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12 Tons!!!

by Tim Huebner

I am not sure if 12 tons or 24,633 pounds sounds like more, but either way, that's a lot of paper. That is the amount we received during the fall paper drive fundraiser for the middle school. We were so successful we were able to add another Bright Link to a middle school classroom. This brings the total up to two Bright Links added from the paper drive program. With a successful spring drive, we are looking to add a third Bright Link.

Many thanks to the tremendous number of community members and businesses that donate their scrap cardboard and paper recyclables. It is hard to believe the growth the paper drive has experienced. We started in the fall of 2010, and that drive resulted in 1.5 tons. In the fall of 2011, the October drive was the largest of the three with 5.5 tons. And the totals for September and November were more than double those of the 2010 drive.



2011 Fall Paper Drive Totals

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| September | 3.2 tons |
| October | 5.5 tons |
| November | 3.5 tons |

With the spring paper drives coming up, I would like to set a goal. Let's try to outdo the October total. If your garage is in need of spring cleaning, your basement has one too many boxes, you have magazines from the 1990s or just your normal paper recyclables lying around, please consider donating. Find a convenient time that works for you, and get those items into the large yellow recyclable dumpster that will be behind school for the three weeks listed below.

Thanks again to the Shiocton community for your tremendous support.

Spring 2012 Paper Drive Dates

- Monday, March 19 to Thursday, March 22
- Monday, April 23 to Thursday, April 26
- Monday, May 21 to Thursday, May 24

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 13-17**, 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, 2012. 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, 2012. Students in this program meet for five full days each week.

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

- Friday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 25, at 8:45 a.m.



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*All residents of the school district
are welcome to attend board
meetings, to keep informed on
school issues or to voice any
concerns they may have.*

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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

Town Hall Meeting

Mark your calendar for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, as we host our second Town Hall Meeting of the year in the LMC at the school. The purpose of this meeting will be to review our current budget, to review some budget projections for the 2012-13 school year and beyond, and to spend some time in small groups discussing and sharing your priorities for the School District of Shiocton. We also hope to be able to present some highlights of the employee handbooks for the 2012-13 school year.

Please plan to attend in order to stay informed about your schools. We hope to see you there.

Teacher/Administrator Performance Evaluation System

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

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

We currently plan to have this evaluation system in place for the 2012-13 school year. This will require some training on behalf of our administrators and teachers in order to prepare them to set goals that are tied to student achievement. Our hope is that the upgraded system will result in higher quality learning experiences for our children.

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

Enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin winter weather!

Chris L. VanderHeyden

Art Show! Scholastic Book Fair! and Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair!

Thursday, March 1 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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



*Flower Composition
by Alyssa Bartlett, Gr. 1*

Also

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

Attention Soccer Players

Seymour Summer TASK Soccer Registration is Coming Soon

by Bonnie Hoersch

Seymour TASK soccer will again be taking place this summer. If you would like to participate, you can find the registration form online at www.tasksoccer.com and mail it to TASK, P.O. Box 176, Seymour, WI 54165. **Mail-in forms postmarked after February 27 must include a \$25 late fee.**

You may also attend one of our walk-in registrations on the following dates:

February 9 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Shiocton School Cafeteria

February 16 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Black Creek School Cafeteria

February 18 9:00 a.m.-noon
Seymour High School Fieldhouse



Games will begin the week of May 14 and end the week of June 25. Tournaments for U10, U12, and U14 will be July 9-11.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Please contact Bonnie Hoersch at 986-3020 if you have any questions.

Early Childhood Screening 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 15, 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, 2012, who may be eligible for the program. In addition, if your child will be four years old after September 1, 2012, and will not be enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten, please consider bringing your child in for screening. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.

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

Please **call 986-3351 ext. 717 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!

Calling All Readers

The Community Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 16 (note date change), at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54 to discuss *Make the Impossible Possible* by Bill Strickland. This book "shows how all of us can build on our passions and strengths, dream bigger, achieve meaningful success, and inspire the lives of others."



The book for March is *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo, the true story of a four-year-old boy who emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to heaven. This book will be discussed on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Playing at the Bradley Center

The boys basketball team is playing at the Bradley Center, home of the Milwaukee Bucks, on Saturday, February 4. The team members are required to sell 67 Bucks tickets which will cover the entrance to the high school game and the Bucks game later that evening. The tickets are second level corner sections in mid-rows for the Bucks game. Tickets cost \$35.35. There are order forms and tickets in the high school office available for the student body, faculty, and the general public.



Event: Milwaukee Bucks Prep Series — Shiocton vs. Brillion

Date: Saturday, February 4

Prep Game Time: Shiocton vs. Brillion Tip Off — 11:15 a.m.

Pro Game: Milwaukee Bucks vs. Chicago Bulls 7:30 p.m.

Ticket Information: Tickets cost \$35.35 for the high school game and a Milwaukee Bucks game.

Shiocton Hoops Club Girls/Boys Bike Giveaway!!!!

by Mike Bellin



The Shiocton Hoops Club and Equitable Reserve Association are teaming up to give away two bikes this month! We will be giving away a girls

bike at half-time of the girls varsity basketball game on February 21 and a boys bike at half-time of the boys varsity basketball game on February 24. Sign-up will be from the start of the game at 6:00 p.m. until half-time, when we will draw the winner.

The rules are simple:

1. All students in grades K5 through 5 are eligible. Girls sign up to win a bike on February 21 and boys sign up on February 24.
2. **Students must sign up** (not mom, dad, grandma, or grandpa!)
3. Student must be present at half-time to win the bike.

That is all there is to it! Come on out and cheer the Chiefs on to victory, and enter for a chance to win a bike! Hope to see you there!

Junior Prom is Right Around the Corner. . .

The Decorating Committee is looking for white or black plastic or wrought iron bistro or small round decorative table and chair sets. If you are able to lend one for the Junior Prom on Saturday, April 21, please contact:

Roberta Ligocki, Junior Advisor
Shiocton High School
986-3351 ext. 706
rligocki@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Wrestling Club Update for February

by Kristi Piechocki

The Shiocton Wrestling Club is selling hooded sweatshirts for \$20. Adult sizes only. Please contact Robin Riehl at 984-3461.

As the Packer season officially comes to an end, we would like to thank all who volunteered at the Packer kiosk at Lambeau Field. A special thank-you to Danny and Robin Riehl for all their time and for organizing this fundraiser. Please sign up to help at Farm Technology Days, July 17-19 (*see article below*). This is a great fundraising opportunity for our club, and a chance to get to know others. See Laurie McNichols for volunteering time slots.

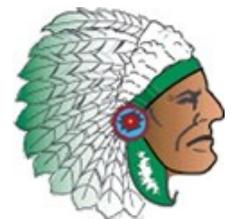
Youth wrestling is entering its second month. The wrestlers have been practicing twice a week and some have ventured into weekend tournaments. We are hoping to join with a few other schools in the near future and have a wrestling dual meet so the wrestlers can experience what it is like to be in a match. Thank you, coaches! With nearly 40 wrestlers signed up, we really need and appreciate all you do!

Don't forget — Saturday, February 4, is the high school conference wrestling meet. Thank you, to all the volunteers that are helping out. Good luck to our wrestlers!



Farm + Shiocton = FUNdraising

Outagamie County is hosting the 2012 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days in Sugar Bush (just north of New London). The host families are Mike Bruette and Jeff Handschke (Sugar Creek Farm LLC) and John P. Heideman and John A. Heideman (Heideman Farms).



The Shiocton Booster Club and other community organizations (Lions, American Legion Auxiliary, and American Legion) have committed to this great opportunity. Our commitment involves running a concession stand (tent) during this three-day event. It will be held Tuesday, July 17, through Thursday, July 19. Monies made during this event will be split among organizations that are involved. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Training will be provided as needed. Volunteers may designate their hours of service to an organization approved by the Booster Club, or to one of the community organizations listed above.

Our food tent will need approximately 30 people each day. The tentative shifts might be 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There may be other opportunities for volunteers, such as the kid booth, parking attendants, admissions, and information booth.

