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Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

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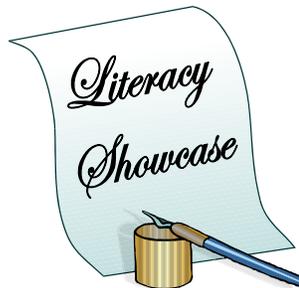
Lunch Account Reminder

Parents/Guardians: Please remember all lunch accounts need to be paid in full at the end of the school year. All positive balances will carry over to the 2012-13 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 ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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.

Deb Danke, Food Service Director

Save Time –
Pay Online!



The Literacy Committee will be hosting their second Literacy Showcase on Thursday, May 10. This showcase is an opportunity for the community to come into the school and see our literacy-rich environment. We are doing this on the same day as the Middle School Senior Citizen Pie Social, in hopes of getting more people into the school.

- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Elementary Open Mic in the LMC (students will perform various pieces)
- 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Middle/High School Open Mic in the LMC
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Middle School Senior Citizen Pie Social
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grade 3 Literacy Projects
- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Digital Book Talks
Student Samples of Creative Writing
Excerpts from the High School Play
Literacy Displays (throughout the school)

K4/K5 Orientation Coming Up in May

by Kim Griesbach

K4 and K5 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 information about the school and the K4 and K5 programs, while their children visit the classrooms. 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 18** K4 parents are to drop their children off in the K4 classroom (E115) at 1:15 p.m., and then report to the cafeteria. K5 students and parents are to meet in the cafeteria at 1:30 p.m.
- **May 25** K4 parents are to drop their children off in the K4 classroom (E115) at 8:30 a.m., and then report to the cafeteria. K5 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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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

Shiocton School Satisfaction Survey

On the **last page of this issue** of *The Link*, you will find a Shiocton School Satisfaction survey. We would like some input from you regarding the work we do here at Shiocton Schools. Your comments will help guide us in our ongoing efforts at doing our very best work. By sharing your concerns, ideas, thoughts, as well as compliments, you will help us to continue to offer excellent services to you and your children.

I want to emphasize including any instances where a staff member has gone above and beyond to make school a special place for you and/or your children. Our administrative team will review and discuss the results of this survey and all comments. All of your feedback, positive or not, is valuable to us in this process.

Please return the surveys to any school office by Friday, May 18. Thanks!

Volunteer Appreciation

We would have a difficult time meeting the needs of all our students without the help of many dedicated volunteers. Our classroom teachers generally take care of showing their appreciation for those folks who assist them on a regular basis, but I wanted to say "Thanks!" to all of you who give of your time so that our students can have the opportunity to truly rise to their potential.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Staff Appreciation Week

During the first week of May, I hope you will join me in sharing a token of appreciation for the many people that it takes to run the School District of Shiocton. Any positive snippets that we can share will go a long way towards refreshing people's attitudes and reminding them that their efforts are appreciated.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather! See you around!

Chris L. VanderHeyden
Superintendent

Please visit the district website at:

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



Recital Time is Here!

by Sally Ritchie

The recitals for my students will be held on May 4 and 5 in the cafeteria. Most of the guitar students will perform on Friday night at the 6:30 p.m. recital, along with many piano performers. The Saturday recitals are at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and the advanced recital at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend any or all recitals to hear the wonderful talent of our community.

I am asking the families of my students to bring a finger food snack for the reception following each recital. I will provide the drinks.

March Paper Drive Totals

by Tim Huebner

The first paper drive of the spring yielded a huge total of 15,280 pounds or 7.6 tons!! That breaks the previous all-time record. The drive was so successful that we filled three dumpsters. Many thanks go out to the community for all their support. As I checked the dumpsters during the week, there was always someone there dropping off their recyclables. Countless people related to me that they had stored their paper recyclables since November! As you read this, the April drive will be over but the May drive is still on.

The last drive of the year will be Monday, May 21, through Thursday, May 24. This will be a great chance to do any late spring cleaning and get rid of all paper recyclables stacking up in your home or garage. We really appreciate the support! If you have any questions, call Tim Huebner at 986-3351 ext. 739.



When: Monday, May 21, through Thursday, May 24

Where: The large dumpster behind the school

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

You're Invited — 14th Annual Pie Social Thursday, May 10

Who: Any senior citizen

Date: Thursday, May 10

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Cafeteria



What it includes: pie, coffee, water or milk, Bingo, 7th grade entertainment, raffle prizes, and a great time!

RSVP: Please call Jackie Murphy, school secretary, at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you plan on attending.

Sports Physicals Available from Bellin Health

Sports physicals will be handled, as in previous years, by Bellin Health at their Seymour Clinic on Wednesday, May 30, from 3:20-6:30 p.m. **The cost of each physical exam is \$20. Please pay with cash or check made out to Bellin Health. Credit cards will not be accepted nor will insurance be billed.** All money collected will be donated back to Shiocton Schools by Bellin. This is an excellent way for our school to raise money.

The clinic has set aside an early block of time (3:20-4:00 p.m.) for Shiocton students riding the free school bus. Any student wanting a physical at the Seymour Clinic can sign up for the bus. The bus will leave school for Seymour at 3:00 p.m. There is no need to schedule an appointment with the clinic if riding the bus. Parents who do not want their children to ride the bus should call the clinic and set up an appointment time after 4:00 p.m. The number of the Bellin Clinic in Seymour is (920) 833-2318. Please specify that you would like to register for the "Group Sports Physicals" if calling for an appointment.

The WIAA physical form can be found on the Shiocton School website, www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. Click on Athletics in the left column, and then click High School and scroll down to Forms. The physical form can also be found on the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org. Click on WIAA Info, then Forms, then Student-Athlete Physical Card. If you do not have Internet or printer access, pick up a WIAA physical form in the high school office. **Each student-athlete must have this form filled out and signed by a parent or guardian prior to arriving at the clinic for his or her exam.** If you have any questions, please call Mr. Senger, athletic director, at 986-3351 ext. 731.

Shiocton Summer Sports 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



Day League Baseball

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your community is looking for any youths who are interested in playing baseball. This program is provided and funded by your school district and is free to any and all children old enough to play. The program runs through the month of July and includes home and away games (**with transportation provided to and from**). Your child will need to provide his or her own glove and baseball pants. **A uniform shirt will be provided.**

Day League Baseball is scheduled to start on **Friday, June 8**. However, practices may begin as early as Saturday, May 19. There will be **three separate practices and times**.

1. **AAA** consists of players that have just completed 3rd and 4th grade. These practices run from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. All players in this league are guaranteed playing time.
2. **American League** consists of players that have just completed 5th and 6th grade. These practices are scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. Playing time is dependent on numbers. Younger players may be asked to fill in spots.
3. **National League** consists of players that have just completed 7th and 8th grade. These practices are scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. Playing time is dependent on numbers. Younger players may be asked to fill in spots.

If the program doesn't have enough players, we will do the best we can to maintain as many teams as possible. If the numbers do not support enough for any team, the community will not participate in the league. Please support the Central Wisconsin Conference Day League and your Shiocton Chiefs. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Respectfully,

Bob Smith, CWC Baseball Director
Shiocton Day League (920) 419-4500

Summer Piano/Guitar Lessons!

by Sally Ritchie

Summer is a wonderful time to keep up with music lessons. Students don't have homework and find themselves under less pressure than during the school year. It also assures that students don't forget what they have learned during the school year and do the "summer slide." Since there are not generally performances to prepare for, it affords me the opportunity to do some different types of lessons as well. This summer will be one



of trying some new things. All groups and individual lessons will be held beginning in July and running into August.

