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School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

January, 2012

Dental Clinic Coming to Shiocton Elementary

On Tuesday, January 17, the Tri-County Dental Clinic will come to Shiocton Elementary School to offer a free dental screening and fluoride varnish to qualifying students. The qualification for participation in this program is that the student receives free or reduced-cost hot lunch and is in preschool, kindergarten, or elementary school.



This largely volunteer-driven nonprofit clinic focuses on prevention and early intervention with youngsters who have limited access to or whose families cannot afford dental care. The first phase of this program takes place at school, with subsequent treatment at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic in Appleton.

All services are offered free of charge, including dental cleaning and any restorative treatment a child may require. If you meet the qualification and wish to have your child participate, please return the forms that will be sent home with your child, or contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker, at 986-3351 ext. 714.

Online Homework Help Available

by Wendy Hartman

Are you interested in helping your kids with their homework, but could use some help yourself? Look no further than the Library Media Center link on the school district's webpage to get all the answers!

To begin, go to www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. Along the left side is a link to the Library Media Center. When you "hover" over that link, another menu flies out to the right. Choose "Home Access to Online Resources." You will be sent to a page that asks for an e-mail address OR a username and password. Do NOT enter an e-mail address! Instead, enter the username as "shiocton" and the password as "chiefs." A webpage will open that provides access to all the information sources that the school district subscribes to.

In most cases, no other username or password will be required. If an additional username or password is needed, that information is provided in the description of the website. These resources offer your child(ren) excellent information for homework, papers, projects, and more. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 804 or e-mail whartman@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Middle School Student Council members rang bells for the Salvation Army at Northland Mall during the holiday season. Students (from left) are Gwen Schreiter, Zoey Vyse, Jenna Collar, Tabitha Morris, Peyton Moder, Trent Moder, Justin Ver Voort, and Sarah VanderHeyden.



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school issues or to voice any
concerns they may have.*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope this issue of *The Link* finds you anticipating some enjoyable activities with your friends and family during the holiday season. Whether you are traveling to visit friends or family or hosting a dinner or a gathering this winter, I wish you a safe and festive Christmas season.

Weather Related School Closure and/or Delay Decisions

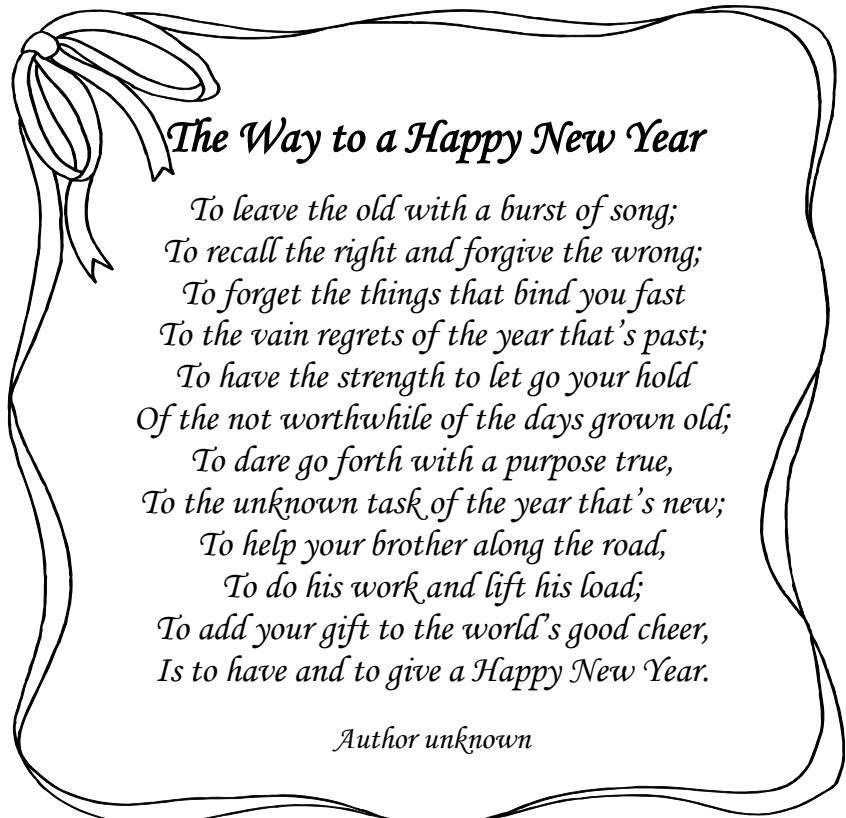
As we move through another Wisconsin winter, I'm certain that some of you are wondering how the decisions are made whether to delay the start of the school day, cancel school for the day, or run buses as usual. I'll give you a brief description of the process we currently use at Shiocton.

I keep a close watch on the forecast so I am aware of potential hazardous travel situations. We all know how unpredictable weather can sometimes be, so this is not the only source. I have numbers for the highway department and one of our bus drivers and I get out on the roads early in the morning. I also contact superintendents and/or transportation directors in neighboring school districts to get their take on the weather situation.

After all the information is gathered we make the best decision we can, keeping student safety as the top priority while meeting the needs of our families and school. We are not always right! Sometimes the weather is more severe than predicted. Sometimes the timing of the storm creates issues. In those instances, we rely on the steady hands of our bus drivers to get the children safely to their destinations.

Have an excellent 2012!
Chris L. VanderHeyden

Please visit the district website at: <http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us>



Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

The High School Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 25, from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to participate. Please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment.



*You don't need a special reason to give blood.
You just need your own reason.*

- ♥ Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.
- ♥ Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.
- ♥ Some believe it is the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.

Shiocton School District Early Childhood Screening Coming Soon



Do you have a child who is three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2012? Do you have a child who will be four years old after September 1, 2012, but will not be enrolled in our four-year-old kindergarten? Do you have concerns about your child's speech/language, social development, motor skills, or academic readiness? If so, please watch for the February issue of *The Link* for details of an upcoming and free Early Childhood Screening.

Famous Fresh Homemade Pizzas Made by the Shiocton Softball Team

12" double cheese, sausage, or pepperoni . . \$8
12" works. \$10

Sale dates: now-January 14

Delivery date: January 21

Contact any softball player
or Cheryl at 986-3445.



Dear Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

Spring Recitals to be Held in May

Specific Recital Times Need to be Requested Soon

by Sally Ritchie

The spring recitals for Mrs Ritchie's piano and guitar students will be held on May 4 and 5. The Friday (May 4) recital will be primarily advanced students. The three recitals on May 5 will be a combination of piano and guitar students. Anyone who would like to request a specific recital time should contact Mrs. Ritchie soon.



Reality Check Volunteers Needed!

Parents, community members, and business owners

Help with an interactive, hands-on financial literacy event for high school seniors.

Friday, January 13

8:00 a.m.-noon Shiocton High School

*Help our seniors test their ability
as consumers in our economy
through an authentic financial event.*



Contact Roberta Ligocki, Business Education Teacher
(920) 986-3351 ext. 706 or rligocki@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Happy New Year from SPICE

We wish each of you happiness and good health in 2012 and thank you for your support in 2011. We appreciate everyone who volunteered and are looking forward to working with you again in the New Year. We can't think of a better New Year's resolution than to become more involved with your child's school; SPICE is a great way to do that. Please consider getting involved in SPICE in 2012.

