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The **Link**

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

March, 2012

The Link: Online vs. Printed Version

by Chris VanderHyden

Our discussions continue in regards to reducing the number of print copies of this newsletter. *The Link* is currently available on the school website (www.shiocton.k12.wi.us). We could save tremendous amounts of time and paper each month if fewer print copies were produced. By mailing fewer copies, we could reduce those expenses as well. We could move toward having less duplication of information that can be found elsewhere on our website or on links from our website (i.e. Hoops Club, calendar, and district information).



We had very few responses to our inquiry last October about your ability to access the website version rather than receiving a print copy, so we are moving forward with plans to reduce our mailing and in-school distribution lists. We can certainly make some accommodations for those of you who do not have the technology available to access *The Link* online. **Please get us your feedback as we plan to implement this change at the beginning of next school year.**

Two Wrestlers Earn a Trip to State

At the February 18 sectional, Austin Riehl and Zech Riehl advanced to the State Individual Wrestling Tournament, held in Madison February 23-25. Both wrestled five matches at the sectional and finished in second place, Austin in the 120-pound class and Zech at 160. Six additional



Shiocton wrestlers qualified for the sectional meet: Nathan Thein, Derrek Davis, Jesus Padilla, Jacob Dahlke, Freddy Fielding, and Dominic Gunderson. The Chiefs took first place in the regional meet and lost 39-30 to Edgar in the team sectional.

Shiocton School District Literacy Committee Presents:



A Family Fun Night with Adam the Magic Man

Magic, Balloon Animals, and Card Tricks!

Friday, March 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Free admission.

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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

Wellness Committee

The last time the district reviewed its Wellness policies was 2006. There have been some significant changes in rules, regulations, and philosophies regarding wellness in schools as it applies to students, staff, and the community at large. We will be forming a committee to discuss and revise wellness policies and practices in our schools. Please contact me if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

Town Hall Meeting

We are planning to host a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 15, in the LMC at school. The meeting will run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will cover the topics of the preliminary School Budget projections for 2012-13 (and beyond), a review of our current budget, and some time in small groups discussing and sharing your priorities for the School District of Shiocton. We also hope to be able to present some highlights of the employee handbooks for the 2012-13 school year. Please plan to attend this informational session.

March Madness

We are at that point of the school year where our winter athletic teams are completing or entering end-of-the-season playoffs. By the time this newsletter goes out, we will already know the outcome of the wrestling team's participants at the State Tournament. Our basketball teams will just be getting started with their regional contests.

As you attend these games to cheer on our young athletes, please do your best to support and encourage them. Be a good role model to the athletes and other spectators in regards to sportsmanship. Let the coaches and game officials do their jobs. Let the children play the game and let them have fun doing so. Enjoy your role as a fan by cheering the accomplishments of the athletes on both teams. When the game is over, be glad that you had the opportunity to be a fan and watch those talented young people play and enjoy their games.



As always, call if you have any questions or concerns — 986-3351 ext. 761.

Have a terrific start to the spring season!

Chris L. VanderHeyden
Superintendent

Please visit the district website at:

<http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/>

Upcoming Fundraisers for the Softball Team

Chief Cards

The softball team will again be selling the \$10 Chief cards. These cards are loaded with savings in our community and in the valley. The sale begins March 14 and runs until March 22. We will have a Blitz Night where the girls will be going door to door to sell the cards on Thursday, March 22. The cards will be available from any softball player or by calling Cheryl at 986-3445.

Lasagna Dinner Canceled

The lasagna dinner previously scheduled for March 9 has been canceled.

Spring Flower Sale

March 1-23

Delivery May 2

The softball team is gearing up for their annual spring flower sale. These flowers are huge, healthy, and beautiful.

10" hanging basket	\$18	Fuchsias that hang full of buds, bright colored Begonias, Ivy Geraniums, and New Guinea Impatiens
1-gallon pots	\$7.25	Dahlias or King Kong Coleus
3.5" pot	\$4.25	Geraniums or Gerber Daisies

Delivery date will be May 2, just in time for Mothers' Day.

Flowers are provided by Schroeder's Flowers, Green Bay. Available from any softball player or call Cheryl at 986-3445



Summer Sports Registration Dates

Mark your calendars!

by Jaclyn Pelky

Date	Time
Thursday, March 1	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Wednesday, March 7	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

All sign-up sessions will be held at Shiocton School. Please take advantage of these dates! Anyone signing up after March 10 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Early sign up ensures the Shiocton Summer Sports Board has time to organize teams, order T-shirts, and recruit coaches.

Registration Fees

T-ball	\$20
Little League	\$25
10-12U	\$25
Pony League	\$30
14U-16U	\$30
Babe Ruth	\$35



Opening Week

All meetings will be held at Shiocton Lake Park starting at 5:45 p.m. Shiocton Summer Sports encourages all players and parents to attend for great information that will help throughout the season!

T-Ball	May 21
Softball	May 22
Little League	May 23

Youth Wrestling Swim Night

by Kristi Piechocki

Date: Thursday, March 15

Time: The bus will be leaving from behind the school at 5:15 p.m. and will return at 9:00 p.m.

Where: Clintonville High School (rec center)

What to bring: Swimsuits and towels (vests and goggles if needed).

The club sponsors drinks and snacks after swimming is done. **With the high number of young wrestlers, for safety reasons, we are asking that all youth K-2nd grade have a chaperone.** The chaperone does not have to swim, but we do need the extra sets of eyes so all can relax and have a good time.

All wrestlers participating must have a permission slip to attend. Slips are available at practice and can be turned in prior to getting on the bus. Any questions or concerns about the swimming party, please contact Kristi Piechocki at 986-3900.



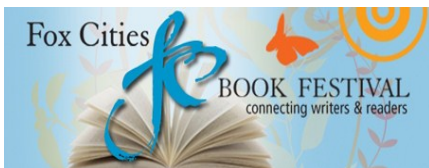
Mark your calendar for this year's **golf outing** to be held June 16 at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London.

Spring Selections from the Book Club

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

The book selected for April is *The Bradbury Report* by Steven Polansky. Set in 2071, *The Bradbury Report* is about a man who meets his clone, becomes involved in government resistance, and develops a deeper understanding of humanity. This book will be discussed on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54.

Steven Polansky and Bill Strickland, author of the Book Club's February selection, *Make the Impossible Possible*, are coming to the area as part of the 5th annual Fox Cities Book Festival. The Festival, which celebrates the joy and power of reading, is April 11-18. Held in a variety of venues throughout the Fox Cities communities and coinciding with National Library Week and National Poetry Month, the Festival brings noted national, state, and local authors to share their works through readings, panels, workshops, school programs, and conversations, raising their appreciation for one another and the pure joy of reading. More information is available at foxcitiesbookfestival.org.



Heartsaver AED CPR Class to be Offered

Date: Wednesday, March 7

Time: 3:15-6:15 p.m.

Where: Shiocton Schools,
Room H235 (Mr.
Prodell's room)

The cost of the class is \$5, which includes a CPR book and certification card. To register, please call Rebecca Ecker, RN, at 986-3351 ext. 714 or you can stop in at the school health office.