The following are choices that are available in addition to the regular private lessons:

- ♪ Group lessons will be offered for jazz piano. The group lesson will be 60 minutes long once each week. To be eligible for this group, you must be at an intermediate or advanced level of piano. If you are unsure if you qualify, please contact me.
- ♪ I will again be offering group lessons for beginning and intermediate level guitar students. I am hoping to have the intermediate guitar group on Wednesday mornings, but have not yet decided on a time or day for the beginning guitar group.
- ♪ Composer and Music History groups will focus on learning about different composers of Europe and compositions along with style. It is designed for late elementary and intermediate levels and includes games that focus on music history.
- ♪ I will also do partner lessons this summer for students who want to team up with a friend or another student at a similar level. Those lessons will be 60-minute lessons.
- ♪ Be sure to check out the Jammin' Camps that Mr. Yenor and I will be running this summer!



If you are interested in signing up for any of these groups, please contact me by e-mail at sritchie@shiocton.k12.wi.us or call (920) 213-3446 and leave a message.

Dream Big - Read! at the Shiocton Public Library!

by *Melanie Waldrin, Shiocton Public Library*

Did you know that children who take part in their local library's summer reading program significantly improve their reading skills? Studies show that children who participate in these programs are ahead of children who do not. Summer reading programs also prevent learning loss. So instead of losing knowledge and skills during the summer months, children who attend reading programs actually show gains!



The goal of the Shiocton Public Library summer reading program is to offer parents a fun way to help their child build literacy skills. Below are events we have scheduled. Be sure to check in at the library often as we will be adding to our calendar in the upcoming weeks.

Important dates to add to your summer schedule:

- 📖 May Library Challenge — Come to the Shiocton Public Library any Tuesday in May and tell a librarian what you dream about being when you grow up and get a prize!
- 📖 June 25 — First day to register for our reading program, pick up your passport to the stars, and get your rocket ready to fly around the solar system!
- 📖 July 16, 6:00 p.m. — Incredible Bats! Learn about bats and meet a few live and in person!
- 📖 August 2, 3:00 p.m. — F.V.H.C. (Fox Valley Herp Club), a local reptile rescue program, will bring some of their slithery slippery friends for you to learn about, and if you are brave enough you can even hold one!
- 📖 August 24, 10:30 a.m. — Sing songs, dance, and laugh with Randy Peterson, followed by our end-of-summer celebration!

Thank You, Cody

The Link would like to thank Cody Leitermann for all of his hard work this school year. As student editor for both *The Link* and the school district web page, he has been a valuable contributor and resource that will certainly be missed. We wish Cody the best of luck as he pursues his degree in Computer Science and Accounting.

The Link editors



Hoops Club Expresses Thanks

The Shiocton Hoops Club would like to thank the community businesses listed below that helped us have a successful season. We appreciate all of your support.

Shiocton Mini Mart

Subway

Colwitz's BP

River Rail

Hometown Grill

Shiocton School District

Festival Foods of New London

**A BIG
THANKS**

Dear Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

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

The **School Breakfast Program** is available for purchase to all students every weekday morning. You do not have to register your child in advance. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or only occasionally. School breakfast makes good sense – it provides ¼ of your child's nutritional needs, meets Dietary Guideline recommendations, and offers children a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

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

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

Sincerely,
Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

Drama Group Presents *Finders Creepers*

by Rhonda Uelmen

We had such a good time last year, so we decided to try this again! The Shiocton Drama Club will be presenting *Finders Creepers* by Donald Payton for one night only on June 1, in the high school gym. What a



great way to start the summer by laughing at this hilarious comedy performed by some of the funniest students in Shiocton. Once again we have a great cast of freshmen through seniors who will have you laughing from the opening scene. Below is a synopsis.

Hercules Nelson's aunt and uncle invite Hercules and his best friend, Lucas, to spend the weekend with them. With suitcases in hand, the boys arrive at Uncle Bob's to discover that Uncle Bob is a MORTICIAN and there's a funeral scheduled Monday. Well, it's not long before things start happening in ways that would put most brave men to flight. For one thing, the corpse walks, reads the paper, and climbs into bed with Hercules. He gallivants around in a most uncorpus delecti fashion! Needless to say, the boys are terrified until they find out that Mr. Quigley, the corpse, isn't really dead. Someone tried to knock him off while he was sleeping so he devised a plan: he'd make his family think he was dead, then show up at his own funeral, and trap the guilty party. No doubt Mr. Quigley had a good plan and no doubt things would have ended peacefully, but there are two things he failed to consider . . . Lucas Maxwell and Hercules Nelson. Fortunately, they all escape with their hides, but not before one of the wildest finishes ever!

Please come out on this evening and enjoy all the hard work these students have put in. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Pre-school children are free. Look for posters in early May for all the details.

The Cast:	Lucas	Forest Nett
	Hercules	Asa Nett
	Celeste	Samantha Schmidt
	Nicholle	Brittany Schmidt
	Stevie	Mckenzie Calder
	Aunt Mary	Leah Wagner
	Uncle Bob	Elias Dean
	Granny	Heidi Besch
	Mr. Quigley	Adam Zahradka
	Dr. Brown	Jason Steinbach
	Madeline	Alexandria Wolff
	Harry	Lucas Moeller
	Daphne	Michelle Ritchie
	Claude	Taylor Haufschildt
	Henry	Marcos Mazzo

Scenery and Make-up: Jordan Conradt, Harley Krause, and Amanda Young

Winter Sports Awards

Wrestling

Zech Riehl	Co-Most Valuable Player All-Conference Second Team
Austin Riehl	Co-Most Valuable Player All-Conference First Team
Freddy Fielding Award	Sue Neumann Memorial All-Conference First Team
Nathan Thein	Most Improved
Carlos Padilla	Scrapper Award
Dominic Gunderson	Coaches Award — Character
Jesus Padilla	Coaches Award — Intensity
Garrett Gunderson	Coaches Award — Competitor
Jacob Dahlke	Coaches Award — Leadership

Girls Basketball

Nicole Ritchie	Co-Most Valuable Player All-Conference Second Team
Alyssa Polanco	Co-Most Valuable Player All-Conf. Honorable Mention
Alexa Pahlow	Most Improved
Michelle Ritchie	Coaches Award

Boys Basketball

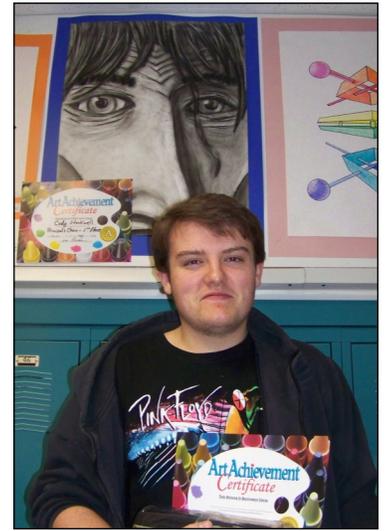
Shane Kanaman	Scoring Champion All-Conference First Team
Riley Van Asten	Assist Leader All-Conference Second Team
Jacob Van Asten	Chairman of the Board All-Conf. Honorable Mention
Kyle Coenen	Most Improved
Talon Heinemeyer	Best Defensive Player



2012 HS/MS Art Awards

High School Principal's Choice

- Best in Show Cody Stockwell Charcoal Drawing "Face"
- Second Place Kenia Labata Op Art "Lion"
- Honorable Mention Alexia Beecher
Amber Collar



Cody Stockwell with his charcoal drawing "Face."

