, Helen Kobussen from the Sexual Assault Crisis Center in Appleton will be presenting to the first, third, and sixth grade students on personal safety. A letter will be coming home to parents regarding this presentation.

Student Council News

February Dress-up Days:

- ◆ Wednesday, February 11 – Twin Day (dress the same as someone else)
- ◆ Wednesday, February 25 – Pajama Day

Random Acts of Kindness Week – February 9-13

Elementary and middle school Student Council students will be performing "secret missions" to spread acts of kindness at Shiocton schools. Watch for the ripple effect as others will want to share kindness, too ☺.

Valentine Sucker Sales – February 11, 12, 13

The MS Student Council will be selling heart suckers during lunch for 50¢.

New Online Bullying Prevention Curriculum

Students in grades three, four, five, and six will be participating this spring in ACT NOW!, the e-learning computer program created by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. During guidance classes, students will use this online curriculum to learn about bullying, bullying prevention, and the three elements of ACT: Action, Care, and Tell.

For more information, visit ParentsActNow.com to learn information such as:

- ◆ What to do if your child is being bullied or is bullying others
- ◆ Cyberbullying and sexual harassment
- ◆ How to build your child's resiliency
- ◆ How to contact your child's school
- ◆ Laws that are in place regarding bullying

Is it Bullying? What is It?



TEASING	CONFLICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone is having fun • No one is getting hurt • Everyone is participating equally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one is having fun • There is a possible solution to the disagreement • There is an equal balance of power
MEAN MOMENT	BULLYING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone is being hurt on purpose • Reaction to a strong feeling or emotion • An isolated event (does not happen regularly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacked physically, socially, and/or emotionally • Unequal balance of power • Happens more than once over a period of time • Someone is being hurt on purpose

Students needing help with teasing, conflict, meanness, or bullying should talk to a trusted adult. Teachers, administrators, and school counselors are available to help.

Fifth Graders Study the Digestive System

How familiar are you with the path food takes through your body? How do the nutrients from the food you eat actually help you live? What are our organs made of? These are a few questions the fifth graders have been working on answering while researching their digestive system. In science class, students are learning about human systems and relating those systems to how plants live and breathe (yes, plants breathe, too).

The fifth graders are then taking their science knowledge, and expanding on what they already know through research. They have worked very hard on compiling their research into a concise article on the ins and outs of the digestive system (no pun intended). Two examples are included here.

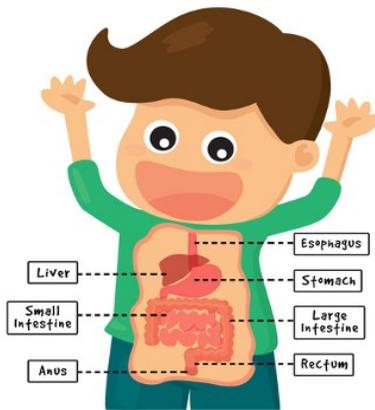
The Digestive System by Melanie Marcks

Introduction

Did you know we eat about 500 kg of food per year? That's just one of the five amazing facts in this paper on our digestive system. To learn how to keep the digestive system healthy, some diseases, how it works, and more, read this paper.

How does digestion work?

When you take that first bite of an apple, the first part of your digestive system gets to work. Your teeth are crunching and grinding that apple you just ate. Then as you're chewing, a liquid called saliva is helping break down your apple. Saliva is also a digestive juice. There are many more digestive juices, such as acid. Next, the apple that you are eating is getting slimy and mushy. Your tongue shapes the apple into a lump and when it is ready, it pushes it to the back of your throat. Now the apple mush is down to the esophagus. It leads down to our stomach. The apple does not just fall; it gets squeezed down with our muscles. When the apple gets in



our stomach, the walls of our stomach produce another digestive juice which breaks the apple down even more. Next it enters a small tube, the small intestine. The small intestine loops around about 20 feet. Now the apple you ate is mushy and slimy and more digestive juice is added from the pancreas and

