

SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PO BOX 68 SHIOCTON WI 54170-0068

January, 2013

# Tri-County Community Dental Clinic Coming to Shiocton Elementary

On Thursday, February 7, Tri-County Dental Clinic will come to Shiocton Elementary school to offer a free dental screening and fluoride varnish to qualifying students. The qualification for



participation in this program is that the student receives free or reduced-cost hot lunch and is in preschool,

kindergarten, or elementary school.

This largely volunteer-driven nonprofit clinic focuses on prevention and early intervention with youngsters who have limited access or whose families cannot afford dental care. The first phase of this program takes place at school, with subsequent treatment at Tri-County Community Dental Clinic.

All services are offered free of charge, including dental cleaning and any restorative treatment a child may require. If you meet the qualification and wish to have your child participate, please watch for the forms to come home soon with your child. If you have any questions, you can contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker, at 986-3351 ext. 714.

# LEGO Bolts Do Shiocton Proud at 2012 State Tournament

The school's third-year LEGO League team competed in the Wisconsin State Tournament at Mukwonago High School on December 8. Sixty teams from across the state were there presenting their research projects and putting their robots to the test.

Our team's research skit on osteoarthritis and gardening was well received, as was their robot design. The team finished in the top 2/3 of all teams in robot performance and top

half in overall score.

Congratulations, LEGO Bolts!!



Above: Tina Ubl and Matthew Wilkinson working at the Robot Competition table.



Back row: Hailev Cummings, Tina Ubl. Coleman Ubl, Matthew Wilkinson. *Middle row:* Maddie Daniels, Josh Wilkinson, Josh Parker, Brandon Rohloff. Front row: Logan Heindl, Dylan Van Camp.

# **School District of Shiocton**

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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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# **MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I hope this issue of *The Link* finds you anticipating some enjoyable activities with your friends and family during the holiday season. Whether you are traveling to visit friends or family or hosting a dinner or a gathering this winter, I wish you a safe and festive Christmas season.

# **Visioning Committee**

Thank you to the following folks who made a huge commitment of time and energy over the past three months to be a part of the District Visioning Committee. The group met for three 8-hour sessions (one Thursday session and two Saturdays) to discuss the future of our school district. More information will follow in coming issues of *The Link* regarding the priorities set forth by the committee.

Committee members are: Al Warner, Amanda Tetzlaff, Andrew Louis, Anne Louis, Sue Berard, Terri Brouillard, Brad Ritchie, Cathy Bronold, Dave Gomm, Glen Bunnell, Greg Schoettler, Harley Griesbach, Hayley Mastey, Jennifer Twombley, Jeremie Birch, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Kimberly VanderHeyden, Kurt Wismer, Lynette Zahradka, Mary Hoffman, Michelle Jorgensen, Missy Van Dyke, and Ray Gomm.

## Weather Related School Closure and/or Delay Decisions

As we move through another Wisconsin winter, I'm certain that some of you are wondering how the decisions are made whether to delay the start of the school day, cancel school for the day, or run buses as usual. I'll give you a brief description of the process we currently use at Shiocton.

I keep a close watch on the forecast so I am aware of potential hazardous travel situations. We all know how unpredictable weather can sometimes be, so this is not the only source. I have numbers for the highway department, and one of our bus drivers and I get out on the roads early in the morning. I also contact superintendents and/or transportation directors in neighboring school districts to get their take on the weather situation.

After all the information is gathered we make the best decision we can, keeping student safety as the top priority while meeting the needs of our families and school. We are not always right! Sometimes the weather is more severe than predicted. Sometimes the timing of the storm creates issues. In those instances, we rely on the steady hands of our bus drivers to get the children safely to their destinations.

Have an excellent 2013! Chris L. VanderHeyden

Please visit the district website at: <a href="http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/">http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/</a>



### **Student Council Hosts Blood Drive**

The High School Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to participate. Please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 782 or stop in at the high school office to make an appointment.

You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason.

- © Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.
- Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.
- Some believe it is the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.



Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

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

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

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

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

> Sincerely, Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

# Shiocton School District Early Childhood Screening Coming Soon



Do you have a child who is three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2013? Do you have a child who will be four years old after September 1, 2013, but will not be enrolled in our four-year-

old kindergarten? Do you have concerns about your child's speech/language, social development, motor skills, or academic readiness? If so, please watch for the February issue of *The Link* for details of an upcoming and free Early Childhood Screening.

## Citizen of the Year Nominations

Shiocton area residents are asked to make nominations for the 15th Annual Citizen of the Year Award sponsored by the Shiocton Area Business League. There are no restrictions as to the person nominated. Judging will be based on the time and effort given by the person nominated in support of

community events. A banquet will be held to honor the person selected.

Mail or drop off entries at:

First National Bank N5579 State Road 76, P.O. Box 37 Shiocton, WI 54170

Entry deadline is January 12, 2013.

# Pie/Dessert Sale Helps Spanish Club

Thank you to the elementary staff, students, and parents for their participation in selling over 160 pies and desserts. Mrs. Streblow's first grade classroom will receive an apple pie party. This



winning classroom sold a grand total of 29 pies. Mrs. Scott's K5 class and Mrs. Romenesko's K4 class each sold 27 pies/desserts. Congratulations!

Carly Lorenz (K5), who sold 27 pies, was the outstanding pie seller and will receive a \$40 Wal-Mart gift card. Second place winners were Brianna Schmidt (K5) with 23 pies sold and Phoebe Pierce (grade 1) with 16 pies/desserts sold. They will each receive a \$20 gift card.

The Spanish Club earned \$629 in profit from this fantastic dessert fundraiser. This will help towards funding their next trip.

