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SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Link

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

March, 2015

Thank You, Shiocton!

Following the canvassing of ballots on February 24, the official referendum vote will be recorded as 507 yes votes and 173 no votes.

"The overwhelming support by the community tells us that they value education for our kids in our community, that they have confidence in the educational program that we provide and want to see it continue," noted Mrs. Schweitzer. "(The vote) reinvigorates us and gives us the opportunity to continue on the path of progress that we have started down."



No Time to Rest

by Nichole Schweitzer

First, let me take just another moment to express our sincere appreciation to the Shiocton community for passing the referendum at the polls on February 17. I greatly appreciate the many community members that assisted in the referendum efforts and the many community members that braved cold temperatures to attend informational meetings so as to be informed as they voted.

While we took a few minutes on Wednesday to appreciate the vote of confidence, now is no time to rest. With the referendum behind us, we can turn our attentions to important educational matters. At the March 2 Board of

Education meeting, we will move forward with our curriculum plans. We will ask the board to approve the purchase of grades seven and eight Big Ideas math, which is the continuation of instruction at the middle level of Math Expressions. Traditional textbooks will be replaced by eTexts and online practice books. We will also move forward with the purchase of a formal science series at the elementary level.

The co-curricular rotation will be finished soon so that needed equipment and supplies can be purchased by our athletic teams and fine arts groups.

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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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(Mrs. Schweitzer's article continued from front page)

A new compensation plan that recognizes teacher performance will be put in place as of July 1. The plan also provides support for educators who are seeking to improve their instructional skills and curricular knowledge to the direct benefit of the children they teach and to the District. Though the plan will likely be tweaked over the next two years, it is a solid starting point of recognition and support for our educators, and a means with which to retain these valued employees.

Budget-wise, we maintain responsibility for fiscal prudence and the direct oversight of both our revenues and expenditures.

We are blessed to be able to educate our children in our community where values are shared and family has an extended meaning. Thank you again to all who helped and voted. No time to rest ... time to watch us grow.

March Madness

Speaking of no time to rest... Monday brings about that treasured time of year—March Madness. No longer winter and not yet spring, we cling to the excitement and success of our student athletes and performers. By now, four of our wrestlers will have rested little and wrestled much on a quest for an individual championship at the Kohl Center. Too, our girls and boys basketball teams will have begun their tournament play, while sure fine arts performers and Forensic participants push their talents towards their own state-level recognition.

It is a GREAT time to be in education in Shiocton! Be it education in the classroom or that which happens on the stage, the mat, and other venues, Tim Duncan's quote rings true: *"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best."*

Here's to a successful tournament run and a terrific start to the spring season!

Mrs. Schweitzer

Let's Talk Annual Presentation

Each year, the Prevent Suicide Fox Cities group puts together an offering for parents, students, and community members centered on suicide prevention. This year's offering is Survive and Thrive, a free presentation by Eric Hipple and his daughter, Tarah. The former Lions quarterback and his daughter will discuss how to deal with stress, pressure, and depression, as well as the role of resilience as experienced through the loss of their son and brother, Jeff Hipple.

Hear their heart-wrenching struggle through pain, anger, and frustration, leading them to come full circle to acceptance and healing on Saturday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m at Harper Hall on the Lawrence University campus in Appleton. To receive an informational flyer, contact Mrs. Boelter at 986-3351 ext. 713.

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C O R N E R

Sign Your Team Up by Friday, March 13!

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

Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21



Check out the Shiocton High School Alumni Basketball/Volleyball group page on Facebook for up-to-date information. Contact Casie Korth at casie.laine@gmail.com for volleyball questions or Randy Schmidt at randycap48@gmail.com for basketball questions or to sign up your 2015 alumni team.



News From the Public Library

Greetings from the Shiocton Public Library and all of the staff. We are continuing our **after school movies** every other Thursday. The March dates for the movies are March 12 and 26. The show starts at 3:30 p.m. and popcorn and water will be available.

March is **Dr. Seuss' birthday month**. We are handing out reading logs for the kids and having a contest for a prize. The kids may stop at the Shiocton Public Library to pick up the Dr. Seuss reading record. At the end of March we will see who has logged the most minutes and then give out a prize. Good luck!

We have a **storytime for toddlers to 6-year-olds** every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Miss Wendy reads a story and there is some type of game or craft activity for them to do. She is looking forward to seeing your kids.

All of the public activities we offer at the library are always at no charge. We do, however, accept any type of monetary donations at each of our events. Watch for our advertisements around town and at the library for future events. In April we may be having alpacas visit us...come see us!



Shiocton Wrestling Club Hosts 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

Where: River Rail

When: March 28

Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Toss Start Time: 12:00 noon

Entry Fee: \$30 per team pre-entry or \$35 day of

To register, please contact: Dave Gomm
N5580 Second Street
Shiocton, WI 54170 (920) 850-0322
dgomm@coatingexcellence.com

Team entry will be first come, first served. Pre-registration is recommended. There will be 20 (2-person) teams with three courts. Official Corn Hole guidelines will be used. There will be a payout for 1st-3rd place. If the tournament turns out to be at full capacity, we will run ½ hour time limits. Must be 18. We will also have some raffles and 50/50 drawings. The Shiocton Youth Raffle will be at 1:00 p.m.

Are You Interested in Playing Summer Legion Baseball?

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



Sewing and Quilting — Open Lab

When: Wednesdays, March 11-April 15

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Shiocton High School, H132

Cost: \$64.38 (\$7.75 for ages 62+)



Intermediate level students work on sewing and quilting projects of their choosing within a less structured classroom environment.

Instructors are available for assistance, but do not present specific demonstrations or lectures. For students with solid basic skills in sewing machine operation and the basics of sewing or quilting. **Note:** Supply fee required.

To register, call (715) 823-1555 or 1 (800) 321-7133 for class #33148.



Shiocton School District Early Childhood Screenings THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Do you have a child who is three years old
or will be turning three years by September 1, 2015?

Do you have a child who will be four years old after September 1, 2015
and will not be enrolled in our four year old Kindergarten?

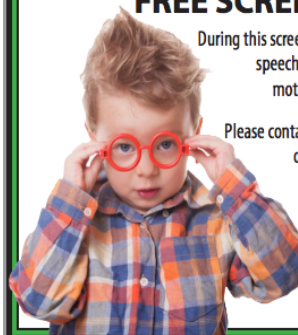
We are looking for children within the Shiocton School District to attend our
FREE SCREENING

During this screening, we will assess your child's
speech/language, social development,
motor and academic readiness skills

Please contact the Early Childhood program
of the Shiocton School District at

920-986-3351
ext. 717

to set up an appointment for
a free screening or if you
have additional questions.



Meet the Candidates Who Are Seeking a Seat on the School Board

There are three candidates vying to fill two seats.

Stacey Warning

Hello! My name is Stacey Warning and I will be on the April ballot in hopes of receiving your vote for a seat on the Shiocton School Board. I am excited about this opportunity *The Link* has given me to introduce myself to you. My parents, George and Patty Ronk, raised me on a dairy farm a few miles south of Shiocton. I attended elementary, middle, and high school at Shiocton. Upon graduation, I ventured to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for my undergraduate degree. While I truly cherish the four years I spent at Denison University, those four years away from home made me realize how special Shiocton really is. After graduating from Denison University, I migrated closer to home by attending law school at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. I am now working for WOW Logistics Company in Appleton as a Staff Attorney.

My various experiences in different educational settings have opened my eyes to the issues students, faculty, and community members face with respect to education. Having been a member of the Shiocton community my entire life, I am also aware of the unique issues arising between the Shiocton School District, its students, faculty, staff, and community members. For the past few years, I have attended numerous school board meetings and have become familiarized with both the processes utilized by the school board and the topics presented to the school board for consideration. Some of these topics include staffing issues, parent complaints, student disciplinary issues, funding concerns, state testing/results, and proposals regarding student curricular or extra-curricular opportunities.

I look forward to utilizing my past experiences and my skill set to address the topics that come before the school board for consideration. I believe that the school board should be a venue for community members, staff, faculty, and students to have their concerns and proposals adequately addressed in a reasonable and efficient time frame; and I will work hard to make sure that is achieved, should I be fortunate enough to obtain a seat on the school board.