Middle School Principal's Choice

- Best in Show Selina McAuly and Kylie Schneider
Grid Painting entitled "Kiki"
- Second Place Paige Van Horn, Chelsi Knorr,
Olivia Bloch,
Grid Painting entitled "Sunrise 2000"
- Honorable Mention Alex VanDenBosch, Raymond Herb,
Emmie Jahnke



Selina McAuly and Kylie Schneider with their grid painting "Kiki."

People's Choice

- Best in Show Amanda Young Layered Glass Painting "Starry Night"
- Second Place Dallas Stelter Color Pencil "Penguin"
- Honorable Mention Holly Pingel, Logan Cummings,
Rosine Van Sinderen, Lauren Vanden Heuvel



Amanda Young with her "Starry Night" in the background.



Brooke Schuh, a SILA student, with her art project "The Spark of Life."

Thank you to everyone who made the artworks in this year's show. We had many positive comments about the quality of all the work. Thank you to all of our judges this year. It is extremely difficult to pick just three winners when the work is so diverse and of such overall high quality. Also, a big thank you to the Art Club for the face painting.

Mr. Greider – Middle School/High School Art Teacher



Principal's Report

As we approach the end of the school year, the days seem to be flying by. Before we know it, summer will be here. Scheduling for next year will take place soon (see Mrs. Uelmen's article this month for the exact dates for each grade, as well as the scheduling times). Those students who do not attend scheduling will have their classes picked for them. If you have any questions concerning scheduling for next year, please contact her at 986-3351 ext. 762.

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 14. They will take their finals on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16. Senior Supper will be that Wednesday night at the River View Banquet Hall at 6:00 p.m. On Friday, May 18, they will take part in the annual canoe trip on the Wolf River. Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

The rest of the high school will take their finals on May 31 (hours 1-4) and June 1 (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 May 31 need to be in a designated study area. If you have any questions concerning the finals schedule, please contact the high school office.

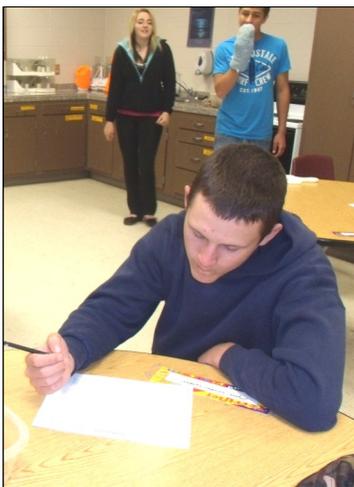
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 986-3351 ext. 751.



Kelly Zeinert

Try It, You Might Like It! What's Happening in Family and Consumer Sciences by Julie Gomm

Students in Mrs. Gomm's *World of Foods* and *Food and Society* classes frequently hear the phrase, "You don't have to like it, but I want you to try it." A few students have an adventurous spirit and are willing to try new foods. Some have a broad experience base, having tried many non-typical kid foods at home or while traveling. Others really have a hard time venturing outside the pizza, chicken, burgers menu. The *World of Foods* class continually encourages students to be open to new ingredients, new combinations, and new experiences—especially with food. Hummus, Spanish Tortilla, and baked Brie were new for almost all the students.



The *Food and Society* class is trying to encourage healthier eating based on the new www.myplate.gov information, which has us eating more fruits and vegetables, more whole grains, and less high fat protein. Students made and sampled a high protein, low fat chicken taco bowl, homemade fruit and oat bars, and a homemade spaghetti sauce that snuck in carrots. Some recipes went over better than others, but at least they tried them.



Senior Class of 2012

Valedictorian

Adam Zahradka
Son of Mark and Lynette
Zahradka

Graduation

Sunday, May 20
Shiocton High School Gym
1:00 p.m.

Salutatorian

Josua Mendoza
Son of Jose and Anna
Mendoza

Emily Adams
Thomas Bain
Caleb Bradwell
Tonya Braun
Angel Carrera
Kyle Coenen
Aaron Conradt
Kathrine Davis
Mikayla Ebben
Hayden Ehrle
Valerie Erickson
Fred Fielding
Skylar Finder
Alysha Futter
Domingo Garcia
Taylor Guyette
Kannah Hasenauer
Isabel Hernandez
Tiffani Horton
Jessica Johnson
Harley Krause

Cody Leitermann
Kao Li
McKenzie Marcks
Josua Mendoza
Samantha Neumann
Anna Nielipinska
Karoline Nordeide
Carlos Padilla
Alexa Pahlow
Nathaniel Plach
Alyssa Polanco
Alexandrea Riehl
Trelee Riehl
Kyle Rietveld
Michelle Ritchie
Nicole Ritchie
Nicole Schiederemayer
Anthony Schmalz
Samantha Schmalz
Kyle Scott
Emily Seymour
Zachary Sommers

Tylynn Sprangers
Riley Stockwell
Trevor Van Camp
Marissa Van Horn
Hunter Van Straten
Alyssa Vander Velden
Jason Vander Wielen
Amanda Verbsky
Sarah Virivito
Seth Warner
Austin Werner
Brandon Wienandt
Kevin Wieser
Colin Winter
Travis Wolff
Megan Wright
Alexander Young
Amanda Young
Hunter Young
Adam Zahradka
Branden Ziebell
Samantha Zurfluh



Counselor News

High school class scheduling begins June 5. Appointments may be made beginning May 2. Students are expected to come into the pupil services office before or after school to sign up for the date/time they want to register for next year's classes. Parents are also welcome to call Mrs. Boelter at 986-3351 ext. 713 between 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or Mrs. Uelmen at ext. 762 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to request a time slot. No students will be permitted to come in during class time to make an appointment.

WARNING! Students' schedules will be done for them if a student/parent fails to schedule an appointment. This may prevent students from getting the courses they want. Appointment dates are as follows:

Seniors: June 5, 6, 7, 11

Juniors: June 13-15

Sophomores: June 18-22

Freshmen: June 25-29

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

AP Chemistry: 8:00 a.m. on May 7

AP Calculus: 8:00 a.m. on May 9

AP Biology: 8:00 a.m. on May 14

- **Deadline to register for the June 9 ACT testing date is May 4**

- The 2012 **Senior Awards Program** will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.



National Honor Society Recognizes Members and Welcomes New Inductees

by Amanda Tetzlaff, National Honor Society Advisor

On April 18, the Shiocton National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony. NHS members, new inductees, and friends and family gathered at the River View Banquet Hall for dinner and the ceremony. With almost 100 people attending, we had a great turnout. Adam Zahradka, the NHS president, was the emcee for the ceremony.

The other NHS officers, Megan Wright, Freddy Fielding, Nick Van Dyke, and Alexa Pahlow, all spoke on the NHS pillars. Our featured guest speaker was Shiocton business teacher Kurt Wismer. Thank you to all officers for your part in our ceremony, and a special thank you to Mr. Wismer for being our guest speaker. Alexa Pahlow was recognized for outstanding service to her school and community, recording over 430 hours of community service during her high school career.

