



# The Link

January 2018

"Where Excellence Is Expected"

## Three Years, Two Referendum, and One Family

**E**arlier this month, the Board of Education voted to approve two referendum questions on the February 20, 2018 ballot.

### **OPERATIONAL**

The first question is related to district operations. Specifically, the voters will be asked to approve a three-year, non-recurring referendum to exceed the revenue limit for \$1,000,000 in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and \$1,100,000 in 2020-2021 to finance ongoing operational expenses necessary to maintain the educational programs of the district. This referendum is similar to that which was brought before the voters in February 2015.

### **MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY**

The second question is related to the proposed multi-purpose facility. Specifically, the voters will be asked to approve the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition onto the high school wing of the building. The payback time period is 10 years.

The facility would have two distinct sides and serve three specific purposes: One side will include weight-training and fitness equipment while the second side is designed as a gross-motor area. The two sides are joined by a wall of windows and large, over-head door for complete visibility and access during physical fitness instruction. Additionally, the facility will serve as Shiocton's local "Y", a fitness and weight training center for the community accessible before-and after-school and on weekends. Finally, the gross motor area will serve as the wrestling practice area for youth, middle school, and high school student-athletes, as well as the over-

flow for youth basketball practice.

### **MILL RATE**

For the third year in a row, the mill rate has been less than voters approved in the 2015 election. The mill rate for this school year was frozen at last year's rate of \$10.65, which is *\$1.14 under the mill rate approved in the 2015 election (\$11.79)*. *Under the proposed referenda, the mill rates for the next three years would be \$9.33, \$9.78, and \$9.76 which includes an average of \$0.59 annually for the multi-purpose facility. If the referenda are approved, voters will have seen their mill rates drop nearly \$3.50 since the 2014-2015 school year.*

### **ONE TOWN. ONE SCHOOL. ONE FAMILY.**

Each year, the school district -- teachers, buildings, technology, and other resources -- grows in the ways it supports the town. In turn, the town continues to support educating the youth of our community right here in our community. Parents have direct access to their children's teachers and support staff every day. Caring educators working diligently to do their best in educating the whole child, in meeting ever changing needs, and in supporting each child's ability to maximize his/her potential. Truly, our one town and one school are one family.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

The Board of Education and members of the school leadership team will hold several Town Hall meetings during the month of January and February. Information will be available on the soon-to-be constructed referendum-specific webpage, as well as through flyers, future editions of The Link, and the district's Facebook page (Shiocton School District). As always, community members are encouraged to contact Mrs. Schweitzer with questions at (920) 986-3351 ext. 761 or email to: [nschweitzer@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:nschweitzer@shiocton.k12.wi.us).



### **CHIEF CHATTER**

**A**s I write, we are "wrapping up" the 2017 calendar year. Befitting of the season, we are also counting our blessings:

1, 2, 3, 4... **5** -- the number of days allocated for a Spring Break in the 18-19 school year calendar: Mar 11 - 15.

6, 7, 8 ... **20** -- the number of families, plus a few more, in our community that were helped through the Toy and Food Drive. A big THANK YOU to all of you who donated!

9, 10, 11 ... **50** -- the number of days until February 20 when voters cast their ballots on the referendum questions.

12, 13, 14 ... **231** -- the number of community members who participated in the on-line community fitness center survey. Look for details in an upcoming [Link](#).

15, 16, 17 ... **350** -- the number of folks served at the chili and buns dinner, a fundraiser for the band and choir programs. A tasty meal for a great cause.

18, 19, 20 ... **infinity** -- the amount of joy received by every educator from all the children we are blessed to teach each school day.

As we head into the holiday break, a sincere THANK YOU to the Shiocton school community. Among our greatest blessings is your unwavering support day after day, year after year. Peace and Joy to you and yours in the new year.

~Mrs. Schweitzer

### **Inclement Weather Reminder**

**A** reminder that school cancellations, delays, and closings will be published through the following social media and public media venues:

- Shiocton Parent App** (download Shiocton School District app to your cell phone)
- Skylert** (automated message system through Skyward)
- Television** -- WLUK, WBAY, WFRV, NBC26
- Radio** -- WIXX, Y100, DukeFM, WTAQ, WNFL, The Drive
- Website** -- [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us) & watch for the scrolling message at the top of the front page





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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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**A**fter experiencing an interesting December weather pattern with warm temperatures, rain, freezing rain, snow...a little bit of everything, we now head into January and the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Although winter has several months to go, it won't be long before we begin to focus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year.