Serving as a school board member is what I consider my way of giving back to the Shiocton community I grew up in and live in today. The school is an integral part of the Shiocton community, and I cannot imagine the Shiocton community without the school. The relationship between the Shiocton community and the school is one of interdependence – both are mutually reliant upon each other. The school board's role in that relationship is to foster the mutual reliance and in the event that I obtain a seat on the school board, my goal will be to do just that.

Michael Bellin

My name is Michael Bellin and I am a candidate for Shiocton School Board. I am 48 years old, married to my wife Connie for 21 years. I have four children: Zachary, deceased; Brady, 18; Riley, 16; and Lexi, 14. I have lived in Shiocton for five years, but I feel I have been a part of this community for much longer than that. My wife has worked here for more than 20 years, and my children have attended school here since they started kindergarten.

I work at Festival Foods in New London as the frozen food department manager. I am also the owner of Bellin Demo Service, a product sampling and food demonstration company. I am also an active member of Modern Woodmen of America Shiocton Chapter 6398, serving as Activities Coordinator since 2012. Currently I am a member of the Shiocton Gridiron Club. I have also served on the Shiocton Hoops Club board, as well as the Board of Directors of Shiocton Summer Sports. Over the last 13 years I have coached many baseball, football, and basketball teams, getting to know many people and many great kids.

I have decided to run for school board to serve the community and to try to keep our school on the right track. Our school board has done a fine job providing our children a quality educational experience, and they have also done a fine job being conscientious stewards of the taxpayers' money. I would like to continue that approach. With school funding continuing to be cut by our state legislature and governor, we need to be ever more vigilant with the money we have and search for new and creative ways to fund our school. If the money doesn't come from Madison, we have to try to find other sources. I like the fact that our children are educated in our community, and I feel it should stay that way.

Our school is the lifeblood of our community. From our awesome displays of elementary, middle school, and high school art, to our wonderful music programs, to the technical education projects, to our excellent sports programs, our school keeps our community vibrant and alive. The people of the Shiocton School District recently approved a 3-year referendum by a very large margin. This tells me that the people approve of the job the school administration and the educators are doing, and I hope to be a part of continuing the good work done by our school board.

(meet another candidate on the next page)



(School Board candidates continued)

Aaron Pluger

I am a 2001 graduate of Shiocton High School and a lifelong resident of the Shiocton area. After high school I received my degree in Accounting and Business Management from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in May of 2006. After college I worked in public accounting as an auditor for government units — counties, municipalities, and school districts — for three years.

As a lifelong resident of the Shiocton area, I am now running for the school board, as I want to be of service to the community that has been in service to me my entire life. The main issue facing the board and the school district are financial issues, as they are for most Wisconsin school districts as state funding continues to decrease. These funding cuts can hinder the district's ability to provide the quality education that the children of the community need and deserve. I believe with my background in accounting and school district audits, I would be a great addition to the school board to continue helping Shiocton's district face these financial issues head on.



Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program Update

by Bryce Kuehl

Shiocton students have collected 40 pounds of pull tabs during the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. We were paid \$16 for the tabs. We sent checks to the Madison and Milwaukee Ronald McDonald Houses for \$8 each. This money will help cover the cost for families to stay at the houses while their children undergo medical treatment.

Since we started the Shiocton Schools Pull Tab Drive in October 2007, we have collected 1,146.3 pounds of tabs. We have been able to donate \$441.35 to the Madison and Milwaukee houses (\$221 each). **WOW! GREAT JOB, SHIOCTON STUDENTS!**

1,146.3 pounds of tabs equals approximately 1,452,362 tabs. If these tabs were placed end to end, they would stretch 24.3 miles. Just to give you an idea, the distance between Shiocton and Kimberly is 24 miles.

Please continue to save your pull tabs and drop them off in the collection box by the elementary school office. I will update you at the end of the year about how many tabs we have collected during the second semester.

Items Needed by 5K

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



3-2-1 Lego!

Members and Helpers Needed

The Shiocton First Lego League team is in need of members and helpers! Have you ever wondered what First Lego League is all about? Do we just play with Legos? If you would like to know more about us, please stop by our booth at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. If you are not able to make it to the fair, please contact Denelle Daniels at raisingbeef@aol.com or Lisa Wilkinson at gr8diggr@aol.com.



Archery Club Gets Ready for a Full Tournament Season

by Steve Parker

The Shiocton Archery Club has started its tournament season. The club has been practicing in the elementary gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Archers shot at the Bulls Eye Tournament in Kimberly on February 7. Our elementary team took first place!! Top shooters were Josh Parker (high school), Josh Wilkinson (middle school), and Zander Stenz (elementary school).

Club members will be shooting in tournaments in Oshkosh and Hortonville in March. We will be gearing up for the big state tournament in early April.

Thanks to all who supported the club by purchasing raffle tickets. The club sold almost \$3,000 worth of tickets and used the proceeds to purchase additional equipment for the practice range. We now have the ability for all members to shoot during one practice and use the entire gym length. The winner of the Mathews bow was Bob Bronold. Ashlyn Van Camp was the winner of the 2nd prize local gift certificate package, and the Schneider family was the winner of the cash 3rd place prize.



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



Principal's Report

As the end of the quarter approaches (March 26), it is hard to believe that the school year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over. It seems like just the other day we were getting ready for the start of school.

The State of Wisconsin is requiring ALL juniors to take the ACT. This year, testing will take place on March 3 and 4. We will be testing ALL juniors at Shiocton High School in the morning (on both of those days). We have been preparing our students for the upcoming test by hosting ACT Prep Sessions in English, Math, Work Keys, and Writing. Please encourage your child (if they are a junior) to get a good night's sleep before testing.



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 4 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Good communication and regular attendance benefits the students and leads to better grades.

If your child is not doing well in school he/she may become frustrated, discouraged, and sometimes angry. The "I don't care" attitude he/she often displays is a defense mechanism. It is important that these students know that you (as their parent) have not given up on them. They also need to know that you are interested, supportive, and willing to take the time to help figure out how they can be more successful in school. Students who are not doing well in school usually have problems in one or more of the following areas: attendance, appropriate courses, and/or accountability. If you believe that there are other reasons for your child not doing well in school, make an appointment to see Mrs. Uelmen.

Shiocton had three champions crowned as the Chiefs placed second at the WIAA Division 3 wrestling regional on February 14. Winning individual championships for the Chiefs were Austin Riehl at 145, Henry Fielding at 182, and Mason Gomm at 195. Sam Van Straten, Garrett Gunderson, and Sawyer Theobald took second in their weight divisions. All first and second place finishers competed at sectionals on February 21.

The boys basketball program also had a great season. They have a talented group of players and have fought hard to stay near the top of the conference. The girls basketball team is also playing well. They are in the middle of the pack for the conference and improving with each game. The hard work, dedication, and extra effort of all our winter sports teams have certainly paid off.

The Quiz Bowl team will be wrapping up another successful season under the leadership of Mrs. Wendy Hartman. Quiz Bowl is a

competition between Central Wisconsin Conference schools that consists of



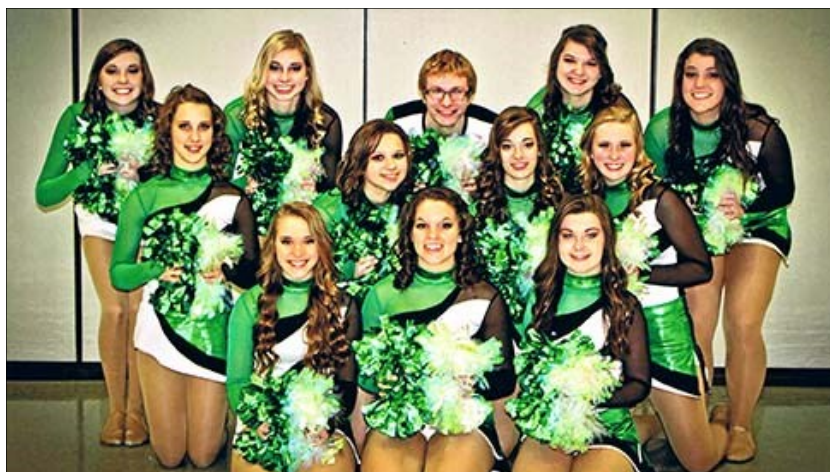
answering questions on a variety of topics that include math, English, social studies, science, and various other topics, such as sports and entertainment.

Within the next month or two, spring sports will begin. Hopefully, the nice weather will continue and we will be able to get things started on time. We offer baseball, which is coached by Jude Backman; track, coached by Gary Slosarek; softball, coached by Dave Wilcox and Dawn Kanaman; and golf, coached by Terry Schwaller. I would like to wish all of our athletes and coaches good luck in the upcoming season!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. Have a great month!

