

SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PO BOX 68 SHIOCTON WI 54170-0068

May, 2015

Mrs. Ritchie's Piano and Guitar Recitals

Friday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

Saturday, May 9 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Each recital is different and will have different performers. Look for the full list of performers and times on page 22.

The public is welcome.



School Board Members: Thank You/Welcome!

by Nichole Schweitzer

The Shiocton School District Board of Education said good-bye to two longstanding board members at their meeting on April 13. Mr. Ray Gomm retired from the board after 12 years of service, most of



representative, as well as the district's WASB delegate. Mrs. Mary Hoffman retired from the board after nine years of service, during which she also served on the Finance and Policy Committees. We thank them for their

which also included service as the district's CESA 6



Following the vote on April 7, two new board members have been elected. Mr. Mike Bellin and Mrs. Stacey Warning took their oath of office on April 27. We look forward to their participation and the opportunity to draw upon their many talents, knowledge sets, and experiences as we work in tandem educating the youth of our community.

many years of dedicated service.

4K/5K Orientation Coming Up

by Kim Griesbach

4K and 5K Orientation will take place in May. The orientation is for parents/guardians who have children entering four-year-old kindergarten or five-year-old kindergarten next year. Adults will receive general



receive general information about the school and the 4Kand 5K programs, while their children visit classrooms. the Afterward there will be an

opportunity for the adults and children to take a short bus ride. The orientation will last about an hour and a half. Parents/guardians have two dates to choose from:

- May 15 4K parents are to drop their children off in the 4K classroom (E115) at 1:15 p.m., and then report to the cafeteria. 5K students and parents are to meet in the cafeteria at 1:30 p.m.
- May 22 4K parents are to drop their children off in the 4K classroom (E115) at 8:30 a.m., and then report to the cafeteria. 5K students and parents are to meet in the cafeteria at 8:45 a.m.

If you have not already registered, please call the elementary office at 986-3351 ext. 721.

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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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Much Appreciation

As hurried as our days can be with ball games, homework, and test preparation, let's not forget to take a few minutes and smell the roses that are blooming in Shiocton's educational garden.

Staff Appreciation Week

May 4-8 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. At Shiocton, we extend this week of appreciation to include all staff members from the custodians to the paraprofessionals, the food service personnel to the teachers, and everyone in between. It takes everyone working together to provide a safe and supportive learning environment with quality and challenging instruction. To that end, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for everything each of these staff members do. Please join me in recognizing these folks. From a quick e-mail to a handwritten note, no gesture is too small.

Thank You, Volunteers!

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Volunteers are an integral piece of our daily educational puzzle. Parents play a major role as they willingly chaperone and fundraise for unique learning expeditions, organize and run concessions, launder uniforms, and support the student athletes in the classroom and on the court. Community members and local



businesses are equally valuable, giving of their time, talent, and connections to provide needed resources that might otherwise be out of reach.

We would have a difficult time meeting the needs of all our students without the help of many dedicated staff, volunteers, and community members.

With much appreciation, we say, **"THANK YOU!"** ~*Mrs. Schweitzer*

Tornado Weather: Are You Prepared?

Earlier this month, students and staff practiced the actions they would take in the event of a tornado. Key to staying safe during a tornado is to find a location that provides protection from the wind and swirling debris. Rooms with four solid walls (void of windows), such as basements or an interior room on the first floor are best. If the walls are filled with shelves and pictures, consider taking them down so that they do not fall down on top of you as you crouch on your knees, hands covering your head.

Want to learn more on how to prepare for or respond after a tornado? Visit one or more of the following websites for more resources:

- http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tornado
- <u>http://www.ready.gov/tornadoes</u>

CORNER

<u>http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-safety-tornado.htm</u>

Student Council Sponsors Final Blood Drive of the School Year



The high school Student Council will be sponsoring their final blood drive of the year on May 13 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please contact the 7th-12th grade office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 to make an appointment to donate. Also, please

check out this website created by senior Cheyenne Ver Voort for more information about the importance of donating blood: <u>http://</u> vervoch15058.wix.com/donate-blood.

Annual Shiocton Wrestling Club Golf Outing

Saturday, June 20 Shamrock Heights Golf Course New London Meal to follow at the River Rail.



Bellin Physicals Being Offered to Student Athletes

In order for students to participate in co-curricular athletics, a physical examination is needed every other year. This is for the well-being of the student-athletes and is a requirement of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Bellin Health provides our school with athletic training services. In conjunction with these services, Bellin Health is offering physicals at Shiocton High School at a reduced rate for our student-athletes. Further, all the money that Bellin Health receives from these physicals will be given directly back to the Shiocton School District. We strongly encourage you and your child to take advantage of this opportunity.



Bellin Health will be giving the physicals at Shiocton High School on Friday, May 8. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, there are three items that need to be turned in to the high school office: the medical history portion of the

physical form completed with your signature on the form, the permission slip, and the \$20 fee (cash or check payable to Bellin Health). These items must be turned in to the high school office by Friday, May 1. There are a limited number of appointment spots available, so please sign up early.

Again, this is a great and convenient opportunity for your child to get their physical completed. In addition to the low physical cost, the money you spend on the physical will be given to the school. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 731.

Sincerely, Ryan Spaulding, Athletic Director

e-Funds for Schools Upgrade: Changes for Online Food Service Payments

By now you should have received a letter outlining important changes to the eFunds for Schools website that will take place on May 4. Remember to log in on May



5 to link your *Family ID* to all students in your family and take advantage of new features, such as scheduling automated payments. Contact Cathy Bronold, registrar, at <u>cbronold@shiocton.k12.wi.us</u> or (920) 986-3351 ext. 797 for further information.

Lunch Account Reminder

Parents/Guardians: Please remember that all lunch accounts need to be paid in full at the end of the school year. All positive balances will carry over to the 2015-16 school year. The Skylert Automated System and/or e-mail

notifies families of their current account balance. If you have any questions, please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 796 or e-mail me at <u>ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us</u>.



Parents of graduating seniors: If your family lunch account has a negative balance, **the account must be paid in full prior to senior checkout** even if a sibling shares the account.

Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

17th Annual Pie Social Invitation

Who: Any senior citizen
When: Thursday, May 14

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria
What: Pie, coffee, water or milk, Bingo, raffle prizes, 7th grade entertainment, and a great time!
RSVP: Please call Jackie Murphy, school secretary, at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 if you plan on attending. We hope to see you there!



you there! Sincerely, the 7th graders at Shiocton Middle School

Annual School Census for Shiocton School District

The annual Shiocton School District School Census will begin for 2015. The school census count will include children in the age group of 0 through 20 years.

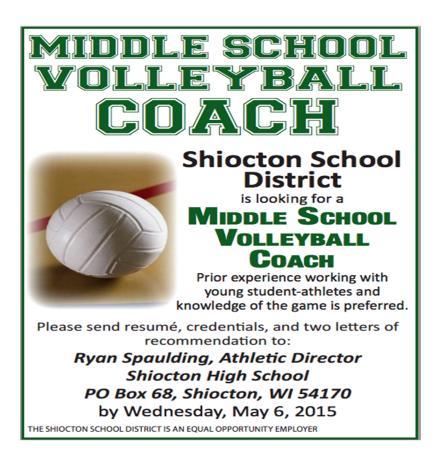
Also in the census count process, the district would like to be made aware of your child/children with potential problems in the areas of learning, behavior, speech/language, and physical/developmental disabilities. It is a requirement of federal law that the local public school district attempt to identify children with potential problems.

"Do you have any concerns regarding any of your children, from 0 through 20 years of age, in the areas of learning, behavior, speech/language, and physical/developmental disabilities that the school should be made aware of?" If so, please call the school directly at (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. The census takers for this year are:

Joyce Conradt	Village of Shiocton	(920) 986-3277
Joyce Baggot	Town of Bovina	(920) 470-6851
Joy Casper	Towns of Black Creek and Center	(920) 984-3965
Kim Kortens		(920) 984-3613
Julee Scheller	Town of Ellington	(920) 986-3376
Karen Laedtke	Town of Liberty	(920) 982-5251
Nathalie Leeman	Town of Maine	(920) 525-3035

It would be helpful if you would <u>call the census taker</u> in your township after June 1 and before July 6 with information about additions to your family and/or neighborhood during the past 12 months.