I would also like to recognize those who became official members of NHS at the ceremony. Congratulations to the following new inductees: Mikayla Ebben, Karissa Durham, David McNichols, McKenzie Calder, Julian Mendoza, Andrew Louis, Leah Wagner, Kaylah Schuette, Brandon Gomm, Travis

Schultz, Brittany Schmidt, Dominic Gunderson, Hayley Mastey, Andrew Hoersch, Jonathan Jandourek, and Patrick Brouillard. Thanks to everyone who helped with the banquet and to all who attended. It was a great night to recognize all of these exceptional students.



School Board Meeting Summaries

April 9, 2012

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

Others — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, Cindy Van Asten, Roberta Ligocki, Wendy Hartman, Kurt Wismer, Jake Seelman, Minhao Tan, Tami Hooyman, Jeannie Otto, Clay and Johanna Funk, Kim VanderHeyden, Becky Ecker, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the policies as recommended by the Policy Committee, as well as the Staff Handbook as presented.
- Approve the boundaries for the Bethlehem Lutheran School and the Most Precious Blood School.
- Approve hiring Wendy Hartman as Academic Quiz Bowl coach.
- Accept the retirement request of Carol Van Straten from her elementary teaching position.
- Approve hiring Patty Lorenz as a special education classroom aide for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year.
- Approve hiring Tara Nabbefeld as nursing assistant.

In other discussion:

- Cindy Van Asten provided the board with information regarding insurance quotes for the district.
- Questions were presented regarding the employee handbook. Topics included “contract vs. at-will employees,” retirement language, job assignments, cash in lieu of insurance, and nurse-specific language.
- A second reading of the Staff Handbooks for 2012-13 was conducted.
- Staffing updates for the 2012-13 school year.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Tornado drill and Summer School registration.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Donkey Basketball, Prom, State Solo and Ensemble Festival, Hunter Young – All Star Football Team, and literacy statistics.
- Mrs. Guex: Accounting Conference report.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Staff Appreciation breakfast, doors and camera installation update, and negotiations.

April 23, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Keith Skenandore, Nick Senger, and Beth Bloedorn.

Election of officers:

- The oath of office was previously administered by Mr. Warner and the election documents were signed by the two newly reelected board members, Mary Hoffman and Ray Gomm.
- After a motion and vote, all board officers remain the same: Allen Warner was reelected as president. Bradley Ritchie was reelected as vice-president. Mary Hoffman was reelected as treasurer. David Gomm was reelected as clerk.

The board voted to:

- Use the *Advertiser Community News* as the school’s official newspaper.
- Elect Ray Gomm as the CESA 6 delegate.
- Elect Allen Warner as the WASB delegate.
- Elect Ray Gomm as the alternate WASB delegate.
- Approve First National Bank as the official school depository and to also include M & I, Premier, and Associated Banks for investment purposes.
- Approve Bob Sorenson as our local attorney and utilize WASB, Quarles & Brady, and Davis & Kuelthau as needed.
- Leave all committees as previously set:

SEA Negotiation Committee: Allen Warner, Mary Hoffman, and Bradley Ritchie.

SESP Negotiation Committee: Melissa Van Dyke, David Gomm, and Gregory Schoettler.

Policy Committee: Allen Warner and Mary Hoffman.

Finance Committee: Allen Warner, Mary Hoffman, and Gregory Schoettler.

- Approve the Professional Staff Handbook for 2012-13.
- Approve the insurance package for the 2012-13 school year.

In other discussion:

- SILA expansion.
- Board scholarship application review and determination.
- Superintendent speech at the HS Graduation ceremony.
- Mandatory Reporter training was conducted for the board members.

Report:

- Nick Senger reported on the Charter School.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Written report submitted with information on MAP testing, mid-quarter, and Staff Appreciation activities.
- Mrs. Guex: Open enrollment numbers and projections.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: CESA 6 meeting and calendar items.

May Calendar of Events

1	Tue	HS Golf hosted by Bonduel (Sentry World) — 9:00 am MS Track at Wild Rose — 4:00 pm HS Baseball at home vs. Freedom — 4:30 pm Grand Band Recruit parents meeting in the band room — 6:00 pm
3	Thu	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm HS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Pacelli — 4:30 pm
4	Fri	HS Golf hosted by Hilbert (High Cliff) — 3:30 pm HS Track Invite at Hilbert — 3:45 pm Piano/Guitar Recital in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm
5	Sat	HS Baseball triangular at home vs. Wild Rose/Oshkosh Lourdes — 10:00 am/2:30 pm MS Track Invite at Iola-Scandinavia — 10:00 am Piano/Guitar Recitals in the cafeteria — 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattlers — 6:35 pm
7	Mon	HS Golf (JV and Varsity) at home vs. Amherst and Menominee Indian — 3:30 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:30 pm LUX Saxophone Quartet concert in the cafeteria — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
7-11	M-F	Staff Appreciation Week
8	Tue	Grade 4 field trip to Madison — 8:00 am-4:45 pm HS Golf hosted by Sevastopol (Horseshoe Bay) — 12:50 pm HS Track Invite at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm Community Book Club meeting at Studio 54 — 6:30 pm Outagamie County Conservation and Environmental Awareness Speaking Activity at Shiocton — 7:00 pm
9	Wed	SPICE meeting at the River Rail — 6:15 pm
10	Thu	HS Golf Invite at home (Eagle Creek) — 10:00 am Grade 1 field trip to Weidner Center — 11:30 am Literacy Showcase — 12:00 noon-5:00 pm (see front page) Senior Citizens Pie Social hosted by gr. 7 in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
11	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to Navarino Nature Center — 8:30 am-2:30 pm MS Track Invite at Shiocton — 4:00 pm HS Band/Choir Showcase in the HS gym — 7:00 pm
12	Sat	JV Softball Tournament at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood/ Iola-Scandinavia/Tri-County — 9:00 am/10:45 am/12:30 pm HS Track Conference Meet at Iola-Scandinavia — 10:00 am
14	Mon	Grade 5 G/T College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh — 7:30 am-3:15 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood (double header) — 4:00 pm
15	Tue	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the June issue MS Band/Choir in-school concert in the HS gym — 1:45 pm HS Track Invite at home — 4:00 pm HS Baseball at NEW Lutheran — 4:30 pm
16	Wed	Track and Field Day for grades 4-6 — 8:30-11:00 am (rain date May 18)
16-18	W-F	3rd Annual Hats on Day hosted by grade 5 Student Council (see page 16)
17	Thu	K5 field trip to the NEW Zoo — 8:10 am-2:45 pm HS Golf CWC Conference Meet (Foxfire) — 9:00 am MS Track Invite at Gresham — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm
18	Fri	K4 and K5 Orientation — see front page for details
19	Sat	Shiocton Shoot-out 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Lake Park
21	Mon	Shiocton Summer Sports T-ball meeting at Lake Park — 5:45 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
21-24	M-Th	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
22	Tue	Shiocton Summer Sports softball meeting at Lake Park — 5:45 pm

Senior Class Activities

May 9	Senior Awards program in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm
May 15/16	Senior finals
May 16	Senior Supper at River View Banquet Hall — 6:00 pm
May 18	Senior canoeing/tubing trip and cookout
May 20	Graduation in the high school gym — 1:00 pm