Make plans today to be part of this event. The contact person is Laurie McNichols. You may contact her at (920) 250-3146 or lmcnicho@shiocton.k12.wi.us. Visit the website at www.outagamiefarmtech.com.

News from the Nurse

submitted by Rebecca Ecker, RN



10 Tips To Help You Eat More Vegetables

It's easy to eat more vegetables! Eating vegetables is important because they provide vitamins and minerals and most

are low in calories. To fit more vegetables in your meals, follow these simple tips. It is easier than you may think.

1. **Discover fast ways to cook.** Cook fresh or frozen vegetables in the microwave for a quick-and-easy dish to add to any meal. Steam green beans, carrots, or broccoli in a bowl with a small amount of water in the microwave for a quick side dish.
2. **Be ahead of the game.** Cut up a batch of bell peppers, carrots, or broccoli. Pre-package them to use when time is limited. You can enjoy them on a salad, with hummus, or in a veggie wrap.
3. **Choose vegetables rich in color.** Brighten your plate with vegetables that are red, orange, or dark green. They are full of vitamins and minerals. Try acorn squash, cherry tomatoes, sweet potatoes, or collard greens. They not only taste great but also are good for you, too.
4. **Check the freezer aisle.** Frozen vegetables are quick and easy to use and are just as nutritious as fresh veggies. Try adding frozen corn, peas, green beans, spinach, or sugar snap peas to some of your favorite dishes or eat as a side dish.
5. **Stock up on veggies.** Canned vegetables are a great addition to any meal, so keep on hand canned tomatoes, kidney beans, garbanzo beans, mushrooms, and beets. Select those labeled as "reduced sodium," "low sodium," or "no salt added."
6. **Make your garden salad glow with color.** Brighten your salad by using colorful vegetables such as black beans, sliced red bell peppers, shredded radishes, chopped red cabbage, or watercress. Your salad will not only look good but taste good, too.
7. **Sip on some vegetable soup.** Heat it and eat it. Try tomato, butternut squash, or garden vegetable soup. Look for reduced- or low-sodium soups.
8. **While you're out.** If dinner is away from home, no need to worry. When ordering, ask for an extra side of vegetables or side salad instead of the typical fried side dish.
9. **Savor the flavor of seasonal vegetables.** Buy vegetables that are in season for maximum flavor at a lower cost. Check your local supermarket specials for the best in-season buys. Or visit your local farmers' market.
10. **Try something new.** You never know what you may like. Choose a new vegetable, add it to your recipe, or look up how to fix it online.

10 Tips To Help You Eat More Fruits

Eating fruit provides health benefits. People who eat more vegetables and fruits as part of an overall healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases. Fruits provide nutrients vital for health, such as potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C, and folate (folic acid). Most fruits are naturally low in fat, sodium, and calories. None have cholesterol. Any fruit or 100% fruit juice counts as a part of the fruit group. Fruits may be fresh, canned, frozen, or dried, and may be whole, cut up, or pureed.

1. **Keep visible reminders.** Keep a bowl of whole fruit on the table, counter, or in the refrigerator.
2. **Think about taste.** Buy fresh fruits in season when they may be less expensive and at their peak flavor. Add fruits to sweeten a recipe.
3. **Think about variety.** Buy fruits that are dried, frozen, and canned (in water or 100% juice) as well as fresh, so that you always have a supply on hand.
4. **Don't forget the fiber.** Make most of your choices whole or cut-up fruit, rather than juice, for the benefits that dietary fiber provides.
5. **Be a good role model.** Set a good example for children by eating fruit every day with meals or as snacks.
6. **Include fruit at breakfast.** At breakfast, top your cereal with bananas, peaches, or strawberries; add blueberries to pancakes; drink 100% orange or grapefruit juice. Or, try a fruit mixed with fat-free or low-fat yogurt.
7. **Try fruit at lunch.** At lunch, pack a tangerine, banana, or grapes to eat, or choose fruits from a salad bar. Individual containers of fruits like peaches or applesauce are easy and convenient.
8. **Experiment with fruit at dinner, too.** At dinner, add crushed pineapple to coleslaw, or include orange sections, dried cranberries, or grapes in a tossed salad.
9. **Snack on fruits.** Dried fruits make great snacks. They are easy to carry and store well.
10. **Keep fruits safe.** Rinse fruits before preparing or eating them. Under clean, running water, rub fruits briskly to remove dirt and surface microorganisms. After rinsing, dry with a clean towel.



Source: ChooseMyPlate.gov

SILA

Shiocton International Leadership Academy

Leadership

Kelly Zeinert
Principal of SILA and
Shiocton High School

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Superintendent of Shiocton
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Now Enrolling

- Shiocton International Leadership Academy: February 1-29
- Submit application electronically at www.silacharter.com or pick up an application in the district office.
- Shiocton International Leadership Academy (SILA) empowers students in grades 6-12 to become confident, caring, and engaged citizens of the world.



You are Invited to Attend the SILA Open House

Purpose: Increase community understanding about a charter school, specifically SILA.

Why Should You Consider Attending?

- ◇ You are considering enrolling a student.
- ◇ You are considering a business partnership with SILA.
- ◇ You want to learn more about SILA.

When: Thursday, February 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: SILA classrooms (enter from the back parking lot)

RSVP: By February 2 to Kelly Zeinert

E-mail: kzeinert@shiocton.k12.wi.us or (920) 986-3351 ext. 751

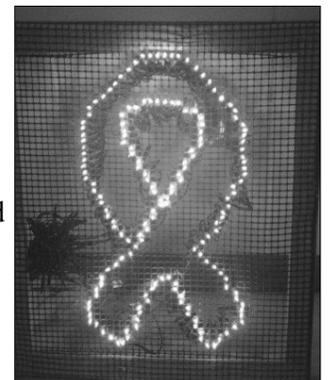
SILA Students Forming Strong Connections

by Veronica Brick



On the night of December 2, 2011, SILA held its first showcase. The night was filled with presentations, musical performances, many displays of art, and even a magnificent light show. But what most spectators did not see was the love and support among the students. Two ribbons, a pink breast cancer and red heart disease awareness ribbon, were presented to two students in SILA. These ribbons were highlighted in the light show. The week of the showcase, one student had a parent who was going through breast cancer surgery and another parent had suffered a terrible heart attack. Both students are from the Louis advisory. The ribbons were presented as a surprise to the students and their families on the night of the showcase.

The students and their families were very touched. All of the support and love that was shown that week really brought the Louis advisory together. It, in fact, brought the whole school together. Bryanna Knoke summed it up nicely when she said, "In our advisory we are brothers and sisters, and to the other advisories we are more like cousins." With the passing of each day, week, and month, SILA students and staff are becoming a great big family. SILA invites people to see how we work together and support each other.



Impressive National Testing Results

by Anne Louis

SILA staff and Governance Board members are proud to announce exceptional academic gains by the SILA student body. SILA staff members have placed a great effort on the generation of meaningful data to be used to adjust curriculum and enhance learning outcomes. Shiocton Public Schools have used MAP testing in the elementary and middle school for many years. SILA elected to test all students grades 6-11 three times annually. Students were tested in September, and the second testing was completed January 20. SILA students' performance was impressive.

The chart below gives national averages for each testing period, SILA averages for the same testing periods, average gains nationally, and average gains for SILA.

| Subject Area Tested | Average National Score for Grades 6 -11 Fall | Average SILA Score for Grades 6-11 Fall | Average National Score for Grades 6-11 Winter | Average SILA Score for Grades 6-11 Winter | National Average Mid-Year Gains | SILA Average Mid-Year Gains |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Math | 229.9 | 236.5 | 231.9 | 241.1 | 2.0 | 4.6 |
| Reading | 219.3 | 224.6 | 220.4 | 228.1 | 1.1 | 3.5 |
| Language Usage | 218.6 | 222.2 | 219.6 | 226.4 | 1.0 | 4.2 |

Who are Those SILA Advisors?

by Anne Louis

Three Shiocton teachers have embarked on a new professional challenge. Anne Louis, John Winter, and Nick Senger signed on to teach in Shiocton's fledgling charter school. All three feel that the experience has renewed their passion for teaching. Senger commented, "SILA is an opportunity for students to showcase what they are capable of in a different environment."

