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SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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# <sup>The</sup> Link

## School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

November, 2014

### Student Council Food and Toy Drive

November 10 marks the start of the annual Food and Toy Drive. Once again, classes will compete against each other to see who can collect the most items. The winning class at each level — elementary, middle, and high school — will win an ice cream sundae party provided by Student Council. **See page 3 for more details.**

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to this wonderful event! Each year we're able to accommodate more and more families thanks to this generous community!!



### Seeking Families for Food and Toy Drive

The Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be starting up very soon. If your family is experiencing financial hardship or if you know of a school family in need, please contact one of the following people so that the family's name can be added to the confidential list:

**986-3351**

Mrs. Kim Griesbach - ext. 747  
Mrs. Kelly Zeinert - ext. 751  
Mrs. Sandee Cornell - ext. 711  
Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen - ext. 762  
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider - ext. 787

*"It takes a village to raise a child."*  
African Proverb

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Parents, you are invited to attend

### Community Education Event

At Shiocton Schools  
**Wednesday, November 19**

SBA and WKCE? PALS testing?  
All juniors have to take the ACT?  
ACT WorkKeys – what are they?

Ever wonder what all the acronyms and testing is about?  
Well, you are not alone!

Please join us to learn more about the various assessments students in grades K-11 will participate in. Attendees will be afforded sample assessments and hear about the educational efforts Shiocton Schools are taking to address assessment readiness and achievement gaps.

5:30 – Welcome, Chili Dinner  
5:45 – Overview of Assessments: ACCESS, SBA  
6:15 – Breakout Sessions  
    Grades K-6: Elementary Assessments  
    Grades 7-12: MS/HS Assessments  
6:45 – Q & A, Wrap-up

Please RSVP to [bbloedorn@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:bbloedorn@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

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## Shiocton Schools: Actions and Activities

It has been a first quarter filled with activities and action! While our football and volleyball teams prepare for tournament play, our band and choir students are preparing for their upcoming performances — Fall Concert and Veterans Day program. All around, students are preparing for class be it a daily assignment, a mid-point quiz, or summative assessment. A walk through the halls of the middle and high schools reveal students actively engaged. Mr. Doro's 7th graders recently launched their newly-constructed water bottle rockets, while students in Mrs. Spaulding's Biology II class dissected sheep hearts as part of their hands-on learning about the parts and performance of the heart. Students in Mrs. Madsen's class participated in an activity using cards and coins after their science lesson on Newton's First Law with Mr. Schwaller, high school Chemistry and Physics teacher. Not only did they learn about motion, rest, and inertia, they also learned what happens when you crack a not-quite hardboiled egg on your forehead!

Several students are currently engaged in the construction of motorized bicycles under Mr. Louis' oversight. Still others are putting their hearts and passion into baked and sewn products, including pies baked for the Pre-Action Network and school board, relaxed fit "pajama" pants, and one-of-a-kind hand-crafted pillowcases to be donated to the Madison Children's Hospital. High school students still serve as classroom tutors and assistants, giving our younger learners an opportunity for additional assistance while building friendships with "the big kids."

Students are not the only ones learning within the walls of our school. Teachers in grades K-6 continue to learn different ways of teaching math that build numeracy fluency while engaging the learner. Countless hours have been spent poring over the Teachers' Edition of *Math Expressions*, re-engineering classrooms, and collaborating with colleagues. Many of these same educators are also furthering their education regarding best practices in teaching reading and ensuring that our students of all abilities benefit from a balanced literacy program. Most of our educators across the grade levels will participate in one or more of the Tech Tuesday/Wired Wednesday offerings, where in-house experts teach sessions on everything from Google docs Flubaroo to Noodle Tools and iMovie. Everywhere you look, there are activities and actions taking place. All are designed to improve the education your child receives here at Shiocton Schools, where "Excellence is Expected."

### Community Education Event

Speaking of learning...we are hoping that you, too, will join in the learning movement by joining us for our first Community Education Event on Wednesday, November 19. This event will provide insight into the many tests and assessments required of students from grades K-12, as well as offering hands-on experience for attendees in one or more of the assessments. See the invitation on the front page of this issue. We hope to see you there!

### Coffee with Community Returns

Coffee with Community is an opportunity for community members to share their hopes, thoughts, and ideas for the Shiocton School District over a cup of coffee with me, while also asking questions and discussing concerns. Coffee with Community is intended to be an informal opportunity to speak candidly about matters pertaining to the school district; no other administrators or board members will be present.

Please join me for Coffee with Community from **9:30-10:30 a.m. on November 5 and December 3 at the River Rail**. I look forward to seeing you there.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4!**

*Mrs. Schweitzer*

## Student Council Food and Toy Drive

*Goal: To bring joy to local families*

We will be collecting products like boxed foods, canned foods/condiments, items with a long shelf-life, personal hygiene products, new/gently used toys (*please, no stuffed animals*), baby products, and paper goods.



In order to collect a good variety of items, we have designated a week to focus on certain types of goods; however, any items, including monetary donations, will be accepted and greatly appreciated at any time.

November 10-14  
Canned food/condiments

November 17-21  
Boxed food/toys

November 24-28  
Personal hygiene products/toys

December 1-5  
Baby products/  
paper goods (toilet paper,  
paper towels, napkins)  
\*Please submit monetary  
donations by this week as we  
need time to shop for items.

Thank you!

December 8-12  
Any food or toys

December 18-19  
Delivery to families.  
Families will be notified  
of time and date.

## Veterans Day Observance Tuesday, November 11

All citizens within the Shiocton School District are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. This is your opportunity to say thank you to the men and women who served and are still serving our country. Help show our veterans we care. Please make plans to attend.



## Student Council Hosts Veterans Breakfast

Student Council will be holding their Veterans Day Breakfast again this year. All local veterans are invited to enjoy a meal prepared by Student Council members on Tuesday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The Veterans Day Program will follow at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. We hope to see all of our local vets there!

## School Staff Wearing Jeans??

If you visit Shiocton Schools during November, you may notice a lot of staff members wearing jeans. These staff members are participating in a very important fundraiser for Student Council's annual Food and Toy Drive to help families in need in our community. For \$1 per day in November, staff members may wear jeans to school any day of the week, and all of that money helps this great cause. Last year, we raised almost \$600 from this fundraiser! We hope this year will be just as successful!

## November Paper Drive

*by Tim Huebner*

The October paper drive filled three dumpsters, totaling 7.22 tons! Thank you to all who contributed. We really appreciate the support!