# Got Milk, Got Food Too

Farm Technology Days a Big Success for Booster Club

by Laurie McNichols

The Outagamie County Farm Technology Days was "udderly" successful. About 90 volunteers from the Shiocton community wore

their purple shirts that read "Got Milk, Got Food Too" and served food and beverages to thousands of people who attended the three-day event. The Shiocton



Booster Club was able to dispense over \$10,000 amongst the following groups: Wrestling, American Legion Auxiliary, Shiocton Lions, Music Parents, Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, SILA, Dance, Baseball, Volleyball, Hoops Club, and MS Student Council. Thanks for making a marvelously MOOving difference for Shiocton.



Dave McNichols (Executive FTD Food Committee Member) is presenting Danny Riehl and David Gomm (members of the Shiocton Booster Club) the Farm Technology check.

# News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

# Attendance Guidelines from the Health Office

With the cold and flu season upon us it is important to remember a few things:

- When your child has a **fever**, he/she cannot attend school. A child with a temperature over 100 degrees should not be sent to school. Please do not allow your child to return to school until free of a fever
  - for 24 hours. Giving medication such as Tylenol may temporarily reduce the fever but will not reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.
- A child with vomiting and/or diarrhea should be kept home for at least 24 hours after the last episode to allow the body time to recuperate. Call your doctor if prompt improvement does not occur.
- A child with a **deep** or **hacking-like cough** belongs at home. If your child has coughing that is accompanied by a high fever or wheezing, you should consult their doctor immediately.
- A rash may be the first sign of many illnesses. Do not send your child to school with a widespread rash. Again, consult your doctor before you send the child.



- A child with a mild **cold** or **sore throat** with no other symptoms may go to school. They should be encouraged as always to practice good hand washing.
- It is important that your child's emergency information is up to date. If you or your emergency contacts have any address or home/cell/work phone number changes, please update

that information with the office as soon as possible.

- If your child does get sick at school, then you will need to have someone available to pick up him/her immediately. We need to keep other students and staff healthy and safe.
- If your child should require medication during the school day, remember — the school supplies no medication. Medication must be brought in by an adult in the original labeled container along with a permission form from either parent.

Your cooperation on observing the above guidelines will be appreciated. Please contact the nurse or health aide or office if you have questions or concerns regarding this information.



# **Principal's Report**

Here we are at the halfway point of the school year and I can't believe how fast the time has gone. It seems like just yesterday we were starting school, and now we are fast approaching the end of the first semester. First semester exams will be held on January 21 and 22.

Registration for next year is quickly approaching as well. The course description booklet will go before the school board on January 7 for their approval. Mrs. Uelmen, our school counselor, will go into classrooms (shortly after the approval) to meet with students about next year's schedules. For the 2013-14 school year, we will have two AP courses offered at the high school, two blended learning courses, and two courses that are articulated with the technical college. We are excited about the opportunities that the students have at the high school and the variety of courses that we offer.

On January 11, all Shiocton High School seniors will be participating in a program called Reality Check. It is a hands-on program that will help prepare our seniors for the "real world." On January 9, each senior will participate in mock interviews for careers in which they are interested.

Then, on January 11, they will assume that role and see if they can budget properly for a month as they experience a financial literacy activity. Mrs. Ligocki, Ms. Schneider, and Mrs. Uelmen are doing a great job of organizing the event. We are excited to have our students experience this worthwhile activity. We are also pleased with the number of community members who have volunteered to help us with this project. It is great seeing the school and community working so closely together to educate our students.

Last, but not least, I want to take a moment to mention our Math League, which is having an outstanding season again this year. They continue to work hard and make Shiocton High School proud. Way to go, Mr. Funk and the High School Math League!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kelly Zeinert, SILA/High School Principal

# **High School Counselor News**

Check out Shiocton High School Career College on Facebook!! It is open to view and comment.

### **Important Dates**

January 1 FAFSA application is available

January 9 Mock interviews for seniors-8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

January 11 Registration deadline for the February ACT Reality Check for seniors ASVAB for juniors in the a.m.

January 22 End of the semester

February 5 Teen Symposium for freshmen
March 1 Deadline date for Youth Options
See below for more details.

There will be a financial aid application help day called *Goal Sunday* in February for anyone who may need assistance with their FAFSA. This would include anyone attending an institution of higher learning. Fox Valley Technical College is the closest location. Their help day will be on Saturday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.collegegoalwi.org">www.collegegoalwi.org</a> or contact Mrs. Uelmen.

**Seniors:** All seniors should have applied to their colleges by now. If you have not, please see Mrs. Uelmen. Also, check with each of your higher institutions and find out what they offer for scholarships and when they are due. Due dates have passed for many already. Local scholarships are available and letters of recommendation should be requested. Don't wait until the last minute;

teachers will turn you down if they do not have adequate time to prepare.

**Mock Interviews:** Seniors will be matched up with real employers in the community to conduct job interviews in the field that they are interested in. Please ask your son/daughter about this over the next couple of weeks. It is a great opportunity for our students to start building their network contacts.

**All Students:** It is that time again when you have to start selecting classes for next year. We will be conducting class requests in class so feel free to go online to the school's website and go over the course description book with your parents. This should be a joint effort for you to be successful.

Juniors and Seniors: If any juniors or seniors would like to take college courses for high school credit (better known as Youth Options), the paperwork is due by March 1 in the pupil services office. If you are interested and would like more information, please see the course description book under Youth Options or make an appointment with Mrs. Uelmen. A Youth Apprenticeship meeting will be set up soon as well. This is a state program where students can work in a career area and get paid while taking college courses in that field as well. Please stay posted on the date, time, and place.

**Post-Prom:** Any parents who would like to help with this year's Post-Prom, please contact Julie Gomm for more information. Thanks.