### **START OF SECOND SEMESTER**

Second semester will get underway on January 19. It is always a time of renewed excitement for staff and teachers as the new classes begin. Teachers are meeting new students and students are starting to learn new and exciting concepts. When you get the chance, ask your son or daughter about their classes for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Although not all teenagers seem to like sharing this stuff with parents, deep down they still like it when we ask them how things are going.



### **ACT EXAM**

On February 27, all juniors will be taking the ACT exam, as required by state statute. Due to the serious nature of this testing, we are attempting to create the best testing environment possible. All freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will be having a "Career Exploration Day". Teachers and students will be visiting various colleges, technical colleges, and businesses. All juniors will stay at school and be tested in a "quiet environment".

The ACT Test is valuable for all students. For students planning on attending a four-year college, this is the entrance exam accepted by most schools in the Midwest part of the United States and other colleges and universities around the nation. Students planning the four-year route should be doing their very best to score a twenty-two (22) or better, which is a solid score for admission to most UW system schools. For some schools like Madison, La Crosse, Green Bay, and Milwaukee, a score of twenty-five to twenty-seven (25-27) would be needed. The excellent aspect of this test being taken by all of our Juniors is that it is free of charge. It costs approximately \$100 to take the ACT at a regional testing site.

For those students planning to attend a technical college, a score of approximately sixteen to eighteen (16-18) will allow them entrance without having to take the AccuPlacer test. For students who are not planning on a post-secondary schooling option, it is still important to do well, as the ACT Test score can be accessed in the future if a person changes his or her mind and would like to attend a two-year or four-year college or university. As an added incentive for our Juniors to do well on the ACT, we are offering incentives for our students. If they score at "benchmark" for a particular area – they will be exempt from the final in that testing subject area (for spring finals)

Students will also be taking the ACT WorkKeys test on February 28. The ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop, and retain a high-performance workforce. This series of tests measures foundational and soft skills and offers specialized assessments to target institutional needs. Successful completion of ACT WorkKeys assessments in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information can lead to earning ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC), a portable credential earned by more than 2.3 million people across the United States. The ACT WorkKeys certificate is a valuable tool for students who are looking for a part-time job or for those planning to enter the workforce directly from high school.

### **ACT METHOD TEST PREP**

SHS is helping our students to prepare for the ACT assessment by providing ACT questions and holding monthly meetings during ELT to share information about test-taking strategies and timing. Students who go in knowing both what to know and how they'll be asked to show it, will have much better results than those who don't know what to expect.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship information is already available for seniors to begin filling out. There are a number of scholarship applications that are coming due in the next several weeks. Additional information about various scholarships is available in the high school guidance office. Many scholarship applications are already available and many more will come in throughout the spring. Be sure to take full advantage of these opportunities to help assist you with your college tuition. Information is also available in the guidance office or you can contact Mrs. Cornell or Mrs. Guyette at (920) 986-3351 ext. 713.



### **2018-19 REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES**

Course registration time is here! The course description books are available to students for review. The course description book can be found online at our website. Over the course of the month of January, Mrs. Cornell will be meeting with students to discuss their postsecondary and career plans, and to assist students with choosing the courses that will best serve them as they work toward their future goals. There are several classes that are required for students, but we also offer numerous elective courses that meet the varied interests of our student body. If you have any questions or special course requests for your son/daughter, please contact Mrs. Cornell (920) 986-3351 ext. 711.

### **SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE**

In this day and age of technology, always remember that a great deal of information can be found at your fingertips on the school website which can be accessed at [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us). The website has updates with our daily happenings, upcoming events, activities, staff contact information, links to other websites with important information, among many other things. Please check out our site!



### **REALITY CHECK**

Reality Check is just around the corner. Reality Check is designed to provide seniors with "real life" experiences in a mock simulation. On January 10, each senior will participate in "mock" interviews for careers in which they are interested. Then, on January 12, 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. Cornell 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.

