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November, 2011

Town Hall Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, November 2, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a Town Hall Meeting in the Shiocton School LMC. Topics include the 2011-12 tax levy, the school budget, SILA Charter School update, and "What Our Schools Do For Us." Come and learn about current issues, challenges, and opportunities that our district faces.



Shiocton Holiday Fair

Shiocton High School
Saturday, November 12 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

\$1 admission — Children under 10 free

Holiday Fair features hand-crafted holiday items, quilts, clothing, jewelry, artwork, baked goods, and much more!
Lunch available for purchase. Book Fair open in the LMC.

*Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Shiocton teachers and support staff.
All profits are used for the betterment of the Shiocton school and community.*

Student Council Food and Toy Drive Kicks Off in November

Goal: To bring joy to local families

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
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider - ext. 787
Ms. Angela Hammill - ext. 711

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



November 14 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.

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.

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!!

November 14-18
Canned food/condiments

November 21-25
Boxed food/toys

November 28-December 2
Personal hygiene products/toys

December 5-9
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 12-16
Any food or toys

December 20-22
Delivery to families.
Families will be notified
of time and date.



Addresses Wanted for People in the Military

Shiocton American Legion Auxiliary plans to send cards/packages to those serving in the Armed Forces, whether within the U.S. or overseas, in December. Please contact Marie Dieck at 757-0724 or Jeannine Conradt at 986-3800 with names and addresses by Veterans Day, November 11. Thank you!

Heartsaver AED/CPR Class to be Offered

When: Wednesday, November 9
3:15-6:15 p.m.
Where: Shiocton Schools
Room H237 (Mr. Prodell's room)

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



Veterans Day Observance November 11

All citizens within the Shiocton School District are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Program, Friday, 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 their country. Help show our veterans that we care ... please make plans to attend.



Veterans Breakfast

Student Council will again hold their Veterans Day Breakfast. All local veterans are invited to enjoy a meal prepared by Student Council members at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria prior to the Veterans Day program. We hope to see all of our local vets there!

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Shiocton April 3, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 23, 2012. The present incumbents are as follows:

Ray Gomm
Mary Hoffman

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**, with the School District Clerk in the School District Office in Shiocton at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary election is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

David Gomm, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Shiocton

Hunter Safety Begins Soon



Hunter Safety will begin on Monday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Shiocton School cafeteria. No need to pre-register. Parents or guardian **MUST** accompany any students under 18 years old to register. We will hand out course materials and explain how the class will run. Students are expected to do a portion of the class materials on the Internet during the holiday break to allow more hands-on training during class time. We will not meet again until January 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Greg Fischer at 810-8204.

The Shiocton High School Student Council
will collect non-perishable food items
for their Food and Toy Drive
during Trick or Treat.



Monday
October 31
3:15-6:00 p.m.



News from the Nurse — Energy Drinks and Food Bars

Rebecca Ecker, RN

Energy drinks and nutrition bars often make big promises. Some say they'll increase energy and alertness, others offer extra nutrition, and some even claim to boost your athletic performance or powers of concentration.

But once you cut through the hype and look past the flashy packaging on energy products, chances are what you're mostly getting is a stiff dose of sugar and caffeine. No matter what the label might say, no energy drink or food bar can make you a better athlete or student. There's no substitute for hard work, good training, a healthy diet, and plenty of rest.



So should you eat or drink these products? The occasional energy drink is probably OK, and a protein bar in the morning is a better choice than not getting any breakfast at all.

Make Smart Choices

With so much going on in our lives, lots of people feel tired and run down. And many of us find ourselves skipping a meal sometimes. So it's not surprising that nutrition, protein, and energy drinks and food bars have flooded the market, offering the convenience of energy on the go.

Sometimes, this can be good news — like for the person who has to skip breakfast. Food bars will never beat a well-balanced meal or snack when it comes to meeting our nutrition needs. But many of them do contain more nutrients than a candy bar or a bag of chips. Just because a product contains vitamins and minerals does not automatically mean it is good for you.

Know the Downsides

Here are some facts to keep in mind when it comes to food bars or energy drinks:

◇ **They contain excessive sugar and calories.**

Did you know that some energy bars and drinks contain hundreds of calories? That may be OK for athletes who burn lots of calories in high-intensity activities, like competitive cycling. But for many teens the extra sugar and calories just contribute to weight gain, not to mention tooth decay.

◇ **Energy drinks are often full of caffeine.**

Caffeine may be legal, but it is a stimulant drug. It can cause side effects like jitteriness, upset stomach, headaches, and sleep problems — all of which drag you down, not power you up!

Large amounts of caffeine can have



even more serious side effects (including fast or irregular heartbeats, high blood pressure, hallucinations, and seizures), especially for people who have certain medical conditions or who take medications or supplements.

Energy drinks are not the same as sports drinks. They should not be used to rehydrate because they contain so much caffeine.

◇ **Food bars don't make good meal replacements.**

You never really see someone eat an energy bar for dinner and then sit back with a satisfied grin. Nothing beats a

real meal for both that well-fed feeling and the nutritional satisfaction your body needs.

Although many nutrition bars have vitamins and minerals added, they can't give you all the different nutrients your body needs to grow, develop, play sports, and handle all the other stuff on your schedule. The only way to get that is through eating a balanced diet and not skipping meals.

◇ **They may contain mysterious ingredients.**

In addition to caffeine and sugar, some brands of energy drinks and food bars can have ingredients whose safety and effectiveness haven't been tested — things like guarana (a source of caffeine) and taurine (an amino acid thought to enhance caffeine's effect). Some contain herbal supplements that are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), such as ginseng.

These kinds of ingredients may cause problems, especially for people who are taking certain medications or have a health condition. So play it safe. Always check the label carefully before you eat or drink any kind of energy supplement.

These products aren't the healthy choices the advertising hype makes them out to be. The truth is, the best energy boost comes from healthy living. People who eat well, drink water, and get enough physical activity and sleep will have plenty of energy — the natural way.

Source: *Teen's Health from Nemours*



Need Help Raking Leaves?

The High School Student Council would like to offer assistance to anyone in need of help raking leaves this fall. Students will arrive at your home ready to prepare your lawn for winter. We will be raking leaves at various times November 7-20. Please contact Elizabeth Schneider at 986-3351 ext. 787 or eschneid@shiocton.k12.wi.us at Shiocton High School to set up a time.

Shiocton Counselors Present First Parent Connection Information Group

Featuring "Social Networks"

Wednesday, December 7

4:00 p.m. in the Pupil Services Office

Come and network with other parents and ask them what works for them or share ideas that work for you. This could be a great time to build a support system for our community. Please call one of the counselors and reserve a spot: Rhonda Uelmen at 986-3351 ext. 762 or Angela Hammill at ext. 711.

Just in Time for Christmas!

Holiday Necessities . . . Poinsettias and Chocolate

Shiocton Softball is selling Schroeder's poinsettias and Seroogy's chocolates.

Sale date — November 1-12

Delivery date — December 1 (approximately)

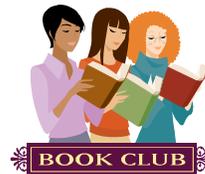
6.5" potted poinsettia \$10
7.5" potted poinsettia..... \$17
8.5" potted poinsettia..... \$25



8 oz. homemade chocolate fudge .. \$ 5
9 oz. assorted chocolates \$11



Contact any softball player or call Cheryl at 986-3445.