Anne Louis grew up in Richland Center, Wisconsin. Her parents both worked in medical professions. She has a sister and two brothers. Anne graduated from Richland Center High School in 1980. She married Vern, her high school sweetheart, and they have three children. Samantha is 25, recently married, and a 4th grade teacher in Boston. Clarissa is 18 and a 2011 graduate of Shiocton High School. She is attending UW-Fox and plans to transfer to Green Bay to become a middle school teacher. Anne's son, Andrew, is 17 and is a SILA student. Anne completed her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education at UW-Stout and a Master's in Community Counseling at UW-Oshkosh. She is inspired by a quote from Abraham Lincoln, "The best way to predict your future is to create it."

John Winter grew up in Lake Gogebic and Bessemer, Michigan. His parents were dairy farmers. He is the youngest, having four brothers and three sisters. John graduated from A. D. Johnston High School in 1989. He is the proud father of four sons: Cory, Colin, Caleb, and Caden. Cory is 21 and a student at Idaho State. Colin, 17; Caleb, 11; and Caden, 7, are students at Shiocton. John completed his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Idaho State and has a Master's in Educational Technology from Marian University. His favorite quote by Bill Collar is, "If students are not learning the way we teach, then we need to teach the way they learn."

Nick Senger grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Nick's mom is a special education paraprofessional and his father is a dentist. He is the youngest, with one older brother and sister. Nick graduated from Goodrich High School in 1999. His wife, Katie, is a 4th grade teacher in De Pere. They have two children, Ella, age 6, and Ava, age 3. Ella is a first grader and loves soccer. Ava is a busy toddler who loves her Dora the Explorer pajamas. Her daddy reports that she is the last to bed and first to rise each day. Nick graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Broad Field Social Studies and has a Master's in Educational Leadership from Marian University. His high school basketball coach often said, "If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail." Nick chooses to live by those words.

Course Completions in SILA

Nature of Science

Brooke Schuh
Kim Wagner
Kendra Wagner
Tanner Nabbefeld
Sarah VanderHeyden
Morgan Knoke
Logan FisherBuchli
Sofiya Cruz

Earth and Space Science

Chelsea Bradwell
Emily Wieser

6th Grade Math

Julia Soma
Wesley Brouillard

Biology 1

Rachael Berard
Andrew Louis
Marcos Mazzo
Jonalee Elliott
Andrew Hoersch

Chemistry 1

Danny Erickson
Tony Abel

Pre-Algebra

Kyra Baeten



Principal's Report

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



Second semester began on January 19 and everyone is excited about the new classes and the opportunity to change things up. As we begin the second half of the school year, I encourage parents to keep in touch with teachers and make sure that their child attends school regularly.

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

should dress appropriately for graduation. For boys this means a collared shirt and dress pants. For girls it means nice slacks and a top or a dress. Flip flops will not be allowed, nor will shorts and T-shirts. The board felt they needed to create a policy after they noticed inappropriate attire of a few students in the past.

Winter Carnival will be held on March 8. 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.

The Shiocton International Leadership Academy (SILA) will be offering an open house on February 9 for anyone interested in the charter school. The open house will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the SILA wing of the high school. During the open house, the students and staff will be doing presentations about the programs that they use and will be answering questions about how a charter school works. If you would like more information about the open house, please contact me at kzeinert@shiocton.k12.wi.us or call 986-3351 ext. 751.

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

Kelly Zeinert
High School Principal

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Officers Selected for 2012-13

by Kurt Wismer

The following four students have been selected as FBLA officers for 2012-13:

President – Haley Ehrle
Vice-President – Lucas Moeller
Treasurer – Daniel Erickson
Secretary – Emily Kelly

These students will be responsible for the organization and direction of the new FBLA chapter at Shiocton. The students will be working through the rest of this school year to set goals and plan events and fundraisers, as well as recruit general delegate members.

FBLA is a national association of nearly a quarter million students interested in becoming more successful in the business world. Membership in FBLA helps students learn about business and gives them the opportunity to see the "real world" through interaction with business leaders from across the country! Students will discover the secret of being able to talk confidently with prospective employers and experience the chance to test business skills in state and national competitions.

Students will meet and make friends with members of their own school and other schools across the country! They will participate in fun local activities like business tours and social activities. Interested students, or those who would like to learn more about Shiocton FBLA, should contact me at kwismer@shiocton.k12.wi.us or at (920) 986-3351 ext. 779. Watch for more information to come in future *Link* articles and on the Shiocton School District website.



Reality Check Still Going Strong for the Sixth Straight Year

by Roberta Ligocki

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 Wednesday, January 11, the seniors obtained mock checking accounts (with the help of First National Bank) and participated in an interview conducted by area business people in their career of choice.



Christiane Li diligently writes a check.

On Friday, January 13, Reality Check began. Seniors received their monthly income for their career choice and paid taxes. By visiting stations manned by community business people and volunteers, the seniors discovered how far their monthly paycheck would go. They purchased health insurance, autos, mortgages, food, daycare, even personal items and pets. Many were shocked and frustrated when unforeseen expenses happened—just like in real life. Several had to make difficult financial decisions. They definitely received a dose of reality.

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



Al Young has his check register reviewed.

Dance Team Places in Two Categories

by Cheyenne Ver Voort

On Saturday, January 14, Shiocton's varsity dance team accomplished the unthinkable. Attending the Lightning Bolt Explosion competition at Appleton North High School, the dance team had high expectations—to be the first Shiocton dance team to ever place at a competition. And after weeks of grueling practices and hectic schedules, they got their chance.

Shiocton's dance team took two routines to competition: a pom routine choreographed by Jamee Van Straten and a jazz routine choreographed by Ashley Floss and Mandy Verbsky. It was a very suspenseful wait during the awards ceremony as the teams and places were called off. Finally, the Shiocton team got the verdict: they'd placed first in Large Varsity Jazz and second in Small Varsity Pom. But the excitement didn't stop there; the grand totals were given and Shiocton had the third highest score out of more than fifty teams. "I'm really proud of this team," said Harley Krause, a senior and a captain on the team. "It was a great way to end my senior year." Kali Krull, a junior on the team said, "The team worked really hard for this, and I'm so proud of them. They deserve it." Coach Jamee Van Straten said, "It was a really intense week with two practices a day, and the team really stepped it up. They truly earned and deserved what they accomplished this weekend."

The dance team will be performing at half-time of Shiocton's home basketball games every Friday in February. They also have plans to attend more competitions next season as well as compete in regionals.



A New Semester Brings a New Class

by Julie Gomm

Linking Generations is a new class in Family and Consumer Science this semester. With a continuing need for quality child care and a growing demand for quality care givers that provide assistance for the elderly, this class is looking to meet the demands in the job market. Students in this class will look at child development, the importance of play, and the needs of growing children. We'll then look at the changes that take place as we age. Even though the focus is on preparing students for future careers in health care and education, it is good general information for any student who plans to have a family in the future. We are hoping to utilize the kindergarten program here at school and some local day care centers as well as nursing homes for a realistic experience.

High School Counselor News

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

Important Dates

- February 7 College Preview Night at FVTC from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 February 9 Teen Symposium—Freshmen
 February 18 Financial Aid Workshop at FVTC. See below for more details.
 March 1 Deadline date for Youth Options. See below for more details.
 March 9 Deadline for the April ACT exam.

There will be a Financial Aid application help day called College Goal Wisconsin in February for anyone who may need assistance with their FAFSA. This would include anyone attending an institution of higher learning. Fox Valley Technical College is the closest location and their help day will be held Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at www.wicollegegoalsunday.org or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

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

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

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

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

Trees for Tomorrow

by Jasper Maddix

Trees for Tomorrow, where to start? Honestly I could sum it all up in a few sentences, by telling you it was amazing. But if you're interested in the outdoors and trying something different, I would suggest going to Trees for Tomorrow. It's different, fun, interactive, and also educational.