Paper Recyclable Fundraiser

by Tim Huebner

Continuing to build on the success of last fall's recyclable fundraiser, the middle school will again be collecting recyclable paper to raise money for the purchase of an interactive white board. To help, please consider dropping off your paper recyclables in the **large dumpster** behind the school at the back of the parking lot anytime from Monday, March 19, to Thursday, March 22.

If you have any questions, call Tim Huebner at 986-3351 ext. 739.



When: Monday, March 19-
Thursday, March 22

Where: The large dumpster behind the school

What: Any paper recyclables (examples: cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, or any paper item)

Future Paper Collection Dates

April 23-26

May 21-24

Early Childhood Screening in March

Dear Parent(s):

The School District of Shiocton cordially invites you and your child to participate in our **free Early Childhood Screening to be held on Thursday, March 15, at Shiocton Elementary School.**

We are looking for children within the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2012, who may be eligible for the program. In addition, if your child will be four years old after September 1, 2012, and will not be enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten, please consider bringing your child in for screening. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.



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

Please **call 986-3351 ext. 717 by March 9 to set up an appointment** or if you have any additional questions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Nicole Hess

Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher

Free gift
for your
child upon
completion
of the
screening!

Meet the School Board Candidates

Ray Gomm

When we Wisconsinites reflect on our sports teams such as the Packers, Brewers, and Badgers, we envision pride, teamwork, and accomplishments. These are the same accolades the board, administration, and staff, with resident support, see for Shiocton District Schools. As a member of the board, I seek your vote for re-election on April 3.

Mary Hoffman

My name is Mary Hoffman. I have been your school board representative since 2006, and I am running for re-election. I am presently on the committee reviewing the district's policy manual. My time as a member of your school board has been a tremendous learning experience for me. The past six years have helped me to truly understand the valuable mechanics behind a strong school board and its importance to our community, the students, and the educators. I feel confident that the knowledge I have gained will be helpful for reaching the upcoming goals of our district.

Many districts in the State of Wisconsin, including ours, have real challenges ahead of them. Predictions for the 2012-13 school year show that we should expect even less funding from the federal and state government, which is a continuing challenge for the district. Changes in the contracts with school employees and development of the employee handbooks are currently in the forefront of the Shiocton School Board's work. If I am re-elected, I look forward to continuing to work hard, as well as being a part of a school board that values the future of our district. I am always available for your questions and concerns; please do not hesitate to contact me! Thank you.



John Lammers, center, presents a check for the Shiocton Veterans Memorial to American Legion Post 512 Adjutant Doug Tyler and Bob Dieck, chairman of the memorial committee. Photo by Rick Cohler

Veterans Memorial Receives Donation

The drive to build a veterans memorial at Bamboo Bend in Shiocton received a boost with an \$800 donation from proceeds from sales of the first and second printings of *Shadows on the Wolf* by the Shiocton History Project Committee, originally published in 1987. Committee members were John Lammers, Richard Leitch, Lonnie Luetschwager, Arnold Neuzil, and Delores Sorensen.

An account for donations has been established at First National Bank in Shiocton, and more information can be obtained from Laurie Bunnell at the village offices, (920) 986-3415 or e-mail lbunnell@shiocton.us.

Art Show Preview

Take a gallery walk down our hallways and relish the many great artists in our midst. Look for more artwork in the issue.



*Ancient Egyptian Profile
by Rachel Maki, Grade 5*



*Elephant Procession
by Autumn Lorenz, Grade 1*



*Geoffrey the Giraffe
by Laney Schultz, Grade 8
GT Art*



Principal's Report

As the end of the quarter approaches (March 23) 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Good communication and regular attendance benefit the students and lead 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 to 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.

I would like to congratulate the wrestling team on another great season. As of the writing of this article, sectionals have not been held (so I am not sure if any of our wrestlers will be advancing). However, the hard work, dedication, and extra effort of the team have certainly paid off.



The Quiz Bowl team will be wrapping up another successful season under the leadership of Mik Newlin. Quiz Bowl is a competition among 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 which is coached by Gary Slosarek, softball which is coached by Dave Wilcox and Dawn Kanaman, and golf which is coached by Terry Schwaller. I would like to wish all of our athletes and coaches good luck in the upcoming season!

As I close out this article, I want to wish Mrs. Warner good luck on her new job. Starting February 22, Mrs. Warner will be working for the Hortonville School District. As we try to find a replacement for Mrs. Warner, I ask for your patience and understanding.

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

Kelly Zeinert

Beat Poetry Reading

by Amanda Tetzlaff

The sophomores recently took part in a Beat Poetry reading in English class. As part of their study of poetry, each student was given a different beat poem. Students researched their poet and examined their poem in order to write an attention-grabbing introduction to present along with their poem.

On presentation day, students got up in front of their classmates and shared their introduction, giving the class a taste of their poem and some background on the often interesting life of the poet. This was followed by a dramatic reading of the poem.

It was a great way to expose ourselves to this group of writers and many beat poems. Students enjoyed the variety of thought-provoking and original beat poems, and it was great practice of their public speaking skills! Kudos to the sophomores for your great presentations of beat poetry!

Yearbook News

Attention Parents:

Please submit your child's senior portrait as soon as possible.

Place a senior ad in the 2012 Yearbook.

Submit a baby picture, a senior picture, and a short note to that special senior for a lasting yearbook memory for \$25.

It's not too late to order your copy of the 2012 Yearbook.

Deadline — April 13

Cost — \$45

Contact Mrs. Ligocki at 986-3351 ext. 706 or rligocki@shiocton.k12.wi.us for more details or questions.

Collaboration Technology in the Classroom

by Kurt Wismer



A new class at Shiocton High School, “eTechnology for the 21st Century Learner,” is focusing on new and innovative technologies that can help students achieve educationally. Students are exploring a variety of Web 2.0 tools online. Web 2.0 is the term given to describe a second generation of the World Wide Web that focuses on the ability for people to collaborate and share information online. Web 2.0 refers to the change from static HTML web pages to a more dynamic and interactive web that is more organized and is based on serving web applications to users. In the class, students will use tools such as Google Docs, YouTube, Twitter, RSS Readers, audio and video editing tools, digital note-taking tools, online portfolios, and virtual meeting tools used by companies such as IBM. Students will ultimately be armed with an arsenal of tools that will enhance and increase their capacity for learning and finding new information.

Recently, the students took collaboration with

technology to its full potential. By using programs such as Twitter and Google Docs, the kids communicated with students at Madison La Follette High School on the subject of Web 2.0 tools. On February 10, the students watched a web video regarding the Google Corporation and how they conduct business.



The students from both Shiocton and Madison posted responses to the video to a shared subject heading on Twitter and were able to share contributions and thoughts on the topic together.

On February 15, Shiocton students were paired up with Madison students to collaborate virtually on a unique Google product. Their task was to identify the tool and share how the tool can impact 21st century learning. Some examples of tools research include Google Wallet, Goggles, and Google+.

Throughout the course, students will continue to use a wide range of Web 2.0 tools to enhance and diversify their learning strategies for high school and beyond.

Scholarship Applications Reminder

by Kay Boelter

Reminder to all senior students! Please check the black binder in the Pupil Services file cabinet OFTEN! The application binder continues to overflow. I will NOT be tracking you down to pick up your scholarship applications. It is your responsibility to check the binder at least once a week and to take what is yours. Also, please be aware of your scholarship deadlines!