Like to Read? Come to Book Club

The read for November 8 is *A Stolen Life* by Jaycee Lee Dugard. It was just a little over two years ago that Jaycee Dugard was found alive in the backyard of the man who had abducted her 18 years previously. *A Stolen Life* is her compelling memoir of life in captivity. We'll discuss this book on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54 in Shiocton. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will be discussed on December 13. This holiday classic was written in 1843. Watch for the meeting location or you may contact Debby Stellmacher at 986-3351 ext. 771 for more information.

The Literacy Book Club is sponsored by the Shiocton School Community Literacy Committee. Members of the club are taking turns bringing ideas for the next readings to the group. We have had many interesting and varied titles over the past year. Come join us!



Farm + Shiocton = FUNdraising

Outagamie County is hosting the 2012 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days in Sugar Bush (just north of New London). The host families are Mike Bruette and Jeff Handschke (Sugar Creek Farm LLC) and John P. Heideman and John A. Heideman (Heideman Farms).



The Shiocton Booster Club and other community organizations (Lions, American Legion Auxiliary, and American Legion) have committed to this great opportunity. Our commitment involves "running" a concession stand (tent) during this three-day event. It will be held Tuesday, July 17, through Thursday, July 19. Monies made during this three-day event will be split amongst organizations that are involved. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Training will be provided as needed. Volunteers may designate their hours of service to an organization approved by the Booster Club, or to one of the community organizations listed above.

Our food tent will need approximately 30 people each day. The tentative shifts might be 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There may be other opportunities for volunteers, such as the kid booth, parking attendants, admissions, and information booth.

Make plans today to be part of this event. Contact person for this event is Laurie McNichols. You may contact her at (920) 250-3146 or lmcnicho@shiocton.k12.wi.us. Visit the website at www.outagamiefarmtech.com.

Positive Traction from SILA

by Lucas Moeller, Tony Abel,
and Jonalee Elliott

Have you ever felt frustrated in school? Have you ever felt like you're looking at a brick wall until 3:07? "If it's meant to be, it's up to me," says Bill Collar, one of the guest speakers who came to talk to SILA students. This quote simply means that you are in charge of your own destiny. If you want it to happen, make it happen, don't just let whatever job you can get trap you. If you want to be an astronaut, learn about our solar system. If you want to be in the military, interview a service man or woman. SILA allows students these opportunities. SILA students have the choice to learn what we want. If you like science, you can create an entire project dedicated to scientific research and inquiry. This freedom to learn about specific fields allows students to explore interests and get experiences in the field that students actually enjoy. Many of our students will be able to travel off campus to learn practices used in a wide variety of talents, from computer programming and design to manufacturing and fabrication.

SILA allows students to design a path to go to college and enter the career fields that they wish to pursue. For instance, the students can eliminate the generalized learning and focus more on the specifics needed in all of the areas of post-school life. It still falls under a set requirement of the state and yet it curves the boundary and allows the student to spend more time in the career they are pushing for. The famous quote, "Pursue your dream" is hard to do nowadays with new obstacles forming in the way. SILA is here to guide students around those obstacles and still engage their dream.

The Start of Something New

by Leah Wagner, Samantha Schmidt, Brittany Schmidt,
Mckenzie Calder, and Marco Gonzalez

Imagine yourself sitting in a desk during 5th hour, just staring at the clock and waiting for lunch. The student next to you is sleeping. The lecture is going in one ear and out the other. You'd much rather be learning about things you enjoy. In Shiocton International Leadership Academy (SILA) you can do just that.

In regular public school, students usually listen for the bell before shuffling to the next class. In our school, waiting for a bell is not necessary. If you're working on a project or an online class you can continue to work until your goals were met for the day. Our online programs are also available to work on at home. Several current projects SILA students are working on are a light show with Fox Valley Tech, building a kiosk with Shadows on the Wolf, and surveys for learning about human behavior, just to name a few. Students are eager to come to school every day because they are excited to learn about these topics. When children are not forced to learn about something, it will encourage them to study independently about what they love.

Typically in high school, freshmen are at the bottom of the totem pole and seniors are at the top. It's common for a freshman to be picked on or ridiculed. The current ages in SILA range from 11 to 17. In this small environment there is no room for drama. The middle schoolers are treated just like the high schoolers. Granted they are young and might need assistance; the middle schoolers know they can come to anyone for help. Marco Gonzalez is a 12-year-old student in Mr. Senger's advisory; here are his thoughts on being one of the youngest students. "One of the benefits of sitting by older students is if I am stuck on something they will help me through it. They also keep me organized."

SILA has been a really good journey so far. We look forward to an amazing school year filled with support, laughter, and learning. No matter what happens in life, we know there will always be a family at school to lean on.



Project of the Month: Picture Perfect

by Cheyenne Ver Voort, Kali Krull, Riley Krull, and Wesley Brouillard

Hello there, my name's Cheyenne Ver Voort and I've been given the honor to kick off a new column on the SILA page. It's called Project of the Month and the idea is that every month we will feature a different SILA student and a big project that they've been working on. This month I've been given the chance to share about a photo project that I've started and am very excited about.

The name of my project is "365 Days," and the idea is that every day for a year I will be taking a picture of anything I want, as long as part of me is visible in the photo. My adviser, Mr. Winter, looked up possible ideas for projects students could do that involved photography because there were a few of us who wanted to make sure that photography was incorporated into our year. There were many projects that sounded very cool, but as soon as he showed us this one I knew I had to try it.

It's been over two weeks now, and I haven't missed a day of taking pictures. Some of them are a bit ordinary, others absolutely bizarre. Admittedly, I spent one weekend afternoon drawing people on the pads of my toes which were then the focus of my daily picture. It may be odd, but it's quite fun, and this project is an excellent way to hone your creativity and just have fun.

SILA Students Create Inner Peace

Sandra Zahn teaches how to live a peaceful life.

*by Brooke Schuh, Natalie Guyette, Jessenia Gonzalez,
Austin Nollenberg, and Julia Soma*

On September 8 and 9, students of SILA participated in two days of peaceful activities, led by special guest Sandra Zahn. Undertakings included musical activities, meditation, and personal expression through art. With the help of Sandra Zahn, SILA students learned how to listen to their inner selves and gained a better understanding of other students as well.

Students were asked to give meditation a try. Sandra played some peaceful music and gave some brief tips, such as breathing rhythms and keeping your mind at rest. After meditating, students illustrated how they were feeling with the use of art supplies and a single sheet of paper. This resulted in lots of interesting pictures. Another activity we had the opportunity to participate in was musical expression. With each student choosing their own instrument from an array of noise makers, drums, tambourines, and bells, we created our own musical symphony. After channeling our emotions through the music, students illustrated our sudden feeling of power. Those pictures are now displayed in our SILA student lounge for all to see.

After the whole experience, we asked some of our very own SILA students how they felt about Sandra Zahn. "She's very interesting," says fellow SILA student Cheyenne Ver Voort. "She showed me a lot of things about myself that I didn't know. It was a different experience," Allie Wolff said. Overall, Sandra Zahn's visit to SILA had a great impact on the whole SILA school.

Do You Have Good Wellness?

*by Courtney Hooyman, Brook Goodwin,
and Jason Arjoon*

Are you lacking the energy necessary to get through the day? Are you unhappy with the way you look? If so you need to join Brittany, Brook, and Courtney after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for 60 minutes of "Making the New Me." What they will be doing is starting a group learning and exploring fitness and healthier eating habits. They are doing this for people who want to change their looks or to get ready for an upcoming sport.