The **Fall Book Fair** was again a huge success. There were many volunteers, both adults and children from our school, who participated. Each teacher received books for their classrooms.

Cookies and Milk with Santa had another wonderful turnout. The kids loved visiting Santa, decorating cookies, getting a tattoo, coloring pictures, and receiving a book. We saw many parents reading those books before the day was through.

Thank you to Santa and to so many people who stepped up and volunteered to help get the cafeteria organized for this event. This is a greeting from Cheralee Marcks, the event coordinator:

Cookies and Milk with Santa was a great success. I would like to thank all parents who volunteered and especially the Student Council helpers. Without all of you the event would not be able to go on. We also thank Julie Gomm and her students for baking our cookies; they were delicious. SPICE thinks it is great when we can team up with the high school students for a good cause. We appreciate the time you took to lend a hand and make the day a success!

Coming up on March 1, our school will again feature the **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair**. SPICE will host the Spring Scholastic Book Fair which will coincide with the fair.

On March 8, we will host our

12th Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$2/ wristband (non-refundable). 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!

This is a reminder of the **Scrip** program that is now available through SPICE. You can help support school activities by participating and ordering Scrip products. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Frahm at (920) 540-6579.

If you are not able to attend one of our meetings, please call us with suggestions or concerns. Our next meeting is January 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there.

Debby Stellmacher
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Jenny Frahm, my69el@earthlink.net
SPICE Chairpersons

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Attendance Guidelines from the Health Office

With the cold and flu season upon us it is important to remember a few things:

- ♦ When your child has a **fever**, he/she cannot attend school. A child with a temperature over 100 degrees should not be sent to school. Please do not allow your child to return to school until free of a fever for 24 hours. Giving medication such as Tylenol may temporarily reduce the fever but will not reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.
- ♦ A child with **vomiting** and/or **diarrhea** should be kept home for at least 24 hours after the last episode to allow the body time to recuperate. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.
- ♦ A child with a **deep** or **hacking-like cough** belongs at home. If your child has coughing that is accompanied by a high fever or wheezing, you should consult their doctor immediately.
- ♦ A **rash** may be the first sign of many illnesses. Do not send your child to school with a widespread rash. Again consult your doctor before you send the child.



- ♦ A child with a mild **cold** or **sore throat** with no other symptoms may go to school. They should be encouraged as always to practice good hand washing.
- ♦ It is important that your child's emergency information is up to date. If you or your emergency contacts have any address or home/cell/work phone number changes, please update that information with the office as soon as possible.
- ♦ If your child does get sick at school, then you will need to have someone available to pick him/her up immediately. We need to keep other students and staff healthy and safe.
- ♦ If your child should require medication during the school day, remember — the school supplies no medication. Medication must be brought in by an adult in the original labeled container along with a permission form from either parent.

Your cooperation on observing the above guidelines will be appreciated. Please contact the nurse or health aide or office if you have questions or concerns regarding this information.

Read With the Book Club

The Community Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54 to discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, “an unforgettable story of love and betrayal and forgiveness.”

The book chosen for February is *Make the Impossible Possible* by Bill Strickland, “one man’s crusade to inspire others to dream bigger and achieve the extraordinary.” This book will be discussed on February 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54.



Teddy Bear Toss a Huge Success

SWAT would like to thank anyone who participated in the Teddy Bear Toss at the boys basketball game. The night was a huge success and we are certain that anyone who received one of the stuffed animals loved it!

Alexa Pahlow



Open Gym Scheduled for Softball Players

by Nancy Wilcox

Open gym times have been scheduled for middle and high school softball players on the following dates. They will be held in the high school gym. Parents will be available for supervision and doing drills. Any questions, please call me at 986-1110. Thank you.

- ⇒ Sunday, January 15 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, January 29 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, February 18 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, March 11 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most:

Don't be a Party to Underage Drinking is a public awareness campaign created by the Drug-Free Action Alliance to educate communities and parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen parties. This awareness campaign takes place at state and local levels, concentrating on celebratory times for youth, such as Homecoming, holidays, Prom, graduation, and other times when underage drinking parties are prevalent. This campaign encourages parents and the entire community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe, and unacceptable.



Statistics show through our combined endeavors, the number of youth using alcohol has declined, but there is further work to be done. The fact is, underage drinking is hazardous to the health and safety of our children, and parents play a major role in their child's decision to make healthy choices.

What Parents Should Know

- ⇒ As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parents' permission.
- ⇒ You may be assuming legal liability allowing a person under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

If You Break the Law

- ⇒ Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone of any age and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.
- ⇒ Officers can take any alcohol, money, or property used in committing the offense.
- ⇒ You will face court fines and possible jail time.

Things You Can Do as a Parent

- ⇒ Refuse to supply alcohol to teens.
- ⇒ Be at home when your teen has a get-together, set a start and end time, and make sure that anyone leaving the party is not allowed to return.
- ⇒ Make sure that alcohol is not brought to your home by your teen's friends.
- ⇒ Call the parents of any teen found to be in possession of alcohol.
- ⇒ Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your teen will be attending.
- ⇒ Think outside the box; brainstorm with your teen about some fun, alcohol-free activities for a memorable party.

Resource: <http://www.cfygettysburg.com/local-projects/communities-mobilizing-for-change-on-alcohol/local-projects-parents-who-host-lose-the-most>

If you have read this article, please sign below and have your child bring it to the counselor's office for a monthly drawing (gift cards, movies, prizes, etc.).

Name: _____

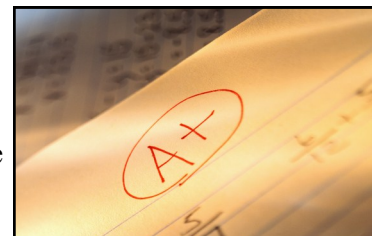
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Principal's Report

Here we are at the halfway point of the school year and I can't believe how fast the time has gone. I am sure that the holiday break will fly by and it won't be long before we are back at school. First semester exams will be held on January 17 and 18.

Registration for next year is quickly approaching as well. The course description booklet will go before the school board on January 9 for approval. Mrs. Uelmen, our school counselor, will go into classrooms (shortly after the approval) to meet with students about next year's schedules. For the 2012-13 school year, we will have two AP courses offered at the high school, two blended learning courses, and two courses that are articulated with the Technical College. We are excited about the opportunities that the students have at the high school and the variety of courses that we offer.



On January 13, all seniors will be participating in a program called Reality Check. It is a hands-on program that will help prepare our seniors for the "real world." On January 11 each senior will participate in mock interviews for careers in which they are interested. Then, on January 13, they will assume that role and see if they can budget properly for a month as they experience a financial literacy activity. Mrs. Ligocki, Ms. Schneider, and Mrs. Uelmen are doing a great job of organizing the event. We are excited to have our students experience this worthwhile activity. We are also pleased with the number of community members who have volunteered to help us with this project. It is great seeing the school and community working so closely together to educate our students.

Last but not least, I want to take a moment to mention our Math League, which is having an outstanding season again this year. They continue to work hard and make Shiocton High School proud. Way to go, Mr. Hanson and the Math League!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kelly Zeinert
High School Principal

What's Happening in Family and Consumer Education?

by Julie Gomm



The Teens Taking Action class has been busy. They have continued making/selling soup to the staff and have added healthy muffins to their production schedule. Teaming up with Mr. Wismer's 8th grade Business/Technology class, our students make banana chocolate chip muffins and apple pie muffins. The 8th grade students market and sell the product to students and staff right when they are most hungry—at the end of first hour. To make the muffins a bit healthier, we use yogurt and applesauce instead of oil and butter. Students haven't noticed the healthier substitutions. They just say the muffins are moist and yummy.