*Kelly Zeinert
Grades 7-12 Principal*

DANCE TEAM



The Shiocton Dance Team placed first in the Division 5 pom category at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer regional on January 25, advancing them to the State Championship in La Crosse on February 7, where they placed sixth out of 14 teams. Congratulations!

Operation Cinderella

by Amanda Peterson

Are you a high school girl who wants to go to Prom but may have a hard time affording a dress and all the accessories? Operation Cinderella can help! Shiocton is proud to be taking part in this growing Fox Cities event. It will be held at Lawrence University in Appleton on March 28.

High school girls who need financial help affording Prom can **reserve a spot with the guidance office by March 15**. This allows them to go to the event and pick out a dress, shoes, and accessories at absolutely no cost. Dresses and accessories are mainly provided by donation through local dress stores, so most of the dresses are brand new! There will be hundreds of dresses to choose from.

"Fairy godmothers" (volunteers) help the girls pick out dresses and also do hair and make-up to give participants ideas for doing their hair or make-up for Prom. It is not necessary to prove financial need, and your participation in the event will remain private.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 765 or Rhonda Uelmen at (920) 986-3351 ext. 762. The motto of this event is "It's more than just a dress." All girls deserve to feel beautiful!



Counselor's Corner

Just a reminder that we are on Facebook at "Shiocton High School Career/College."

Important dates:

- March 3 ACT in school for all juniors in the morning
- March 4 ACT Work Keys in school for all juniors in the morning
Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 5 NWTC representative in pupil services — 2:20 p.m.
- March 12 UW-Green Bay representative in pupil services — 2:30 p.m.
- March 13 Registration deadline for the April ACT
- March 26 End of 3rd quarter

Attention all high school students, 8th graders, and parents: This is a reminder that students have been requesting courses for next year. All students have been working on their Academic Career Plans (A.C.P.) and figuring out what they need for success after high school. Once again, these are just their course requests and not their schedules for next year. You will join me in June to set up schedules. Watch the April issue of *The Link* for those dates.

Juniors: On March 3, all juniors will be taking the ACT at Shiocton High School. The ACT now is a state-mandated exam for Wisconsin. For many, this is a great opportunity because it will be a free chance to take the ACT for your college admissions. It will also help us target students who never thought college was possible because they never would have taken the test. Encourage your child to do well. Good luck.



Juniors and sophomores: Amanda Puttnam, the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, spoke to all juniors and sophomores about this program. If your child expressed interest in the program, they signed up, and this list will be used to set up a parent meeting. Please let me know if you were not informed about the program by your child; I would be more than happy to talk to you about it further.

Tax Deductible Donation to Shiocton High School Post-Prom

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

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

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

Please return this portion by March 26 to

Shiocton High School, Attn: Julie Gomm,
PO Box 68, Shiocton, WI 54170

Business/Family name _____

Contact person for business _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Tax receipt requested? Yes No

Donations (Check items)

_____ Money _____ Food _____ Merchandise for prizes
_____ Gift certificates for prizes _____ I can volunteer

_____ Donation enclosed _____ Donation not enclosed; contact me

Four Wrestlers Advance to State Tournament

Of the six Shiocton wrestlers competing in the Sectional on February 21, four advanced to the State Individual Wrestling Tournament: Austin Riehl, Henry Fielding, Mason Gomm, and Sawyer Theobald. Austin Riehl (145) finished in first place at the Sectional and has a record of 36-2. Henry Fielding (182) finished second and has a 41-2 record. Mason Gomm (195) placed second and has a record of 22-3. Sawyer Theobald (113) finished in third place and has a 39-4 record. Also wrestling at the Sectional were Sammy Van Straten (36-7) and Garrett Gunderson (24-7), who both placed fourth. The State Tournament is February 26-28 in Madison.



Wrestlers Wrapping Up a Great Season

by Coach Eric Clausen

January 24 CWC Multi-Dual

Shiocton 60	Plainfield Tri-County 18
Shiocton 58	Manawa 30
Shiocton 43	Bonduel 42
Shiocton 57	Weyauwega-Fremont 24
Shiocton 27	Cashton 42

Shiocton traveled to Plainfield for the CWC Multi-Dual at Tri-County High School. As a team, we went 4-1 for the day. The third match was by far the most exciting as we wrestled Bonduel, another team on top of the CWC. The dual ended in a 42-42 tie which went into the tenth criteria and came down to the greater number of takedowns during the dual. Shiocton won by having one more takedown than Bonduel for the day, giving them the go-ahead point and making the score 43-42 in our favor.

Shiocton lost its last dual of the day to Cashton. Due to illness, our team was without two of its wrestlers, Raymond Herb and Garrett Gunderson. We held out another of our leading wrestlers due to injury, which made a big difference in the outcome and final score. I am fairly confident we would have been 5-0 as a team if we had those three in the line-up, but the rest of our guys wrestled very well and kept it interesting all the way to the end. It's tough to take a loss when you don't have your full line-up, but these things happen and we made the best of it.



Another highlight for Shiocton was Henry Fielding accumulating his 100th win by pinning Kyle Loehrke of Weyauwega-Fremont in 1:08 during the fourth dual of the day. Wrestlers who were 5-0 were Sawyer Theobald at 113 with two pins, Sammy Van Straten at 132 with four pins, Mason Gomm at 195 with three pins, and Henry Fielding at 182 with five pins. Going 4-0 was Austin Riehl at 145 with one pin. Wrestlers who were 4-1 included Gunnar Oskey at 106 with one pin and Levi Snortum at 126 with three pins. Wrestlers who were 3-2 included Trevor Bruns at 120, Trevor Young at 152 with one pin, and Trent Moder at 170 with one pin. Other wrestlers contributing for the day were Blake Johnson at 138 and Ben Gunderson at 220.

Overall, we wrestled very well. Our freshmen really stepped up and helped our upperclassmen out quite a bit. It's great to see some of the pressure taken off of our older guys. I am really happy with how we are wrestling



at this point of the season. The focus is definitely to keep improving each week, as well as trying to keep our wrestlers as healthy as possible as we approach the end of the season. With the win over Bonduel, we are still in the

hunt for the conference championship, which will be challenging as we will have to beat conference favorite Wittenberg-Birnamwood when they come to Shiocton for our final dual.

January 29

Shiocton 28 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 39

Shiocton faced conference opponent Wittenberg-Birnamwood. This was a big match that would determine the Central Wisconsin Conference dual meet champion, which is the first step to winning the conference championship, with the conference tournament being the second step. We had a very large and energetic crowd. The dual came down to the very last match with Shiocton down by five points, which made it that much more exciting and intense for the fans.

Winning by pin for Shiocton was Gunnar Oskey at 106 (2:15). Winning by technical fall were Austin Riehl at 152 (20:5) and Garrett Gunderson at 160 (16:0). Winning by decision were Sawyer Theobald at 113 (9-4) and Sam Van Straten at 138 (3-2). Winning by forfeit was Henry Fielding at 220. Wrestling very close matches, but just coming up short were Levi Snortum at 132 (8-9) and Trevor Young at 145 (2-4 overtime).

I was very happy with how we wrestled. There were a couple of matches that could have gone either way, but unfortunately we weren't able to pull them out. Once again, I would really like to thank our fan base and the crowd that came out to watch. It means a lot to our wrestlers and us coaches to have that kind of support.

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Wrestlers (continued)

January 31 Dirk Sorenson Door County Classic

Shiocton took first and won the team title at the 19-team Dirk Sorenson Door County Classic in Sturgeon Bay. In addition to the team title, Shiocton's very own Henry Fielding was named the tournament's Most Valuable Wrestler. Shiocton was able to put six of its wrestlers into the championship round.



Claiming individual championships were Sawyer Theobald at 113, Henry Fielding at 182, and Mason Gomm at 195. Taking second place were Raymond Herb at 120, Sammy Van Straten at 138, and Ben Gunderson at 220. Finishing in third place was Levi Snortum at 132. Taking fifth place was Trent Moder at 170. Other wrestlers for Shiocton included Gunnar Oskey at 106, Trevor Bruns at 126, Blake Johnson at 145, and Trevor Young at 152.