This will be done in a group so that the people who join can motivate each other to keep going and not to give up. Brook will also be helping with eating habits. Anyone who wants to change their eating habits can just ask her for help. Tell her how you are eating and she will give you some tips on how to adjust your eating habits that you are not satisfied with.

This will take place in the elementary flex room. For the first couple of weeks it will be at least an hour long. The beginning of the fitness workout will be mainly stretching; from there we will be extending the hours to have more of a complete workout. This will take place after school.

Have You Ever Wondered What it's Like to be in Another Country?

by Hannah Stedjee, Naqeeb Ullah, Amber Ritchie, Noah Young, and Trey Schmitz

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be in another country? Ever thought about how it's alike or how it's different? Here in SILA we have five foreign exchange students. We get the pleasure of learning about their heritage. Our students range from all over the world, coming from Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Pakistan, and Suriname. Here are fun facts about the different countries they are from.



1. The nation of Pakistan is only about six decades old, but human history in the area reaches back for tens of thousands of years. Its population is 187,342,721. In Pakistan the highest point is K2, the world's second-tallest mountain, at 8,611 meters. There are around 75 to 80 known Pakistani languages. Urdu is the national language and English is the official language of Pakistan.

2. The population of Mexico in 2010 was 112,468,855. Mexico is the most populous Spanish-speaking country. One fact of Mexico is that its food is in most demand in America. Examples are tacos, chilaquiles, and fajitas. Another fact is its music is famous as mariachi's style.

3. There are over 82 million people living in Germany. And that, for a land about the size of Montana. Germany is 357,021 square kilometers, slightly less than Montana, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Even though there are that many people living in Germany, the Germans have succeeded in keeping almost 1/3 of the country covered with forests and woodlands. This makes Germany one of the most beautiful countries in Europe.

4. The population of Brazil is 206,715,477. Brazilians are friendly, warm, and happy people. Brazilians speak Portuguese, Spanish, English, and French. Brazilians are gregarious, outgoing, and love to be around people. The hot climate of Brazil ranges from 60-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

5. Along the north coast of South America, Suriname is a small, but ethnically diverse, country. The population is 447,000. The area of this country is 163,265 square kilometers. Most Surinamers live in the narrow, northern coastal plain. Access to the interior rain forest and forest people is limited. Bauxite mining and alumina exports dominate trade; inexpensive power from the hydroelectric plant at Afobaka helps the economy.

Andre's Adventures in AMERICA!

by Chelsea Bradwell, Emily Wieser,
Andre Landwehr, and Tanner Nabbefeld

Ich liebe es in Wisconsin zu sein. Es ist eine grossartige Erfahrung für mich. (I love being here in Wisconsin. It is a great experience for me). Andre Landwehr is here from Germany. He arrived in the U.S. on August 19, 2011. He was nervous, but also very excited. His host family is Maria and Jeff Van Asten and they are wonderful people to live with. His overall experience is getting better every day.



Even though Andre misses his mother's lasagna, he is beginning to love Wisconsin more every day. Andre has recently started playing American football. Mr. Senger said, "It's a great pleasure working with Andre and wonderful teaching him all the fundamentals of the game." The only way Andre can keep playing the game is if he keeps up the good work in SILA. Andre loves being in the charter school because he loves working on projects and Odyssey. Odyssey is a website that helps you work on your math and science. He encourages everyone to try it.

One of the things he misses about Germany is the freedom that is allowed there. For example, if he is late for class, he wouldn't be punished. He misses his little sister, whose name is Isabelle, and of course his parents. Other than that, he said, "I love being here in Shiocton, and I wouldn't trade a moment."

We asked Andre if he would pick high school or SILA. His answer was "SILA," because of the opportunities that SILA offers. SILA offers working independently, exciting field trips, like going to Lambeau Field, meeting inspirational people, and making wonderful friends. His favorite guest speaker was Chris Roth, Channel 2 sportscaster. Chris explained to us how to interview people. Interviewing people is an important thing for SILA, because we are going to be making a movie about hunting and we have to interview people. Andre is having an overall good year so far, and he can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings him.

Light Show to be Displayed at Shiocton Schools

by Andrew Hoersch, Jon Jandourek, Rachael Berard,
Logan FischerBuchli, and Andrew Louis

SILA students, in partnership with the Fox Valley Technical College, will be putting together a light show. FVTC is providing various materials and expertise for the show. This experience has taught the students teamwork, persistence, and determination. The students at SILA are also held to another standard, which is also the theme of the show — "To Be Caring Engaged Citizens of the World."

Students have gone to the technical college four times at the time of the publication of this article. At the FVTC, students have learned how to put together and program circuit boards, use the computer software that is necessary for the light show, and assemble the circuit boards in a way that makes them usable for the light show. This project will include four main skill elements: construction, programming, the arts, and music.

This light show will be accessible for the entire community beginning on November 17. Permanent placement is still being explored by the administration. Anyone interested in seeing the show will be able to access the light show's music in his or her own car on a radio station which is still being determined. The station that SILA is broadcasting on will be written on a sign as you enter. The location of the show is still being discussed, although it is clear that it will be placed at or around the Shiocton school building.



He Said She Said

by Kim Wagner, Veronica
Brick, Jeremiah Moeller,
and Sofiya Cruz



Do you need a piece of advice and don't have anybody to turn to? Well, now there is no need to fret because SILA's "He Said She Said" is here to help. With "He Said She Said" you get a male and a female's point of view. We will answer your questions honestly and thoughtfully. Please make your questions light-hearted and fun. Remember, SILA students will be answering these questions; if you have any serious concerns, please speak to a trusted adult.

Your question and the answer will be printed anonymously. To get your questions answered, all you have to do is send an e-mail to alouis@shiocton.k12.wi.us. We will get to your question as quickly as possible. And remember, what he said isn't always what she said!

High School News

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 November 4.

The fall sports seasons are wrapping up and I want to take a minute to recognize the teams for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The volleyball team finished 4th in the CWC-8 Conference. They had 14 girls on the roster. They will be losing eight seniors and returning six underclassmen for next season. As of the writing of this article, the football team is sitting at an 8-1 overall record and 6-1 conference record. 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 activities.



The school district, along with the American Legion, will be coordinating an assembly to honor our 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.

I would like to recognize the outstanding job that the choir and band did in the fall concert on October 24. The theme was "Music of the People" and it was nice to see students get into the spirit of the holiday by dressing up in their costumes.



The high school just started WKCE testing. As we prepare our students for the upcoming testing, I would like to encourage you to stress the importance of your son/daughter putting forth their best effort. The student tests and the progress they've made on the WKCE is what we are evaluated on, and it is a direct reflection on not only our school but also on the community of



Shiocton. Please encourage your son or daughter to eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest. The testing dates for the high school are November 2, 8, 10, and 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

Winter sports will soon be underway and we look forward to another exciting season. Good luck to all deer hunters and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Mrs. Zienert

Family and Consumer Education Classes Produce Large Quantities

The Teens Taking Action and World of Food classes made pies again this year to support the AODA annual fundraiser. The students made the AODA recipe for crumb top apple pies, with apples generously donated by Mr. Doro and Carol Lemke (Lemke Apple Orchards). The pies were to be made and taken to the Oktoberfest celebration in downtown Appleton but our staff is so supportive, they purchased all 53 of the pies that were made. A monetary donation was then sent to the organization.

