

Shiocton Schools  
"Where Excellence is Expected."



# <sup>The</sup> Link

## School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

March, 2016

### Wrestlers Headed to State

Congratulations to  
Henry Fielding,  
Mason Gomm,  
Billy Reif, Sawyer  
Theobald, and Sam  
Van Straten.



### Entertainment Book Fundraiser Benefits Readers

With a more uniform implementation of Guided Reading and structured mini-lessons tailored to our reading curriculum this year, a generous supply of books was needed to supplement classroom libraries.

Thanks to the monies earned from the sale of Entertainment Books, the elementary school was able to purchase a large number of appropriate texts to meet the increased demands on classroom libraries and for mentor texts useful for rigorous instruction. These books play a large part in keeping students engaged in reading and providing them with materials appropriate to their individual reading levels. They also provide teachers with engaging text with which to get teaching points across to students.

Thank you again to all who purchased Entertainment Books!



### Parents and Guardians

Our school uses text messages, delivered straight to your mobile phone, as one way to send important information about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more.

Send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **68453** to opt in.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop."



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
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### Regional Champions



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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.*

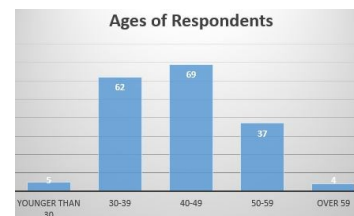
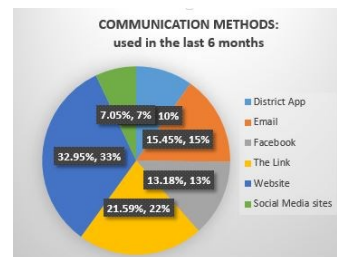
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## Communication Survey Results

Nearly 200 parents responded to the survey sent out earlier this month regarding communication methods and devices. The data was most interesting to review and I was pleasantly surprised to see how many of our parents are using multiple means to access information about the school. Some data points that stick out:

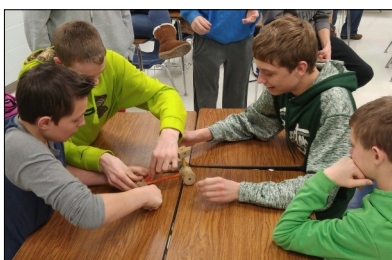
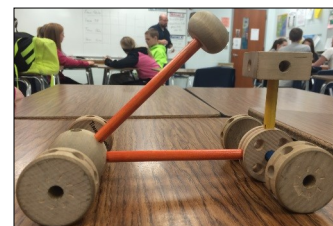
- Nearly 60% of our parents have consulted the district website and *The Link* in the last six months to learn about events and happenings; a growing number are visiting our Facebook page (Shiocton School District).
- Of the nearly 70% of parents that use their Smartphone to access information, 14% are aged 50 – 59 and 67% prefer to receive non-emergency notifications by text, while 66% listed Facebook as their most used social media site.
- Close to 85% of our parents aged 30 – 39 primarily use Smartphones to access information about the district about 14% more than our parents who are age 40 – 49.



As a whole, we learned that we need to continue using a variety of venues to get the information out to our parents. Additional, it is clear that those venues (written, social media, on-line) need to be accessible and able to be displayed/viewed via different formats including smartphone, PC, and Apple products.

Thank you again to all who responded. ~Mrs. Schweitzer

## Eighth Grade Tinker Toy Assembly Line Challenge — 5.6 Seconds



## Meet the Candidates

My name is **Jeremie Birch**. My wife Pamela and I have two amazing daughters, Karissa (Grade 4) and Breanna (Grade 6). We have been living in the Shiocton school district for more than 12 years now and just love it. I am currently running for a second term on the Shiocton School Board.

Before my first term on the board, I was on the district marketing and visioning committees. Since being elected to the board, I am also on the district safety, policy, and finance committees. I have chaired the policy committee and currently chair our finance committee. Last spring, I was also elected to be the district treasurer.

My professional background is in logistical and global compliance management. I have been employed with Tidi Products for 18 years. I feel my experience in management will only help with my actions and decisions as a board member.

Through my years on the board, I have really had my eyes opened to the many challenges schools face. Safety, bullying, staff retention, finance, declining enrollment, and the rapid evolution of technology continue to be some of the key issues we have to focus on. The complicated formulas to be able to put together an annual budget are daunting. The cuts in school aid and the funding of the states voucher program really eat at the money we have available to us as a district. As a board member, I am proud of the many accomplishments we've achieved over the years. We hired a great superintendent, passed a referendum, hired great staff members and moved toward the 1:1 technology approach. We are also in the process of executing a change to our safety philosophy.

Over the last three years, I have really enjoyed getting to spend time with so many of the kids in our community. Some of my favorite memories are being on stage for graduation, watching kids give reports and presentations at board meetings and working with the seniors during *Reality Check*. I have been coaching youth soccer for more than six years now, and I truly love spending time with the kids.

I have greatly enjoyed my first three years on the board and hope to be able to serve the children and community of Shiocton for many years to come. I know there is much more I want to learn, and I look forward to the opportunity.

My name is **Brad Ritchie**, and I am running for a fourth term on the Shiocton School Board. My wife, Jennifer, and I have four children: Sydney in grade 4, Caleb in kindergarten, and twins, Hayden and Reid, who will be attending 4K in the fall. I have been fortunate enough to serve on the Shiocton School Board for the past nine years. The past three years, I have been elected by my peers on the board as President.