the liver. Then the apple is becoming nutrients for our body. There is also villi, which is very thin and smooth. The villi takes the nutrients and sends them all over our body. Now the apple (waste) enters the large intestine. Our large intestine is about five feet long. In our large intestine, waste is pushed along with the help of muscles. As the waste passes through the large intestine it becomes drier, and all the water passes through the walls of the large intestine. Lastly, it enters the anus. In our anus the waste sits around until you have to go to the bathroom. Then until you eat again, your digestive system rests.

Diseases

In this section you can find out a few diseases of the digestive system. Cancer of any organs is where cells multiply widely and destroy healthy tissue and endanger your life. This may occur in any organ of your digestive system. Gastroenteritis is an infection of the stomach. It is bacterial toxins or a viral infection that may cause vomiting and diarrhea. Actinomycosis is a rare disease you may get in your mouth or throat. It causes your tissue to swell. The infected tissue forms small holes and causes your life to be in danger. These diseases can destroy your digestive system.

Healthy Tips

How can you keep your digestive system healthy? If you get all the nutrients you need, that's one way. Eat about seven fruits and vegetables every day. Limit how much processed meat you eat. Choose whole grains more often. Get active more often. These are just some ways to keep your digestive system healthy.

Facts About the Digestive System

We make up to 1 to 3 pints of saliva a day. Food stays in our digestive system for 1 to 3 hours. The esophagus is 25 cm long. Chewing gum takes 2 to 3 days to pass through your digestive system. I included these facts for a little twist in the paper. I thought these facts were interesting.

Conclusion

Our digestive system is a very fun system to learn about because it can be very interesting. I think it is amazing how our digestive system works without our body telling it to work. I wonder why we don't have all our systems as one? There is so much to learn about. If you would like to learn more, go to folletshelf.com and search body system and click the one that says Your Digestive System, or worldbookstudent.com, or livescience.com to learn more.

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The Digestive System by Colton Westby

Introduction

Did you ever wonder what brings the food you eat to your stomach? Did you ever wonder how nutrients get all around your body? There are many systems in your body, but one that involves nutrients and food is the digestive system! In this paper you will learn about the digestive system. The digestive system is a system that digests food. I want you to learn what parts are in the system and what the system does. This paper will also tell you what parts are included in this amazing system.

What is the digestive system?

The digestive system is a system in your body that gets the food to your stomach. When you hear your stomach grumbling, that means food is needed in the stomach. The digestive system also transports nutrients to the parts of your body that need them. Nutrients provide nourishment for growth. They are in the food you eat and swallow. The rest of the food goes through the system and turns into waste at the end.

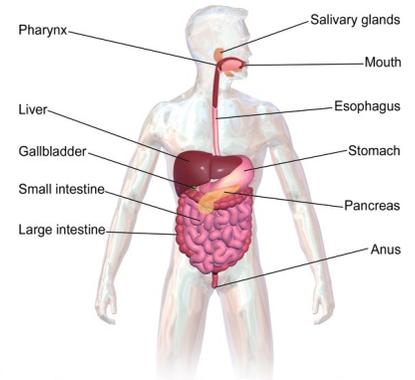
How does it work?

Each part of your digestive system does a different job. For example, the large intestine would definitely not do the same job as the esophagus, which you will learn about later in this paper. After the food is chewed and swallowed, the nutrients go to the places where they are needed. The food glob goes through each part of the system. After the food goes through each part, it then turns to waste.

What does each part do?

Did you ever wonder what the responsibility is for the digestive system parts? The teeth chew the food just before the saliva covers the food like a blanket. Food goes downward to the pharynx, tube or cavity, to the esophagus. The food then transports downward again to the esophagus leading to the stomach, where it gets

broken down and sloshes around. Glands in your stomach release chemicals. The pancreas secretes a digestive fluid into the intestine through one or more ducts. The small intestine breaks the food down even more. Inside the small intestine are things called villi. Villi absorb nutrients that the body needs. The large intestine takes in water in the mushy food. The anus releases the food so it is not in the body anymore.