Your time and cooperation in helping the census takers conduct a thorough count is most sincerely appreciated.



The High-Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy to be Performed by the Drama Club

When:May 16 at 6:30 p.m.Where:Shiocton High School GymAdmission:\$5Contact:Rhonda Uelmen/Michelle
Sixel at 986-3351Box office hours:At the door

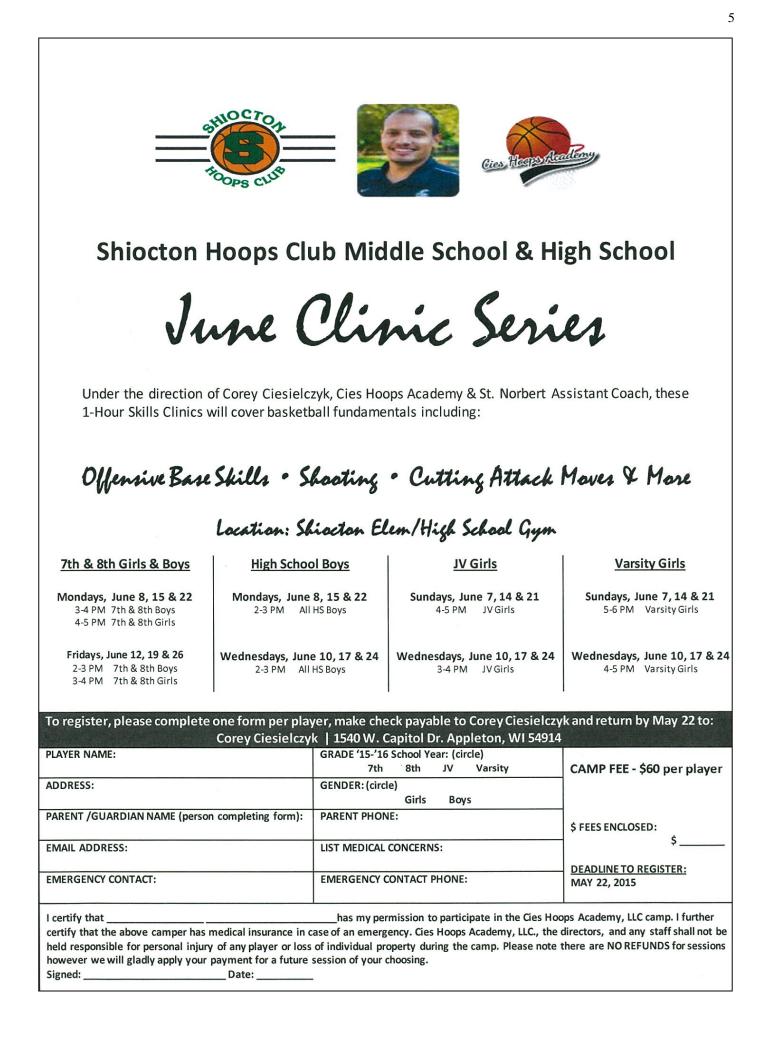
Background: Four students stare out at the audience. Tomorrow they start their freshman year of high school. There are so many things to worry



about: class schedules, bullies, cafeteria food, dating, parents' expectations, what to wear, and worst of all. . .gym class! These students need a survival guide, and that's exactly what this play attempts to do with hilariously embarrassing and awkward results. Watch as our guides take us through the gauntlet that is high school. Find out the appropriate way to boogie down at high school dances, discover creative ways to get out of gym class, and take a peek into the most top secret of all rooms on campus-the mysterious teachers' lounge. With minimal sets, incredibly flexible casting, and scenes we can all relate to, this galaxy is only "laugh-years" away.

What they're saying: Cheyenne Ver Voort (senior) "Everything is coming together very nicely this year. It's a very silly play, which is a lot of fun. There's a lot of really good energy, especially from the underclassmen who've never really done anything like this before. For all of us seniors, it's awesome to see because this is our last show, and we're proud to know the drama program is being left in good hands."

<u>Take-home message</u>: "For such a small school our drama department has really grown, even with students being involved in spring sports. We do the best with what we have and I feel like our talent does not suffer because of our resources. Come on out for a fun, silly comedy and watch a special cameo by a group of our favorite teachers and a final farewell to some of our most entertaining seniors."





Principal's Report

As we approach the end of the school year, the days seem to be flying by. The weather is cooperating and the sun is shining. Both students and teachers are excited about the great weather.

I want to take a minute and recognize the two people advancing in state competition in the area of forensics: Tabitha Morris and Heather Hellweg. Congratulations, girls. Our high



school Quiz Bowl team has done very well. The B Team has advanced to National Competition (Markus Hegge, Bryce Kuehl, Riley Bellin, Ryan Maki, Chris Peterson, and Tyler Frahm). They have a chance to compete at the National Competition in Chicago this summer.

Academic Career Plan (ACP) meetings will take place soon. Academic and Career Planning is a student-driven, adultsupported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. If you are an incoming freshman or junior, please call the guidance office to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Boelter. Her number is (920) 986-3351 ext. 713.

Graduation is quickly approaching and seniors have already started a daily countdown. The last full week of school for the seniors will be the week of May 25. They

will take their finals on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26-27. Senior Supper is that Wednesday night at the River Rail. On Friday, May 29, they will take part in the annual canoe trip on the Wolf River. Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.



The rest of the high school students will take their finals on June 3 (hours 1-4) and June 4 (hours 5-8). Final exam days are not full days. Students are able to leave after the completion of their last final. Students who would like to stay at school on June 3 need to be in a designated study area. If you have any questions concerning the finals schedule, please contact the high school office.

Eighth grade Celebration will take place on June 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Friends and family are welcome to come to the celebration. If you plan on taking your child home after the celebration, you will need to sign them out in the office.

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

Kelly Zeinert, Grades 7-12 Principal

Counselor's Corner

CHANGES TO SCHEDULING

Students WILL NO LONGER BE DOING THEIR SCHEDULES IN JUNE. Student

schedules will now be done by April/May using the students' course requests they entered in February. A copy of the schedule will be given to the student to go over with



their parent. You can contact Mrs. Uelmen with any questions about the schedule or changes you would like made.

Attention! We will try our best to honor course requests but because of maximum number of students in classes, this may not always be possible. Also, there may be times when a class you requested runs at the same time as another class you requested. Please keep in mind that you will have to pick an alternate class.

Incoming freshmen and juniors will still have a **Chief Chat conference** with Mrs. Uelmen in June. Appointments for that may be set up with Mrs. Boelter or Mrs. Uelmen at extensions 713 and 762. Appointment dates/times are as follows for incoming:

- Juniors Chief Chats June 15-23 (Call for available times)
- Freshmen Chief Chats June 24-July 2 (Call for available times)

Mrs. Uelmen will be administering the **AP** exams in May. Dates are as follows:

- AP Chemistry 8:00 a.m. on May 4
- AP Calculus 8:00 a.m. on May 5
- AP Biology 8:00 a.m. on May 11

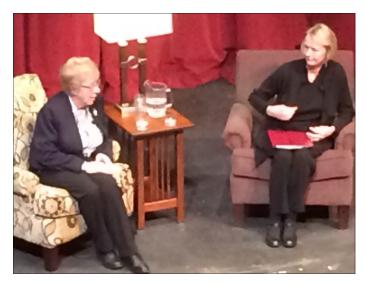
SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Wednesday, May 20, on your calendars (parents too!) for the **Senior Awards Program**. Please



ask off work ahead of time to be sure that you have that night free. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards, will be given out at that program. PLEASE plan to attend.

Shiocton Students Hear from Holocaust Survivor

by Elizabeth Schneider



Eva Schloss (left) speaking about her experiences during the Holocaust.

Students from Shiocton High School had what is probably a once-in-a-lifetime experience on April 1, when they heard Holocaust survivor Eva Schloss speak at UW-Fox Valley. About 50 students from my social studies classes attended the presentation and heard Mrs. Schloss' amazing story.

Eva Schloss spent her early childhood living with her parents and brother in Austria. When the Nazis invaded, the family escaped to Brussels and eventually to Amsterdam, where they lived down the street from famous Holocaust victim Anne Frank. Mrs. Schloss told students about her time living near Anne, who would posthumously become her step-sister, as Eva's mother married Anne's father in 1953.

