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The **Link**

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

October, 2011

Middle School Paper Recycling Fundraiser a Huge Success!

by Tim Huebner

Last year the middle school started a paper recycling fundraiser with US Paper Mills in Menasha. Several times during the year there was a large yellow dumpster in the back of school that served as a collection point for any and all paper recyclables the community wished to



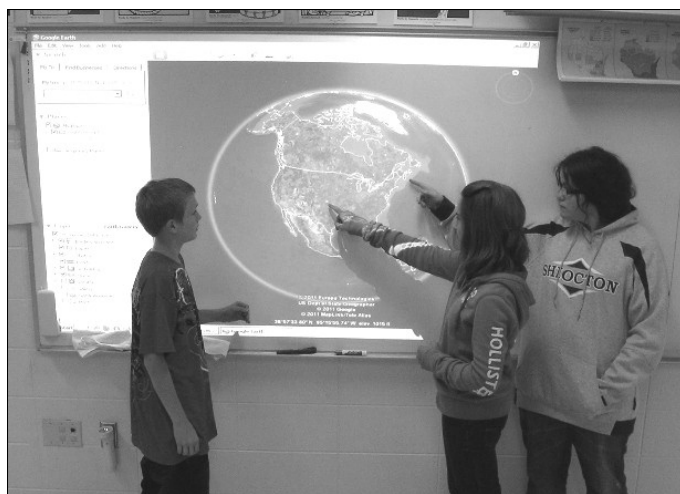
toss in. The full dumpsters went to US Paper Mills, and they paid us the market value of the paper. US Paper Mills runs on 100% recycled paper and cardboard.

The response from the school and community was outstanding. The school, with generous help from the custodians, collected the recyclable paper and stockpiled it between drives. So many community members helped obtain and drop off paper recyclables that it would be impossible to list them all. The community support was evident when the final earnings were tabulated. We raised a whopping \$5,170 over the year.

The money was used to purchase one Bright Link for the middle school. A Bright Link (*pictured below*) is an interactive projector mounted in a classroom and connected to that classroom's computer. The Bright Link can then be used for interactive lessons and also as a projector for movies, notes, assignments,



and Internet activities. The entire cost of the Bright Link unit was \$2,711. Pictured below are students using the Bright Link.



With community support high, I am sure that we can equal or exceed last year's totals. With leftover funds of \$2,459 from last year and this year's earnings, we should be in a position to purchase two Bright Link units for the middle school. Please consider dropping off your paper recyclables during any of the upcoming paper drives.

Recyclable Paper Collection Dates

- Monday, October 10, to Thursday, October 13
- Monday, November 14, to Thursday, November 17
- Dates in March, April, and May will be announced shortly.

If you have any questions, call Tim Huebner at 986-3351 ext. 739. Many thanks again to the tremendous number of community members and businesses that helped make this a huge success!

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*All residents of the school district
are welcome to attend board meetings,
to keep informed on
school issues or to voice any
concerns they may have.*

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Welcome Back!

Greetings! As I have been around the building and in and out of many classrooms, I have seen teachers establishing routines and working to make sure students are comfortable in their new settings for the year. I have seen students interacting with their teachers and with one another, as well as working diligently on the tasks at hand. It appears that we are off to a good start.

Skylert Mass Communication System

We will continue to use our Skylert mass communication system to bring you messages throughout the year. If you have not been getting these messages (the most recent was about our power outage on September 26) or wish to be contacted at a different phone number, e-mail address, or text account, please contact Lynn Warner at 986-3351 ext. 782.

Town Hall Meeting

Please join us from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, for a Town Hall Meeting in the Shiocton School Library Media Center (LMC). The topics featured at this meeting include the school budget, an update about our Charter School (SILA), and "What Do Schools Do For Us?" The board, staff, and I will present information on these topics and allow time for input and discussion, as well as questions. These are just a few of the many issues our schools are facing. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share with you and gather your thoughts around these topics. Please plan to attend and bring along a friend or neighbor. The more you know about your schools, the better we can work together to meet the needs of you and your children.

Please stay in touch as we move forward through the year. As always, if I can be of any help to you, please call or e-mail me.

See you around!

Chris L. VanderHeyden

The Link

In order to make the best use of the school's resources, we are looking to reduce the number of print copies of *The Link* that are produced each month. This could save time, paper, and mailing costs. *The Link* is available on the school website: <http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us>. We would like parents and others on the distribution list to consider whether they can stay informed on school news and events by accessing the website version, and would be willing to opt out of receiving the print copy. Please let us know your thoughts and concerns, and watch for more details in the coming months. You can reach us by e-mail at thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us or by phone at 986-3351 ext. 517.

Meet More New Staff Members

Leah Hobbs — HS Special Education

I was born near Berlin, Wisconsin, and spent my childhood living in Chicago until the age of nine, when I moved back to Berlin. I graduated from Berlin High School and later graduated from UW-Oshkosh.

I spent some time at Clay Lamberton Elementary School in a fourth grade room and at Ripon High School. I am not married.

I am an avid reader! I also enjoy playing volleyball, although I am not very good at it. During the summer I enjoy swimming and bear hunting (although I don't actually kill anything).

I would really like to try to add more technology into my classes and to push for more inclusion.

Debra Slosarek AP (Advanced Placement) Calculus

I was born in Ames, Iowa, but was raised since a young child in New London. I taught 2+ years at UW-Oshkosh before teaching mathematics 33 years at New London High School.

I am married to Shiocton's varsity track coach. We have six grown children, three boys and three girls. We also have 10 grandchildren, five boys and five girls, ages 3 months to 18.

Our home is very busy with four beloved dogs, two labs (Charley and Chester) and two golden retrievers (Annabelle and Lily).

I would like all my calculus students to really enjoy the class and the subject. I am very excited to be teaching in Shiocton.

Patty Loppnow — Speech/Language Pathologist

I was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and raised in Grafton, Wisconsin. I received my bachelor's and master's degrees in communicative disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Prior to coming to Shiocton I worked as a speech pathologist in Waukesha from 1978 until 1981 and then in Little Chute from 1981 until June 2011. I have been married to my husband, James, since 1978. We have two children, a daughter age 26 and a son age 23.

In my spare time I enjoy traveling, cooking, sewing, knitting, walking, and spending time with family and friends.

My goal for this coming school year is to really get to know the students in my program and provide them with the services they need to become effective communicators.

Joel Beer Elementary Title 1 Math

I was born and raised in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and graduated from Ladysmith High School. I attended UW-Superior for two years and then finished my college studies at Mount Senario College in 1997.

I have been a teacher for 14 years now and was most recently a substitute teacher in Appleton after moving back to the area last summer. I am widowed and have a 12-year-old daughter named Jeanette.

I am a football coach at Menasha High School. I enjoy lifting weights and reading. My daughter and I also volunteer at Chances Animal Rescue in Appleton.

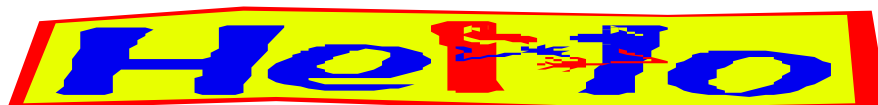
I am looking forward to working with the Shiocton elementary students and showing them fun ways to solve math problems. I am also excited to become more familiar with the Shiocton community and the people here.

Benjamin Prodel MS Phy Ed/Health and HS Health

I was born and raised in Cecil and lived on Shawano Lake most of my life. I went to Bondel High School and graduated in 2005. This past December I graduated from UW-Oshkosh.

This is my first position in the public schools and I am extremely happy it is with Shiocton. I am not married. I enjoy anything and everything that involves being outside and being active.

My goal is to instill lifelong health habits and personal responsibility into today's youth.



Gridiron Banquet Features Bill Schroeder as Speaker

Thursday, October 27

River View Banquet Hall

Come join us for a fun night out and help raise money for a good cause. The Gridiron Club raises money to support the football team and its facilities. We have provided the team with blocking sleds, new pants, and various equipment. We have provided new goalposts and a new flagpole for the field. We have also resurfaced and painted the field, and much more. This is the football team's only fundraiser. They need your support.