The Teens Taking Action class is continuing with a food production company activity. The class has set a menu of items that staff can order, and has had their first mass production day. The students applied for and interviewed for management positions and once jobs were given, they made 20 quarts of chicken taco soup and 20 quarts of broccoli soup that was pre-sold to the staff. They will change production as the semester continues and are working on plans to make pumpkin pies and Christmas cut-out cookies.



Counselor's Corner

Attention Juniors

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

Attention Seniors

Don't wait, get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them the earlier you get your decision. The admission goal for all college applications is **November 11**. Please get working on them.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 5 — ACT Prep at 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room. Register in pupil services ahead of time.
- November 7 — College Financial Planning Night — 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the LMC
- November 10 — Michigan Tech University visit — 1:00 p.m. in pupil services

The WKCE testing dates for sophomores are as follows: **November 2, 8, 10, 15**. Please remember that this test is extremely important for our school and students so please try to avoid absences. The test will primarily be given one subject area a day to spread out the material. Letters have been sent home.

Many of you have concerns about events you did not know about. **Please remember that the following are places to acquire information** for your 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 also need to listen to daily announcements or see them posted outside the HS office on the guidance bulletin board.
- School's website www.shiocton.k12.wi.us
- When in doubt always call; we would be more than happy to help you.



It's OK to Say NO — You're Still the Parent

Shiocton's School Counselors: Rhonda Uelmen 986-3351 ext. 762
Angela Hammill 986-3351 ext. 711



As a parent, the things you say and do have a tremendous influence on the decisions your child makes, especially when it comes to using drugs or alcohol. Research supports that kids who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50% less likely to use. By talking to your kids about drugs and alcohol, you can help them make better choices and live safe, healthier lives.

Top Myths About Teen Drinking

Myth: A few beers won't hurt.

Fact: A teen brain is developing until 25 years of age. The introduction of alcohol or any illegal substance can impair brain development.

Myth: If they are old enough to vote or die for their country, they should be able to drink.

Fact: When the minimum drinking age was raised to 21, decreases in alcohol-related vehicle crashes saved thousands of lives annually. Alcohol kills four times more teens than all other drugs combined and alcohol is the #1 cause of emergency room visits for teens.

Myth: A little bit here and there won't hurt them. I will let them drink with me, it's a special occasion.

Fact: Duke University found that teens who drank alcohol on occasion had a smaller pre-frontal cortex than those who did not. This area of the brain is responsible for judgment and critical thinking.

Are You a Grade "A" Parent?

Awareness — Show genuine interest in your child's activities and concerns. Know who their friends are.

Ask — Have clear limits and expectations. Explain that these rules you make keep them safe.

Actively Listen — Listen with respect. Keep communication open.

Answer — Take time to answer questions they may have about alcohol or drugs.

Accountable — Follow through with consequences. Be firm but fair.

Activities — Encourage participation in supervised activities and community events.

Avoid Criticizing — Focus on your child's strengths. Express how proud you are of them.

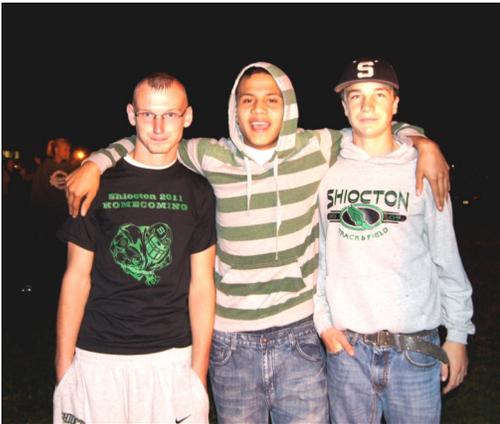


Lacrosse County
Prevention Network,
Alcohol and Drug
Abuse Hotline
800-662-HELP,
SAMHSA Drug Free
Committee, 2011

If you have read this and discussed with your child, please cut this area of *The Link* out and have your child give to one of their classroom teachers. A monthly drawing will be held in pupil services for gift cards, prizes, etc.

Student Name: _____

HOMECOMING 2011



School Board Meeting Summaries

September 26, 2011

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

The board voted to:

- Increase Mary Rochon's paraprofessional position from 87% to 100%.
- Hire Michelle Bain as a special education paraprofessional.
- Hire Jimmy Peters as the assistant wrestling coach.
- Hire Jude Backman as freshman boys basketball coach, if there is adequate student participation.
- Hire Ben Prodell as middle school boys basketball coach.
- Adopt NEOLA Policy 3340/4340 as the district's Grievance Procedure.

In other discussion:

- Topics and location for the school board retreat.
- Board members confirmed that they would again like to provide a scholarship for a 2012 graduate. Scholarship criteria may be reviewed at the board retreat.
- Committee assignments to be put on the next agenda.
- Energy Control retro-fit status.
- SILA school budget.
- Bullying education.

Board report: Raymond Gomm reported on CESA #6.

Other report: Nick Senger (athletic director) reported on Shiocton athletics and WIAA information.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Zeinert: Written report on CWC Academic Partnership Survey.
- Mrs. Griesbach: Safety drills, Universal Expectations, MAP testing, and Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Mrs. Guex: District borrowing.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: OPEB report and staff development on September 30.

October 3, 2011

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, Jason Galleske, Rhonda Uelmen, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve Youth Options as presented.

In other discussion:

- WASB meeting follow-up.
- SILA Charter School update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Parent/Teacher Conferences, WKCE testing window, Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, and picture retake day.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Blood drive, fall concert, WKCE testing for high school, Homecoming, and male Athlete of the Week.
- Mrs. Guex: Third Friday in September Student Count.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: 2010-11 survey results, updates from September meetings, and committee participation.

Closed session: To discuss employee contracts and performance issues.

October 12, 2011 (School Board Retreat)

Discussion topics: School Board Operating Principles, Employee Handbook previews, School Board Scholarship, School Board Problem-Solving Exercise, Scholarship payments, and January convention sign-up.

October 17, 2011

Attendance: **Board members** — Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Denise Guex, Jason Galleske, and Beth Bloedorn.

In other discussion:

- Board Retreat follow-up.
- Approval of the tax levy was tabled. It will be approved at a special meeting prior to November 1.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: MAP data analysis and Bucket Fillers assembly.
- Mrs. Guex: WASBO conference update.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Calendar, Legislative Breakfast, and tax levy information.

Closed session: To discuss employee contracts and performance issues.

