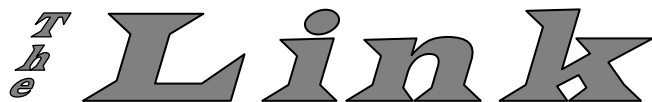


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## School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

January, 2015

### Dental Clinic Coming to Shiocton Elementary

On Tuesday, January 20, the 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 questions, contact the school nurse, Rebecca Ecker, at 986-3351 ext. 714.

### Mill Rate to Decrease; Informational Meetings Planned

*by Nichole Schweitzer*

Shiocton School District taxpayers could realize a savings of close to \$250 on each \$100,000 of property value next year. The mill rate is projected to be approximately \$10.23 per \$1,000 of property value, a decrease of \$2.57 from this year's mill rate.

The current, non-recurring referendum approved by voters in 2010 will expire in June. Thus, these dollars will no longer be available to support the educational program at Shiocton schools.

The Shiocton Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to seek a three-year, non-recurring referendum on the Tuesday, February 17, primary ballot. This referendum would both lower the mill rate and generate necessary operational funds.

Community members are invited to attend one or more of the scheduled informational meetings:

- Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m., Shiocton School cafeteria
- Wednesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m., Bovina Town Hall
- Thursday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m., Ellington Town Hall
- Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m., Maine Town Hall



### Successful Teddy Bear Toss

Shiocton SWAT members collected teddy bears at the annual Teddy Bear Toss during halftime of the December 8 boys basketball game. All stuffed animals collected were donated to the Food and Toy Drive. SWAT members also worked the concession stand during the game. SWAT stands for Students With Alternative Thinking. This group promotes living a healthy lifestyle and avoiding drugs. Pictured are Tina Ubl, Emmie Jahnke, Lexi Bellin, and Becca Kelly.



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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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## Music and Rockets and Bacteria, Oh My!

To many, I am still new in my position and thus am often asked, "How is it going at Shiocton?" This is quickly followed by the companion inquiry, "Why Shiocton?" While my answer to the former may be shadowed by the day's events, my honest answer to the latter is always the same, "There are *so* many reasons why..."

...because vocal and instrumental music practitioners of all ages combine their varying talents and unwavering enthusiasm to create concerts grand enough to sell out the house. Goose bumps aplenty were felt by a multitude of concert goers at Monday night's Winter Concert, as the choirs and band combined to make grand music – a performance of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Canon Rock" like nothing ever heard before – yet they thank me for attending.

...because students anxiously anticipate the launching of their water bottle rocket regardless of weather – and they excitedly welcome my participation. This, despite the fact that each of the students know Mr. Doro and I will soon lead them into the school and through the related written report requirement.

...because educators incorporate hands-on, active inquiry activities into their lessons, including a recent one in which students swabbed door handles, mouth pieces, and keyboards in hopes of growing bacteria – and they invite you to share their microscope to view the cocci and bacilli (and sometimes mold).

...because Shiocton Schools foster a feeling of family where everybody pulls their weight and works together, where everybody supports one another, where there is not "your student" but rather "our students."

## Showcasing Shiocton Education

Don't just take it from me, after all I am still relatively new. Rather, listen to the students as they express in their own words and pictures what makes Shiocton Schools a great place to learn and grow. Look for this special video, currently in the works, to be released in January.

*Mrs. Schweitzer*

## Internet Safety Tips – Teens and Younger

Winter break means sleeping in and no homework. It also means increased free time, which often leads to increased "screen time." Here are a few tips to keep your kids and teens safe while cruising the Internet over break and any time:

- S • Never post personal information such as birthdate, home address, or cell phone.
- A • Do not post inappropriate pictures of yourself or others, even to Snapchat. Always check with a parent before posting any pictures.
- F • Keep your passwords secret from friends. Parents, be sure you have up-to-date password information so that you can check your child's social media accounts.
- E • Be sure to use the privacy setting accounts on social network sites.

Learn more about staying safe on the Internet by visiting:

- <http://www.netsmartzkids.org>
- <http://www.getnetwise.com>
- [www.NetSmartz.org/Teens](http://www.NetSmartz.org/Teens)
- [www.safeteens.com](http://www.safeteens.com)

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## Save The Date

Shiocton Wrestling Club  
Corn Hole Tournament



March 28

River Rail Bar  
and Banquet Hall

More details to come.



## 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, 2015? Do you have a child who will be four years old after September 1, 2015, 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.



## Hunter Safety Class

Register on the Web

by Officer Fischer

The Hunter Safety class will start February 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Class will be every Monday night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. through March 2. It is mandatory that a parent or guardian attend the first class, and they are strongly encouraged to attend all classes. The field day will probably be February 28. To register for the class go to [www.wisconsinndnrsafetyclasses](http://www.wisconsinndnrsafetyclasses). Click on Safety



Education-Wisconsin DNR. You will then see the Sign Up for Safety Education Course page. Scroll down to Enroll. Click and then click on the Search For and Enroll in Upcoming Classes in the green box on the left side of the page.

After the written test is done for Hunter Safety on March 2, we will start a two-week Bowhunter Safety course for those students who wish to take it. Bowhunter Safety is not required in Wisconsin, but many western states require Bowhunter Safety certification. Only the students who took part in the Shiocton Hunter Safety course can take our Bowhunter Safety course. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (920) 810-8204 or at [gfischer@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:gfischer@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

Again, it is mandatory that a parent or guardian attend the first class, and they are strongly encouraged to attend all classes.

## Interested in a Flag Football League?

Parents,

I sent out a survey to the Shiocton Summer Sports e-mail list to gauge the interest in a Shiocton flag football league. Currently, our small village has to send its boys and girls to Hortonville or Greenville to participate in youth football programs. I am working with our school district to create a youth football program that would be free to the participants. I am sharing with all of you a link so you can respond as to your child's interest in such a program. I want to get a true idea of the numbers involved in order to create a projected budget.

Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience, and thank you. Here is the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/create/?sm=n64HECegct6BfNLseoCE8aYPsKh3tgRKbFFey5Td5zl%3d>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Bob Smith

(920) 419-4500 or [bsmith91677@gmail.com](mailto:bsmith91677@gmail.com)

## Sewing and Quilting Open Lab to be Offered at School

This class provides an opportunity for basic level students to work on sewing and quilting projects of their choosing, within a less structured classroom environment. An instructor is available for assistance, but does not present specific demonstrations or lectures. The class is for students with basic skills in sewing machine operation, sewing, and/or quilting. Bring your own sewing machine to class, or let us know if you need one provided.



Where: High School Family and Consumer Science room (H132)

When: Wednesdays 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dates: January 21 to February 25

Cost: \$64.38 under age 62 or \$7.75 for age 62 and up

Items to bring will be discussed at the first class. You may bring your pattern and material if you have a project to work on, or since this is an open lab, you can bring in any items to work on. If you have any questions, you can contact FVTC at (715) 823-1555 or instructor, Donna Grubic, at (920) 740-1684. Please call (715) 823-1555 or 1 (800) 321-7133 to register.





## Math Morning: Hands-on Learning

by Mrs. Schweitzer



*Math coach, Mary Richards, talks with parents about the foundations of Math Expressions.*

Shiocton Elementary School proudly hosted its very first Math Morning on Tuesday, October 28. Nearly 50 parents and community members attended the offering where they learned about the *Math Expressions* series from math coach Mary Richards.