She spoke fondly of her childhood and described herself as a bit of a tomboy. However, when her brother was called by the Nazis for deportation, her childhood basically ended. Her family split and went into hiding. She and her mother hid in secret rooms behind false walls and moved between several homes over the next two years. Her father and brother hid in a separate home, but were eventually betrayed as the woman hiding them sought the reward offered for turning Jews over to the Nazis.

After Eva and her mother were also deported, they found themselves at Auschwitz, a death camp in Poland. There, she and her mother faced death daily, still not knowing what happened to the rest of their family. Mrs. Schloss told students of the fear and inhumane conditions which were common in Auschwitz. One day, Mrs. Schloss told students, she saw a large burly man, whom she first thought was a bear, before realizing he was a Russian soldier there to liberate the camp. Even after their liberation, she and her mother continued living in the camp, as many former prisoners did, because they had no place to go and no money. Mrs. Schloss ventured to other parts of the camp and sought more information about the whereabouts of her father and brother. All she discovered is that they were part of a group of prisoners marched out of the camp a few days before liberation. Neither of them was heard from again.

After leaving Auschwitz, Eva and her mother eventually made it back to Amsterdam and found their home still intact. She explained that this was a rare find for returning Jews, as most homes were looted and turned over to Nazis; however, as Mrs. Schloss explained, her family rented their home from a Christian woman, so the property remained under her control throughout the war.

Mrs. Schloss eventually moved to London, married, and had two daughters. She never spoke of her experiences during the Holocaust until she was spontaneously asked to say a few words at a dinner. As she told students, she found that experience frightening but therapeutic, so she began speaking more about her experiences and has since written three books.

Mrs. Schloss' experiences certainly resonated with



students; however. there is one question to which both students and Mrs. Schloss seek an answer. When Shiocton High School student Zach

Cheyenne Ver Voort speaking to Eva Schloss at Meet and Greet after the presentation.

Olson asked, "What would you say to the Nazis if you could say anything to them right now?" Mrs. Schloss responded simply, "Why? Why did you kill so many innocent people?"

"All us survivors are quite elderly and in a few years we won't be around so we need to tell our stories." Eva Schloss



Senior Class of 2015

Graduation Sunday, May 31 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym



Valedictorians

Haylee Sue Conradt P Mitchell David Dorn Cierra Lynn Puls Riley Curtis Wood

Parents: Dave and Kristy Conradt Parents: Dave and Cindy Dorn Parents: Jon and Gail Puls d Parent: Laurie Wood

Salutatorians

Maxwell Jon Beecher Parents: Jon and Lisa Beecher Dallas Ann Stelter Parents: DuWayne and Tracy Stelter

WendyAnne Marie Adams Tyler John Baeten Elizabeth Nicole Bartel Alexia Michelle Beecher Maxwell Jon Beecher Brady Richard Bellin Garrett Gregory Beyer Gavin Lee Braun Gen Elizabeth Brunner Tyler Daniel Cantrall Courtney Marie Coenen Vincent August Coleman Jordan Michael Collar Haylee Sue Conradt Jordan James Conradt **Derrek Storm Davis** Monica Jane Dontje Mitchell David Dorn Mitchell James Ebben Derek Waylon Fields Cody Michael Fuss Sarah Lucile Goetz Jessenia Augusta Gonzalez Brook Mariah Goodwin Garrett Raymond Gunderson Taylor Jacob Haufschildt **Kyle Jon Henry** Nickolas James Herrmann

Courtney Lee Hooyman Courtney Lynn Jansen Emily Marie Kelly Shelby Lynn Krause Zackary Dakota Krause Kobi Joseph Langenhuizen Katrina Marie Lasee Joep Theodor Leenman Caitlin ReNea Majerus Carmen Lee McCarthy Cody Lee Mielke Mitchell Jon Nackers Asa Jeffery Nett Bobbi Jo Obermeier Kevin James Ott Logan James Peters **Brooke Danielle Piotter** Cierra Lynn Puls Amber Faith Raddant Austin Charles Riehl



Julia Mae Riehl Dallas Timothy Raymon Rihm **Brady Woodrow Ritchie Dillon Clifford Ritchie Emily Ann Rochon** Ashley Rae Schmidt Samantha Justine Schmidt Trey Ryan Schmitz Abbygail Fay Speering Jordan Jon Stadler Dylan Gene Stedjee Jason Henry Steinbach Dallas Ann Stelter Zachariah Spores Thede Nathan Jon Thein Hannah Rose Theobald Elizabeth Lucile Van Dyke Jamie Lynn Van Patten Cheyenne Rae Ver Voort Ashly Sierra Weis Tyler Michael Wheeler Brittany Marie Wicinski Austin Andrew Wienandt Kari Faith Williamson **Riley Curtis Wood** Mason Kenneth Woods Alexis AnnaChristine Zick Eric Gerald Zurfluh

Post-Season for the Chess Team by Bill Greider

The chess team played its last tournament of the season in Neenah on March 14. This was the postseason tournament hosted by NEWCA (Northeastern Wisconsin Chess



at least one game. All our players played good games and represented Shiocton well in our first post-season tournament in 20 years. Good job, team.

What's next?

Lucas Radtke will be playing at the USCF (United States Chess Federation) National Chess Tournament in April. We wish him good fortune. The Shiocton Chess Club will also be recruiting for next year, and we hope to have both varsity and junior varsity teams for the new season of NEWCA.

I would like to thank all our players for a rough, educational, and fun first year for Shiocton's first chess team in 20 years. You never gave up and you persevered through some



Vinny Coleman rubbing Jordan Ott's head for good luck.

tough times as we took on competition that had years of experience in both coaches and players. You enjoyed the competition and had failures, yes, but also some good successes. I thank Mrs. Radtke, whose experience and assistance made this first season manageable. And I also say thank-you to our seniors, Garrett Beyer, Vincent Coleman, Mitchell Nackers, and Zach Thede, who move on into their futures. We wish you well and hope your experiences as a member of the chess team were rewarding for you. Don't ever give up. Go, Shiocton!



The team at the awards ceremony with Lucas's trophies.

Association). It was a 3-round, Swiss-style tournament for 8 players at each board, consisting of a first round where players were seeded based on regular season standings at each board. At board:

- #1: Lucas Radtke vs. Sam Stern of Neenah Red
- #2: Zach Olson vs. Ty Ueda of Nekoosa White
- #3: Garrett Beyer vs. Jacob Lang of Nekoosa White
- #4: Vincent Coleman vs. Reuben Heil of Nekoosa White
- #5: Mitchell Nackers vs. Jesse Beckham of Nekoosa Blue

Swiss-style tournaments set up the next round based on the win/loss record of the first round. Players who won their first game were set in round two to play another player who won their first round, and players who lost their first game were set up with a player who lost their first game as well.

This tournament concluded the season for the chess team. At the end of the tournament, seasonal awards were given for individual players, as well as school team



Lucas Radtke with his first place trophies, one for the season at board #1 and one for post-season.

awards. Shiocton had one player who dominated at his board all season. Lucas Radtke won first place for the season at board #1. which was the toughest competition. Awards were also given for play at this tournament, and we had two players recognized. Lucas Radtke had two wins and one draw (tie) at board #1 and won first place. Vincent Coleman won two games and had

one loss and came in fourth. He was tied with another player, but based on the win/loss records of their competition at this tournament, the other player got third place. Congratulations to both our players who placed in post-season; this was truly a wonderful accomplishment.

We also had two players compete at the junior varsity level — Jordan Ott and Heather Hellweg. This was their first time playing on the junior varsity, and they both won

Veterans Speak at Shiocton High School

by Elizabeth Schneider

U.S. History students had the privilege of meeting and hearing stories from several veterans over the last couple of weeks. Students were first visited by Mr. Dan Froding and Ms. Kim Beyer.

Mr. Froding, of New London, joined the Army after high school and served in several locations during the Cold War. After being trained in radio relay and carrier operations, he spent much of his time in South Korea working with Americans and the South Korean military in potential attacks. Unfortunately, she was injured by a roadside bomb and was eventually medically retired from the Army because of various health issues related to her service.