We have many nice door prizes, sports raffles, shotgun raffle, laptop computer raffle, and more. As always we will be providing a quality, entertaining motivational speaker. This year's speaker is former Green Bay Packer Bill Schroeder. And we will be honoring Arnie Neuzil as our alumni/sports person of the year.

Join us at our banquet just once to see how enjoyable it can be to raise money for our Shiocton football team. Get your tickets early to be entered in the early bird raffle for a limited edition GRIDIRON jacket.

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.shioctongridironclub.com or if you have any questions, please call (920) 986-3445.

FOURTH ANNUAL SHIOCTON GRIDIRON CLUB BANQUET

When: Thursday, October 27 (Pre-game warm-up starts at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m.)

Where: River View Banquet Hall

Guest Speaker: Former Green Bay Packer Bill Schroeder

Alumni Athlete/Coach of the Year: Coach Arnie Neuzil

** Buy your tickets early. Due to a limited capacity and last year's GREAT response, we expect to sell out early. The first 80 entries will be entered into the early bird drawing for a limited edition GRIDIRON jacket. It's a beauty! (sized to fit winner)

** We will also have a sponsor raffle which will enter you in a drawing for an autographed JAMES JONES jersey. This sponsorship cost is in addition to your membership or banquet meal ticket.
 \$100-\$299 ALL-CONFERENCE donation — one entry in the sponsor drawing and listed in the program.
 \$300 and up ALL-STATE donation — three entries in the sponsor drawing and listed in the program.

_____ Enclosed is \$15 for my membership and window cling. I will not be able to attend the banquet but wish to be a member.

_____ Enclosed is \$50 for my banquet meal ticket, membership, and entry in the door prize drawings.

_____ Also enclosed is a _____ straight sponsor donation and I would like the sponsorship to be listed as _____

Name: _____

Make checks payable to: Shiocton GRIDIRON Club

Address: _____

Mail to: Doug Pahlow

Phone: _____

N5507 Herman Road

E-mail: _____

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Upcoming Student Council Events

Give Blood; Give Life

Student Council will be holding the first blood drive of the school year on Wednesday, October 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment.



Veterans Day 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 November 11. Please see the November issue of *The Link* for details.



Seeking Families for Food and Toy Drive

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

Please call: 986-3351

Mrs. Kim Griesbach—ext. 747

Mrs. Kelly Zeinert—ext. 751

Ms. Elizabeth Schneider—ext. 787

Ms. Angela Hammill—ext. 711



Wanted: Vendors for Shiocton Holiday Fair

When:
Saturday,
November 12

Where:
Shiocton High
School

Time: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
(set-up time 8:00 a.m.)

Space sizes available:
9' long x 5' deep — \$20
4.5' long x 5' deep — \$12

You may request more than one space if needed. You must provide your own tables. Food and refreshments are available. We do advertise on the radio, television, and in the paper. If interested, please call Carol Van Straten at 986-3351 ext. 735 before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m.



Craft Vendors Wanted for Fall Craft Fair

Craft Fair at Shiocton Schools sponsored by the Shiocton Softball Team held during their

Pancake and Porkie Breakfast
(details below)

No charge for space.
Held outside weather permitting.

MUST preregister by calling
(920) 986-3445 by
Wednesday, October 19.



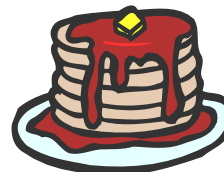
Yum Scrum! All You Can Eat ...

Pancake and Porkie Breakfast
and Craft Fair

Sunday, October 23

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
in the school cafeteria

Homemade from scratch
pancakes and potato pancakes,
sausage, applesauce, milk,
juice, and coffee.



\$6.50/adults
\$4.50/8 years old
and under

*Served to you by the
Shiocton Softball Club*

Support the Chiefs with the Super Bowl Champs

by Laurie McNichols

The 2010 Packer season brought Shiocton organizations the needed proceeds to help with their budgets. The Booster Club is thankful for the support of the community and has committed to operating Portable 127 and Portable 102 during the 2011 Packer season. Volunteers are needed. NO experience is necessary and transportation is provided. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old at the time they work the game, and must complete an online Alcohol Compliance training



class (*see article at right*). If you are interested in volunteering for Portable 127 or Portable 102, contact Laurie McNichols at 986-3351 ext. 753, lmcnicho@shiocton.k12.wi.us, or 250-3146. Money earned from each game has been designated to an extra-curricular activity as shown in the charts below.

Packer 2011 Home Game Schedule

Portable 127 Beer and Brat 8 volunteers needed per game

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Volunteer Check in</i>	<i>Game Time</i>	<i>Organization</i>
10/16 Sunday	Rams	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Boys Basketball
11/14 Monday	Vikings	3:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	MS Student Council
11/20 Sunday	Buccaneers	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Spanish
12/11 Sunday	Raiders	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Girls Basketball
12/25 Sunday	Bears	3:00 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
1/1 Sunday	Lions	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Legion Baseball

Portable 102 Leine Draft Truck 6 volunteers needed per game

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Volunteer Check in</i>	<i>Game Time</i>	<i>Organization</i>
10/16 Sunday	Rams	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Wrestling
11/14 Monday	Vikings	3:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Wrestling
11/20 Sunday	Buccaneers	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Band
12/11 Sunday	Raiders	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Band
12/25 Sunday	Bears	3:00 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	Legion Baseball
1/1 Sunday	Lions	8:00 a.m.	Noon	Wrestling

Online Alcohol Training for Non-Profit Groups

For the 2011 football season, Levy Restaurants is required to have non-profit group members trained in a responsible alcohol training class. Please follow the directions below.

- Log on to levy.restaurant.org
- Enter Password: **LEVY**
- Enter your personal information and employment history.
- Choose **WI – Lambeau Field** from the drop down list.
- Choose **Non-Profit** from the drop down list.

Read all materials and click **next** to go to next page. You will then be able to take the test.

Once you have completed the test and you **submit** your answers, it will ask for the manager's/supervisor's e-mail address; please enter: **lvinoski@levyrestaurants.com**.

The results will be e-mailed back to us, and we will print it as proof you completed the online training. Please keep in mind that if you don't enter the e-mail address above, the results will not be sent to us.

The online class does not have a location for you to enter your group name, so in order for us to make sure your group receives proper credit for the completion of your training, **please send a separate e-mail to lvinoski@levyrestaurants.com noting the date you completed the training and both your name and group name.**

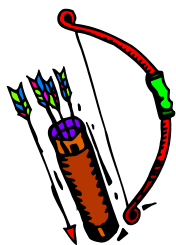
Book Club Chooses Books for Fall

The Literacy Book Club, sponsored by the Shiocton School Community Literacy Committee, met on September 13 at Studio 54. After a discussion of the September book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, we chose books for the upcoming months. Members of the club are taking turns bringing ideas for the next readings to the group. We have gotten many interesting and varied titles for reading in the next few months.



The read for October 11 will be *These Is My Words* by Nancy E. Turner. This novel is a diary account of a family settling in the Arizona Territory in the late 1880s. We will discuss this book at 6:30 p.m. at school in room E153 (across from the elementary music room). The read for November 8 will be *A Stolen Life* by Jaycee Lee Dugard. You may be aware of the young woman's story from the news in the last few months. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will be the read for December 13. Members of the group are familiar with many versions of this classic (including one featuring the Muppets), so we decided to see what Dickens really wrote. Watch for the meeting locations or you may contact Debby Stellmacher at 986-3351 ext. 771 for more information.

National Archery in the Schools Program Begins Second Year



This year will be the second year for our NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program). We had several students and some parents participate in the brat fry this summer at Colwitz's and we did very well. Our club has received donations from private citizens, Shadows on the Wolf, Ron and Rons Club, and Modern Woodmen of America Insurance Company. We would like to thank everyone for their time and donations.

Our goal this year is to raise money to buy more bows for the students who want to compete in the tournaments this year. We are raffling an adult Genesis bow, and all of the proceeds will go towards the club members purchasing their own Genesis youth bow to use for the NASP tournaments. Each student has the potential to sell enough raffle tickets to purchase their own bow at no cost to them.