Blood Drive

Student Council will be holding their final blood drive of the year on Wednesday, March 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment.



Play and Learn

by Julie Gomm

The Linking Generations class is starting to look at the importance of play for children. Caregivers know that PLAY is the work of children. Play is not only fun, it teaches children basic concepts like color, shapes, counting, taking turns, and problem solving. The students are experiencing various kinds of play to help identify what kinds of social, physical, emotional, and intellectual skills can be developed. At first they thought it was a little silly to play Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders in a high school class, but they realized that many of life's lessons are really learned early on. Even big kids have to remind their playmates to wait their turn and be good sports about winning and losing. There really are big lessons to be learned in little kids' games.



SILA

Shiocton International Leadership Academy

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SILA's First Open House is a Success

by Julia Soma and Alexandria Wolff

On February 9, SILA held its first open house. The open house was a great opportunity for people to see what SILA is like. Many got a better understanding about what being a SILA student is like. The SILA students answered questions the guests had. Some of the most popular questions were about the online courses, how students start and finish their projects, how SILA students interact with traditional school students, and what makes a student eligible to join SILA. Julia Soma, a sixth grade SILA student, commented, "I had a great time answering the guests' questions, and I can't wait to see all the new faces next year."

County executive Tom Nelson also attended the open house. He was inquiring about how things worked, how the students are learning, how they manage their time, how they stay on task, and if there is a certain type of student that succeeds in SILA. Natalie Guyette told us that, when speaking with Tom Nelson, he asked her very direct questions about how she likes SILA and how she likes SILA compared to the traditional school. This was a great opportunity for the community to get a better knowledge of how students learn in SILA.



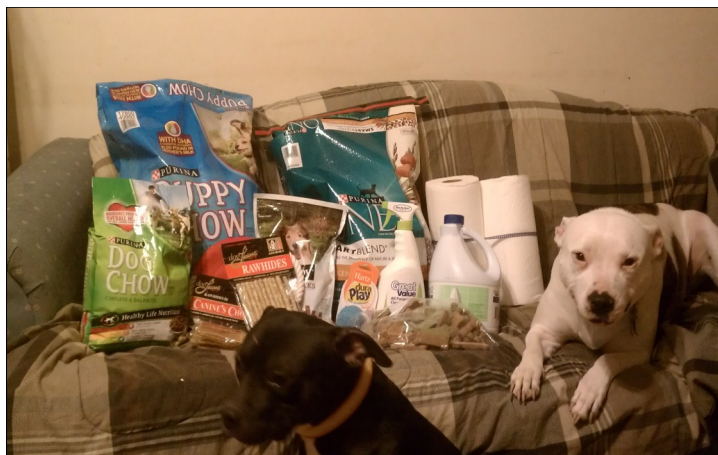
Animal Shelters — How You Can Help

by Brook Goodwin

Many people have a love for animals and want to get involved in helping them. One problem is many shelters and rescues can't allow minors to be around the animals until they are 18. There are still more ways to help out. For example, I set up a donation box at my mother's work. I received well over \$300 in donations for three area shelters. It was much more than I expected, and was greatly appreciated by the shelters.

I am now reaching out to Shiocton and surrounding communities. Because of the recession, more and more pets are surrendered to shelters. This has put non-profit agencies like animal shelters at a greater need for donations. If you would like to donate any supplies for area shelters, it would be greatly

appreciated. Donations could include things like money to pay for veterinary costs, toys, pet food, and other supplies. All donations may be dropped off in Mr. Winter's room in the SILA wing.



Donations brought to one of the three shelters.

SILA Family

by Cheyenne Ver Voort

By now, I'm sure that you've heard of SILA. I'm sure that you know that we're a project-based school, and that we do most of our classwork online or through projects. You may have even attended our showcase or open house, both of which explained a great deal about SILA. But something you may not know about us is that we're a family. The camaraderie within our school is amazing; your classmates are almost like your siblings, your advisor is for all intents and purposes a surrogate parent, and the students in other advisories are—to quote Mrs. Louis' advisory—like cousins.

In the traditional school you always have your close group of good friends who you consider family. But in SILA, we're *all* family. We all love everyone and pick each other up like any family does. Several students have expressed the feeling that SILA is their “home away from home,” and it's true. Students know they can always come to anyone for help with anything, from school work to personal troubles. SILA students look out for each other, and we think that it's important for everyone to know that we're not just building a great academic future here, we're building a family.



beginning of the women's rights movement in the United States. This set the stage for furthering women's social, political, and civil rights. It also shattered the Victorian model of what women and families should be.

Students will be re-enacting the debate from the second day of the convention. They will be cast to play public speakers and convention-goers. SILA is fortunate enough to have Mr. Bill Collar help out by playing the part of James Mott, the chairman and main speaker. SILA students are very excited to have the chance to recreate an important part of women's history.

SILA Students Excited about Unique Opportunity

by McKenzie Calder and Leah Wagner

Many people may or may not know, March is women's history month. SILA students are taking full advantage of this opportunity to learn about the great things women achieved throughout history. One thing that students will be studying is the Convention at Seneca Falls.

The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 was the

The Pyramids of Giza

by Jason Arjoon, Wesley Brouillard, Riley Krull, Parker Nabbefeld

The pyramids of Giza, what are they? The pyramids of Giza are the oldest, nearly 3,500 years old, and most famous of all pyramids. They are only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world that still stand today. The pyramids of Giza are located in Egypt, just south of Cairo. Cheops, one of the pyramids, is the tallest manmade structure in the world. The pyramids were built as a burial ground for the Pharaoh. Why for the Pharaoh? The people in Egypt believed that the Pharaoh was a god, therefore they needed an elaborate resting place for this ruler. The pyramids are a great tourist attraction and they're in good condition.

The reason we chose to do a project about the pyramids of Giza is because we wanted to learn about the building of large structures without the use of modern machines. What we found most interesting was that the Egyptians were able to move blocks of stone weighing between two and seven tons by hand. The Egyptians used ramps to get the stones to the top of the pyramid. While it is not known whether the ramps were straight or curved, it has come to light that the Egyptians wet the sand with water to make it easier to get the blocks to the top. Contrary to popular belief, the pyramids were built by Egyptian farmers that were in need of work because the Nile was flooding out their crops. So Khufu hired and paid them to build the pyramids instead.



News from the Nurse — Tanning Bed Risks

submitted by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Sunlamps and tanning beds promise consumers a bronzed body year-round, but the ultraviolet (UV) radiation from these devices poses serious health risks. “Although some people think that a tan gives them a ‘healthy’ glow, any tan is a sign of skin damage,” says Sharon Miller, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) scientist and international expert on UV radiation and tanning.

“A tan is the skin’s reaction to exposure to UV rays,” says Miller. “Recognizing exposure to the rays as an ‘insult,’ the skin acts in self-defense by producing more melanin, a pigment that darkens the skin. Over time, this damage will lead to prematurely aged skin and, in some cases, skin cancer.”

Two types of UV radiation that penetrate the skin are UV-B and UV-A rays.

- ☀ UV-B rays penetrate the top layers of skin and are most responsible for sunburns.
- ☀ UV-A rays penetrate to the deeper layers of the skin and are often associated with allergic reactions, such as a rash.