As part of another visit, students heard from Mr. Bill Blom and Mr. Bob Dieck, both of Shiocton, and both of whom were drafted into the Army at the age of 19 and sent to fight in the southern region of South Vietnam. Mr. Blom's unit was sent into the jungles of Vietnam on



the early 1960s. Mr. Froding had the privilege of completing some training with the South Korean military, something few foreigners are invited to do. He also enlightened students about the Korean culture, including the food and some customs.

Mr. Froding served in Vietnam during that conflict. He spent some time living among rural tribal groups. Students were amused by his story of learning to use a blow dart gun with only mediocre success. After his time in Vietnam, he was sent to West Germany where, as he told students, he met some Soviet troops who were huge and intimidating, but some were more friendly than he expected. He left the students with the message, "Never be afraid to be a friend" because you could have some wonderful experiences if you're open-minded.

Ms. Kim Beyer, of Manawa, spoke to students about her more recent military service in South Korea, the Persian Gulf War, and the war in Afghanistan. Ms. Beyer served from 1990 to 2004 and worked in various aspects of military intelligence. After training in the U.S., she put her training to use in the Persian Gulf War. She spent time making connections with local populations in an effort to gather intelligence about planned attacks by the enemy.

Later she was stationed in South Korea where, as she told students, she experienced the local culture, customs, and cuisine, and spent time gathering satellite intelligence until her unit was deployed to Afghanistan. There she again worked at gathering information from locals about patrols, during which time he operated a flamethrower. He enlightened students on the conditions soldiers faced in the jungles with stories about scorpion bites, snakes, jungle rot, and constant fear of the enemy. Mr. Blom illustrated the role of the tunnel systems in hiding the enemy, known as the Viet Cong, by telling a story about tracking several of their tanks on radar while waiting to intercept them and then witnessing the tanks

disappear from the radar, not to be seen again.

Mr. Dieck worked as a cook and was stationed on a base with a helicopter pad, making it a frequent target for rocket-propelled grenade attacks. This left soldiers on the base constantly on edge as they braced for a potential attack. Mr. Dieck told students how soldiers were never sure which Vietnamese civilians were friends and which were enemies, as the Viet Cong dressed in civilian clothing to disguise themselves. He illustrated this point with a story about soldiers having to check the storage areas for mess hall trays for booby traps, as the Viet Cong would often rig an explosive to go off when one of the trays was removed for use. Also, as a protective measure, the base was surrounded by mines, and one night a mine exploded and the base prepared for attack. A helicopter was sent up to determine where the enemy was located, and it was discovered that a tiger had set off the mine.

Mr. Blom and Mr. Dieck spoke with students about the difficulties troops in Vietnam faced because of the tropical weather. When students asked what the weather was like, they answered in unison, "Hot!" and Mr. Dieck followed up with, "and humid!" They discussed precautions they had to take, like wearing lightweight or little clothing, drinking a lot of water, even if it was hot from sitting in the sun, and taking many salt tablets.

Both men, when asked about their return home, indicated they were not welcomed home as soldiers in previous wars had been, and it was clear that they both

Veterans Speak (continued)

still felt that pain. But, thankfully, each man indicated that he is feeling more respected and appreciated in recent years. Both men also spoke frankly with students about hardships of war and the importance of learning about history but not glorifying it.

The final visitor was Mr. Rodney Wise, the grandfather of U.S. History student, Hollie Wise. Mr. Wise worked with mortars, plotting long-range attacks, and with the infantry during his tour in Vietnam, a country he called "just beautiful" with its white sand beaches and lush jungle, but very dangerous due to the camouflaged enemy.

A student asked if he was able to do anything fun during his down time. Mr. Wise quickly answered that there wasn't much down time, but they did blow up some of the rats that infested their fire base for fun. He also told of his experiences with Viet Cong tunnels, which he said were a bit challenging to enter but covered vast territories and served many purposes. Students enjoyed looking at the many items Mr. Wise shared, including medals, pictures, awards, maps, and



Mr. Wise with booby traps.

a variety of slides, many of which he took with the intention to use in his future career as a teacher.

We owe a special thank-you to Mrs. Marie Dieck, Mrs. Linda Coppock, and Mrs. Jeannine Conradt of the American Legion Auxiliary Shiocton Unit 512 who helped arrange for these veterans to speak. It is so important for students to engage with those who lived history. Students look forward to guest speakers and receive such valuable first-hand information. It is



wonderful to teach in a community where so many veterans are willing to take the time to share their stories with students. I cannot thank them enough.

Winter Sports Awards

★★★★★ Girls Basketball ★★★★★

Carmen McCarthy 2nd Team All-Conference Team MVP

Tina Ubl 2nd Team All-Conference Team Scoring Champion

Madi Morack All-Conference Honorable Mention

Corrie McCarthy Team Most Improved Player



★★★★★ Boys Basketball ★★★★★



Nate Schmidt Unanimous 1st Team All-Conference

Gavin Braun and Gage Kamp 2nd Team All-Conference

Gavin Braun, Gage Kamp, Nate Schmidt Team Most Valuable Players

> Brandon Spencer Team Most Improved Player

$\star \star \star \star \star$ Wrestling $\star \star \star \star \star$

20-Win Club Raymond Herb 21 Mason Gomm 23 Ben Gunderson 23 Garrett Gunderson 24 Levi Snortum 24

> <u>100-Career-Win Club</u> Garrett Gunderson 103 Austin Riehl 148

Most Valuable Wrestlers (State qualifiers) Austin Riehl Henry Fielding Mason Gomm Sawyer Theobald



30-Win Club

Sam Van Straten 36

Austin Riehl 38

Sawyer Theobald 39

40-Win Club

Henry Fielding 44

Most Improved Wrestler => Trent Moder Coaches Award => Ben Gunderson Sue Neumann Memorial Award => Garrett Gunderson Most Pins => Henry Fielding Most Takedowns => Austin Riehl The Scrapper Award => Sammy Van Straten The Grinder Award => Austin Riehl

May Calendar of Events

1	Fri	Deadline for registering for Bellin Health sports physicals (see page 3)	
1-29		Order School Tool Box — see page 15 for more info	
4	Mon	No school for students — Professional Development	
		HS Golf at home (Eagle Creek Golf Course) — 2:30 pm	
		JV Baseball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont (double header) — 4:30 pm	
		Varsity Baseball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm	
		Varsity/JV Softball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30/6:15 pm	
		School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
4-8	M-F	Staff Appreciation Week	
5	Tue	HS Golf hosted by Menominee Indian (Thornberry Creek Golf Course at Oneida) — 9:00 am
		MS Track Shiocton Invitational — 3:45 pm	
		JV Baseball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm	
		Varsity Baseball and Softball at Oconto — 4:30 pm	Spring Sports
6	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm	Regionals/
_		SPICE meeting at the River Rail — 6:00 pm	Sectionals/State
7	Thu	HS Track at Marion Invitational — 4:00 pm	Track
		Varsity Baseball at home vs. Manawa (double header) — 4:00	May 26/29/June 5-6
0		Varsity/JV Softball at home vs. Manawa — 4:30/6:15 pm	Golf
8	Fri	Bellin Health sports physicals at Shiocton High School	May 26-27/June 2-3/
		JV/Varsity Baseball at Omro — 4:30 pm	June 8-9
		Varsity/JV Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30/6:15 pm	
0	C -4	Piano/Guitar Recital in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm	<u>Softball</u>
9	Sat	Piano/Guitar Recitals in the cafeteria — 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 4:00 pm	May 26-27, 29/
11	М	Varsity Softball at home vs. Coleman — 11:00 am and 1:00 pm	June 2, 4/11-13
11	Mon	Grade 4 field trip to Madison — 8:00 am-5:00 pm	Baseball
		HS Golf hosted by Weyauwega-Fremont (Weymont Run GC) — 3:30 pm	June 2, 3, 5/ 🚑
		HS Track Invitational at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm	9/16-18
12	Tue	Varsity Baseball and Softball at Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm MS Choir to sing national anthem at the Timber Rattlers game	
12	1 ue	Grade 4 goes to St. Denis Parish to play BINGO with seniors — 12:30-1:30 pm	
		HS Golf Invitational hosted by Sevastopol (Horseshoe Bay Golf Club) — 1:00 p	m
		MS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 3:45 pm	111
		Varsity Softball and Baseball/JV Softball at Bonduel — 4:30/6:15 pm	
13	Wed	Student Council Blood Drive — 9:30 am-3:00 pm	
14	Thu	HS Golf at Shiocton Invitational (Eagle Creek Golf Course) — 10:00 am	
11	1110	Grade 7 hosts Senior Citizens Pie Social in the cafeteria — 1:00-2:30 pm	
		Varsity Baseball (double header) and Softball/JV Softball at home vs. Pacelli —	3:30/5:15 pm
		MS Track at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm	ľ
15	Fri	<i>The Link</i> — Deadline for submitting articles for the June issue	
		4K/5K Orientation (see front page for details)	
		Shiocton Showcase HS band/choir concert in the HS gym — 7:00 pm	
16	Sat	HS Track CWC Conference Meet at Pacelli — 10:00 am	
		Varsity Softball vs. Xavier/West De Pere at UW-Oshkosh — 10:00 am/12:00 no	on
		Drama Club presents The High-Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy (see page 4 for n	nore info) — 6:30 pm
18	Mon	College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh for grade 5 G/T students — 7:30 am-3:00	pm
		Varsity Baseball and Softball at Amherst — 4:30 pm	
		School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
19	Tue	MS Spring Concert for EL students featuring MS band/choir/jazz band in the hig	h school gym — 1:45 pm
		HS Track at home — 4:00 pm	
		Varsity/JV Softball at Clintonville — 4:30/6:15 pm	
		JV/Varsity Baseball at Clintonville — 4:45 pm	
20	Wed	5K field trip to the NEW Zoo — 8:15 am-2:45 pm (rain date-May 21)	_
		Grade 1 field trip to Xavier High School and Barlow Planetarium — 9:00 am-2:1	5 pm
	T	Senior Awards Program in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm	
21	Thu	HS Golf CWC Tournament hosted by Wittenberg-Birnamwood (Fox Fire Golf C	ourse) — 9:00 am
		JV Baseball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm	
		Varsity Baseball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm	