Last year our team competed at the NASP State Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids. There were 700 students from 35 different schools attending the tournament. Out of those 35 teams, Shiocton placed 13th. That is a pretty good start for our team!

If you have any questions feel free to call me at (920) 470-6844 or e-mail gfisher@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Thank you,
Greg Fischer

Coats for Kids Campaign

It's that time of year again to help keep our kids warm for the winter. SWAT (Students With Alternative Thinking) will be running the Coats for Kids Campaign again this fall. **The drop off dates are October 1-14.**

Please bring your new or gently used coats to school. The drop-off bin is located next to



the school store. Or you can bring them to the football game on Friday, October 7, or the volleyball game on Monday, October 3. Thank you for your support.

Alexa Pahlow, SWAT

Spirit Lodge Sells Shirts to Promote Breast Cancer Awareness

The school store has new items, so please check them out during the home football games. There is also a display in the elementary office.

For the month of October we will be selling T-shirts to promote breast cancer awareness and the proceeds will go towards the Sue Neumann Scholarship Fund. Please help us support this cause.



SILA

Shiocton International Leadership Academy

Leadership

Kelly Zeinert,
SILA Principal and
Shiocton High School Principal

Chris VanderHeyden,
Superintendent of Shiocton
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Did you know?

All learners benefit by **personalized education plans** and by being with students of different ages and abilities.

Special-needs, at-risk, average, and gifted students who have personalized education plans are more engaged, motivated and build self-respect and confidence. They are challenged to achieve their potential without traditional limitations.

Mission

Shiocton International Leadership Academy (SILA) empowers students in grades 6-11 to become confident, caring, and engaged citizens of the world.

We accomplish our mission through:

Personalized education plans designed by teaching staff, students and parents to maximize learning and mastery of key abilities.

Project-based learning to engage students while building skills of collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication. Through real-world projects, students obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they study and also use the latest technology.

International and urban collaboration to prepare students to work with people of different backgrounds. Students will learn to see the world from many perspectives and will develop an appreciation for diversity.

Vision

Families and businesses flock to Shiocton because of its reputation as a desirable place to live and work. Our innovative education program, supported by community and global partnerships, graduates students who are sought after by colleges, industries, and communities all over the world because they are leaders, problem solvers, and visionary thinkers.

Our Unique Approach

Our learning model takes personalized learning to a whole new level:

Project-based learning and Community Partnerships. Students explore areas of personal interest deeply and use a variety of learning styles to master core subjects and key abilities, including opportunities to learn outside the classroom and apply knowledge to real-life scenarios.

Additional support. Students receive support when they need it through a variety of methods. Innovative technology and specialized training ensures gaps are identified and learning is tailored for students.

Accountability: Five-year student achievement goals and progress is fully disclosed on our website.



Community Support

Pat and Mary Wagner excitedly proclaim:

"The community of Shiocton overwhelmingly supports . . . this school . . . it will be so rewarding to see students evolve, develop organizational and goal setting skills, and have more problem solving opportunities. The project-based environment with personalized learning can help ensure that graduates will have the skills to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

We are very excited to have our daughter, Kendra, become an 8th grade student of SILA this fall at Shiocton."

"I know from my years of teaching . . . not all students learn in the same way. I have witnessed our district implement curriculum changes in recent years, which has been wonderful. SILA will allow innovation to move more rapidly. I am excited as to how SILA prepares our students to adapt to the changes and trends so prevalent in our world today."

*-Sally Ritchie, SILA Governance Board Member,
Piano Teacher and life-long resident of Shiocton*

Achievements - Partnerships with Community, Parents, and School District

- Amazing support and collaboration with the **Shiocton School District** and School Board
- Secured more than **\$356,000 in grants**, volunteer hours saving more than \$100,000 needed for equipment, and in-kind donations totaling more than \$50,000
- NEW **Parent Advisory Board** and more than **100 people attending** the official kick-off event
- **Professional development programs** in project-based learning, integration of technology into student learning, creating partnerships and programs to meet student needs
- Shiocton families will host **five foreign exchange students** via Ayusa Global Youth Exchange
- Current discussions with **Milwaukee-area schools** to develop partnerships

Student Achievement Goals for 2011/2012 School Year

- 3% increase in **reading and math** scores by all students
- 3% or greater increase in proficiency/advanced status on **Wisconsin standardized tests**
- 75% or more of students can define and **demonstrate 21st century skills**, including creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication
- 85% or more of students will be able to define and demonstrate three **inter/intra personal skills**
- Students will understand, develop, and **appreciate multicultural (global) literacy** and demonstrate those skills through student-led projects

Program Goals

- International and urban community partnerships build a **global and urban literacy** environment
- Project-based learning emphasizes 21st century learning and **aligns with State Standards**
- **Governance board** of members of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and talents, and includes parents, educators, and business professionals all committed to building a community of excellence
- **100% of parents feel engaged** in their student's education and projects in some way
- **95% of students are very satisfied** with their education progress as indicated by the Hope Survey

Resource Goals

- **Scholarship fund** to ensure that 100% of students can have access to the Internet and can participate in foreign language programs and international travel
- Hire a staff person to focus on community engagement and **resource development**
- **Science items** like equipment for aquaponics, greenhouse, growing plants, and vermiculture
- **Kitchen items** like baking ware, food mixers, and containers

How You Can Help

Visit! See hands-on learning and global awareness in action

Give! Your time, money, and talent can make a huge difference

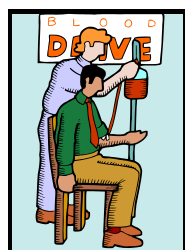
Volunteer! Put your skills and talents to work in our school

High School News

Principal's Report

We have made it through yet another year of Homecoming activities. The High School Student Council organized a variety of events for the week which kept the students very busy. The entire day on Friday, September 23, focused on school spirit and creating a strong sense of community in the high school. The football game vs. Bonduel was Friday night. The Homecoming dance was held on Saturday from 8:00-11:00 in the school cafeteria. All in all, things went very well and I would like to extend my thanks to the Student Council for all their hard work in organizing this year's events. They did an outstanding job.

WKCE testing is right around the corner and I would like to encourage you to stress the importance of your son or 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 will be November 2, 8, 10, and 15. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Student Council will once again be sponsoring a community-wide blood drive on Wednesday, October 19. This is just one of the many community projects that are sponsored by the Student Council to help the people in Shiocton and the surrounding area.

The Shiocton Music Department will also be holding the first concert of the year on October 24 at 7:00 pm in the high school gym.

With the beginning of the school year we also have the start of fundraising. We really appreciate all the extra support the community provides the teams/organizations by buying cookie dough, chief cards, etc. The funds raised by each group are used to purchase the extras that are not covered in the regular budget.

This is just a reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 6 and 11 from 4:15-8:00 p.m. Please take the time to come in and meet with your son/daughter's teachers to ensure good communication. It is much easier to address problems or get students help early in the semester than later.

Have a great month!

Kelly Zeinert

High School Counselor News

Welcome Back!

Attention Seniors: Don't wait, get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them, the earlier you get your decision.

Seniors have to meet with Mrs. Uelmen. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss post-secondary information.

Attention Juniors: The PSAT will be administered on October 12 in the a.m. Mrs. Uelmen will be administering the exam in the LMC. Bring calculators and pencils. The cost is \$14 and can be paid up until exam day. If you pay ahead of time, you will get the study guide. This is a great opportunity to practice for your ACT and qualify for a national scholarship.

Juniors will have to meet with Mrs. Uelmen starting in mid-October to talk about post-secondary plans. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

There will be an ACT prep given on November 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room. Juniors interested should sign up in pupil services.

Attention Sophomores: The following are the WKCE dates - November 2, 8, 10, and 15. Please try and avoid doctor's appointments for these dates if you can. Please contact Mrs. Uelmen with any concerns regarding your student's testing.



Attention all students:

October 5	Ripon College rep. will be in pupil services at 10:15 a.m.
October 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 12	PSAT in the LMC at 8:00 a.m.
October 20	UW-Platteville rep. will be in pupil services at 8:00 a.m.
October 20	Army representative will be in the commons over lunch
October 24	WKCE window opens
October 25	Carroll University rep. will be in pupil services at 9:30 a.m.