Both UV-B and UV-A rays damage the skin and can lead to skin cancer. Tanning salons use lamps that emit both UV-A and UV-B radiation.

Cancer Risk

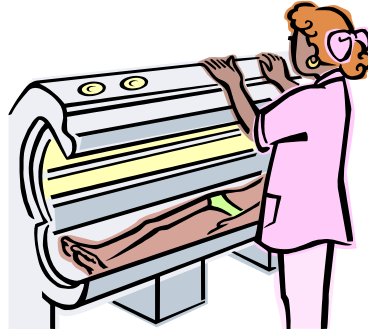
Exposure to UV radiation—whether from the sun or from artificial sources such as sunlamps used in tanning beds—increases the risk of developing skin cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is linked to getting severe sunburns, especially at a young age. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has concluded that tanning devices that emit UV radiation are more dangerous than previously thought. IARC moved these devices into the highest cancer risk category: “**carcinogenic to humans**.” Previously, it had categorized the devices as “probably carcinogenic to humans.”

Development of cancer is a long process that may take decades. Therefore, IARC also recommended banning commercial indoor tanning for those younger than 18 years to protect them from the increased risk for melanoma and other skin cancers.

Other Risks

In addition to the serious risk of skin cancer, tanning can cause:

- ☀ **Premature aging.** Tanning causes the skin to lose elasticity and wrinkle prematurely. This leathery look may not show up until many years after you’ve had a tan or sunburn.
- ☀ **Immune suppression.** UV-B radiation may suppress proper functioning of the body’s immune system and the skin’s natural defenses, leaving you more vulnerable to diseases, including skin cancer.
- ☀ **Eye damage.** Exposure to UV radiation can cause irreversible damage to the eyes.
- ☀ **Allergic reaction.** Some people who are especially sensitive to UV radiation may develop an itchy red rash and other adverse effects.



Advocates of tanning devices sometimes argue that using these devices is less dangerous than sun tanning because the intensity of UV radiation and the time spent tanning can be controlled. But there is no evidence to support these claims. In fact, **sunlamps may be more dangerous than the sun** because they can be used at the same high intensity every day of the year—unlike the sun whose intensity varies with the time of day, the season, and cloud cover.

Tanning in Children and Teens

FDA is particularly concerned about children and teens being exposed to UV rays. Intermittent exposures to intense UV radiation leading to sunburns, especially in childhood and teen years, increase the risk of melanoma. FDA believes that limiting sun exposure and using sunscreen or sunblock are particularly important for children since these measures can prevent sunburn at a young age.

Young people may not think they are vulnerable to skin cancer. They have difficulty thinking about their own mortality. “Parents should carefully consider the risks before allowing their children under 18 to tan,” says Miller.

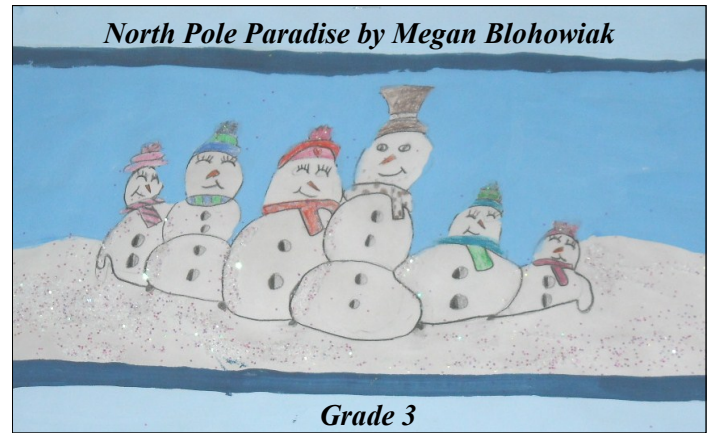
Tanning beds are a risky practice. That is why the Food and Drug Administration, the National Cancer Institute, the American Academy of Dermatology, and other health organizations all advise limiting exposure to natural UV radiation from the sun and **avoiding artificial UV sources such as tanning beds entirely.**

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration



Artists of the Future

*Clay Birdhouse
by Lauren Calder
Grade 6 G/T Art*



School Board Meeting Summaries

February 6, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, Tara and Leigha Young, Lori and Ryan Maki, Diane Boelter, Kitzie Brum, Nathalie Leeman, Kimberly Burton, and Beth Bloedorn.

Moments of Merit:

- The Spelling Bee and Geography Bee winners were honored for their accomplishments.
- The school crossing guards were recognized for their contributions to student safety.

Delegations:

- Mrs. Brum asked about the restroom near the tech. ed. area. There seems to be some room temperature and hot water issues.
- Mrs. Leeman asked about the possibility of having the elementary vending machine turned off during the school day.

The board voted to:

- Set the April board meeting dates for the 9th and 23rd.

In other discussion:

- Topics from the State School Board Convention.
- Insurance options and health risk assessments.
- Refinancing of unfunded liability loan.
- Ray Gomm asked if anyone wanted to attend the Legal and Human Resource Conference. Members have until one week prior to the workshop to register.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: ACCESS testing, K4/K5 registration, forensics competition, and Elementary Principals' Conference.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Staff Development, Party at the PAC, High School Solo and Ensemble, and mid-quarter.
- Mrs. Guex: 2nd Friday January student count.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: CESA meeting and Legislative update.

Closed session: To review superintendent and administrative team evaluations and an employee leave of absence.

February 20, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Denise Guex, John Winter, and Keith Skenandore.

The board voted to:

- Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$662,067.62 taxable general obligation refunding bond.
- Hire Jude Backman as head baseball coach.
- Hire Ben Prodell as assistant baseball coach.
- Accept the resignation of Lynn Warner as middle school/high school secretary.

In other discussion:

- Town Hall Meeting agenda.
- Handbook process and timeline.

Reports:

- Ray Gomm reported on CESA 6.
- John Winter reported on the charter school, SILA.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Upcoming Bucket Fillers/Spelling Bee assembly, Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, and conference information.
- Mrs. Guex: Title 1 carry-over funds.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Committee updates.

Closed session: To discuss superintendent evaluation, staff handbooks, student expulsions, and staffing issues.

