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The **Link**

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

March, 2014

Technology Education: Contributing to Our Community

by Nichole Schweitzer

Students enrolled in Independent Technology Education class, under the direction of Mr. Vern Louis, spent a good portion of this past semester learning about the Americans with Disabilities Act while helping a local business at the same time. Students drafted and crafted a ramp so that wheelchair-bound musicians would be able to access the performance stage at Muddy Waters.

Students visited with owner Robbie Johnson to learn more about what he wanted in a ramp, taking measurements and stepping off distance before heading back to the school to begin the project. During class time, students researched the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) codes and regulations, which served to guide their drawings of the ramp. Students used Google SketchUp and SolidWorks programs to formalize their drafting before setting to work physically crafting the ramp.

could to support our local businesses."

Mr. Johnson gave the students free reign on the design and let them decide what color scheme the ramp would be, as well as what graphics could go on it. The students chose their school colors — green and white — for the color scheme and added large SHS letters to the top of the ramp. Photos of the Shiocton Chiefs football team taken after their win in the Division 6 State Championship game and the Muddy Waters logo adorn the side of the ramp.



Mr. Louis noted his students were very open to the project. "This group of juniors really wanted to take on the project and make sure everything was built correctly. The students started by sketching out their own ideas and visions of how to build the ramp and with what material it would be built. We looked at each idea and discussed the best solution for the ramp itself. We wanted to make the ramp portable and self-storing. We also wanted to make sure we purchased as much of the materials locally as we

disabilities. "I would like to give a big thank you to Robbie for partnering with us, sharing his story, and letting us be part of this project."

One of the district's Five Bold Steps is to provide authentic learning opportunities where students apply their acquired skills and new learning to real-life experiences. The district thanks Mr. Johnson for making this opportunity available, as well as the students and Mr. Louis for incorporating this project into their coursework.

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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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Cabin Fever?

Dictionary.com describes “cabin fever” as a state characterized by behaviors such as restlessness and boredom which result from being isolated or having a prolonged stay in a confined space. Hmmm. This definitely describes how I am feeling right now—restless and a little bored with having to be inside so much due to the bitter cold or constant snowfall.

As much as there is a definition for my ailment, a quick Google search for “remedy for cabin fever” netted 112,000 results! To help our readers out, I read a few of these thousands of pages from which I will share some of the remedies most commonly noted: *get out, physical exercise, go outside (anyways), try a new exercise, clean your house*. Hmmm. I see a pattern here...

You might be asking yourself, where would I go if I “got out (anyways)”? Well, how about coming to the school?

- ⇒ March 4 – Parent/Teacher Conferences; while you are there, explore the texts and manipulatives from Math Expressions, the math series we look to incorporate next year, OR have a conversation with a SPICE member.
- ⇒ March 11 – Join us for the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair where students will showcase their work followed by a concert.
- ⇒ April 26 – Hear the vocal and instrumental talents of our students as they perform at State Solo and Ensemble to be held at UW-Oshkosh.
- ⇒ There are also many other offerings such as Computers 4 Community, SPICE monthly meetings, and spring sports. Visit <http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us> for even more offerings.

Slush and ice keeping you from moving outside? Try a new way to exercise—inside the school. The weight room with fitness equipment is open most mornings. Prior to school starting and after about 4:00 p.m., enjoy a brisk trek through the halls and stairwells while you catch-up with friends and view student artwork. Nothing puts a smile on your face quicker than a child’s rendition of a Monet classic nor the bold, thick strokes from crayons to make Textured Teddy Bears.

As for cleaning the house ... I think I’ll stick to the get out and exercise. Whatever your remedy for cabin fever, please consider joining us at the school — where learning is enjoyed and *Excellence is Expected*.

Mrs. Schweitzer

Board Members Attend Safety Summit

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Mr. David Gomm and Mr. Greg Schoettler, both school board members, attended the School Safety and Security Summit hosted by the West Bend School District on February 17. Members from agencies such as the FBI, Homeland Security, and the Secret Service joined forces with local and regional law enforcement agencies to share information, strategies, and techniques on keeping students and staff safe.