Over the past nine years, our district has gone through a lot of changes. We have hired two superintendents, passed two referenda, added a one-to-one technology initiative, and found a strong working trust with our school employees. Over the next several years, we will again have many issues to face that I am looking forward to applying my experiences to.

- **Fiscal Planning:** We happen to be supported by a great community who passed a referendum last year by receiving 75% of the vote. Future planning gets more difficult as state-funded money continues to be redistributed to the state voucher program. I have a strong commitment to continue to build trust in the community with the factual information we need and continue to present solutions to the community.
- **Student Safety:** Not a meeting goes by when our board is not talking about safety of students. Training and preparing students and teachers for the unexpected continues to be one of our top priorities.
- **Employee Compensation and Consistency:** This school year, we enacted a new salary structure for the teachers of our district. The hope is that it will give the ability to reward high performers and keep them in Shiocton. Although continuing education and years of service do still matter, they are not the only criteria for determining salary. The impact of performance on student learning is a key component; this will help us compensate teachers appropriately. We owe our children consistency. I plan to further continue Shiocton's efforts toward retention being a top priority.

When I joined the board in 2005, we were in a transition period. During the course of three years, Shiocton added four new board members. It was during that time that both the district and new board members like me relied on the experienced members to orientate us to the way we do business here in Shiocton. We are in one of those transition periods again adding several new board members to replace some excellent, but retiring, board members. Continuing the great culture we have established is paramount to success for students here in Shiocton. I want to continue to be one of the experienced members and continue to serve the students, community, and staff members in Shiocton.

Shiocton is a great school! As part of the leadership of the district, I wish to continue to challenge our team to be elite. We boldly place the slogan, *Where Excellence is Expected* on our school main entrance and letterhead. This concept needs to continue to proliferate itself throughout the community. Consistency is an important element in any school district. Whether it is the teachers, administration, or the school board, we need to continue to have a consistent message and consistent goals to enhance the experiences of the children attending school here every day! I ask for your vote on April 5, 2016 to ensure we continue our mission!

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## Meet the Candidates continued

My name is **Bob Smith**. I am running for school board. My wife, Angie, and I have been married for 11 years this fall. We have two very active boys; Jaxon, a third grader, and Cooper, a second grader, both attending Shiocton Elementary School. I was born and raised in Shiocton and have always taken great pride in our community and school district. I am currently involved in Shiocton Summer Sports as the Little League Director. Prior to this, I was the Rookie League Director, and have been a coach with the organization for over 15 years. I have also worked with our school district to create a flag football program for students in first through fourth grade. The combined efforts of devoted parents and the committed school district allowed our students an opportunity to compete with their classmates against the youth from some of the surrounding communities.

In the past several years, our district has experienced major educational changes due to the changing political climate within our state. Our current economic status as a district is holding firm thanks to the referendum that was passed. As a Board, we will have to look at every possible option regarding school finance. With the increased use of technology in the workforce today, school districts have to meet the increased demand for technologically prepared laborers. Our district has taken steps toward the increased use of technology in the classroom. We as a community need to make sure that our teachers are adequately prepared to implement the technology in the classroom. Our school board needs to continue and improve upon the means in which it communicates with and involves the community in the education of its youth. I am running for school board in an attempt to create a stronger bridge of communication and involvement between the school district and its residents.

## SPICE – So Much Happening!

*by Mindy Hofacker, SPICE Chair*

With spring fast approaching, SPICE is doing many things to help our school. We are still selling raffle tickets for our **Quilt Raffle**. Tickets will be on sale until March 8 and will be available at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. The fair will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and is a perfect opportunity to visit the school and see all the work our students produce with the help of our amazing teachers and staff. Purchased raffle tickets can be turned in that evening as well. The drawing will take place Wednesday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. Along with the grand prize of the beautiful quilt created by the third grade class, Mrs. Beecher, and Jeanne Reese, there are many other prizes to be won! The public is welcome to attend the drawing, but you do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified via phone and will be formally announced at the April 6 meeting. We hope you will consider supporting our fundraising efforts by purchasing some tickets. Good luck!



Our **Spring Book Fair** is also happening this month. The book fair will be open during lunch hours and during the evening of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair as well. We truly appreciate every purchase and all the volunteers who help make this a success. Our book fair gets great books into the hands of our students and we earn many books for our school.

Our **17th Annual Funset Boulevard** event will take place this

My Name is **Aaron Pluger**. I am a 2001 graduate of Shiocton High School and a lifelong resident of the Shiocton area. After high school I received my degree in Accounting and Business Management from UW-Green Bay in May of 2006. After college, I worked in public accounting as an auditor for government units including counties, municipalities, and school districts for three years.

As a lifelong resident of the Shiocton area, I am now running for School Board as I want to be of service to the community that has been of service to me my entire life. The main issue facing the Board and the school district are financial issues, as they are for most Wisconsin school districts, as state funding continues to decrease. These funding cuts can hinder the district's ability to provide the quality education that the children of the community need and deserve. I believe with my background in accounting and school district audits I would be a great addition to the School Board to continue helping Shiocton's District face these financial issues head on.

Thursday, March 3, from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. Thank you to all who purchased the discounted wristbands for this event. It is always a fun night for the kids! There will be no wristbands available through SPICE the night of the event.



Our next **Free Family Movie Night** will be held this month. Come join us Friday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will be showing *The Good Dinosaur* and concessions will be available for purchase. We hope you can make it and enjoy a fun night with friends!

Keep saving your plastic bags and wraps for our **Plastic Bag Challenge** running through April 15. A magnet was sent home with some ideas for what can be recycled above and beyond your curbside recycling. It all adds up!