November Calendar of Events

- 1 Tue MS Boys Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm
- 1-12 Softball Club Poinsettia and Chocolate Sale (see page 4)
- 2 Wed **Town Hall meeting in the LMC (Library Media Center) — 6:30-8:00 pm**
- 3 Thu MS Boys Basketball at home with Weyauwega — 4:00 pm
- 3-5 Th-Sa State Girls Volleyball Tournament
- 4 Fri **End of the first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal**
- 5 Sat ACT prep in the KSCADE room — 8:00 am
- 7 Mon MS Boys Basketball at Black Creek — 4:00 pm
College Financial Planning Night in the LMC computer lab— 6:30-8:00 pm
School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
- 7-20 Student Council community leaf-raking
- 8 Tue MS Boys Basketball at home with Manawa — 4:00 pm
Community Book Club meeting at Studio 54 — 6:30 pm
Youth Wrestling parent/wrestler meeting in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm
- 9 Wed Heartsaver AED/CPR class in room H237 — 3:15-6:15 pm
SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
- 10 Thu Band/choir fundraiser pick-up in the band room — 3:00-5:00 pm
- 11 Fri Fall Book Fair sponsored by SPICE in the LMC — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
Breakfast for Veterans in the cafeteria — 8:30 am
Veterans Day program in the high school gym — 9:45 am
- 12 Sat Singing in Wisconsin at Appleton West High School
Fall Book Fair sponsored by SPICE in the LMC — 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Holiday Fair — 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- 13 Sun Shiocton Hoops Club 3 on 3 Tournament
- 14 Mon Student Council Food and Toy Drive begins (see front page for more information)
Fall Book Fair sponsored by SPICE in the LMC — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
MS Boys Basketball at home with Marion — 4:00 pm
- 14-17 M-Th MS Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
- 15 Tue **The Link** — Deadline for submitting articles for the December issue
Fall Book Fair sponsored by SPICE in the LMC — 7:30 am-3:30 pm
- 17 Thu MS Boys Basketball at Weyauwega — 4:00 pm
- 17/18 Th/Fr State Football Tournament
- 21 Mon **School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm**
- 22 Tue MS Boys Basketball at home with Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
- 23 Wed **Early release — 12:10 pm dismissal**
- 24/25 Th/Fr **No school** — Thanksgiving break
- 28 Mon Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office
Freshman/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Markesan — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 29 Tue MS Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm
HS Wrestling at Seymour — 4:00 pm
- 30 Wed Grade 4 hosts Fifth Annual Grandparents Day
Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym — 2:20 pm
Youth Wrestling pre-season clinic in the cafeteria (see page 19 for more info) — 3:30-4:45 pm

★ REMEMBERING ★
THOSE WHO SERVED

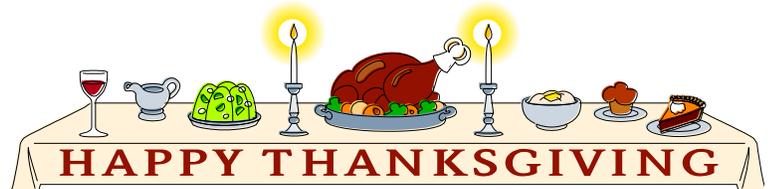
Friday, November 11

Breakfast for Veterans — 8:30 am

Veterans Day Program — 9:45 am

Coming Up in December

- 2 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Gibraltar
- 3 HS Wrestling at Oconto
- 5 Market Day pick-up
- 6 MS Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood
- 7 Staff development — 12:10 pm dismissal
Parent Connection Informational Group
- 9 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home
- 10 Cookies and Milk with Santa



Teddy Bear Toss

by Alexa Pahlow



Once again this year SWAT (Students With Alternative Thinking) will be holding their Teddy Bear Toss at the boys varsity basketball game on Friday, December 9, during half-time. (We play the Bonduel Bears!)

Please bring your new stuffed animal to toss out on the basketball court at half-time. All stuffed animals collected will be given to the Student Council for their annual Food and Toy Drive. Help make a child's Christmas — donate a stuffed animal!!



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
	1 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, peas and carrots, pears, milk	2 Grab-n-Go salad or creamy cheesy potato soup, uncrustable PB&J, carrots, applesauce, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, Wisconsin blend vegetables, pineapple, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, French fries, fresh vegetables, fresh apples, milk
7 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken patty on a bun, French fries, Wisconsin blend vegetables, peaches, milk	8 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with meat, shredded cheese, corn, orange slices, milk	9 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	10 Pizza slice, green beans, strawberries, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peas, applesauce, milk
14 Grab-n-Go salad or mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, fresh fruit, sausage, pancakes, orange juice, milk	17 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, lettuce salad, peaches, milk	18 Grab-n-Go salad or sub sandwich basket, fresh vegetables, Sun Chips, sliced oranges, cookies, milk
21 Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, fresh apples, bread, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, green beans, orange slices, milk	23 Basket for lunch: hot dog on a bun, curly fries, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, milk	24 No School Thanksgiving	25 No School
28 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, milk	29 Grab-n-Go salad or taco pie, sour cream, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, milk	30 Grab-n-Go salad or chili, homemade buns, peas, applesauce, milk		* Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$37 for November
Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$43 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.

Reading Volunteers Needed

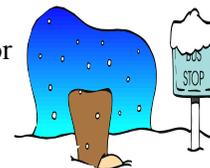
Once again we need people who are willing to help out with our volunteer reading program. If you have a few hours a week to read with elementary students, please contact Mrs. Griesbach at 986-3351 ext. 747, or Mrs. Rudat/Mrs. Jorgensen at 986-3351 ext. 780. All you need is a few spare hours during the 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!



School Closing/Delay Announcements

Families to be notified
via the Skylert Messaging System.

With winter soon to be upon us, 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. Please update the school at 986-3351 ext. 782 if you have any changes in your phone number or e-mail address to insure that you receive the Skylert messages. You can also still watch for the alerts on your local TV and radio stations.

Elementary/Middle School News



Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who were able to attend conferences in October. Let's continue to work as a team throughout the year to ensure that your child has a successful, positive, and rewarding school year.

Thank you to all of the elementary families who were able to attend the "Reading is a Treat" Family Fun Night at the end of October. We hope you will be able to attend our next event as well. Watch for details in the near future.



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

Students in grades 3-8 are in the midst of WKCE testing. The remaining testing dates are as follows:



Wednesday, November 2 – Grades 4, 6, 7, and 8 (math)

Thursday, November 3 – Grades 3 and 5 (reading and math)

Tuesday, November 8 – Grades 4 and 8 (language arts and writing)

Wednesday, November 9 – Grades 4 and 8 (science and social studies)

Thursday, November 10 – Grades 3 and 5 (math)

If you have a child in one of these grade levels, please make sure he/she gets plenty of rest during "testing season" and that he/she also eats a healthy breakfast each morning.

Make-up testing for the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) will be conducted through November 16.

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 that will continue on in the playoffs, we wish you the best of luck! Go get 'em, Shiocton! ☺

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺

Elementary/Middle School Principal

Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747

September 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 September.



Front row (*left to right*) — Melanie Blohowiak, Jak Kamp, Clayton Marohn, , , Kyler Rettler

Second row — Abigail Daniels, Jade Doucette, Brady Morack, Genevieve Suprise

Third row — Jocelyn Houterman, Haily Mercier, Parker Moder, Carter McPheron, McKayla Weso

Fourth row — Madi Fahrbach, Sam Flannery, Macy Raeck, Brandon Rohloff, Brianna Scholz, Jacob Van Patten,

Fifth row — Skylor Bruns, Carley Kriewaldt, Joe Scheeler, Austin VanDenBosch

Back row — Lindsey Diemel, Quinten Eichinger, Allison Erickson, Jack Fielding, , Denver Larsen, Samantha Scott

Not pictured: Garret Oskey

More Babies Receive Books

Congratulations go out to the parents of Zay Marley (born 5/27), Mckenna (born 6/9), Josaih (born 7/5), and Emmitt and Katie (born 7/23). Another set of twins was born on 8/25 — Hayden and Reid, as well as Garrett (born 8/26), Isai (born 9/18), and Walker (born 9/28). Our very own Title I/Reading Specialist, Michelle Jorgensen, had a baby boy on 9/29 – Benjamin Dale Miller.

They are all recipients of a literacy gift made possible through the Trifecta Foundation (established by former Green Bay Packer Mark Tauscher to promote literacy for Wisconsin children). Please continue to keep us informed if you or anyone you know in the Shiocton School District welcomes a new baby into their family. Give us a call at (920) 986-3351 ext. 780, contact Ms. Jorgensen through e-mail at mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us, or stop in her office. We need only the child's name, birth date, and address. We'll send that child all sorts of literacy goodies! Thank you.