The World of Foods students have been researching countries around the world and have begun their individual presentations. We are finding that there are signature specialties from many countries. We have begun a "World Tour" of culinary dishes. The class started with soup: Greek avgolemono, wonton, Italian wedding soup, French onion soup, and posole. They are going to experience appetizers (hummus, bruschetta, baked brie, Spanish tortilla, and olive tapenade) next. After those beginning courses, students will experiment with many main dishes. Of course, the study wouldn't be complete without signature desserts. We will go to Canada for nanaimo bars, Italy for biscotti, Mexico for sopapillas, France for profiteroles and pastry cream, and Australia for lamingtons. But after all that, we need to get back for the next class.

High School Counselor News

Check out Shiocton High School Counselor News on Facebook!! It is open to view and comment.

Important Dates

- January 1 FAFSA application is available
- January 11 Mock interviews for the seniors — 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- January 13 Registration deadline for the February ACT
- January 13 Reality Check for the seniors
- January 13 ASVAB for the juniors in the a.m.
- January 17 First Post-Prom meeting in the KSCADE room — 6:30 p.m.
- February 9 Teen Symposium for the freshmen
- March 1 Deadline date for Youth Options. See below for more details.

There will be a financial aid application help day called 'Goal Sunday' 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 Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at www.collegegoalwi.org or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

Seniors: All seniors should have applied to their colleges by now. If you have not, please see Mrs. Uelmen. Also check with each of your institutions and find out what they offer for scholarships and when they are due. Due dates have passed for many already. Local scholarships are available and letters of recommendation should be requested. Don't wait until the last minute; teachers will turn you down if they do not have adequate time to prepare. Mock interviews – seniors will be matched up with real employers in the community to

conduct job interviews in the field that they are interested in. Please ask your child about this over the next couple of weeks. It is a great opportunity for our students to start building their network contacts.

All Students: It is time to start selecting classes for next year. We will be conducting class requests in class, so feel free to go online to the school's *Family Access* to look over your request with your parents. This should be a joint effort for you to be successful.

Juniors and Seniors: If any upcoming juniors or seniors would like to take college courses for high school credit (better known as Youth Options), the paperwork is due by March 1 in the pupil services

office. If you are interested and would like more information, please see the course description booklet under Youth Options or make an appointment with Mrs. Uelmen.

A Youth Apprenticeship meeting will be set up soon as well. This is a state program where students can work in a career area and get paid while taking college courses in that field as well. Please stay posted for the date, time, and place.

Post-Prom: Any parents who would like to help with this year's Post-Prom please attend a meeting at the high school at 6:30 p.m. on January 17. We will discuss committees and ideas. All help is welcome. We will be meeting in the KSCADE room across from pupil services. Please contact Dawn Conradt for more information. Thanks.



Reality Check

by Roberta Ligocki

For the sixth year, the seniors will get a dose of reality Shiocton style on Wednesday and Friday morning, January 11 and 13. The purpose of the program is to give the seniors a "heads up" of what to expect financially when they graduate from high school and college and enter the workforce. Reality Check is a popular program among high schools across the state and is being planned by Mrs. Uelmen, Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Zeinert, and me.

On Wednesday morning, job interviews will be conducted with the seniors by local employers. Seniors will also meet with First National Bank to open a checking account using their monthly income (determined by their career selection).



On Friday morning, booths will be set up in the gym with volunteers from area businesses presenting the seniors with the costs of their products and services. Students must purchase food, an apartment or house, a vehicle, utilities, and pay other expenses using debit cards and checks. Their goal is to make ends meet for the entire month. Also incorporated will be unexpected expenses such as illnesses, accidents, home repairs, and even violations of the law.

The seniors from last year enjoyed the program. Several had eye-opening experiences. We hope to obtain the same results this year. If you would like to be a part of Reality Check, please volunteer by calling Mrs. Zeinert at 986-3351 ext. 751.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Officially Starting at Shiocton High School

by Kurt Wismer



Over the course of the current school year, Mrs. Ligocki and I are organizing and preparing for a new student group, FBLA, to officially kick off for the 2012-13 school year. FBLA is a national association of nearly a quarter million students

interested in becoming more successful in the business world. On December 9, five officers from the Seymour FBLA chapter and their advisor presented to over 30 students interested in joining FBLA in Shiocton. Seymour FBLA shared experiences from leadership conferences, competitive events, and local activities such as community service, learning from local business leaders, and fun activities.

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.

- Membership will provide students with:
- Career preparation opportunities
 - Leadership development and achievement
 - Outstanding leadership conferences
 - Challenging competitions
 - Community service experience
 - Friendship and fun
 - Informative publications
 - Networking with peers and business professionals
 - Scholarships and prizes
 - Internships

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. There are also opportunities for local leadership positions. Mrs. Ligocki and I will be electing a local president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Interested students, or those that 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 district website.

Blended Learning: Edmodo and the High School Classroom

by Terry Schwaller



Over the past several years, with the rapid growth of technology and Internet access, blended learning has become all the buzz in education circles. Blended learning consists of a combination of in-person instruction, along with online supplements that allow teacher and students an alternative way to connect. With online content, teachers are able to use the World Wide Web as their classroom, assign electronic assignments, and offer students the ability to utilize the technology that they use frequently in their everyday lives.

While there are many different online classroom software suites out there, one site has opened its doors to over 4.8 million teachers and students—Edmodo.com. According to the Edmodo.com website, “Edmodo promotes anytime, anyplace learning. Functionally, it allows teachers to post messages, discuss classroom topics, assign and grade classwork, share content and materials, and network and exchange ideas with their peers—but in reality, it is so much more.”

Edmodo is super user-friendly, especially if you are one of the 800+ million people on Facebook. The interface looks and acts just like Facebook, allowing students the ability to learn how to navigate it very quickly.

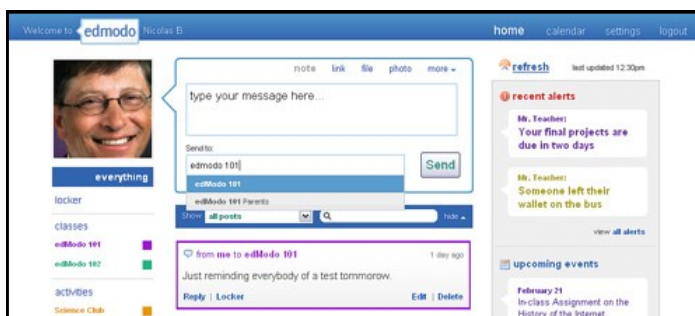
- Some of the many uses of Edmodo include:
- A calendar that allows teachers to post due dates and announcements for upcoming projects or tests
 - Create assignments that can be turned in, marked up, and graded directly on Edmodo
 - Create quizzes that are automatically graded, so students get immediate feedback
 - Creation of surveys to get student opinions

- Large or small group online discussions
- A library feature that allows teachers to post handouts and assignments for access by students
- A “parent” account that allows parents to view the calendar and assignments posted for their child for each class they are in

A number of teachers at Shiocton High School are currently using Edmodo. Responding to a short questionnaire, six teachers are actively using Edmodo in the high school, with three more looking to integrate it next semester. Depending upon the teacher, they may be using it in all of their classes or just a few.