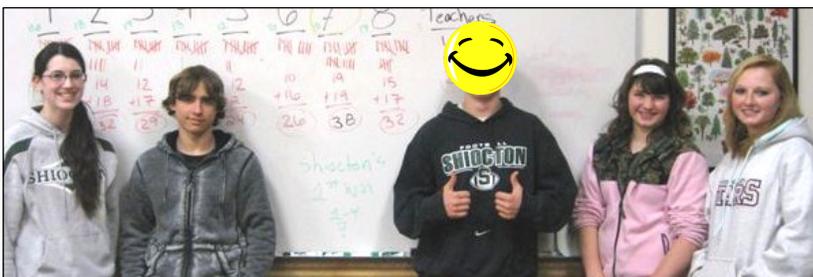
If you're interested in something environmental or even just want to have some fun while learning, Trees for Tomorrow is where you should be.

They cover things like how you could help your environment or society to how you can identify a tree. If you're in the forestry business, I would suggest getting into something like we've been introduced to at Trees for Tomorrow. It gives you details on how you can tell a tree's net worth by measuring how many foot logs were in a tree with a biltmore stick.

We even went over how to use Radio Telemetry equipment. It is used to track animals and observe their daily activities. We went over how to read a compass (yes even stuff as simple as that), and with the ideas they gave us we put them to good use in orienteering. If you're interested in survival skills, we went over such things as emergency fire making and important survival equipment.

Now we can go on to some fun. The classes you go to there last about all day, but you get a lot of free time in between classes. I think the most enjoyable thing we did was the team builders. I bet you're thinking, what? Why team builders? Well honestly they were challenging and well thought out and I thought, "wow lame" at the beginning, but no, it turned out to be fun and entertaining while we did them. Ever heard of a snipe? Try going hunting with Mr. Schwaller while you're there, one of the greatest experiences to go and enjoy. Not all activities are held by the Trees for Tomorrow staff; in between or after classes we got to play ninja.

So for the little information I've covered, I hope that I influenced you in even the slightest in going in the near future (freshmen). But for those of you that cannot go, this is what I did and how I enjoyed it. I bet that if I asked everyone who's gone in the past they would agree with most of the stuff. It's entertaining, educational, and overall, memorable.



Softball Team Gets Cooking

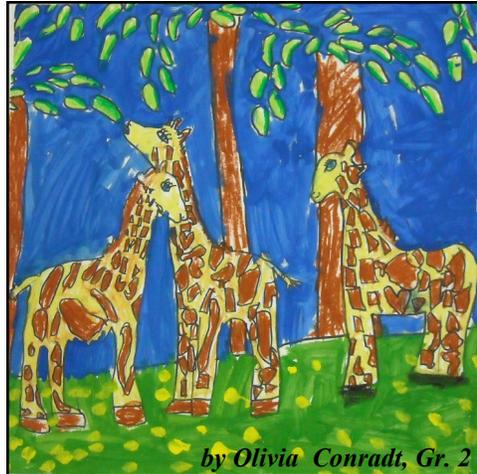
Friday, March 9

Take home fresh lasagna dinners made by your Shiocton softball team. Single orders, 1/2 pans, or full pans will be available for purchase.

Watch for signs and an ad in next month's *Link*.



See More at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair!
March 1



by Olivia Conradi, Gr. 2

Shiocton Summer Sports Registration to Start Soon

March 1

at the
Science/Health/Fine Arts
Fair

Please watch for additional registration dates in the March issue of *The Link*.

School Board Meeting Summaries

January 9, 2012

Attendance: Board members — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner.

Others — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the new FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter for Shiocton.
- Approve the 2012-13 Course Description Booklet.

In other discussion:

- The spring election ballot order will be as follows:
1. Mary Hoffman 2. Raymond Gomm
- Resolutions to be presented at the State School Board Convention.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, Geography Bee, end of the second quarter and early dismissal, and upcoming Spelling Bee.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Reality Check, finals, end of semester, and FVTC classes.
- Mrs. Guex: End of calendar year, W2s, and first levy payment.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: CESA meeting.

January 23, 2012

Attendance: Board members — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner.

Others — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Denise Guex, Nick Senger, Terry Schwaller, Kaylah Schuette, Jolene Ambrose, Brad Beyer, Hayley Mastey, Jasper Maddix, Jason Arjoon, Adam Miller, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Students reported on their attendance at Trees for Tomorrow.

Delegations: Mr. Senger noted that Jonalee Elliott was the *Post-Crescent* "Athlete of the Week."

The board voted to:

- Approve the resignation of Dino Heinemeyer as head baseball coach.
- Approve the resignation of Chad Klitzke as assistant baseball coach.
- Approve the resignation of Christina Gollnow as assistant volleyball coach.
- Approve the policies as printed and discussed.

In other discussion:

- Topics from the State School Board Convention were postponed until the next meeting.
- Staffing 2011-12 – Special Education.
- 2011 Audit Report – Review and discussion.
- Savings from insurance premium reduction.
- Possible dates for Board Retreat and Town Hall Meeting.
- Concerns regarding coaches' resignations were discussed. The possibility of putting together a "district athletic philosophy" was suggested.

Reports:

- Ray Gomm: CESA #6.
- Mr. Senger: Charter School report and MAP testing results.
- Mrs. Griesbach: Spelling Bee winners, MS Solo and Ensemble, All-State Choir, Forensics, and Bucket Fillers assembly.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: TPES (Teacher Performance Evaluation System) opportunities, Legislative breakfast.

Closed session: To discuss superintendent evaluation.

February Calendar of Events

- 1-29 Enrollment Window for SILA (Shiocton International Leadership Academy)
- 2 Thu Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm
MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 3 Fri MS Girls Basketball at home with Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 4 Sat HS Wrestling CWC Conference Meet at home — 10:00 am
Varsity Boys Basketball at the Bradley Center (see page 3) — 11:15 am
- 6 Mon MS Girls Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm
MS Wrestling Mega Meet at Shawano Community — 4:15 pm
School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
- 7 Tue Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 8 Wed **Early release for Staff Development — 12:10 pm**
- 9 Thu TASK Soccer registration in the school cafeteria (see page 3) — 3:00-4:00 pm
MS Girls Basketball at Marion — 4:00 pm
SILA Open House in the SILA classrooms — 5:00-7:00 pm
- 10 Fri Grade 3 field trip to Mosquito Hill Nature Center — 9:00 am-2:30 pm
Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 11 Sat HS Wrestling Regional at Weyauwega-Fremont — 10:00 am
MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 8:30 am
- 13 Mon MS Girls Basketball at home with Black Creek — 4:00 pm
Freshman Boys Basketball at home with Peshtigo — 6:15 pm
- 13-17 M-F K4/K5 Registration for 2012-13 in the elementary office — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
- 14 Tue HS Wrestling Team Sectional at Coleman — 7:00 pm
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Kewaunee — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 15 Wed **The Link** — Deadline for submitting articles for the March issue
SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
- 16 Thu Grade 5 field trip to EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh — 8:15a.m.-2:45 pm
MS Girls Basketball at home with Manawa — 4:00 pm
MS Wrestling Mega Conference at home — 4:15 pm
Community Book Club meeting at Studio 54 — 6:30 pm
- 17 Fri Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 18 Sat HS Band/Choir Solo and Ensemble Festival at Tigerton High School
HS Wrestling Individual Sectional at Auburndale — 10:00 am
Open gym for MS and HS softball players in the HS gym — 6:00-8:00 pm
- 20 Mon Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office
School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
- 20-21 MS Wrestling Mega Meet at Ripon (date to be determined) — 4:15 pm
- 21 Tue Hoops Club Girls Bike Giveaway during the varsity girls basketball game
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with NEW Lutheran — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 23 Thu MS Girls Basketball at home with Manawa — 4:30 pm
- 23-25 Th-Sa HS Wrestling Individual State Tournament
- 24 Fri Hoops Club Boys Bike Giveaway during the varsity boys basketball game
JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 27 Mon MS Wrestling Mega Meet at Gillett — 4:15 pm
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Reedsville — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 28 Tue HS Boys Basketball Regional
Spelling Bee Awards and Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym — 2:00 pm



February 2



Wash and Bag Those Milk Caps

Please wash out your milk caps before sending them to school with your child or if you bring them in yourself. It would be much appreciated if you could put the milk caps in a bag. Also, please separate the box tops and soup labels from the milk caps. That would help the Middle School Student Council a lot.