*Mrs. K. Rudat,
Substituting for Ms. Jorgensen,
who is on maternity leave.*

Early Childhood Enjoys Fall Themes

October brought many fun activities that were based on themes of Spiders and Pumpkins. One of these activities was making a "Spider Facts" booklet. Children colored various pictures of spiders which contained specific spider facts such as "Spiders have eight legs" and "Spiders spin webs." The students worked on fine motor skills by making a spider out of paper plates and pipe cleaners. Getting their hands dirty to make hand print spiders was no problem!

Early Childhood students have also been discussing pumpkins. The students recalled the life cycle of a pumpkin after reading *Pumpkin, Pumpkin* by Jeanne Titherington. We made pumpkins on a vine using our knuckles and made rhyme props for *5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate*. Ask your child to recite the rhyme at home. The students got to work sequencing various size pumpkins and making pumpkin cookies with M&Ms.



We celebrated October with a field trip to Cuff's Farm in Hortonville where we went on a hayride, slid down hay bales, had duck races, and got our picture taken on a pint-sized tractor. Each child was in search of the perfect pumpkin to take home. The students also helped choose a larger pumpkin to bring back to our classroom to carve. Carving the pumpkin was one activity where the students did not like getting their hands dirty.

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

To the Book Fair and Beyond!

by Steve Parker

Reading is out of this world!! It's time for the Fall Book Fair!! This year's theme is all about expanding your imagination and horizons through reading. To go along with the outer space theme, students are being encouraged to make posters about outer space, which will be hung throughout the school. Random poster contributors will win books from the fair. Come see how creative Shiocton students can be!!

The book fair, which will be located in the school library, will run from **November 11-15**. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday. In addition, it will be open from **9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, the same day as the Holiday Fair** held at the school. Running these fairs at the same time gives Shiocton residents a great opportunity to stock up on gifts for the holiday season.



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

Remember — proceeds from SPICE book fairs go towards supporting the education of all the students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment has been purchased with book fair revenue. Supporting the book fair supports the school district while also showing your children that reading is important. That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Questions about the book fair can be directed to Steve Parker at 757-8871.

K4 Celebrates Halloween

The four-year-old kindergartners have been busy learning about fall and signs of fall. The children's favorite fall signs are all of the Halloween decorations that have been popping up. We created a pumpkin patch in our hallway and we have also been making some of our own Halloween decorations. Each child made his/her own Jack-O-Lantern book. The children then took the books home and recited them to their families. We had our first parent/child field trip to Cuff's Pumpkin Patch. A great time was had by all.

Fall sure is flying by. We look forward to preparing for Thanksgiving with our annual classroom Thanksgiving Feast.



K5 Visits the Fire Station

We took our walking field trip to the fire station last month during Fire Prevention Week. We would like to give a BIG THANK



YOU to Kathy, Connie, Chad, and Tami for showing us around and telling us about all the special equipment. Pictured at right is Mrs. Scott's class in front of one of the fire trucks. At left is Gunner Baker wearing his dad's helmet.



Happy November! The kindergarten children are becoming little experts, especially in reading! At this time, they have been introduced to reading the basic color words and are also practicing their weekly sight words. Their reading skills are coming along nicely. Please continue to read with your child at home and have them practice reading their weekly Pre-Decodable Books to a family member. This month we will introduce the letters *Nn*, *Dd*, *Gg*, and *Ff*, as well as the following sight words: *go*, *we*, *white*, *can*, *pink*, *to*, *gray*, *on*, and *said*. Blending the sounds of three letter words is another skill being introduced this month (sounding out new words). We will also be reviewing the letters, letter sounds, and sight words we have taught to date.

We have much to look forward to in the month of November. Our themes for the month are "Silly Business" and "Family Ties." In our Math Series, we have been exploring patterns. In this unit, the children were introduced to the concepts of patterns and the many ways patterns can be found in the world around us. They explored linear patterns — recognizing, describing, and extending them — and eventually creating some of their own patterns. What do experts have to say about this skill? "The ability to recognize patterns is the key to mathematical thinking. **Patterns are basic to the understanding of all concepts in mathematics.** Searching for patterns is a way of thinking that is essential for making generalizations, seeing relationships, and understanding the logic and order of mathematics." (Marilyn Burns, *About Teaching Mathematics*).

In November, the children will be working with the numbers 0 through 10. Some vocabulary terms they will be hearing and applying in their daily work are: *same as*, *equal*, *less than*, *more than*, *more*, *less*, *fewer*, *one more*, and *one less*. Please continue to work with your child on recognizing and naming the numbers 0 through 10 in random order, as well as completing and returning the math homework assignments.

Fall Fun in Grade 1

The first graders had an eventful month in October. We learned a lot about scarecrows, the growth cycles of pumpkins and apples, and also visited Cuff's Pumpkin Patch where we took a tractor ride and picked pumpkins, gourds, and Indian corn! It was a busy afternoon, but 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 Fridays. 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 be learning about various Thanksgiving symbols and completing many creative projects. Watch for a family project coming home and have fun completing it together!



Our Math Skills unit is off to a great start! The kids are doing a good job getting their two math skills homework pages turned in by Tuesdays. Continue practicing at home even on nights when practice pages don't come home. The more practice your child has, the more successful he/she will be!

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

Filling Buckets in Grade 2

SECOND GRADE IS FILLING BUCKETS! Each classroom has a bucket that students can fill with names of their classmates who have done or said something to others that made them feel good. Our second graders are very excited about this and are noticing and displaying some terrific behaviors! Take time to talk to your child to find out what things he/she has done to fill someone's bucket. Don't forget to look for signs of bucket filling around your house, too!

In social studies during the month of October we finished up our unit on communities. Students learned about many different kinds of communities as well as the many businesses and places that make up our community. The pictures show a few examples of all the creativity and hard work the students put into their projects. See if you recognize some of the places!

This month our focus will be on learning about different Native American tribes. Our second graders will be reading books, participating in activities, and making projects to help enhance their understanding of Native American history.

Homework is an important way for parents to review what is being taught and practice skills to help their child be successful. There are some great resources for fun learning on your second grader'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, spelling activities, enrichment activities, and many other websites that correlate with the second grade curriculum. Take advantage of this useful tool!



No Time for Relaxing in Grade 3

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 and STAR testing are complete, and parts of the WKCE testing have been completed. Some of the results have been posted and 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 Benchmark testing on the horizon.

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.

The third graders have finished their Armed Forces/Military writing essays, and one student will be selected from each classroom by the American Legion members to present their essays at the November 11 Veterans Day Program.

Don't forget that the first quarter book report project is due by November 4, and this report is to be a book mobile. Inside your child's Friday folder is more information on this project. We look forward to seeing these mobiles and displaying them in our rooms.

Finally, a reminder to make sure your child is reading 15 minutes each day, practicing spelling words, and practicing math facts each night. As the weather turns colder, please equip children with proper outside gear to wear. Thank you for your continued support and as always, please contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns you may have.



This year's Elementary Holiday Program will be held on December 22, the winter solstice. Grades 1, 2, and 3 will be at 12:45 p.m. Grades 4 and 5 will be at 2:00 p.m.



Youth Wrestling News
by Kristi Piechocki

We would like to welcome Vic Scheller to the coaching staff for the youth wrestling program. Vic graduated from Shiocton in 2008. He started with the wrestling program in the 5th grade and was a state wrestling qualifier in 2007 and 2008. We are excited to have Vic as a part of the team!