The next paper drive will be Monday, November 17, to Friday, November 21. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 986-3351 ext. 739.

## Safety Corner: The Touch of a Button



Earlier this month, Chief Bunnell and the Shiocton-Bovina Fire Department, along with Chief Brownson, assisted us in conducting a fire drill and premise evacuation. We appreciate their help in ensuring that our evacuation paths, both out of the building and to our evacuation sites, are appropriate and that our efforts to remove everyone from the building and the site are effective and efficient.

In November, the district will once again partner with the fire department to learn more about Emergency Response and the roles, responsibilities, and tasks to be performed in the event of a serious emergency at the school. We continue to appreciate the joint efforts, as it makes for a more well-rounded approach to the safety of everyone.



**Evacuation Drill**

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## Movies at the Public Library

The Shiocton Public Library is having movie afternoons. We will have posters up at the library to advertise the movies that are coming up. Please come and join us. Popcorn and water will be available. Donations are appreciated. Come in and take a look at our posters.



Dates are on the following  
Thursdays from approximately  
3:15-4:45 p.m.

November 6 and 20  
December 4 and 18

### Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider  
and employer.*

## Hunter Safety Starts in February

Hello everyone,

Hunter Safety will start in February. I have not picked out the exact start date, but I will have that announced in next month's issue of *The Link*.

The reading material is geared towards the fifth grade level. In recent years we have had some ten-year-olds in the class who struggled a little, so we are asking that you make the appropriate choice for your child. If your ten-year-old takes the Hunter Safety course, they still need to be within arm's reach of an adult, and only one weapon may be used between the mentor and the mentee.

Twelve- and thirteen-year-olds with the Hunter Safety certificate can hunt on their own within sight and sound of an adult. At the age of fourteen, they can hunt on their own with the Hunter Safety certificate.

I will register the class on the DNR website after the holidays, and you can register for the course on the web. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 775.

*Thanks, Greg Fischer*



## Archery Program Begins Fifth Year

Looking for Leaders to Stay on Target

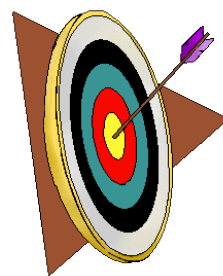
*by Steve Parker*

Our archery program is starting its fifth year. Last year we saw tremendous growth, both in the number of shooters and in the number of tournaments the club participated in. Over 50 students participated in the club last year and we shot in three tournaments, including the State shoot in Wausau. We hope to see similar growth this year.

To accommodate that growth and the gym/practice time it demands, we need leaders to step up and help keep the club running. Parents are also needed to help supervise practices, organize fundraisers, and chaperone during tournaments, etc.

A raffle is being organized for the fall. Tickets will be available during the months of November and December. A compound bow, cash prizes, and other items will be available to win. Additional donated items for the raffle are needed. Contact Jay Vander Wielen at [jlvdanderwielen@hotmail.com](mailto:jlvdanderwielen@hotmail.com) with prize info/ideas.

A brat fry is being scheduled for early to mid November. Date and location are yet to be determined. Information about this fundraiser will be sent home with youngest and only students. Again, help in organizing this event is needed.



Archery practices will start in January for those in fourth grade through high school. Practices are in the elementary gym from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We plan on entering at least three tournaments and may host one as well.

If you are interested in seeing this program continue and flourish in Shiocton, we need your help. Please contact me at [sjparker92@gmail.com](mailto:sjparker92@gmail.com) or (920) 257-7822.



We invite you to learn about the importance of mental health in our lives.

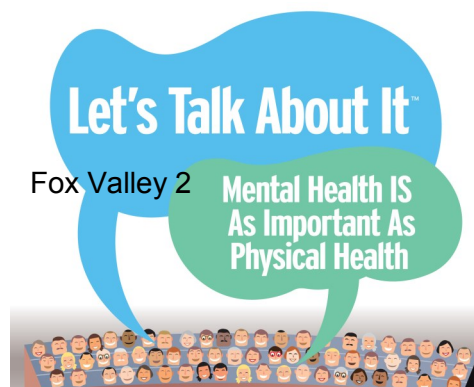
### *Let's Talk About It: Fox Valley 2*

Wednesday, November 12

6:00 p.m. — Resource Fair      6:30 p.m. — Speaker

Kaukauna High School Auditorium  
1701 County Road CE, Kaukauna

This is a free event, open to the public.



### **Is this event for you? It is, if:**

- You want to support the emotional wellness of your family and community.
- You want to learn how to handle your child's "emotional roller coaster."
- You are a teacher who wants to support students' emotional well-being in the classroom.
- You are a student interested in feeling connected and gaining self-esteem.
- You are a member of the community interested in learning about mental health and local resources.

The event features a nationally-renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Dan Reidenberg; a resource fair; and an adult and youth panel on mental health issues. For more information about Dr. Dan Reidenberg, please visit [www.save.org](http://www.save.org). Sponsoring school communities include Appleton, Freedom, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah, New London, Oshkosh, Seymour, and Shiocton. Please call (920) 766-6100 with questions.

## **Reaching Out Can Change Your Life**

You are not alone. Join with a community of suicide loss survivors as we share stories of healing and hope.



**Saturday, November 22      12:45-3:15 p.m.**

UW-Fox Valley  
1478 Midway Road, Menasha  
Room 1338

FREE — RSVP please

For information and to RSVP, go to  
[registration@preventsuicidefoxcities.org](mailto:registration@preventsuicidefoxcities.org)  
or call Mary at (920) 931-2552.

Hosted by Prevent Suicide Fox Cities  
[www.preventsuicidefoxcities.org](http://www.preventsuicidefoxcities.org)

From Hwy 441, exit at South Oneida Street.  
Turn south on South Oneida Street. Turn west on  
Midway Road. Use the driveway west of the Barlow  
Planetarium. Free parking. Use the Main Entrance  
near the planetarium and follow the signs.



### **The Journey**

Each gathering will feature a screening of *The Journey*, a new documentary from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) that tells the stories of a diverse group of suicide loss survivors. It's a powerful film that shows how each survivor is weathering the loss of a loved one, and how they are finding their way back to a life rich in meaning—and even joy.

### **The Program**

12:45-1:00 p.m.	Check-in and registration
1:00-1:30 p.m.	AFSP's broadcast
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45-3:00 p.m.	Group sharing breakout
	Discussion based on <i>Palette of Grief</i> ® by Barbara Rubel, BS, MA, BCETS
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Closing ceremony

Learn more at [SurvivorDay.org](http://SurvivorDay.org)



## Principal's Report

This is a very busy, yet exciting time of year in the high school. The first quarter will quickly be coming to an end on November 4.