Coming Up in March

- 1 Market Day pick-up
Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
Scholastic Book Fair
Shiocton Summer Sports registration begins
MS Wrestling at Weyauwega-Fremont
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Bonduel
- 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening only)
- 8 Funset Boulevard Family Night
- 9 NWEA Convention — No school
- 23 End of the third quarter — Early dismissal

Breakfast served daily with a variety of cold cereal, milk, 100% juice, toast, and fruit.

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| * Menu subject to change | | 1 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, mixed fruit, milk | 2 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, lettuce salad, sliced oranges, milk | 3 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, curly fries, fresh vegetables, peaches, milk |
| 6 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, pears, milk | 7 Grab-n-Go salad or brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, sausage, fresh fruit, pancakes, orange juice, milk | 8 Ham, turkey, cheese sub, chips, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, cookie, milk | 9 Mini corn dogs, rice, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk | 10 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, green beans, peaches, milk |
| 13 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk | 14 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with shredded lettuce, sour cream, whole kernel corn, Mandarin oranges, milk | 15 Grab-n-Go salad or spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk | 16 Chicken patty on a bun, French fries, peas and carrots, fresh apples, milk | 17 Grab-n-Go salad or hot dog on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pineapple, milk |
| 20 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, fresh apples, bread, milk | 21 Grab-n-Go salad or nachos with meat and cheese sauce, sour cream, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, milk | 22 Grab-n-Go salad or pizza slice, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, milk | 23 Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, carrots, string cheese, pineapple, milk | 24 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peas, applesauce, milk |
| 27 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, peaches, bread, milk | 28 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, peas, sliced oranges, milk | 29 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk | | |

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$38.85 for February

Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$45.15 for February

Parents/Guardians — Please remember, money is needed in the lunch account before purchases are made. If your account has a negative \$20 balance, please send money or a cold lunch. Your child may not be allowed to eat hot lunch. No a la carte purchases will be allowed.

Elementary/Middle School News



Happy February. . . . or is it April? At times, it has felt more like spring than winter this year. However, there is still plenty of time for winter weather to arrive. With that in mind, please make sure your child is dressing properly for the weather. At the K-8 level, students do go outside every day as long as the temperatures are above zero.

Arrival at School: Please note that school begins at 7:57 a.m. for all students within the Shiocton School District. 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 with tardiness issues is to try getting up 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!

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee was held on January 6. Congratulations to the following grade level winners: Nikki Harvath (grade 4), Lukas Berard (grade 5), Matthew Peterson (grade 6), Ryan Maki (grade 7 and overall winner), Justin Ver Voort (grade 8). Congratulations to all of the students who participated this year. Awesome job! Best of luck to Ryan as he proceeds to the next level of competition!



Spelling Bee: The school-wide Spelling Bee was held on January 20. Congratulations to the following grade level winners: Josh Wilkinson (grade 3), Mikayla Henry (grade 4), Peyton Bauman (grade 5 and overall winner), Greta Thebo (grade 6), Rylee Davis (grade 7), Tyler Moeller (grade 8), Kendra Wagner (SILA), Leigha Wagner (grade 5 and runner-up). Again, congratulations to all of the students who participated this year. G-R-E-A-T job! We wish Peyton and Leigha the best of luck as they move on to the regional competition on February 14! ☺



Elementary Bucket Fillers: Congratulations to all of the students who have been working so hard to “fill buckets” throughout the day. It’s so important for each of us to focus on filling other people’s buckets instead of dipping from them! Great job to everyone who is working on this on a daily basis! Keep it up! ☺

Upcoming Events/Activities and Information

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration: Registration for students who will be entering K4 or K5 during the 2012-13 school year will be held during the week of February 13-17. Please see the front page of *The Link* for more details. Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held on May 18 at 1:30 p.m. or May 25 at 8:45 a.m. Please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Also, please help spread the word about the registration week if you know anyone with children eligible for either grade. Thank you!



Upcoming Early Release: Just a reminder that there will be a 12:10 p.m. early dismissal on Wednesday, February 8. Staff members will be engaged in staff development activities pertaining to technology during the afternoon.

Midquarter for Quarter 3: The midquarter date for the third quarter is Monday, February 20.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: The fairs are coming up on Thursday, March 1. Participation sheets recently went home with students in grades K-8. We hope we will have great participation from students of all grade levels this year! The fair will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. During the fair, a book fair will also be open to the public in the cafeteria. Please see Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Griesbach in the office if you have any questions about this year’s fair.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal

**Open Enrollment Window for 2012-13 school year:
February 6-February 24**

Bucket Fillers

Have you filled a bucket today? That's a question we have all been busy asking one another. The bucket filling notion is that everyone carries an invisible bucket and it is our job as students and staff to fill them up every day through kind words or actions. Classmates nominate each other when their buckets have been filled. These "Bucket Fillers" were chosen from the classroom "bucket" in December.



Front row (*left to right*) — Luke Polasek, Laney White, Taleah Nelson, Max Dake, Lexis Riehl, Lizzy Pelky

Second row — Thomas Parker, Jesse Ott, Alexis Schupp, Davin Piechocki, Jorge Ramirez, Joey Hess, Evan Rynders

Third row — Mikyle Schoenrock, Logan Theobald, Cora Gassner, Kendall Schnur, Destannie Wagner, Allison Erickson

Fourth row — Jericho Helser, Isabella Stehofskey, Aubrie Guyette, Elizabeth Volkman, Kellyn Van Straten, Aliyah Schmidt, Mikayla Henry, Olivia Schroeder,

Fifth row — Erica Gassner, Morgan Brux, Sienna Rasmussen, Cole Wilcox, Nansi Ramirez, Jennifer Muniz, Kaden Piechocki, Caitlyn Pingel

Sixth row — Lukas Berard, Cortny Leopold, Brady Volkman, Brady Ernst, Matthew Denis, Jack Scott, Reis Stingle, Paige Scott, Payton Schnur, Maddie Otto, Peyton Bauman

Early Childhood: Waddling Through Winter

January was filled with themes of penguins and polar bears. Students made penguin headbands and used their fingerprints to make mini penguin families. They enjoyed learning penguin facts such as they have wings but cannot fly, they waddle with their young on their feet, and penguin chicks' soft feathers are called down. The students also enjoyed waddling around the classroom while singing the penguin rhyme.



Students created a scrumptious polar bear snack using Nilla wafers, white frosting, marshmallows, and chocolate chips. They painted egg cartons and cut out circles to make various polar bear heads. They also enjoyed reading the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear* by Bill Martin.

One of our themes for January was based on *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. The story is about a little boy who loses his mitten in winter. Animals come and get into the mitten as it stretches and stretches. Tickled by the mouse's whiskers, the bear sneezes and all of the animals come tumbling out! The students loved the story and enjoyed using the SMART board to put the animals in the mitten. They worked on who went in the mitten first and last, as well as identifying the animals. We then used animal masks and a large sheet (the mitten) to act out the story.

Winter fun continued with themes of mittens. We discussed how to dress for cold weather and did a winter math graph on who wore mittens to school, as well as experimented with how many unifix cubes fit in their mittens. The fun will continue in February with themes about the post office, Valentine's Day, and snow (we hope the weather will cooperate).