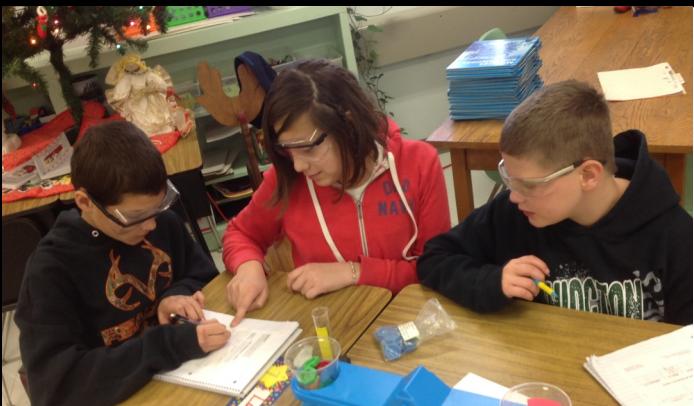
As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 751. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Kelly Zeinert - Grade 7-12 Principal*

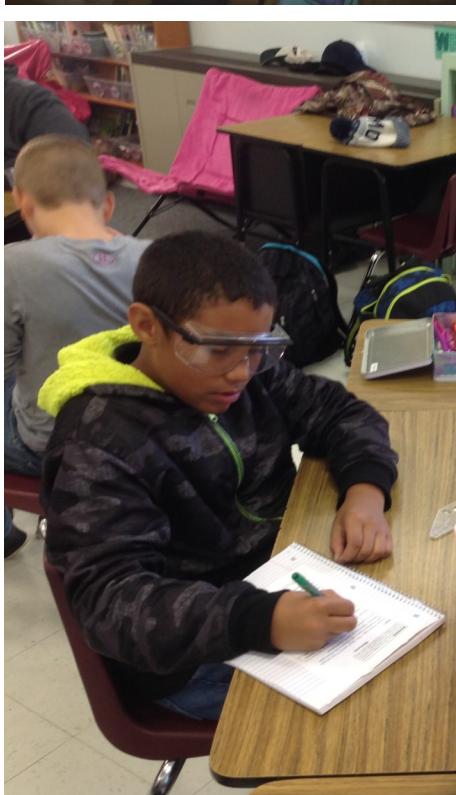


**Above:** The HS baseball and softball teams had their pizza fundraiser in early December. Making memories!! Thanks to all who purchased and thanks to all who helped make the pizzas.

**Right:** Grade 3 students working hard on their Science homework.  
**Below:** The Grade 3 students enjoyed their tour of the Appleton Library .



**G**rade 5 students have been busy being scientists this quarter. Students began by identifying mixtures and solutions, then they discovered how to separate them. They also learned how to develop models by observing how a device worked, then analyzing, collaborating, and revising the model. Now they are discovering the difference between concentrate and dilute, how to tell which solutions are more concentrated than others, and what density means.



## Snow Much Fun in Grade One!

By: Mrs. Streblow



**W**ow! It's hard to believe, but December is over! The first graders had a lot of fun reading *The Gingerbread Man*, baking cookies, and creating art work. Thank you to all who sent ingredients and who volunteered to help make cookies! We couldn't do it without you!

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 student to set positive goals and help them reach their full potentials by being involved in their studies, helping with homework, and talking about what's happening at school.

Together, we make a great team!



# Counselor's Corner

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## K-6 Students

Our Grade 5 Girl Empowerment Project (GEP) is in full gear this month!

The GEP has already made great waves through fun activities which allow girls to get to know each other on a more personal level, while working to improve their self-esteem.



## 7-12 Students

**Attention Seniors**—Do not wait, complete your college applications! Contact your specific school for deadline dates.

**Financial Aid is open.** Complete your FAFSA online now.

**Local scholarship applications** are now open. These are located on the school webpage under Schools → High School → Scholarships.

**Attention Juniors:** ASVAB testing will be January 12. Students interested in the military should plan to test that morning in the Shiocton LMC.

**Grade 11** If you have not completed your Chief Chat, please contact Mrs. Cornell to schedule your conference.

## Upcoming Events

**January 1**—NO SCHOOL

**January 10**—Mock Interviews (Seniors)

**January 12**—Reality Check (Seniors)

**January 12**—ASVAB Test (Juniors - optional)

**January 16**—High School Assembly  
(Amalia's Hope presentation)

**January 17**—Early Release: 12:10 p.m., End of Q2

**January 18**—NO SCHOOL or snow make-up- P/D

**January 25**—Crazy clothes/hair day (Grades K-8)

## Gifted and Talented

### Noetic Math Contest

On November 9, we had 73 students in Grades 3-6 participate in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national elementary math problem-solving contest held twice a year. There were 23,769 young mathletes representing 526 schools across 44 states in our country participating in this year's fall contest. **And the winners are.....**



Left to right: Shawn Bergman (Grade 3), Logan Van Camp (Grade 5), Eli Jorgensen (Grade 4), Shelby Erickson (Grade 6), and Hannah Widmann (Grade 4)

Congratulations to all our winners and participating mathletes! The contest results demonstrate our students' great problem solving skills and math talents. Also a big thank you goes out to our dedicated staff and parents for encouraging these students to try this challenge. Winners will be displayed on the [www.noetic-learning.com](http://www.noetic-learning.com) website. Please note that some students elected to use a code name rather than their actual name. We look forward to a rematch in April 2018.