Winning this tournament was a big accomplishment since we had our two seniors, Austin Riehl and Garrett Gunderson, sitting out to give them a chance to get healthy for tournament time. A couple of our freshmen stepped up and moved up a weight class in order to strengthen our overall line-up and help the team. I am very proud of this team and what they continue to do through the season.

WIAA D3 Regional at Coleman

Coleman 264.5	Gillett/Suring 158.0
Shiocton 194.0	Menominee Indian 54.5
Bonduel 178.5	Lena/St. Thomas Academy 23.0
Oconto 163.0	

As a team, Shiocton finished second behind Coleman in this regional. Regional champions for Shiocton included Austin Riehl at 145, who defeated Marc Lansin of Coleman by a score of 8-2; Henry Fielding at 182, who pinned Hunter Stodola of Coleman in 1:22; and Mason Gomm at 195, who pinned Collin Kempka of Coleman in 1:43. Second place finishers qualifying for the sectional included Sawyer Theobald at 113, Sammy Van Straten at 132, and Garrett Gunderson at 160.



This was definitely one of the tougher Division 3 regionals in the state, so I am very proud of how all of our guys wrestled and am very pleased with how we finished as a team. We were underdogs and overlooked all year, so this was a great way to finish a wonderful season as a team. It would have been nice to advance to the team sectional, but for some reason the WIAA felt the need to send us all the way up to Coleman this year, when our usual regional is 20 minutes away.

Chess Team Plays "Quick Rounds" at Westfield

by Bill Greider

The varsity chess team played in their third tournament at Westfield on January 31. Students played all seven teams, bringing their total games played to 14 this season. Rounds 8 through 14 were played in "Quick Rounds." Instead of the normal 50 minutes per player each round, the quick rounds are shortened to 25 minutes per player and consequently, point totals are half of a normal round.



Our team showed improvement, but one of our members at board #2 called in sick and his replacement could not be reached in the early morning. We gave up points at board #2 each round (seven games), and even though our other players played their best series of games so far, we came through the seven rounds without a team win. It was tough going, but I was proud of how the individual players handled themselves in these seven quick rounds. They showed improvement and perseverance.

Individually, our players had their best series of the season. Lucas Radtke won four games, had two draws, and one loss to bring his season record to 10 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses, which puts him in first place for the season on board #1

with 8.5 total points. Zach Olson, filling in from the junior varsity, also had his best series at board #3 with two wins and five losses, bringing his total season to 2 wins, 1 draw, and 11 losses. Garrett Beyer, playing board #4,



won one game out of the seven rounds, bringing his total to 2 wins and 8 losses (Garrett missed the first tournament series). Zach Thede played board #5 for us this series and got his first wins of the season, bringing his total to 2 wins and 12 losses.

Overall, we had some very close matches. Even with forfeiting 4.5 points at board #2 each match, we had three matches where we lost by only .5 to 1 point. Hopefully, at our next tournament in Green Bay on February 14, we will have a full team and continue to improve. I feel the students are getting more confident and comfortable with each tournament. Go, Shiocton!

Art 101: College Credit Art Class at Shiocton Begins with Making Books

Art 101: CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program), which is in conjunction with UW-Oshkosh so students can earn three college humanities credits, is being taught at Shiocton High School for the first time this spring semester. Mr. Greider, who has his Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Arizona, has taught at UW-Oshkosh as an Adjunct Professor for evening classes since 1999 and has been approved to teach the Art 101 course.

The class is set up for non-art majors as an introductory course in general art. Students are first learning about how to make a basic book, with a focus on the process of what a book is and combining that with a theme of their choice. After an introduction to bookmaking and the various types of handmade book techniques, students participated in the creation of a group accordion style book (*pictured below*), and then began working out ideas in their sketchbooks for their own designs. The photographs included on the next page show several student projects in process and some imagery from their sketchbooks, which they are required to work in regularly and which become part of their final evaluation. A group critique after each project will summarize each unit. The semester lessons include units on:

- Relief and intaglio printmaking
- Old Masters painting interpretation in 3-dimensional Bas Relief – ceramics
- Autobiographical Still-life painting – acrylic on canvas board
- How to Read a visual art work – one-page evaluation of a master work of art
- Puppetry Design – with a presentational mini-play option
- Silverpoint Drawing...The Media of the Renaissance Masters



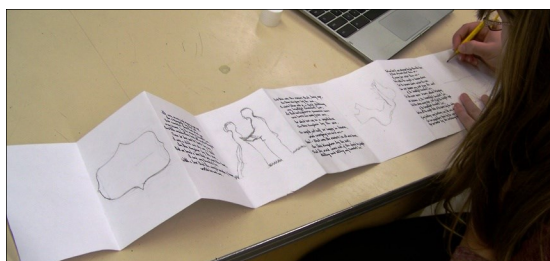
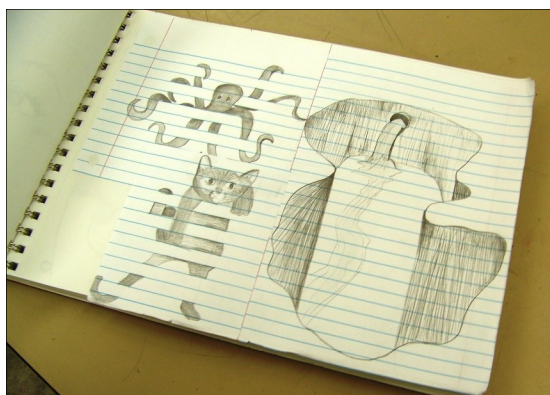
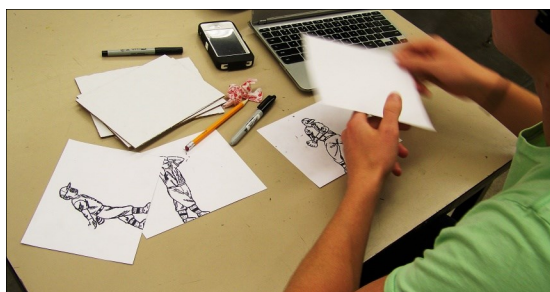
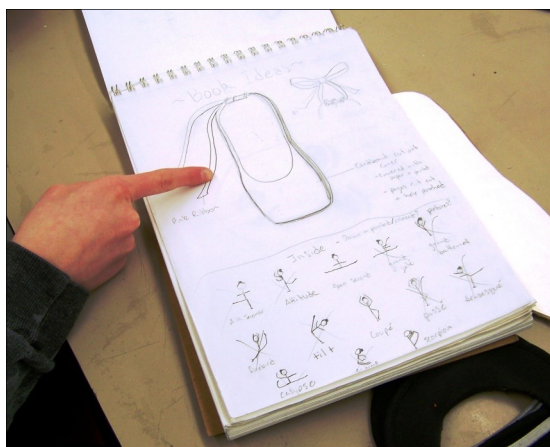
The course is designed to give non-art majors experience in a variety of 2D and 3D studio art media and techniques in an effort to expand their knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of art and design within the context of the liberal arts. Course objectives require that

the students will:

- Identify the elements and principles of design, analyze how artists/designers use them to produce a work of art, and consciously apply them in the creative process.
- Demonstrate the ability to create 3D objects and 2D images using a variety of materials, tools, and working procedures.
- Apply imagination, creative problem solving abilities, and critical thinking skills in class assignments and projects.
- Practice observational drawing.
- Actively participate in studio critiques, providing meaningful criticism of work created by others and using art vocabulary effectively.
- Maintain a sketchbook/process book throughout the course to document ideas, practice skills, visualize projects, and plan a course of action.
- Investigate a variety of cultural, contemporary, and historical art as resources, inspiration, and content.
- Use correct art vocabulary/terminology to describe, analyze, and interpret a work of art in a written or verbal presentation.
- Connect art experiences to daily life and build awareness of artists' and designers' amazing contribution to our communities and culture.



Making Books in Art 101



An Art Room Remembered...

by Bill Greider

When I was a young art teacher, I had this idea of what an art room should look like if I had my own, should I find a full-time job in the future. I don't remember much of the classrooms when I was a kid at St. Patrick's Parish, but I do remember finding out I liked art in 3rd grade with Sister Celia. She had an art minor in her background besides being our 3rd grade teacher and when we had art, once every two weeks for 30 minutes, I shone.

I was what I would call a challenging kid...I lost my mother when I was seven years old. She left one night and my father got custody. I don't know if I would have been a really good student, but I do know that I was really in a tailspin throughout most of elementary school because of how lost I felt. In Catholic schools we didn't have art classes normally. The Sisters still wore habits, we attended church every day, and our Principal, Sister Kevin, used the large paddle she had hanging on her door regularly.