# **Reality Check**

by Roberta Ligocki

For the seventh year, the seniors will get a dose of reality Shiocton style on Wednesday and Friday morning, January 9 and 11. The purpose of the program is to give the seniors a "heads up" of what to expect financially when they graduate from high school and college and enter the workforce. Reality Check is a popular program among high schools across the state and is being planned by Mrs. Uelmen, Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Zeinert, and me.

On Wednesday morning, job interviews will be conducted with the seniors by local employers. Seniors will also meet with First National Bank to open a checking account using their monthly income (determined by their career selection).

On Friday morning, booths will be set up in the gym with volunteers from area businesses presenting the seniors with the costs of their products and services. Students must purchase food, an apartment or house, a vehicle, utilities, and pay other expenses using debit cards and checks. Their goal is to make ends meet for the entire month. Also incorporated will be unexpected expenses such as illnesses, accidents, home repairs, and even violations of the law.

The seniors from last year enjoyed the program. Several had eye-opening experiences. We hope to obtain the same results this year. If you would like to be a part of Reality Check, please volunteer by calling Mrs. Zeinert at 986-3351 ext. 751.

### **Trees for Tomorrow**

by Eric Zurfluh and Zack Krause

This year four Shiocton High School students attended Trees for Tomorrow. The students were Brad Beyer, Garrett Beyer, Zack Krause, and Eric Zurfluh. Trees for Tomorrow is an environmental school in Eagle River, Wisconsin. It took place from November 28 to December 1. We



learned many things about nature. For example, we learned the four most common hardwood trees with an easy saying, MAD HORSE. M stands for maple, A stands for ash, D stands for dogwood, and HORSE stands for chestnut. The reason we learned that is to help with tree ID.

The next day we went to Sylvania Wilderness and took a wilderness hike to identify trees. We also did many other activities like a GPS scavenger hunt, compass hike, visiting an active logging site, and a tour of a paper mill. On the GPS activity we had to load in waypoints and use the GPS to find what's at the waypoint. Then we learned how to use a compass, and the instructor brought us into the woods where we had to use our compass to find the bus a mile and a half away. Then we visited an active logging site to learn how they harvest certain tree types and how some animals only prefer certain types of trees. We also visited a paper mill to see how the trees are being used. In the paper mill they were making the medium, the wavy stuff in between the two sides of a cardboard box. In the paper mill they barely have any waste product because they try to use every part of the tree. We all enjoyed the trip and are hoping that people will enjoy the program in years to come.

# Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Stock Car Visits Shiocton High School

by Vern Louis

I was approached by SSG Nathan N. Preder in November with the opportunity to bring the National Guard-sponsored #88 car driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr. to Shiocton. I said yes right away because it was a great opportunity not

only for my students but for the whole school to see it up close. The car was here from 1st hour to the end of 6th hour on December 12. SSG Preder was very good with the students and answered questions about the project and about his National Guard experience. The #88 car is a replica of what Dale Earnhardt Jr. actually races. The Guard has sponsored this project all around the United States every year for the past five years. The replica car is taken to various venues across the country, and luckily SSG Preder was able to bring it to Shiocton and give our students in the technology education class, along with the rest of the school, the opportunity to see it up close. The students were able to ask questions about the car and the National Guard.





# Milwaukee Art Museum Trip

by Bill Greider

Twenty-seven students went to see one of the best art museums in the midwest on November 20. The Milwaukee Art Museum features a fine collection of American and European art and currently has an exceptional exhibition of the paintings of Kenwood House from London.

The Kenwood House Collection includes the paintings of some of the greatest portrait artists of the 17th and 18th centuries, featuring a fine self-portrait by Rembrandt and portraits and landscapes by Sir Thomas Gainsborough, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Anthony Van Dyck, Franz Hals, and J.M.W. Turner to mention just a few. The self-portrait by Rembrandt is considered by many experts to be one of his best and most mysterious of the 60 self-portraits he did during his career. Rembrandt's portrait is done in the Dutch Baroque style, which highlights dramatic settings and lighting with emotional and atmospheric moods. Most of the other paintings follow the lead of the English artists who all were working in the popular style in the 18th century called Romanticism.

The building itself was designed by award-winning architect Santiago Calatrava, and was completed in 2001. All the students had a great time and enjoyed the chance to see this great collection.









# Dance Team

Front row (*l to r*):
Shelby Krause,
Amber Raddant,
Molly Daemmrich,
Hannah Theobald,
Paige Kruse.
Back row: Natalie
Guyette, Cierra Puls,
Anna Depner, and
Heidi Besch. Not
pictured: Kaylynn
Krause, Emma
Wagner, and Alexia
Beecher.



Photo by Keith Skenandore, Advertiser Community News



# Boys Basketball

Front row (l to r): Head coach

Chad Schmidt, Riley Van Asten, Gage Kamp, Naqeeb Ullah, Talon Heinemeyer. Back row: Jacob Van Asten, Forest Nett, Levi Singler, David McNichols, and Shane Kanaman.

Not pictured: Patrick Brouillard.



# Gírls Basketball

Front row (*l to r*): Brittany Schmidt, Carmen McCarthy, Hayley Vandenboom, Corrie McCarthy.

Back row: Holly Pingel, Samantha Schmidt, Erin Schroth, Jonalee Elliott, Haylee Conradt, and Hannah Guyette.







Photos by Keith Skenandore, Advertiser Community News

# Wrestling

Front row (*l tor*): Garrett Gunderson, Austin Riehl, Garrett Beyer.

Middle row: Mason Gomm, Zech

Riehl, Jacob Dahlke.

Back row: Harley Finder, Derrek Davis, Dan Erickson, and Dominic

Gunderson.

Not pictured: Omar Cervantes, Adam Miller, and Henry Fielding.