Señor Nielsen started using Edmodo in all of his Spanish classes after an in-service program on the website. “I already used it to tell students about a key verb on a quiz in Spanish 4 and 5. I also have two students who are traveling to Mexico this weekend, and part of their assignment is to post abroad about their experiences so the whole class can be updated.”

With the growing use of technology in education, both at the secondary and post-secondary levels, Edmodo is a great tool to introduce students to the world of blended learning.



Winter Sports



Boys Basketball



Front row (left to right) — Talon Heinemeyer, Anthony Schmalz, Riley Van Asten, Anthony Abel. **Back row** — Shane Kanaman, Forest Nett, Kyle Coenen, Levi Singler, Jacob Van Asten.



Girls Basketball

Front row (left to right) — Holly Pingel, Brittany Schmidt, Michelle Ritchie. **Back row** — Alyssa Polanco, Nicole Ritchie, Erin Schroth, Jonalee Elliott, Alexa Pahlow.

Not pictured: Mandy Verbsky



*Photos by Keith Skenandore
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Dance Team



Front row (left to right) — Cheyenne Ver Voort, Amber Raddant, Alexandria Wolff, Kali Krull, Molly Daemmrich.

Row 2 — Natalie Guyette, Shelby Krause, Kalynn

Krause, Harley Krause, Samantha Neumann. **Row 3** — Cierra Puls, Gen Brunner, Courtney Coenen, Chelsea Bradwell, Heidi Besch. **Row 4** — Tammi Peters, Jamie Van Patten, Hannah Hasenauer, Amanda Young.

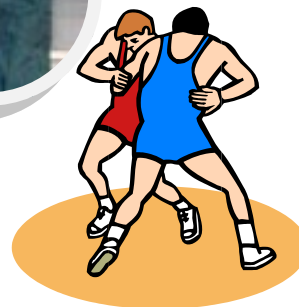


Wrestling

Front row (left to right) — Taylor Haufschildt, Blake Vandenboom, Austin Riehl, Derrek Davis.

Row 2 — , Harley Finder, Cody Mielke, Garrett Gunderson, Carlos Padilla.

Row 3 — Jordan Collar, Zech Riehl, Dominic Gunderson, Freddy Fielding, Jacob Dahlke, Josue Gonzalez. **Not pictured** — Jesus Padilla, Nate Thein.



School Board Meeting Summaries

December 5, 2011

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, Keith Skenandore, Dino Heinemeyer, Matt Van Dyke, Brandon Gomm, Freddy Fielding, Hunter Van Straten, Hunter Young, Hayden Ehrle, Dan Erickson, Brady Bellin, Nick Van Dyke, Amy Schoettler, and Kurt Wismer.

Moment of Merit: Coach Dino Heinemeyer and members of the 2011 Shiocton Chiefs Football Team were recognized by the Board of Education for an outstanding season and being State Championship runner-up.

Presentation: An initial proposal to start a chapter of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) here at Shiocton Schools was presented by Kurt Wismer. This item will be placed on the next agenda for formal approval by the board.

The board voted to:

- Schedule January 9 and 23 as the board meeting dates for January.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Mid-quarter, Cookies and Milk with Santa, and holiday programs.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Tech Bingo and staff development schedule for December 7.
- Mrs. Guex: Insurance premiums.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Donations and Legislative Breakfast.

December 19, 2011

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, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Accept the resignation of Terri Roesler as head volleyball coach.
- Accept the resignation of Carrie Fletcher as 8th grade volleyball coach.

In other discussion:

- Review of Resolutions for the Annual School Board Convention.

Board report: Ray Gomm reported on CESA #6.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: December programs, Geography Bee, and Bucket Fillers assembly.
- Mrs. Guex: Audit report.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Effective Teacher/Leadership workshop update, CESA #6, and Health Care Reform Session.

Closed session: To discuss personal staff data on short term disability issue, and superintendent evaluation.



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Shiocton April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 23, 2012. The present incumbents are as follows:

Ray Gomm
Mary Hoffman

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**, with the School District Clerk in the School District Office in Shiocton at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary election is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

David Gomm, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Shiocton

January Calendar of Events

12/19-1/14		Softball Team Pizza Sale (see page 3)
2	Mon	Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm
3	Tue	Deadline for filing School Board candidacy papers — 5:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Suring — 5:45/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at home with Clintonville (Youth Night) — 7:00 pm
5	Thu	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:45 pm
6	Fri	Geography Bee for grades 4-8 in room E146 — 10:00 am Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm
7	Sat	HS Wrestling at Cedar Grove Rocket Scramble — 10:00 am
9	Mon	Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
10	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at home with Bonduel — 4:00 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm Community Book Club meeting at Studio 54 — 6:30 pm HS Wrestling at Lena — 7:00 pm
11	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
11/13	W/F	Reality Check for seniors
12	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm HS Wrestling at home with Bonduel — 7:00 pm
13	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to The Building for Kids — 8:30 am-2:30 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
14	Sat	Last day for Softball Team Pizza Sale
15	Sun	Open gym for MS and HS softball players in the HS gym — 6:00-8:00 pm
16	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the February issue Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm
17	Tue	HS Final exams — HS students released at 12:20 pm MS Girls Basketball at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at St. Mary Central — 6:00/7:30 pm Post-Prom parents meeting in the KSCADE room — 6:30 pm
18	Wed	HS Final Exams End of the first semester — 12:10 pm dismissal
19	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm
20	Fri	Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
21	Sat	Hunter Safety field test day MS Wrestling at Bay Port — 9:30 am HS Wrestling at Weyauwega-Fremont — 10:00 am
23	Mon	Hunter Safety written test day Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
24	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at home with Marion — 4:00 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home with Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
25	Wed	Student Council Blood Drive — 10:30 am-3:30 pm
26	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm HS Wrestling at home with Menominee Indian — 7:00 pm
27	Fri	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home with Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm



The Bees are Coming

Geography Bee
Friday
January 6



Spelling Bee
Friday
January 20



January calendar continued

- 28 Sat HS Wrestling at Sturgeon Bay Invite — 10:00 am
 29 Sun Open gym for MS and HS softball players in the HS gym — 6:00-8:00 pm
 30 Mon MS Solo and Ensemble — 3:00-6:30 pm
 MS Wrestling at New London — 4:15 pm
 31 Tue Bucket Fillers assembly and Geography Bee winners in the elementary gym — 10:00 am
 MS Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm



Coming Up in February

- 2 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball away
 MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel
 Market Day pick-up
 3 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home
 4 Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Brillion
 HS Wrestling Conference Meet at home
 8 Early dismissal/staff development — 12:10 pm

Breakfast Reminder

On days when we have a 2-hour delay, we **will not** be serving breakfast before school.

Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

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
2 Pizza, sliced oranges, lettuce salad, milk	3 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, peas and carrots, peaches, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken patty on a bun, French fries, green beans, applesauce, milk	5 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, Mandarin oranges, milk	6 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, carrots, pears, milk
9 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, peaches, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	11 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread, pineapple, milk	12 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, pears, peas, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, fruit salad, green beans, milk
16 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, peas, Mandarin oranges, bread, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or cheezy cream of potato soup, uncrustable PB&J sandwich, carrots, applesauce cup, milk	18 Grab-n-Go salad or hot dog on a bun, French fries, baked beans, peaches, milk	19 Mini corn dogs, rice, lettuce salad, strawberries, bread, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or sub basket: ham, turkey, cheese, fresh vegetables, chips, sliced oranges, cookie, milk
23 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, fruit cocktail, bread, milk	24 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk	25 Chili, homemade buns, corn, applesauce, milk	26 Chicken patty on a bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, fresh apples, milk	27 Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, Wisconsin blend vegetables, pineapple, string cheese, milk
30 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, milk	31 Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, pears, apple crisp, milk			* Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$40.70 for January
 Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$47.30 for January

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

This is a very busy time of year at Shiocton Elementary/Middle School . . .



December Programs: The band and choir groups have recently put on a fabulous concert. As I write this, the kindergarten students are rehearsing for a program they will soon be performing for family and friends before the winter break. In addition, the elementary students are preparing for their upcoming programs which will pack parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends into the elementary gym right before the winter break.

I would like to thank all of the students and staff members involved in all these activities and programs. So much time and effort go into these programs. Keep up the GREAT work!



Other Important Things to Note:

Bucket Fillers Assembly: Thus far, we have had several assemblies during the first half of the year to recognize students for their “bucket filling” efforts. Keep working hard, boys and girls, at filling other people’s buckets and displaying your best manners at all times. ☺

Honor Roll: Congratulations to all of the middle school students who made the “A” or “B” Honor Roll for the first quarter. *Keep up the great work!* It’s not too late to focus upon earning an honor roll spot for the second quarter. Students have until Wednesday, January 18, to raise those grades and make the second quarter honor roll. Keep aiming high and working hard. You can do it!



Food and Toy Drive Update: A HUGE “thank you” to the staff, students, families, local businesses, and entire community for the tremendous support of this year’s Food and Toy Drive. A huge round of applause needs to be given to the High School Student Council for organizing and coordinating this wonderful event to benefit families within our community. Great job, everyone! Thanks to the entire school community for helping to make the holiday season a bit brighter for Shiocton families. ☺

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Important Upcoming Dates and Information:

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 6. Good luck to all of the students who will be participating!



End of Second Quarter: The end of the second quarter is coming up on Wednesday, January 18. Please keep monitoring and encouraging your child so that he/she has a strong finish. There will be a 12:10 p.m. early dismissal on this day.

Spelling Bee: The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 20, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Good luck to all S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S!!! ☺

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

During the week of February 13-17, registration will be held for students who will be entering K4 or K5 during the 2012-13 school year. Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held in May. 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!



Open Enrollment: Just a reminder that the open enrollment window will be from February 6-24 for the 2012-13 school year. Contact the district office at 986-3351 ext. 700 or 761 for more information. You may also obtain additional information on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website www.dpi.state.wi.us at the beginning of February. Open enrollment applications can be downloaded directly from this website in early February.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair: The fair is coming up on Thursday, March 1. Many grade levels will be participating through grade level projects and/or displays.

Individual students may also participate through individual science projects, experiments, and/or displays. So, it’s time to begin thinking about those science experiments and projects. Additional information will be coming home in January.



Have a wonderful first month of 2012!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal

November 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 November.



Front row (*left to right*) — Hailey Theobald, Jennifer Osorto, Abbie Olson, Role Sanchez, Karissa Birch, Zachary Flannery

Second row — Austin Conradt, Madelyn Thebo, Bradley Demerath, , Abbie Fischer

Third row — Rose Heinz, Jarid Hermann, Larissa Young, Sara Scott, Zane Platt, Holly Herminath

Fourth row — Abigail Demerath, Trey Van Straten, Sam Flannery, Grant Oskey

Back row — Drew Schultz, McKenna St. Clair

“Running As Fast As We Can” in Early Childhood

There was excitement throughout the month of December in Early Childhood. The excitement came from the tree the children helped decorate by themselves. It was great to see the cooperation and teamwork they displayed while placing ornaments on the tree. There was additional excitement as all the children were transformed into Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. They were prancing all over our classroom.



The students had a blast reading about the gingerbread boy, baby, and friends. They made their own gingerbread boy by stuffing and lacing him together. The gingerbread boys tried to run away but the students caught them! We practiced identifying clothes by dressing our gingerbread boys/girls with sticky tape clothes. Students also used various masks to act out the gingerbread baby story. Their favorite activities were sequencing the gingerbread man story events on the SMART board and eating gingerbread cookies.

We ended the month making beaded wreaths and tearing tissue paper to decorate trees. This theme was perfect for discussing shapes, since wreaths are circular and trees are triangular. The students worked hard at rolling out sugar cookie dough. They then used the tree cutout to make their own sugar cookie. We decorated them with green frosting and mini M&Ms — they were delicious!

January brings us into the cold, snowy season where we will be learning about polar bears and penguins. Hopefully, there will be snow to make our activities more enjoyable. Happy winter and keep warm!

News From the Reading Specialist

A big thank you to SPICE for generously donating two sets of the following titles to the book room: *Hibernation Station*, *Ocean Life*, and *Who Was Mark Twain?*



Congratulations to Tenlee, born October 4. She will receive literacy gifts now and on her next three birthdays. This project is funded by a grant from the Trifecta Foundation, which encourages literacy in Wisconsin. Please let us know if someone in the district welcomes a new baby. We'll send the child lots of literacy goodies! Call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 780 or e-mail mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us. Thank you.

Michelle Jorgensen

Penny Race Raises \$930!

Middle School Student Council again sponsored the Penny Race to raise money for families in need during the holiday season. A grand total of \$930 was raised! Congratulations to the top classrooms: Mr. Backman's, Mr. Hendrickson's, and Mrs. Louis' in SILA. The winning rooms earned an ice cream treat. Mrs. Louis' room chose to donate the money for their prize back to the Penny Race. Thank you to all families that contributed pennies. A little bit really can add up!

St. Nick Visits K4

The four-year-old kindergartners have had a fun month preparing for Christmas. The children made their own stockings, and St. Nick surprised them with a candy cane in each stocking. They also made candy canes and angels to decorate our trees and beautiful poinsettias to decorate the hallway. We had our annual Holiday Activity Night with the students and parents. Activities were set up in the cafeteria for parents to do with their child. A good time was had by all. We had a classroom party and the children enjoyed holiday treats; they played games and they exchanged gifts. We wish all of you a wonderful and safe holiday season.



**** The K4 class is always looking for lunch helpers. If you are able to come in and help at lunchtime, we would greatly appreciate it. Our lunchtime is from 11:00-11:40 a.m.**

K5 Ready to Start the New Year

The holiday season has wrapped up and the New Year is here! Our Christmas program was a huge success; thank you to all who were able to attend. The kindergartners were so excited to have such a great audience viewing their performance.

The K5 children are working extremely hard to start off the new year. The arrival of winter has created a new sense of independence with each child. They are dressing themselves in all of their gear and even offering to help others in order to get outside quickly to play in the snow!

The kindergartners are amazed at how many words they are able to read. Thank you for continuing to work with your child at home on his/her reading and writing skills. The practice is definitely making a difference. In January, we will add the sight words *you*, *have*, *in*, *big*, *no*, *do*, *what*, and *he*. We will also be working on identifying the letters *Oo* and *Ee*.