We invite you to learn more from Mr. Gomm and Mr. Schoettler by attending the March 17 Safety Committee meeting to be held in the LMC at 5:30 p.m.

C O R N E R

Spring Recitals

Time Requests Needed by April 10

The Spring Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's students will be held on Friday evening, May 9, and all day Saturday, May 10. Anyone requesting specific times must contact Mrs. Ritchie by April 10.



Early Childhood Screening Openings Still Available

The free Early Childhood Screening, which will be held Thursday, March 13, still has times available during which you can have your child screened. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.

We are looking for children in the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2014, who may be eligible for the program.

Please call 986-3351 ext. 717 to set up an appointment or if you have additional questions.



School Make-up Days

(as of this printing)

We have had to close school for several days due to snow and wind chills. With two days worked into the calendar, we will need to make up days we have missed beyond that. We have settled on the following days to be used as full instructional days with students.

Friday, March 7

Friday, June 6 (from ½ to a full day)

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10

Youth Wrestling Sponsors 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

WHERE: River Rail

WHEN: March 15

TIME: 12:00 noon

ENTRY FEE: \$25 per team, or \$30 day of tournament

To register please contact:

Dave Gomm

N5580 Second Street

Shiocton, WI 54170

(920) 850-0322



- Team entry will be first-come first-served.
- Pre-registration is recommended.
- There will be 20 teams (2-person teams) with three courts.
- Official Corn Hole guidelines will be used.
- There will also be a total payout for 1st through 3rd place.
- If the tournament is at full capacity we will run ½ hour time limits.
- Must be 18 years of age.
- We will also have some raffles and 50/50 drawings. The Shiocton Youth Raffle drawing will be at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the youth raffle are available at the River Rail or contact Dave Gomm.

Paper Recyclable Fundraiser Reminder

We will be having our paper recyclable fundraiser this month from Monday, March 17, to Friday, March 21.

Please drop off your paper recyclables in the large dumpster behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime during that week. If you have any questions, please call 986-3351 ext. 739.



Future paper drives will be April 28 - May 2, and June 2-9.

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Electronic Cigarettes

Q: What are electronic cigarettes?

A: Electronic cigarettes are products designed to deliver nicotine or other substances to a user in the form of a vapor. Typically, they are composed of a rechargeable, battery-operated heating element, a replaceable cartridge that may contain nicotine or other chemicals, and an atomizer that, when heated, converts the contents of the cartridge into a vapor. This vapor can then be inhaled by the user. These products are often made to look like such products as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes. They are also sometimes made to look like everyday items such as pens and USB memory sticks, for people who wish to use the product without others noticing.



Cigarette Association inviting electronic cigarette firms to work in cooperation with the agency toward the goal of assuring that electronic cigarettes sold in the United States are lawfully marketed. The agency intends to regulate electronic cigarettes and related products in a manner consistent with its mission of protecting the public health.

Q: What concerns does the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have regarding electronic cigarettes?

A: The FDA has not evaluated any e-cigarettes for safety or effectiveness. Because of this, you have no way of knowing if they are safe, which chemicals they contain, and how much nicotine you are inhaling. When the FDA conducted limited laboratory studies of certain samples, the FDA found significant quality issues that indicate that quality control processes used to manufacture these products are substandard or non-existent. The FDA found that cartridges labeled as containing no nicotine contained nicotine and that three different electronic cigarette cartridges with the same label emitted a markedly different amount of nicotine with each puff. Experts have also raised concerns that the marketing of products such as e-cigarettes can increase nicotine addiction among young people and may lead kids to try other tobacco products—which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death.

Q: What action did the FDA take on electronic cigarettes?

A: The FDA issued warning letters to five distributors of electronic cigarettes for violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA). These violations included unsubstantiated claims and poor manufacturing practices.

Q: Would it be possible for an electronic cigarette to receive FDA approval?

A: Yes. The FDA issued a letter to the Electronic

Q: What products should people who want to quit smoking use?