National Honor Society Eligibility

I wanted to take a moment to make parents and students aware of the eligibility requirements for National Honor Society. In order to be eligible, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher for at least three consecutive semesters. However, a strong GPA is not the only factor in determining membership. While scholarship is important, inductees will also be judged on service to community, leadership, and character.

Students who qualify will receive a letter after the start of second semester explaining the application process. The materials requested to apply for NHS will aid in the decision of the Faculty Council, a group of five high school teachers who know the student body well and vote on membership issues. New members will be inducted to NHS if they receive a majority vote from the Faculty Council.

Induction to NHS is a privilege and an honor, not a right. Even though students might meet the GPA requirement, they may not be selected. However, if they are still in school next year and maintain the high standard of learning, they can be eligible again.



I encourage all students interested in being inducted to NHS to maintain high academic achievement and strive toward the NHS pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Amanda Tetzlaff

Shiocton High School NHS Advisor
e-mail: atetzlaf@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Phone: 986-3351 ext. 765



Shiocton Volleyball Team:

Front row (*l to r*): Michelle Ritchie, Katie Davis, Haley Ehrle, McKenzie Marcks. Second row: Mackenzie Conradt, Holly Pingel, Alyssa Polanco, Mikayla Ebben, Alexa Pahlow. Third row: Mandy Verbsky, Nicole Ritchie, Rachael Berard, Erin Schroth, Coach Terri Roesler.



Photos by Jason Galleske

Shiocton Football Team:

Front row (*l to r*): Aaron Conradt, Hunter Van Straten, Nathaniel Plach, Fred Fielding, Hunter Young, Brandon Wienandt, Riley Stockwell, Branden Ziebell, Hayden Ehrle. Row two: Brandon Gomm, Jake Redmann, Dan Erickson, Talon Heinemeyer, Logan Majerus, Jacob Van Asten, Levi Singler, Forest Nett, Mitch Collar, Nick

Van Dyke. Row three: Tyler Riehl, Tommy Gonzales, Brandon Smith, Taylor Guyette, David McNichols, Lucas Steinbach, Dominic Gunderson, Patrick Brouillard, Zech Riehl. Row four: Antonio Hernandez, Kyle Henry, Derrek Davis, Jordan Collar, Julian Mendoza, Josue Gonzalez, Tyler Sommerfeld, Eric Bunnell. Back row: Brady Bellin, Mitchell Dorn, Garrett Gunderson, Austin Riehl.



October Calendar of Events

1	Sat	JV Volleyball Quadrangular at Iola-Scandinavia — 9:00 am
1-14		Coats for Kids drop-off in the bins next to the school store
3	Mon	MS Volleyball at home with Bonduel — 3:30 pm JV Football at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball at home with Oconto — 6:00/7:30 pm
3-17		Band/Choir Pizza Sale
4	Tue	MS Football at Marion — 4:30 pm Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
6	Thu	Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades K4, 6, 7, and 8 — No school — conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm Grades K5-5 and 9-12 — School all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm MS Volleyball at Menominee Indian School — 4:00 pm
7	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to Appleton Fire Station and Paper Discovery Center — 8:30 am-2:45 pm Mike Lee Basketball Camp registration closes (see page 17) Varsity Football at home with Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 7:00 pm
8	Sat	CWC Volleyball Pool Play
9	Sun	Mike Lee Basketball Camp — Girls grades 5-8 — 9:00 am-12:00 noon Boys grades 5-8 — 12:30-3:30 pm
10	Mon	MS Volleyball at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV Football at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
10-13	M-Th	MS Paper Recycling Fundraiser — see front page
11	Tue	CWC Volleyball Pool Play Finals Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades K4-12 — school all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm MS Volleyball at home with Marion — 4:30 pm Book Club meeting in room E153 — 6:30 pm
12	Wed	Grade 4 field trip to Dempze Cranberry Bog in Wisconsin Rapids — 8:15 am-3:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm Wrestling Club meeting at the River Rail — 6:30 pm
12-14	W-F	Grade 5 Outdoor Education Experience at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
13	Thu	MS Volleyball at home with Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Volleyball at Tigerton (scrimmage) — 5:00/6:30 pm
14	Fri	Varsity Football at Iola-Scandinavia — 7:00 pm
15	Sat	Home Alone Babysitting Safety Class at Shiocton Public Library — 8:00 am-4:00 pm (see page 19) Freshman Volleyball at Xavier — 8:30 am
17	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the November issue Market Day orders due in the high school or elementary office MS Volleyball at Marion — 4:30 pm JV Football at home with Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
18	Tue	Picture Retake Day
18, 20, 22		HS Volleyball Regionals
19	Wed	Early Childhood field trip to Cuff's Farm — 8:15-10:30 am Student Council Blood Drive — 10:30 am-3:30 pm
20	Thu	Shiocton Hoops Club tip-off meeting — 6:30 pm
21/22	F/S	HS Football Playoffs Level 1
23	Sun	Craft Fair and Pancake and Porkie Breakfast sponsored by the softball team — 8:30 am-12:30 pm
24	Mon	MS/HS Fall Music Concert in the HS gym — 7:00 pm
24-28	M-F	Red Ribbon Week
26	Wed	Grade 2 field trip to Xavier High School — 9:05 am-1:30 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm



**Parent/Teacher
Conferences
October 6 and 11**



- 27 Thu **No school for students**
Gridiron Club Banquet at River View Banquet Hall
— warm-up 5:00 pm, dinner 6:30 pm
- 27/29 Th/S HS Volleyball Sectional
- 28 Fri **No school for students**
- 28/29 F/S HS Football Playoffs Level 2
- 31 Mon Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym
— 2:20 pm

Coming Up in November

- 2 Town Hall Meeting
- 4 End of the first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
- 12 Holiday Fair
- 13 Shiocton Hoops Club 3 on 3 Tournament
- 23 Early release — 12:10 pm
- 24-25 Thanksgiving break



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, carrots, pineapple, milk	4 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, corn, fruit cocktail, milk	5 Grab-n-Go salad or spaghetti with meat sauce, Mandarin oranges, Wisconsin blend vegetables, garlic bread, milk	6 Pizza, lettuce salad, pears, bread, milk	7 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
10 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, lettuce salad, bread, Mandarin oranges, milk	11 Brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, pancakes, bananas, orange juice, milk	12 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, shredded cheese, carrots, pineapple, milk	14 Hot dog on a bun, French fries, baked beans, peaches, milk
17 Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak, broccoli with cheese, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, bread, milk	18 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, peas and carrots, fresh apples, milk	19 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with shredded cheese, sour cream, green beans, peaches, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or sub sandwich basket, pretzels, fresh vegetables, cookie, strawberry cup, milk
24 Grab-n-Go salad or mini corn dogs, rice, green beans, fresh sliced oranges, milk	25 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, peas, fresh apples, milk	26 Basket for lunch: chicken patty on a bun, French fries, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, milk	27 No School	28 No School
31 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, fresh apples, milk				** Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$35.15 for October
Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$40.85 for October

Parents/Guardians — Please remember, money is needed in the lunch account before purchases are made. If your account has a negative \$20 balance, please send money or a cold lunch. Your child may not be allowed to eat hot lunch. No a la carte purchases will be allowed.

Elementary/Middle School News

Happy October & Happy Fall!

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)

Testing: Students in grades 3-8 are in the midst of MAP testing. Your child's teacher will be sharing the MAP results during the conference dates in October.



Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) Testing:

The testing window for the 2011-12 school year is October 24 through November 25. Please try, as best as possible, to avoid appointments, vacations, and absences during this testing window. Also, please help us prepare the students for the testing by establishing good routines and study habits at home. Reading for at least 20 minutes a night has been proven to boost test scores, so please continue to make this a priority in your home!



Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya: Our fifth grade students will be heading to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya from October 12-14 for their environmental education experience. Have a GREAT time, fifth graders!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for October 6 and 11. The youngest or only child within your family should have recently brought information home for you to fill out and return. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you did not receive the information. Here's the important information you need to know:

Thursday, October 6:

For students in grades K5-5, school will be in session all day. Conferences will be held during the evening hours.