March Calendar of Events

1	Thu	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 7:30 am-7:00 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — 4:00-7:00 pm Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 4:00-7:00 pm MS Wrestling CWC Conference Meet at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 7:30 pm
1-9		Call for Early Childhood Screening appointment (see page 4)
1-23		Softball team spring flower sale fundraiser (see page 3)
2	Fri	HS Boys Basketball Regional Book Fair in the cafeteria — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
3	Sat	MS Wrestling at Appleton North HS — 7:30 am Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 9:00 am-12:00 noon
5	Mon	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 7:30 am-3:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
5-8	M-Th	HS Winter Carnival
6	Tue	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 7:30 am-3:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 pm HS Girls Basketball Regional
7	Wed	Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 5:00-7:00 pm
8	Thu	Funset Boulevard Family Night sponsored by SPICE — 4:00-10:00 pm
9	Fri	No Students — NWEA Convention Babysitting Clinic sponsored by SPICE — 8:00 am-3:00 pm
10	Sat	Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 9:00 am-12:00 noon
11	Sun	Open gym for MS and HS softball players in the HS gym — 6:00-8:00 pm
14	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
14-22		Softball team Chief cards sale fundraiser (see page 3)
15	Thu	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the April issue Early Childhood Screening Youth Wrestling Swim Night at Clintonville HS Rec Center (see page 3) — 5:15-9:00 pm Town Hall meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
15-17	Th-Sa	HS Boys Basketball State Tournament
16	Fri	Family Fun Night sponsored by the Literacy Committee (see front page) — 7:00-8:00 pm
19	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
19-22	M-Th	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
20	Tue	<i>Music in our Schools</i> concert in the HS gym (all bands/choirs to perform) — 7:00 pm
21	Wed	Blood Drive hosted by Student Council — 10:30 am-3:30 pm
22-24	Th-Sa	HS Girls Basketball State Tournament
23	Fri	End of the third quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
29	Thu	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm
29-31	Th-Sa	HS Softball at Wide Worlds of Sports in Florida
30	Fri	Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym — 2:20 pm

Coming Up in April

2-6	Spring Break
3	Spring Election
5	HS Track at Bonduel
10	HS Baseball/Softball at home with Pacelli HS Golf at Manawa Invite
19	MS Track at home
21	Junior Prom



Science



Health



Fine Arts
Fair

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



Book Fair
in the cafeteria

March 1, 2, 5, 6



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair

Thursday, March 1 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.

Also

Scholastic Book Fair open (see page 16)
LEGO League demonstration (see page 19)

Breakfast served daily with a variety of cold cereal, milk, 100% juice, toast, and fruit.
Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
* Menu subject to change			1 Mini corn dogs, rice, lettuce salad, Mandarin oranges, milk	2 Pizza dippers, marinara sauce, fruit salad, pears, milk
5 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, peaches, milk	6 Brunch for lunch: pancakes, hash browns, cheese omelet, sausage, orange juice, fresh fruit, milk	7 Homemade chicken noodle soup, uncrustable sandwich, green beans, pineapple, milk	8 Grab-n-Go salad or ham, turkey, cheese sub, Sun Chips, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, milk	9 No School
12 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, bread, fresh apples, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken patty on a bun, French fries, peas, peaches, milk	14 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk
19 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, Mandarin oranges, mixed vegetables, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or mini corn dogs, rice, broccoli with cheese, fresh apples, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or BBQ on a bun, tri taters, carrots, fresh oranges, milk	23 Grab-n-Go salad or basket for lunch: fish nuggets, French fries, fresh vegetables, fresh apples, milk
26 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, green beans, peaches, bread, milk	27 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, carrots, pineapple, milk	28 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk	29 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, French fries, peas, strawberries, milk	30 Pizza slice, Mandarin oranges, mixed vegetables, milk

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$38.85 for March
Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$45.15 for March

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



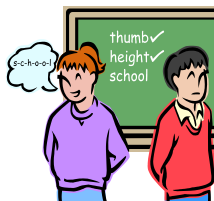
Welcome to the month of March at Shiocton Elementary/Middle School. Here's some information to pass along. . .

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

Registration for four-year-old and five-year-old kindergarten was held in February. If you know someone who has not yet registered their child for the 2012-13 school year, please remind them to do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have the initial registration information in at this time in order to plan accordingly for the 2012-13 budget. For more information, please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721.

Spelling Bee: Congratulations to all of the elementary and middle school students who participated in the Spelling Bee in January. Great job! All participants were recognized at the February Bucket Fillers assembly. The grade level winners were as follows:

Josh Wilkinson (3), Mikayla Henry (4), Peyton Bauman (5 and overall winner), Greta Thebo (6), Rylee Davis (7), Tyler Moeller (8), Kendra Wagner (SILA), and Leigha Young (Grade 5 and runner-up). Congratulations to Peyton Bauman, the overall school champion, and Leigha Young who was the runner-up! These two ladies did a great job of representing our school at the regional competition on February 14. Way to go! ☺



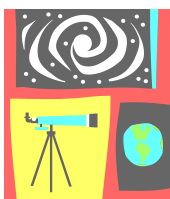
Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, March 6.

For parents of elementary students: Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to meet and have not yet scheduled a time.

For parents of middle school students: Conferences will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the middle school.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: Mark your calendars! The fair is coming up on Thursday, March 1, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. On this evening, here is what you will find:

- ⇒ Art work will be displayed all throughout the elementary, middle, and high school hallways.
- ⇒ Science and/or health projects and displays will be displayed in the elementary gym and also in the cafeteria.



⇒ Elementary music students will be dancing in the high school gym.

⇒ A book fair will be held in the cafeteria (stage area).

Please join us for a wonderful evening on March 1!

Summer School Registration: Registration for summer school will take place in April. Watch for summer school information to be coming home with your child next month. Shiocton's summer school program consists of remedial classes, enrichment classes, and wellness/physical fitness classes.

Elementary Bucket Fillers: Great job to all of the students who have been working so hard to "fill buckets" each and every day. Let's keep focusing on filling other people's buckets instead of dipping from them! Keep up the great work with this! ☺



Honor Roll: Congratulations to all of the middle school students who made the "A" or "B" Honor Roll for the second quarter.

Keep up the great work! It's not too late to focus upon earning an Honor Roll spot for the third quarter. The quarter ends on Friday, March 23, so students have until that time to raise those grades and make the third quarter Honor Roll. Keep aiming high and working hard. You can do it!

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Griesbach ☺

Elementary/Middle School Principal



Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 1	Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	MS Level II Forensics Competition at Gibraltar MS in Fish Creek—6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9	No School
Thursday, March 15	Early Childhood Screening
Tuesday, March 20	<i>Music In Our Schools</i> Concert at 7:00 p.m. in HS gym
Friday, March 23	End of Third Quarter – 12:10 p.m. Early Release

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 January.



Front row (*left to right*) — Sydney Ritchie, Shelby Erickson, Daltyn Enders, Ava Lorenz, Chase Schmulске

Second row — Autumn Schmidt, Kiley Dorn, Jordyn Houterman, Bennett Wilcox, Ben Weso, Corbin Lorge

Third row — Cassidy Defferding, Bridgett Prosper, Emily Griesbach, Holly Herminath, Dylan Larsen, Cadence Trimberger, Breanna Birch, Taylir Schmidt

Fourth row — Lakelyn Barber, Jack Scott, Logan Heindl, Emily Korth, Selina Enders, Briceida Garcia Gonzalez, Litzy Padilla

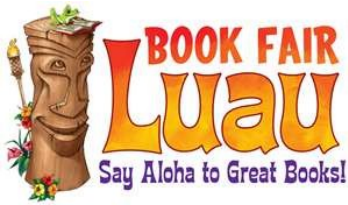
Fifth row — Paige Scott, Paige Stein, Nick Thein, Seth Ward, Megan Frahm, Payton Schnur

Back row — Tyler Ace, Allison Erickson, Alli Scott, Faith Moser, Melanie Herb

Spring Book Fair Coming Up

by Steve Parker

It's a Tropical Book Fair Luau!! The Spring Book Fair is only a few days away. The book fair, which will



be located in the school cafeteria, will run from March 1-6. It will be open 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Monday, and Tuesday. In addition, it will be

open Thursday during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. Make a point of coming on Thursday night — take a look at the great art exhibits, marvel at the science fair, then come 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 make note of 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 have been purchased with book fair revenue. Supporting the book fair supports the school district while also showing your children that reading is important. That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Any questions about the book fair can be directed to me at 757-8871.