Books for Babies

Congratulations to Madilyn, born November 6, 2011. Madilyn will receive literacy gifts now and on her next three birthdays through a grant from the Trifecta Foundation, which encourages literacy in Wisconsin. Please keep us informed if someone in the school district welcomes a new baby. Call Ms. Jorgensen at (920) 986-3351 ext. 780, e-mail her at mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us, or stop in her office. We need the child's name, birth date, and address. We'll send that child all sorts of literacy goodies!

Snow Fun in K4

The four-year-old kindergartners were busy this month creating snow people to decorate our hallway. The children were very creative in selecting items to put on their snow



people. Our hallway is full of wonderful looking snowmen and snowwomen. We also made small snowmen to put on our bulletin board. The children did a great job ripping paper to make a face and hat for their cotton ball snowmen.

We then discussed penguins, and the children made some pretty perky penguins. We discussed winter weather and read two stories by one of our favorite authors, Robert Munch. We read and watched the videos for the stories *50 Below Zero* and *Thomas' Snowsuit*. We then compared and contrasted the book and video for each story.

We look forward to moving into themes of Valentine's Day and Nursery Rhymes. Hopefully we will get more snow so we can get out and enjoy some fun in the snow!

K5 Prepares for 100th Day

Our kindergartners are growing up so quickly! Pants and shirts that fit at the beginning of the year are now a size (or two) too small. And those tiny white baby teeth grins are gradually being replaced by wide-mouthed permanent toothed smiles. With this in mind, one of our units of study in February will be dental health. We will discuss appropriate food choices, as well as brushing and flossing techniques that help maintain a healthy smile.



100th Day, Valentines, Bug Surprises, and Animal Adventures are additional themes of study we will be covering this month. As the kindergarten families are aware, we will have a post office set up in each classroom where the children will be collecting, canceling, sorting, and delivering their classroom valentines. The children thoroughly enjoy this unit, and it is an excellent way to help them understand the overall mailing process.

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K5 News *(continued)*

In reading and language arts, we will be studying the letters *Qq, Uu, Vv, Jj, Yy, and Zz*. Our upcoming high frequency words are *one, little, went, where, too, oh, has, and will*.

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

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

forms, be introduced to the idea of number combinations, and have their first formal experience with greater numbers — up to 100! We will also be introducing the children to the concepts of addition and subtraction. With this in mind, we look forward to

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

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

Kindergarten Art Class

These art students created clay slab flower tiles and then glazed them. Media: clay, clay tools, rolling pin, burlap, ribbon, markers, clothes pins, and glaze.



Claire Collar and Alivia Collar glazing in art class.



Role Sanchez glazing his clay flower slab.

Favorite Authors to be Studied in Grade 1

First grade had a great start to 2012! We hope you enjoyed seeing all the snowy things that drifted into your homes throughout January. February will be just as eventful! Our author studies will consist of two wonderful authors — Audrey Wood and Mercer Mayer. You are sure to recognize and enjoy all the different stories that will be coming home this month. Through these stories the students do projects that will help with retelling a story, organizing characters, identifying with the characters, and many more skills that these books help us learn.

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

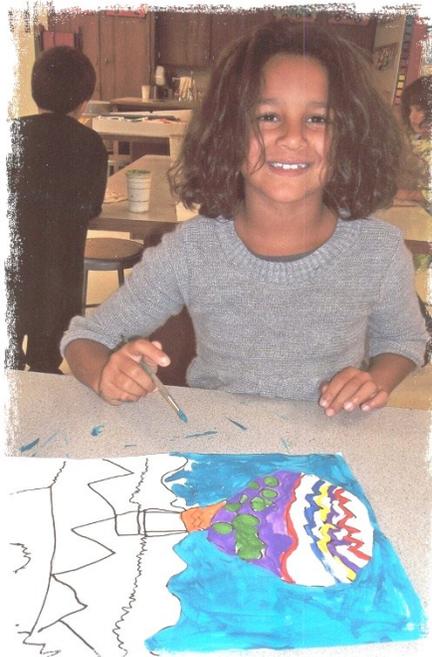
Mrs. Bellin's class and Mrs. Behnke's class are wrapping up their science units. They studied many fun topics including animals, planets, and weather! Towards the end of February, Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's classes will be starting their social studies units. Mrs. Streblov's class focused on their 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 — 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!

Grade 1 Art Artist studied: Paul Klee Title of work: *Red Balloon*

, first grade artist. Great fine motor skills!



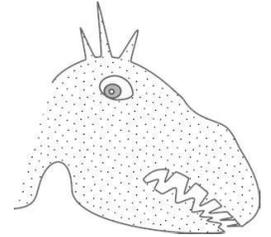
Kahlila Barnes is using tempera paint to create her hot air balloon. Beautiful pattern!

Valentines and Dinosaurs in Grade 2

As we head into February, the 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!

Along with the excitement of sending and receiving valentines, we will be starting a new unit in science. We'll be wrapping up our animal unit and digging up some interesting facts about dinosaurs!

As a culmination of our unit, the second graders will create their own dinosaurs, as well as write a description of its characteristics and habitat. Be on the lookout for some creative dinosaurs in the hallway!



In math we've been learning about how to regroup when we add and subtract two-digit numbers. It is exciting for the students to realize that they can solve some big equations! The second graders continue to work hard on learning their math facts. Most students are on subtraction in Rocket Math, but a few students have already passed to multiplication! Keep practicing at home to help improve your child's speed and accuracy.

Take me out to the ball game! Fang's Reading Club is in full swing! Many of our students have achieved first base at this time and have received the first reward. We hope many will continue with the program and earn a home run, along with a hot dog, soda, and a ticket to the Timber Rattler game on May 5! Remember the ten ways to become a better reader: READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, and READ! ☺

Cursive and Multiplication in Grade 3

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already in the third quarter of school. Third graders are busy learning cursive and memorizing their multiplication facts. Congratulations to our six third graders who advanced to the Spelling Bee on January 20: Caden Schmidt, Cameron Conrardt, Jack Scott, Josh Wilkinson, Madi Fahrback, and Trey Van Straten.

The students did a nice job on their second quarter book report project, where they made a statue or puppet of their favorite character and presented it to the class. Now is the time to begin thinking about the third quarter project, which is due Wednesday, February 29. Students need to read a book pertaining to science, gather information from the book, and then create a scientific diorama or display to show what they read about. These projects will be on display the afternoon/evening of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on Thursday, March 1.

February will be a busy month. Fang's Reading Club is in full swing through March 12. All third graders need to read 100 minutes every week, or 20 minutes every night. After they read 200 minutes, they earn a baseball. When they collect four baseballs, they earn a Timber Rattler ticket, along with a free hot dog and soda. The Shiocton game date is set for Saturday, May 5, at 6:35 p.m.

Third graders will be going snowshoeing, going on a scavenger hunt, and learning about nature at Mosquito Hill Nature Center on February 10. We will exchange valentines and have a small Valentine's Day party on Tuesday, February 14, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. We are also looking forward to Dental Health Month in February by having a dental hygienist talk about proper dental hygiene.

This is an early reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, March 6, with just afternoon/evening conferences.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the third grade team.



Busy Days in Grade 4

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

Congratulations to the fourth grade participants in the school's Spelling Bee: Sky Green, Cynthia Goetz, Nikki Harvath, Kaden Piechocki, Mikayla Henry, and Cassidy Defferding. Congratulations also to the top fourth grader in the Geography Bee, Nikki Harvath. You represented us very well.

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

February is going to be a month of writing for us. We will be making and sending valentines to our area senior citizens and each other. This gives us practice in letter writing, teaches respect for those with more life experience, and hopefully brings some happiness to others.

Since February is Dental Health month, a speaker from Tri-County Dental Community Clinic will be coming and sharing some good dental health practices with our students on February 21. We hope all our students take good care of their teeth.



Students Read for Rattler Tickets

This year students in grades K5-5 are again participating in Fang's Reading Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball club, which is affiliated with the Milwaukee Brewers. This exciting program will last for eight weeks and began on January 16.