The Components of the Digestive System

Conclusion

Treat your digestive system very well because if you eat too much candy or other non-nutritious foods, you are not keeping it healthy. Remember that your digestive system is important, because if you didn't have one, you wouldn't be alive. You don't want to hurt it or at least, I wouldn't want to. Also remember that there are so many more facts about the digestive system in the books I read and the websites I used, so check them out to get smarter about the digestive system and other systems in our bodies.

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Mrs. Timmers, science teacher

8th Graders Create Dream Catchers by Bill Greider



8th grade art students recently completed a short project based on a traditional Native American art form, the dream catcher. The legend of the dream catcher is just this: certain tribes of Native Americans believed that dreams come to us from the spirit world. A dream catcher is hung by the bed to trick the spirits. The web catches the bad dreams, and the good dreams find their way through the center hole and enter the life of the dreamer. We are all hopeful of a little magic in our lives. Enjoy the good dreams.

By (left to right): Rachel Maki, Brooke Rohloff, and Paige Scott.



29th Annual Geography Bee

The annual Geography Bee was held on January 9 in Mrs. Ver Voort's classroom. Our school winner was seventh grader Austin Van Den Bosch. Congratulations to all of the participants! The six students in grades 4-8 who scored the highest on a qualifying test participated in the bee.



Grade-level winners (pictured above left to right) are:

- 8th grade: Megan Pigsley
- 7th grade: Austin Van Den Bosch — School winner
- 6th grade: Nate Bunnell
- 5th grade: Breanna Birch
- 4th grade: Autumn Lorenz

Austin will take a test to see if he qualifies as one of the top 100 geography students in Wisconsin. If his test qualifies, he will compete in the State Geography Bee in March. The winner of that bee will compete in the national bee in May. Good luck, Austin!

Presidents Day Fast Facts

- George Washington was born February 22, 1732. His birthday became a federal holiday in 1832.
- Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809. His birthday became a federal holiday in 1865.
- In 1971, President Richard Nixon combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays into a single federal holiday, observed on the third Monday of February.
- The third Monday in February can only occur between February 15 and February 21. This means that the holiday is always after Lincoln's birthday and before Washington's birthday, without ever coinciding with either.



6th Grade Boys Place First

by Gina Van Straten

The Shiocton Hoops Club 6th grade boys team claimed first place in the Shiocton Youth Boys Basketball tournament on January 11. They played against strong teams from throughout northeast Wisconsin, eventually surpassing Omro in the championship game with a final score of 34-29.

Congratulations to team members and coaches who include (front l-r): Trey Van Straten, Hudson Spencer, Austin Wilinski, Jack Scott, and Carson Shears; (back l-r) Coach Chad Schmidt, Trenton Twombly, Caden Schmidt, Jake Korth, Logan Heindl, and Coach Brad Jorgensen.



School Board Meeting Summaries

December 15, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Cory and Heather Demerath, and Beth Bloedorn.

Public comment: The Demeraths, a family that open enroll into our school district from Clintonville, recently received approval from the Clintonville Board of Education to afford them the opportunity to have their children picked up at their home by Shiocton's school bus. Cory and Heather Demerath provided information regarding their research on the topic regarding policies from the DPI and the Clintonville School District.

The board voted to:

- Accept the Technical Excellence Scholarship for the 2014-15 school year with the criteria as set forth after the second reading.

In other discussion:

- First review and discussion on ag-science for science credit.
- Review referendum efforts to date and future plans.
- Review year-to-date revenues and expenditures.
- Open enrollment transportation request. The Policy Committee will need to convene and review the current policy and look at potential changes to allow the request to be considered.
- Convention Resolutions will be reviewed in January.