We are starting to discuss the upcoming board elections for SPICE that will take place at our May meeting. We will be voting to elect a chair and a treasurer. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings and would love even more to see some members consider a board position. Any questions concerning this process can be directed toward any board member! You can also attend a meeting to see what each position entails or how you can help our group by volunteering. Our next meeting is March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. Thank you for your continued support of SPICE. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns please contact me at [Shofackers@gmail.com](mailto:Shofackers@gmail.com) or call (920) 525-1135. Enjoy all that we have to offer this month!

## Terracycle Update



This is just an update on how the recycling brigades have been going since the implementation late October. We have sent in numerous shipments (free of charge to us by the way) for the Go

Go Squeez brigade (361 items) and the juice pouch brigades nearly 1,500 items. I do want to let you know that we can accept any brand name of applesauce or juice pouches. It does not need to be Go Go Squeez or Capri Sun only! These are the two companies that sponsor these programs, but other brand names can be recycled as well. We have



sent in one shipment for the Little Bites pouch brigade of 708 items. These items have earned us almost \$20, but the most rewarding part is that these 2,000 + items are not in a landfill anywhere. They are being reused, upcycled, or recycled!

That is the most amazing part. We have been asked to continue collecting the writing utensils, but at this time there is a surplus of them being shipped.



PLEASE don't throw them away! Send them to the collection box located in front of the elementary office. The collection boxes for the food items is located right in the cafeteria. Please save these items from the landfills, and help us recycle. Any questions please e-mail me at [rschmidt@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:rschmidt@shiocton.k12.wi.us). Thanks for helping us save our planet!

## Paper Drive Update

Despite cold temperatures the January paper drive brought in 6.13 tons. Thank you for your support during the winter weather conditions. I am confident that the March drive will have bright and sunny days!



Future paper drives:

**Monday:**

March 14 — Friday, March 18

April 25 — Friday, April 29

**Tuesday:**

May 31 — Friday, June 3

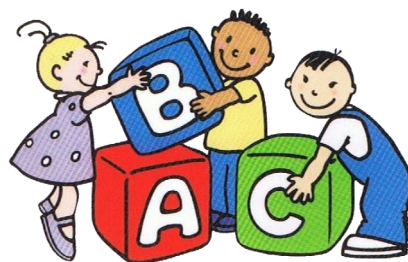
Please contact me with any questions or concerns, Tim Huebner 986-3351, ext. 739.



## Make Appointments Now for Early Childhood Screening Held in April

Dear Parent(s):

The School District of Shiocton cordially invites you and your child to participate in our **free Early Childhood Screening to be held on Friday, April 8, at Shiocton Elementary School.**



We are looking for children within the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2016, who may be eligible for the program. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.

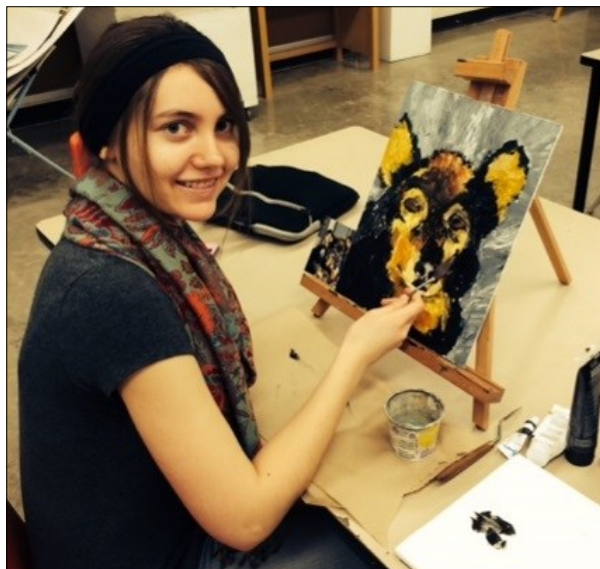
Please **call 986-3351 ext. 717 by Friday, April 1, to set up an appointment** or if you have any additional questions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Nicole Hess

Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher

Below: Heather Hellweg oil painting in art.





## Trees for Tomorrow

by Riley Krull, Joe Herrmann, Parker Nabbefeld

On December 1, 2015, six students from Shiocton High School were sent out on an adventure of a lifetime. Trees for Tomorrow is located in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The students that set out on this journey were Riley Krull, Parker Nabbefeld, Joseph Herrmann, Gabby Gunderson, Colton Kleiber, and Cloie Rose.



The history of Trees for Tomorrow started in the 1940s. It started because of loggers cutting down too many trees in the area. This led to volunteers planting trees all around Northern Wisconsin. Over time the volunteers became workers focused on teaching today's

youth about the natural resources. Since then, the campus has grown, and their teachings have spread over a vast number of topics, from taking us outside to identify trees, to adventuring to a paper mill.

Trees for Tomorrow teaches it's students a number of lessons. One of my favorite parts of this educational adventure was learning about the flora and fauna that call Northern Wisconsin home. We learned about logging, the wolf population, how to identify animals by their tracks, and we even looked at animal bones and tried to guess the species. Most of the things that we learned will stay with us through our life.

In our trip, they taught us how to build a fire from scratch. An important subject the instructors taught us, was to try our hardest to survive. One of our instructors said, "It takes 3 weeks before lack of food kills you, 3 days until



lack of water kills you, 3 minutes until lack of oxygen kills you, but only 3 seconds can determine your fate if you panic." They

described to us the best way to make a fire with one match, scrap wood, and bark from trees. For this situation we had to purify water by boiling it for 5 minutes. Once our water was boiled for 5 minutes, it was deemed "safe to drink" and the lesson was over.