### 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:** Beau Oskey/Willow Peterson  
(alternate: Grady Hargrove) - Ms. Hegner's class  
Ella Griesbach/Katelyn Flannery  
(alternate: Ruby Foesch) - Mr. Backman's class  
Edwin Santos Calona/Isaac Taylor  
(alternate: Holdyn Volkman) - Ms. Kirschman's class

**Grade 4:** Kailee Suprise/Adam Zaatrah/Brooke Beschta  
(alternate: Hannah Widmann) - Mr. Beer's class  
Bryn Keberlein/Eli Jorgensen/Paxton Kuehn Bechard  
(alternate: Lucy Foesch) - Mrs. Krohlow's class

**Grade 5:** Reghan Conradt/Lydia Hofacker  
(alternate: Megan Wilkinson) - Mrs. McNichols' class  
Destiny Monnot/Carly Lorenz  
(alternate: Mitch Volkman) - Mrs. Singler's class  
Tyler Pamperin/Aubrey Hess  
(alternate: Billie Jean Puls) - Mrs. VerVoort's class

**Grade 6:** Alexis Garcia/Kira Schwaller/Liz Pelky  
(alternates: Kayleigh Pigsley/Savannah Wilkum/Laney White) White Group—Mrs. Hauser  
Ava Lorenz/Alexis Widmann/Ashlyn Kortens  
(alternates: Alivia Collar/Kyler Rettler/Sydney Ritchie) Green Group—Mrs. Hauser

**Grade 7:** Jordyn Houterman/Abbie Fischer/Aleah Zaatrah/Kira Rettler/Abbie Daniels/Maddy Thebo  
(alternate: Sam Kelly) - Mrs. Funk

**Grade 8:** Mckayla Weso/Colton Westby/Katie Hanks/Olivia Conradt/Yenna Anaya/Tanner Drath  
(alternate: Keven Reyes) - Mrs. Funk

We cheer these students on as they prepare for competition at the district level, which will be held in cafeteria on Tuesday, January 9, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We welcome parents to this event if you are able.



## **January Character Trait**

### **Tolerance**



**T**olerance refers to an attitude of openness and respect for differences and for people who differ from us. Tolerance means to not only respect differences among others, but to learn from others and value these differences.

#### **Things that can help kids learn tolerance:**

\*Remember that kids are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different.

\*Select books, toys, music, movies, etc., carefully. Keep in mind the effect that media has on shaping attitudes and beliefs.

\*Acknowledge and respect differences among family members. Celebrate the uniqueness.

\*Help your children feel good about themselves. Kids with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and others.

## New Blood Pressure Targets and Treatment Recommendations

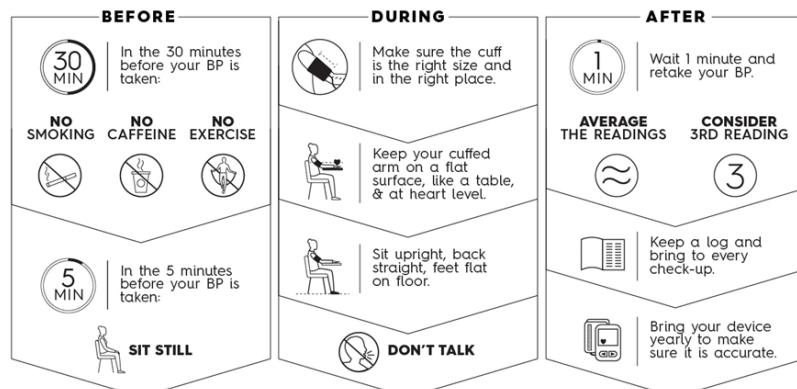
For years, hypertension was classified as a blood pressure (BP) reading of 140/90 mm Hg or higher, but the updated guideline classifies hypertension as a BP reading of 130/80 mm Hg or higher.