Grade-appropriate reading goals have been set for the students, and those who meet them will receive a ticket to a Timber Rattler game together with a complimentary hot dog and soda, as well as other Timber Rattler prizes along the way!

To celebrate the children's success, our school will be hosting a family day at the stadium on Saturday, May 5, at 6:35 p.m. when the Rattlers battle the Cedar Rapids Kernels. Discount tickets for other family members will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the program.

We hope that the excitement and enthusiasm generated by Fang's Reading Club encourages development of a very important habit — reading. The real prize, of course, will be better readers and more successful students. These are truly skills that last a lifetime!

Please note: *If your child misses one goal, he/she will continue to receive the incentives as other goals are met, but would not be eligible for free admittance/lunch. The teachers have worked hard to establish goals that are attainable for all students.*



Fifth Grade's February Frenzy

Fifth grade students are writing, reading, experimenting, exploring, and creating. In all areas of our curriculum, we are busy with lessons pertaining to aviation and flight — its history and the people who were key figures in the field — and learning how planes work and in what ways they were used. Students are doing experiments, writing and presenting reports, and creating pictures of World War II aircraft. All of these projects will culminate in our field trip on Thursday, February 16, to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. As you can see, we are all very busy.

In social studies class, students have been practicing geography skills by learning the location of the 13 English colonies. They studied the demographic, economic, and social differences amongst the New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies. The expansion of slavery in the Southern Colonies was a topic of interest. We also discussed the expansion of France and Spain's claims to land in the New World, prompting the Pueblo Revolt and the French and Indian War.

In language, students from Mrs. Ver Voort's classroom heard the book *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra. As Mrs. Van Straten's class did last month, they wrote haikus just as the insects did in the book. Below are a few examples of the students' work.

Hi! I am a deer!
I run as fast as I can!
Hunters could get me!

by Melanie Herb

Alligator Bite

Don't give me a kiss
Or things will go like this, SNAP
Alligator bite.

by Tyler Ace

All of the students are studying alliterations. Did you notice the title of this month's article? Alliteration is the repetition of beginning consonant sounds. Tongue twisters and poetry were produced from this lesson. Once again the students have some of their work to share.

Bouncing balls in basketball,
is fun for 5th grade girls,
Plenty of practice with pals,
Terrific teamwork is tops.

by Erica Gassner

Fast footballs fly down the field.

by Owen Surprise

Big Brady bounces his basketball.

by Brady Ernst

Tammy tackled Tameka's terrier,
Tin-Tin, terrifically.

by Megan Pigsley

Rob rides a red revving race car at
the race track.

Rob wears a red suit just like his
pit crew.

Rodrick, Rob's friend, is racing,
too, today at the race track.

Rob's mom is watching.

Can you see her in the red shirt?

by Gaven Olson

Aren't they wonderful? You could say, "Alliterations always make us aware of articulating in artful ways."



Do you know what the four forces of flight are? Ask your fifth grader; they will know. They will be able to tell you how an airplane flies. That's what the students are doing in science. Using experiments, they are able to explore the fun of flight.

We are also preparing for the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair – Thursday, March 1. All fifth graders must do a Science Fair experiment. They cannot do a display, and I am not allowing any volcanoes. Students need to follow the Scientific Method. This includes 1) Stating the question; 2) Collecting information; 3) Forming a hypothesis; 4) Testing the hypothesis; 5) Recording and studying data; and finally 6) Drawing a conclusion. A guide has been sent with your child to help set up and create a project. There are many resources in the science room to get ideas about experiments. If any parent or guardian has questions regarding the Science Fair projects, please contact Mrs. Van Straten at school (986-3351 ext. 735 or cvanstra@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

Please be aware of upcoming Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya fundraisers. Families of students in grade 4 will be helping with the Market Day pick-up on Thursday, February 2. Other fundraisers will be coming up. Watch *The Link* for details. Students who have already attended camp and their families know what a great experience it is. Please help out financially by purchasing something during these fundraisers. Thanks. Reminder: Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya for 2012 is October 10-12. Mark your calendars, fourth grade families!

Watch for photos of the fifth grade field trip to the EAA in the March issue of *The Link*. Please remember that conferences will be coming up soon. The teachers will contact you if a conference is required. However, any parent can ask for a conference time. Communication is key!

Zebra

I am black and white
Africa is where I live
I love to eat grass.

by Cortny Leopold

What Do Deer Do?

I'm eating sweet grass
I live in the northern woods
and I'm really fast.

by Dashed Mentzel

Books with the Boys

by Tim Huebner, with guest reviews by Nathan Schmidt and Ryan Maki

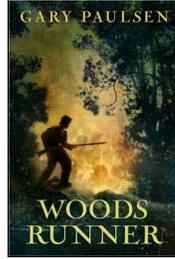
One day I was gone from school. When I got back the next day, I asked the fifth graders what I missed. This is what they told me:

- ☺ Caterpillars came to do our homework.
- ☺ Puppies were brought in and we all got to take one home.
- ☺ AC/DC and Lady Gaga gave a concert in the high school gym.
- ☺ Aaron Rodgers came and did math with us.
- ☺ Dinosaurs were here and ate the leftover lunch.
- ☺ We all got new bikes.
- ☺ A big portal opened up in the school and it sucked up the lunch tables and it is really clean now.
- ☺ Clay Matthews tackled our teacher.
- ☺ Martin Luther King, Jr. returned and told us about his dream.
- ☺ Unicorns flew over our school and wore sparkles.
- ☺ Monster trucks did laps in the playground.
- ☺ BJ Raji ran down the hallway, stopped, and played the piano.
- ☺ Everything turned to food and had frosting, so we ate our homework at the milk break.

I wonder what I will miss the next time I have an appointment!

Debby Stellmacher

This article marks the introduction of *Books with the Boys*. The monthly article will feature a current or classic work of historical fiction aimed at middle school male readers. Each month we will offer enlightened critiques of the novel by two middle school students and me. Our goal is to make the school and community aware of all the great choices there are for reading in the area of historical fiction.



Author: Gary Paulsen
 Title: *Woods Runner*
 Published by Wendy Lamb Books in 2010
 Reading level: age 12 and up
 Page count: 176
 Available at most libraries and all book stores

Our first novel is *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen. Published in January, 2010, this recent work tells the story of Samuel, a boy of 13, at the start of the American Revolution. Samuel loves hunting and being

in the forest taking game for his family. He has spent most of his young life on the frontier far away from any town or sources of news. As a result, the news that the Revolutionary War has started comes in a terrifying way.

In the novel, Samuel must depend on all the skills he has learned as a hunter and tracker in the wilderness to successfully overcome the obstacles with which he is faced. Samuel is also forced to think on his feet and be perceptive to succeed. The reader will develop a great deal of respect for Samuel by the end of the novel.

I enjoyed the novel tremendously and feel that any Gary Paulsen fan will see this as another great book by this famous author. If you are not familiar with Gary Paulsen but like history, the outdoors, hunting, and adventure, this is the book for you.

Nate Schmidt

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen was a very unique book; I've never read a book that had a plot like this one. The book was about a boy named Samuel who had his cabin attacked by the redcoats. The British take his parents as prisoners. The book tells of the amazing journey he takes to rescue his parents and sneak them out of a prison camp in New York City. I highly recommend this book to all readers. This is a book that you just can't wait to see what will happen next.

Ryan Maki

I think *Woods Runner* was a very well-written book. In this story, Gary Paulsen does a great job of showing another side of the Revolutionary War. The main character, Sam, has to endure tragic events but does not give up. The beginning of the book gives a good look into what it actually would have been like on the frontier at that time. After Sam's parents are captured, the author shows how cruel the Hessians actually were. The author does a great job of keeping things interesting all the way through this book. Overall I thought this was a great book, and I recommend it to anyone who likes history.



CONCLUSION: THIS IS A 3-THUMBS-UP BOOK



Gifted and Talented

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Critical Thinking Skills For a Lifetime

Today, students need to adapt to a rapidly changing world. But just how do students become motivated and self-directed learners? How do they learn to solve problems and look at subjects in new ways? The answer is critical thinking.