Logging consisted of four main people on the job, the sawyer, faller, swamper, and the cook. The most

important person of the group was the cook. When the loggers came back to their cabin they were hungry and if the cook wasn't good enough, he was fired. Many loggers needed to find ways to occupy themselves on their free time so they made up games. These games consisted of trying to roll a wooden puck the farthest, lighting a match with an axe, or throwing a group member in the air with a blanket. The logging cabins were tightly packed, usually consisting of 12-16 people.

The instructors put information on a big projector while at the same time they explained it so that everybody understands what they're teaching. According to the Trees for Tomorrow website, Trees for Tomorrow "Prepares today's youth to be the tomorrow's stewards of our natural world." The Trees for Tomorrow experience is built to inspire the generations that come to help grow and maybe harvest the world's natural resources.



Another possible survival situation that they put us through, was to find our way out of the woods with just a compass and a map. The bus dropped us off and the instructors told us to go to a certain location. Meanwhile, the rest of the groups were finding the same location. After the 2 mile hike through the woods, we all made it back to the bus safely. The most important lesson learned from this was how to use a compass correctly, finding the right degree to travel in. There are many things to take into account when using something as simple as a compass.

Throughout our stay at Trees for Tomorrow we cut pieces of wood using a two man saw.

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During our time at Trees for Tomorrow, we had fun with observing and classifying the trees. They gave us sheets that made you figure out what the name of the tree was. Leafless winter made us focus on the branches and the bark instead of the leaves.



The Trees for Tomorrow instructors were great at teaching the most amount of education in little time. They managed to find a way to keep students interested with hands-on-learning, while also keeping them mentally active by putting them through hypothetical situations. This was an adventure that truly shaped our interests in the outdoors. The learning and fun we were able to experience is something we recommend for everybody. The things that this trip has taught us with stay with us through the ages.



## Shiocton Wrestling Club Annual Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, April 2 at River Rail

\$30 pre-registration \$35 day of

Must be 18 years old

Youth Raffle drawing at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, or to register please contact Dave Gomm at (920) 850-0322 or [Dgomm@coatingexcellence.com](mailto:Dgomm@coatingexcellence.com).



## Regionals Advance 11 Wrestlers

1. Shiocton	269.0
2. Weyauwega-Fremont	170.0
3. Rosholt	151.0
4. Amherst	118.0
5. Manawa	99.0
5. Tri-County	99.0



The Shiocton wrestling team won their regional and sent 11 of its wrestlers onto the sectional tournament. Winning championships for Shiocton were Sawyer Theobald (120), Levi Snortum (132), Sammy VanStraten (138), Billy Reif (152), Trevor Young (160), Mason Gomm (182), Henry Fielding (195), and Ben Gunderson (285). Placing second for Shiocton were Ethan Flannery (106), Raymond Herb (126), and Trent Moder (170). Overall, we were very happy as a coaching staff with how well we did. We have a great group of wrestlers this year, so we did have some expectations going into the regional. Just like the rest of this season, these guys exceeded our expectations for the day and pulled out 2 or 3 matches that could have easily went the other way on us. We are very proud of this group and what they have been able to do all season and look forward



to what may lie ahead of us toward the end of the season.



# Counselor's Corner

## March Issue

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K-6 School Counselor -ext. 711

### Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Counseling Department. Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding academic, emotional, or social needs of your child.

### 7-12 Students

**Seniors:** Once again keep working on your scholarships. They are coming due in April. Our first financial aid night was a success. If you need help with the FAFSA, please contact me as soon as you can. The FAFSA became available on January 1 at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

**Juniors:** By the time you read this, our juniors will have their first ACT completed. I know they all did great. Remember, students may take this exam as many times as they wish. If a student was absent during these test dates there will be one make-up day where they can take the exam.

**All Students:** By now, nearly all students have requested their courses for next year. The master schedule is being created and soon students will have their schedules. Stay tuned. Feel free to go over the Course Description Booklet found on the website under High School and then Counselor Corner. We have new courses offered. Check them out!

**Youth Apprenticeship:** The Youth Apprenticeship worker held a brief informational meeting for the sophomores and juniors regarding this program. They may have come home with the packets. I will be setting up a parent meeting for those students who are interested. This program awards two high school credits per semester.

**7/8 Grade:** All 8th graders have selected their wish list of classes for their freshman year. Parents, please look at their selections that they bring home and contact me if you have any questions. There is opportunity to discuss the class selections more thoroughly at your child's 'Chief Chat' in June. Seventh graders covered diversity in their classroom guidance lesson. We are all working on being more tolerant at home and with our peers. Keep up the good work!

### K-6 Students

#### **Safety Presentations**

Students in Grades, 1, 3, and 6 were audience to safety presentations from the Sexual Assault Center in Appleton on February 24. Students were instructed on the importance of personal safety through acting assertively, behaving respectfully, and seeking help from trusted adults when needed.

#### **Mix-It-Up-Day**

On Tuesday, February 23, students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 were a bit "mixed up." At lunch, students were randomly directed to new seating arrangements as a way to meet and interact with students whom they do not normally converse with. This was a great way to practice our monthly trait of tolerance and respect for diversity, and hopefully a chance to make a new friend.

#### **Fifth Grade Chief Chats**

Chief Chats for all fifth grade students and their parents will be held in April and May\*. This is an opportunity for the student, parents/guardians, and counselor to meet together to discuss, plan, and collaborate to help ensure academic success and healthy transitions. During the conference, the following will be discussed: goals, interests and skills, co-curricular activities, career clusters, learning style, and transitioning to middle school.