New Baby Receives Books

by Shelly Jorgensen

Congratulations to Sawyer, born February 8. He will receive literacy gifts now and on his next three birthdays through a grant from the Trifecta Foundation, which encourages literacy in Wisconsin. Please keep us informed if someone in the school district welcomes a new baby. Call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 780, e-mail me at mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us, or stop in my office. We need the child's name, birth date, and address. We'll send that child all sorts of literacy goodies!



Snow Fun in Early Childhood

The month of February was filled with many snowy activities (to match our weather outside). Our hallway was adorned with snowmen of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Some snowmen were made using colored water and coffee filters, and others were created using shaving cream, paper bags, and paper plates. Students made "snow," worked on lacing, and learned a new snowman rhyme. Ask them to teach it to you. ☺

Students worked on fine motor skills and following directions by making snowball pudding, which was vanilla pudding topped with marshmallows. They also made snowmen using three Ritz crackers, white frosting, and mini chocolate chips for the facial features. We enjoyed a surprise day of popcorn and a movie ~ *The Snowy Day*.



Another one of February's themes was centered around the post office. Students made handprint valentine letters for their families (hope you enjoyed them) and got to mail them at the post office where they each bought their own stamp. They were ecstatic to drop the letters down the chute.

We plan to spring into March with themes centered around Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, lions and lambs, bunnies, and pizza. Hoppy spring to you!

K4: Valentines and Nursery Rhymes

The four-year-old kindergartners had a wonderful time preparing for Valentine's Day. They each decorated their own valentine mail bag. Everyone had a great time delivering their mail! The children also made handprint bouquets attached to a simple poem:

Roses are red;
Violets are blue;
You are sweet
and I love you!



They brought the bouquets home for their parents.

We then moved on to nursery rhymes. The children helped recite some familiar rhymes, and they also learned some new ones. Some of our favorite nursery rhymes are *Humpty Dumpty*, *The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe*, *Little Boy Blue*, *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*, *Little Miss Muffet*, and the all-time favorite is *Old Mother Hubbard*. That dog of hers sure is silly! We put our focus on finding the rhyming words in the nursery rhymes and looking at how the ending chunks of the words that rhyme are the same.

The four-year-olds are still hoping we get some good snow to play in. We are not ready to "Think Spring" just yet.

Catching Leprechauns in K5

Can you believe that school has been in session for over 100 days? Well, if you check out the kindergartners you will notice a little more independence. 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. The kindergarten students will attempt to catch those tricky little leprechauns on March 16, in hopes of getting their gold for St. Patrick's Day. How, you ask, are they going to achieve this? The children will become construction workers and each child will construct a comfy little home (a.k.a. trap – but we can't say the "t" word; we call them "comfy" homes) for the leprechauns. The children will also turn into leprechauns themselves by making headbands with red beards. Watch for your little leprechaun to come home. Will they succeed in getting the leprechauns' gold for themselves?



Other topics and themes for the month include weather, time, spring, Around the Town, and Neighborhood Helpers. We will be studying 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 continue to review the letters and sounds we have learned and continue to work on our sight words and reading. Our last two sight words are *they* and *play*. We have also been working on segmenting words by pulling them apart and blending letter sounds together to make words. 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 how to identify the problem and solution in the story. They are also 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 we have been working on simple addition and subtraction. We will continue to work on adding and subtracting numbers 0-10. It is preferred that the children use the touch counting method instead of using their fingers or manipulatives, if they don't know the answer by memory. They are doing a great job so far. Our next challenge will be keeping track of both addition and subtraction facts on the same page. Working with basic math facts in kindergarten will make the transition to first grade math much easier. We will also be working with the numbers 10-30.

The K5 unit wishes you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and may the luck of the Irish be with us all! Happy spring!

Reading for Rattler Tickets

by Shelly Jorgensen

Students continue to participate in Fang's Reading Club; many are on their way to reaching their goal. If a student reaches each of the goals set by his/her grade level, s/he will receive a free ticket and food vouchers for Shiocton Night at the Timber Rattlers game on May 5. Keep reading and meeting your goals! Thank you!



Counselor's Corner

*by Angela Hammill, K5-Grade 7 School Counselor
(920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or ahammill@shiocton.k12.wi.us*

Greetings from the elementary/middle school counseling office! January marked our month of Self-Knowledge and Management for all K5-7th grade classrooms. K5-2nd grade students discussed topics of self-control, listening skills, eye contact, and appropriate ways to communicate. Our 3rd-7th grade students explored different ways our perceptions and judgments of others can hold us back from getting to know a person for who they truly are. All classes agreed to challenge their future assumptions with the following questions or thoughts before judging:

- Do I really know this person, or am I making an assumption based on what they look like?
- Am I grouping this person in a category?
- How would I feel if someone judged me on how I look?

Student Council

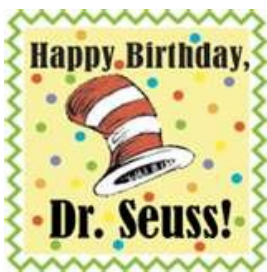
Our 5th grade Student Council members hosted the 4th annual Mix it Up Day on February 3. This year's theme was — Geared up for Sports! Mix it Up Day is a day in which each child at school sits by a new person during their lunch hour. This activity encourages children to socialize with other students and make new friends.



Upcoming Spring Groups

Currently, I am facilitating a number of groups within the areas of coping with divorce, loss and death, and friendship and social skills. I am looking for students for our spring small groups as well. If your child could benefit from any of the following groups, please let me know. ☺ We offer Coping with Loss and Death, Coping with Divorce, Friendship 101, and Self-Esteem centered groups. Feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 711.

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's birthday. We will read various Dr. Seuss stories and take part in many activities in the classroom. This is always a favorite time for the first graders!!

Mrs. Streblov's class has finished social studies and has begun science. They are exploring the five senses, living and non-living things, and animals. Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's classes have completed science and are now beginning social studies. They will enjoy taking a closer look at our school and community.

As for book reports, we are rounding our way to home plate. All of our effort and hard work will pay off when we receive our Home Run Hitter awards and earn our free ticket to the Timber Rattler game. The first graders have done a good job being prepared each week to present a book report to the class. Nice job, boys and girls!!

Grade 2: March Madness

We have had a fairly mild winter, and second graders are unsure if they want to see more snow or if it is time for it all to melt away. Regardless of how winter may end, most students seem eager to get outside to the BIG snow hill. So please continue sending all necessary winter gear until all of the snow is gone. Thanks for your help. ☺

Coming up on March 1 is the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. All second graders have been assigned a dinosaur project to be displayed in the gym at the science fair. Students were asked to create a project and write an imaginative description pretending that they recently discovered the dinosaur. In the description, students will inform their audience what the dinosaur uses as its habitat, what it eats, and any other unique information that they can use to describe this new dinosaur. Many students have already shared their wonderful ideas, and it is exciting as we wait to browse all of the projects.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 6. Please be on the lookout for information to come home with your child 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.