What is critical thinking, you say? Critical thinking includes the ability to develop and ask questions, think logically, and find the best explanation for a particular problem or situation. Additionally, “critical thinking skills refer to an ability of weighing substantial and insubstantial as well as concrete and abstract factors governing a situation, in order to derive the best possible solution to a problem.”

Critical thinking skills are essential because, as Charles Fishman says, “The world is changing so fast, it’s difficult to see around the corners. Things don’t always work. And when they don’t work, what you can fall back on is talent.” It is imperative to support and nurture these skills in children so they can become lifelong problem-solvers. By providing critical thinking lessons, learners are stimulated and challenged to organize, gather data, combine, order, reason, interpret data, think critically, and apply problem-solving skills. (Jackson)

To read more, see *Logical Thinking Skills* by Michele Best Jackson or go to school.familyeducation.com. Click on Gifted and Talented, then on Developing Gifts and Talents, then on Improving Your Child’s Thinking Skills.

“Students need to learn strategies that will enable them to find relevant information, think critically, and transform knowledge into something they can use for a specific purpose.”
 Phil Schlemmer

Market Day

We are looking for adult volunteers on the afternoon of March 1 to help with Market Day distribution. The money raised will go towards the Gifted and Talented program this year. Call or e-mail one of the GT teachers if you are able to help out. Don’t worry, if you are unable to help on this date, there is another Market Day in May. ☺



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

The school-wide Spelling Bee was held on January 20 in the school cafeteria. We had a fabulous group of spellers compete for the school’s title of top speller. The top two spellers from each classroom represented their grade and tried their best to correctly spell the words presented. Our lucky winner was Peyton Bauman (*pictured at right*) from the fifth grade. Leigha

Young and Megan Pigsley, also from fifth grade, took second and third place respectively. Peyton and Leigha will be advancing to the regional Spelling Bee on February 14. BEE sure to wish them good luck at this competition.

* Grade level winners.



3rd Grade

Cameron Conradt
 Madi Fahrback
 Caden Schmidt
 Jack Scott
 Trey Van Straten
 Josh Wilkinson*

4th Grade

Cassidy Defferding
 Cynthia Goetz
 Nikki Harvath
 Mikayla Henry*
 Kaden Piechocki
 Sky Green

5th Grade

Tyler Ace
 Peyton Bauman*
 Sam Bloch
 Samantha Scott
 Leigha Young
 Tyler Ace

6th Grade

Mitchell Dahlke
 Joseph Herrmann
 Josh Parker
 Greta Thebo*
 Sawyer Theobald
 Tina Ubl

7th Grade

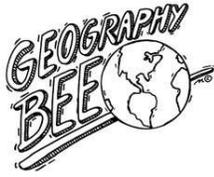
Dylan Ambrose
 Rylee Davis*
 Madisyn Morack
 Stephanie Olmsted
 Gwen Schreiter
 Montana Stelter

8th Grade

Tyler Moeller*
 Tanner Nabbefeld
 Zach Ritchie

SILA
 Marco Gonzalez
 Kendra Wagner*

The annual Geography Bee was January 6 in Mrs. Ver Voort's classroom. Congratulations to the grade level winners.



4th grade: Nikki Harvath
5th grade: Lukas Berard
6th grade: Matthew Peterson
7th grade: Ryan Maki
8th grade: Justin Ver Voort

The final two competitors were both 7th graders, Ryan Maki and Chris Peterson. Congratulations to **Ryan Maki** for winning the championship and becoming our school-wide winner.



The next step for Ryan is to take a written test in hopes of qualifying for the state-wide Geography Bee. Good luck, Ryan!!

Broad Street Bakery a Success!

by Kurt Wismer

The bakery run by the 8th grade Investigating Business and Technology class has successfully concluded for the semester. Broad Street Bakery was a total success, having sold over 680 muffins with sales over \$300. After expenses are paid, the remaining profits will go to support further entrepreneurial activities in the vocational department and FBLA, the new student business organization at Shiocton.

Students took part in daily business decisions such as marketing and promotion, accounting, forecasting, sales, market research, and management.

They also completed a comprehensive business plan, tracked sales, and created a final presentation for school administration for the business using Google Docs collaboration tools. The business has a website made by the students at www.broadstreetbakery.weebly.com.

Look for a new bakery operation, specializing in cookies, to begin for the spring semester. A big thank-you goes to Mrs. Gomm's Teens Taking Action students who made the muffins, Mr. Yenor's middle school band for playing holiday music while our items were being sold, and Mr. Louis for helping make signage for the business.



SPICE: Fun Activities Coming Up

by Debby Stellmacher and Jenny Frahm, SPICE Chairpersons

It is hard to believe the school year is half over. SPICE still has several exciting events coming up. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers that help at each event. Without you, we would not be able to sponsor the events.

Coming up on Thursday, March 1, we have the **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair** and the kick off of our **Scholastic Book Fair**. This is a great opportunity to see your child's artwork, science projects, and folk dancing, and to purchase new books for your home library. These events are going to be very fun. The theme for the book fair is Book Fair Luau. The book fair gets books in our children's hands to encourage literacy and is also one of our biggest fundraisers. More information on these events will be sent home in mid-February.

On March 8, we will host our 12th annual **Funset Boulevard Family Night**. The cost is \$2/wristband (non-refundable). The purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, half-price laser tag, carousel rides, and kids play area. Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!

SPICE has a few **Scrip cards** left from the Holiday Fair/Fall Book Fair. There are \$20 Toys "R" Us cards, \$25 Home Depot cards, and \$25 Roundy's cards. Contact Jenny Frahm if you are interested in any of these cards.

We'd love to see some new faces at our meetings. Our meetings are small and informal, and you do not have to attend all of them. Please come and see what we are all about. SPICE makes a difference in our school; come and be a part of that difference. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Debby Stellmacher at dstellma@shiocton.k12.wi.us or Jenny Frahm at my69el@earthlink.net.

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



FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 14, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC
Wednesday, April 11, at 3:15 p.m. in the LMC
Wednesday, May 9, at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



Shiocton Sends Students to State Honors Choir

Seven singers from Shiocton and their director, Christine Anderson, traveled to Carroll University to participate in the 2012 Wisconsin All-State Choirs on January 13 and 14. The students were nominated by their director and selected to participate based on the commitment they have made to their school choirs, other music experiences, and past Solo and Ensemble performances. They were then selected by the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.

The students prepared for several weeks, learning their individual parts. This preparation was crucial so that they felt comfortable when rehearsing with the prominent directors and singers from all over the state. Two days of rehearsal led up to a final concert held in Shattuck Auditorium on the Carroll University campus.

Parents and students alike were impressed by the level of musicianship each choir was



Sydney St. Clair, Jessica Johnson, Valerie Erickson, Jonathan Jandourek
Christie Depner, Olivia Bloch, and Caitlyn Henry

able to portray. The experience was a wonderful way to meet students from all over the state who enjoy music and are able to work together to create such a fine concert. Participating in this event took music to the next level by opening the eyes of each student involved to the power of choral music.

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PEP BAND

Friday, February 3
6:45 p.m.

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Friday, February 10
6:45 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 18
Tigerton HS
9-12 BAND|CHOIR STUDENTS

PEP BAND

Tuesday, February 21
6:45 p.m.

PEP BAND

Friday, February 24
6:45 p.m.

MARCH CONCERT

Tuesday, March 20
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
5-12 BAND, 6-12 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!!

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SHIOCTON MUSIC

- The arts are central to the development of a well-educated person and the core of all learning – connecting and enhancing whole brain development.
- The arts are intellectually challenging and contribute directly to the cognitive, emotional, physical, and emotional development of all students.
- Higher-order thinking skills: analysis, synthesis, evaluation, critical judgment, including imaginative and creative thinking – are developed in the arts.
- Students who are often turned off by traditional academic subjects find success in the arts.
- The arts provide opportunities for success in the creative fields of all of the arts, as well as arts-related fields of study.

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