\* Please contact Mrs. Cornell to schedule your 30-minute Chief Chat – 986-3351 ext. 711 or [scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

### Upcoming Events

**March 1**—Act for Juniors in AM

**March 2**—Work Keys for Juniors in AM

**March 8**—Parent/Teacher Conf.

**March 23**—End of 3rd Quarter

**March 24-28**—Spring Break

**April 1**—School Board Scholarship is due

**April 13**—Local Scholarships are due

### Character Education Theme for March

## Cooperation/ Teambuilding

**What is this all about? Every month, the counseling department will put out a district-wide theme for developing and fostering our students' character. We will list ideas for parents to try at home and to support what students learn in school.**

**This month's theme is "Cooperation/Teambuilding."**

#### **TIPS:**

- Work as a family to do chores.
- Use playground etiquette.
- Practice honesty.
- Invite someone new to eat lunch with you.
- Keep clear lines of communication with parents/teachers and yourself.
- Set a good example and lead by it.



## wake up!

School Breakfast



## Wake Up to School Breakfast

Help spread the word that school breakfast provides an energizing start to the day for your children. The School District of Shiocton offers a healthy breakfast daily to provide the students with the nutrients it takes to help them with learning. Students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory. Students who participate in school breakfast show improved attention, behavior, higher test scores, and decreases tardiness. The school district offers proteins, fruit, and whole grains daily. "Wake Up to School Breakfast" to help make your day a success!

### Elementary/MS Principal

Happy "It's Almost Spring" Month! Here is some information to share with you for the month of March:



Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, March 8. Conferences will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on this evening. If you do not get conference information from your child's teacher, please feel free to request the information from him/her. The end of the quarter is coming up on March 23.

SPICE Funset Boulevard Event: For all of the families who signed up to attend the SPICE Shiocton Night at Funset Boulevard on Thursday, March 3, I hope you have a GREAT time!

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, Book Fair, and Concert: The fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 8. The fair will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. all throughout the district. Science exhibits and art work will be on display.

During the fair, a book fair will also be open to the public in the cafeteria area. Please see Mrs. Murphy or Mrs. Griesbach in the office if you have any questions about this year's fair. Also, there will be a "Concert Collage" following the fair. The concert will feature the band (grades 5-12) and choir (grades 6-12) and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Please join us!



Upcoming Early Releases and/or Days When School Will Not be in Session:

March 4 – No School

March 23 – End of 3rd Quarter – 12:10 p.m. Early Release

March 24, 25, & 28 – Spring Break – No School

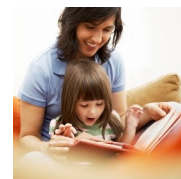


Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration for 2016-17: If you missed the registration week (or know someone who missed registration),

please contact the school office at 920-986-3351 ext. 721. Orientation sessions will be held in May. Please call the office at the number above to receive more information.

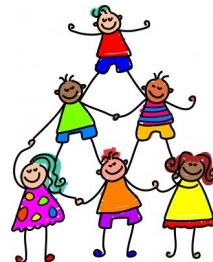
Wisconsin Forward Examination: This exam replaces the WKCE and Badger Exam in Wisconsin. The window for the testing is March 28 through May 20. In the very near future, you will receive information about when your child will be testing if he/she is in grades 3-8. There is an online practice site which will be available to students at some point before the testing window opens. Until that time, if students would like to work on sample problems, they may do so by taking a practice test at [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org) (Log on as a guest and take the practice test for specific grade level). Watch for more information on this topic in the near future.

Early Childhood Screening: There will be a free Early Childhood Screening on Friday, April 8. The screening is open to children within the district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2016. If you would like to talk to someone about the screening, feel free to contact the school office at 920-986-3351 ext. 721.



Have a wonderful month of March!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Griesbach*  
PK-6 Principal



Open Enrollment window for the  
2016-2017 school year will run through April 29

See the school website for more information

[www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us)

## Grade 1

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Well, the first graders plan to roar through the month with many exciting activities. In the beginning of the month, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will read various Dr. Seuss stories and take part in some activities in the classroom. This time is always a favorite time for the first graders!



of interesting facts. This project ties together our reading curriculum and writing curriculum. Watch for these newly created books to come home near the middle of the month. The students have worked hard and are very proud of their work!

As for the FANG Reading Club, we are rounding our way to home plate. All of our effort and hard work will pay off when we receive our Home Runner Hitter awards and earn our free ticket to the Timber Rattler game. The first graders have done a good job reading for 15 minutes a night and returning the Log sheet.



The first graders have been busy working on a research project. The students have chosen an animal to learn more about. After reading books and articles on this animal, the students have created a book containing lots

## Grade 4

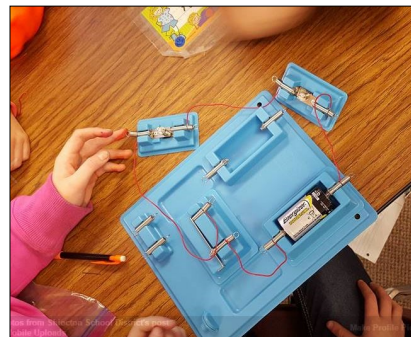
Fourth grade is the first year of school that students get "official" instruction in the art of keyboarding. Ms. Miller and Ms. Suda, our high school business education teachers, have been or will soon be, instructing the students in the basics of typing. Each homeroom will have six weeks of typing instruction.



It is pretty amazing how swiftly they are picking it up. From now on, when you see a fourth grader on a keyboard, watch for their excellent

technique: hands on home row and sitting up straight. The teachers stress that it is important to learn where the keys are now and worry about speed later.