In math, we are continuing to work on numbers 0 to 10. Our addition skills are also progressing. Touch Counting has been introduced to the students to encourage them to focus on counting with the number rather than their fingers. Touch Counting will stick with the students beyond their ten fingers. Eventually, the kindergartners will become so confident with their addition skills, they will know the answer to a number sentence automatically! These building experiences will help each student prepare for first grade math skills.

K5 wishes you a happy and healthy New Year!



Gifted and Talented

Suzanne Chang (grades 4-12) 986-3351 ext. 795 or schang@shiocton.k12.wi.us
 Nicole Hess (grades K-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Fox Valley Junior Math League

Fox Valley Junior Math League is a math competition among middle schools from the area, which compete against each other to solve math problems. The first meet was on December 5 in Kimberly. Nine students from grades 5-8 worked hard to solve various mathematical problems. Most of the students shared that the problems were difficult, but overall they liked being challenged. Thank you to all the participants who made it a positive event.



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

This year's school-wide Spelling Bee for students in grades 3-8 will be held on January 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The winners of the classroom bees (held right after winter break) will compete to earn the school title and advance to the regional level held early in February. Encourage your students to BEE their best and practice their spelling.



Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl

We were excited to have three teams compete in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. The test consists of 100 multiple-choice questions. Questions cover math, geography, government, sports, spelling, science, literature, English, history, general information, and just plain fun trivia.

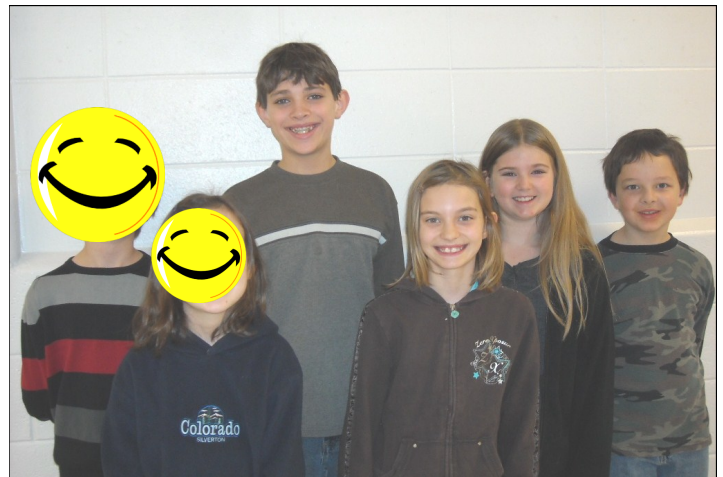


The state-wide competition results were as follows: the 5th grade team ranked 21st out of 24 schools, the 6th grade team placed 12th out of 17 schools, and the 8th grade team ranked 15th out of 38 schools.

Great job to all our participants this fall! They all did an awesome job listening to each other and collaborating on their final answers. Most of them are already eager to be a part of the spring America Answers Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl not only challenges students to use their knowledge from each content area, but it also teaches them to work and communicate better with others and realize how helping each other is key for great success.

Battle of the Books

Many of our students committed themselves to be part of this year's Battle of the Books. Since the middle of September, the students have been challenged to read 20 books by the end of January. The 4th and 5th grade Battle of the Books participants (*pictured at right*) and the middle school team (*pictured below*) have been meeting every week to discuss the books we have read and to choral read smaller books.



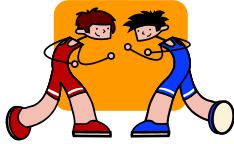
These cold weather days and nights are perfect for snuggling up and reading a good book. Challenge yourself to read the books so you and your child can quiz each other. You can also help your child prepare for the online test by quizzing them on the title and author of each book. Enjoy reading with your child and stay warm!



Youth Wrestling Practice Begins

by Kristi Piechocki

Youth wrestling practice will start on Tuesday, January 3. We will kick off the season with Youth Night at the high school wrestling meet at 7:00 p.m. against Clintonville. Wrestlers, please come at 6:15 p.m. for a meeting with your coaches before going to the meet. Admission for youth wrestlers is free for the evening.



Normal practice times will resume on Wednesday, January 4. K-2nd grade will practice from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and 3rd-5th grade will practice from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Anyone interested in signing up for youth wrestling can contact Robin Riehl at 984-3461.

Snow Much Fun in Grade One!

Wow! It's hard to believe, but December is almost over! The first graders had a lot of fun reading *The Gingerbread Man*, baking cookies, and creating artwork to go along with this unit. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make cookies and to those of you who were able to send the gingerbread man to another state. We received quite a few postcards already, and should continue to receive some well into January. This was a great way to learn about different states and have fun, too.

Speaking of fun, we can't wait to have "snow much fun" in January. The first graders will read Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* and listen to many other snow stories. Students will make great big "tear" snowmen, a snowball picture storybook, and riddles about snow. They will also learn about compound words, such as snowball, snowman, and snowflake, by making a book of "snow" words. What fun!



In science, Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's students have been learning about planets. The children are having so much fun that we might make the whole solar system! In January we'll be studying the weather and seasons. In social studies, Mrs. Streblow's class has been studying the earth and its natural resources. In January, they'll be learning about our country's symbols and history.

We've really been working hard in first grade. Continue to encourage your child to read daily and practice math skills and spelling words. Keep up the good work at home. Together, we make a great team!

Grade 2 Studies Animals

This month in second grade we will be studying animals for science class. We will learn about mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles, and birds. We'll become experts at identifying the characteristics of each group of animals. This is an exciting unit for all of our little animal lovers!

We have been learning lots of important things in math this past month. *Telling time* and *fractions* are both important everyday math skills. Please be sure to ask your child what time it is, and how many minutes it takes to do something. If you're having pizza or brownies, ask them what fraction they get to eat. It's important for the kids to see how their math is applied in real life. Thanks for your help!

Brrr! It's getting very cold out at recess time. Be sure to bundle up your child with a hat, mittens or gloves, snow pants, and boots. We do continue to go outside for recess each day unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero.



3rd Graders Back to Work!

Once December and all the hustle and bustle are over, we need to get back in the swing of doing homework and reading at least 75 minutes every week. Our second quarter book report project is due on January 13. Students need to read a fairy tale or folk tale and then create a puppet or statue of one of the characters. It's hard to believe that the end of the second quarter is coming up on January 18.

In math we have finished our units on multiplication. Multiplication is tough for third graders. Students need to work on memorizing the facts. The easiest way is to read the problem while looking at the answer, and then after they think they know the answer, practice the problem without looking at the answer. Work on memorizing 2-3 problems every night. Also, this is important as we do Rocket Math!

We look forward to our educational field trip to The Building for Kids (Appleton) on January 13. Here the kids will do some kitchen chemistry, explore the museum, and see *Super Kids Save the World*. We also anticipate going snowshoeing at Mosquito Hill on February 10. If there isn't enough snow, we will go winter hiking. We hope the weather cooperates. If it is too cold that day, we will reschedule. All parents who want to go with us are welcome; however, parents will need to car pool and the students must ride the bus.



Please send your child to school dressed warm, wearing snow pants, coats, boots, hats/ear bands, and mittens. They do go outside every day for one or two recesses. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you! We hope everyone has a fun-filled holiday. Happy New Year!

Together in education,
Your 3rd grade team

Grade 4 News

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 fun and busy place. Time flies when you are having fun! If it is January, it means that the end of the semester is just around the corner. We are really proud of our students and how they are doing academically.