Spring Sports Regionals

Track
May 21

Golf
May 22-23

Softball
May 24, 29, 31

Baseball
May 25, 29, 30




May Calendar continued

- 23 Wed K5 field trip to the Building for Kids — 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Shiocton Summer Sports little league meeting at Lake Park — 5:45 pm
- 24 Thu **Last day of school for K4 students**
- 25 Fri K4 and K5 Orientation — see front page for details
Last day of school for EC students
Market Day order forms due in the elementary or high school office
- 28 Mon **No School** — Memorial Day — Band plays at St. Denis
Town of Bovina Cemetery — 10:30 am
- 29 Tue Grade 2 field trip to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve — 8:15 am-12:00 noon
Grade 6 field trip to Bay Beach (rain date May 30) — 8:30 am-3:00 pm
- 30 Wed Grade 4 field trip to Navarino Nature Center — 8:25 am-1:30 pm
Sports physicals at Bellin Health in Seymour (see page 3)
- 31 Thu HS finals (hours 1-4)
Grades 7 and 8 reward trip to Wisconsin Dells — 8:00 am-7:00 pm
Grade 3 field trip to Barlow Planetarium and Plamann Park — 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym — 2:20 pm
Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm

Coming Up in June

- 1 HS finals (hours 5-8)
Last day of school — 12:10 pm dismissal
Drama Club presents *Finders Creepers*

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 for change	1 Grab-n-Go salad or taco pie with shredded lettuce, sour cream, whole kernel corn, pineapple, milk	2 Grab-n-Go salad or spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, lettuce salad, Mandarin oranges, milk	3 Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peas, fresh apples, milk
7 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, broccoli with cheese, pears, milk	8 Brunch for lunch: omelet, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	9 Grab-n-Go salad or basket for lunch: ham and cheese sub, chips, fresh vegetables, fresh apples, ice cream bar, milk	10 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with toppings, sour cream, shredded lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk
14 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, green beans, pears, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, Mandarin oranges, bread, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or hot dog on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk	18 Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, lettuce salad, strawberries, milk
21 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, pears, bread, milk	22 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, pineapple chunks, Wisconsin blend vegetables, milk	23 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, potato wedges, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk	24 Pizza, lettuce salad, peaches, milk	25 Grab-n-Go salad or BBQ on a bun, peas, tri taters, fresh oranges, ice cream cup, milk
28 Memorial Day No School	29 Mini corn dogs, cooks' choice potatoes, vegetables, pears, milk	30 Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, cooks' choice vegetable and fruit, milk	31 Basket for lunch: uncrustable sandwich, applesauce cup, string cheese, chips, ice cream bar, milk	1 No lunch will be served Last day of school

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

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



The week of April 16-20 was designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week throughout Wisconsin. Staff and students in Shiocton practiced the tornado drill procedures during this particular week.

If you did not yet have an opportunity to do so, please talk about a plan of action for you and your family at home. Make sure that your children know exactly what to do if they end up being home alone when severe weather arises.

During the week of May 7-11, we will celebrate **Staff Appreciation Week** which will give us an opportunity to honor 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, 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, custodians, administrators, bus drivers, etc.). Trust me when I say that notes from the heart are the absolute best gifts that can be given! ☺



The district's **K-12 Literacy Showcase** will be held on **Thursday, May 10**. This event will allow us to highlight some of the literacy initiatives that have been going on throughout the district during the 2011-12 school year. A flier will be coming home in the very near future with all of the details for this special event. We hope you will be able to stop in and visit us during the afternoon on this day!

Requests for 2012-13: We are just beginning 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 and must include a specific reason for the request. Please submit requests to the elementary/middle school office no later than Friday, May 11. 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.

K4/K5 Orientation: If you have a child who will be entering K4 or K5 next year, please remember that there are orientation sessions coming up on Friday, May 18, and Friday, May 25. 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.



K4/K5 Orientation Sessions

Friday, May 18, at 1:30 p.m.

or

Friday, May 25, at 8:45 a.m.

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

Let's continue to work together to help all of our kiddos finish the school year as strong as possible. Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal



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 March.



Front row (*left to right*) — Alivia Collar, Emmanuel Quiroz, Spencer Mansfield

Second row — Autumn Lorenz, Makenna Scott, Amelia Schuh, Halie Meltz, Harrison Hofacker, Ari Stingle, Sam Kelly, Beth Casper, Nathan Wickesberg

Third row — Melanie Marcks, Brooklyn Kleiber, Olivia Conrardt, Larissa Young, Cody Futter, Nathan Bunnell, Trenton Kurczek, Brianna Scholz, David Peters, Megan Blohowiak

Fourth row — Tanner Baeten, River Hobbs, Aly Durham, Hunter Raeck, Ashley Gorski, Kellyn Van Straten,

Back row — Peyton Bauman, Payton Schnur, Paige Stein, Brennan Anaya, Sam Bloch, James Ver Voort, Trevor Van Straten

* not pictured — Brett Schmidt

Spring Themes in Early Childhood

Upon returning from spring break, students blew into a theme of weather. April was a great month to talk about the various weather spring brings. We experienced them all – hot, sunny, cold, and rainy. Students made rainbows using bingo dabbers, collage kites out of wallpaper, and used water colors to add pizzazz to their umbrellas.

Worms and bugs were a favorite theme this month, centered around the book *In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming. Students practiced cutting skills by snipping green paper to make grass. They then used their fingers to make worms in mud. Students also named their own worm and finger-painted it their favorite color. A not-so-slimy snack was enjoyed by all – worms (breadsticks sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar and baked). Students also enjoyed digging in the rice table to find all different kinds of bugs.



Another great theme week was centered on the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Students became familiar with the life cycle of a caterpillar through the story. They also worked on story recall by sequencing story events on the SMART board. The students were amazed at how much that caterpillar ate! They also created tissue paper caterpillars (just like the book's illustrators) and used melted crayons to make gorgeous butterflies.

In May, our learning will be guided by themes of Mother's Day, flowers, and farm animals.

Rainbows and Ducks in K4

The four-year-old kindergarten class has been busy learning about spring weather and signs of spring. The children made umbrella people and ducks to decorate our classroom. We also made Rainbow Books. The children really enjoyed making the books and reading them to their families.



We read the story *One Duck Stuck*. The story has a repetitive phrase that the children enjoyed saying as we read the story. Each child then made a duck that was stuck, and they could choose the words to describe the marsh that the duck was stuck in.

We discussed tornado awareness and practiced for the state-wide tornado drill.

The four-year-old kindergartners have really grown throughout the school year, both academically and socially. They are showing signs of being ready for five-year-old kindergarten. Wow! How fast a school year flies by!

3rd Annual Hats on Day!

by Angela Hammill



The 5th grade Student Council will be hosting the 3rd annual "Hats on Day" at school Wednesday, May 16, through Friday, May 18. Any student wishing to participate can wear their hat to school those days in support of children fighting cancer. The cost per day to wear a hat is 50¢. ALL proceeds go to Hats on Day Foundation, which donates 100% of their monies to children's cancer research and family support.

Lots of Growth in K5

Many kindergartners came to us not knowing how to get around our school building. Now they are little experts at finding their way to recess, the cafeteria, the nurse's office, the elementary office, and various classrooms. Many came to us knowing some letters and letter sounds, but were not reading. Now they know most, if not all, of their letters and sounds and they are reading! Many kindergartners came to us knowing some numbers and how to count a small number of objects. Now they know how to count to 100, count objects up to 30 or more, and recognize and name numbers from 0 to 30, if not more!