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May Calendar continued

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22	Fri	4K/5K Orientation (see front page for details)	
		Grade 4 to Xavier Theatre — 8:45 am-1:45 pm	
		Varsity/JV Softball at Pacelli — 4:30/6:15 pm	
25	Mon	No School — Memorial Day — Band plays at Veteran's	
		Memorial — 10:30 am	
26	Tue	Varsity Baseball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm	
26-27	T/W	Senior final exams	
27	Wed	Grade 2 field trip to Heckrodt in Menasha — 8:10 am-12:00 pm	
		Senior Supper at River Rail	
28	Thu	Varsity Baseball at home vs. Freedom — 4:30 pm	
		JV Baseball at Freedom — 4:45 pm	
29	Fri	Seniors tubing/canoeing trip	
30	Sat	Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattlers — 6:35 pm	
31	Sun	HS Graduation in the HS gym 1:00 nm	

31 Sun HS Graduation in the HS gym — 1:00 pm

Coming Up in June

- 1-5 Paper recycling fundraiser
- 3 5K field trip to Navarino Nature Center
- 3-4 HS final exams

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- 8th grade Celebration 10:00 am
- End of 4th quarter 12:10 pm dismissal Tentative start date for summer school
- 30 Tentative end date for summer school

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
Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, string cheese, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
	ill be no lunch served ool, Thursday, June 4.			1 Pizza dippers, fresh garden salad, strawberries, milk
4 No School	5 Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, milk	6 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pears, broccoli, buttered bread, milk	7 Cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, peaches, milk	8 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
11 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, breadstick, milk	12 Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	13 Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, peaches, milk	14 Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pineapple, milk	15 French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice, milk, graham cracker (HS)
18 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	19 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, sliced carrots, refried beans, peaches, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, bread slice, milk	21 Mini corn dogs, baked beans, broccoli, strawberries, dinner roll, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk
25 No School Memorial Day	26 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, peaches, milk	27 Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, ice cream bar, milk	28 Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	29 Grab-n-Go salad or quesadilla, green beans, pears, milk
Lunch prices	Elementary — .85 per day : Elementary — \$2.15 per gh School — \$2.45 per da	r day, \$10.75 per week, \$4	40.85 for May	* 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

Rain, snow, sleet, sun, clouds, warm, cold . . . what an interesting month of April thus far! I'm holding my breath in hopes that we do not have any May snowstorms in our future!

With the end of the year quickly approaching, there are numerous things to make note of and/or highlight:

Tornado Drill: Staff and students did a great job with the tornado drill that was conducted recently during the State of Wisconsin's Severe Weather Awareness Week. During the drill, staff and students in Shiocton had an



opportunity to practice the tornado drill procedures. If you did not already have an opportunity to do so, I encourage you to discuss an action plan for you and your family at home. It's important that your children know exactly what to do if they end up being home alone when severe weather arises.

Badger Exam: Students in grades 3-8 are still in the midst of taking the Badger Exam. For specific dates for each classroom, please see the elementary/middle school tab on the school's website at <u>www.shiocton.k12.wi.us</u>.



Staff Appreciation Week: In early May, we will be celebrating the wonderful staff members within the Shiocton School District. During this special week, I will be drawing names for prizes. It's not too late to help me

out. If you would like to donate items (gift cards, gift certificates, gas cards, baskets of goodies, treats for the lounge, etc.) to be given away, please send them to the office anytime during the first week of May. Also, this would be a great time for you to have your child sit down and write a special note to a few special staff members (teachers, paraprofessionals, kitchen workers, secretaries, custodians, administrators, bus drivers, etc.). Trust me when I say that notes from the heart are the absolute best gifts that can be given! ©

Requests for 2015-16: In May, we will begin to look at classroom assignments for next year. The teachers and I work very hard to place students with teachers we feel will be good matches for them. In rare situations where there is a true educational need, a parent/guardian may wish to make a request. These requests need to be

submitted in writing to the principal and must include a specific reason for the request. Please submit written requests to the elementary/middle school office no later than <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 8</u>. Due to the scheduling and balancing process, it will not be possible to honor requests received after this date. E-mail requests are discouraged since these often times wind up in our junk mail folders.

While it is impossible to honor all of the requests, the teachers and I will look at the requests and determine which ones we can honor while still maintaining balanced classrooms. Parental requests for special consideration will be processed in the order in which they are received with priority given to requests that have valid educational reasons supporting the placement.

As we develop the class lists, the following items will be given priority:

- Within each classroom, there needs to be an equal distribution of abilities.
- The number of boys and girls in each classroom needs to be balanced as much as possible.
- Attempts are made to separate students who do not work well together.

4K/5K Orientation: If you have a child who will be entering 4K or 5K next year, please remember that there are orientation sessions coming up on Friday, May 15, and



Friday, May 22. If you have not already registered for one of the sessions, please call the office at 986-3351 ext. 721 to do so as soon as possible.

4K/5K Orientation Sessions Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. or Friday, May 22, at 8:45 a.m.

Contact the office at 986-3351 ext. 721 to register for one of the sessions.

Here's to a strong finish to the 2014-15 school year! Have a great month of May!

Sincerely, Mrs. Griesbach © PK-6 Principal



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Moose and Muffins in Early Childhood

We began the month of April with a theme centered on the book *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Numeroff. Students made moose out of footprints and made big antler

headbands. They also worked on story recall by sequencing story events on the SMART board. The favorite part of the theme was making muffins!



Students worked on one-to-one

correspondence by counting frogs on the log, which they used during the song *Five Green and Speckled Frogs*. They made frogs out of splatter paint, corks, and thumbprints that adorned our classroom wall pond. The students also sequenced *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog* and played "feed" the frog counting can game.

In May, our learning will be guided by themes of Mothers Day and flowers.

4K Learns About Weather

The school year is flying by. We have been learning about spring weather. We have discussed thunderstorms and tornadoes. We

practiced for the statewide tornado drill. We also made a Rainbow Book. The children illustrated their own books. We



practiced reading the books so students could read their Rainbow Books to families at home.

Students will be taking the spring edition of the PALS assessment during the first week in May. The assessment is administered individually to each 4K student. It is always so exciting to see all the wonderful progress the students make throughout the school year.

The end of another school year is near. It is sad to say good-bye to our classes. However, it is good to see that they are ready to move on.