Second grade math is at a fairly challenging part of the year. We have been working really hard on our double-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. We all realize it can be very challenging, and we move slowly through the process so we can remember all of the steps. Up next, we will begin our unit on money. We will practice recognizing and counting all of the coins – it sure can get tricky when they are all so similar!

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! ☺



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, March 6
4:30-7:30 p.m.



Grade 3 Ready for Spring

So ~ in like a lion or like a lamb? We can't believe March is here already! Let the March madness begin...

We are already halfway through the third quarter. We have been busy working on many projects. The third quarter book report projects will be on display at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair in the elementary gym on Thursday, March 1.

Third graders are reading for Fang's Reading Club, striving to earn a ticket to the Timber Rattlers game on Saturday, May 5, at 6:35 p.m. Students need to read 100 minutes each week, 200 minutes every two weeks, to earn a baseball. Four baseballs earn them a ticket to the game. So read, read, read!



Third graders now know most of their cursive letters and will be completing some assignments in cursive. They should also know all the multiplication facts 0-9. If your child doesn't, make sure he/she continues to work on memorizing these facts.

As we near the end of the year, a lot of new material will be covered in class, making school seem more difficult. Everyone should be reading, studying their multiplication and division facts, and practicing spelling words every night. The third graders are starting to gear up to becoming responsible fourth graders.

Happy spring, and as always — please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

*Together in Education,
The 3rd Grade Team*

Shiocton LEGO League 2012

by Steve Parker

The Shiocton School District LEGO League team is being organized for the 2012 fall season. A limited number of openings are available on the existing team, and there is the potential for a second team if students are interested and coaches are identified.

A LEGO League display and competition table will be set up in the cafeteria during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 1. Sign-up sheets for parents interested in coaching and for students interested in participating will be available. Come check out this fun and challenging academic team!!

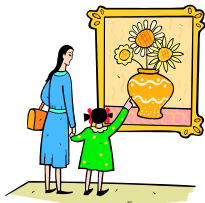
LEGO League is an academic competition for students from 4th grade to 8th grade. Students use science, math, engineering, and research to solve challenges. One of the challenges is to build and program a robot made of Legos. The robot must be able to drive itself around an obstacle course while delivering payloads and activating targets. In addition to building and programming the robot, each LEGO League team must conduct a research project. The project is then presented to a panel of judges at a competition in November.



The team is coached by Steve Parker and is being generously sponsored by the St. John Family Fund. More information about LEGO League can be found at www.firstlegoleague.org or by contacting Superintendent Chris VanderHeyden at 986-3351 ext. 761 or me at 757-8871.

Budding Scientists in Grade 4

The Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair takes place on Thursday, March 1. Fourth grade students are encouraged to enter an exhibit in the science fair. They receive extra credit points in science class for doing so. It is an amazing opportunity for students to be the experimenter and carry out the scientific method. Then they get to 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?" musings.



We also have many fourth grade 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,

Another fun thing we will be doing in March is following 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 on the Internet at www.iditarod.com. The race begins March 3! This is one of those activities that really makes an impression and sticks with the students. To go with the Iditarod 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.



Gifted and Talented

Regional Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our Spelling Bee participants! This year's school-wide winner was Peyton Bauman, and our runner-up was Leigha Young. Both are fifth graders. The regional competition was held February 14 at Lawrence University. Peyton and Leigha competed against 37 other students from the Fox Valley area and placed in the top half. Of the 37 competitors, only seven were fifth grade students. The rest were sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Great job, Peyton and Leigha!



Battle of the Books

Last month, Battle of the Books students continued to read and review books. The elementary team met weekly to practice questions for the national competition which was held on February 22 at our school.

Students had to answer 25 questions pertaining to the books they read, with an additional five tie-breaker questions. The students had 30 minutes to complete the test online. The elementary team gave answers by clicking on the correct title and author, while the middle school team had to write the title of the book as well as the author's name.

They all did an outstanding job! Thank you to our participants for your hard work and dedication!



Sixth Graders: College Day for Kids

On Friday, April 13, ten students from sixth grade will go to UW-Stevens Point for a unique experience. They will have the opportunity to spend a day in the shoes of college students by taking courses taught by college professors and experiencing college life and food in the cafeteria on campus.

Fifth Graders: College Day For Kids

College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh this year will be held on May 14 from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. All fifth graders who are part of the G/T program or Art G/T program are eligible to participate. Watch for more information from your child.

Fifth Grade “Marches” Into a New Month

March could not start out with a bigger bang than with the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. The fifth graders all did a project for this annual event. Their experiments range from creating electricity using a potato to inventing a hydro-powered pump rocket. Students worked hard and long to develop an experiment using the Scientific Method. They worked in pairs or as individuals to teach all of us something about the various aspects of science. Well done, fifth grade students!

The fifth grade visited the EAA AirVenture Museum on February 16. All classes worked hard on lessons pertaining to flight. In language arts, students gave oral presentations on the pioneers of aviation. This list is quite lengthy. It includes mythological characters Icarus and Daedalus, as well as Leonardo da Vinci, the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, Chuck Yeager, and Paul Poberezny. All students were enlightened to know just how aviation became what it is today with the help of these great inventors. The reports provided wonderful background for our trip to Oshkosh.

In science, students learned about the four forces of flight – gravity, lift, drag, and thrust. Experiments were performed to better understand these forces. Ask your child about yaw, pitch, and roll. These are the key

concepts to controlled flight. You will be surprised by what they know. Perhaps we have future aviators in our midst.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, March 6. They will be held after school only. The teachers will notify you if a conference is needed. Of course, any parent may request a conference with their child’s teacher. Please contact your child’s teacher for a time. Notices have been sent home with all fifth grade students.

Officer Fischer has been working with our fifth graders on CounterACT activities. You have received the pages from their booklet explaining their weekly lessons. When shared with the family, those activities help everyone learn how to be strong against negative peer pressure and become a person who can stand up and say “No” to drugs, bullying, and all negative behavior.



In language arts the students have been studying a variety of parts of speech. Prepositions are words that show position or direction and introduce prepositional phrases. Fifth graders made poems with prepositional phrases. Below are some examples. The first word of each phrase is a preposition.

Raft
at a park
in the water
on the ice
aboard a trailer
before the water
behind the trees
Raft
Connor Guyette

Dolphins
in the water
near stingrays
beside the trainer
between two sharks
up to snatch a fish
underneath the deep blue sea
Dolphins
Chiara Van Camp

Fishing
beneath the logs
by weeds
during spring
in the Wolf River
down the river
after winter
since I was born
Nick Thein

Frogs
outside the house
in the water
on the tree
underneath the mud
at the river
near a swamp
upon the grass
along with other frogs
Brady Ernst

Basketball
in the air
through the net
across the court
out of bounds
behind the backboard
into the air
Basketball
Seth Ward

Sea
under people’s boats
above the moon
beside the forest
near some houses
on the Earth
Sea
Peyton Bauman

Cow
in the field
inside the barn
under the sky
toward the milking room
on the hay
throughout the land
Cow
Dashal Mentzel

My Sister
in my room
on my bed
across from a TV
inside my head
off the walls
with my brother
My Sister
Tyler Ace

Xbox 360
at my house
along with controllers
in my living room
for the TV
across the street
with games
Xbox 360
Ben Magadan

Now aren’t those spectacularly wonderful? I don’t think I used a preposition in that sentence!