When I got to 3rd grade, it was the first time we had a period where we could make art, and that was only because of Sister Celia. She had art on the walls of the room that she had made while she was in seminary school. She had posters of the Saints and posters of images from Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling masterpiece. I remember one project where we filled milk cartons with plaster and a balloon. When the plaster became hard, we cut off the carton, took out the deflated balloon, and had to create something with what was left. I looked at my plaster form and saw a horse that was rising up along one side of the rectangle and into the other side of it. I painted it with tempera paint and incised the outline of the legs. Sister Celia was so impressed by it, she asked me how I had come up with it, and she called Sister Kevin down to show her. It was the only time I remember Sister Kevin ever smiling about something I had done. I started to come out of myself and feel happy again and look forward to coming to school.

That room set the stage for my time at Shiocton. When I look at my room here, I see all the art that students have made up on the walls. Some is from the previous year's groups and some goes all the way back to when I started here in 1996. The years and past students are all now a blur. A few kids have gone on to art careers, but the vast majority have not. But I know somewhere in the future, when my students grow up and have kids of their own, art career types or not, their kids will bring home some treasure they made in their art class, and a light will turn on in their memories of when they were kids in art class here at Shiocton.

I have come to realize that it's not about the walls and what's on them that makes an art room special. It is the people in it that make it special. Thank you, Sister Celia, and thank you, Shiocton.



March Calendar of Events

2	Mon	MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Gillett — 4:15 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
3	Tue	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm
3/6/7	Tu/F/S	HS Boys Basketball Regionals
4	Wed	SWAT fruit pick-up Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-7:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 pm
5	Thu	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm MS Wrestling CWC Meet at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
5/7	Th/S	HS Girls Basketball Sectionals
6	Fri	Funset Boulevard wristband purchase deadline (see page 17 for more info) Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Family Movie Night (<i>Big Hero 6</i>) in the cafeteria sponsored by SPICE — 6:30 pm
7	Sat	MS Wrestling at Appleton North — 8:30 am
9	Mon	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm MS Solo and Ensemble — 3:30-6:30 pm
10	Tue	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-7:30 pm Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — 4:00-7:00 pm
11	Wed	Quiz Bowl at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
12	Thu	Early Childhood Screening in room E152 After School Movie at the public library — 3:30 pm Funset Boulevard Family Night sponsored by SPICE (see page 17) — 4:00-10:00 pm
12-14	Th-S	HS Girls Basketball State Tournament at Green Bay
12/14	Th/S	HS Boys Basketball Sectionals
13	Fri	NO SCHOOL The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the April issue Deadline for signing up for the Alumni Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament Registration deadline for the April ACT
14	Sat	Let's Talk Presentation at Lawrence University sponsored by Prevent Suicide Fox Cities (see page 2 for more info) — 6:30 pm
16	Mon	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
16-20	M-F	Paper recycling fundraiser behind school
17	Tue	HS Track at Seymour — 4:00 pm <i>Music In Our Schools Month</i> concert in the HS gym (all bands/choirs to perform) — 7:00 pm
18	Wed	Quiz Bowl Championship at Marion Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
19-21	Th-S	HS Boys Basketball State Tournament at Madison
20/21	F/S	Shiocton Alumni Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament
25	Wed	Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
26	Thu	Post-Prom donation forms due (see page 7 for more info) End of the third quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal After School Movie at the public library — 3:30 pm
28	Sat	Youth Baseball Clinic in both gyms — 9:00 am-12:00 noon Operation Cinderella at Lawrence University (see page 7 for more info) Corn Hole (bean bag) Tournament hosted by Shiocton Wrestling Club at River Rail (see page 3)
30	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office
31	Tue	Badger Band Trip payment due HS Softball at Seymour — 4:30 pm



Coming Up in April

- 2 HS Softball at home
- 2-6 Spring Break
- 6 JV Baseball at home
- Varsity Baseball at Seymour
- 7 HS Track at home



SPICE Hosts Free Family Movie Night

SPICE will host another Free Family Movie Night on Friday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. *Big Hero 6* will be shown in the school cafeteria. Admission is free, and minor concessions will be available for only a dollar. This will be a fun event for all ages.



Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, string cheese, fruit, milk	Pop tart, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
2	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, breadstick, milk	3 Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	4 Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, peaches, milk	5 Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pineapple, milk	6 French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, graham cracker, orange juice, milk
9	Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, sliced carrots, refried beans, peaches, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, bread slice, milk	12 Mini corn dogs, baked beans, medley blend vegetables, dinner roll, pears, milk	13 No School
16	Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, sliced bread, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, peaches, milk	18 Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, cookie, milk	19 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, tri taters, green beans, pears, milk
23	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, sliced bread, broccoli, peaches, milk	24 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	25 Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk	26 Build your own burritos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	27 Pizza dippers, fresh garden salad, strawberries, milk
30	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	31 Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, milk			
Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$45.15 for March Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$51.45 for March					* Menu subject to change

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

Elementary/Middle School News

Welcome to the month of March!

First of all, I want to say how grateful I am to work in a community that supports education and knows what a great thing we have going in Shiocton. I cannot thank you enough for your support! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Now, here is some information to share with you:



Math Expressions Implementation: The teachers and students in grades K-6 are doing a tremendous job with the Math Expressions implementation. When I visit classrooms, I am amazed at the “math talk” that is taking place amongst the students, the different ways the students are engaged in the lessons, and the skills and strategies the students are learning and practicing each and every day. It is so exciting to see such great things taking place in all of the classrooms. Keep up the GREAT work, teachers, and students!

Balanced Literacy in Shiocton: For the 2014-15 school year, teachers in grades K-5 have been participating in a variety of training sessions pertaining to Balanced Literacy. Kathy Schmitt from CESA 6 in Oshkosh is working with the teachers to define what Balanced Literacy is, what it looks like in Shiocton, and what it looks like at each grade level. The teachers have been working so hard in this area and really deserve a HUGE pat on the back!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Wednesday, March 4. Conferences will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have not already heard from your child’s teacher(s), please feel free to contact individual teachers to make arrangements for a conference.



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: At the fair, which is coming up on Tuesday, March 10, you will be able to view student science displays/projects in the elementary gym, view artwork all throughout the building, listen to the musical talents of many Shiocton students, and pick out some books at the book fair in the cafeteria. The fair will be held from 4:00-7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! ☺

No School on March 13: School will NOT be in session on Friday, March 13. Enjoy some extra family time. ☺

WKCE Test Results: If you remember back in the fall, students in grades 4 and 8 took the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam for science and for social studies. The results recently arrived and, therefore, will be coming home in the very near future.

Badger Exam: Students in grades 3-8 will participate in the Badger Exam in April. This is a statewide assessment that will be given to students in grades 3-8 in the areas of English/language arts and mathematics. During the month of March you may hear your child talking more about this assessment since these grade levels will be working on practice tests.

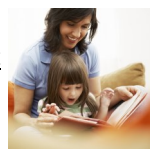
Attendance Reminders: At school, we work very hard to teach responsibility and to help students develop healthy habits which will help them as they transition into adulthood and the workforce. Bad habits, such as tardiness, are hard to break; therefore, we are working very hard to help students develop 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 help with this!



Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration for 2015-16: If you missed the registration week in February (or know someone who missed registration), please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721. There will be an orientation session on Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. and an orientation session on Friday, May 22, at 8:45 a.m. Please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Please help spread the word about the registration week if you know anyone with children eligible for either grade. Thank you!

End of the Third Quarter/Early Release: The third quarter will come to a close on Thursday, March 26. The students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m. on this day.

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



Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach, PK-6 Principal

Shiocton Elementary/Middle School

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be the Best That You Can Be

Winter Themes in Early Childhood

The theme starting off the month of February was polar bears. Students made polar bears out of shaving cream and handprints, and used corks and Q-tips to make their white fur. Students sequenced the story elements of *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* and practiced listening skills by identifying common sounds in our environment.

One of February's themes was hearts.

Students made beautiful valentines for their families with a touch of technology (hope you enjoyed them). They used hearts in many different ways. They used heart shapes to make a ladybug, used watercolors on newspaper to make a heart, as well as bingo dabbers.



The theme that brought February to a close was mittens. Students practiced fine motor skills by cutting out mittens and using small pieces of tissue paper to decorate them. They also made a mitten story slider so they could retell the story at home. This theme is based on *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, which 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! Students loved the story and enjoyed using animal masks to retell it. We have some aspiring actors and actresses on our hands!