School Tool Box[™] Sale Starts May 1

by Tammy Welch

The School Tool Box is a great resource for our children and is a huge time saver. Prices for each grade level are listed below. Ordering is available from May 1-29. Use the forms recently sent home or order online at <u>www.schooltoolbox.com</u>. Pick-up will be at registration in August. Don't miss out.



The School Tool Box is brought to you by SPICE. If you have any questions, please call me at (920) 268-3307.

4-year-old kindergarten	\$27	4th grade	\$41
5-year-old kindergarten	\$59	5th grade	\$44
1st grade	\$33	6th grade	\$54
2nd grade	\$33	7th grade	\$38
3rd grade	\$52	8th grade	\$38

Each box sold = one child fed.

Every School Tool Box sold will provide one meal to a starving child through *Feed My Starving Children*. When we say "Help is here," we mean it.

5K: Almost Ready for Grade 1!

Our kindergartners are so mature and have gained such confidence and independence in their abilities. We are so proud of their many accomplishments! We believe our students' first grade transformation will be complete by Thursday, June 4, 2015.

However, in order to complete this transformation, we still have much to learn and accomplish. This month we will focus on reading our sight words without much hesitation (or blending), as well as continuing to read and practice our Decodable Books, Challenge Books, and leveled guided reading books. We will continue to review all alphabet letters and sounds. In our *Math Expressions* series we will review, as well as revisit, the skills and concepts that were a bit tricky or challenging the first time they were taught.

Our themes for the month of May are "Exploring Our Surroundings" and "Under the Ocean." We are also planning

field trips to the NEW Zoo on Wednesday, May 20, and Navarino Nature Center on Wednesday, June 3. We hope to see many parent volunteers joining us for these educational and fun-filled field trips!



We look forward to helping your children complete their transformation from kindergartners to BIG first graders. Thank you for entrusting us with the important and rewarding job of educating your child. Keep your eyes open for a big first grader bopping around your home in the near future!

Grade 1 Finishing Strong

As we approach the end of the year, our first graders are really starting to soar with the idea of practically being second graders! During this last full month of school the students will be working hard to master our last group of standards for first grade. Continue stressing consistent nightly practice with your child so that they finish the year with strong skills.

On May 20, we will take our final field trip of the year, to Xavier High School to



watch the play *Charlotte's Web*, and then to the planetarium to see the things we learned in science

about our solar system come to life. Thanks in advance to all the parents who helped to make this trip possible!

In addition to all that learning, we will become gardeners and plant marigolds! When these plants come home, please find a nice sunny spot for them to continue growing and being cared for over the summer.

With the weather warming up, Mr. Zdanovec will be having occasional gym classes outside. Please be aware of what days your child has gym, and dress them in appropriate shoes so that they are able to participate. No sandals, please.

During the last month of school, please remember to be consistent with homework and checking your child's folder. Encourage them to stay focused and do their best. Let's finish the year strong, first graders!



With Honor & Gratitude We Remember

Title I Needs Assessment to be Conducted

by Michelle Jorgensen, Title I Reading Teacher

Annually, coinciding approximately with the end of the third marking period, Title I conducts a Needs Assessment of all students in four-year-old kindergarten through grade 4. There are three



phases of this Needs Assessment. In Phase 1, our classroom teachers are asked to identify students at risk of not achieving academic success. The classroom teacher identifies the needs of each of these students. A "tentative" priority list of students is created from this information.

In Phase 2, the district Title I reading teacher reviews and examines the information to determine what grade levels and subject areas will receive Title I services. A rationale is written to support this decision. Based on our district's "early intervention" philosophy, the lower grades are generally given top priority for receiving these services. I then meet with Mrs. Griesbach, classroom teachers, and several district parents to convey this information. We also discuss how to meet the needs of the students that have been identified but who are not placed in Title I.

In Phase 3, all students identified in Phase 2 as Title I candidates are screened to determine their level of need. Some of the screening will be done this spring, and it will continue in the fall. After screening assessments are completed, Title I services will be offered to those students who do qualify.

Buying and Selling in Grade 2

April showers bring May flowers! It is hard to believe it's the month of May already! This school year seemed to fly by! Even though the end of the year is fast approaching, we still have a lot of learning to do! Let's finish the year strong!

On May 27, we will be heading to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. On this outdoor field trip we will be introduced to the importance, values, and functions of wetlands. We will also learn more about animals that make the wetlands their home, specifically frogs! It should be a fun-filled, educational day! Let's hope the weather cooperates!

May is also "Market Madness" time in grade 2. Market Madness is a social studies unit that focuses on economics. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to be consumers and producers in a market setting. In this unit, second graders will learn the difference between products and services, and participate in an authentic learning experience as producers and consumers. Students will act as consumers by spending the "Market Madness" money they have earned. They will also act as producers and open

a booth to earn more play money. Before the big day, they will need to think of ways to advertise their product/service, decide on a cost of their product/service, and make sure they have all the necessary supplies to run their booth. Then each student will try to sell their products/services to their peers! Be sure to check out the June issue for photographs from our second grade Market Madness Day!



Grade 3: Sturgeon Viewing and Reading with Flashlights



Third graders viewing sturgeon at Bamboo Bend ...



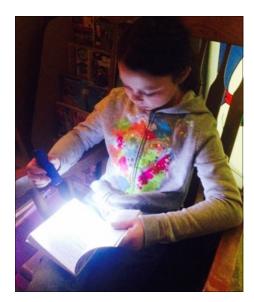


... and having ice cream from Hometown Grill afterward.



Flashlight Friday









Gifted and Talented

Karen Rudat (grades K-7) 986-3351 ext. 580 or <u>krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us</u>

Battle of the Books

We anxiously awaited the results from the Battle of the Books 2014-15 competition, and they finally arrived. There were 216 teams across Wisconsin that competed. Of those, 47 teams scored in the 300 Club (375-300 points). Our "Dream Team," consisting of Abbie

Fischer, Jordyn Houterman, Davin Piechocki, Amelia Schuh, and alternate Breanna Birch, scored 285 points, and only one other team scored above them in the 200 Club. I am so very, very proud of our team!! They did a tremendous job representing the Shiocton School District!!



This year's third and fourth graders, be on the

lookout for the booklist for Battle of the Books 2015-16, coming out just in time for your summer reading pleasure. Please consider joining the team next year!

Noetic Learning Math Contest

On April 7, we had 110 students in grades 3-6 who participated in the Noetic Learning Mathematics Contest, an increase of 26 students from the number that participated last fall. The Noetic Learning Math Contest is a math problem-solving contest. The goal of the competition is to encourage young students' interest in math, to develop their problem-solving skills, and to inspire them to excel in math. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to enrich their problem-solving experiences.

I am thrilled to announce that the medal winners are:

- Grade 3 Benjamin Bronold
- Grade 4 Davin Piechocki
- Grade 5 Parker Moder
- Grade 6 Josh Wilkinson

And the overall winner for the Shiocton School District is Davin Piechocki from grade 4.

I am so very proud of all our students who challenged themselves and volunteered to be participants. The message we want to send to our students is, "It is COOL to be good at math!"

Upcoming G/T Event to Remember

May 18 — College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh for 5th grade academic and/or art gifted and talented students.

Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattlers

Saturday, May 30 6:35 p.m.

Timber Rattlers vs. Beloit



SPICE: Thanks for a Great Year!

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8. Please take time to tell a Shiocton

School District staff member how much they are appreciated. Whether it is your child's teacher or principal, secretary, paraprofessional, bus driver, or custodian,



every staff member deserves a heartfelt thank-you for the commitment given to our school. SPICE also wishes to acknowledge each Shiocton School District staff member for his or her hard work and dedication! Thank you.

Keep collecting Box Tops for Education, and watch for more information coming home for the May challenge. Each Box Tops logo can be redeemed for 10¢ so this is a very worthwhile program for our school. Be sure to continue to collect Box Tops over the summer!!

SPICE is offering the purchase of School Tool Boxes to aid your school supply gathering prior to next year. This service gives you the opportunity to efficiently gather the needed classroom items without running all over town. See page 15 for details.

We will wrap up our meetings for this school year at our May meeting and will

begin meeting again in August. There is always a space for you at our PTO meetings. If you are interested in knowing more about SPICE, please attend the meeting in May



or watch for meeting dates in the fall. SPICE opportunities are quite varied and only require a few hours of your time a month. We would love to have YOU on our team!