The fall sports seasons are wrapping up, and I want to recognize the teams for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The volleyball team is under the direction of a new coach this year, Carla Chizek. They finished 4-7 in the conference. As of the writing of this article, the football team is sitting at a 7-1 overall record and a 5-1 conference record. We are crossing our fingers that they will continue to do well as we enter playoffs. The dedication of the athletes and the coaches can be seen in the success of the programs. Our fall sports teams will continue to set their goals high as we complete this year's activity.

The school district, along with the American Legion, will be

coordinating an assembly to honor local veterans on November 11. Prior to the assembly, the high school Student Council will be sponsoring a free breakfast for local veterans, to show their appreciation. The assembly will take place at 9:45 a.m., and we would love for you to attend.



In October, the 9th grade students participated in the ACT Aspire testing. ACT Aspire, a computer-based platform, is a benchmarked, standards-based system of assessments in writing, reading, English, and mathematics. The district will utilize the score reports to highlight individual student progress towards College Readiness standards and benchmarks. Our 10th grade

students participated in the WKCE test for social studies and science only. WKCE results provide actionable data that helps parents, teachers, and students improve academic performance in these areas. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction also uses WKCE scores in evaluating each school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required by the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB).

If your child will be taking off for deer hunting, we ask that they complete a pre-absence form and turn it in to the high school office before they leave. This helps the teachers, as well as the food service area, plan appropriately for this time.

Good luck to all deer hunters, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

*Sincerely,  
Kelly Zeinert  
Principal Grades 7-12*

## SWAT Hosts Dig Pink Event

The high school's SWAT group is thrilled to report that, through the efforts of our Dig Pink event on October 7, Shiocton School/community raised \$900, which will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Spectators and participants in the event enjoyed a basket raffle, cookie sale, and the sale of other items pertaining to breast cancer awareness.

Many thanks go out to the businesses, groups, and individuals who so generously gave of their time and talents, and opened their wallets to support breast cancer awareness and research. An event such as this is dependent upon the assistance of many people; we truly appreciate the outpouring of support!

## Mock Marketplace/Story-Telling in Spanish Class

by Amanda Peterson

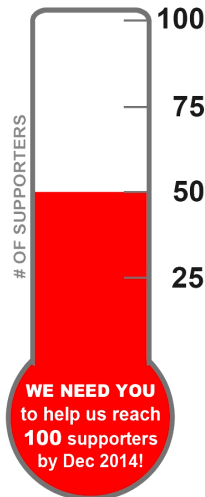
In Spanish II, students are learning about marketplaces and bargaining. After reading about the common practice of bargaining in Mexican markets, we set up our own “mercado” in class. Some students were vendedores (vendors) and others shopped. Students tried out their bargaining skills when buying typical Mexican handicrafts like sombreros and calaveras (sugar skulls). Students used their Spanish skills and their pesos to try and get a good deal. Those selling knew how much their item was worth; they did their best to make a profit. Students had a great time learning the art of marketplace haggling. They know now to never pay the seller’s first price!

As Spanish III students worked on different forms of the past tense, they took on the task of writing original children’s stories in Spanish. Students created and illustrated their own stories with a partner, and then had the chance to read them to an audience of younger students. Ms. Schmidt, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. McNichols and their students were kind enough to spend time listening to the high school students read their Spanish stories. The elementary students then had a chance to make guesses on the meaning of the stories and words they had heard, and the high school students were able to answer questions and translate the story for them. Both sets of students enjoyed the time spent with one another. It was a great activity in both literacy and exposing the younger students to a foreign language.



## HELP SUPPORT Shiocton Athletic Booster Club

Raise funds for our athletic teams!



### How it works:

1. Hundreds of area businesses are offering cash back to our group
2. A % of each of your purchases goes to our group
3. You simply need to register for FREE at [www.ucmission.com](http://www.ucmission.com)

Register for FREE at  
**[ucmission.com](http://ucmission.com)**



See full business list at [ucmission.com](http://ucmission.com)

## Counselor's Corner

**Attention seniors:** Don't wait; get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them, the earlier you get your decision. The goal for Shiocton High School college applications to be completed is November 10. Please get working on them. Also, your college has applications that may be due in December, January, and February. Please see [www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu) for more information on all the colleges.



Every year our region hosts a financial aid session where students and their parents can fill out their FAFSA form all at once with help. The date has been set as Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. on the FVTC campus. Please mark your calendars and visit [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org) to find out more information and to register. If you want to attend earlier in a different region, just visit the website for locations.

**Attention juniors:** All juniors are currently required to set up a meeting with Mrs. Uelmen during their ELT for information on post-secondary life. ACT, college visits, admissions, scholarships, and career information will all be covered. **YOUR PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

November 15 is the date of the ACT prep for this fall. First come, first serve, and there are only 18 spots.

### Dates to remember:

- November 3 — Michigan Tech rep. in pupil services at 2:20 p.m.
- November 4 — Carroll University rep. in pupil services at 10:30 a.m.
- November 4 — End of the quarter; early release
- November 15 — ACT prep at 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room. I will e-mail you when online registration is open. There are only 18 spots; please sign up ASAP. Spots fill up fast.
- November 24 — Visit from the Army rep. in pupil services at 2:20 p.m.

Many of you have concerns about events you did not know about. Please remember that **the following are places to acquire information** for students in the high school.



- ⇒ Facebook, under 'Shiocton High College/Career'
- ⇒ *The Link*
- ⇒ Regular e-mails from Skyward if your e-mail is current
- ⇒ Students need to listen to daily announcements.
- ⇒ School's webpage — [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us)
- ⇒ When in doubt, always call; we would be more than happy to help you.



## Chess Club Prepares for Tournament Play

by Bill Greider

The Chess Club has been busy practicing for tournament play every Thursday after school in the art room until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Radtke and I (co-coaches of the club) are busy finding out who will be on the five-member team with two alternates. We will eventually play a series of matches to determine who is ready to take on the tournament circuit for the Northeastern Wisconsin Chess Association (NEWCA).



*Lucas Radtke and Zach Olson and Heather Hellweg and Clayton Rockwell play in a practice session.*

Saturday, November 1, is the Waupaca “non-conference” season kickoff, and we are sure to have several students try their game to get warmed up for the season’s official start on December 6 in Nekoosa. The Waupaca County Open is open to the public, and anyone interested in more information can contact me. There will be another opportunity to practice skills at the Wisconsin Junior Open at UW-Oshkosh on November 8 and 9. Anyone wishing more information about this open may also contact me at [bgreider@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:bgreider@shiocton.k12.wi.us).