There will be no school for students in K4 and middle school. Conferences will be held all throughout the day and evening for these grade levels.

Tuesday, October 11:

School will be in session for students in all grade levels. Conferences will be held during the evening hours.

Upcoming Early Release: There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on Friday, September 30. Staff members will be engaged in staff development activities during the afternoon.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18.

☺ S-M-I-L-E! ☺



Reading Volunteers Needed: Once again, I would like to ask for volunteers 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 me at 986-3351 ext. 747, or Mrs. Jorgensen, reading specialist, (or Mrs. Rudat if Mrs. Jorgensen is out on maternity leave) 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!



Universal Expectations: Every day at Shiocton Elementary/Middle School students are reminded of the overall expectations over the announcements. These overall expectations are as follows:

Be Safe . . .

Be Respectful . . .

Be Responsible . . .

Be The Best That You Can Be!

In addition, at all grade levels at the elementary/middle school, the staff has been working on creating universal expectations for all students (for hallway, cafeteria, bathroom, playground, school bus, etc.) so that all students fully understand what is expected of them. Students have been doing a terrific job with this thus far! We will continue to keep you posted on our overall progress.

Have a wonderful month. Enjoy the beautiful colors of the season.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal
Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747



Making Friends in Early Childhood

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We started off the year learning the classroom routine, finding our way around school, and making new friends. The students made puzzles using a picture of themselves. Students also read the book *Elmer* by David McKee. They learned that we are all unique and different, and every one of us is important.

During the month of September, our theme was predominantly apples. The children worked hard on their fine motor skills by tearing tissue paper to make stained glass apples. They also counted with one-to-one correspondence by stamping 10 apples on their head and read about the life cycle of an apple. We learned the rhyme *Two Little Apples* – ask your child to recite it for you using their props! Students enjoyed taste testing apples and found out what was left after they were all done eating – a core. The favorite part of the theme was peeling, coring, baking, and of course, eating the applesauce.



We will greet October with themes of spiders and pumpkins. We plan to take a field trip to Cuff's Farm in Hortonville where we will go on a hayride, pick pumpkins, and experience a corn maze (weather permitting). Happy fall!

“A” is for Apple in K4

The four-year-old kindergartners are off to a wonderful start. The children are learning the school and classroom rules.

We began the year with an apple unit. We painted red, green, and yellow apples; we made a *Five Apples Up On Top* book; we tasted and graphed our favorite apples; and we made some delicious apple crisp. Our classroom is filled with fabulous cooks!



We ended the month with a family potluck dinner. A great time was had by all.

We look forward to some “Fall Fun” as we learn about the changing seasons.

A Brand New Bunch in K5

It's a brand new year and a brand new group of five-year-old kindergartners! All of the students are settling in to their new routine. Each and every day they practice writing their names and learning the names of their friends.

So far this year during math time we have been exploring all of our different manipulatives. These are different types of counters that the students sort and arrange into patterns or shapes. Many of the children simply enjoy stacking them as high as they can! Sometimes after the students have been working with the manipulatives, we all take a “gallery walk” around the tables to see how everyone else used the manipulatives.

We are learning to read in kindergarten. We know a few new sight words, such as *a, the, red, orange, and green*. We will be practicing *my, blue, I, like, purple, yellow, am, brown, at, black, go, and we*. It is so exciting to hear the students read and recognize the new words. Along with the words, we are also practicing writing letters. So far we have worked on *Mm* and *Ss*. We will also be working on *Rr, Tt, Pp, Cc, Aa, Nn, and Dd* very soon. Each week the teachers are sending home paper books for the children to use and keep in their own library. These may come in handy for car rides, too!

Our daily centers are underway! We have had many parent helpers and they are VERY much appreciated. It is so important to be able to create smaller groups and provide more learning opportunities for our students. During these centers we keep busy by reading, cutting,

gluing, counting, and snacking. Centers are one of the most important parts of our kindergarten day!

Beginning next month and continuing through the school year, each K5 student has the opportunity to be the Star Child for a week. During their special week, we learn more about the children through questions, special items brought from home, etc. The class designs a book about the star for him or her to keep as a memory from their special week!



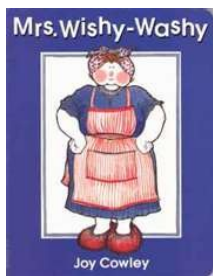
Since October is Fire Safety month, we are looking forward to visiting the Shiocton-Bovina Fire Station! It is always exciting for the students to have opportunities to see and learn about the important community services provided in their town. We have

tentatively planned our visit for Wednesday, October 12.

Kindergartners do have homework. Each night please review the sight words, letter cards, and new book bag book. Some children may not receive their book until later in the week. However, the book should be read a minimum of five days before placing it in the at-home “Book Box.” If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. We would be happy to help! Stay tuned for more updates from Mrs. Pigsley, Mrs. Malesa, and Mrs. Scott in their weekly “What's Happening?”

A Great Start in Grade 1

Our 2011-12 school year got off to a great start! We read many books about camping, the ABCs, and taking a mouse to school. We even created our own books to go along with some of these topics.



Two of our best-loved books, *Mrs. Wishy-Washy* and *Wishy-Washy Day*, are written by one of our favorite authors, Joy Cowley. Through these books, we learned about farms and animals. To wrap things up, we went on our first field trip of the year to the Herb farm, where the children toured the barn, fed calves, sat on tractors, and ate yummy treats. Thank you to all the

parents who volunteered to chaperone, and a big thank you to Herb Farms for allowing us to visit.

Open House was a big success. Thank you to all who chose to donate an item from our wish list. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. You are always welcome and encouraged to visit our classrooms.

Grade 2 Kicks Off

We've kicked off a great new school year in second grade. Thanks, parents, for all of your help at home with learning the new homework routine. Your help and support at home is the key to success here at school. We're off to a fantastic start!

In October we will be well into our reading programs. We spend part of our reading time in whole group activity, and some of our reading will be taught in small Guided Reading groups. Guided Reading groups are beneficial because we teach reading strategies from books that are exactly at your child's reading level. Listening to your child read each night is another wonderful opportunity for growth in reading. You, as a parent, are the teacher that counts the most in your child's life. That one-on-one reading time is so important to children's success as independent readers. It's also a great way to spend quality time with your child and to enjoy the books together.



Our students have been learning what "community" means and the different types of communities that people can live in. Each child was to choose a building or landmark found in Shiocton and create a model of it to add to our "mini community" in the center of our rooms. They are looking great! Be sure to check them out at conferences on October 6 or 11.

Our doors are always open to parents if you would like to visit. Also feel free to call, e-mail, or send a note with any questions or concerns. Our daily lunch time is from 10:45-11:15 a.m. If you would like to help with lunchroom monitoring any day or on a regular basis, please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks again for all of your help at home. It's going to be a great year — full of growth and accomplishments!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming Up

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 11. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 6 Grades K4, 6, 7, and 8 will have conferences all day and evening, and those students will have no school. Students in grades K5-5 and 9-12 will have school all day and conferences from 4:15-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11 All students will have a normal school day, and conferences will be from 4:15-8:00 p.m.

Conferences offer an opportunity to find out how your children are getting along with classmates, how they are progressing in school, and what you can do at home to build on strengths and overcome challenges. The following tips will help guide your conference and can be used for students at all levels:

Before the conference

- Decide what you want to ask the teacher and write the questions down.
- Consider making a list for your child's teacher of things that will help create a better understanding of your child; for example, family conflicts, feelings about school, hobbies, special health problems.
- Ask your child some questions: What's your favorite subject? What's your least favorite? What do you want me to tell your teacher?
- Be on time if you have an appointment. If you can't make the conference as scheduled, call and notify the teacher.

During the conference

- If you have a specific point to discuss or have a complaint, listen to the teacher's point before criticizing.
- The teacher may have some questions, too, not trying to pry into your personal life, but only to obtain information that will help her or him to work better with your child.
- Before you leave, develop an action plan. If need be, set up a way to check on your child's progress. You and the teacher can decide how best to stay in touch. Finally, follow through with the plan.
- Leave promptly to allow other parents to have time with the teacher. If you feel the need to continue, schedule another conference with the teacher.