If you are not able to attend a meeting, please contact us with comments or concerns at <u>Tanya.puls@aol.com</u> or <u>sjparker92@gmail.com</u>.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the River Rail. We hope to see you there.

> Tanya Puls, Chairman Steve Parker, Vice-Chairman

May Means Madison for Grade 4

It's hard to believe that we are in the last full month of the school year. While the end is near, there is still a lot of work we need to accomplish. The 4th graders will need to keep their focus throughout these last five weeks.

In math, we will be studying geometry. The lessons focus on lines of symmetry, some shapes, and a variety of studies on angles. We will also have a comprehensive review of the items we have studied through the year with our new Math Expressions series. In language arts, we will be looking into the components of writing an opinion essay, among other studies through the month.



We are all getting excited for our field trip to Madison to visit the Capitol building as well as Vilas Zoo. We will also attend a performance of Charlotte's Web at Xavier High School. We have some exciting events planned as the warm weather continues to lead us into summer.

We've all felt so lucky to have worked with a great group of 4th graders through this year. They have shown us just how dedicated they are to becoming life-long learners. While they move through their elementary years, we know they will find success as they continue their journey.

Counselor's Corner

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



Guidance classes (grades K-6) are focusing on career awareness and development. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 are registered on Wisconsin Careers. Check out this website at wiscareers.wisc.edu.

Fifth Grade Chief Chats

Chief Chats for all fifth graders and their parents began on April 27. This is an opportunity for the student, parents/guardians, and counselor to meet to discuss, plan, and collaborate towards academic success and healthy transitions. During the conference, the following will be discussed: goals, interests and skills, co-curricular activities, career clusters, learning style, and transitioning to middle school. Please contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us to schedule your 30-minute Chief Chat.

Below: Students in grades 2-8 enjoyed an entertaining performance by the Freedom High School Drama Troupe on March 19. The group presented a strong message on acceptance and respect.

Wisconsin's Capitol

- Construction of the present Capitol building, the third in Madison. began in 1906 and was completed in 1917 at a cost of \$7.25 million.
- The Capitol is 284 feet, 5 inches tall from the ground floor to the top of the "Wisconsin" statue on the dome, making it only about three feet shorter than the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.
- The Capitol was constructed of 43 types of stone from six countries and eight states.
- The exterior stone is Bethel White granite from Vermont, making the exterior dome the largest granite dome in

the world.



- The corridor floors, walls and columns are of marble from Tennessee, Missouri, Vermont, Georgia, New York, and Maryland; granite from Wisconsin and Minnesota; and limestone from Minnesota and Illinois.
- Marble from France, Italy, Greece, Algeria, and Germany and syenite from Norway are also represented.
- The building was designated a National Historic Landmark during 2001. A 1990 state law prevents any building within one mile of the Capitol from being taller than the base of the columns surrounding and supporting its dome.

- from Wikipedia



Fifth Graders Care About the Earth

Earth Day was April 22. Fifth graders have been learning so much about the Earth and its systems this year. We are amazed at how everything is connected. The sun energy that shines down on us from outer space gives energy to plants. If you follow the energy from plants all the way through the food web, it is easy to see that people and animals simply would not exist without the sun and plants.



On the first day of spring, fifth graders went outside and picked up 10 bags of garbage! We have a better understanding of how important the systems on Earth are after studying them so closely this year, so we were happy to do our part and pick up litter. You'd be surprised at some of the things we found an empty butter container, a pair of gym shorts, a high heeled boot, lots of paper scraps, a spool of string, and even some discarded taquitos!

The fifth grade challenges you to do something to say thank-you to our Earth for keeping us alive. Here are some ideas: ride your bike instead of driving; change the light bulbs in your house to energy-efficient bulbs; try to take a couple minutes off the length of your shower to save water. What can you do every day to keep our Earth happy and healthy?





MS Wrestlers Compete at State

by Coach Jimmy Peters

On March 27-28, three middle school wrestlers competed in the youth state wrestling championships in Madison. All three boys wrestled very well against the best of the best in the state.

Eighth grader Billy Reif went 1-2 on the weekend, losing a heartbreaking onepoint match that would have secured him a podium spot. Seventh grader Kaden



Piechocki had a very exciting weekend, going 3-2 and placing fifth. Kaden had three matches go into overtime, a one-point win, and a three-point loss. Kaden showed he can wrestle very well under pressure in close matches, which will help make him a great wrestler down the road. Tyler Hess, another eighth

grader, went 4-2 with three pins to place fifth. It was a great weekend for Shiocton wrestling, and I am very proud of these guys.

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Last Paper Drive of the School Year

by Tim Huebner

As you read this, the April paper drive is wrapping up. However, we still have one more drive to go. Please consider dropping off your paper recyclables in the large dumpster behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime from Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5. If you have any questions, please call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.

- When: Monday, June 1, to Friday, June 5
- Where: The large dumpster behind the school

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

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, BSN, RN

The sun releases energy (radiation) in many forms. The sunlight we see is one form. The heat we feel from the sun is another. Ultraviolet (UV) rays, a third type, are also invisible to the eye. UV rays cause sunburn. They can also damage your eyes and hurt your vision. There are two types of

UV rays: UV-A and UV-B. Over time, the effects of UV rays may help cause a number of eye problems such as macular degeneration, cataracts, corneal sunburn, pterygium, and skin cancer around eyelids.

How to Protect Your Eyes from UV Rays

You can protect your eyes from UV rays in two important ways — knowing the dangers of UV rays and wearing proper eye protection and hats that block UV rays. UV rays can come from many directions. They radiate directly from the sun, but they are also reflected from the ground, from water, snow, sand, and other bright surfaces.

Who's at Risk for Eye Damage from the Sun?

Everyone (including children) is at risk for eye damage from UV radiation that can lead to vision loss. Any factor that increases the amount of time you spend in the sun will increase your risk. People who work or play in the sun for long periods of time are at the greatest risk. The risk of sun-related eye problems is higher for people who spend long hours in the sun; have had cataract surgery; and are on certain medicines such as tetracycline, sulfa drugs, birth control pills, diuretics, and tranquilizers that increase the eye's sensitivity to light.

Choosing UV Protection

Sunglasses help you in two important ways. They filter light and they protect your eyes from damaging UV rays. Sunglasses should be worn when you are outdoors so you can protect your eyes.

Protect Your Eyes from the Sun

You should choose sunglasses that:

- ✤ reduce glare
- ✿ filter out 99-100% of UV rays
- protect your eyes
- \diamond are comfortable to wear
- \diamond do not distort colors.

Be aware that if you are at the beach or on the ski slopes, you should wear sunglasses with a darker tint to block more light. Your risk of eye damage from the sun is greater because of reflection off the water and snow. **Read the labels!** Always read labels carefully and look for labels that clearly state the sunglasses block 99-100% of UV-A and UV-B rays.

Do Children Need Sunglasses?

Yes. Children are at special risk from the harmful effects of UV rays, since their eyes do not have the same ability as adults to protect from UV radiation. Here are some helpful suggestions for choosing sunglasses for children:



Check to make sure the sunglasses fit well and are not damaged.



Choose sunglasses that fit your child's lifestyle — the lenses should be impact resistant and should not pop out of the frames.

Choose lenses that are large enough to shield the eyes from most angles.

Find a wide-brimmed hat for your child to wear along with the sunglasses. This will give your child extra protection against the sun. Wearing a hat can cut the amount of UV rays that reach the eyes in half.