In the Meadow You Can Build a Snowman...

by Brooklyn Kleiber



# **School Board Meeting Summary**

#### December 3, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Gregory Schoettler, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Keith Skenandore, Caitlin Majerus, and Beth Bloedorn.

# In other discussion:

- Update on the Visioning Process.
- Garbage pick-up with the Village of Shiocton. An update will be given after Mr. VanderHeyden attends the next Village Board meeting.
- Memorial/Dedication Policy second reading.
- Green Schools Initiatives.

#### Student report:

• Caitlin Majerus reported on Student Council.

# Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Was out ill and submitted a written report that covered the following topics: December events including Grandparents Day, band/choir concert, K5 program, MS caroling, and elementary music program.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Was excused from the meeting and submitted a written report that included information on a Bonduel High School visit to observe one-on-one initiative, student attendance at Trees for Tomorrow, MS/HS music concert, National Guard visit, and mid-quarter on December 13.
- Mrs. Guex: 2011-12 Audit Report. Further review/ discussion at the next meeting.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Upcoming events, holiday gathering, and NEOLA update.

<u>Closed session</u>: To discuss superintendent evaluation and administrative contracts.

# NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Shiocton April 2, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, and that three 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 22, 2013. The present incumbents are as follows:

Bradley Ritchie Melissa Van Dyke Allen Warner

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 **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**, 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 19, 2013.

David Gomm, Clerk Board of Education School District of Shiocton

# January Calendar of Events

1	Tue	Market Day orders due	
2	Wed	School resumes	
		Deadline for filing School Board candidacy papers — 5:00 pm	
4	Fri	Geography Bee for grades 4-8 in room E146 — 10:00 am	
		C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm	
_	_	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Amherst — 6:00/7:30 pm	
5	Sat	HS Wrestling at Cedar Grove-Belgium — 10:00 am	•
7	Mon		Seography Bee
0		Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00-8:30 pm	January 4
	TT.	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	10:00 a.m.
8	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm	E146
	<b>W</b> 7 - <b>J</b>	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm	
9	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm	
0/11	W/E	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm	
9/11 10	W/F Thu	Reality Check for seniors	
11	Fri	HS Wrestling at Bonduel — 7:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm	
11	1'11	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm	
12	Sat	Citizen of the Year nominations due at First National Bank	
14	Mon	HS band/choir Nashville trip payment due (\$145)	
17	IVIOII	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Black Creek — 4:00 pm	
		MS Wrestling at Seymour — 4:15 pm	
		Hunter Safety class in the LMC — 6:00-8:30 pm	
15	Tue	<b>The Link</b> — Deadline for submitting articles for the February issue	
	100	MS Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm	
		JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Southern Door — 6:00-7:30 pm	
		HS Wrestling at home vs. Fox Valley Lutheran — 7:00 pm	
17	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 4:00 pm	
		C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm	
18	Fri	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm	
19	Sat	MS Wrestling Invitational at Bay Port High School — 8:00 am	
		HS Wrestling Multi-Meet at Amherst — 10:00 am	
		C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 5:30	0/7:00 pm
21	Mon	HS Final Exams — HS students released at 12:20 pm	
		Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm	Cseinad giraffe
		MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at Greenville Middle School — 4:15 pm	friend 💓
		JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Suring — 6:00/7:30 pm	
		Hunter Safety class in the cafeteria — 6:00-8:30 pm	
		School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
22	Tue	HS Final Exams	
		End of the first semester — 12:10 pm dismissal	Spelling Bee
		C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm	January 21
22	337 1	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm	1:00 p.m.
23	Wed	Varsity Quiz Bowl Match at Gresham — 9:30 am	Cafeteria
24	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm	
25	Г <b>.</b>	HS Wrestling at Menominee Indian — 7:00 pm	
25	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to Mosquito Hill — 8:45 am-2:15 pm	
		C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Iola-Scandinavia — 6:00/7:30 pm	
26	Sat	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 7:30 pm Hunter Safety field test day	
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28	Mon	HS Wrestling Multi-Meet at Sturgeon Bay — 8:00 am Hunter Safety written test day	
40	IVIOII	MS Wrestling Mega-Conference Meet at New London — 4:15 pm	
		MS Solo and Ensemble Festival at home — 3:30-6:30 pm	
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29 Tue MS Girls Basketball at home vs.

Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Stockbridge

-- 6:00/7:30 pm

30 Wed Varsity Quiz Bowl Match at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 9:00 am

MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel

— 4:00 pm

C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood —

6:00/7:30 pm

Varsity Girls Basketball at Stockbridge —

7:00 pm

# Coming Up in February

- 1 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood MS jazz students field trip to Lawrence University
- MS Girls Basketball Tournament at Wittenberg-Birnamwood
   HS Wrestling Conference Meet at Tri-County
- 5 C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Amherst
- 6 Student Council blood drive Varsity Quiz Bowl Match at home
- 13 Early dismissal/staff development 12:10 pm

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
On days when we have <b>not</b> be serving breakfast be		2 Pizza, mandarin oranges, green beans, milk	3 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, pineapple, milk	4 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, carrots, uncrustable sandwich, applesauce, milk
7 Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, mandarin oranges, milk	8 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, garlic bread, pineapple, milk	9 Brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	10 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, pears, carrots, milk	11 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, green beans, strawberries, milk
14 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or cheezy cream of potato soup, uncrustable PB&J sandwich, carrots, applesauce, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, green beans, peaches, milk	17 Mini corn dogs, rice, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	18 Grab-n-Go salad or sub basket: ham, turkey, cheese, fresh vegetables, chips, apple juice, cookie, milk
21 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	22 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, pineapple, fruit juice bars, milk	23 Chili, homemade buns, string cheese, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk	24 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, baked beans, pears, milk	25 Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, peas, peaches, milk
28 Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken patty on a bun, seasoned rice, broccoli with cheese, peaches, milk	29 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk	30 Nachos with meat sauce, cheese, sour cream, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	31 Grab–n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, carrots, pears, milk	* Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.95 per day, \$9.75 per week, \$42.90 for January Middle/High School — \$2.25 per day, \$11.25 per week, \$49.50 for January

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

With all of the activities and programs that were conducted during the month of December, the month just zoomed on by. Here's some information about some of the activities that took place as well as things to come in the near future:

**December Programs**: Great job to band students (grades 5-12) and choir students (grades 6-12) who recently performed for family and friends. What an amazing program!