Board report:

- Bradley Ritchie: Professional Personnel Committee update on Compensation Plan and potential staffing needs.

Upcoming events:

- Referendum Informational meeting at Ellington Town Hall — Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.
- Referendum Informational meeting in the LMC — Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Referendum Informational meeting at Maine Town Hall — Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
- Junior Prom — April 18
- Senior Awards Program — May 20
- Graduation — May 31
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade, August 15

January 5, 2015

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler.

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Kim Griesbach, Ryan Spaulding, Cory and Heather Demerath, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Ryan Spaulding, athletic director, was in attendance to provide the board with a mid-year report on the athletic department.

The board voted to:

- Approve the Shared Services Contract 66:0301 for Summer School 2015.
- Approve the following ag-science classes for science course credits after the second reading:
 - Animal Care Management — .5 credit
 - Vet Science — .5 credit
 - Outdoor/Rec/Natural Resources — .5 credit
 - Food Science — .5 credit

In other discussion:

- Professional Personnel Compensation Plan — first reading.
- Resolutions at the State School Board Convention was tabled. The Resolutions will be discussed at the January 19 meeting.
- Open Enrollment transportation request.
- Referendum information and update.

Board report:

- Jeremie Birch: Open enrollment transportation and Policy Committee update on the dress code.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: PALS and STAR testing, Spelling Bee, and Geography Bee.
- Mrs. Zeinert: *Reality Check*, finals, Parent Information Night and Career Pathways update, and Business Education Grant. (Mrs. Zeinert was absent from the meeting but provided a written report, covering these topics, that was forwarded to the board earlier).
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Roof update, Open Enrollment spaces, curriculum update on math and elementary science, and WASB convention sessions.

Closed session: To discuss administrator contracts and superintendent evaluations.

THE UPBEAT!

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS TRAVEL TO IOLA

The High School Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held at Iola High School this year on **Saturday, February 21**. This is one of our most important events of the year to help develop students' individual musicianship. It's a chance for us to focus in on each student, right where they're at, and help them strengthen and develop their artistic potential. Students will be given their specific event times as we get closer to the festival date. Please consider joining us in Iola to support your child's work in music. It means a lot to have parents show their encouragement to their kids.

FOR SALE: GIFT CARDS!

Band and choir students (grades 6-12) are selling gift cards **January 30-February 13**. These gift cards are good online or in stores. We get the cards at a discount rate, the kids sell them for face value, and the difference goes into their music account. You bought a perfectly good gift card—our kids made a profit! Music students can use their profits for their final St. Louis trip payment, our upcoming Badger Band trip, the Timber Rattler choir trip, or other future music activity. Please consider buying a card and supporting our band and choir students!

CONGRATULATIONS TO HONORS CHOIR STUDENTS

Congratulations to six of our choir students who participated in the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association honors choirs. These students were nominated by Mrs. Anderson and selected to participate in rehearsals and a concert with students from all over the state. These students represented themselves and Shiocton with a great work ethic and if you see them, ask them about the experience.



Middle Level Honors Choir: Lukas Berard, Maddie Otto, Leigha Young, Deven Bedor

Women's Honors Choir: Megan Coenen, Ashly Weis

GIFT CARD SALE

January 30-February 13
6-12 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

PEP BAND

Friday, February 6
Friday, February 13
Thursday, February 19
Thursday, February 26

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 21
Iola HS
HS BAND/CHOIR

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Monday, March 9
3:30-6:30 p.m.
Shiocton MS
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

Music In Our Schools Month CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 17
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
5-8 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

MUSIC TRIP to St. LOUIS

FINAL PAYMENT DUE



FEBRUARY 27

The final payment and ALL outstanding balances need to be paid up by this time in order to be eligible for the trip. Please plan ahead and make your payment in a sealed envelope on **FEBRUARY 27**.

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