Three students from each fourth grade class will be participating in the school Geography Bee in January. They are Nikki Harvath, Hunter Raeck, Cole Wilcox, Austin VanDenBosch, Kaden



Piechocki, and River Hobbs. They will be the youngest students there as they attempt to correctly

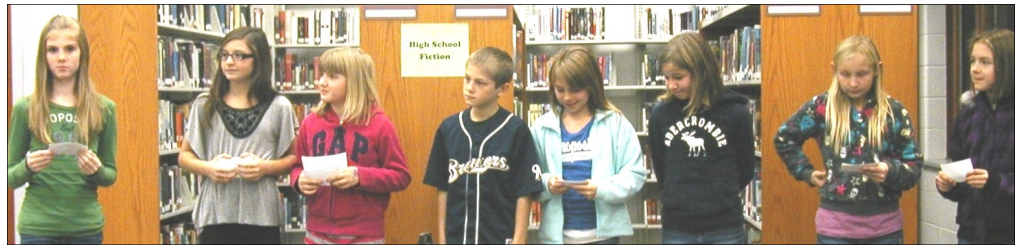
answer a variety of questions along with other students up through eighth grade. Later in the month, two students from each class will try to out-spell each other in the school Spelling Bee. We will announce these spellers next month. Both bees are great experiences for the participants. Good luck to them all!

In January, we begin our Senior Citizen Valentine project. We pair each student with a local senior citizen, and they write a Valentine letter to them. We love this writing project because it connects the generations in our community. The senior citizens usually write back and tell us a little bit about their lives, and it is always fun to get mail. Later in the year, we meet each other and play a fun game of BINGO!

Fabulous Fifth Grade Enters 2012 with a Flurry

The title does not indicate nor predict that snow will be flying in fifth grade or in Shiocton. It merely refers to the excitement facing fifth grade students during this month of January and beyond.

To back up a bit, eight fifth grade students made a 2011 Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya presentation to the school board and administration at the November 21 meeting. The students (*pictured below*) were Alli Scott, Leigha Young, Megan Frahm, James Ver Voort, Brooke Rohloff, Melanie Herb, Allison Erickson, and Erica Gassner. They talked about the classes and experiences from this year's camp. They did a great job! Thanks to the parents who were able to bring their child to this meeting.



In science the fifth graders had been studying plants and animals. The new year and month will bring a change to our classes. Students will study motion and energy in anticipation of our unit on aviation. They will do experiments with paper airplanes and study in depth about what makes planes fly. The students will draw on knowledge gained from their field trip to the Shiocton Airport in September and build upon it.

Speaking of aviation, all three curriculum areas (language arts, social studies, and science) will be doing activities related to this topic. Our students culminate these lessons with a field trip to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on Thursday, February 17. This will be an all-day field trip, and more specific information will be given at a later date. Mark your calendars, please.

With the new year comes the anticipation of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. It will be held on Thursday, March 1. All fifth grade students are required to do a science fair project. This is not to be a display of something; it is to be an actual experiment. The students will get information about what is expected. There will be resources available to them in which they can find an experiment to do. Watch for information to be given to your child to bring home with more details. (NOTE: I do not wish to have students do volcanoes. This is more of a display and not a true experiment.)

The moon shines above
as the wolf howls its sad song.
Stars are looking down.

by Paige Stein

Reindeer

Jingle while they play
and pulling on Santa's sleigh.
Fly all the way home!

by Caylee Guyette

Flowers

Flowers just sit there
on the wonderful green grass
to get the sunshine.

by Payton Schnur

In Mrs. Van Straten's class, students heard the book *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra. In the book, the students heard about a bookmobile that ended up at the zoo. The animals at the zoo became avid readers and writers. Even the insects learned how to write poetry (specifically, Haiku). At left are a few Haiku examples that Mrs. Van Straten's students wrote.

Wild About Books was recommended reading from our literacy committee. This book coincided with the theme of "The Gift of Reading" – an appropriate theme for the month of December. Mrs. McNichols' language arts classes took that idea and made up "gifts" of their own. Students were asked to select a book that they have read to "give" to someone else as a gift. Read their creations on the next page.

Grade 5 News *(continued)*

- 📖 Brady Volkman would give Carson the book *There's No Place Like Space*, because he wants to be an astronaut.
- 📖 Dylan Wienandt would give Isabelle a *Magic Treehouse* book so she can imagine anything in the world.
- 📖 Melanie Herb would give Ray *Hatchet*, because he loves the outdoors and he likes to hunt.
- 📖 Jadyn Walker would give Brookelyn *Fancy Nancy Sees Stars*, because she would learn how to turn bad things into good things.
- 📖 Cole Burmeister would like Wyatt to read *Green Eggs and Ham* to show him to try new things.

What book would you give to someone special?

We are just beginning the game *Discovery 3* in social studies class. Leading up to this unit we practiced mapping skills. We've spent time researching what type of land worked best for forming a successful colony. We studied Native American groups that were indigenous to the Americas and the European explorers that were fascinated by this new land.



The goal of *Discovery 3* is to determine the reason for leaving Europe, sail successfully from Europe, land

without problems, and establish a colony.

Each classroom is divided into groups of six to form a colony. Each person is given a job of governor, vice-governor, banker, recorder, mapper, or trader. Each position has many responsibilities. Cards are drawn to determine weather, farming, hunting, and fishing luck. Colonies may "attack" one another by rolling the dice. The lessons taught during this simulation mirror the hardships the early colonists faced while trying to survive and grow. Good luck to all colonies!

Now can you see why we are flying? It is going to be very busy for the next few months. Wouldn't you agree?

Counselor's Corner

by Ms. Hammill, Elementary/Middle School Counselor
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Greetings from the elementary/middle school counseling office! December was focused on communication during your child's classroom enrichment lessons. All classrooms discussed and brainstormed effective ways to handle conflict in a healthy way. Grades 1-5 all created yellow "Care Notes" which include the following formula:

- ⇒ *I feel...*
- ⇒ *When you...*
- ⇒ *Please...*

"I" statements were discussed and role-played in all classrooms. Students are encouraged to keep these cards as a reference to help them communicate in a way that is productive and helpful. In addition, the 5th graders presented small skits to our K5 students on how to communicate effectively with the "I feel" statements.

Middle School Communication — Facebook

Facebook is an ever-growing network for ALL ages throughout the world. A large majority of students communicate electronically via cell phones, chatting, instant messaging, and through Facebook. Facebook is a great networking tool and can be a lot of fun if it is used in a safe way. Students were educated in how to remain safe online and on Facebook so their identities do not become public knowledge. The following are tips and suggestions to students and parents regarding online safety:



- ♦ Make sure your Facebook account is "Private." When created, all accounts are public and open for anyone to see. Ensure your child has their account listed as "friends only" under the Account Settings tab.
- ♦ Ensure that passwords for logins are never shared (except with parents).
- ♦ Use a different login name or screen name for chatting, Facebook, and instant messaging so that your identity cannot be tracked.
- ♦ Never accept a friend request from someone that you do not know.
- ♦ Refrain from posting pictures that would reveal your identity or location.

Take a walk in someone else's shoes.

That's what our 3rd-5th grade students worked on this month. Students discussed what empathy is and how to effectively communicate to another that they identify how someone might be feeling. Empathy is not fixing a problem or situation. It is simply showing someone you can identify how they may be feeling. Encourage your child to "Put themselves in someone else's shoes" when they are faced with differences or challenges.