As I write this, the elementary music students are rehearsing for their programs that are scheduled to take place just before winter break.



I would like to thank all of the students and staff members involved with these programs. An incredible amount of time and work goes into these programs each year. Keep up the GREAT work!

**Food and Toy Drive Update**: A HUGE "thank you" to the staff, students, families, local businesses, and entire community for the tremendous support of this year's Food and Toy Drive. A huge round of applause needs to be given to the High School Student Council for organizing



and coordinating this wonderful event to benefit families within our community. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!!!! Thanks to the entire school community for helping to make the holiday season a bit brighter for Shiocton families ©

## **Important Dates and Upcoming Events:**

Geography Bee: The Geography Bee is coming up on Friday, January 4. Good luck to all of the students who will be participating!



End of the Second Quarter: The end of the second quarter is coming up on Tuesday, January 22. Please keep monitoring and encouraging your child so that he/she has a strong finish. There will be a 12:10 p.m. early dismissal on this day.

Spelling Bee: The Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, January 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Good luck to all S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S!!! ◎



Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration: During the week of February 11-15, registration will be held for students who will be entering K4

or K5 during the 2013-14 school year. Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held in May. Please contact the school office at 986-3351 ext. 721 if you have any questions. Also, please help spread the word about the registration week if you know anyone with children eligible for either grade. Thank you!

Open Enrollment: Just a reminder that the open enrollment window will be from February 4 through April 30 for the 2013-14 school year. Contact the district office at 986-3351 ext. 700 or 761 for more information. You may also obtain additional information on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website (www.dpi.state.wi.us) at the beginning of February. Open enrollment applications can be downloaded directly from this website in early February.



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair: The fair is coming up on Monday, March 4. Many grade levels will be participating through grade level projects and/or displays. Individual students may also participate through individual science projects,

experiments, and/or displays. So, it's time to begin thinking about those science experiments and projects. Additional information will be coming home in January.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. May you be showered with many blessings in the coming year. Happy New Year!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺

Elementary/Middle School Principal

Each school district in Wisconsin was recently issued a "School Report Card" based on many factors. While we were satisfied with how we were rated for the first year, we know we have much more work to do and can improve in many areas. We know we can't do it alone; we definitely need your help. One way you can help is to ensure that your child is coming to school each and every day. This will help us raise our daily attendance numbers even higher. Another way you can help is to ensure that your child is reading 20 minutes each night. This will soooooo greatly help not only our scores, but also your child's overall academic achievement and his/her test scores, which will lead to your child feeling even better about him/herself. We thank you for partnering with us in vour child's education. ©

# Early Childhood: "Running As Fast As We Can" through December

Our classroom was transformed into a gingerbread house which students decorated with candy (not real of course)! They decorated lollipops with melted crayons and water colors, used real sugar to make gum drops, and got their hands dirty adding stripes to candy canes. The students laughed frequently when reading about the Gingerbread Boy, the Gingerbread Baby, and the Gingerbread Pirates. They made



their own gingerbread man using various art mediums. In addition, the students learned the *5 Little Gingerbread* rhyme and while they rehearsed the verses the gingerbread men tried to run away, but the students were too fast for them!

Students also created different types of trees during our tree theme week. This theme was perfect for discussing shapes since trees are triangular. The students worked diligently on size seriation by making a tree out of various size green ribbons. They used a tree cutout to make their own multi-colored crayon. Surprisingly, students also got their feet dirty to make some spectacular trees!

The last week ended with Early Childhood students singing *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* while wearing the antler hats that they had made. We also made reindeer cookies using pretzels and M&Ms.

January brings us into the cold, snowy season where we will build snowmen of all shapes and sizes. We will also be learning about polar bears and penguins. Hopefully, there will be snow to make our activities this month more enjoyable. Happy winter and keep warm!

# **K4** Celebrates the Season

The four-year-olds had a wonderful December. They enjoyed making decorations for our classroom and gifts for their parents.

We had a parent/ child activity night on December 6. There was a great turnout and everyone had a good time. It was a

wonderful opportunity for the children and parents to spend some one-on-one time together.

We ended the month with a classroom party. The children enjoyed the holiday games and treats. We look forward to January and all of the winter fun it can bring. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's piano and guitar students will be held on May 3 and 4 in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars!

There will be an evening recital on Friday and recitals at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Contact Mrs. Ritchie with any conflicts with the date or special requests for performance times.



# K5: Ready to Start the New Year

The holiday season has wrapped up and the new year is here! Our Christmas program was a huge success; thank you to all who were able to attend. The kindergartners were so excited to have such a great audience viewing their performance.

The K5 children are working extremely hard to start off the new year. The arrival of winter has created a new sense of independence with each child. They are dressing themselves in all of their gear and even offering to help others in order to get outside quickly to play in the

to get outside quickly to play in the snow!

The kindergartners are amazed at how many words they are able to read. Thank you for continuing to work with your child at home on his/her reading and writing skills. The practice is definitely making a difference. In January, we will add the sight words *you*, *have*, *in*, *big*, *no*, *do*, *what*, and *he*. We will also be working on identifying the letters *Hh*, *Ee*, *Bb*, and *Kk*.