The fun will continue in March with themes about Dr. Seuss, pizza, and bunnies.

4K Students Making Great Progress

The four-year-old kindergartners enjoyed February. They were able to get outside more often and enjoyed climbing on the snow hills on the playground. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a little party, complete with valentines for everyone and plenty of sweet treats! We have been working on alphabet recognition and rhyming. The children are also enjoying center activities.

We have been reading different versions of *The Three Little Pigs*. The children made masks and we acted out the traditional story. Students from the Tuesday/Thursday class

are pictured. They loved running from one house to the next, once the wolf blew the house down.



We also started working on nursery rhymes. The children are doing a great job of picking out the words that rhyme!

I am so pleased with the progress students are making as we move through the school year! Yeah, Team 4K!

Catching Leprechauns in 5K

Items Needed by 5K: If you have magnetic letters, magna doodles, or long feathers (such as peacock) and you are willing to give them a good home, please send them to Mrs. Malesa's 5K classroom.

WOW, we have been in school for over 100 days! The kindergartners are a little more independent. They can tie their shoes, read simple books, solve math problems, and much, much more.

March is the month of leprechauns, shamrocks, spring, and St. Patrick's Day. Our students will attempt to catch those tricky little leprechauns in hopes of getting their gold. How are they going to achieve this? Each child will construct a comfy little home (a.k.a. trap – but we can't say the "t" word) for the leprechauns. Will they have the luck of the Irish and get the leprechauns' gold for themselves?



Themes for the month are Around the Town and Neighborhood Helpers. We will study different places in a town and how people join together to help one another in their communities. Children will learn about jobs, how people work together, and places they go in their neighborhoods.

In reading and language arts, we will review letters and sounds we have learned and work on sight words and reading. Sight words for March are *yes, no, mom, dad, day, too, went, of, will, get, if, saw, say, good, how, into, jump, and man*. We've been working on our "stretchy snake" skill by pulling words into smaller parts (segmenting words) and blending letter sounds together to make words. This is only one of the many strategies your child is learning. To find out more, please attend the parent/teacher reading meeting on Wednesday, March 4, at your designated time, which was stated on the letter that came home with your child.

Kindergartners are listening and responding to stories and learning how to use pictures and context to make predictions. They are learning to identify setting, characters, and important events, as well as identifying the problem and solution in the story. They are starting to understand text patterns and learning to make inferences and how to connect life experiences to the text. The children are encouraged to use letters and phonetically spelled words to write about experiences, stories, people, objects, or events.

In Math Expressions we will be working on the consolidation of concepts. Children will work on creating and solving story problems and make drawings or write equations to represent problem situations. They will continue to identify all partners of numbers from 2-10 and teen numbers, write addition equations to represent the partners, as well as work on achieving fluency in adding and subtracting within five.

Dive Into the Spring Book Fair

by Steve Parker

Reading is Oceans of Fun!! The Spring Book Fair is only a few days away. The fair, which will be located in the school cafeteria, will run March 3-10. It will be open during school lunch hours from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In addition, it



will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences (March 4) and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair

(March 10) from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Make a point of coming on March 10 to see the great art exhibits, marvel at the science fair, and then shop at the book fair!!

Prior to the fair's opening, a Scholastic flyer highlighting books from the fair was sent home. Take a look at that flyer with your child and note any titles they are interested in. The flyer will tell you where on the shelves specific books can be found. Of course, the fair will have many more books than can be listed on the flyer. You'll just have to come to the school and see all we have available!

In addition, there is the option of purchasing your books online. In fact, there are many more titles and options available at our online store. And here's a bonus, no shipping charges. The books are delivered right to the school and then sent home with your children. You can access our online fair by going to www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and following the simple instructions. It's safe, convenient, and easy.

Remember — proceeds from SPICE book fairs go towards supporting the education of all students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment has been purchased with book fair revenue.

Supporting the book fair supports the school district, while showing your children that reading is important.

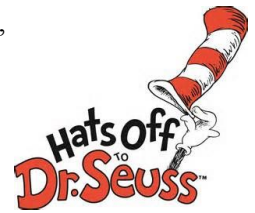
That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Questions about the book fair can be directed to me at (920) 257-7822.



Grade 1 Celebrates Seuss!

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Well, the first graders plan to roar through the month with many exciting activities. In the beginning of the month we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will read various Dr. Seuss stories and take part in some activities in the classroom. This is always a favorite time for the first graders!



Mrs. Streblow's class finished social studies and has begun science. They are exploring the five senses, living and non-living things, and animals. Mrs. Bellin's class will be piloting the FOSS science curriculum and will continue to dive deeper into social studies. Mrs. Behnke's class will be taking a closer look at our school and community through the social studies curriculum.

As for Fang's Reading Club, we are rounding our way to home plate. All of our effort and hard work will pay off when we receive our Home Runner Hitter awards and earn our free ticket to the Timber Rattler game. The first graders have done a good job reading for 15 minutes a night and returning the log sheet. Nice job, boys and girls!

Grade 2 Hopes for Warmer Weather

Hopefully with the change in the calendar, we will see a change in the weather, too. We hope to have more time outside with warmer temperatures. In the meantime, please continue sending all necessary winter gear until all of the snow is totally gone. Thanks for your help.



Parent/Teacher Conferences are the evening of Wednesday, March 4. Please be on the lookout for information to come home with your second grader regarding scheduling a conference. Remember to let your child's teacher know if you would like to set up a conference to discuss your child's progress up to this point.

Coming up on March 10 is the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. This year, second graders are NOT required to design a project for the science fair. However, if they choose to, any addition to the fair will be very inventive and creative! Each year, students continue to grab the attention of visitors with a wide variety of science ideas. Even if you do not plan to create a project, stop by school on this evening to see the creations and all of the fantastic artwork located around the building, as well as the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by SPICE.

Our next unit in math will take us on an adventure exploring picture graphs and bar graphs. Wow, a great deal of information can be shown by using graphs! Collecting and interpreting data will be a fun challenge for us. We will also study time — to the hour, half-hour, and by 5-minute intervals. When it comes to telling time, digital is the easiest, but we welcome the challenge of analog clocks. If we ask you "What time do we have to leave?" or "How long before it is time to eat?", challenge us to figure it out for ourselves. Telling time takes practice!

Lastly, keep reading for Fang's Reading Club! Throughout the next few weeks, students will continue to be awarded prizes for their reading efforts. In the end, the greatest prize is a free ticket, soda, and hot dog at Shiocton's night with the Timber Rattlers on Saturday, May 30.

It is hard to believe, but the school year is flying by! Thanks for all of the support you provide to your child all year long!

Funset Boulevard Wristbands for Sale!

by Mindy Hofacker

This year SPICE will be selling Funset Boulevard wristbands as we have in years past. Our night at Funset will be on March 12. Keep in mind there is no school the next day on March 13. Wristbands will be sold for \$4 each and are available until March 6. There are a limited number of wristbands available, and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The wristbands include unlimited access to bumper cars (riders must be 40" tall), the carousel, train, kids play area (socks required), and laser tag (54" height requirement).



Our evening at Funset begins at 4:00 p.m. and will end at 10:00 p.m. Families can attend whenever and however long they wish during this time. Food and/or refreshments will be up to each individual family. Families who have purchased wristbands will be eligible to receive \$5 off a regularly-priced large pizza and will receive 20 game tokens with this pizza purchase as well. There is no purchase necessary above and beyond the purchase of the wristband, however.

Adult supervision is required for all children that evening. Adults attending only need to purchase a wristband if they plan on participating in the activities listed above. If adults are only accompanying their children that evening and choose not to ride, it is requested that they do NOT purchase a wristband, so more wristbands can be made available to the children. Parents do not need a wristband to enter Funset and can accompany their children in any area without one. They just will not be able to ride along with the kids. Siblings (younger or older) are welcome to attend, so please purchase wristbands accordingly.