*Math Expressions* is a comprehensive instructional series designed to build numeric fluency and conceptual understanding rather than relying on rote memory of math facts and equations. Additionally, *Math Expressions* offers students “different ways of doing” or multiple ways to solve for the answer, often using proof drawings and manipulatives to provide a visual representation. Students use precise language and both verbal and written expressions to describe what they were thinking when they solved for the answer.

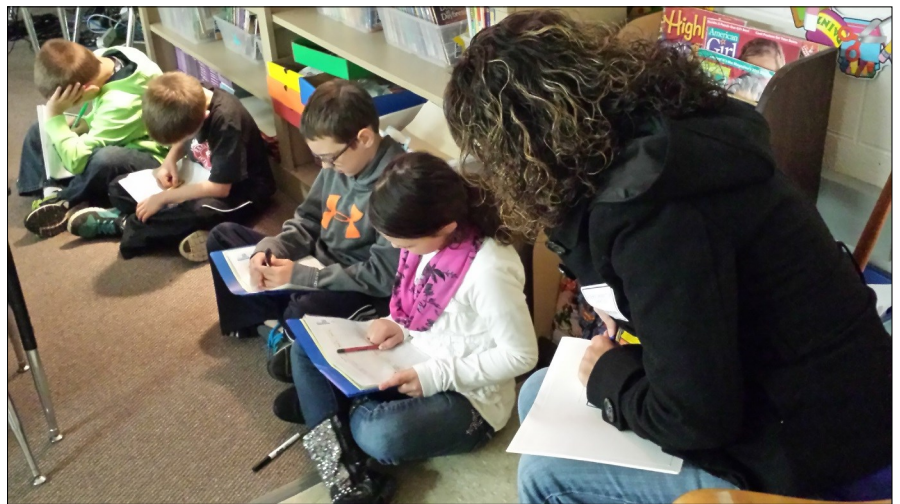
After learning more about the series itself, attendees joined students in the classroom for some hands-on learning. Students used whiteboards, base ten units, and even finger flashes as they demonstrated to parents how they processed the problem and derived the answer. Teachers demonstrated the different ways of doing – such as comparison bars, area model, and break-aparts – while explaining the new vocabulary, including “grouping,” “ungrouping,” and “make a ten” to name a few.

Those attending commented on the use of manipulatives to help kids understand, even at the older grades. Others commented on how early kids were learning algebra. Many of the feedback cards asked for a repeat of the morning, for more time in the classroom, and for access to resources they saw being used by the students and teacher.

While we look into the possibility of hosting Math Morning #2, we want to share the link to the eGlossary for grades 1-5: [http://www.eduplace.com/math/mthexp13/applications/eglossary\\_9780547857565\\_/glossary.html](http://www.eduplace.com/math/mthexp13/applications/eglossary_9780547857565_/glossary.html).

It’s a learning time for all of us, so please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Griesbach if you have questions.

*(more pictures on next page)*



*A parent watches as travel buddies work together to build math fact fluency.*

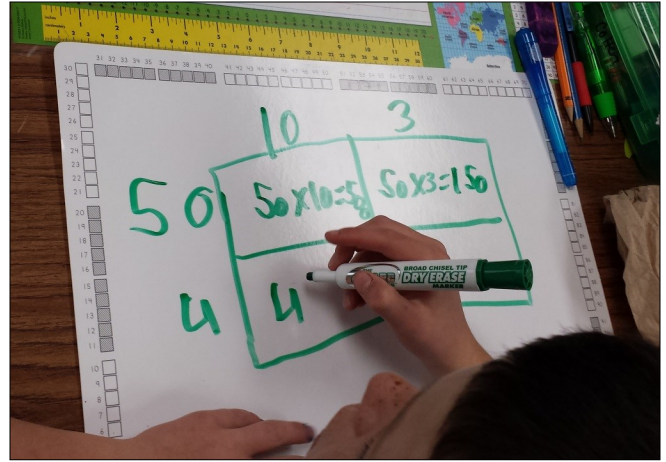


*Kindergarten students demonstrate their knowledge of numbers using numerals and colored manipulatives.*





*Fourth graders demonstrating the use of proof drawings to prove the solution to their calculation problem.*



*A fourth grader demonstrates the Area Model of multiplication.*

## Community Education Event: K-12 Assessments

*by Mrs. Schweitzer*

On Wednesday, November 19, over a dozen community members attended an educational meeting hosted by the Shiocton administrators and teachers to learn more about the various assessments students participate in from kindergarten through grade 11.

Those in attendance had a first-hand look at questions on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) through the practice test. Now called Badger Exam, the SBA replaces the WKCE standardized test administered statewide in grades 3-8 and 10. Information regarding the ACCESS assessment for English language learners was also provided.

After practicing the SBA test, those in attendance could choose to learn more about the elementary assessments or those delivered in grades 7-12. Persons attending the middle/high school session learned from Mrs. Zeinert, grades 7-12 principal, about the upcoming ACT and ACT Work Keys tests required to be taken by all eleventh grade students. Additionally, information regarding the required ACT ASPIRE for students in grades 9 and 10 was provided.

At the elementary level, Mrs. Griesbach, principal, walked attendees through a variety of assessments such as the PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening), which seeks to measure a child's progression in the fundamentals of literacy development. Parents also learned about benchmarking efforts and caught a glimpse of STAR. Another research-based assessment tool, STAR provides information on a child's development of language and computational skills, while also assisting the educator in identifying gaps.

Feedback from those in attendance was very positive and indicated a desire for additional time to explore the various assessments. Hosting another offering was also a request so that parents with children in multiple levels could learn about all of the assessments. Access to resources was another request by those in attendance. Following are links to free sample tests and assessment questions:

- Working through the problems on the **SBA practice test** is a great way for students in grades 3-8 to prepare for the test in March, as well as for parents to learn more about the format and content being assessed. Visit <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/> and click on the green box "Student Interface Practice and Training Tests" to access the free practice test.
- A few free resources to help prepare your grade 11 student for the **ACT test** in March include a sample test (<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>) and even a practice problem of the day (<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>). Free sample questions for the **ACT Work Keys** assessment can be found at <http://www.act.org/workkeys/assess/sample.html>.



*Mrs. Griesbach talks with attendees about the ACCESS assessment for English language learners. Parents also worked on school Chromebooks while taking the Smarter Balanced practice test.*

## Spirit Wear Makes a Great Gift

Are you looking for special gifts for your family and friends? Come shop at the Chief Spirit Lodge. There is new spirit wear for everyone on your shopping list. Some popular items are the Real Tree camo sweatshirts and the new hockey sweatshirts.



The Chief Spirit Lodge is open third hour (9:44-10:30 a.m.) and during ELT (2:21-3:07 p.m.). If you would like to shop and we are not open, please e-mail Mrs. Suda to arrange a time at [ssuda@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:ssuda@shiocton.k12.wi.us).



## School Closing/Delay Announcements

Families to be notified via the Skylert Messaging System

With winter approaching, we can anticipate the need to be prepared for occasional weather-related school closings or delays. Decisions to delay school will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program.



Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events/practices will also be canceled.