In math, we are continuing to work on numbers 0 to 10. Children have received a set of flash cards to review each night, and we will continue to add to this set of flash cards. Touch Counting has been introduced to the students to encourage them to focus on counting with the number rather than their fingers. Touch Counting will stick with the students beyond their ten fingers. Eventually, the kindergartners will become so confident with their addition skills, they will know the answer to a number sentence automatically! These building experiences will help each student prepare for first grade math skills.

K5 wishes you a happy and healthy New Year!

# Snow Much Fun in Grade One!

Wow! It's hard to believe, but December is almost over! The first graders had a lot of fun reading *The Gingerbread Man*, baking cookies, and creating artwork to go along with this unit. Thank you to all who volunteered to help make cookies and to those of you who were able to send the gingerbread man to another state. We received quite a few postcards already, and should continue to receive some well into January. This was a great way to learn about different states and have fun. too.

Speaking of fun, we can't wait to have "snow much fun" in January. The first graders will read Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* and listen to



many other snow stories. Students will make great big "tear" snowmen, a snowball picture storybook, and riddles about snow. They will also learn about compound words, such as snowball,

snowman, and snowflake, by making a book of "snow" words. What fun!

In science, Mrs. Bellin's and Mrs. Behnke's students have just finished up their animal units and are starting to learn about planets. The children are having so much fun that we might make the whole solar system! In January we'll be studying the weather and seasons. In social studies, Mrs. Streblow's class has been discussing communities, jobs, and wants and needs. Then they will learn about the earth and its natural resources in January.

We've really been working hard in first grade. Continue to encourage your child to read daily and practice math skills and spelling words. Keep up the good work at home. Together, we make a great team!



### **Grade 1 Art**

Left: Bennett Schmidt and Eve Johnson glazing the 3D clay Santa they sculpted! Right: Role Sanchez with clay star Santas.





# Learning and Growing in Grade 2

Happy New Year! 2013 is going to be a great year of learning and growing! With the new year, we will be ready to make some awesome New Year's resolutions to do the best we can in school! Thanks in advance for helping make these resolutions happen!

This month in second grade we will be studying animals for science class. We will learn all about mammals, amphibians, fish, reptiles, and birds. We'll become experts at identifying the characteristics of each group of animals. We will also be learning about the various features found in informational text. This is an exciting unit for all of our little animal lovers!

Brrr! It's getting very cold out at recess time. Be sure to bundle up your child with a hat, mittens or gloves, snow pants, and boots. We do continue to

go outside for recess each day — unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero.

Watch for information to come home this month about our next field trip. We will be heading to The Building for Kids (Children's Museum) in Appleton on February 1. We will be able to explore the building's many cool displays, as well as take a Simple Machines Discovery Class. The field trip note will come home mid-January.

# Free February Family Movie Night!!

Due to success of the Family Movie Night in November, SPICE has decided to sponsor another Movie Night on February 16. This Friday event will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The movie to be shown is still to be determined; however, now is the time to get this event on your calendar!!

Admission to our movie night will be free for both students and adults alike. We will have minor concessions (popcorn, candy, Gatorade, etc.) for sale. We recommend you bring a blanket to sit on to make the floor or cafeteria seating more comfortable.

Be looking for more information about this fun event. Any questions about it can be directed to Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com.

# **Grade 3 – Bring on 2013!**

In math, third graders will be finishing up their multiplication unit and moving into division for the start of 2013. Please continue to review these multiplication facts at home.

Now that December and the hustle and bustle of the holidays are upon us, it's time for concerts, baking, shopping, and the visiting of family and friends. It is very important that students continue to get in their reading over break. We want them to keep progressing forward.

Our second quarter book report project is due on January 18, 2013. Students need to read a folktale or a fairy tale and create a puppet or statue of one of the characters. The information for this book report is in your child's agenda.

Our next field trip is January 25 — a trip to Mosquito Hill Nature Center. More info to follow. Just a reminder: All third graders do go outside for recess and they need to be dressed properly. Winter coats, hats, boots, and mittens are a must. We wish everyone a fun-filled holiday season.



Grade 3 Art — Clay Coil Pottery









# Autism Effectiveness Academy and CESA 6 Invite You To

The First of Three Evenings for Parents...



Sgt. John Wallschlaeger, Appleton Police Department Wednesday, January 9 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Lomira High School Library 1030 4th Street Lomira. WI 53048

- How can I prepare my child/adolescent for interactions with emergency providers?
- How do I keep my child/adolescent safe?
- How will police officers know that my child/adolescent has autism?
- My child/adolescent sometimes has behaviors that may appear threatening how will the police respond to this?
- What about children/adolescents with other kinds of mental illnesses?
- My child/adolescent is nonverbal what if the police don't understand him?
- How can I support my community in training our police force to deal with children/adolescents like mine?

All families are invited to join us for this informative evening! Conversation will be geared specifically to the needs of families with children with autism spectrum disorders, but topics are applicable to many different families.

Questions? Contact Ellen Franzone, efranzone@cesa6.org.

Child care available — including a parent of a child with ASD!





# **Gifted and Talented**

Nicole Hess (grades K-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us Lindsay Pribek (grades 4-12) 986-3351 ext. 795 or lpribek@shiocton.k12.wi.us

# **Battle of the Books**

The fourth and fifth grade Battle of the Books participants have been meeting every week to discuss the literature they have read. They have been excited about using the Edmodo website.

These cold weather days and nights are perfect for snuggling up and reading a good book. Challenge yourself to read the 20 books so you and your child can quiz each other. You can also help your child prepare for the online test by quizzing them on the title and author of each book. Enjoy reading with your child and stay warm!