Shiocton Wrestling Club Notes

- ⇒ Sign-up for youth wrestling will be on Tuesday, November 8.
- ⇒ Youth will practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting after the Christmas break.
- ⇒ On January 3 there will be a coach and wrestler meeting followed by Youth Night at the high school wrestling meet vs. Clintonville starting at 7:00 p.m.

SWC would like to thank all who supported and attended the annual golf outing in June. Mark your calendar for next year's golf outing on June 16, 2012, again at Shamrock Heights in New London. Thanks to Barry Moravec for planning this!

Thank you to our parent and community volunteers who signed up



for the Packer kiosk at Lambeau Field. Special thanks to Danny and Robin Riehl for all the time they have invested into running the stand and arranging volunteers.

If you have any youth wrestling singlets that you are interested in selling, please contact Kristi Piechocki at 986-3900. The Wrestling Club will meet at the River Rail at 6:30 p.m. on October 12 and November 2. Please join us.



SHIOCTON HOOPS CLUB

Shiocton Basketball Camp Sign up by October 7!



Camp Date: October 9
 Time: Girls grades 5-8 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Boys grades 5-8 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 Where: Shiocton High School Gym
 Cost: \$30
 Registration deadline: October 7
 Contact: Jackie Herrmann
 E-mail jherrmann@centurytel.net
 Phone 212-0478

Camp registration forms can be found at www.shioctonbasketball.com, or through the Shiocton Hoops Club Facebook page (look under Events).

Camp Info

The focus of this clinic is high intensity, offensive individual instruction. Unlike traditional camps, players will be working with a ball in their hands almost the entire time they are at the camp. Workouts will focus extensively on ball handling, one on one play, attacking the rim, and passing under pressure. Mike will also demonstrate NBA dribbling and scoring moves and how to apply them at a youth level.

"Shiocton Hoops Club"

facebook

Check it out regularly for info, updates, events, results, pictures, and much more.

League Registration for Grades 3-6

If you missed the grade 3-6 registration deadline, you can still register but a \$10 late fee will be charged.

Registration Fee: \$30 Late Fee: \$10
 Registration Contact: Shari Peterson – 750-2422

The online registration is accessible as a link from www.shioctonbasketball.com.

Heart of the Valley (HOV) dates announced:
 November 5, November 12, and December 3

Season "Tip-Off" Meeting DATE CHANGE



The Season "Tip-Off" Meeting date has been changed from October 13 to October 20.

October 20 at 6:30 PM

- Key information will be provided regarding the season
- Jerseys, practice and game schedules provided
- Apparel options will be available for ordering
- Break-out session to meet with the coaches
- Door prizes

Shiocton 3 on 3 Tournament – November 13

We look forward to seeing as many or more Shiocton teams at the Shiocton Hoops Club Fall 3 on 3 Tournament as there were last year. It was great seeing so many Shiocton teams playing in one location!

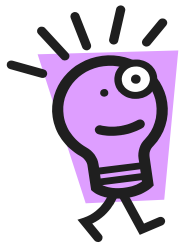
Registration form can be found at www.shioctonbasketball.com or through the Shiocton Hoops Club Facebook page (look under Events).

Trifecta Foundation Grant Provides Books for Babies

The Trifecta (Tauscher's Reading Initiative For Every Child To Achieve) Foundation was established by former Green Bay Packer Mark Tauscher to promote literacy for Wisconsin children. We applied for this grant and were very fortunate to have been awarded one. Mark came to our school to present the grant award last year.

With these grant monies it is our intention to present each newborn in the Shiocton School District with a literacy gift box. Last year gift boxes were presented to 11 newborns. We need your help to keep the program going. If you, or anyone you know of, has had a child recently would you please give me a call at (920) 986-3351 ext. 780 or contact me through e-mail at mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us. We need only the child's name, birth date, and address. We'll send that child all sorts of literacy goodies. Thank you.

Mrs. Michelle Jorgensen, Reading Specialist



Gifted and Talented

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

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

The purpose of G/T is to keep challenging, enriching, and offering fun experiences for students' minds.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is an annual state-wide reading competition where students independently read 20 books of various genres. They then participate in a school-wide Battle of the Books by answering questions pertaining to the 20 books they have read. The top eight finalists compete in the state-wide online competition in February, 2012.

Students in 4th-8th grade can participate in Battle of the Books. If your child would like to join, please have them talk to Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Chang, or their teacher. We are currently gathering lists of those who would like to participate.

The book lists are made available in the language arts teachers' classrooms, or you can find more information on the website http://www.wemta.org/programs/battle_of_the_books.cfm

Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

- ⇒ School-wide Spelling Bee – January, 2012
- ⇒ Fox Valley Consortium Math League – TBA
- ⇒ College Day for Kids (6th grade) Stevens Point – April, 2012
- ⇒ College Day for Kids (5th grade) Oshkosh – May, 2012
- ⇒ Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl (5th-8th grade) – fall 2011 and spring 2012

Look What's Cooking for 2011-12

In kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades we will continue to become super readers. Our enrichment book clubs focus on strengthening comprehension skills and utilizing reading strategies.

In 3rd grade the focus will continue to be on logic, reasoning, and problem-solving skills. The students will be provided with challenging, enriching, and fun times.

In 4th grade we will create the 2012 Shiocton Mystery Box. The students will write clues about our village. The Mystery Box is sent to another school to see if they can solve the clues and identify our village. In April, we will receive a Mystery Box from another location in Wisconsin. The students will work collaboratively to solve each clue and figure out that Mystery Box's location.

In 5th grade we will be working on problem-solving strategies, creativity, and reasoning skills through independent studies.

In the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades our focus remains on developing students' reasoning and problem-solving skills with various activities and projects.

Stretch Your Brain (answer on page 22)

One night, when my uncle Emil was reading a book in the living room, his wife turned off the light and the living room became completely dark. However, my uncle continued reading. How is this possible?

Welcome to Third Grade

Welcome back to school! We have already had a busy four weeks. Mr. Backman, Mrs. Kleiber, and Mrs. Madsen were happy to meet many parents at Open House. Please remember that if you have any concerns, give us a call or e-mail to set up a conference. Parent/



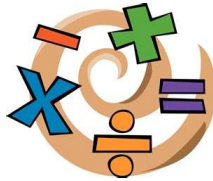
Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 11. More information on the times will be sent home with your child. We hope to see many of you throughout the year at conferences, field trips,

Holiday Fair, Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, at lunch, or whenever you can visit.

Each third grade student will be paired up with a kindergarten buddy. We will get to know each other and do some activities together, and our third graders will be great leaders and mentors for the younger students. We are hoping to start this around the first week of October.

Students are introduced to the agenda in third grade. This is a wonderful tool to help students become organized, to communicate between parents and teachers, and also to use as a resource, since it has the handbook in the front and many learning tools on the back pages to assist with math, grammar, social studies, and life skills. Finally, on the bottom of each school day page, is an area for the parents to write in the reading minutes and then initial that your child has read the required 15 minutes each day.

During math time, students are doing a math warm-up packet that is called "Minute Math." This is a 10-question sheet that covers a wide range of third grade math concepts, such as measurement, picture graphs, word problems, shapes, and also the four main math processes. This is an "on their own" activity to see what they know, and then we answer as a group.



Just a reminder that students are required to read at least 15 minutes every night to equal 75 minutes a week. Remember to mark the number of minutes in your child's agenda and initial it.

Our first quarter book report project is reading a sports book or a biography. Once done reading the book, students will create a mobile to hang in the classroom. This is due by November 4. These book report dates are in your child's Friday folder. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

The third grade teachers are already planning some field trips which may include the Barlow Planetarium, snowshoeing at Mosquito Hill, Navarino Nature Center, and possibly one or two more. We are working on our first field trip which is on October 7, when we'll go to the Appleton Fire Department (morning) and then to the Paper Discovery Center for lunch and to learn about the world of paper.