There will be a parent/wrestler meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Sign-up for youth wrestling will take place at the meeting.



Bring your used apparel and shoes if interested in swapping or selling them. If anyone not attending the meeting has apparel to sell, please contact Kristi Piechocki at 986-3900.

Shiocton Wrestling Pre-Season Clinic

- Wednesday, November 30
- Tuesday, December 6
- Tuesday, December 13
- Tuesday, December 20

Held in the cafeteria from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Open to grades 3-8

Cost is \$25 per wrestler or \$40 per family.

Clinics will be conducted by Shiocton wrestling coaches Tommy VandeYacht, Jimmy Peters, and Tony Conradt.

In order for the clinic to occur, we need at least 10 participants in advance.

Registration forms and additional info will be available at the November 8 meeting.

We are still looking for two more volunteers to work at Lambeau Field in the Leinie's Draft Truck on January 1. If interested, and to find out more about the online responsible beverage training, please call Robin at 213-3206.

Check us out at Shioctonwrestling.com.

LEGO League
Food Safety, Peanut Butter, and Robotics:
A Sticky Combination

by Steve Parker

This fall a group of 4th through 8th graders formed the district's second 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 the competition. The theme for the project changes each year. This year's theme is Food Safety. Shiocton's team has chosen to research peanut butter. They are focusing on how peanut butter is made and potential contamination sources.



The team and their robot will compete against 23 other northeast Wisconsin teams at the LEGO League Appleton regional tournament on November 5. This year there are over 240 Wisconsin teams and more than 9,000 teams nation-wide entered in the competition. The Appleton regional is free and open to the public. It will be held at St. Joe's Middle School on Northland Avenue.

Team Lego Bolt is made up of Coleman Ubl, Tina Ubl, Logan Cummings, Joshua Parker, Cloie Rose, Lexi Bellin, Hayden Rasmussen, Dylan Van Camp, and Matthew Wilkinson. The team is coached by Steve Parker and is generously sponsored by the St. John Family Fund. More information about LEGO League can be found at www.firstlegoleague.org or by contacting Steve Parker at 757-8871.

Punt, Pass, and Kick Winners Advance

by Todd Lepak

The 8th annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition took place September 25 on the Shiocton football field. With the constant downpour of rain deterring most participants, a few diehard football enthusiasts braved the elements to test their skills and earned themselves spots at the regional competition held in Marinette on October 22. Good job, and thanks to all who participated. Good luck to the regional qualifiers!



Boys: Age 14-15	1st Place	Tyler Moeller	281' 11"
Age 10-11	1st Place	Jacob Lepak	260'
	2nd Place	Austin Lauderbach	193' 1"
	3rd Place	Colton La Forest	132' 10"

Immunization Clinic Schedule

Please call (920) 832-5100 to register.

Greenville Community Center	November 8	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Seymour Municipal Building	November 10	10:00 a.m.-noon
Grand Chute Town Hall	November 17	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Grand Chute Town Hall	December 20	10:00 a.m.-noon

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 to see cranberries harvested and loaded onto trucks.



November is WKCE Testing Time in Grade 4

Whew! There is a lot going on in November. 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.

November is also significant to fourth grade students across the state because they are taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam. This exam tests their abilities in reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies. It is important for the students to get a good night's sleep, eat nutritious foods, and have a positive attitude to help them do their best. Our testing began on October 24.

We have been lucky enough to have Officer Fischer come into our 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 as its primary objectives. It also forges a positive bond between law enforcement officers and children.



We are hosting our 5th annual Grandparents Day on Wednesday, November 30. The students have interviewed a grandparent and are working on writing something about their grandparent's life. These will be presented to them on that day. It is a fun afternoon in which we reminisce about our grandparents' past, teach a little history, and enjoy each other's company.



Mrs. Beecher's Grade 5 Art Homecoming 2011 "We Have Spirit"

Fifth graders show their Homecoming spirit in art class. Left to right: Rachel Maki, McKenna St. Clair, Brooke Rohloff, Megan Frahm, Leigha Young, Maddie Otto, Allyson Hermann, Lindsey Diemel, Mrs. Beecher, Caleb Winter, Ben Magadan, , , Lukas Berard, Brady Sargent Volkman, Jack Fielding, James Ver Voort, and Trevor Van Straten.



Fifth Grade Begins School Year on the Run

Even though this is the November issue of *The Link*, you will be reading about our September field trips and a brief comment on Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Needless to say, our students have been “on the move.”

MAP testing is completed for fall. Now we look at WKCE testing, which has already begun. At conferences Mrs. McNichols, Mrs. Ver Voort, and Mrs. Van Straten spoke to the parents concerning the MAP test scores. It is our goal to work with the students, as individuals and as a class, to target areas that need attention. We'll focus on how to help the students understand those skill areas better and as a result, we hope to have them show improvement every day and eventually on the spring MAP tests. Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended. Thanks to all the parents/guardians who took time to attend. Communication is the key to success.

The fifth graders are leading the way in the elementary with their good behavior and conduct, so as to be role models for the younger students. Many fifth graders have joined the Fifth Grade Student Council and have taken on leadership roles. This is a tremendous step to prepare themselves for middle school and the challenges they will meet there and in the future.

September 22 was the Conservation Field Days field trip to the Pat Koehnke farm. This trip coincided with our science lessons about conservation. The students were very attentive and they shared what they knew and what they had learned with the members of the Outagamie County Land Conservation Department, who guided us from station to station. Those stations were Rural Growth, Quarries, Woods, Composting, Food Production, Ponds and Wildlife, Soils, and Jeopardy. Look over the photos of that trip.



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On September 29, fifth graders went to the Shiocton Airport. Members of the Shiocton Flyers Club guided us around the hangar and let students get an up-close look at single engine planes and an ultra-light. Students even had

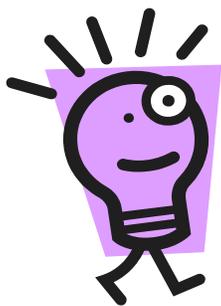


the opportunity to sit in the cockpit and pull on the yoke and push on the rudders. They saw how those actions resulted in movement in the ailerons and elevators. We thank the Shiocton Flyers Club

members (Alan Van Straten, Pat Van Straten, Gary Boschee, Frank Sausen, Gaylen Timblin, Bill Kortens, and Brian Laedtke) for their time and the knowledge they shared with us. We all learned a great deal and enjoyed getting so close to the aircraft. Check out the photos.

Read all about our trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya in the December issue of *The Link*. Everyone appeared to have a super time, even with all the rain on one of the days. We learned many new skills and continued to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Photos and an article next month will further describe our adventure. Watch for it.

During social studies class the students became experts in one of the following Native American tribes: Algonquin, Iroquois, Inca, Aztec, and Pueblo. Then they designed a codex to share what they learned. The codex included the geography, culture, lifestyle, home info, and miscellaneous information about their tribe. The students then got together to teach each other about their tribe. Next we will be studying famous explorers and their impact on the Native American culture. Students will understand that Columbus did not “discover” America. There were indigenous people here, living and thriving in the Americas before the Europeans arrived.