By the end of the month we will have wrapped up our third quarter of school. Is your child maturing and showing signs that they are ready for middle school? Remember to reinforce the importance of using their agenda as an organizational tool. Success in middle school can often be directly correlated to use of the agenda. Remember to use it as a communication tool. There are great quotes in the agenda, too. The quote for the first week of March says, “Set goals and ACT on them to start becoming the person you want to be in the future.” Good words for all of us!

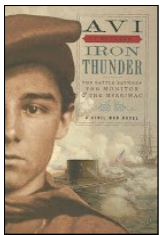
Grade 5 at the EAA AirVenture Museum



Books with the Boys

by Tim Huebner, with guest reviews by Connor Bruns and Chris Peterson

The book *Iron Thunder* by Avi takes place during the American Civil War. It is set in New York City starting in January of 1862, and it covers the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac. The main character in the novel, Tom, is a young boy who is forced to go to work in the shipyards of Brooklyn due to his father's death in the Civil War. Tom ends up being an assistant to John Ericsson, the inventor of the ironclad Monitor.



Circumstance forces Tom to become a crew member of the ship that many people do not think is seaworthy. As a result he is an eyewitness to the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac.

Author: Avi

Title: *Iron Thunder*

Published by Hyperion Books in 2008

Reading level: age 12 and up

Page count: 208

Available at most libraries and all book stores

I enjoyed the way the author worked in historically accurate terms and events from the time period.

The description

of the famous sea battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac is perhaps the most detailed and readable I have ever come across. I enjoyed the book and would recommend it to anyone interested in the Civil War, naval battles, historical fiction, or just a good story.

Connor Bruns This is a really good book about a young boy named Tom. His family is short on money so Tom starts working on the Monitor. Eventually Tom is found by a Confederate spy and sets off to sea on the ship.

This book is historical fiction and I would recommend it to people who like sea battles, intensive tales, or amazing stories. I really liked how the author told Tom's feelings throughout the whole book. I also enjoyed that the author included Tom's friends.

One thing I disliked about the book was at the beginning of each chapter, the author used newspaper pages. I know the papers were from the Civil War but I just didn't enjoy it. This is the first book I have read by this author and I would read another. He really did a good job.

Chris Peterson The book *Iron Thunder* was well written; I give it a 5-star review. The thing I liked most about this book was it hooked me right away. Every time I read *Iron Thunder* it kept me interested. Another thing I liked about the book was that it was historically accurate with the technology they used back then. For example, the author really explained the Dahlgren cannons used on the Monitor.

One thing I really didn't like about the book was its length; it was short and could have been longer. I was disappointed that after everything exciting happened, the book really just ended. Otherwise this is a great book, and I would recommend it to all my friends.

Wolf River Cookies is Open for Business

by Kurt Wismer

The eighth grade students currently in my Investigating Business and Technology class are running their own cookie store. Wolf River Cookies, a bakery specializing in cookies, is running very successfully. The cookies, made by Mrs. Gomm's World of Foods class, include Classic Chocolate Chip and Crazy Craisin White Chocolate Oatmeal cookies. My students package, promote, and sell the cookies.

Students are taking part in daily business decisions such as marketing and promotion, accounting, forecasting, sales, market research, and management. They complete a comprehensive business plan for the business using Google Docs collaboration tools. The business also has a website made by the students at www.wolfrivercookies.weebly.com. Look for specific sales figures and results in the April issue of *The Link*.



8th Grade Girls Win Basketball Tournament

by Wendy Vandenboom



The Shiocton 8th grade girls basketball team brought home the first place trophy from the Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7th/8th grade girls basketball tournament on February 11. The team beat Gillett in the first round to advance to the championship game against Wittenberg-Birnamwood. The girls won the championship game by a score of 37-33.

The players (*left to right in photo*) are: Hayley Vandenboom, Missy Krause, Hannah Guyette, Corrie McCarthy, Taylor Bauman, and Olivia Bloch.

A Busy Spring for SPICE

by Debby Stellmacher and Jenny Frahm,
SPICE Co-Chairs

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.

The **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair** is on March 1. 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** also begins, and the theme this spring is "Book Fair Luau." The book fair will run from 7:30 a.m. on March 1 through Tuesday, March 6, at 3:30 p.m. 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 scheduled for Thursday, March 8, from 4:00-10:00 p.m. This is the thirteenth year we have participated in this event. It is a fun time for all. Wristbands are \$2 per person, which includes laser tag at half price.

The spring **Babysitting Clinic** will be on March 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SPICE will provide lunch and a beverage. Informational letters have gone home. This is a valuable event for children who are interested in learning about being a good babysitter.



If you are interested in becoming a part of SPICE and planning activities that will benefit all the children at Shiocton Schools, please stop by at the next SPICE meeting. It is a wonderful way to get involved and work with other parents.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact our SPICE chairpersons at dstellma@shiocton.k12.wi.us or my69el@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 14,
at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC

Wednesday, April 11,
at 3:15 p.m. in the LMC

Wednesday, May 9,
at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail

We hope to see you there!



THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH CONCERT

March is *Music In Our Schools Month*. And to celebrate, we will perform a concert on **March 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the high school gymnasium. The concert will feature quality music of all styles and varieties. All bands and choirs will perform—*6th Grade Singers, Middle School Chorus, High School Vocé, Beginning Band, Chief Band, Intermediate Band, High School Band, and Middle School Jazz Band*. We're very excited and hope you will attend!

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE WRAP-UP

Students and parents may ask why we do this solo and ensemble thing. Why do we make students prepare a solo or a group performance, play/sing it in front of a judge, and get critiqued? Here's why:

- It improves students' music performance
- It increases students' understanding of music literature and music concepts
- It motivates students to continue their study of music and to "dive deeper"
- It establishes standards of excellence in music performance

No matter what rating is received, students should be proud of what they've done. It's a big accomplishment to play or sing in front of an audience alone or in small group. It's a big character builder in life, too! And after it's all said and done, when our students come back together and perform as a full band or choir, our students' individual contribution to the group is even better and stronger than it was before.

Thanks to our students for their efforts this year at festival. And thanks to our parents for their support of their children's effort in music. The accomplishments are rewarding for all!

MARCH

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH!

Your support for music in Shiocton is much appreciated. Spread the word of the good things happening. Help keep our music alive!

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SHIOCTON MUSIC

Young people who consistently participate in comprehensive, sequential, and rigorous arts programs are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem

— Shirley Brice Heath
Stanford University

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MARCH CONCERT

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

MS BAND CLINIC

Friday, April 20
9:00-11:30 a.m.
6-8 BAND

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 20
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 28
SELECT HS BAND/CHOIR
STUDENTS

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Congratulations to our STATE-BOUND STUDENTS!

Veronica Calderon
vocal solo

Valerie Erickson
vocal solo

Jon Jandourek
horn solo, vocal solo

Bryce Kuehl
alto sax solo

Sydney St. Clair
alto sax solo, vocal solo, piano duet

Ashly Weis
piano solo, piano duet

Leah Williams
piano duet

Sara Williams
piano solo, piano duet

Adam Zahradka
horn solo

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