All three third grade classes are off to a great start. Just a reminder, if you need to contact us, e-mail works best.

Babysitting Class to be Held in October

The Home Alone Babysitting class, sponsored by Fox Valley Technical College, will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Shiocton Public Library. The



class is relevant to students staying home alone or providing care for younger children. Safety measures and providing a safe environment are stressed. Registration forms will be available in the elementary office. If you have any questions, please contact the Clintonville Regional Center at (800) 321-7133.

Cub Scouts: Join the Fun!

Join the fun of scouting with Cub Scout Pack 3048. The pack will meet every other Thursday starting October 6 at 6:00 p.m. at school. If you would like to join our fantastic group, please contact David Lardinois at (920) 734-5705 or David.Lardinois@Scouting.org.



Pack 3048 is going to be delivering **Scouting for Food** bags on October 15. Please do what you can to fill the bag with nonperishable food items and leave it on your porch on October 22. Pack 3048 will pick up the bags and deliver them to local food pantries!

Book Fair Coming in November

The theme for the Book Fair this fall is "Take Me to Your Reader." The dates are November 10-14. The Fall Book Fair has been scheduled to coincide with the Holiday Fair again. You can stock up on great gifts for your family and friends. So plan on attending the Book Fair. It will be a great chance to find some excellent Christmas gifts, show your child that reading is important, and support the school district all at the same time. Your children will also be able to view the Book Fair and purchase books during school hours with their teachers. Hope to see you in November.



Any questions about the Book Fair can be directed to Steve Parker at 757-8871.

Counselor's Corner

*by Ms. Hammill, Elementary/Middle School Counselor
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September – Academic Fitness Month!

Welcome back, students! We have hit the ground running in the elementary/middle school counseling program. All classroom lessons in September focused on setting goals and trying one's best. All students have set SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable, rewarding, timely). Playing an active part in your child's academic goals will help them achieve. You will find your child's goals in their take home agenda. Check them out! ☺

Is Your Bucket Full?

Have you filled a bucket today? That's a question we have all been busy asking one another as we begin our school year. 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. Bucket Fillers will be chosen from the classroom "bucket" randomly each month. So today and every day, ask yourself, "Who's bucket will I fill today?"



Anti-Bullying Curriculum

In addition to the 1st grade through 5th grade regularly scheduled classroom counseling lessons, each grade will meet quarterly as a large group in addition to their bi-monthly lessons to discuss and learn about how to be proactive and prevent bullying and bullying behaviors.

Upcoming Events

Red Ribbon Week: October 24-28

- ♦ Red Ribbon Day Bake Sale - Tuesday, October 25
- ♦ In the cafeteria during lunch time. Baked treats are 50¢.
- ♦ All proceeds go towards funding future Red Ribbon Week events.

Boo Bash - A free Halloween celebration!

- ♦ When: Friday, October 28, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ Where: The Building for Kids Children's Museum and City Center Plaza, 100 W. College Ave., Appleton.
- ♦ Halloween games, prizes, entertainment, and trick-or-treating throughout the museum and plaza. A free, non-scary event for children ages 12 and younger. Costumes encouraged, not required.

Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding your child's academic, social, or emotional needs. Our counseling program offers a wide variety of services, such as individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. I offer small groups for children on such things as coping with death, changing families, anger, friendship groups, etc. I can be reached at (920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or by e-mail at ahammill@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Welcome to Fourth Grade

Welcome back to school! We already have four weeks under our belts, and everyone should be comfortably settled into the fourth grade routine. The teachers, Mrs. Krohlow and Mrs. Singler, are enjoying their days working with so many enthusiastic students. We look forward to a successful year with your child.

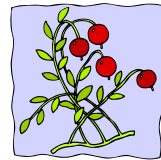
We have already taken the fall MAP tests, so now we can set some goals for ourselves and our learning this year. We have also learned how to use our agendas to help us stay organized. Our fourth graders have been busy writing poetry, working math problems, and learning about their classmates and themselves.

We have started our Rocket Math program. Most of the fourth graders are familiar with this program from last year. Our goal is to have the students know their multiplication and division facts automatically, so while they are working in math class they do not need to spend time figuring out these basic facts.

We hope all students are reading at least 20 minutes every night to equal 100 minutes a week. Remember to write down the number of minutes your child reads in his/her agenda and initial it.

Besides teaching the students great life skills such as cooperation and goal-setting, the G.R.E.A.T. program (Gang Resistance Education and Training) is a great way for our students to form a positive relationship with law enforcement. Officer Fischer, our school liaison officer, has been coming into the fourth grade classrooms and teaching G.R.E.A.T. "The G.R.E.A.T. program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership."

On Wednesday, October 12, we are invited to spend the day at James and Suzie Dempze's cranberry bog to watch the fall harvest. Wisconsin is one of the top producers of cranberries in the United States. Cranberries are the largest fruit crop grown in Wisconsin. This trip helps us learn about the farming industry in our state and this unique Wisconsin crop.



Please remember that if you have concerns, give us a call or stop in for a conference. We hope to see many of you throughout the year at conferences, field trips, Holiday Fair, Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, at lunch, or whenever you can visit. See you at Parent/Teacher Conferences on either Thursday, October 6, or Tuesday, October 11.

Fifth Grade — Our Northwoods Adventure

Fifth grade students began the 2011-12 school year with enthusiasm and excitement, knowing that they would experience a jam-packed year. To begin with, they went to the Pat Koehnke farm, on Winnegamie Drive in rural Neenah, to participate in the 47th annual Conservation Field Days. Students learned about numerous areas of conservation, such as rural growth, quarries, composting, and soils. They even played *Jeopardy* to recap some of the concepts learned during our science classes. Thanks to the Outagamie County Land Conservation Department and their staff for providing us with an opportunity to learn more about our land.

On September 29, the fifth grade went to the Shiocton Airport to learn about small aircraft and become familiar with our own local airport. Local pilots of single engine planes and ultra-lights were on hand to give students some firsthand knowledge of the workings of a plane. Being able to be up close to these planes made the experience more meaningful. Thanks to the Shiocton Flyers Club members for volunteering their time and expertise on our behalf. This trip connects with our winter curriculum unit on aviation and our field trip to the EAA AirVenture Museum.

October brings the annual fifth grade Outdoor Environmental Education trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya near Suring. For three days (October 12-14) the students will share in experiencing outdoor activities like orienteering, predator-prey games, canoeing, and voyageur history. Students spend two nights at camp and help to serve the meals in the cafeteria. Fun activities are planned by the camp staff to fill all the days. Watch for photos and a full wrap-up of this special experience in the November issue of *The Link*. Don't forget to ask your child about the "Gizmo."

During social studies class with Mrs. Ver Voort, the students have been working on map skills. Throughout the year while traveling through history, they will be looking at maps, working with an atlas, and creating their own maps using skills from the beginning of the year. These skills will come in handy when using a compass during our orienteering class at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya.



After gaining a good grasp of map skills, students will begin U.S. history lessons. We start with the migration of people to America from Asia. Did you know that the Bering Strait separating Asia and North America was at one time shallow enough for people to walk across? That is the theory many historians believe. As the mammoth and caribou began to cross the land bridge, hunters followed these animals into America ... interesting!

Our students rely on the agenda as a key tool for organization and communication. These educational and organizational tools are vital to the success of all fifth graders.



Parents, please note that students will use their agendas for communication (home to school), to be better organized, and to reinforce good study skills. Students need to fill out their agenda with the assignments of the day as written on the board by their teachers. Parents are to check their child's agenda daily to see what was covered. A parent signature is required once a week, indicating that you have looked over your child's agenda and are aware of what we are doing in our classes. Communication from teacher to parent or parent to teacher is written in the agenda. It is the student's responsibility to make sure those notes are read and responses given, if needed. Students take their agendas with them wherever they go. It is the student's responsibility to have it with him or her at all times. Leaving it at home or in school is unacceptable. Please be aware of the importance of the use of the agenda. The agenda will help each student to gain organizational skills and, in the long run, find more success.