The recently updated guidelines provide new treatment recommendations, which include lifestyle changes as well as BP-lowering medications.

## **HOW TO GET YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED**

By AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION NEWS

The first step in controlling your blood pressure is knowing your numbers, and that requires an accurate BP reading. Here's how to do it right, whether you're at a clinic or at home:



Source: 2017 guidelines on diagnosing, treating and living with high blood pressure.

Published: November 13, 2017

## **Food and Toy Drive Success**

The Shiocton High School Student Council would like to give a **thank you** to all who donated to the Food and Toy Drive! This year, your generosity has helped us provided a wonderful holiday season for over 20 families in our community!



## Proposed Referendum Meetings

**Wednesday, January 10 @ 7:00 p.m.**

—Shiocton School Library (#1)

**Wednesday, January 24 @ 7:00 p.m.**

—Bovina Town Hall

**Wednesday, January 31 @ 7:00 p.m.**

—Ellington Town Hall

**Wednesday, February 7 @ 7:00 p.m.**

—Town of Maine Hall

**Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.**

—Shiocton School Library (#2)

## Annual Spelling Bee

**When: January 9, 2018**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Cafeteria**



**Snow Date: January 11, 2018**

## **S.P.I.C.E.**

The January SPICE meeting will be held on January 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. There will be a brief presentation with information regarding the upcoming referendums. Hope to see you there!

Also, the Plastic Bag Challenge will be happening at school until April 15. Recycle your plastic bags and film at the collection sites by the Elementary entrance and by the Chief Spirit Lodge.



## Recycling Fundraiser: For the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Another fundraiser, but this one will not cost you anything! It will help you clean out old things that may be lying around the house; this is a recycling fundraiser! We will be collecting the following items:

- Printers, Desktop computers, Keyboard, etc.
- Cordless phones, Cellphones, Smart phones
- Household appliances (vacuums, toasters, etc.)
- Toner/Inkjet cartridges
- Laptop and Netbook Computers
- Digital SLR Cameras and Lenses
- Digital Cameras and Camcorders
- GPS Devices and Radar Detectors
- Range Finders and Sky Caddies
- iPads, Tablets, iPods, and MP3 Players
- Handheld game systems, Game consoles (Xbox, Wii, PS3)
- Ebook readers
- Mobile hotspots and Wi-Fi devices
- 4G USB Air Cards
- Gold, Silver, and Platinum jewelry



We will be collecting the items in the **band room** area from **Monday** through **Wednesday** mornings at **9:00 a.m.** on the weeks of the Paper Drive at school:

**January 8-10**

**February 26-28**

**March 19-21**

**April 16-18**

**May 28-30**

These items, either working or broken, will be sent in and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will receive payment. Please contact Sally Ritchie at (920) 986-3351 ext. 763 with any further questions

# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



## CONGRATS HONORS CHORAL STUDENTS

Congratulations to Lucas Berard, Jacob Klitzke, Megan Pigsley, Caitlyn Pingel, McKenna Puls, Dawson Schmidt, Samantha Scott, and Dylan Van Camp for representing Shiocton at the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) Honors Choir on **January 13**. They will join some of the strongest vocalists from throughout the state to perform a concert at the Grand Theatre in Wausau.

## SHIOCTON HOSTS ALL-STAR HONORS BAND/CHOIR

On **Saturday, January 20**, we will host over 250 students from 22 schools in the Central Wisconsin Conference. We're looking for some help with serving/preparing food for concessions and lunch on that day as well as some help in the afternoon to move chairs from one end of the school to the other. We'd like to represent Shiocton at its finest—you can help make this the smoothest running All-Star in the conference! Please contact Mr. Yenor, Mrs. Anderson, Jenny Frahm, or Lori Maki if you're available.

## HOME STRETCH TO MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO | ENSEMBLE

As we come out of winter break, we hit our solo/ensemble season. This event is our best opportunity for musical growth and achievement in the year. We really encourage our students to make the most of it. The **Middle School Festival is Monday, February 5** from **3:30-6:30 p.m.** right here at school. We are in need of six to seven parent volunteers to be room monitors for the festival. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mr. Yenor.

## WE NEED HELP (in more ways than one...)

Can you help with any of these events? If so, we'll take you! Sign up online!