On October 6, the Chess Club ran the concession stand for the girls volleyball tournament and raised \$85 to go towards buying time clocks and chess boards and to help cover entry fees for joining NEWCA. On October 16, the club held an Open Play session during Parent/Teacher Conferences (*pictured above*). Many people came to play and find out about our new club. We will be hosting more open chess play in the future and some “Lunch Time” challenges with other students, teachers, and administrators in the near future.

Our current club members include Lucas Radtke, Garrett Beyer, Mitchell Nackers, Zach Thede, Zach Olson, Vinny “the hat” Coleman, Jacob Bolssen, Heather Hellweg, Jordan Ott, Clayton Rockwell, and Ervin Stedjee. New players are always welcome to play the game of kings. There is open play during ELT in the art room.

## Art Club News

by Bill Greider

The Art Club has been busy working on the Shiocton Public Library mural. We are just about done with the under painting of base colors and are now working on detailing and final touch-ups. The club generally works on Wednesdays after school until 4:00 p.m. Stop by the library to see the Alice in Wonderland themed mural in progress, and thanks for your support of the arts in Shiocton. Club members are Morgan Knoke, Alyssa Magadan, Rylee Davis, Hunter Herminath, Jaden Schneider, Alexis Zick, Heather Hellweg, Zach Thede, Courtney Jansen, and Nicole Pomeroy.

The club recently raised monies for a trip to Madison and for the art scholarship they sponsor every year. We ran the concession stand for the girls volleyball game, earning about \$78. We also held a bake sale (*pictured above*) and raffle on the first night of Parent/Teacher Conferences and finished the raffle on the



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## Art Club News *(continued)*

second night, raising over \$170. The raffled art was a portfolio of six handmade prints of views of Oshkosh (*pictured at right*) that were made by me and donated. The winning ticket was purchased by Mr. David Gomm.

Two field trips were planned for the club this year. Club members went to see the Henri Matisse print exhibition at the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh in October. We will be hosting a bus trip to Madison in early 2015 that will be open to other high school students. We will

visit the UW-Madison campus, visit the Chazen Art Museum on campus, tour the art department and other galleries on campus, visit the Madison Art Center for Contemporary Art, and experience the shops around the campus and campus life. The campus is within walking distance of the State Capitol building as well. More news about the trip will be forthcoming as details are finalized.



## School Board Meeting Summaries

### September 22, 2014

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

**Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Greg Ylvisaker, and Beth Bloedorn.

#### Discussion:

- Visioning Process — update on expanded technology. Survey results — Mr. Birch.
- PMA financial forecast update.
- A donation for *The Link* was received from Bill Collar.
- Town Hall Meeting and Board Retreat.

#### Board report:

- Raymond Gomm — CESA 6 board meeting update.

#### Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Elementary school update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Blood Drive, Homecoming, and Party at the PAC.
- Mrs. Guex: Third Friday count, State reports, and business office update.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: District/School Report Cards, fire and evacuation drill with fire department, safety philosophy, district goals meeting, and RogersInHealth.

#### Upcoming events:

- Junior Prom — April 18, 2015
- Senior Awards Program — May 20, 2015
- Graduation — May 31, 2015
- Shiocton-Bovina Firemen's Fest Parade — August 15, 2015

Closed session: To discuss district obligation regarding negotiations with SEA.

### October 6, 2014

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

**Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Greg Ylvisaker, Scott Gralla, Bob Brownson, Stacy Warning, Glen Bunnell, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: On behalf of Mrs. Gomm and the FACE students, Mrs. Zeinert presented information on a fundraising donation. Pies were made by the students and then donated to the Outagamie County Pre-Action Network as part of their yearly fundraiser. Each board member received a pie.

#### The board voted to:

- Accept the resignation of Angela Oskey from her food service position.

#### In other discussion:

- Presentation of plaque for the concession stand.
- Board Retreat on October 20.
- Student enrollment — comparison of census to third Friday head count.
- First reading of District Goals for 2014-15.

Board report: Mrs. Hoffman — Finance Committee update. Next meeting November 17 at 5:30 p.m.

# November Calendar of Events

3	Mon	<b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
4	Tue	Election Day <b>End of the first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal</b> MS Boys Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm
5	Wed	Coffee with Community at River Rail — 9:30-10:30 am SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm
6	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm
6-8	Th-S	State Girls Volleyball Tournament
7	Fri	Deadline for the December ACT test HS Football Playoffs Level 3 Family Movie Night ( <i>Mr. Peabody and Sherman</i> ) in the cafeteria sponsored by SPICE — 6:30 pm
8	Sat	Singing in Wisconsin at Appleton West High School — 4:00 pm
10	Mon	Student Council Food and Toy Drive kick-off ( <i>see front page and page 3 for more info</i> )
11	Tue	Breakfast for Veterans in the cafeteria — 8:30 am Veterans Day Program in the high school gym — 9:45 am Youth Wrestling parent/wrestler meeting in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm
12	Wed	<i>Let's Talk About It: Fox Valley 2</i> at Kaukauna High School ( <i>see page 5 for more info</i> ) — 6:00 pm
13	Thu	Band/choir fundraiser pick-up in the band room — 3:00-6:00 pm MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm Music Parents meeting in the band room — 6:00 pm
14	Fri	<b>The Link</b> — Deadline for submitting articles for the December issue
15	Sat	HS Football Playoffs Level 4 LEGO League regional tournament in Manitowoc ACT prep in the KSCADE room — 8:00 am JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Appleton East (scrimmage) — 11:00 am
17	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office <b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
17-21	M-F	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
18	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood — 4:00 pm
19	Wed	Community Education Event on student assessments ( <i>see invitation on front page</i> ) — 5:30 pm
20/21	Th/F	State Football Tournament in Madison
21	Fri	Music students' St. Louis trip payment 2 due JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Seymour — 5:45/7:15 pm
22	Sat	International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day program at UW-Fox Valley ( <i>see page 5 for more info</i> ) — 12:45 pm
24	Mon	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Black Creek — 4:00 pm
25	Tue	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Reedsville — 6:00/7:30 pm
26	Wed	<b>Early release — 12:10 pm dismissal</b>
27/28	Th/F	<b>No school — Thanksgiving break</b>



## Reading Volunteers Needed

by Michelle Jorgensen

If you have a few spare hours a week, please consider becoming a reading volunteer to read with elementary students. It only requires a few hours one day a week (more if you'd like), Monday-Thursday. Please contact me at [mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us).