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

## 'Twas the Days Before Christmas

*'Twas the days before Christmas,  
and all through the school,  
The teachers were trying to just keep their cool.  
The hallways were hung with Christmas art,  
(Some made in November to get a head start).*

*The children were bouncing off ceilings and walls,  
And seemed to forget how to walk in the halls.*

*When out of the teachers' lounge  
with "holiday shirts" and "jingle bell jewels"  
The teachers looked festive enforcing the rules.*

*When all of a sudden there came such a clatter,  
The principal came in to see what was the matter.  
The teachers were hiding and trying to refuel,  
On coffee and cookies and treats from the Yule.*

*When what to their wondering ears do they hear,  
But the ringing of school bells,  
it's the children they fear!  
More rapid than reindeer the little ones came,  
And the teachers all shouted and called them by name:*

*Walk, Vincent! Walk, Tanner! Walk, Tyler and Sammy!  
Sit, Jamie! Sit, Laura! Sit, Tara and Tammy!  
To your desks in the room! To your spots in the line!  
Now walk to them! Walk to them!  
No running this time!*

*So straight to their places the children all went,  
With fear of detention, where could they be sent?  
With manuals of lessons cradled in arms,  
The teachers began to use all of their charms.*

*But the lessons presented all fell on deaf ears.  
The children were thinking of Santa's reindeer!  
With a toss of their hands they put manuals aside,  
Went straight to the cupboards where videos hide.*

*And laying their finger on the TV remote,  
They sat back to write their last Christmas note.  
But you could hear them exclaim  
at the end of the day,  
Have a wonderful, happy,  
and L-O-O-O-O-O-N-G Holiday!*





## Principal's Report

I can't believe that it is almost January. 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 January 20-21.

Registration for next year is quickly approaching as well. The Course Description Booklet went before the school board in December for approval. Mrs. Uelmen, our school counselor, will go into classrooms starting the first full week of January. All students will get registration forms that need to be signed by their parents. The forms indicate what classes the students have requested for the 2015-16 school year. Students who return forms by the deadline are the first students considered for enrollment in the courses they have chosen. It is important that students consult parents, counselors, and teachers so that they can make appropriate

choices for courses. Students will receive tentative schedules before the end of the school year.

In January all 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 13 each senior will participate in mock interviews for careers in which they are interested. Then, on January 15, they will assume that role and see if they can budget properly for a month as they experience a financial literacy activity. Mrs. Miller, Ms. Schneider, and Mrs. Uelmen are doing a great job 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.

I want to let parents know that Mrs. Werch, Mr. Ortlieb, Mrs. Spaulding, and Mrs. Miller will go on maternity/paternity leave sometime during the months of January/February (depending on when their babies choose to enter this world). We do have subs in place. Chris Dodson-Skinkis will be in for Mrs. Werch. Deb Slosarek will be in for Mr. Ortlieb, Kari Matuszak will be in for Mrs. Spaulding, and Roberta Ligocki will be in for Mrs. Miller. Each of these substitutes has a school district e-mail address. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions concerning your child's progress.

As always, if you have questions or comments, you may contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Kelly Zeinert, Grades 7-12 Principal*



## Art Club Finishes Mural

The Art Club has finished the Alice in Wonderland mural at the Shiocton Public Library. There will be a ceremony in the near future to inaugurate the mural. Students pictured are Zach Thede, Heather Hellweg, Nicole Pomeroy, Hunter Herminath, and Jaden Schneider.



## Art 3 Students Get College Presentation

by Bill Greider



Advanced students in my Art 3 class had the opportunity to find out about college programs at the Art Institutes across America. Jeremy DeVries, a representative of the Art Institutes, presented a program about course offerings and what to expect in the programs that are offered through their institutions. He stressed the need for sound basic art skills for all areas of education because we are visual problem solvers. Students learned about fields in photography, interior design, industrial design, communication graphics, advertising, computer game design, animation, and culinary arts. Mr. DeVries also discussed financial aid and scholarship deadlines and portfolio requirements. The Art Institutes has colleges throughout the United States, with nearby locations in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

## Counselor's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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	Registration deadline for the February ACT
January 13	Mock interviews for the seniors 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
January 15	<i>Reality Check</i> for the seniors ASVAB for the juniors in the a.m.
January 21	End of the semester
February 3	Teen Symposium for freshmen
February 28	FAFSA help at FVTC at 2:00 p.m. — See below for more details.
March 1	Deadline date for Youth Options — See below for more details.

There will be a **financial aid application help day** called College Goal on February 28 at 2:00 p.m. 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. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. More information can be found at [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org), 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 institutions and find out what they offer for scholarships and when the applications are due. Due dates have passed for some 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 on January 13 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.

**Juniors:** All juniors will be taking the ASVAB test on January 15 while seniors are going through *Reality Check*. This will take place in the LMC. This exam is used for career purposes, as an ACT predictor, and is one more standardized test to practice on before those often exciting college entrance exams. If your child does not attend the exam, it will count against one of their 10 excused absence days and you will need to call them in.

**All students:** It is that time of year when you start selecting classes for next year. We will be conducting class requests in class or during ELT, so feel free to go online to the school's website and review the Course Description Booklet with your parents. This should be a joint effort for you to be successful. Please use your MiLocker account in [www.wicareerpathways.org](http://www.wicareerpathways.org) to help guide you through the process.

**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 Booklet 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.



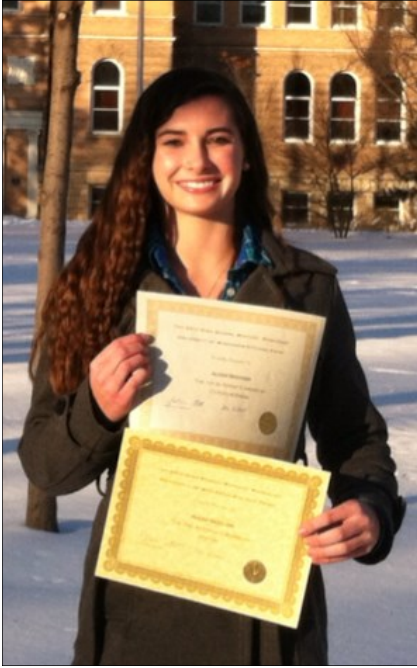
**Post-Prom:** Any parents who would like to help with this year's Post-Prom, please contact Julie Gomm for more information. She can be reached at [jgomm@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:jgomm@shiocton.k12.wi.us) or (920) 986-3214. Thanks.





## Alexia Beecher Attends High School Writers' Workshop

by Michelle Sixel



The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point recently held a writing competition for high school juniors and seniors. Shiocton senior Alexia Beecher entered pieces in two genres, poetry and a formal environmental essay. Her entries qualified her to go to an incredible event, the High School Writers' Workshop at UW-SP on December 4.

At this event, Alexia was part of two genre-specific workshops where she met with the professors of outdoor writing and poetry. They looked over pieces from each genre and focused on the common techniques and ideas found within them. Alexia was also taught to think about the physical and mental aspects of writing. Finally, she was given the opportunity to free write and have a professor critique her work. In addition, there was a guest reading by Jeff Snowbarger, a writing professor at UW-SP and published outdoor writer. Alexia proved her writing prowess as she was awarded second place for her outdoor essay and third place for poetry out of hundreds of students in each genre.