In science, we are learning all about energy, and have been doing experiments with circuits, batteries, light bulbs, motors, wires, and switches. The students are also learning how to develop an argument that explains their scientific understanding and proves their point.





## Grade 2

“What time is it?” That is a question being asked by many of our second graders lately. The students are busy learning about telling time on an analog and a digital clock, as well as distinguishing between a.m. and p.m. This month they will also be busy describing, organizing, and representing data in graphs.

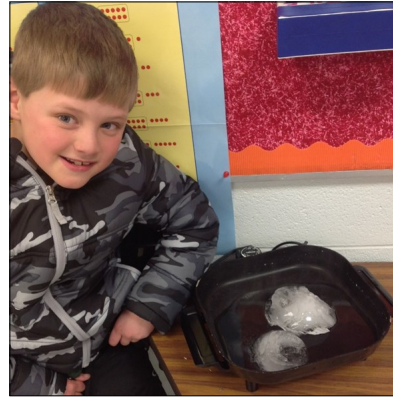
In our Writing and Reading Workshops, our second graders have been learning more about nonfiction texts. They have filled their book boxes with informational books to read and discuss. They studied the features of nonfiction texts and how they help readers with comprehension. Now that they are familiar with this type of text, each second grader will get to make his/her own nonfiction book. First, each student will research an animal and take notes. Then, they get to write down what they learned, remembering to include cool facts and other information that would interest an elementary audience. The books will also include a Table of Contents, headings, labels, captions, bold print, and even a glossary! When finished, the students will get to share with other grade levels! Be ready to learn some cool facts!

*Take me out to the ball game!* Our Fang Reading Incentive Program is now in full swing! This program is a great way for kids to read some interesting books while working toward a goal and earning a reward! The students will have the opportunity to earn a Timber Rattler ticket along with a hot dog/soda voucher. In order to earn the ticket each second grader will need to read 75 minutes each week! Reading is a great activity on these cold and snowy evenings! So...snuggle up with a good book, second graders!

Our second graders learned about states of matter. They created a hypothesis and then observed the changes in our indoor snowman throughout the day.



Jordan is observing the changes with our snowman when we increased the temperature.



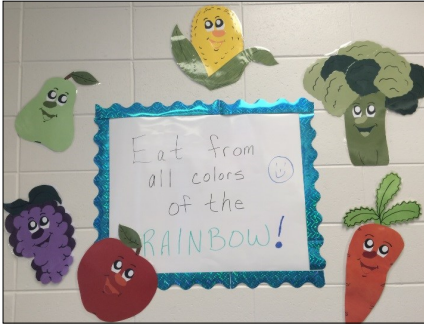
At right: All that is left of our snowman at the end of the day!



At left: Second graders investigating solid particles and devising methods for separating the mixtures.

## The Importance of Fruits and Vegetables

According to the USDA, children should fill half of their plates full with fruits and vegetables at every meal. This month the Shiocton third graders were asked what their favorite fruits and vegetables are. The majority of the children prefer to eat apples, strawberries, oranges, corn, green beans, and carrots. The following are some interesting facts about fruits and vegetables.



- Fruits and veggies are naturally low in calories.
- They can be served in several different forms: raw, cooked, chilled, frozen, and drink.

- Fruits and vegetables are nutritious in any form and provide fiber that help fill up and keep the digestive system healthy.
- They provide vitamins and minerals that help you to feel healthy and energized.
- Eating plenty of fruits and veggies may help reduce the risk of many diseases including heart disease, high blood pressure, and some cancers.
- They are nature's treat and easy to grab for a snack.

The above are some educational facts about fruits and vegetables. Thank you to the third graders who helped educate the Food Services Department by informing us on what fruits and vegetables are preferred by children.

## Fast Food: Tips for Choosing Healthier Options

**These tips can help you make wise meal choices when going to a fast-food restaurant.**

Does following a weight-loss or healthy diet mean you must swear off fast food? Not necessarily. An occasional stop for fast food can fit into a healthy diet if you're careful about what you order. Consider these tips.

### Keep portion sizes small

If the fast-food restaurant offers several sandwich sizes, pick the smallest. Bypass hamburgers with two or three beef patties, which can pack close to 800 calories and 40 grams of fat. Choose instead a regular- or children's-sized hamburger, which has about 250 to 300 calories. And skip the large serving of French fries or onion rings and ask for a small serving instead. This switch alone saves 200 to 300 calories.



### Choose healthier side dishes

Take advantage of the healthy side dishes offered at many fast-food restaurants. For example, instead of French fries choose a side salad with low-fat dressing or a baked potato. Or add a fruit bowl or a fruit and yogurt option to your meal. Other healthy choices include apple or orange slices, corn on the cob, steamed rice, or baked potato chips.

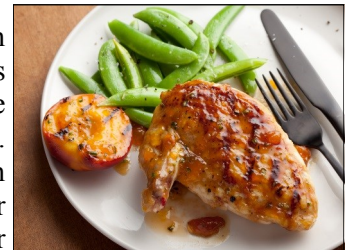
### Go green

Choose an entree salad with grilled chicken, shrimp, or vegetables with fat-free or low-fat dressing on the side, rather than regular salad dressing, which can have 100 to 200 calories a packet. Watch out for high-calorie salads,

such as those with deep-fried shells or those topped with breaded chicken or other fried toppings. Also skip extras, such as cheese, bacon bits, and croutons, which quickly increase your calorie count. If you forgo the dressing, you can find salads for around 300 calories at most fast-food chains.

### Opt for grilled items

Fried and breaded foods, such as crispy chicken sandwiches and breaded fish fillets, are high in fat and calories. Select grilled or roasted lean meats — such as turkey or chicken breast, lean ham, or lean roast beef.