Being the oldest group in the elementary school, our students are looked up to as examples of the best behavior and attitudes. The students have shown their best. We look to them to continue exhibiting the best examples of how successful students act. This includes always completing assignments on time and doing their very best on all work. As adults, we are responsible for providing the best opportunities for our children. Let's work together to make this year the best ever.

Outagamie County Immunization Clinic Schedule

Please call (920) 832-5100 to register. Clinics are also offered in Kaukauna, Kimberly, and Freedom.
Please call the health department if interested.

Seymour Municipal Building

November 10 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Greenville Community Center

November 8 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Grand Chute Town Hall

October 18 and December 20 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Grand Chute Town Hall

November 17 4:00-6:00 p.m.

News from the Nurse — Dietary Guidelines for Americans

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010 are developed by the United States Department of Agriculture and are the best science-based advice on how to eat for health. The Guidelines encourage all Americans to eat a healthy diet and be physically active. Choose My Plate is an initiative based on these guidelines to help consumers make better food choices. MyPlate illustrates the five food groups using a familiar mealtime visual, a place setting.



Below are 10 tips to a great plate. Use the ideas in this list to balance your calories, to choose foods to eat more often, and to cut back on foods to eat less often.

- Balance Calories**
Find out how many calories you need for a day as a first step in managing your weight. Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov to find your calorie level. Being physically active also helps you balance calories.
- Enjoy Your Food, But Eat Less**
Take the time to fully enjoy your food as you eat it. Eating too fast or when your attention is elsewhere may lead to eating too many calories. Pay attention to hunger and fullness cues before, during, and after meals. Use them to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.
- Avoid Oversized Portions**
Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. Portion out foods before you eat. When eating out, choose a smaller size option, share a dish, or take home part of your meal.
- Foods To Eat More Often**
Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or 1% milk and dairy products. These foods have the nutrients you need for health—including potassium, calcium, vitamin D, and fiber. Make them the basis for meals and snacks.
- Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables**
Choose red, orange, and dark-green vegetables like tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli along with other vegetables for your meals. Add fruit to meals as part of main or side dishes or as dessert.
- Switch to Fat-Free or Low-Fat (1%) Milk**
They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but fewer calories and less saturated fat.
- Make Half Your Grains Whole Grains**
To eat more whole grains, substitute a whole-grain product for a refined product—such as eating whole wheat bread instead of white bread or brown rice instead of white rice.
- Foods To Eat Less Often**
Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt. They include cakes, cookies, ice cream, candies, sweetened drinks, pizza, and fatty meats like ribs, sausages, bacon, and hot dogs. Use these foods as occasional treats, not everyday foods.
- Compare Sodium In Foods**
Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose lower sodium versions of foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals. Select canned foods labeled “low sodium,” “reduced sodium,” or “no salt added.”
- Drink Water Instead Of Sugary Drinks**
Cut calories by drinking water or unsweetened beverages. Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are a major source of added sugar, and calories, in American diets.

Stretch Your Brain Answer (question on page 18)

My uncle Emil is blind,
and he was reading in Braille.

SPICE...Off and Running!

by Debby Stellmacher and Jenny Frahm, Chairpersons

SPICE is off to another good start to the year. Chris Coenen is working on the teacher wish list. This year, however, look for a "Teacher Supply Needs" sheet outside of your child's classroom. Classrooms are always in need of supplies, so teachers appreciate your family's generosity when supplies are brought in.

The Scholastic Book Fair, "Take Me to Your Reader," will be held this fall from November 10-14. This will again overlap into the day of the Holiday Fair, November 12. The volunteers who work at the Book Fair are greatly appreciated, so if you have an hour or two to help, please contact Steve Parker at 757-8871.

When you visit the Book Fair during the Holiday Fair, you will also be able to buy Scrip gift cards. Look for the table. If there are any questions before-hand about Scrip, please call Jenny Frahm at (920) 540-6579.



SPICE is made up of a special group of individuals who are forever promoting the education of our children. Wouldn't you like to be a part of all of this? Please consider coming to our next meeting to see what SPICE is all about. The more parent/teacher involvement we have, the more we can do to make a difference! Our next meeting is October 12 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there!

If you are not able to attend one of our meetings and have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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School Board Meeting Summary

September 6, 2011

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Denise Guex, Jason Galleske, Patty Loppnow, Marcia Motkowski, Michelle Jorgensen, Leah Hobbs, Kurt Wismer, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: New staff members Patty Loppnow, Marcia Motkowski, Michelle Jorgensen, Leah Hobbs, and Kurt Wismer were formally introduced to the Board of Education. Those unable to attend were Bill Nelson, Ben Prodell, Debra Slosarek, and Joel Beer.

The board voted to:

- Set the School Board Retreat date for Wednesday, October 12, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Move the second regular board meeting in September from September 19 to September 26.
- Hire Joel Beer as a 50% Title 1 math teacher.
- Hire Jeff Jansen as a 6th grade teacher.
- Hire Tammy Theobald as a part-time food service worker.
- Hire Jessica Doherty as a part-time food service worker.

In other discussion:

- Raymond Gomm stated that there was an interesting article published by the WASB on Robert's Rules of Order.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Beginning of year information and Picture Day- September 7.
- Mrs. Zeinert: WSN Team of the Week and start of school.
- Mrs. Guex: Update from the business office.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Staffing report, September calendar, and staff development.

2010-11 Spending for the 1998 Referendum

The following is a summary of spending for the \$160,000 that was approved via referendum in May of 1998. Each year an accounting of this money is provided to the community. Without this referendum, many projects would not be possible.



2010-11 Technology

Server Virtualization Project	\$43,000
Elementary/MS computers, monitors, licensing	23,000
Annual Software Licensing	12,500
Staff Development	1,500
Technology subtotal	80,000


2010-11 Maintenance

HVAC system upgrades	\$26,375
Front mower tractor replacement	18,063
Refinish both gymnasium floors	20,948
Baseball field renovation	8,829
Replace/repair roof gutters	3,330
Resin analysis — soft water unit	859
Elementary gym sound system upgrade	1,596
Maintenance subtotal	80,000

Total	\$160,000
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THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

October 3-17
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

PEP BAND

Friday, October 7
6:00 p.m.

FALL CONCERT

Monday, October 24
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
6-12 CHOIR, HS BAND, JAZZ BAND

HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

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
SELECT CHOIR STUDENTS

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

HAVE YOU "LIKED US" YET?

This year, the band and choir programs are featuring Facebook pages to facilitate class info, activities, and events quicker and easier. Ever ask your child, "What did you do in school today?" and the response you get is, "Nothin'"?! We do actually do things in class, and we want you to know about it! Go to Facebook and search for "Shiocton Choir" or go to facebook.com/shioctonband, then "like us." We hope you will be our Facebook fans!



FALL CONCERT FEATURES FOLK MUSIC

The music department proudly presents its fall concert on **Monday, October 24**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the high school gym. The concert will feature our choirs (grades 6-12), high school band, and our jazz band. The theme for the evening: *Music of the People*, folk music from across the globe. We are excited this year about the talent and energy in the band and choir. We have great ensembles, filled with gifted kids. Join us as we showcase some of the talent in Shiocton!

MUSIC STUDENTS SELL PIZZAS

This month, we will hold our annual Hansen's Pizza fundraiser, **October 3-17**. This fundraiser is a huge benefit for our music students. All profits are applied to students' individual account set up for use towards music trips. The more a student sells, the more he or she knocks off the price of a future music field trip. It is only to the students' advantage to sell big! So, if you're a family that doesn't have loads of time to cook meals every night of the week, here's a great way to satisfy your appetite and help music students raise money for their activities this year. We hope you will support them in their efforts. Encourage them to work hard and sell big!



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SHIOCTON MUSIC

Questions, comments, concerns?
Please let us know!

"I believe arts education in music, theater, dance, and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. They (children) have an enthusiasm for life, a spark of creativity, and vivid imaginations that need training—training that prepares them to become confident young men and women."

—Richard W. Riley, *Former U.S. Secretary of Education*

"I believe that creativity will be the currency of the 21st century."

—Gerald Gordon, *President/CEO*
Fairfax County (VA) Economic Development Authority

DID YOU KNOW...