As a standout student and writer at Shiocton High School, Alexia always amazes her teachers and friends with her talent, and now her future collegiate home has also been able to recognize her incredible writing ability. Alexia has already been published. Her poem "My Malibu Wave" appeared in Women's Surf Style Magazine. It may be fair to say that Alexia Beecher is a name that you will see in print again.

## Art 1 Completes Value Studies

by Bill Greider

My first semester Art 1 class (*Introduction to Two-dimensional Design*) recently finished a unit with the art element of "value." All art works have six major elements of art in them, including line, shape/form, color, texture, space, and value. "Value" in art refers to the lightness or darkness in colors and forms.

In their project, Art 1 students had to select a portrait image to transfer onto a white paper and divide the image into four equal parts. Once the image was divided, students had to translate each quarter into "value" using different media. One quarter had to be translated using simple pencil shadings and highlights. One quarter had to be interpreted using black and white acrylic paint (a wet media), limiting the values to a 5-value scale. Another section was created using abstractions created with optical graylines, dots, and cross-hatchings, and extra fine tip black sharpie markers. The last quarter had to be interpreted using colored pencils. This was the hardest translation because students had to not only match the color, which required experimentation of built-up color layers to create the best match, but also to interpret the correct value (lightness or darkness) of the hues (colors). Students printed off both a color version and a black, white, and gray version of their images to assist with their studies.





## Chess Team Plays First Tournament *by Bill Greider*

The Chess Team played its first tournament in Nekoosa on December 6. Players played three games each, with games at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.



Each player had 40 minutes to make their moves for each game. Board 1 had the opportunity to win ten points per game for the team, while board 2 could win nine points, board 3 eight points, board 4 seven points, and board 5 six points. A draw or stalemate would divide the points.

The five-member varsity team had a bumpy start to the NEWCA (Northeast Wisconsin Chess Association) season opener. Looking at it in a positive way, we got our bumps and bruises early, and it will only make our squad stronger as the season progresses. On the bright side, Lucas Radtke, our number 1 board player, won two of his three games with his only loss coming as a result of running out of time on the clock. Lucas earned 20 points for our team.

Zach Olson, filling in from our junior varsity team to play the number 5 board, obtained a draw in his second game, earning the team three points. Zach Thede on board 2 did not have a win, nor did Mitch Nackers on board 3 or

Vinny Coleman on board 4. The losses were hard but to be realistic, our normal number 2 board player, Garrett Beyer, was unavailable for this meet, and so our other players were playing stronger competition than they normally would. Still, it was a growing experience and the players are staying positive and looking forward to our next tournament at Waupaca High School on January 10.



In this first tournament, we played Nekoosa's White Team, Neenah's Red Team, and Waupaca's Team. Nekoosa also has a Blue Team, Neenah has a Blue and White Team, and Green Bay, Notre Dame Catholic, Marion, and Westfield round out the teams in the conference. Our team now knows that it will be an uphill battle and is getting ready. This is our first year in the tournament, and most of the other teams have experienced players who have been in competitive chess tournaments for many years, some since grade school. Hopefully we will grow fast and end strong. Go, Shiocton!

### Girls Basketball

*Left to right: Samantha Schmidt, Claudia Fuss, Corrie McCarthy, Sydney Wilcox, Hannah Guyette, Jackie Korth, Carmen McCarthy, Madisyn Morack, Haylee Conradt, Peyton Moder, Tina Ubl, Jordan Elliott, Dallas Stelter.*



*Photo by Brad Jorgensen*

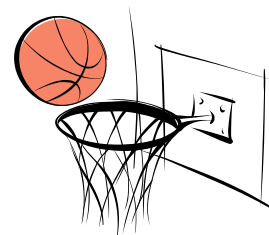




## Boys Basketball

*Back row (left to right): Devoun Johnson, Nate Schmidt, Wesley Brouillard, Tyler Bedor, Mason Woods.*

*Front row: Gage Kamp, Josh Leitzke, Brandon Spencer, Gavin Braun.*



*Photos courtesy of Advertiser Community News & Times-Press*



## Wrestling

*Back row (left to right): Trevor Young, Garrett Gunderson, Mason Gomm, Mitchell Nackers, Trent Moder. Front row: Blake Johnson, Gunnar Oskey, Raymond Herb, Sawyer Theobald, Sam Van Straten, Ben Gunderson.*

*Not pictured: Austin Riehl, Henry Fielding, Trevor Bruns, and Levi Snortum.*





# January Calendar of Events

2	Fri	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Kewaunee — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah — 7:00 pm
3	Sat	HS Wrestling Invitational at Cedar Grove-Belgium — 8:00 am
5	Mon	School resumes <b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
5-9	M-F	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school — Reminder: NO wrapping paper
6	Tue	Deadline for School Board candidate filing — 5:00 pm Youth wrestling practice begins (see page 17) MS Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at North Fond du Lac — 5:50/6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at Amherst — 7:00 pm
7	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:00 pm
8	Thu	Archery Club raffle drawing JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm HS Wrestling at home vs. Fox Valley Lutheran — 7:00 pm
9	Fri	Geography Bee for grades 4-8 in room M103 — 10:00 am JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 6:00/7:30 pm
10	Sat	NEWCA (Northeast Wisconsin Chess Association) tournament at Waupaca High School
13	Tue	Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm MS Girls Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm 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
13/15	T/Th	<i>Reality Check</i> for seniors
14	Wed	Quiz Bowl match at Tigerton Referendum informational meeting in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm
15	Thu	<b>The Link</b> — Deadline for submitting articles for the February issue MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 4:00 pm MS Wrestling at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00 pm HS Wrestling at home vs. Pacelli — 7:00 pm
16	Fri	School in session <b>ONLY</b> if a snow day has occurred C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Manawa — 6:00/7:30 pm
19	Mon	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Suring — 5:45/7:15 pm <b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
20	Tue	Tri-County Dental Clinic at Shiocton Elementary <b>HS Final Exams — HS students released at 12:20 pm</b> C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Omro — 5:45/7:15 pm
21	Wed	<b>HS Final Exams</b> End of the second quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in room H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm
22	Thu	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
23	Fri	C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 6:00/7:30 pm
24	Sat	MS Wrestling Tournament at Bay Port — 9:00 am HS Wrestling Multi-dual at Tri-County — 10:00 am JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home vs. Gibraltar — 12:30/2:00 pm SPICE hosts Free Family Movie Night ( <i>Boxtrolls</i> ) in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm
26	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office MS Wrestling at Hortonville — 4:15 pm
27	Tue	MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm





- 28 Wed Quiz Bowl match at home vs. Marion  
Sewing and Quilting Open Lab in H132 — 6:00-9:00 pm  
Referendum informational meeting at Bovina Town Hall — 7:00 pm
- 29 Thu MS Girls Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 4:00 pm  
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm  
HS Wrestling at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 7:00 pm
- 30 Fri JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
- 31 Sat NEWCA (chess) tournament at Pioneer HS in Westfield  
HS Wrestling Invitational at Sturgeon Bay — 8:00 am  
JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at St. Mary's Springs — 6:00/7:30 pm