### All-Star Honors Band/Choir (January 20)

- CONCESSIONS (7:00-10:00am), 5-6 volunteers
- LUNCH (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), 7-8 volunteers
- LUNCH/CONCESSIONS (12:00-3:00 p.m.), 5-6 volunteers
- SET-UP/TEAR-DOWN (2:30-5:30 p.m.), 3-4 volunteers

**SIGN UP!** [bit.ly/allstarshiocton](http://bit.ly/allstarshiocton)

### State Archery Tournament (January 27)

- CONCESSIONS (7:00-10:00 a.m.), 5-6 volunteers
- LUNCH/CONCESSIONS (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), 5-6 volunteers
- CONCESSIONS (1:00-4:00 p.m.), 5-6 volunteers

**SIGN UP!** [bit.ly/archery2018](http://bit.ly/archery2018)

## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### PEP BAND

Thursday, January 4  
Friday, January 12  
Friday, January 19  
Tuesday, January 30

### WCDA HONORS CHOIR

Saturday, January 12-13  
Wausau, WI  
SELECT CHOIR STUDENTS

### ALL-STAR HONORS BAND & CHOIR

Saturday, January 20  
WE HOST THIS YEAR!!  
SELECT BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO/ENSEMBLE

Monday, February 5  
4:00-6:30 p.m.  
Shiocton MS  
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

### FOX VALLEY YOUNG ARTIST FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 10  
Lawrence University  
HS BAND/CHOIR



## WALL OF THANKS

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DONORS, WORKERS, ETC**  
for your generosity and time in making the chili dinner and bucket raffle happen—your support of music in our school is so appreciated

**SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF**  
for your overwhelming flexibility & support with the kids as we rehearsed for our holiday performances

**EVERYONE**  
for your support of music in our children's education. We look forward to partnering with you in 2018 to continue making this happen!

Mr. Prodell's Advanced Health class is starting a unit on Citizenship. They would like to show their citizenship by helping the children of the Neenah Children's Hospital. They came up with the great idea that they would love you to be involved in; **"Give a toy to share the joy"**. There will be a designated bin located by the District and Elementary offices. They will accept any **new** toys. Please review the Toy Drive Agreement below. The drive will be held from **January 2—January 12**.

Again, thank you for your support as they look forward to seeing all of the smiling faces when they deliver the items.



### Guidelines

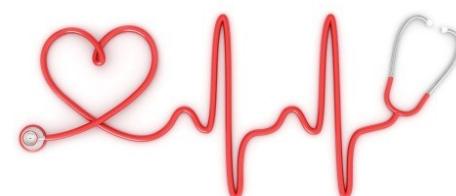
- All items must be new
- Items may **not** contain Latex
- Stuffed animals and dolls must be no larger than 18" and safe for all ages (no vending machine toys)
- Toys or games with religious or violent themes are not accepted. If a donation requires batteries in order to operate, please include as part of your gift
- Please do not wrap gifts

### Toddlers & Preschoolers

- Board books
- Character sippy cups with straws (especially boy themes)
- New Release or Disney® DVDs
- Interactive toys, 12-months to 2-years
- FP Little People play sets
- Paw Patrol small play sets
- Duplo® blocks
- Baby Dolls (not in play sets)

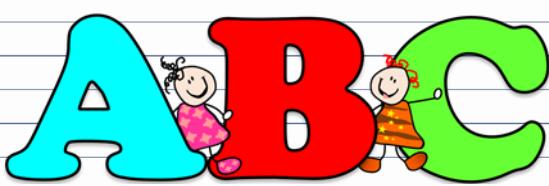
### School-aged kids to preteens

- Transformers®/autobots
- Small action figures
- Matchbox®/Hot Wheels® cars
- Small horse/pony playsets
- Lego® sets, all skill levels (<100 pc) for boys and girls
- Princess-themed toys
- Coloring books, crayons, markers, and colored pencils



## 3-year-old Play Group Shiocton Elementary

Dates:  
January 19  
February 2 & 16  
March 16  
April 6 & 20  
May 18



Time: 8:30 a.m. to  
10:00 a.m.

Classes will be held in the Early Childhood room E152. Themes will be based on the season and time of year. Any questions, please contact Ashley Schwister (920) 986-3351 ext. 717.