## Coming Up in December

- MS Boys Basketball at home
- Varsity Wrestling at Seymour (scrimmage)
- Coffee with Community
- JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Stockbridge
- JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home
- Early release for staff development
- Cookies and Milk with Santa
- Shiocton Christmas Party* Winter Concert and Chili Dinner
- Grades 5K-5 Winter Concert

## School Closing/Delay Announcements

Families to be notified via the Skylert Messaging System



With winter approaching, we can anticipate the need to be prepared for occasional weather-related school closings or delays. Decisions to delay school will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program. Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events/practices will also be canceled.



**All parents and staff members will be contacted via the Skylert system. If you have had any changes in your phone number or e-mail address, please update this information by calling 986-3351 ext. 797. Doing so will insure that you receive the Skylert messages. You can also still watch for the alerts on your local radio and TV stations.**

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.  
All students must take  $\frac{1}{2}$  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
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
<b>3</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, sliced bread, broccoli, peaches, milk	<b>4</b> Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	<b>5</b> Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, applesauce, green beans, milk	<b>6</b> Burritos, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	<b>7</b> Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk
<b>10</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>11</b> Pizza slice, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk	<b>12</b> Chili, homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk	<b>13</b> Cheeseburger on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, milk	<b>14</b> Homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
<b>17</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>18</b> Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	<b>19</b> Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, strawberries, milk	<b>20</b> Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pineapple, milk	<b>21</b> French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, graham cracker, orange juice, milk
<b>24</b>	Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk	<b>25</b> Grab-n-Go salad or chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas, dinner roll, milk	<b>26</b> Mini corn dogs, tri taters, applesauce cup, fresh vegetables, milk	<b>27</b> <b>No school</b>	<b>28</b> <b>No school</b> * Menu subject to change

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$38.70 for November

Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$44.10 for November

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

## November Greetings!



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. Now that conferences are over, let's continue to strive for continued home/school communication in order to ensure that your child has a positive, stimulating, and challenging year. Together, I am confident that we can make this happen.

### Math Morning

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the "Math Morning" that was held in October. About 45 parents and/or family members came in to learn a little bit about the math program and to see the students in action. We hope you enjoyed the experience!

### Fall Sports Teams

As the fall sports season comes to a close, we congratulate all of the athletes and coaches on their seasons. For those sports teams who are still continuing on, we wish you the best of luck! Go get 'em, Shiocton! ☺



### End of First Quarter and Early Release

The end of the first quarter is coming up on Tuesday, November 4. There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on this day.

### Veterans Day



Please help us honor veterans, past and present, during our **Veterans Day Program**. The program will be held on Tuesday, November 11, at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. Remind your child to wear red, white, and blue on this day! ☺

### Food and Toy Drive

The high school Student Council Food and Toy Drive is underway. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship this year, please contact one of the people listed below so that your family name can get added to the confidential list:

Mrs. Kelly Zeinert	986-3351 ext. 751
Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen	986-3351 ext. 762
Mrs. Sandee Cornell	986-3351 ext. 711
Mrs. Kim Griesbach	986-3351 ext. 747
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider	986-3351 ext. 787

### Reading Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for extra helpers for our volunteer reading program. If you have a few hours a week to read with elementary students, please contact Mrs. Jorgensen (reading specialist/teacher) at 986-3351 ext. 780 or Mrs. Murphy (PK-6 secretary) at 986-3351 ext. 721. All you need is a few spare hours during the week and we will give you all the information that you need in order to be a successful reading volunteer. Please help spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested. We hope to hear from you soon!

### A Time to Be Thankful



Since November is a month of Thanksgiving, let's take time to reflect upon the things that we are thankful for and find ways to display our appreciation and gratitude toward others. With that in mind, I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our dedicated staff, our energetic and motivated students, our many helpful volunteers, and our supportive parents and community. You help make Shiocton Elementary/Middle School a wonderful place for children!

I hope that the month of November is filled with many blessings for you and your family! Happy Thanksgiving!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺

Grades PK-6 Principal Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 4	End of First Quarter – 12:10 p.m. Early Release
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day Program – 9:45 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 17	Paper Drive Begins
Wednesday, Nov. 26	12:10 p.m. Early Release
Thursday, Nov. 27	No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)
Friday, Nov. 28	No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)
Wednesday, Dec. 3	SPICE Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9	12:10 p.m. Early Release for Staff Development
Friday, Dec. 19	Elementary Winter Concert
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Winter Break Begins
Monday, Jan. 5	School Resumes



## Spiders and Pumpkins in Early Childhood

October brought many fun activities based on themes of spiders and pumpkins. One of these activities was using the children's handprints to make a spider, which we added to our hallway tree. Students learned and acted out the nursery rhyme *Little Miss Muffet* using the spider hats they made out of paper plates. They also read and recalled characters from *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle – which they brought home to retell the story. The best part of the spider theme was eating a spider made of crackers, peanut butter, and pretzel rods.

Early Childhood students have also been discussing pumpkins. We made pumpkins by tearing paper and putting it in water bottles. Students got their hands dirty using shaving cream and food coloring to color a pumpkin. They created a patchwork pumpkin using wallpaper squares, as well as a paper roll pumpkin. They also learned and made rhyme props for *5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate*. Ask your child to recite the rhyme at home.

Early Childhood students celebrated October with a field trip to Cuff's Pumpkin Patch in Hortonville where they went on a hayride, slid down hay bales, had duck races, and played in the corn pit. The children checked out many pumpkins in the patch to find the perfect one to bring home. Carving the pumpkin was one activity where the students did not like getting their hands dirty!

During the month of November, the Early Childhood class will be working on the signs of fall and turkeys.



## Fall Fun in 4K

The four-year-old kindergartners have been busy learning about fall. We have been discussing hibernation and migration. The children made a beautiful pumpkin patch in our hallway. We made a jack-o-lantern book that the children can recite to their families. We have been learning about the months of the year, the days of the week, and the seasons.

The children have been working on identifying rhyming words and making rhymes of their own. They also completed the PALS assessment at the end of the month. We will continue to work on printing our names and continue to do lots of counting. The students are enjoying school, and it is so enjoyable to see them learn and grow.



## 5K is Busy with Reading

Happy November! The kindergarten children are becoming little experts, especially in reading! They have been introduced to reading the basic color words and are also practicing the weekly sight words. Their skills are coming along nicely. Please continue to read with your child at home, and have him/her practice reading the weekly Pre-Decodable Books to a family member.