What happened to our kindergartners?! Where did they go?! Hmmm ... we believe our kindergartners may be transforming into BIG first graders! They have done such a beautiful job learning how to work and problem solve with their friends. They are so mature and have gained such confidence and independence in their kindergarten abilities. We are so proud of their many accomplishments! We believe our students' first grade transformation will be complete on Friday, June 1, 2012.

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" and challenge books. We will also review all of the alphabet letters and sounds. In math, we will work with simple addition and subtraction number sentences (problems) as well as geometry. Our themes for May are "Exploring Our Surroundings" and "Under the Sea." We are planning field trips to the NEW Zoo on Thursday, May 17, and the Building for Kids on Wednesday, May 23. We hope to see many parent volunteers for these fun and enjoyable field trips!



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

Grade 1 Keeps Working Hard

As we are nearing the end of the school year, our students 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 with continued practice in counting money and also with telling time. Please practice with your child at home both on analog and digital clocks. Some other beneficial practice would be learning different ways of saying times (half past, quarter to...etc.).



On May 10 we will be taking our final field trip of the year. We'll go to the Weidner Center in Green Bay to see the story *Rainbow Fish* come to life. This performance ties in perfectly with our end-of-the-year ocean unit. This unit is packed full of fun stories, sequencing activities, poetry, writing, and hands-on art projects. The students always enjoy the activities and really come out with an

understanding and appreciation for ocean life.

In addition to all that learning, we will also 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.

The students' book report skills are really improving! During May they are required to complete two written reports — one fiction report and one nonfiction report. Watch for report forms coming home so you can help your child successfully complete his or her book reports on time (due by May 25).

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.

What's New in Grade 2?

It is hard to believe it is May already! Another great year is coming to an end! We appreciate all the help and support that each of you have given your child throughout the year. Your guidance and involvement in your child's learning makes such an impact on his/her progress. Thank you!

Ever wonder what types of critters lurk beneath your feet in the soil? Our second graders will find out the answer to this question and many more on May 29 as they explore Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in Menasha. The children will get "hands on" learning about what ingredients make up the soil, as well as observing some of the squirmy, slimy, and wiggly critters that live in the soil. We will go rain or shine, so keep your fingers (and toes!) crossed for a nice, sunny day. To wrap up the day we will eat lunch at the picnic pavilion!

Batter up! May is the month to celebrate our reading successes with a Timber Rattler game! May 5 is family night for Shiocton School and those students who met the requirements for Fang's Reading Club. Many second graders earned a free ticket and get to enjoy the game with their family and friends! Way to go, second graders!

Whether your child is participating in summer school, signed up for the Shiocton Public Library Reading Program, or just spending time at home with family, be sure you make reading a daily part of your summer vacation. Pack some books in your car for when you are traveling. Take a little down time in the hot afternoon to snuggle up with a good book. Share some funny poems to brighten a rainy summer day. That daily routine will help students continue their success as they head to third grade and beyond!



Fun Field Trips for Third Grade

Spring has sprung!! Our third graders went to a fantastic play at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. It was a folklore-based play with an African culture. The afternoon was spent at the Appleton Public Library where the third grade team did book talks, a scavenger hunt, and a behind-the-scenes tour. The next field trip is coming up on May 11 — a trip to Navarino.

Many students earned a free ticket to the Timber Rattler game on May 5. The first pitch is set for 6:35 p.m. Thanks to all for participating in the T-Rat reading challenge.

SUPER JOB of reading, students, and keep on reading your way to success.



Thanks to all students who completed their third quarter book report. The assignment was to read a science book and complete a science activity/experiment. The final products were displayed at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. Way to go all future Albert Einsteins!!

Division has been conquered, and the students are continuing to learn about geometry. Shapes, sizes, lines, angles, congruent shapes, polygons, flips, and turns are just a few of the geometric family terms. Perimeter and area are also included in the learning.

Cameron Moreland from NBC 26 visited on April 19. Cameron talked about his job as a meteorologist, and we even had some students make the big screen.

As always, keep on practicing those math facts and READ, READ, and READ some more to prepare for the 4th grade.

If you have any questions, please contact the 3rd grade team leaders.

Grade 4 on the Go

May will be busy, busy, busy! We start off the month with MAP testing, followed by a trip to Madison on May 8. The students, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our Capitol and Henry Vilas Zoo. We have been learning as much as we can about Wisconsin, and we are all very excited to be taking this field trip.

We also have a day in May when we get to show some of our athletic abilities. On Wednesday, May 16, the fourth graders will be involved in Track and Field Day. They will be competing against other students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in various track and field events. It is a fun-filled, energetic morning.



May 10 is our district's Literacy Showcase. Fourth graders will be presenting short skits throughout the day. These skits are based on folktales from around the world.

We will be studying our fourth grade tree — sugar maple, our prairie plant — black-eyed susan, and our prairie animal — locust grasshopper. We will be taking a walk out to our school prairie for some outside learning also. On May 30 we will go to Navarino Nature Center and learn more about insects, invertebrates, and tree identification.



Above: Grade 4 visits the Center Valley one-room schoolhouse. Original teacher, Mrs. Ethel Beyer, on the right. Below: Adventures in Dairyland at Volkman's Farm.



May in Fifth Grade is Jam-Packed

May has arrived and fifth grade is definitely not slowing down. The list of activities and events seems to be endless. In April we did our spring MAP testing. The fifth grade (along with fourth grade) enjoyed going to Lawrence University Chapel to hear the symphony perform "Peter and the Wolf." Thank you, Mrs. Stellmacher, for planning this field trip. Our classes were even able to stop at Appleton's Memorial Park for lunch and some fun at the playground. Mr. Bill Collar (Mrs. Ver Voort's father and an accomplished author) spoke to our fifth graders on Tuesday, April 17. It's hard to believe we did all of that and still had only three weeks to do it in.

May brings conservation speeches, our school's Literacy Showcase, Track and Field Day, a special G/T field trip to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for College Day for Kids (May 14), and Middle School Transition Day for the fifth graders as they prepare for new experiences in middle school next year. This makes May just as busy as April was.

In language arts the students are working diligently on their conservation speeches. With the assistance of Mrs. Funk's eighth grade language arts students, the fifth graders have received much needed one-on-one guidance in regard to their speeches. The eighth graders gave our students suggestions and ideas to help formulate a meaningful speech. They timed the speeches to make sure they were well over the 3-minute minimum time limit. Eighth graders could offer suggestions on ideas related to each student's speech and how to make them pertinent and meaningful. Thanks to Mrs. Funk and her students for their advice and guidance. The fifth graders will be presenting their speeches, and the top students will be entered in the annual Conservation Speech contest here in Shiocton on Tuesday, May 8,

beginning at 7:00 p.m. Families are welcome to attend. Mark your calendars. Prior to the contest,



students will be practicing and presenting their speeches to determine who will be selected for this event. Parents and guardians, please have your child say their speech to you many times. This will help them greatly. Thank you.

The Shiocton School Literacy Showcase will occur on Thursday, May 10. Many activities and works of literacy will be shown throughout our building. Mark your calendar and hopefully you will be able to take part in some of the activities or just walk the halls to see the masterful work that has been created by all of our students.