The wristbands are non-refundable and must be purchased prior to Friday, March 6. There will be NO wristbands available the night of the event at Funset. Wristbands will be sent home from school with your child prior to the event. Fliers were sent home in February with ordering information, but if you are unable to locate your order form at this time, you can still purchase wristbands if they are available. Simply contact me by calling (920) 525-1135 or e-mailing me at Shofackers@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Youth Wrestlers Have a Successful Season

by Kristi Piechocki

It sure has been a busy season for our youth wrestlers! On January 23, we hosted our first home dual, and it went great. We had many first-time wrestlers step out on the mats. Thank you to all the families and many people from our community for coming out and supporting our young wrestlers! We can't forget to thank our high school and middle school wrestlers and coaches for their help in running the matches. Thanks also to the Shiocton Wrestling Club board members and all the parents who helped with setting up the mats and bringing baked goods! What a great club we have!

On January 27, our K-2nd grade group traveled to Little Chute for a dual, and on February 10 our 2nd-5th graders had a dual in Greenville. On February 8, we traveled to Luxemburg-Casco for a youth tournament and placed third as a team (*pictured below*)! Shawano hosted a Friday night tournament for all grades on February 13, and we did quite well as a team, coming in at second place. We will end the season with a dual in Seymour and hopefully another tournament or two. The wrestlers look forward to their swim party in March, and wrestling practice will wind down in mid- to late-March, depending on the local tournaments.



The Shiocton Wrestling Club would like to congratulate our young wrestlers on a very successful season. Thank you, parents, for your dedication and support! A HUGE thank you to our youth coaches, Zech Riehl, Mike Jahnke, and Cory Demerath and their families. We appreciate the time and energy you put into our young wrestlers. The Shiocton Wrestling Club was started by a group of individuals with a passion for wrestling. A successful club requires many individuals donating their time. Please support your club and become involved!

Youth Baseball Clinic

The high school baseball team will be having a youth baseball clinic on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in both school gyms. The clinic will be **for boys who are currently in 3rd grade through 7th grade**. From 12:00-12:30 p.m., there will be a quick youth coaches Q and A session. If interested in signing up for the camp or if you have questions, please contact Mr. Backman at jbackman@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



3-2-1 Lego!

The Shiocton First Lego League team is in need of members and helpers! Have you ever wondered what First Lego League is all about? Do we just play with Legos?



just imagine...

If you would like to know more about us, please stop by our booth at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. If you are not able to make it to the fair, please contact Denelle Daniels at raisingbeef@aol.com or Lisa Wilkinson at gr8diggr@aol.com.

Third Graders Snowshoe at Mosquito Hill



Our next Olympic great? —→

A Busy Spring for SPICE

by Tanya Puls, Chairperson

Spring is right around the corner, and SPICE has many exciting events planned for March. A special thank you to all our volunteers; without parents, teachers, family members, and friends, these events would not be successful.



Free Family Movie Night will be held Friday, March 6, in the school cafeteria. We will be showing *Big Hero 6*. Concessions will be available for purchase.

The **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair** is on March 10. It will be an exciting evening to share with the family, and a great way for our students to showcase their hard work. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will also be running, and the theme this spring will be "Oceans of Fun!" The book fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each school day from March 3-10. It will also be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. The book fair is an important fundraiser for our school. Be sure to stop by and see what it has to offer.

Funset Boulevard Family Night is on Thursday, March 12. It's a fun time for all. Wristbands are \$4 per person, which includes free laser tag. See page 17 for more details.

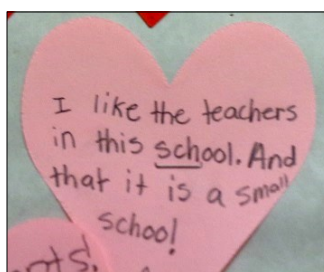
March will also find us using **Box Tops for Education** funds to order classroom playground equipment. Outside recess without snow pants is just around the corner!! Thank you to all who continue to turn in Box Tops on a regular basis. They really add up and help us purchase needed things for the district.

There will be a **Labels for Education Classroom Challenge** coming up in April! It will run from April 1-30. Please save your labels. Any labels submitted prior to the Classroom Challenge do not count toward the Challenge. We currently have 22,494 points!

If you are interested in becoming a part of SPICE and planning activities that benefit all the children at Shiocton Schools, please stop by at the **next SPICE meeting on Wednesday, March 11**, in the school library at 6:00 p.m. It is a wonderful way to get involved and work with other parents. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me at TanyaPuls@aol.com or Steve Parker, vice-chair, at sjparker92@gmail.com.



This bulletin board was done by Mrs. Nabbefeld, with the help of students in grades 1 through 4. They were given a heart cut-out and asked to



write down one thing that they love about our school. The students were very creative in their choices! Some couldn't decide on just one thing, so they wrote several. All the hearts were combined to make one big heart that is located on the bulletin board outside of the health office. This just goes to show how great our school is!

Counselor's Corner

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

Safety Speaker On February 17, Helen Kobussen from the

Sexual Assault Crisis Center in Appleton, talked to students in grades 1, 3, and 6 about making safe choices. Pictured is third grader Clayton



Marohn assisting Mrs. Kobussen with a safety skit during her presentation.

Student Council News

Upcoming Dress-Up Days:

Wednesday, March 11: Paint Your Face Day

Wednesday, March 25: Crazy Hair and Mismatch Day

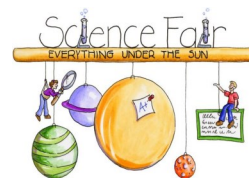
Gum Day: Friday, March 27, is Gum Day for grades K-5. Students will be allowed to responsibly chew gum during the school day. Students are to provide their own gum. ☺



Busy Month Ahead for Grade 4

March is going to be a very busy month. We start off with mid-year Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 4, the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 10, and Funset Boulevard on March 12.

Fourth graders are encouraged to enter an exhibit in the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. They receive extra credit points in science for doing so. It is an amazing opportunity for students to be the experimenter and carry out the scientific method. Then they can be the “expert/instructor” and present their results at the fair. This is a great time to answer those “I wonder why...” and “How does ... work?” questions. We also have many young musicians who perform throughout the evening, and of course the halls are brimming with artwork. It is a wonderful time for families and community members to come and check out all of the interesting things our young people are doing.



During March, we will participate in the Adventures in Dairyland program. A member of the Outagamie County UW Extension, Kristy Erickson, will come to our school to talk about Wisconsin as a dairy state. On April 17, we will end the unit by visiting the Erickson farm.

Another fun thing we'll do in March is follow the mushers on the Iditarod Trail. No, we can't be there with them, but we do research and prepare for the race, pick mushers, and follow their daily (sometimes hourly) progress at www.iditarod.com. The race begins March 7! This is one activity that really makes an impression and sticks with the students. To go with this unit, we also read the novel *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. It is a story about a boy and his dog, and the boy is determined to win a dogsled race to save his grandfather's farm.

Remind your child to continue to always do their best. The end of third quarter is March 26 already. Some still need to memorize their multiplication facts. Please help your child memorize these important facts.



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

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

Scripps Spelling Bee

On February 10, Jordan (grade 4) and Jocelyn (grade 5) Houterman attended the regional Scripps Spelling Bee, hosted by Lawrence University in Appleton. It was very competitive, with 41 students in grades 3-8 participating. This year there were no third graders, one other fourth grader, and a very limited number of fifth graders, so it definitely was a huge challenge for the girls. They represented the Shiocton School District well, and I am very proud of both of them!!

Battle of the Books

On February 24, our “Dream Team” consisting of Abbie Fischer, Jordyn Houterman, Davin Piechocki, Amelia Schuh, and alternate Breanna Birch, battled other students from across the state in the final competition for Battle of the Books. Watch for our article in next month's issue of *The Link* for the results!

Upcoming G/T events to remember

April 9

Noetic Learning Math Contest – Spring
(grades 3-6)

April 24

College Day for Kids at UW-Stevens Point
6th grade G/T academic students

Conservation and Environmental Awareness Speaking Competition

The fifth grade gifted and talented reading students chose an area of environmental awareness that they felt needed to be addressed. They were encouraged to select a subject that concerned local problems as much as possible. They researched their subject to obtain authentic and accurate information. It was then up to them to emphasize the conservation aspect of their subject. Two of the students,

Olivia
Conradt
and Larissa
Young
(pictured at
right),
chose to
take it one
step
further.
They took
their
project and
competed
in the



Conservation and Environmental Awareness Speaking Competition hosted at the Shiocton School District on February 5. They were up against 11 other students in the Elementary Division (grades 5-6). It was an excellent experience for them, and I am so proud of Olivia and Larissa for challenging themselves and taking the initiative to go that extra mile!

Fifth Graders Learn About Prepositions

The fifth graders learned that a preposition is a word which shows relationships among other words in the sentence. The relationships include direction, place, time, cause, manner, and amount.