## Coming Up in February

- 2 MS Wrestling at New London  
Hunter Safety begins
- 2-13 Market Day cookie sale
- 3 MS Girls Basketball at Waupaca  
C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball
- 4 Market Day pick-up  
Sewing and Quilting Open Lab
- 5 Referendum meeting at Ellington Town Hall
- 6 JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home
- 9-13 4K/5K Registration
- 11 Referendum meeting at Maine Town Hall
- 12 Staff Development — 12:10 pm dismissal

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.  
All students must take ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.  
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, string cheese, milk	Pop tarts, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain pancakes, fruit, juice, milk	Muffin, boiled egg, fruit, juice, milk
<b>5</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, dinner roll, milk	<b>6</b> Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk	<b>7</b> Basket for lunch: turkey/ham/cheese on a bun, Goldfish crackers, fresh vegetables, strawberry cup, cookie, milk	<b>8</b> Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, pineapple, milk	<b>9</b> Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, tri taters, green beans, pears, milk
<b>12</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over rice, sliced bread, broccoli, peaches, milk	<b>13</b> Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, pears, milk	<b>14</b> Chili with homemade buns, green beans, applesauce, milk	<b>15</b> Burritos, whole kernel corn, apple juice, milk	<b>16</b> <b>No School</b> — unless a snow day has occurred
<b>19</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>20</b> Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, milk	<b>21</b> Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pears, broccoli, milk	<b>22</b> Cheeseburger on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, milk	<b>23</b> Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
<b>26</b>	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken alfredo with a twist, green beans, mandarin oranges, breadstick, milk	<b>27</b> Nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	<b>28</b> Portesi Italian flat bread with marinara sauce, sliced carrots, strawberries, milk	<b>29</b> Chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pineapple, milk	<b>30</b> French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, graham cracker, orange juice, milk
Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day    Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$40.85 for January Middle/High School — \$2.45 per day, \$12.25 per week, \$46.55 for January					* Menu subject to change

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

## Elementary/Middle School News

Is it just me or did November and December zoom by? Whew! Numerous events and activities took place in December and there are many more to come in the coming months. Here are a few things to note:

**December Programs:** Great job to band students (grades 5-12) and choir students (grades 6-12) who recently performed for family and friends. As I write this, the elementary music students are rehearsing for their upcoming program which is scheduled to take place just before winter break. I would like to thank all of the students and staff members involved with these programs. GREAT job! ☺



**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. 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 9. Good luck to all of the students who will be participating!

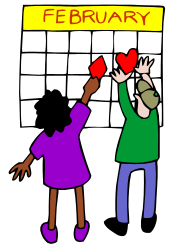


**Spelling Bee:** The Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Good luck to all S-P-E-L-L-E-R-S!!! ☺

**End of the Second Quarter:** The end of the second quarter is coming up on Wednesday, January 21. 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.**

### Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration:

Mark your calendars! Registration for four-year-old and five-year-old kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year will be held during the week of February 9-13. An orientation session for students and parents will be held in the spring, but the first step is to get your child registered. 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 who will be eligible for either grade next school year. Thank you!



**Open Enrollment:** Just a reminder that the open enrollment window will be from February 2 through April 30 for the 2015-16 school year. Contact the district office at 986-3351 ext. 700 or 716 for more information. You may also obtain additional information on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website ([www.dpi.state.wi.us](http://www.dpi.state.wi.us)) at the beginning of February. Open enrollment applications can be downloaded directly from this website in early February.

**Middle School Solo and Ensemble:** This event will take place on Monday, March 9. Stay tuned for more details from the music department.

**Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair:** The fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 10. Many grade levels will be participating through projects and/or displays. 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 ☺ Grades PK-6 Principal

### Shiocton Elementary/Middle School

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be the Best That You Can Be



## “Running As Fast As We Can” Through December in Early Childhood

Our classroom door was transformed into a gingerbread house which students decorated with handmade candy! The students made all sorts of delightful candy to adorn our gingerbread house — gumdrops made with colored sand, fingerprint candy canes, sponge-painted M&Ms, and finger-painted lollipops.

Students also used a variety of media to make a small gingerbread person. In addition, they learned the *5 Little Gingerbread* rhyme; sorted small, medium, and large gingerbread men; and ate gingerbread man cookies. While we practiced the rhyme, the gingerbread men tried to run away but the students were too fast for them.



The students worked on shape recognition skills by making trees out of circles and using buttons to make a triangular tree.

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

## Ready for Christmas in 4K

The four-year-old kindergartners had a wonderful month preparing for Christmas. The children made stockings to hang by the fireplace and candy cane ornaments to hang on the tree. They made poinsettias to decorate the hall and a wonderful gift for their parents.



We continue to work on rhyming and alphabet recognition. The children have been enjoying center activities which provide small group instruction.

We had our annual Holiday Activity Night. The children enjoyed doing activities with their parents. A great time was had by all.

We look forward to the new year and all the fun learning activities ahead! Happy holidays!

I would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who made this year's *Cookies and Milk with Santa* and holiday shopping event such a success! There was much fun for all who attended.

Thank you to Santa for taking time to visit us! Thank you to Julie Gomm and her students for making the delicious cookies — we received a lot of compliments on them! Thank you to the volunteers who used their time and talents to help with this event. Many people helped make the games and decorations, set up and take down the event, and keep things running smoothly. We truly appreciate all the help!

We were again able to provide a book for each child in attendance. We also had a few games for the children and adults this year. Our top scores for the Minute to Win It games are: Cup Stack — Mady, 25 seconds; Silver Stacker — Daltyn, 27 seconds; Candy Sorter — Autumn, 32 seconds; and Puzzle Sort — Kinze, 1 minute and 22 seconds.

This is a SPICE event to say thank you for all your help this year! We couldn't do the things we do without you!

*Denelle Daniels*



## 5K: Ready to Start the New Year

The holiday season is wrapping up and the new year will soon be here! Under the direction of our new music teacher, Miss Ludtke, our Christmas program was amazing! Thank you to all who were able to attend. The kindergartners were so excited to have such a great audience viewing their performance.

The children will be 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 snow!

The kindergartners are so proud of 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 following sight words to our ring: *come, run, him, did, but, by, was, all, her, here, they, and as*. We will also be working on identifying the letters *Qq, Uu, Vv, Jj, Yy, and Zz*.



In math, we continue to work on numbers 0 to 10, with the emphasis on the teen numbers 11 to 20. The children are learning to show teen numbers as ten and some more ones. They are deepening their understanding of addition and subtraction by telling and solving story “situations” (problems) and showing the expression or number sentence that represents the situation. The children are also composing new shapes with two-dimensional shapes, as well as classifying items according to attributes and comparing the categories. Thank you again for working with your children at home on their math and language skills. They are beginning to soar! 5K 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 sent ingredients and who volunteered to help make cookies! We couldn't do it without you!

*Let it  
SNOW*

Speaking of fun, we can't wait to have "snow much fun" in January. The first graders will be reading Ezra Jack Keats' book, *The Snowy Day*, and listening to many other snow stories. Along with other snow-themed projects, students will be making great big snowmen and a little

snowball book containing compound words such as snowball, snowman, and snowflake.

In math, we've been working on place value concepts involving teen numbers and double-digit numbers to 100. The students have really worked hard to understand these difficult concepts and will be putting that knowledge to further use in January when we work with story situations. Solving various addition and subtraction story problems using double-digit numbers to 100 will be a challenge, but we are up for it! We have first-grade power!