Special thanks....

- ♥ to the 5th grade Student Council for donating your time to our Cookies and Milk with Santa event!
- ♥ to the Holiday Fair Committee for donating the generous amount of \$200 to our Red Ribbon Week funding! Wow! ☺
- ♥ to all families that helped with our Food and Toy Drive. Your generosity at this time of year is greatly appreciated by all students and members of our community!

Lego Bolts Do Shiocton Proud at State

by Steve Parker



The school's second-year Lego League team, the Shiocton Lego Bolts, competed in the Wisconsin State Championship at Mukwonago High School on December 11. Sixty teams from across the state were there presenting their research projects and putting their robots to the test. Our team's research skit on peanut butter manufacturing and food safety was well received, as was their robot design. The team finished in the top half of all teams in robot performance and in overall score. Congratulations, Lego Bolts!



Left: Cloie Rose, Tina Ubl, Josh Parker, and Matthew Wilkinson reviewing the robot game with one of the judges.

Above: Lego Bolts at State.

Right: and Logan Cummings working at the robot game table.



8th Graders Create Broad Street Bakery

by Kurt Wismer

The eighth grade students currently in my Investigating Business and Technology class are running their own bakery. Broad Street Bakery, a bakery specializing in muffins, is running very successfully. Students in Mrs. Gomm's Teens Taking Action class produce the apple pie and banana chocolate chip muffins; then my students label, package, promote, and sell the muffins.

Students are taking part in daily business decisions such as marketing and promotion, accounting, forecasting, sales, market research, and management. They also complete a comprehensive business plan for the business using Google Docs collaboration tools. Bryce Kuehl said, "This is a great experience, and I am having fun running a business and helping us profit." The business also has a website at www.broadstreetbakery.weebly.com made by the students. Look for specific sales figures and results in the February issue of *The Link*.





SILA Presentation Night Exceeds Expectations

by Andrew Louis and Veronica Brick

On Thursday, December 1, SILA students took part in the first-ever SILA presentation night. Some of the more notable projects included the SILA light show put together by Mrs. Louis' advisory, the Native American Project from Mr. Winter's advisory, and the online program presentations that Mr. Senger's advisory created. These projects were complemented by the incredible artwork created by many students that hung in the hall, as well as many individual projects created throughout the year by the SILA students. These projects include *PowerPoint* presentations, video projects, and cultural projects made by the foreign exchange students.

The highlight of the night was the premiere of the SILA light show. The light show, which was created by SILA students, took the majority of three months of work to create. The students not only constructed the light show itself, but also made the circuit boards used to control the light show. Andrew Hoersch was one of the main contributors on the show. Hoersch took the lead on the programming of the show, spending close to 24 hours on his computer, painstakingly programming every second of the show.

In closing, SILA would like to thank Vern Louis and Steve Hoersch for all their help during the construction of the show and Fox Valley Technical College for providing materials and their expertise. Thank You.

Creation of the Light Show

Pictures submitted by Naqeeb Khan



Shining Bright on SILA's Showcase Night

by Brooke Schuh and Cheyenne Ver Voort

On the first of December, Shiocton International Leadership Academy (SILA) put on the very first SILA Showcase. The students and advisors of SILA worked for hours on end to prepare for this big event. It certainly was a show stopper! The evening began with a light show that was created by SILA students and mounted to the side of the school. It focused on inspirational messages of world-wide unity and peace.



Next, people gathered inside to attend mini-seminars which were presented by the students of SILA. These presentations were intended to inform the community of the work SILA students do.

After attending a seminar or two, patrons had the opportunity to peruse the SILA hallway and view a number of independent projects that students chose to display. Projects that were shown are pieces that students have been working on since the beginning of the year.

After exploring the projects, members of the community made their way to the cafeteria for live musical performances by SILA students. The performances included a duet of Miley Cyrus' "The Climb" by Cheyenne Ver Voort and Sarah VanderHeyden, a piano and vocal performance by Jon Jandourek of Jeff Buckley's version of "Hallelujah," and finished with an original piece written and performed by the members of Project 12-48, Andrew Hoersch and Lucas Moeller.

Before the night was finished, a number of SILA students stood up in front of the crowd and requested things that they need for the academy. Everyone was very grateful when Bill Collar stood up and said that he would make a donation. Several other community members followed suit and also offered to help in any way they could. SILA staff and students were moved by the community's generosity.

A Whole New World

by Mckenzie Calder

"A step into time, where something new is created," stated Marco Gonzalez about the first ever SILA Showcase. This night meant something new to everyone. It was the start of a new beginning and the start of a new way of learning. Not a single student or advisor knew what was going to happen, because we have never experienced something like this before. The showcase made us think outside of the box and made us step outside of our comfort zone. "Giving a presentation in front of a crowd was the hardest part about the showcase," commented Emily Wieser. While starting a new school may be tough, we have proved we can do anything that we set our minds to—a light show, professional looking artwork and photography, *PowerPoints* worthy of presenting to the President, and many more accomplishments. Watch as this school grows into something bigger than we can imagine.



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



THE FINAL STRETCH TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break and into the final stretch in preparation for the **Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival**, we ask that you help us keep the kids accountable. Ask your son/daughter to play their solo for you at home. Encourage them to practice their music. This event is our best opportunity for music growth and achievement. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The festival is on **Monday, January 30**, from **3:00-6:30 p.m.** right here at school.

We are in need of six to seven parent volunteers to be room monitors for the festival. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor. Thank you for your support of music in your child's education!

The **High School Solo and Ensemble Festival** is **Saturday, February 18**, at **Tigerton High School** this year. All high school musicians are doing some sort of event at the festival. Please mark your calendars and support your child's dedication and effort in music!

SHIOCTON SENDS STUDENTS TO ALL-STATE CHOIR

Seven Shiocton students have been honored with the opportunity to perform with the All-State Choirs. They will be traveling to Carroll University for a two-day choral experience. These students were nominated by Mrs. Anderson and selected by the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association for their exceptional vocal talents. On January 13 they will begin rehearsals with university directors and the other singers from around the state. The culmination of this experience will be the concert which will take place at Shattuck Auditorium on Saturday, January 14. Our Shiocton students will be performing in three different choirs.

Middle Level Choir: Olivia Bloch, Christie Depner, Caitlyn Henry
Women's Choir: Jessica Johnson, Valerie Erickson, Sydney St. Clair
Men's Choir: Jon Jandourek

Congratulations to all of these Shiocton singers!

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SHIOCTON MUSIC

"Music is one way for young people to connect with themselves, but it is also a bridge for connecting with others. Through music, we can introduce children to the richness and diversity of the human family and to the myriad rhythms of life."

—Daniel A. Carp, *Chairman and CEO*
Eastman Kodak Company

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility; the ability to solve problems and communicate; the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

—Dr. Joseph M. Calahan
Vice President, Xerox Foundation

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PEP BAND

Friday, January 6
6:30 p.m.

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Friday, January 13
6:30 p.m.

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Thursday, January 26
6:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Monday, January 30
3:00-6:30 p.m.
Shiocton MS
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

PEP BAND

Friday, February 3
6:30 p.m.

PEP BAND

Friday, February 10
6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

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

PEP BAND

Tuesday, February 21
6:30 p.m.



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...