This year's schoolwide spelling bee for students in grades 3-8 will be held on January 21 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The winners of the classroom bees (held before and after winter break) will compete to earn the school title and advance to the regional level early in February. Encourage your children to BEE their best and practice their spelling. ©

# **Fourth Grade Mystery Box**

The fourth grade students are in the process of researching answers to questions they had about the village of Shiocton in preparation for clue development for the 2012-13 Mystery Box

The students would also love to hear from the community about Shiocton and its history. If you or someone that you know would be willing to come and share their knowledge of Shiocton, please contact Ms. Pribek at (920) 986-3351 ext. 795. The students would love to hear information about Shiocton and its past not found in books.

### Counselor's Corner

by Angela Hammill, K5-7 Counselor (920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or ahammill@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Greetings from
the elementary/
middle school
counseling office!
January marks our
month of "Self
Knowledge and
Management" for all K5-7th grade
classrooms.

K5-2nd grade students discussed things like self-control, listening skills, eye contact, and appropriate ways to communicate. Our 3rd-7th grade students explored different ways our perceptions and judgments on others can hold us back from getting to know a person for who they truly are. All classes agreed to challenge their future assumptions with the following questions or thoughts before judging:

- Do I really know this person or am I making an assumption based on what they look like?
- Am I grouping this person in a category?
- How would I feel if someone judged me on how I look?

### **Student Council**

Our 5th grade Student Council did a great job in fundraising for our Food



and Toy Drive this year. We raised over \$50 in quarters for our "Chew it Up for a Cause" day. All money was used to

purchase gift cards for Christmas for families in need.

### **Upcoming Winter Groups**

Currently, I am facilitating a number of groups in the areas of *Coping with Divorce, Loss and Death, Friendship*, and *Social Skills*. I am looking for students for our spring small groups as well. I will be holding a 1st-2nd grade *Coping with Divorce* group and *Friendship* group. Please call me directly if you feel your child would benefit from being a participant of one of these groups.

# **Grade 4 Welcomes Grandparents**

Every school year we students and teachers are amazed at how fast the year goes by. The explanation for that is that school is a fun and busy place. Time flies when you are having fun! If it is January, it means that the end of the semester is just around the corner. We are really proud of our students and how they are doing academically.

On November 30, the fourth grade hosted their annual Grandparents Day. We had fun welcoming our grandparents and serving them some treats. We presented them with essays comparing our childhood to theirs, made a craft, and played a guessing game with items from their childhood. We ended the program by singing them some familiar songs. It was a grand day!











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**FBLA Sponsors Wear a Hat Day**Donates Proceeds to Food and Toy Drive

Shiocton FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members organized a

week-long event for students to wear hats in school. Students paid \$1 per day to wear a hat. The fundraiser totaled \$393. All proceeds were donated to the Shiocton Food and Toy Drive.



# **Grade 5: Grammar Rocks**

Grammar lets us think about words. There are many words, but only eight kinds. The eight kinds of words are called the Parts of Speech. With these eight kinds of words, we can do amazing things. The fifth graders wrote "Grammar Grabber" poems with the eight Parts of Speech.

### The Kitty

The Kitty, fluffy and cute, running and playing skillfully, Cat.

# The Wolf

The Wolf, fast and wild, running and hunting quickly, Canine. by Levi Spencer

#### The Lion

The Lion, wild and hungry, runs and walks wildly, Cat. by Derek Bedor

#### **Nachos**

The Nachos, cheese and meaty, baked and fried gently, Chips. by Jennifer Muniz

### A Narwhal

A Narwhal long and white, swims and twists fast, Mammal. by Destannie Wagner

# A Planet

A Planet interesting and fascinating, circling and orbiting continually, Neptune.

by Mikayla Henry

# The Conquistador

The Conquistador cruel and relentless, destroying and conquering endlessly Hernando Cortes.



"Superstar" poems were also fun to create with the eight Parts of Speech.

#### **Hunter Raeck**

Short, fast, smart, muscular Son, brother, cousin, friend Yes! Wow! Hey! Catch, run, throw, jump I can catch and run. In my room, by the TV.

# **Sky Green**

Smart, talkative, fast, nice Daughter, friend, cousin, sister Holy! Wow! Dude! Walk, run, jog, dance I am amazing and a good friend. At my house, in my room.

#### **Cole Wilcox**

Fun, athletic, smart, kind Brother, son, teammate, pianist Hey! Yes! Oh! Jump, run, talk, eat I like basketball, but baseball is my favorite sport. In a gym, on the baseball field.

#### **Abbie Hanks**

Sporty, sleepy, smart, hungry Friend, daughter, sister, niece Wow! Yikes! Yippee! Fish, hula hooping, draw, run I like to draw and write. On the couch, in my room.

# SPICE: Fun Activities Coming Up

by Steve Parker, SPICE Chairman

It is hard to believe 2012 is over and the holidays are past. Cookies and Milk with Santa was a huge hit. A record number of families visited St. Nick in the Shiocton



cafeteria. Thanks to all who helped make this day a success.

SPICE still has several exciting events coming up for this school year. We are so

grateful for all of the volunteers who help at each event. Without you, we would not be able to sponsor the things we do.

In February, SPICE will host another Free Family Movie Night. The movie has yet to be selected, but I am sure it will be a fun night for all. The end of February brings both the Scholastic Book Fair and our Funset Boulevard Family Night.

The theme for this book fair is Story Laboratory. Should fit perfectly with the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair that will be running at the same time. These events are going to be very fun. The book fair gets books in our children's hands to encourage literacy and is also one of our biggest fundraisers. This is a great opportunity to see your child's artwork, science projects, the students folk dancing, and to purchase new books for your home library. More information on these events will be sent home in mid-February.

On March 7, we will host our 13th Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. The cost is \$2/wristband (non-refundable). The purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, half-price laser tag, carousel rides, and kids play area. Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands. It's a great family event!