As we near the end of the second quarter, think back to the first few days of school and consider just how far your child has come. These first graders have made some significant gains, and you have been a big part of that learning. Please continue to encourage your children to set positive goals, and help them reach their full potential by being involved in their studies, helping with homework, and talking about what's happening at school. Together, we make a great team!



### Grade 1 Art

*Clay Star Santa*

*Media: clay, tempera, mod podge*

SPICE will host another  
**Free Family Movie Night**  
on Saturday, January 24,  
at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.  
The movie to be shown is  
*The Boxtrolls*.



## Grade 2: Learning and Growing

Happy New Year! 2015 is going to be a great year of learning and growing!

This month in second grade we will continue to practice writing "opinion" pieces in our Writing Workshop classes. Students are learning to state their opinions, then explain their reasons for why they feel this way. As our students get better at opinion writing, they may even be able to sway their readers to change their own opinion on a topic.

In science we will be learning all about matter. We'll explore the three types of matter — solids, liquids, and gases. Students will also learn about the water cycle — precipitation, condensation, and evaporation. We've definitely seen a lot of precipitation!

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 first field trip. We will be heading to Appleton on February 20 to see the play *Curious George* at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). The field trip note will come home on January 6.





# Gifted and Talented

Karen Rudat (grades K-7)  
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And the winners are ...

**Noetic Math Contest** On November 13 we had 84 students in grades three through six participate in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national elementary math problem-solving contest held twice a year. There were 19,367 young mathletes representing 1,279 teams across the country participating in this year's fall contest. The following students are the team winners.



- ♦ Benjamin Bronold, Alexis Garcia, and Logan Leeman tied as winners for grade 3.
- ♦ Davin Piechocki was the grade 4 winner for the second year in a row, and also had the highest percentage in our school.
- ♦ Colton Westby was the grade 5 winner.
- ♦ Ethan White was the grade 6 winner.
- ♦ The following students received National Honorable Mention. This title is awarded to approximately the top 50% of participating mathletes: Jordyn Houterman, Amelia Schuh, and Ashlyn Van Camp in grade 4; Julia Bronold and Kevin Reyes in grade 5; and Maddie Daniels, Mickayla Denis, Brandon Rohloff, Trey Van Straten, and Josh Wilkinson in grade 6.

Congratulations to all the winners! The contest results demonstrate our students' great problem-solving skills and math talents. They also show that our students can rise to the occasion and meet the challenge. Winners will be displayed on the [www.noetic-learning.com](http://www.noetic-learning.com) website. Please note that some winners elected to use a coded name rather than their actual name. We look forward to a rematch on April 2!!



**Scripps Spelling Bee** All students in grades 3-8 participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee at the classroom level. I am proud to announce these winners:

- ♦ Grade 3: Karissa Birch, Shelby Erickson, Alexis Garcia, Kyler Rettler, Kira Schwaller, Alexis Widmann
- ♦ Grade 4: Abbie Fisher, Jordyn Houterman, Autumn Lorenz, Amelia Schuh, Kendal Stingle, Camden Walker
- ♦ Grade 5: Tanner Drath, Jocelyn Houterman, Brooklyn Kleiber, Colton Westby
- ♦ Grade 6: Cameron Conradt, Abby Demerath, Mickayla Denis, Ethan White, Austin Wilinski, Josh Wilkinson
- ♦ Grade 7: Cassidy Defferding, Ashley Gorski, Mikayla Henry, River Hobbs, Jadyn Manske, Austin Van Den Bosch
- ♦ Grade 8: Peyton Bauman, Lukas Berard, Tyler Hess, Megan Pigsley, Samantha Scott, Leigha Young

We cheer these students on as they prepare for competition at the district level, which will be held on Tuesday, January 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## Youth Wrestling Practice Begins in January

by Kristi Piechocki

Reminder: Youth wrestling practice begins Tuesday, January 6. Wrestlers in grades 5K-2 practice from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and 3rd-5th graders practice from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

On Thursday, January 8, all youth wrestlers are invited to attend the high school wrestling dual meet at home against Fox Valley Lutheran. The meet starts at 7:00 p.m.



*3rd graders working hard on measurement.*





## Time Flies in Grade 4



### Grade 4 Art

*Nutcracker*

by Autumn Lorenz

Happy 2015!! Hopefully everyone enjoyed the holidays and short winter vacation. Every school year we teachers and students 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.

Two students from each fourth grade class will be participating in the school Geography Bee in January. They are Logan Ebben, Colin Garsow, Jordyn Houterman, Jacob Klitzke, Autumn Lorenz, and Braxton Ebben. They will be the youngest participants as they attempt to correctly answer a variety of questions along with other students up through eighth grade.

Two students from each fourth grade class will also participate in the school Spelling Bee. These students include Kendal Stingle, Camden Walker, Abbie

Fisher, Jordyn Houterman, Autumn Lorenz, and Amelia Schuh. Both bees are great experiences for the participants. Good luck to them all!

In January, we will be taking the STAR test and Fountas and Pinnell reading evaluations.

*Below: Mr. Beer's 4th grade art class with their sculptamold festive Santas. Mixed media.*



## Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Cornell – School Counselor, Grades K-6  
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Happy New Year from the guidance office! Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 are reviewing their academic school year goals. Lessons in all grades have focused on giving, caring, and respect for diversity.



Pictured above: High school SWAT members Cierra Puls and Nate Schmidt display Mr. Gross Mouth to fifth graders during a tobacco prevention activity.

## Student Council News

**Penny Race** The December Penny Race earned \$593.26 for the Food and Toy Drive!



Thank you for the generous donations! First grade won the Penny Race and was rewarded with an ice cream party! Pictured are fifth grade Student

Council members Colton Westby and Matthew Klitzke, who helped collect the money.