A: Although e-cigarettes might be marketed as a tool to help smokers quit, they have not been submitted for FDA evaluation or approval and there is no evidence to support those claims. There are currently no electronic cigarettes that are FDA-approved for therapeutic purposes. There are a number of FDA-approved smoking cessation aids, including nicotine gum, nicotine skin patches, nicotine lozenges, nicotine oral inhaled products, and nicotine nasal sprays that are available for smokers to use to reduce their dependence on nicotine. Free help is available to all smokers who want to quit at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or by visiting www.smokefree.gov.

E-Cigarette Use by Youth

E-cigarettes are increasingly popular among adolescents. Although they contain nicotine derived from tobacco, they are not yet subject to regulation as tobacco products, including the requirement that purchasers be a certain age. Some states have banned sale of e-cigarettes to minors, but they can get around that by ordering online. Their easy availability (online or via mall kiosks), in addition to their wide array of cartridge flavors (such as coffee, mint, candy, and fruit flavors), may make them particularly appealing for this age group. Another worry is the refillable cartridges used by some e-cigarettes. Users may expose themselves to potentially toxic levels of nicotine when refilling them. Cartridges could also be filled with substances other than nicotine, thus possibly serving as a new and potentially dangerous way to deliver other drugs. There is a big concern that e-cigarette use may serve as a “gateway” or introductory product for youth to try other tobacco products, including conventional cigarettes, which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death.

*Source: BeTobaccoFree.gov
and the National Institute on Drug Abuse*

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Here is the school board policy regarding tobacco which electronic cigarettes fall under.

Board Policy 5512 - Use of Tobacco by Students

The Board of Education is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco- and smoke-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco use for both users and non-users, particularly in connection with secondhand smoke, are well-established. In addition, students less than eighteen (18) years of age are generally prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing cigarettes and other tobacco products.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes, and any other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance. Accordingly, the board prohibits students from using or possessing tobacco in any form on district premises, in district vehicles, within any indoor facility owned or while leased or contracted for by the district and used to provide education or library services to children, and at all district-sponsored events.



A Busy Spring for SPICE

Spring is right around the corner, and SPICE has many exciting events planned for March. A special thank you to all our volunteers; without the parents, teachers, family members, and friends, these events would not be successful.

The **Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair** is on March 11. It will be an exciting evening to share with the family, and a great way for our students to showcase their hard work. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will also be running, and the theme this spring will be "A Reading Fiesta!!" The book fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each school day from March 4 to March 11. It will also be running during all the hours of both the Parent/Teacher Conference night and the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair night. The book fair is an important fundraiser for our school. Be sure to stop by and see what it has to offer.



Funset Boulevard Family Night is scheduled for Thursday March 6. This is the 15th year we have participated in this event. It is a fun time to be had by all. Wristbands are \$3 per person, which includes **free laser tag**.

March will also find us using Box Tops for Education funds to order classroom playground equipment. Outside recess without snow pants is just around the corner!! Thank you to all who continue to turn in Box Tops on a regular basis. They really add up and help us purchase needed things for the district.

We are also organizing a **Skate Night at Skaters Edge**. This will be on a Sunday in April. Admission will be \$3.50. An extra \$2 allows you to rent roller blades instead. Should be a fun time.

Note that we are discontinuing the morning monthly meetings at the Hometown Grill due to a lack of participation. Thank you to all who did work to make those meetings happen.

If you are interested in becoming a part of SPICE and planning activities that will benefit all the children at Shiocton Schools, please stop by at the next SPICE meeting on Wednesday, March 12, in the school library at 6:15 p.m. It is a wonderful way to get involved and work with other parents. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com or Tanya Puls at tanyapuls@aol.com

Steve Parker, Chairman
Tanya Puls, Vice Chairman

Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program Update

by Bryce Kuehl

Shiocton students have collected 62 pounds of pull tabs during the first semester of this school year. We were paid \$21.70 for the tabs. We sent checks to the Madison and Milwaukee Ronald McDonald Houses for \$11 each. This money will help cover the cost for families to stay at the houses while their children undergo medical treatment.



Sixty-two pounds of pull tabs equals about 78,554 tabs. The pull tabs we collected would stretch 1.3 miles if placed end to end. WOW! Great job, Shiocton students!

Please continue to save your pull tabs and drop them off in the collection box by the elementary school office. I will update you at the end of the year about how many tabs we have collected during the second semester.