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. Our meetings are small and informal, and you do not have to attend them

all. Please come and see what we are all about. SPICE makes a difference in our school; come and be a part of that difference. If you have any questions or

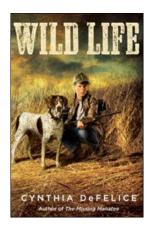
suggestions, please feel free to contact Steve Parker at siparker92@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there.

# Books with the Boys #7

by Tim Huebner, with guest review by Gunnar Oskey

This column represents the first book I have read from a student recommendation. Generally recommendations work the other way! After buying the book *Wild Life* at the most recent book fair, Gunnar Oskey approached me and said I might like it. Well he was right! I enjoyed the fast-paced book a great deal. The book tells a story of Erik, a boy with a passion for hunting, who has his normal life turned upside down when his parents are sent to Iraq. He ends up being sent to live with his grandparents in North Dakota. The adventures he has out there give him new insight to the meaning of family.



#### **Basic Facts about the Book**

Author: Cynthia DeFelice Title: Wild Life

Published by Farrar, Straus

and Giroux, 2011

Reading level: Age 8 and up

Page count: 192

This can be found used or new on Amazon and in most public and school libraries. In addition, this book was part of the most recent book fair.

Seeing the cover of this book, I knew it was something I immediately identified with: a hunter, a dog, and a shotgun. The book reminded me of growing up on the farm, when going hunting meant walking out the back door with a gun and the dog. I did a lot of that, and like most young hunters, dreamed about living off the land with just hunting skills. Erik finds himself in that position during the novel. I found the book a quick and entertaining read.

I would recommend this book to any student interested in bird hunting or just reading a good story. The book moves quickly and as a result, would keep the interest of most readers. I would recommend the cover test for any prospective reader. What's that you might ask? Take a quick look at the cover and if it looks like your kind of book, it is.

#### **Gunnar Oskey**

The book *Wild Life* is about a boy named Erik. Erik and his friend Patrick just took Hunter Safety. They earned the highest grades in the class. After Hunter Safety class, Erik starts to pheasant hunt with his dad and their dog named Hotspots. Pheasant hunting meant a lot to Erik. Soon after, he finds out his parents are both called up in the army to serve in Iraq. Erik will be leaving New York to live in North Dakota with grandparents he barely knows.

At his grandparents' he rescues a dog that had porcupine quills in its face. The veterinarian comes over and takes the quills out, but his grandfather says he needs to return the dog. Erik does not wish to do this, so he finds a gun and some shells and sets off to survive on his own in the wild. He ends up shooting five pheasants and a rabbit and finding a shed to spend the night in. However, a man finds him and threatens to report him, so he returns home. The next day the dog's owner shows up and claims the lost dog.

I like this book because I like hunting. I like hunting because it is a tradition passed down in my family. I also enjoy the Great Plains.

I would recommend this book to my brothers, all my cousins, and Mr. Huebner because they all like hunting. My brothers like hunting because our dad goes. My cousins also enjoy hunting for the same reasons.



Cookies and Milk with Santa had one of its largest turnouts this year. Santa was a big hit with the kids and adults. Lots of fun was had by all, with tattoos, cookie decorating, and activity pages. We had such a large quantity of books we were able to give each child two books this year. What a fun day and great way to get our kids reading!

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with setup, the event, and the clean-up. This event would not be able to go on without you all. I also thank Julie Gomm and her high school students again for making our cookies. Being a part of our school's events and children's lives is priceless. Events like these will go on forever with great volunteers. And last but certainly not least — thanks, Santa!!

Cheralee Marcks, event coordinator





## HOME STRETCH TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break and into the final stretch in preparation for the Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival, we ask that you would help us keep the kids accountable. Ask your son/daughter to play their solo or ensemble for you at home. Encourage them to practice their music. This event is our best opportunity for music growth and achievement. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The festival is on Monday, January 28, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. right here at school. Individual event times will be posted as we get closer to the event. We are in need of six to seven parent volunteers to be room monitors for the festival. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor.

The High School Solo and Ensemble Festival is Saturday, February 16, at Bowler **High School** this year. All high school musicians are doing some sort of event at the festival. Please mark your calendars and if you can, come and support your child's work in music. It's worth celebrating!

### **HIGH SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENT DUE**

The third payment for the high school music trip to Nashville in the amount of \$145 is due **Monday**, **January 14**. Please make sure your payment is made on time.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ TRIP

Middle school jazz students will travel to Lawrence University on Friday, February 1, to see *The Bad Plus*, a jazz trio out of Minneapolis. To play jazz well, you need to hear it played well. We want to get our jazz band listening to real professionals playing real jazz. This concert is part of the Lawrence Jazz Artist series. The performance starts at 8:00 p.m. in the Lawrence University Chapel. More details on transportation and cost coming soon. Look for a letter coming home.

# 2013!

"The things I learned from my experience in music in school are discipline, perseverance, dependability, composure, courage, and pride in results...not a bad preparation for the workforce!"

> - Gregory Anrig, president **Educational Testing Service**

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#### **PEP BAND**

Friday, January 4 6:30 p.m.

#### **PEP BAND**

Friday, January 11 6:30 p.m.

# **HS TRIP PAYMENT DUE**

Monday, January 14

#### **PEP BAND**

Tuesday, January 15 6:30 p.m.

### **PEP BAND**

Friday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL **SOLO and ENSEMBLE**

Monday, January 28 3:30-6:30 p.m. Shiocton MS 6-8 BAND|CHOIR STUDENTS

#### **PEP BAND**

Thursday, January 31 6:30 p.m.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL **JAZZ TRIP**

Friday, February 1 Evening (time TBA) Lawrence University MS JAZZ STUDENTS

# **HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE**

Saturday, February 16 **Bowler HS** 9-12 BANDICHOIR STUDENTS

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