Track and Field Day happens on Wednesday, May 16 (rain date is Friday, May 18). Fifth grade is excited to be participating again. Thanks to Mr. Zdanovec for planning and coordinating this event.

On Thursday, May 24, fifth graders will visit the sixth grade classrooms to get a taste of what will happen next year. Mrs. Hauser, Mr. Hendrickson, and Mr. Jansen will explain the day-to-day procedures that a new middle-schooler wants to know. This MS Transition Day will only be in the morning.

The fifth grade will also be starting the Human Growth and Development curriculum in May. Watch for a letter explaining the program.

In social studies class, the students have been learning about events leading up to the Civil War. We spent time studying slavery and learning about the Underground Railroad. We played a game where slaves had to choose wisely to find the "conductor" to find their way to freedom while avoiding the slave catchers. The issue of slavery and Abraham Lincoln's presidency led into the Civil War. Students were surprised the southern states seceded from the U.S. to form their own country for a time. We will continue studying the battles of the Civil War.

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Thank you to Bill Collar for speaking to the 5th grade class about his book *It's More Than a Game*. His motivational talk was a great reminder to always keep a positive mental attitude!

Grade 5 News

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In science the students have been studying about weather. They will select a weather topic to research and give a *PowerPoint* presentation to their classmates. Also, the students will visit the school's prairie and do research on the fifth grade tree, plant, and animal. These three items will be written and drawn in their *Prairie Journals*.

As we move to the end of the school year, we look toward ending the year in the best possible way. Being respectful, responsible, and safe students and staff has been our motto all year long. As a unit we are all trying to be examples of those traits in our everyday actions and words. Remember: In Shiocton Excellence is Expected. If we follow our motto, the excellence will happen. Let's all make a great end of the year!

**Shiocton
Family Night
at Fox Cities
Stadium**

Saturday
May 5
at 6:35 p.m.



Gifted and Talented

Suzanne Chang (grades 4-12) 986-3351 ext. 795 or schang@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Nicole Hess (grades 1-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Grade 4 Mystery Box

Find out where our 2012 Mystery Box came from in the next issue of *The Link*. ☺

America Answers

The 5th, 6th, and 7th grade G/T students were once again challenged to participate in *America Answers*, an online trivia contest, at Shiocton Schools. The teams' collaboration and support of one another was phenomenal. It was such a positive experience to add to the approaching end of the school year. Awesome job to all our students!

College Day for Kids ~ Stevens Point

College Day for Kids was held on April 13. The nine 6th graders (*pictured below*) were thrilled to spend a day in the shoes of a college student. The faculty at UW-Stevens Point was amazing in welcoming our students in their college courses. Many of our students enjoyed the classes that got them involved in hands-on activities, especially chemistry, origami, and sign language. One day is probably not enough to truly envision their future college road, but hopefully many of them will already start thinking about it as they continue their life-long journey as a student.



What was the highlight of your day at UW-Stevens Point?

Sam Van Straten said, "Rock Wall Climbing, Video Games Animation, and the gym (it was BIG!). The snack when we won the game in Be Your Own Napoleon." He wishes that they could have played basketball in the gym and played the video game their instructor made in the Video Games Animation class.

Josh Parker said the Chemistry Magic blew him away with tons of awesome experiments. The only disappointment was the Paper Engineering professor who forgot to show up for College Day for Kids.

Problem Solving

Michael's grandmother, Betty, is having a birthday today. Her oldest daughter was born when Betty was 25 years old. Betty's son is five years younger than her daughter, and her son is also celebrating his 42nd birthday today. How old is Betty?

Answer:
Betty is 72 years old today. Betty's son is 42, making her daughter 47. If Betty was 25 years old when she had her daughter, then $25 + 47 = 72$ years old.

Books with the Boys — Volume 4

by Tim Huebner, with guest review by Logan Iseini

Mr. Huebner

Recently, the book *Sharpshooter* by Chris Lynch was graciously donated to my classroom from the book fair by SPICE. Picking up the book from my mailbox and returning to my room with it, I placed it on my table. Within 60 seconds I had several students request to read the book. The honors of the first request went to Logan Iseini.

The book is the second in a series on the Vietnam War by Chris Lynch. The book tells the story of Ivan Bucyk, an 18-year-old who, together with three friends, agrees to volunteer for the U.S. Army when one of them is drafted. Of course, taking place during the Vietnam conflict, this will certainly result in a tour of duty in that country.

Ivan desperately wants to fight for his country just as his father did in World War II. He becomes a sniper and a very good one at that. However, Ivan starts to struggle with the fact that the Vietnam War seems to be much different than his father's war.

I liked the book and think I would have loved to have read it as a 7th grader! This book will appeal to anyone who enjoys war stories, history, or just a good story. I am sure anyone who reads the book will want to get their hands on a copy of the first book in the series, *Pledge of Allegiance*. That book tells the story of Morris, one of the group of friends who were part of the pledge to enlist. I suspect at least two more books will be planned by this author.

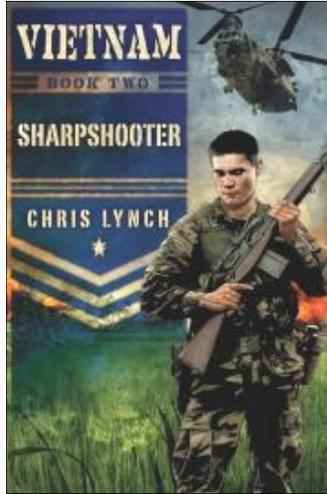
Many thanks go out to SPICE for donating the book to my room. The fact that it lasted only seconds before it found a reader tells me it was money well spent!

Logan Iseini

This book was very interesting. I like almost all war books, and I would have to say this was one of my top favorites. The book is about a kid named Ivan whose family had all been soldiers. Ivan felt it was in his blood to be a soldier. He signs up to join the United States Army during the Vietnam War and goes through all the training. During the training, Ivan becomes a sniper.

He goes to Vietnam and soon finds out that war was not the fun adventure he thought it would be. His sniper training and skills allow him to be a very good sniper. Ivan is a bit surprised to find out that he will be stationed on a boat during his tour of duty in Vietnam. Ivan will also be surprised by how his feelings about war change during the conflict.

Anyone who wants to find out about the true life of a soldier will enjoy this book. In addition, I think anyone who thinks war is fun needs to read this book to find out what war really is.



Author: Chris Lynch
 Title: *Sharpshooter*
 Published by Scholastic Press 2012
 Reading level: ages 9-13
 Page count: 192
 Available at most libraries and all book stores and featured at the most recent book fair

SPICE:

Thanks for a Great Year!

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. Please take time to tell a Shiocton School District staff member how much they are appreciated. Whether it be your child's teacher or principal, an aide, secretary, cook, nurse, 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.

SPICE will be offering the Tool Box again to give you the opportunity to provide supplies for your children for the 2012-13 school year. Please watch for the ordering information before the end of the school year.

We will wrap up our meetings for this school year on May 9 and will begin meeting again in August. There is always a space for you on the SPICE board. If you would be interested in knowing more about SPICE, please attend the meeting in May or watch for the meeting dates in the fall. SPICE opportunities are quite varied and require only a few hours of your time a month. We would love to have YOU on our team!



If you are not able to attend one of our meetings, please feel free to contact us with any comments or concerns at dstellma@shiocton.k12.wi.us or my69el@earthlink.net.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail. We hope to see you there.