Each week we will introduce new letters as well as new sight words. Blending the sounds of two- and three-letter words is another skill being introduced this month (sounding out new words).

We have much to look forward to in November and much to be thankful for as well. Happy Thanksgiving!



Dear Families:

We are excited to announce a new school resource, *PebbleGo*, that can be accessed from school, home, or on the go — anywhere where your student has an Internet connection.

*PebbleGo* is a database specifically geared toward the needs of K-3 learners. It helps your student learn foundational research skills, plus provides critical early-reader supports like audio voiceovers and text highlighting.

But best of all, students love using *PebbleGo*. The easy navigation makes it inviting for students to discover new information. Features like videos and fun games keep them engaged and learning. And you can feel comfortable knowing that they are exploring an ad-free website bursting with resources that will help your student master many skills and learn fun facts that they will be so proud to share.

Please explore *PebbleGo* with your student and let us know your feedback. To access our school's subscription, go to [www.PebbleGo.com](http://www.PebbleGo.com) and log in with our schoolwide password and login.

Login: shiocton  
Password: chiefs

Our school subscribes to the following *PebbleGo* databases:

- ◆ Animals
- ◆ Biographies
- ◆ Earth and Space
- ◆ Social Studies

## News from the Nurse — Enterovirus D68 *by Rebecca Ecker, RN*

Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) is one of more than 100 non-polio enteroviruses. This virus was first identified in California in 1962.

### What are the symptoms of EV-D68 infection?

EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.

- Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.
- Severe symptoms may include wheezing and difficulty breathing.

Anyone with respiratory illness should contact their doctor if they are having difficulty breathing or if their symptoms are getting worse.

### How does the virus spread?

Since EV-D68 causes respiratory illness, the virus can be found in an infected person's respiratory secretions, such as saliva, nasal mucus, or sputum. EV-D68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches a surface that is then touched by others.

### What time of year are people most likely to get infected?

In the United States, people are more likely to get infected with enteroviruses in the summer and fall. Cases are likely to decline later in the fall.

### How common is EV-D68 in the United States?

In general, a mix of enteroviruses circulates every year, and different types of enteroviruses can be common in different years. Small numbers of EV-D68 have been reported regularly to the CDC since 1987. However, this year the number of people reported with confirmed EV-D68 infection is much greater than in previous years.

### Who is at risk?

In general, infants, children, and teenagers are most likely to get infected with enteroviruses and become ill. That's because they do not yet have immunity (protection) from previous exposures to these viruses. We believe this is also true for EV-D68. Adults can get infected with enteroviruses, but they are more likely to have no symptoms or mild symptoms. Children with asthma may have a higher risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infection.

### How is it diagnosed?

EV-D68 can only be diagnosed by doing specific lab tests on specimens from a person's nose and throat. Many hospitals and some doctors' offices can test ill patients to see if they have enterovirus infection.

However, most cannot do specific testing to determine the type of enterovirus, like EV-D68. The CDC and some



state health departments can do this sort of testing. The CDC recommends that clinicians only consider EV-D68 testing for patients with severe respiratory illness and when the cause is unclear.

### What are the treatments?

There is no specific treatment for people with respiratory illness caused by EV-D68. For mild respiratory illness, you can help relieve symptoms by taking over-the-counter medications for pain and fever. Aspirin should not be given to children. Some people with severe respiratory illness may need to be hospitalized. There are no antiviral medications currently available for people who become infected with EV-D68.

### How can I protect myself?

You can help prevent yourself from getting and spreading EV-D68 and other respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

There are no vaccines for preventing EV-D68 infections.

### What should people with asthma and children suffering from reactive airway disease do?

Children with asthma are at risk for severe symptoms from EV-D68 and other respiratory illnesses. They should follow the CDC's guidance to maintain control of their illness during this time. The CDC recommends the following:

- Discuss and update your asthma action plan with your primary care provider.
- Take your prescribed asthma medications as directed, especially long-term control medication(s).
- Be sure to keep your reliever medication with you.
- Get a flu vaccine when available.
- If you develop new or worsening asthma symptoms, follow the steps of your asthma action plan. If your symptoms do not go away, call your doctor right away.
- Parents should make sure the child's caregiver and/or teacher is aware of his/her condition, and that they know how to help if the child experiences any symptoms related to asthma.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

## Mr. Peabody and Sherman Coming Soon

SPICE is hosting a movie night on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a free family film in the cafeteria. We'll show the recent release *Mr. Peabody and Sherman*. It'll be fun for the whole family. Concessions such as popcorn and candy will be on sale. Concession proceeds help pay for the movie license.



## Eventful Month for Grade 1

The first grade had an eventful month in October. We learned a lot about scarecrows, the growth cycles of pumpkins, and apples. Our classes also visited Cuff's Pumpkin Patch where we took a tractor ride and picked pumpkins, gourds, and colored corn! It was a busy afternoon, and we had a great trip! Thanks to all the parents and chaperones. We had a wonderful time!

Looking into November, make sure you are practicing spelling words and sentences nightly with your child so that they come in feeling confident for their weekly test on Thursdays. Keep your eyes peeled for the new week's words coming home each Friday on the back of the "Teacher Talk." Throughout November, we will learn about various Thanksgiving symbols and complete many creative projects.



Our new math curriculum is off to a great start. We hope the parent letters that come home are helpful for you to reinforce the skills the students are learning during the day. Continue watching your child's take-home folder for math homework. The more practice the children have, the more successful they will be!

Remember, report cards will be coming home November 11. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

## Budding Authors in Grade 2

Second grade is filled with budding authors. The students have been busy writing "small moment" stories during Writing Workshop each day. They have been working on generating ideas and writing stories with a beginning, middle, and end. They have been experimenting with strong leads and solving tricky words.

Second graders also learned about opinion writing. The students were asked to think about a part of them that they loved. We had many interesting topics — hands, hair, brain, and smile, just to name a few! Once they wrote their opinions, they added reasons why they felt that way and finished it off with a concluding statement. To make the piece complete and ready to display for others, a photograph was added that showed their favorite part.

Here are a few examples of our second graders' stories:

### The Best Part of Me

by Alysia Ullmer

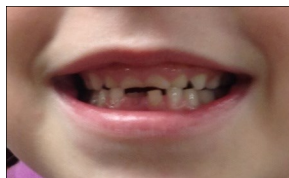
I love my feet. When sand rubs against my feet, it tickles them. They help me grip my toes. They help me run as fast as a cat. The best part of me is my feet.