In itself, a word like “in” or “after” is rather meaningless. Prepositions are nearly always combined with other words called prepositional phrases. Prepositional phrases tend to be built in the same way: a preposition followed by a determiner and an adjective or two, followed by a pronoun or noun (called the object of the preposition). This whole phrase takes on a modifying role, acting as an adjective or adverb, locating something in time and space, modifying a noun, or telling when or where or under what conditions something happened.

Fifth graders know some rules regarding prepositions such as:

- a preposition is followed by a noun; it is never followed by a verb.
- a prepositional phrase always begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun, which is called the object of the preposition.
- a subject can never be part of a prepositional phrase, and a verb can never be part of a prepositional phrase.

With this knowledge students had fun creating “Prepositional Phrase Poems.”

Shark

Under the water
Since the prehistoric times
Toward its prey
On its feeding frenzy
Among the other sharks
In the deep blue sea

Shark

Bethany Freeman



Horses

In the barn
Out in the pasture
Inside the trailer
At the horse show
Outside my house
Down the road

Horses

Jarid Hermann



Boat

Across the water
Underneath the rain or sun
Out on the water
On a trailer
Above the fish
In the shed

Boat

Andrew Behnke



Raspberry

On the bush
In the basket
Against the hand
Beneath the sky
Above the grass
Within the juice
Throughout the jam
Between the bread
Into the peanut butter
Beyond the thick sweetness
Upon your taste buds

Raspberry

Yenna Anaya

6th Grade Girls Place First in Hoops Tournament



Congratulations! Shiocton Hoops Club 6th grade girls claimed first place in the Shiocton Youth Girls Tournament on February 15. They played some amazing teams, beating Appleton North 29-16 in the championship game.

Front row (l to r): Coach Dion Lecker, Carly Herb, Abby Demerath, Jaiden Lecker.

Back row: Maddie Daniels, Emma Scharmann, Brianna Scholz, Madi Fahrbach, Emily Korth, Megan Blohowiak, Liz Volkman.

Not pictured: Macy Raeck and Coach Dawn Kanaman.

News from the Nurse *by Rebecca Ecker, RN*

Eat right with MyPlate

Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate or in your bowl. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, and lean protein foods contain the nutrients you need without too many calories. Over the day, include foods from all the food groups. Try the following tips to “Get Your Plate in Shape.”

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables

Eat a variety of vegetables, especially dark green, red, and orange vegetables plus beans and peas. Fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables all count. Choose “reduced sodium” or “no-salt-added” canned vegetables. Add fruit to meals and snacks. Buy fruits that are dried, frozen, or canned in water or 100% juice, as well as fresh fruits.

Make at least half your grains whole

Choose 100% whole grain breads, cereals, crackers, pasta, and brown rice. Check the ingredients list on food packages to find whole grain foods.

Switch to fat-free or low-fat milk

Fat-free and low-fat milk have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories. If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or a calcium-fortified soy beverage.

Vary your protein choices

Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week, such as seafood, nuts, and beans, as well as lean meat, poultry, and eggs. Twice a week, make seafood the protein on your plate. Keep meat and poultry portions small and lean.

Cut back on sodium and empty calories from solid fats and added sugars

Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Select fruit for dessert. Eat sugary desserts less often. Choose 100% fruit juice instead of fruit-flavored drinks. Look out for

salt (sodium) in foods you buy. Compare sodium in foods and choose those with lower numbers. Add spices or herbs to season food without adding salt. Make major sources of saturated fats such as desserts, pizza, cheese, sausages, and hot dogs occasional choices, not every day foods. Select lean cuts of meat or poultry and fat-free or

low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese. Switch from solid fats to oils when preparing food.

Enjoy your food, but eat less

Get your personal daily calorie limit at www.ChooseMyPlate.gov. Keep that number in mind when deciding what to eat. Avoid oversized portions. Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. Cook more often at home, where you are in control of what’s in your

food. When eating out, choose lower calorie menu options. Choose dishes that include vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. Write down what you eat to keep track of how much you eat. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so sensibly. Limit it to one drink a day for women or two drinks a day for men.

Be physically active your way

Pick activities that you like and start by doing what you can, at least 10 minutes at a time. Every bit adds up, and health benefits increase as you spend more time being active.

- Children and teens: Get 60 minutes or more a day.
- Adults: Get two hours and 30 minutes or more a week of activity that requires moderate effort such as brisk walking.

Find more healthy eating tips at:

- www.eatright.org
- www.kidseatright.org
- www.ChooseMyPlate.gov



Source: *Let's Eat for the Health of It*
www.ChooseMyPlate.gov

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair

Tuesday, March 10 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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



School Board Meeting Summaries

January 19, 2015

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, Bradd Yenor, Ryan Spaulding, Dave Wilcox, Heather Demerath, Janice Fielding, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- update Open Enrollment transportation language as part of Policy #5113.
- approve Open Enrollment spaces for the 2015-16 school year as recommended.
- approve the Professional Personnel Compensation Plan as presented.

In other discussion:

- State Convention Resolutions.
- proposed Accountability Bill.

Board reports:

- Raymond Gomm: CESA 6 meeting.
- Dave Gomm: Building/Grounds Committee update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach (written report): End of the second quarter, STAR testing, PALS testing, Summer School, 4K/5K registration, and School Board Convention attendance.
- Mrs. Zeinert: *Reality Check*, ACT prep offerings, and Business Education Grant.
- Mrs. Guex: Second Friday Count.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: SPED aide additional time, legislative breakfast, presentation to Village, and Career Pathways Grant.

Upcoming events:

- Junior Prom — April 18
- Senior Awards Program — May 20
- Graduation — May 31
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade — August 15

February 2, 2015

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Logan Cummings, Julie Gomm, Jess Miller, Megan Kelly, Alyssa Leopold, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentations:

- CTE Program — Recognizing Career and Technical Education Month.
- Megan Kelly and Alyssa Leopold gave a presentation on the Future Business Leaders of America Conference.

The board voted to:

- Approve the Course Offerings for the 2015 Summer School session.

In other discussion:

- Graduation 2016 date.
- Mrs. Griesbach, Mrs. Schweitzer, and Dave Gomm reported on sessions they attended at the State School Board Convention.
- Referendum information and update.
- United Community Fund update.

Student report: Logan Cummings gave an update on events and happenings with Student Council.

Board reports:

- Ray Gomm: CESA 6 meeting.
- Brad Ritchie: Delegate assembly action.
- Dave Gomm: Building/Grounds Committee meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Events and happenings for grades PK-6.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Wrestling Conference and Regional meets, substitute for HS science.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Cisco Meraki software (Mrs. Hartman), and Compensation Plan roll-out.

Closed session: To discuss superintendent evaluation.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

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

Music In Our Schools Month CELEBRATION CONCERT

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

BADGER BAND TRIP PAYMENT DUE

\$25 (and all remaining balances)
Tuesday, March 31

BADGER BAND TRIP

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

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 25
SELECT HS STUDENTS

HS TRIP to St. LOUIS

April 30-May 3
HS BAND/CHOIR

TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

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

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS

We saw lots of musical growth this year through our solo and ensemble project. No other project in the year helps us develop students' musical potential more than this one. Congratulations to all our students who participated! A special spotlight to **Jeanie Beer, Megan Coenen, Christie Depner, Katie Lasee, Josh Parker, Ashly Weis, Brittany Wicinski, and Leah Williams** for moving on to state this year. Your hard work paid off. You make Shiocton proud!



Ashly Weis, Katie Lasee, Christie Depner, Josh Parker, Megan Coenen, Jeanie Beer, and Brittany Wicinski will represent Shiocton at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on April 25. Congratulations!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS MARCH CONCERT

You are cordially invited to our March concert on **Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.** celebrating *Music In Our Schools Month*. All bands and choirs (grades 5-12) will be performing. We will feature music from our solo and ensemble festival last month, as well as music that will be performed on our high school trip to St. Louis. We have a dynamic group of students going through the music program right now. Please join us as we showcase the musical talents of our fine students! You won't be disappointed!

DID YOU KNOW...

Arts involvement teaches children many skills necessary to succeed in life, including problem solving and decision making, building self-confidence and self-discipline, the ability to imagine what might be and to accept responsibility for it, teamwork, the development of informed perception, and articulating a vision...great skills for success in life!



Thanks for supporting music in your child's education!!

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