### Upcoming dress-up days:

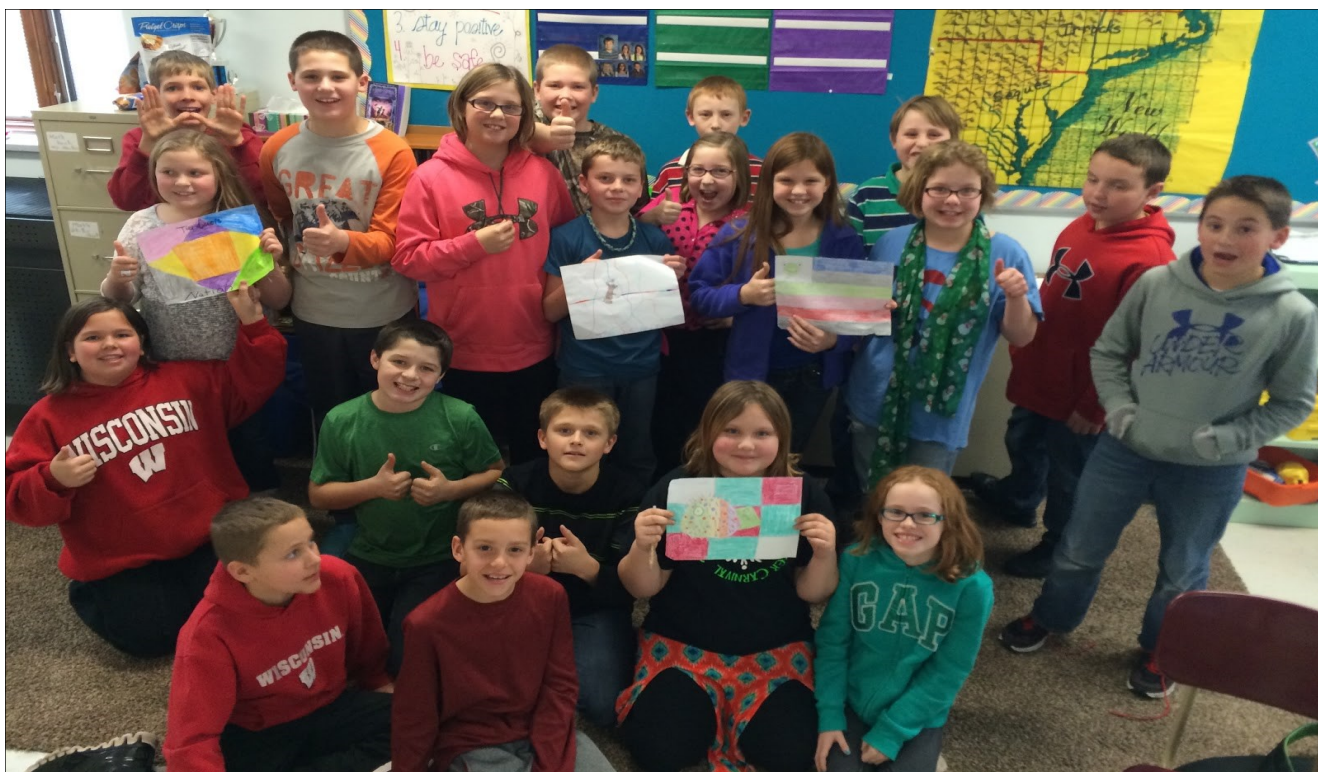
Wednesday, January 14 – Extraordinary hat day  
Wednesday, January 28 – Western day



## Fifth Grade Colonizes the New World

The fifth graders are currently learning about colonization through a simulation. The simulation recreates the mysteries, hardships, and excitement faced by early American colonists. Students learned why geography, natural resources, and nature were so important to explorers and colonists.

In the beginning of the simulation, students focused on bettering their map skills by reading maps and creating their own. Students have also explored the main reasons people decided to leave their homeland to settle in the New World. Most recently, the fifth graders learned the various reasons we have flags, and the symbolism behind some of our flags. Each colony designed their own flag, loaded with their own creative symbolism for their unique colony. Here are the two fifth grade classes with their colony flags.



## Happy New Year from SPICE

We wish each of you happiness and good health in 2015 and thank you for your support in 2014. We appreciate everyone who volunteered and are looking forward to working with you again in the new year. We can't think of a better new year's resolution than to become more involved with your child's school; SPICE is a great way to do that. Please consider getting involved in SPICE in 2015.

### Upcoming Events!

We'll be hosting another Free Family Movie Night on January 24. The movie will be *The Boxtrolls*. Look for information about this fun event in the weeks to come.

Coming up on March 10, our school will again feature the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. SPICE will host the Spring Scholastic Book Fair which will coincide with the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair.

On March 12, we'll host our Annual Funset Boulevard Family Night. It's a great family event! Your purchase of a wristband includes unlimited bumper car rides, train rides, laser tag, carousel rides, and the playground. Adult supervision is required. Watch for a flyer to come home in February to order your wristbands.

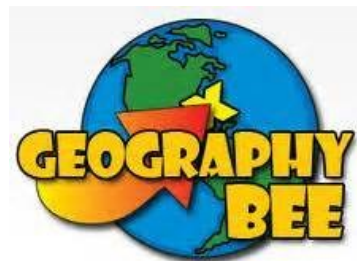
We encourage people to clip and collect Box Tops and Labels for Education. Be on the lookout for challenges and incentives for collecting these items that mean so much to our group financially.

Our next meeting will be January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there. If you are not able to attend one of our meetings, please feel free to contact us with suggestions or concerns. Find SPICE on Facebook or e-mail us at the addresses below.

Tanya Puls, Chairman, [tanyapuls@aol.com](mailto:tanyapuls@aol.com)  
Steve Parker, Vice-Chair, [sjparker92@gmail.com](mailto:sjparker92@gmail.com)

## Geography Bee Coming Up

The Geography Bee is on January 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Ver Voort's room (M103). Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the bee.



### 4th Grade

#### Mrs. Singler's class

Logan Ebben  
Collin Garsow  
Alternate:

Garrison Vandenberg

#### Mrs. Krohlow's class

Jordyn Houterman  
Jacob Klitzke  
Alternate: Owen Streblow

#### Mr. Beer's class

Autumn Lorenz  
Braxton Ebben  
Alternate: Paige Krull

### 5th Grade

#### Mrs. Timmers' class

Matthew Klitzke  
Kevin Reyes  
Olivia Conradt  
Alternate: Melanie Marcks

#### Mrs. McNichols' class

Colton Westby  
Julia Bronold  
Breanna Birch  
Alternate: Ron Diemel

### 6th Grade

Trenton Twombly  
Sam Flannery  
Trenton Wise  
Josh Wilkinson  
Logan Heindl  
Nate Bunnell  
Alternate: Maddie Daniels

### 7th Grade

Malek Zaatrah  
Kaden Piechocki  
Mikayla Henry  
Dylan Van Camp  
Austin Van Den Bosch  
Hunter Raeck  
Alternate: Tanner Baeten

### 8th Grade

Dashal Mentzel  
Wyatt Erickson  
Lukas Berard  
Caleb Winter  
Sam Bloch  
Brady Sargent Volkman  
Alternate: Megan Pigsley

## 7th and 8th Grade Counselor News

by Rhonda Uelmen



The 7th grade and second quarter 8th grade students have been working hard on learning proper etiquette when it comes to working with others and working on the Internet. We have been covering bullying, cyberbullying, and manners. I feel that we have the nicest students in our conference, but we all need reminders on how to work with one another and treat each other with respect. Please keep having discussions at home with your child about these topics.

During January we will be going over careers. This will lead the 8th graders into picking classes for their first year of high school. Yes, that's what I said, "high school." An exciting, but scary time! I will be guiding them and you through this process. This will lead us up to your "Chief Chat" in June, where we will finalize your child's schedule.

Thanks again for sharing your students with me, and please keep the lines of communication open with your children. They should be attending school and reading every day. They should be monitored while they are on your computer, and you should have access to all of their passwords for social media. There are many unsafe people out there and it is everyone's job to keep our young people safe. Have a great NEW YEAR!



# News from the Nurse — New Year's Resolutions for a Healthy Life

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

## Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids

The following New Year tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). One of these may be a great goal that you can encourage your child to do.

### Preschoolers

- I will clean up my toys.
- I will brush my teeth twice a day and wash my hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
- I won't tease dogs – even friendly ones. I will avoid being bitten by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.