Source: Prevent Blindness Wisconsin



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Mrs. Ritchie's Piano and Guitar Recital Performers

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Kira Schwaller Abbie Daniels Madelyn Thebo Kayleigh & Kira S. Kayleigh Pigsley Bennett Wilcox Bennett & Cole Megan Wilkinson Megan W. & Lydia Olivia Herb Olivia & Gabby Mikayla Henry Maddie Daniels Cole Wilcox Cortny Leopold McKenna & Cortny McKenna St. Clair Gabrielle Gunderson Mikayla & Megan Megan Pigsley Greta Thebo Sydney Wilcox Riley Bellin Christie Depner Greta/Christie/Riley/Syd Black Sand

Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Cooper Smith Cooper & Mom Jaxon Smith Lydia Hofacker Elizabeth Pelky Elizabeth & Mom Elizabeth Volkman Jake/Tyler/Mrs. Ritchie Autumn Taylor Autumn & Amanda Lydia, Harrison, & Mom Harrison Hofacker Ryan McCarthy Ryan, Harrison, Jake Madison Fahrbach Madi & Liz Carley Kriewaldt Heather Hellweg

Saturday 1:00 p.m. Elijah & Mom Elijah Jorgensen Charlie O'Brien Charlie & Ben Ty Marcks Ben Bronold Julia & Ben Julia Bronold Melanie Marcks Katie Hanks Katie H. & Mrs. Ritchie Ben Keller Cheralee Marcks Cher/Mel/Ty/Mrs. Ritchie Alyssa Keller Jenna Keller Jenna & Alyssa

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Aleah Zaatrah Aleah & Mrs. Ritchie Katelyn Flannery Katelyn & Mrs. Ritchie **Kira Rettler** Kira & Mom Zach Flannery Zach & Mrs. Ritchie Natalie & Nick Reghan Conradt Reghan & Haylee Natalie Pearson Krista & Sarah Krista Williams Seth & Mrs. Ritchie Nick Pearson Ashly Weis Ashly & Leah Leah Williams Ashly/Leah/Sarah/Mrs. Ritchie



2015-16 School Year Calendar School District of Shiocton

<u>August</u>

18 — Professional Development for Elementary/MS
20 — Professional Development for High School
25, 26, 27 — Professional Development

September

First Day of School
 No School, Labor Day
 Picture Day
 Homecoming
 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.

October

22 & 26 — Parent/Teacher Conferences 23 — No Students – Professional Development

November

4 — End of the 1st quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal 25 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m. 26 & 27 — No School

December

8 - 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m. 24-31 - Winter Break

<u>January</u>

1-3 — Winter Break

4 — School Resumes

11 — PD*/Snow Day make-up: PD* all day for staff unless a snow day needs to be made up

20 — End of the 2nd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

February

11 — 12:10 p.m. dismissal, PD* in p.m.

March

4 — No School

8 — Parent/Teacher Conferences

23 — End of the 3rd quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal 24, 25, 28 — Spring Break

<u>April</u>

16 — Prom

18 — No Students – Professional Development

May

- 9 PD*/Snow Day make-up: PD* all day for staff **unless** a snow day needs to be made up
- 29 Graduation
- 30 No School, Memorial Day

June

3 — Last day – End of the 4th quarter, 12:10 p.m. dismissal

* Professional Development

March 16, 2015

<u>Attendance</u>: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer; Kim Griesbach; Kelly Zeinert; Paige Stein; Peyton Schnur; Johanna Funk; Ken, Linda, Megan, and Kayleigh Pigsley; Dashal Mentzel; Tanner Baeten; and Heather Hellweg.

<u>Performances</u>: Middle school and high school forensics students performed.

The board voted to:

- approve Youth Options request for 2015-16 Semester 1.
- approve the 2015-16 calendar as presented.
- accept the donation of a concession stand.
- approve the purchase of Big Ideas Grades 7 and 8 Math Series as revised for shipping and handling.
- set Sunday, May 29, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. as the 2015-16 graduation date.

In other discussion:

Board committees.

Board report:

• Ray Gomm: CESA 6 meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Assembly, *Music In Our Schools* concert, Badger Exam update, and end of the quarter.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Band/choir concert, end of the quarter, spring sports, WFCA All-Star Charity Football game, and Technical Education Scholarship awardee.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Legislative Breakfast presentation, review of letters sent to legislators, and WIAA "decrease factor."

Upcoming events:

- Senior Awards Program May 20
- Graduation May 31
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade — Saturday, August 15

April 13, 2015

<u>Attendance</u>: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Bonnie Taylor, Mike Bellin, Joan Wade, and Beth Bloedorn.

<u>Public comment</u>: Joan Wade, from CESA 6, thanked Mrs. Schweitzer for her presentations to the legislators at the Legislative Breakfast and acknowledged her contributions were very much appreciated. She also presented a plaque for Mr. Ray Gomm for recognition of his years of service on the CESA 6 board.

The board voted to:

- accept the resignation/retirement of Karen Rudat, G/T coordinator.
- accept the resignation of Tina Parker, MS volleyball coach.
- deny the request to extend the parochial boundary for Most Precious Blood Catholic School.
- accept the donation of "The Shioc" 1923 Yearbook from Frank Schnabel, son of Hazel O'Brien, teacher from Black Creek.
- approve the band/choir trip to St. Louis.
- approve trip to Chicago for the National Quiz Bowl competition.
- approve the changes to Board Policy 1630.01: Family and Medical Leave (administration).
- approve changes to Board Policy 2221: Special Observation Days.
- approve changes to Board Policy 2421: Career and Technical Education Program.
- approve changes to Board Policy 2510: Adoption of Textbooks.
- approve changes to Board Policy 2521: Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment.
- approve changes to Board Policy 2623: Student Assessment.
- approve the deletion of Board Policy 2700: Annual District Report.
- approve changes to Board Policy 4340: Grievance Procedure.
- approve changes to Board Policy 6230: Budget Hearing.
- approve changes to Board Policy 7440: Facility Security.
- approve changes to Board Policy 7540.02: District Web Page.
- approve changes to Board Policy 7540.03: Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety.
- approve changes to Board Policy 7540.04: Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety.
- approve changes to Board Policy 8145: Annual Reports (replaces Policy 2700).

In other discussion:

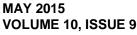
- CAPP and Course Options update.
- Attorney Tony Renning, who formerly worked for the firm of Davis and Kueltheu, is now with a new law firm Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis, and Lacy. The board will authorize working with his new law firm at the reorganization meeting to be held on April 27.
- April 7 school board election results.
- School Board Scholarship.
- Board Retreat dates/times, topics.
- Reorganization of the board officers and committees at the April 27 meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Badger Exam update and tornado drill.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Updates on events and happenings.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Governor Walker's response letter, policies in budget, Congressional Breakfast, CESA Superintendents' meeting, and PSL update.

<u>Closed session</u>: to discuss 2015-16 staffing and professional, support, non-represented, and administrative compensation.





HS TRIP to St. LOUIS April 30-May 3 HS BAND/CHOIR

PIANO STUDIO RECITALS

CHOIR SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT TIMBER RATTLERS GAME

On **Tuesday, May 12**, the middle school choirs (grades 6-8) will head to Appleton where they will open the Timber Rattlers game singing the national anthem! Students will be excused from classes from 10:30 a.m. to the end of the day. We will return to school in time for students to board their bus home. Students will wear their trip T-shirts.

BAND AND CHOIR PRESENT: THE WORLD IS BIGGER THAN ME

As we wrap up the school year, we'd like to celebrate the year on the lighter side with music representing the globe. The music department proudly presents *THE WORLD IS BIGGER THAN ME*, our *Shiocton Showcase* for 2015. The *Showcase* is a community favorite featuring the high school band, high school choir, jazz choir, jazz band, featured soloists, and special ensembles. Join us in the high school gym on **Friday**, **May 15**, at **7:00 p.m**.!

BAND AND CHOIR PERFORM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The beginning band, middle school bands, middle school choirs, and jazz band will perform a concert on **Tuesday, May 19**, at **1:45 p.m.** for a gym-full of elementary kids. This concert is during the school day but open to the public. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The concert will feature fun, lighter music to end the year with. We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER MARCHING CAMP

All band students (grades 7-12 for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR) learn the Homecoming field show music and drill at our three-day marching camp on **August 17-19**, **8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. It is essential that ALL band kids attend. Grill-out of food served after the last day of camp. As you make your summer plans, please mark your calendars for this important camp. No charge and no registration necessary. Just show up!

"Art and music are the drugs of choice for thousands of kids. If we expect them to just say no to a chemical high, we must recognize the healing alternative...their own creativity. Demand and support the real anti-drug program—arts in education."

> —Fred Babb What is Art?

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

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE Friday, May 15 7:00 p.m. High School Gym HS BAND/CHOIR UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

MS SPRING CONCERT Tuesday, May 19 HS Gym 1:45 p.m. 5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

MEMORIAL DAY <u>CEREMONY</u> Monday, May 25 Veteran's Memorial 10:30 a.m. 7-12 BAND

HS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 31 1:00 p.m. HS Gym 8-11 BAND, HS CHOIR



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