Schedule:  
Center time  
Group meeting  
Art  
Snack

Parents will need to RSVP for each class. Due to the space available, there will be a max of 15 children able to attend each play group. Monday before each group, parents need to call and reserve a spot for their child for that Friday. Call Ashley Schwister at (920) 986-3351 ext. 717 or email: [aschwister@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:aschwister@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

### PSL: A changing of the Guard

This year, as the calendar changes, so will our Police School Liaison officer.

For the past two and one-half years, students and staff have seen a familiar face in our PSL, that of alumni Clint Kriewaldt. A 1994 graduate of Shiocton High School, Officer Kriewaldt has provided excellent service to the School District of Shiocton, building strong relationships and solid rapport with students, staff, and families alike. "I love it here," said Kriewaldt. "I have great relationships with the students and the staff. I'm going to miss everyone." Kriewaldt recently accepted a promotion to sergeant and to the Law Enforcement Specialist (LES) team within the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department. The LES is commonly referred to as an on-the-road investigator. "I'll be the one who responds to the scene of an accident or crime. I'll be responsible for collecting the evidence at the scene and taking the pictures," said Kriewaldt. "The experience gained through my work at Shiocton (schools) as a PSL was excellent training for the new position. Being a PSL really helped me to grow my investigative and inter-personal skills. I'm really going to miss everyone and I hope the relationships I've built will continue on."

While we wish Officer Kriewaldt much success in his new position, we also welcome Tyler Van Handel. A three-year veteran of the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department, Van Handel is excited to begin his transition into the PSL role. "I am looking forward to building relationships with students, staff, and the community," said Van Handel, who will shadow Kriewaldt the week of January 2, 2018. Putting faces with names, learning the nuances of school PSL work, and generally getting the lay of the land will be part of the transition, as will be "getting into classrooms to meet the students, providing for their safety, and making sure they have positive interactions with law enforcement".

Watch for more information on Officer Van Handel in the February edition of The Link.

## Parents of children aged 2 ½ - 4 years old...

### Child Development Days

The Shiocton School District early childhood screening team provides developmental screenings to children ages 2-1/2—4-years-old who reside within the school district boundaries. The dates for the screenings are:

**Friday, February 8 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, March 7 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.**

**\*\*Reservation is required. Please contact Ashley Schwister at (920) 986-3351 ext. 717 to reserve the date and time for your child**

Below are some things you should look for in your child:

#### **By age 3, most children:**

- Are understood by family 75% of the time,
- Speak in short sentences,
- Answer simple questions,
- Understand most things said to him/her,
- Enjoy listening to storybooks,
- Begin to play with other children,
- Enjoy helping adults,
- Match primary colors,
- Dress self with help,
- Walk up and down stairs; one foot per step,
- Pedal a tricycle,
- Snip with a small scissors,
- Draw lines with a crayon, and
- Point to body parts.

#### **By age 4, most children:**

- Speak clearly; are understood most of the time,
- Use language to express emotion,
- Frequently asks questions,
- Participate in rhyming games,
- Talk about pictures in a book,
- Enjoy pretend play with children,
- Can identify at least four colors,
- Catch a large ball tossed to them,
- Know full name, age, and gender,
- Cut paper with a scissors,
- Jump forward or over an object,
- Draw a circle, and
- Can orally count 1-10 and can count a group of objects up to 5.





**\*\*Menu subject to change without notice\*\***  
 Breakfast prices: 4K-12—\$1.15 per day—\$24.15 for January  
 Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.50 per day \$12.50 per week—\$52.50 for January  
 9-12—\$2.75 per day, \$13.75 per week—\$55.00 for January