### Kids 5- to 12-years-old

- I will drink milk and water and limit soda and fruit drinks.
- I will apply sunscreen before I go outdoors. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.
- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing, or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends – like someone who is shy or is new to my school.
- I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name, or telephone

number on the Internet. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

### Kids 13-years-old and up

- I will eat at least one fruit and one vegetable every day, and I will limit the amount of soda I drink.
- I will take care of my body through physical activity and nutrition.
- I will choose non-violent television shows and video games, and I will spend only one to two hours each day – at the most – on these activities.
- I will help out in my community – through volunteering, working with community groups, or by joining a group that helps people in need.
- I will wipe negative "self talk" (i.e. "I can't do it" or "I'm so dumb") out of my vocabulary.
- When I feel angry or stressed out, I will take a break and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal, or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.
- When faced with a difficult decision, I will talk with an adult about my choices.
- I will be careful about whom I choose to date and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence.
- I will resist peer pressure to try drugs and alcohol.
- When I notice my friends are struggling or engaging in risky behaviors, I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help them.



New Year's resolutions often seem like a good idea, and many people make them year after year. The new year feels like a time for renewal, which is why people will declare their intentions to improve various aspects of their life. Unfortunately, many people fall into the same habits that were present on December 31. They either lack the drive, the motivation, or the tools to pursue their resolutions and many people drop their promises very early in the month of January. Still, many people do intend to make their goals happen. Here are a few ideas on New Year's resolutions for a healthy life.

### Resolve to Resolve

It may seem like an obvious goal, but some people need to make a resolution to actually pursue their resolutions. It may seem illogical to make a separate resolution to meet promised obligations, but for many people perseverance is the largest hurdle. Anyone can set forth a goal, as many New Year's resolutions are made each year with the general intent of getting them done. However, people may need to start to vow to themselves that they will not give up this year and that they will make their resolution a reality.



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## Health and Wellness



There are a number of health and wellness resolutions that people make on a yearly basis. These include the standard weight loss goals, exercise goals, and fitness goals. Losing a certain number of pounds is a solid resolution, and cutting back on or completely cutting out certain types of intake is also wise. The challenge is to make these resolutions work, which is why simply intending to complete them may not be enough. Some individuals have to add in tracking mechanisms, and others need to solicit accountability from other people. In addition, goals should be reachable in a particular period of time. Too often, people set an extremely lofty goal that causes them to get discouraged in a short period of time. With discouragement comes abandonment, and suddenly the resolution is just another unfulfilled goal.

## Identify and Reduce Stress

Finally, stress reduction is a wonderful resolution for a healthy life. In order to reduce stress, people may have to inject a dose of humility, and admit how certain decisions cause them to be stressed. Perhaps this is the year that people walk away from a certain obligation. Or people may need to change their hours, choices, or lifestyle. When it comes to reducing stress, people may need to give up things that they really enjoy so that they can truly be healthy. Some people struggle with a healthy life because they are unwilling to make smart choices. The year may be the same as past years, but perhaps this year will be different. Perhaps these resolutions will actually be met.

Source: Associated Content  
Health and Wellness

## Parents of the Shiocton Schools:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
Debbra Danke, Food Service Director  
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Happy New Year

## NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

### School District of Shiocton April 7, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of Shiocton on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, and that two positions on the School Board are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years. Terms of office will begin on Monday, April 27, 2015. The present incumbents are as follows:

Raymond Gomm  
Mary Hoffman

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a *Campaign Registration Statement* and a *Declaration of Candidacy* must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**, 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 17, 2015.

Given under my hand this 24th day of November, 2014:

David Gomm, Clerk  
Board of Education  
School District of Shiocton



## School Board Meeting Summaries

### November 17, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Shelly Klemp, and Beth Bloedorn.

Public comment: Shelly Klemp commented that she was in attendance doing research for a class she is taking.

Discussion:

- It was determined that the December 15 board meeting start time would be changed to 5:30 p.m. so that members could attend the chili dinner/concert scheduled for later that evening.
- 2015-16 Course Description Booklet — first reading.
- Review of Math Adoption Timeline for the MS/HS Math Series.
- Review of the School Board Election process and timelines.
- WASB survey.
- Financial scenarios as presented. Scenarios 2, 3, and 5 will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at their meeting to be held on November 24.

Board reports:

- Raymond Gomm: CESA 6 board meeting.
- Bradley Ritchie: Professional Personnel Committee update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Literacy Work with CESA 6, calendar review, and upcoming early release.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Mrs. Schweitzer reported on her behalf on the Veterans Day Program and the Student Council Wear Jeans to School fundraiser.
- Mrs. Guex: Cash flow and fund balance use.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Community Events on November 19 and December 18.

Upcoming events:

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

### December 1, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Logan Cummings, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- approve the following referendum resolution. *Be it resolved by the School Board of the School District of Shiocton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District Budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by the following amount in the school years specified: \$809,792 in 2015-16, \$1,115,685 in 2016-17, and \$1,286,692 in 2017-18, for non-recurring purposes, such excess to be used to finance ongoing operational expenses necessary to maintain current educational programs of the district.*
- commit to participating in the WASB survey post referendum election.
- approve the 2015-16 Course Description Booklet, including Career Pathways.

In other discussion:

- Technical Excellence Scholarship — first reading.
- Chromebook Use Survey.

Student report: Logan Cummings gave a Student Council update.

Board reports:

- Mary Hoffman: Finance Committee report on referendum recommendation.
- Bradley Ritchie: Professional Personnel report on Compensation Plan.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Upcoming concerts and early release/staff development update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Staff development update.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Superintendents' Conference and Community Education event.



# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



## HOME STRETCH TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break, we hit our solo and ensemble season. 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 musical growth and achievement. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The **High School Festival** is in Iola this year on **Saturday, February 21**. A bus will be available to transport students to and from the event. Parents may transport their child with a signed travel release form. Watch for more details coming home as we get closer to event time. The **Middle School Festival** is **Monday, March 9**, 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.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Creativity is just connecting things. When you ask creative people how they did something, they feel a little guilty because they didn't really do it, they just saw something. It seemed obvious to them after a while. That's because they were able to connect experiences they've had and synthesize new things. And the reason they were able to do that was that they've had more experiences or they have thought more about their experiences than other people. Unfortunately, that's too rare a commodity. A lot of people in our industry haven't had very diverse experiences. So they don't have lots of dots to connect, and they end up with a very linear solution without a broad perspective on the problem. The broader one's understanding of the human experience, the better design we will have.

—Steve Jobs

This is why we teach our children music in school—to nurture their creativity.

# 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### PEP BAND

Friday, January 9  
Friday, January 16  
Thursday, January 22  
Friday, January 30  
6:45 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, February 21  
Iola HS  
HS BAND/CHOIR

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Monday, March 9  
3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Shiocton MS  
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### Music In Our Schools Month CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 17  
7:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### WALL OF THANKS

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNERS  
for organizing/coordinating an amazing collection of people and resources in support of the music dept.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WORKERS  
from chili dinner kitchen workers to servers and cleaners, many thanks for giving your time and talents.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DONORS  
for your generosity in giving items to raffle and auction off—your support of music in our school is so appreciated.

SCHOOL FACULTY and STAFF  
for your overwhelming flexibility and support with the kids as we rehearsed and prepared for our holiday performances.

EVERYONE  
for your support of music in our children's education. We look forward to partnering with you in 2015 to continue making this happen!

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