### Watch what you drink

Many beverages are high in calories. For example, a large regular soda (32 ounces) has about 300 calories. Instead, order diet soda, water, unsweetened iced tea, sparkling water, or mineral water. Also, skip the shakes and other ice cream drinks. Large shakes can contain more than 800 calories and all of your saturated fat allotment for the day.

### Have it your way

Remember you don't have to settle for what comes with your sandwich or meal — not even at fast-food restaurants. Ask for healthier options and substitutions. And keep your eye on portion sizes.

*Source: Mayo Clinic*



## Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Wendy Pfundtner (Grades K-6) 920-986-3351 ext. 627

[wpfundtner@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:wpfundtner@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

### Regional Scripps Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, February 5, the Houterman sisters, Jordan (grade 5) and Jocelyn (grade 6) attended the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee, hosted by Lawrence University in Appleton. The Regional Competition included 39 students in grades 5-8 from Appleton, Freedom, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Little Chute, Kimberly, New London, Weyauwega, and Winneconne. There weren't any third or fourth graders in the regional bee this year. Quite a few of the students were eighth graders. Jordyn and Jocelyn did a nice job in representing our Shiocton School District. I am very proud of their commitment to spelling words accurately especially with only three short weeks to prepare for this regional competition.

### Battle of the Books

On February 23, our BOB team consisting of Amelia Schuh, Thomas Parker, Jordyn Houterman (grade 5), Kira Schwaller (grade 4), and alternate Rebecca Peters (grade 5) battled other students from many other school districts in Wisconsin for the final competition of Battle of the Books. Watch for our article in next month's issue of *The Link* for the results!



### Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

April 7—Noetic Learning Math Contest—Spring: (grades 3-6)  
April 15—College Day for Kids at UW-Stevens Point — (grade 6 G/T academic students)



Winter is a great time for indoor games! Check out these top picks:

### 2015 National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Top Picks in the Toys and Games Review

**Crowded Waters** (Ages 8-12) A fast-paced game where players place their sharks to block opponents; the last shark with room to move wins the game.

**IQ-Blox** (Ages 6-10) Offers 120 challenges to fit on a rectangular game board—the latest in the IQ Series of travel pocket games.

**Ozobot** (Ages 7-13) Play with a hands-on, programmable, robotic Ozobot, designing and controlling different paths using the provided map, player-designed maps or their own iPads.

**The Reel Script** (Ages 7+) Players bid on script lines in order to build a script and pitch it to the group. Players vote on the best script, with one player winning the round to collect points.

**Riddle Cube** (Ages 7+) Players must move quickly in order to match their shape to a challenge card; the first person to match the challenge wins the card.

**Rush Hour Shift** (Ages 6+) Two player version of Rush Hour... opponents battle to see who reaches the other side of the playing grid first.

**SmartMax Tripod** (Ages 3-9) Hands-on building time for students using special Y-shaped, sonic-welded bars and large 1.8-inch diameter metal balls that simply click together creating simple or complex geometric shapes.

**Worry Eaters** (Ages 6-13) Cuddly creatures that come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. Students draw or write their worry and “feed” them to their worry eater.

**Stinky Pig** (Ages 6-8) Similar to “hot potato” but with a twist. Children roll the dice to see which way to pass the singing pig, but you don't want to be the one holding him when he “toots!”

**Yowza!** (Ages 6-10) This is a fast paced game. Students shout onomatopoeia words (“zap,” “boom,”) while discarding their cards; but if their discard matches the word just shouted the pick up the pile.

**Do You Know Shakespeare?** (Ages 12+) This trivia game helps develop knowledge of Shakespeare, his literary works, and combines risk-reward analysis with exciting fun.

**Kanoodle Extreme** (Ages 6-13) 300 different 2D and 3D puzzles to challenge your brain. (Advanced version of Kanoodle Genius)

**Star Realms** (Ages 10+) Star Realms is a space-themed combat card game, with the goal of dominating the galaxy. (Two options: physical cards and board or a downloadable online version)

**Stratego** (Ages 8+) Updated version, loads of exciting fun for players of all ages looking for a challenge.



**Three Little Piggies** (Ages 3-5) Children solve 48 challenges to help the pigs build houses, play outside and stay safe from the wolf.

**Tumble Trax Magnetic Marble Run** (Ages 3-10) Fun in the classroom or at home with magnetic foam pieces, four marbles, activity cards, and a variety of challenges to create an exciting marble trail.

# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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## CONCERT COLLAGE

Tuesday, March 8  
7:00 p.m.  
HS Gym  
6-8 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

## BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 15  
Kohl Center, Madison  
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

## KRAZY BOWL

Saturday, April 23

## STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 30  
SELECT HS STUDENTS

## SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 13  
HS Gym  
7:00 p.m.  
9-12 BAND & CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS

We saw lots of musical growth this year through our solo and ensemble project. No other project in the year helps us develop students' musical potential more than this one. Congratulations to all our students who participated! A special spotlight to **Jeanie Beer, Riley Bellin, Olivia Bloch, Megan Coenen, Molly Coenen, Brian Dawes, Christie Depner, Missy Krause, and Josh Parker** as well as members of the madrigal vocal ensemble (**Jeanie Beer, Megan Coenen, Jenna Collar, Rylee Davis, Caitlyn Henry, Missy Krause, Tabitha Morris, Caitlyn Pingel, Megan Pigsley, Hollie Wise**) and *Dolce' Bella* (**Jeanie Beer, Olivia Bloch, Jewel Brunner, Megan Coenen, Molly Coenen, Caitlyn Henry, Missy Krause, Alyssa Leopold, Stephanie Olmsted, Briana Pelky, Desiree Pelky, and Hollie Wise**) for moving on to State this year. Your hard work paid off. You make Shiocton proud!