### The Best Part of Me

by Kristina Corso

The best part of me is my mouth. I can chew with it. I can drink with it. I can smile with it. I love my mouth.



### The Best Part of Me

by Megan Wilkinson

I love my brain. My brain controls everything I do. I like my brain because it helps me think. My brain is awesome because it does all my work. That's how I know that my brain is the best part of me.



In math we have been adding within 100. Students have learned new vocabulary such as quick ten, quick hundred, and expanded form. They are becoming experts at solving story situations! Way to go, second graders!!

Thank you to all parents for a great parent/teacher conference. Communication is so important for a child's success in school. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher anytime throughout the year when you have questions or concerns.

Your second grader should be well into a nightly routine that involves reading and math homework. Homework is an important way for parents to know what is being taught in class, and the practice helps reinforce the concept or skill. In addition to what your child brings home, there are great resources for fun learning on your child's class website. Just go to our school's website and find your child's teacher in the Staff Directory. You will find some great ways to practice math facts, as well as spelling activities, enrichment activities, and many other websites that correlate with the second grade curriculum. Take advantage of this useful tool!





A very special visitor from the North Pole will be stopping by Shiocton Schools on December 13 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Get your lists ready for Santa and come to enjoy cookies and activities! New this year, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., children may shop for holiday gifts for their loved ones. Many gifts under \$5 will be available. We will provide children with a personal shopper to help them.

## No Time for Relaxing in 3rd Grade

Believe it or not, October is already behind us. Boy, how time flies! Thank you for taking time to come to Parent/Teacher Conferences. We, as teachers, appreciate your input. When we work as a team, we can ensure that your child will have a successful year.

MAP testing is complete. Some of the results have been posted and were passed on to you during conferences. As we receive further test results, we will get those scores to you. Testing will continue throughout the school year with more Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments, STAR reading, and STAR math testing.



We embarked on our first field trip of the year as we went to the firehouse in downtown Appleton, capped off by learning about the life of paper at the Paper Discovery Center. Both locations did an outstanding job.

As we learn and become more familiar with the Common Core Standards in math, multiplication will continue to be our focus and will be blended in with division. Finally, a reminder to make sure your child is reading for 15 minutes each day and practicing math facts each night.

As the weather turns colder, please equip your child with the proper outside gear to wear. Thank you for your continued support and as always, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.



**Grade 3 Art** Left: Line pattern repetition and metal foil repoussé frame by Kira Schwaller. Right: Clay bird baths. Media: Clay, glaze, and gems that melted to create water! Left to right: Brooklyn Raeck, Bianca Garcia, xxxxx xxxxxx, Lacy Volkman, Madison Cnossen.

## SPICE Fun Coming Up

by Tanya Puls, Chairperson

Fall is upon us, and the kids seem to be adjusting well to their new routines. SPICE has a lot of exciting events scheduled throughout the upcoming months, so we hope to see you there!

The Fall Book Fair was a big success. Total sales were \$5,700 with \$500 worth of books given to classrooms and a cash profit of \$1,200. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

A free family Movie Night will be held on Friday, November 7, in the school cafeteria. We'll be showing *Mr. Peabody and Sherman*. Admission for all is free, and concessions will be available for purchase.

In December we'll be welcoming a very special visitor. SANTA will be stopping by to visit at our "Cookies and Milk with Santa" event. Not only do the kids enjoy talking with Santa, but there are also other activities that are enjoyed by the whole family. Look for additional information coming home soon!

The classroom winner for Labels for Education is Miss Schmidt's second grade class! They collected 369 points. Our overall total was 2,093 points, which is 380% more than we collected during our last challenge. Thank you for your participation! Our next challenge will take place in the spring; so be sure to save your labels.

If you'd like to volunteer for any of the events we sponsor, please let us know. We love to see new faces, and encourage you to come to the SPICE meetings. Our next meeting is

November 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC (library). We hope to see you there! If you are not able to attend one of our meetings and have questions or concerns, please contact me at (920) 585-6715 or [tpuls@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:tpuls@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

Look for SPICE on Facebook and "like" us!! Spread the word about our fun events throughout the year, and help us drum up interest in working to make Shiocton Schools great!!

*please  
join us*



## Grade 4 Visits the Cranberry Bog

Whew! It's hard to believe, but the end of the quarter is already here, and report cards will soon be sent out. It is time for students to evaluate the work they are doing, set goals for improvement, and feel proud of their accomplishments so far.

The fourth grade students were lucky enough to be invited to tour the Dempze Cranberry Company in Biron (near Wisconsin Rapids) in October. It was a great day and we watched cranberries being harvested and loaded onto trucks. See photo at right.

We have been fortunate to have Officer Fischer come into our 4th grade classrooms to teach the G.R.E.A.T. program. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training. It is a program that teaches the prevention of violence and negative behaviors. It also forges a positive bond between law enforcement officers and children.

As we progress with our new math program, students need to memorize their multiplication facts at home. Please make sure your child knows the facts.



## Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

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

### Look What's Cooking for 2014-15

In first and second grade the students will continue to become super readers. Our enrichment book club focuses on strengthening comprehension skills and utilizing reading strategies. I also include writing as an integral part of the total literacy package. We look forward to kindergarten joining us second semester.

In third through sixth grade we add an additional focus on logic, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. The students will be provided with challenging, enriching, and fun times.

### Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

All of our students in Shiocton have many talents. As they learn and grow, so do their talents.

Students who meet eligibility criteria will receive enrichment services. In addition to teacher and parent nominations, the following data is reviewed when placing a student into an enrichment reading and/or math group:

- STAR Literacy
- MAP
- Smarter Balanced assessment
- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark
- STAR math

Each school year, all students' files are reviewed to determine those students who demonstrate an academic enrichment need. As students' learning needs change, so do our enrichment groups.

### Battle of the Books

We have a large, motivated group of readers this year which is very exciting! No matter whether they have formed a team or have elected to read as a single force, Battle of the Books is on!

We are under way to our goal of reading 20 books by February. Please continue to encourage and support your child's reading. Look for information in next month's issue of *The Link* regarding student discussion groups.

## Spelling Bee

This month, I have shared with your child/ren's teachers (grades 3-8) the spelling words for this year's competition. Each classroom will be working on the spelling words for their grade level. The top two winners for each classroom (grades 3-8) will compete during a Spelling Bee at the local level in January, 2015. The school's best speller will then have the opportunity to continue the contest through the regional, state, and national levels. As parents or guardians, help your child to become our next best Bee speller.

### Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

⇒ November 13 — Noetic Learning Math Contest  
grades 3-6

## Fall Book Fair a Huge Success

by Steve Parker

Sir Readalot's Castle certainly was a fun place to read and buy books. Thanks to many student and adult volunteers, the fair was a huge



success. SPICE was able to donate hundreds of dollars worth of books to classrooms in need of building their libraries. In addition, SPICE earned a cash profit from Scholastic which

will be used to purchase playground equipment, technology for classrooms, and other funding requests throughout the year. Thanks again to all who supported this important event, either with your time, talent, or purchases!!



The 2014  
Winter Concert  
featuring  
grades 5K-5  
will be on Friday,  
December 19,  
from  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

## Counselor's Corner

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

**WKCE** Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) testing has been taking place. Thank you to 4th, 8th, and 10th grade students for putting their best efforts toward this year's state testing!

**Red Ribbon Week** Thank you to the Student Council for helping with the bake sale, and to all who donated yummy baked goods. ☺ All profits from the bake sale will go toward funding for next year's Red Ribbon Week.

"Life is Sweet Drug Free" and "I Mustache you Not to do Drugs" were the messages advertised with Red Ribbon Week suckers and bookmarks. Pictured are 5th grade Student Council members Cora



Gassner and Kevin Reyes.

## Elementary/Middle School Student Council News

Upcoming dress-up days:

- ♦ Tuesday, November 11 – Red, white, and blue day (Veterans Day)
- ♦ Wednesday, November 26 – Camouflage day

## LEGO League – World Class Learning!! Shiocton Lego Bolts Learn about Space and Black Holes

This fall a group of 4th through 7th graders form the district's fifth-year LEGO League team called the Shiocton Lego Bolts. LEGO League is an academic competition where students use science, math, engineering, and research to solve challenges. One of the challenges is to build and program a robot made of Legos. The robot must be able to drive itself around an obstacle course while delivering payloads and activating targets.

In addition to building and programming the robot, each LEGO League team must conduct a research project. The project is then presented to a panel of judges at regional competitions across the state. The theme for the project changes each



year. This year's theme is *World Class Learning*. The team gets to pick a topic of their choice and develop a creative way to teach people about it. Our team has chosen to research space, and black holes in particular. They are focusing on developing a lesson plan to teach third graders about this subject.

The team and their robot will compete against 25 other northeast Wisconsin teams at the LEGO League Manitowoc regional tournament on November 15. This year there are over 240 Wisconsin teams and more than 9,000 teams nationwide entered in the competition. We hope to build on our three-time State Tournament qualifying record.

Team Lego Bolt is made up of Logan Heindl, Joshua Wilkinson, Maddie Daniels, Abbie Daniels, Dylan Van Camp, and Tanner Baeten. The team is coached by Steve Parker and Denelle Daniels. The LEGO League program is being generously sponsored by the St. John Family Fund. More information about LEGO League can be found at [www.firstlegoleague.org](http://www.firstlegoleague.org) or by contacting Steve Parker at 757-8871.



## Fifth Grade at Camp

In October, the fifth graders went on their annual trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, A Place of Friends. At camp, students learned about predator-prey relationships, how to survive in the wilderness, nocturnal animals, echolocation, and much more. They also stepped out of their comfort zone by trying out the rock-climbing wall and rope bridge! Here are some pictures from our three-day adventure.



*At left: Students work their way up the rock wall while their classmates cheer them on and spot them.*



*Some of the groups successfully used a rock to light the ONE match they were given to start their fires.*



*Students try to communicate in made-up languages and work on understanding each other's government in the game Alpha-Beta.*



*Campers on their way out to the lagoon to practice their canoeing skills and play some games.*


*At right: One of our chaperones, Mrs. Volkman, holds on for dear life while the fifth graders work as a team to meet their goal.*





# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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**SINGING in WISCONSIN**  
Saturday, November 8  
Appleton West HS  
SELECT CHOIR STUDENTS

## PIE/HANSEN'S FUNDRAISER PICKUP

Pies are done...time to pick 'em up! Our fundraiser pickup is scheduled for **Thursday, November 13**, from **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the **band room**. All orders must be picked up! Most of the food product is frozen, and we have no space to store frozen food at school. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick up your child's fundraiser product. Thanks again for supporting our music students!

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...

### THE SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY: CHILI DINNER AND WINTER CONCERT

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with good food and good music. The *Shiocton Christmas Party* is a sure way to usher in the warmth of the season. Join us as we serve chili, buns, refreshments, and dessert on **Monday, December 15**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** and will feature live holiday music as you dine. We've even asked Santa to join us, too! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at **7:00 p.m.** and feature bands and choirs. Please look for information coming home this month and on our Facebook pages with more details on the *Shiocton Christmas Party*. Be sure to invite the entire family. Let's celebrate the season together!

## SINGING IN WISCONSIN

Students from the middle and high school choirs will be participating in a statewide singing festival on **November 8**. They will learn their music ahead of time and then spend the day rehearsing with students from all over northeastern Wisconsin. The day ends with a concert at Appleton West High School. Students participating this year in the Youth Choir are **Dylan Van Camp**, **Morgan Brux**, and **Liz Volkman**. **Megan Pigsley** and **Megan Frahm** will sing with the Women's Choir, and **Jacob Bolssen** will represent Shiocton in the Men's Choir. **Emily Piotter** and **Jessenia Gonzalez** will sing in the Mixed Chorus. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and tickets are sold at the door for \$5.

## DID YOU KNOW...

The rapidly evolving global economy demands a dynamic and creative workforce. The arts and its related businesses are responsible for billions of dollars in cultural exports for this country. It is imperative that we continue to support the arts and arts education both on the national and local levels. The strength of every democracy is measured by its commitment to the arts.

—Charles Segars, CEO  
Ovation

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 11  
9:45 a.m.  
HS Gym  
HS BAND/CHOIR

## FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

Thursday, November 13  
3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Band Room  
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

## VERY IMPORTANT MUSIC PARENTS MEETING

Thursday, November 13  
6:00 p.m.  
Band Room  
ALL BAND/CHOIR PARENTS

## St. LOUIS TRIP PAYMENT #2 DUE

Friday, November 21  
\$150

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4:00-6:30 p.m.  
Cafeteria

**CONCERT**  
7:00 p.m.  
HS Gym  
5-12 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Thank you for all the support you bring the music department. The opportunities we're able to offer our kids can't happen without the backing of our parents and community.

Many, many thanks!

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