Gifted and Talented

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Battle of the Books

During the month of October, teams for this year's Battle of the Books were formed. The teams will meet weekly to discuss the books they are reading, as well as read some of the simpler books together. Shiocton will have two teams — one in elementary and one in middle school. Mrs. Hess, the G/T teacher (grades K-3) will coach the 4th/5th grade team this year. In middle school, Mrs. Chang (G/T teacher grades 4-12) will be working with the MS Battle of the Books team. The final online competition will occur toward the end of February. Please continue to encourage and support your child's reading. Challenge yourself to read all the books from the list and discuss your reading together. ☺



Spelling Bee

The G/T program has registered for this year's Spelling Bee competition. Our local competition will take place towards the end of January. The state-wide regional spelling competition will take place in early February. The spelling lists for grades 3-8 will be distributed to your child's teacher next month.

Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl

Shiocton has again signed up for the online Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl which is held in the fall, and the America Answers which will take place in the spring. We have two teams preparing for the quiz bowls, one consisting of 5th graders and the other of 7th graders. Check back with *The Link* next month to see our Quiz Bowl performance results.

Students Attend Gifted and Talented Conference

The Wisconsin Association for Gifted and Talented Conference 2011 took place in Wisconsin Dells. Our G/T program was able to send two G/T students nominated by their teachers last year to the teen conference, which was focused on Project Service Learning. It was our first time, and we hope that with the continuous support from the school and community through our Market Day fundraising, we will be able to send two G/T students to the conference every year.

Here is what Mason Woods and Alexia Beecher, both freshmen this year and pictured at right, had to share with us.

Mason wrote: I had many great experiences at the 2011 Gifted and Talented Teen Conference. I learned a lot including leadership skills, problem solving skills, and teamwork skills. I also learned what service projects are and the effect they can have on your community. My best part of the conference was meeting many awesome people and working outside repairing benches on such a nice fall day. I plan to use these skills and experiences throughout my life.

Alexia wrote: Our day started out with some introductory fun games at the conference center that let us get to know everyone better. After that we discussed a bit about service learning and how it positively affects the community. We were given a book entitled *The Kids Guide to Service Projects*. This book is for young people who want to make a difference. It is a good idea book for kids with a social conscience. Later that day we all got on a bus and went to Camp Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center. Once we arrived there we were introduced to our service project. Many of us stained the observation deck we were upgrading, but I, along with some others, repaired and stained benches for the deck. The outcome was very good! I learned that while you work with new people it is very important to step out of your comfort zone and get to know them. It was a unique experience.



Counselor's Corner

by Ms. Hammill, Elementary/Middle School Counselor
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We're falling into a busy time of year! Our WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam) has been taking place for the past few weeks. Thank you to all students for putting their best efforts forward with this year's testing! ☺ School counseling lessons take a strong focus on academic fitness during the first few months of school to ensure your child has the tools and strategies needed to be successful. Please inform me if your child needs any additional support!

This past month's 3rd-7th grade classroom guidance lessons focused on:

- ◆ Test-taking strategies
- ◆ Drug and alcohol prevention!
- ◆ 6th and 7th graders – Tobacco prevention (ask your child about the demonstration they received!)



In addition, ALL grades K-7 received anti-drug and alcohol awareness lessons. Students discussed and learned the effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on the body. Discussions were focused on how to remain healthy and how to effectively handle peer pressure.

K5-2nd Grade Students – Character Education ☺

Our K5-2nd grade students focused on character education this month. We spoke about honesty, trust, and how friendships and relationships are built upon these characteristics. Throughout November, students will continue to discuss additional character traits such as responsibility, respect, and caring. We are seeing good things here! Keep up the great work!

Red Ribbon Week ☺ Another Successful Year

Our 5th Grade Student Council did an outstanding job hosting our 3rd annual bake sale. Thank you to all staff that donated their time and hard work in the kitchen. ☺

This year's profits totaled \$254! All profits from the bake sale will go toward funding for next year's Red Ribbon Week.

*A special thank you to the 5th Grade Student Council!

You've done a super job this month helping with Red Ribbon Week.



As soon as WKCE testing comes to an end, I will begin running several small counseling groups for children in grades K5-7. The groups will meet during your child's lunch or recess time. The focus themes will be *Coping with Death* and *Coping with Divorce/Separation*. Please call me at 986-3351 ext. 711 if you think your child might benefit from being involved in one of these groups!

Happy Thanksgiving!

SPICE Shiocton Partners in Children's Education

by Debby Stellmacher

Chairperson: Debby Stellmacher
Vice-Chair: Jenny Frahm
Treasurer: Jill Vyse
Secretary: Steve Parker



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!

FVTC organized the fall babysitting clinic. It was held on October 15. SPICE will be hosting the babysitting clinic in the spring. Look for details in upcoming issues.

The **Fall Book Fair** will again be available during the Holiday Fair on November 12. The Book Fair will open during school hours November 11-15. Stock up on your Christmas presents. You will be able to purchase **Scrip gift cards** at the Holiday Fair this year also. Anything from Amazon.com to Younkers will be available for immediate sale, or you will be able to select your own denominations and businesses.

In December we will be welcoming a very special visitor on Saturday, December 10, from 9:30 a.m.- noon. 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. Thank you in advance to Cheralee Marcks for organizing the event. Look for additional information coming home soon!

If you have any hats, gloves, snow pants, or boots that your kids have outgrown, we are looking for donations to be kept in the school office as loaners. Any donations would be given to students at the school who need them. Please drop any donations in the elementary office.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events we sponsor, please let us know. We love to see new faces, and encourage you to come to SPICE meetings. Our next meeting is November 9 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC (library). We hope to see you there!

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THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

Pizzas are done...time to pick 'em up! The Hansen's Pizza fundraiser pick-up is scheduled for **Thursday, November 10**, 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 this year. All profits from this fundraiser go to students' individual accounts set up for them for use towards band/choir trips. Your support does not go unnoticed!

SHIOCTON HOLIDAY PARTY AND CONCERT

You are cordially invited to the *Shiocton Holiday Party*, our fundraiser dinner for the Shiocton music department. Come and join us as we serve chili and buns, refreshments, and dessert on **Monday, December 5**. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. and will feature music of the season as you dine. We may even get a visit from Santa! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at 7:00 p.m. and feature all bands and all choirs. We are asking music parents to bring a pot of chili for the chili dump or a dessert to pass. Please look for information coming home this month and on our Facebook pages with more details on the Holiday Party. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the holiday season together!

Shiocton Holiday Party

Ages 12 & up \$5
Ages 4 to 11 \$3
Under 4 Free!



BAND TO PERFORM HALF-TIME SHOW AT BASKETBALL GAME

All band students (grades 7-12) will perform at half-time on the court of the boys basketball game on **Friday, December 16**. We will feature Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Eve-Sarajevo." Save the date ... mark your calendars now!

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"We need people who think with the creative side of their brains—people who have played in a band, who have painted...it enhances symbiotic thinking capabilities, not always thinking in the same paradigm, learning how to kick-start a new idea, or how to get a job done better, less expensively."

—Annette Byrd, *GlaxoSmithKline*

"The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic...music, dance, painting, and theater are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment."

—William Bennett, *Former U.S. Secretary of Education*

SHIOCTON MUSIC

HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER PICKUP

Thursday, November 10
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Band Room
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Friday, November 11

9:45 a.m.

HS Gym
HS CHOIR, HS BAND

SINGING IN WISCONSIN

Saturday, November 12

Appleton West HS

HS Gym
SELECT CHOIR STUDENTS

SHIOCTON HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, December 5

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Cafeteria
ANYBODY and EVERYBODY!

WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 5

7:00 p.m.

HS Gym
5-12 BAND, 6-12 CHOIR

HALF-TIME CHRISTMAS SHOW

Friday, December 16

Half-time of Boys BB Game

HS Gym
7-12 BAND

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...