Debby Stellmacher, Jenny Frahm
 SPICE Chairpersons



News from the Nurse — Heart Disease in Women

submitted by Rebecca Ecker, RN

All women face the threat of heart disease. But becoming aware of symptoms and risks unique to women, as well as eating a heart-healthy diet and exercising, can help protect you. Although heart disease is often thought of as a problem for men, more women than men die of heart disease each year. One challenge is that the heart disease symptoms in women can be different from symptoms in men. Fortunately, women can take steps to understand their unique symptoms of heart disease and to begin to reduce their risk of heart disease.



Heart attack symptoms for women

The most common heart attack symptom in women is some type of pain, pressure, or discomfort in the chest. But it's not always severe or even the most prominent symptom, particularly in women. Women are more likely than men to have heart attack symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

- Neck, shoulder, upper back, or abdominal discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sweating
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Unusual fatigue

These symptoms are more subtle than the obvious crushing chest pain often associated with heart attacks. This may be because women tend to have blockages not only in their main arteries, but also in the smaller arteries that supply blood to the heart — a condition called small vessel heart disease or microvascular disease.

Many women tend to show up in emergency rooms after much heart damage has already occurred, because their symptoms are not those typically associated with a heart attack. If you experience these symptoms or think you're having a heart attack, call for emergency medical help immediately. Don't drive yourself to the emergency room unless you have no other options.

Heart disease risk factors for women

Although the traditional risk factors for coronary artery disease — such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and obesity — affect women and men, other factors may play a bigger role in the development of heart disease in women. For example:

- Metabolic syndrome — a combination of fat around your abdomen, high blood pressure, high blood sugar, and high triglycerides — has a greater impact on women than on men.
- Mental stress and depression affect women's hearts more than men's. Depression makes it difficult to maintain a healthy lifestyle and follow recommended treatment, so talk to your doctor if you're having symptoms of depression.
- Smoking is a greater risk factor for heart disease in women than in men.
- Low levels of estrogen after menopause pose a significant risk factor for developing cardiovascular disease in the smaller blood vessels (small vessel heart disease).

Is heart disease something only older women should worry about?

No. Women under the age of 65 who have a family history of heart disease should pay particularly close attention to the heart disease risk factors. Women of all ages should take heart disease seriously.

What can women do to reduce their risk of heart disease?

There are several lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your risk of heart disease:

- Exercise 30 to 60 minutes a day on most days of the week.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Quit or don't start smoking.
- Eat a diet that's low in saturated fat, cholesterol, and salt.

You'll also need to take prescribed medications appropriately, such as blood pressure medications, blood thinners, and aspirin. And you'll need to better manage other conditions that are risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. Some women at high risk of heart disease may also benefit from the use of supplements, such as omega-3 fatty acids.

All women face the threat of heart disease. But becoming aware of symptoms and risks unique to women, as well as eating a heart-healthy diet and exercising, can help protect you.

Source: MayoClinic.com

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



PROFESSIONAL SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT...HERE IN SHIOCTON!

The Fox Valley's most exciting saxophonists are coming to Shiocton! The LUX Saxophone Quartet will present "I Didn't Know Saxophones Could Do That!" on **Monday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **cafeteria**, with pizza to follow at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature the saxophone sounding like electric guitars, percussion, bagpipes, locomotives, didgeridoos, and more! This concert will change the way you view the saxophone. Please bring \$5 to cover pizza and musician travel costs. You won't want to miss this one!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Shiocton Music Parents have \$100 scholarships available to any music student in grades 6 through 11 who is interested in attending a college music camp this summer. Summer camps are an incredible opportunity for students to have a concentrated study on their instrument or voice. If you might be interested (even a little), please contact Mr. Yenor or Mrs. Anderson. But hurry! Scholarship applications are due May 18.

THE SHIOCTON SHOWCASE: *A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES*

As we wrap up the school year, we'd like to celebrate the year on the lighter side with music from the movies. The music department proudly presents *A Night at the Movies*. Featuring the high school band, high school choir, soloists, and some smaller group ensembles, the *Shiocton Showcase* is sure to be a hit. Join us in the high school gym on **Friday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m.**

BAND & CHOIR PERFORM FOR ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The beginning band, middle school bands, and middle school choirs will perform a concert on **Tuesday, May 15, 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 an anti-bullying theme along with fun, lighter music to end the year with. We hope you will join us!

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SHIOCTON MUSIC

SUMMER JAM CAMPS RETURN TO SHIOCTON

This summer, we will offer several three-day camps for all musicians in August. Save the dates and look for a mailing coming home soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS

NATIONAL ANTHEM AT TIMBER RATTLERS!

On **May 23**, the choir will leave at 11:00 a.m. and return to school immediately following the game. Permission slips were sent home last week.

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GRAND BAND RECRUIT PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday, May 1
6:00 p.m.

Band Room
4th GRADE PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING BAND

LUX SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT

Monday, May 7
6:00 p.m.
Cafeteria

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 11
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
HS BAND/CHOIR

MS In-SCHOOL CONCERT

Tuesday, May 15
1:45 p.m.
HS Gym
5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

HS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 20
1:00 p.m.
HS Gym
8-11 BAND, HS CHOIR

MS CHOIR

TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

Wednesday, May 23
During school
Fox Cities Stadium
6-8 CHOIR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28
10:30 a.m.
Bovina Cemetery
8-11 BAND

JAMMIN' with JAZZ

August 7-9 (9 am-noon)
2 YEARS BAND EXPERIENCE

JAMMIN' with the BASICS LEVEL TWO

August 7-9 (1-4 pm)
1-2 YEARS MUSIC EXPERIENCE

JAMMIN' on the FIELD

August 14-16 (8 am-noon)
ALL BAND STUDENTS (GR. 7-12)

JAMMIN' with the BASICS LEVEL ONE

August 14-16 (1-4 pm)
NEW BAND/CHOIR/PIANO STUDENTS

SUMMER JAM CAMPS

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

TELL US ABOUT SHIOCTON SCHOOLS

We want to make sure that we are a family-friendly school. Please help us understand how we are doing and where we might improve by filling out the following survey. Please return the completed survey to any school office by Friday, May 18.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
INITIAL IMPRESSION:					
School staff members:					
... are welcoming and responsive when I visit					
... are welcoming and responsive when I call					
... have positive attitudes and enjoy working at Shiocton					
COMMUNICATION:					
My child's school keeps me well informed about:					
... how my child is doing in school					
... what my child is learning in school					
... how I can help my child at home					
... school policies and procedures					
... school activities and events					
... the SPICE organization and activities					
... when volunteer help is needed at the school					
I do or would, if available, rely on the following means of communication:					
... newsletters, <i>The Link</i>					
... website					
... e-mail					
... Skyward Family Access					
... phone					
RESPONSIVENESS:					
At my child's school I feel listened to					
When I contact the school, staff members are courteous and responsive					
When I have needed to leave a message, a phone call has been returned promptly					
Problems related to my child are addressed quickly and fairly					
I feel a part of the school family and appreciated for things I've done to help the school					

The following space is provided for you to share any comments you have about Shiocton Schools. Please let us know what areas you feel we could improve upon in our effort to become a more family-friendly school. Also, please indicate if someone has gone above and beyond in making your visit or your child's experience excellent.

Name (optional): _____