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b>Breakfast</b>		Cinnamon roll, Trix yogurt , or English muffin with sausage/egg, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, Fruit, Juice		Lucky Charms, Frosted chocolate Mini-Wheat cereal, Boiled eggs, Fruit, Breakfast pizza, Egg or pancake wrap, or French toast, Juice, Milk		Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, Breakfast pizza, or Pancake wrap, or French toast stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk		Strawberry or fudge pop-tart, String cheese, English muffin with sausage and egg, or Pancake wrap, or French toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
1	NO SCHOOL	2	Mini corn dogs, Creamy seasoned mashed potatoes, Seasoned broccoli, Fruit cocktail, Milk	3	Super nachos with meat sauce, Whole kernel corn, Apple Juice, Milk	4	Build-your-own loaded turkey, ham, and cheese sub on a WG bun, Fresh vegetables, Dried cranberries (Craisins), Birthday ice cream cup, Fruitable juice, Milk	5	Grab-n-go salads, BBQ pulled pork sandwich, Tri-taters, Baked beans, Sliced pears, Milk
8	Chili with homemade buns, Seasoned peas and carrots, Applesauce cups, Milk	9	Chicken patty on a WG bun, Tri-taters, Baked beans, Sliced peaches, Milk	10	Pizza slice, Fresh crispy garden salad, Sliced pears, Fresh baked apple crisp, Milk	11	Grab-n-go salad, Salisbury steak, Creamy mashed potatoes, Steamed broccoli, Mandarin oranges, Bread slice, Milk	12	Grab-n-go salad, Gooey goodness cheesy macaroni and cheese, Uncrustables, Green beans, Applesauce, Milk
15	Taco fries with trimmings, Buttered peas, Sliced peaches, Graham chocolate cookie, HS slice of bread, Milk	16	Homemade chicken noodle soup, String cheese, Dinner roll, Buttered country blend vegetable, Applesauce, Milk	17	Spaghetti with meatballs, Fresh crispy garden salad, Garlic bread sticks, Sliced pears, Milk <b>EARLY RELEASE</b>	18	<b>NO SCHOOL/ SNOW MAKEUP</b>	19	Parfaits, Pizza dippers with marinara, Seasoned green beans, Pineapple chunks, Milk
22	Chicken nuggets, Seasoned rice, Seasoned broccoli, Strawberries, blueberries, and apple slices, Milk	23	Grab-n-go salads Chicken alfredo with a twist, Flavored green beans, Sliced peaches, Garlic toast, Milk	24	<b>BRUNCH FOR LUNCH</b> Pancakes with syrup, Hash browns, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk	25	Grab-n-go salads, Pizzaroni, Seasoned mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Garlic bread stick, Milk	26	Parfaits, Build-your-own soft shell taco with trimmings, Buttered whole kernel corn, Sliced pears, Milk
29	Grab-n-go salad, Chicken and gravy over creamy mashed potatoes, Buttered green peas, Cranberry sauce, Orange smiles, Milk	30	Parfaits Portessi Italian cheese fries, Seasoned green beans, Sliced peaches, Milk	31	All-beef hot dog on a WG bun, Potato smiles, Baked beans, Sliced pears, Milk	<i>Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain bread and buns are offered. All students must take 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch. Fresh fruit and vegetable are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.</i>			

## January Calendar of Events

1/1	NO SCHOOL	1/8	Varsity Boys Basketball @ Menominee Indian —7:00 p.m.	1/19	Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
1/2	SCHOOL RESUMES FROM WINTER BREAK  JV Girls Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.	1/9	C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m. Varsity Wrestling @ Laconia HS—7:00 p.m.	1/20	MS Wrestling @ Bay Port HS—9:00 a.m. Varsity Wrestling @ Pittsville HS—10:30 a.m.
1/4	JV Boys Basketball @ Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran —6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran—7:30 p.m. Varsity Wrestling @ Home—7:00 p.m.	1/12	JV Girls Basketball @ Wittenberg HS—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Wittenberg HS—7:30 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.	1/22	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00 p.m.</b> MS Wrestling @ Brillion MS—4:15 p.m. MS Girls Basketball @ Iola-Scandinavia HS—5:30 p.m. JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
1/5	C Team /Freshman Girls Basketball @ Neenah HS —5:50 p.m.	1/13	Varsity Wrestling @ Freedom HS—9:00 a.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Sturgeon Bay HS—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Sturgeon Bay HS —7:30 p.m.	1/23	JV Boys Basketball @ Weyauwega HS—6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball @ Weyauwega HS—7:30 p.m. MS Girls Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m. Varsity Wrestling @ Home—7:00 p.m.
1/6	Varsity Wrestling Invitational @ Cedar Grove Belgium HS—9:00 a.m.	1/17	<b>EARLY RELEASE 12:10—END OF QUARTER 2</b>	1/25	MS Girls Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m. Varsity Wrestling @ Home—7:00 p.m.
1/8-12	PAPER DRIVE	1/18	<b>NO SCHOOL OR SNOW MAKE-UP DAY</b>	1/29	MS Girls Basketball @ Home—4:00 p.m. JV Girls Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m.
1/8	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00 p.m.  JV Boys Basketball @ Menominee Indian—6:00 p.m.	1/19	C Team/JV Girls Basketball @ Amherst HS—6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball @ Home—7:30 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Home—6:00 p.m.	1/30	