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS MARCH CONCERT

You are cordially invited to the *Concert Collage* on **Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.** All bands and choirs (grades 6-12) will be performing. We will feature music from our Solo and Ensemble Festival last month as well as music we've been working on over the past couple months. Conveniently scheduled on the night of Parent/Teacher Conferences and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, we hope you will join us as we showcase Shiocton's musical talents!

MARCH is



MONTH!!

# KRAZY BOWLING!

SHIOCTON MUSIC PARENTS FUNDRAISER EVENT. STAY TUNED, DETAILS COMING SOON.

WALL OF THANKS

## DICK WICKESBERG and THE RIVER RAIL

for donating food at our Solo and Ensemble Festival we hosted last month. We are thankful for your generosity to our music program!

## PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS

for all your time and efforts in making our high school Solo and Ensemble Festival a HUGE success. From coordinating volunteers to serving food, from site monitors to runners...we truly couldn't do it without you. Thank you for making Shiocton a great community!

SAVE THE DATE...  
**APRIL 23**

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## Give Your Child a Healthy Start!

Morning can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program.

Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

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
BREAKFAST	Muffin, string cheese, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, fruit, juice, milk	Scooby snacks, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk	Whole grain long john, fruit, juice, milk
		1 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, baked beans, pineapple, milk	2 Super nachos with meat sauce, whole kernel corn, raisins, milk	3 Chicken nuggets, tri taters, green beans, fresh apples, milk	4 <b>No School</b>
	7 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, shredded cheese, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	8 Tomato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, Wisconsin blend vegetables, sliced peaches, milk	9 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, pineapple, garlic bread sticks, milk	10 Hot dog on a whole grain bun, tater tots, baked beans, strawberry cup, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or breaded fish nuggets, French fries, seasoned broccoli, pears, milk
	14 Chili, homemade buns, peas, applesauce cup, milk	15 Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak with fluffy mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, sliced peaches, bread slice, milk	16 Spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh garden salad, mixed fruit, garlic bread sticks, milk	17 Build your own burritos with trimmings, refried beans, black beans, whole kernel corn, mandarin oranges, milk	18 Pizza slice, green beans, fresh apples, Easter cookie, milk
	21 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken teriyaki over steamed rice, steamed broccoli, whole grain dinner roll, sliced peaches, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or tacos in a crispy corn taco tub with trimmings, refried beans, black beans, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	23 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy over fluffy mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, orange smiles, sliced bread, milk	24 <b>No School</b>	25 <b>No School</b>
	28 <b>No School</b>	29 Pizza dippers with marinara sauce, garden salad, mixed fruit, milk	30 Chicken nuggets, oodles of seasoned noodles, steamed broccoli, blueberries, milk	31 Grab-n-Go salad or homemade chicken noodle soup, string cheese, peas and carrots, dinner roll, applesauce, milk	
Breakfast prices: 4K-12 — \$1.00 per day Lunch prices: 4K-8 — \$2.30 per day, \$11.50 per week, \$43.70 for March 9-12 — 2.55 per day, \$12.75 per week, \$48.45 for March					* 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.

## March Calendar of Events

1	Tue	SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm
1/4/5	T/F/Sat	HS Boys Basketball Regionals
2	Wed	SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm SPICE meeting in the LMC—6:00pm
3	Thur	SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm Funset Boulevard wristband night sponsored by SPICE—4:00-10:00pm
3/5	Th/Sat	HS Girls Basketball Sectionals MS Wrestling CWC Meet at Weyauwega-Fremont—4:30pm
4	Fri	<b>No School</b>
4/5		HS Boys Basketball Regionals
5	Sat	MS Wrestling tournament @ Appleton North—8:30am
7	Mon	SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm <b>School Board meeting in the LMC—6:30pm</b>
8	Tue	Tri County Mobile dental clinic—8:30am Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair (all throughout building)—4:00-7:00pm SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm & 4:00-7:30pm <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:30-7:30pm</b> Concert Collage—Band (Gr. 5-12) and Choir (Gr. 6-12)—7:00 pm
9	Wed	SPICE Book Fair in the cafeteria—10:00am-1:00pm Quiz Bowl Championship at Tri-County
10/12	Th/Sat	HS Boys Basketball Sectionals
10/11/12	Th/F/Sat	HS Girls Basketball State Tournament
11	Fri	Family Move Night " <i>The Good Dinosaur</i> " sponsored by SPICE—7:00pm
14-18	M-F	Paper Drive Fundraiser behind school
17/18/19	Th/F/Sat	HS Boys Basketball State Tournament
21	Mon	<b>School Board meeting in the LMC—6:30pm</b>
22	Tue	HS Track @ Seymour—4:00pm
23	Wed	<b>Early Release—12:10pm</b> —end of third quarter
24-28	Th-M	<b>No School</b> —Spring Break
29	Tue	School Resumes HS Boys Baseball @ St. Mary Catholic—4:30pm HS Softball @ Southern Door—4:30pm
31	Thur	HS Softball @ home—4:30pm



### Coming Up in April

7	Noetic Learning Math Contest—Spring: (grades 3-6)
8	Early Childhood Screening
13	Grade 8—Clintonville Career Fair (9:45 - 1:30 p.m.)
15	Badger Band Trip (Madison) Grades 6-8 band
16	High School Prom
18	No School
29	Grandparent's Day