Principal's Report

As the end of the quarter approaches (March 26) it is hard to believe that the school year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over. It seems like just the other day we were getting ready for the start of school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 4 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Good communication and regular attendance benefits the students and leads to better grades. If your child is not doing well in school, he/she may become frustrated, discouraged, and sometimes angry. The "I don't care" attitude he/she often displays is a defense mechanism. It is important that these students know that you (as their parent) have not given up on them. They also need to know that you are interested, supportive, and willing to take the time to help them figure out how to be more successful in school. Students who are not doing well in school usually have problems in one or more of the following areas: attendance, appropriate courses, and/or accountability. If you believe that there are other reasons for your child not doing well in school, make an appointment to see Mrs. Uelmen.

I want to let parents know that Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Sixel will go on maternity leave sometime during the month of March (depending on when their babies choose to enter this world). We do have subs in place. Stephanie Peters will be taking over for Mrs. Peterson. Stephanie is a graduate of Shiocton High School. She is an ELL certified teacher. Danielle Sommer will be taking over for Mrs. Sixel. She graduated from UW-Oshkosh in June of 2012 (cum laude). She has been a long-term substitute at Neenah High School.

Shiocton had five champions crowned as the Chiefs placed second at the WIAA Division 3 wrestling regional on February 15. Winning individual championships for

the Chiefs were Raymond Herb at 113 pounds, Austin Riehl at 138, Garrett Gunderson at 152, Henry Fielding at 182, and Dominic Gunderson at 195. Fielding stayed perfect on the season at 34-0. At sectionals on February 22, Austin, Dominic, and Henry advanced to State.

The boys basketball program has also had a great season. They have a talented group of players and have fought hard to stay in the top of the conference. The girls basketball team is also playing well. They are in the middle of the pack for the conference and improving with each game. The hard work, dedication, and extra effort of all our winter sports teams have certainly paid off.

The Quiz Bowl team will be wrapping up another successful season under the leadership of Wendy Hartman. Quiz Bowl is a competition between Central Wisconsin Conference schools that consists of answering questions on a variety of topics including math, English, social studies, science, and various other topics such as sports and entertainment.

Within the next month or two, spring sports will begin. Hopefully, the nice weather will continue and we will be able to get things started on time. We offer baseball which is coached by Jude Backman, track which is coached by Gary Slosarek, softball which is coached by Dave Wilcox and Dawn Kanaman, and golf which is coached by Terry Schwaller. I would like to wish all of our athletes and coaches good luck in the upcoming season!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351.

Have a great month!
Kelly Zeinert

Words Hurt Week

by Jill Krohlow, Advisor

Paradigm 21 is hosting a Words Hurt Week from March 21-26. Words Hurt Week was started at Appleton East High School to improve school climate for all. The focus of this campaign is to make students aware of the words they use that may be harmful to others.

We will kick off this campaign against hurtful words with a video and reflective writing activity on Friday, March 21. Students will be asked to anonymously write about a time that words have hurt them. These will be displayed on the office windows to send the message that words really do hurt, even if someone doesn't intend them to do so.

Teachers and students will take a pledge to be more mindful of words that are used by themselves and others. Teachers are also being asked to sign a pledge and offered a "Safe Zone" sticker to put on their classroom doors, signifying that their classroom has a zero tolerance policy for negative language.

The campaign will culminate on Wednesday, March 26, with a speaker. Jesse Heffernan, of Goodwill Industries and Harmony Café, will speak on the topic of words hurting, but also having the power to heal.



High School Counselor News

Just a reminder that we are on Facebook at 'Shiocton High School Career/College.'

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
 March 7 Students have school
 March 7 Registration deadline for the April ACT
 March 10-14 Winter Carnival
 March 11 UW-Green Bay representative in pupil services — 2:30 p.m.
 March 15 ACT prep in the KSCADE room — 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon



Attention all high school students, 8th graders, and parents: This is a quick reminder that we have been requesting our courses for next year. All students have been working on their Academic Career Plans (A.C.P.) and figuring out what they need for success after high school. Once again, these are just their course requests and not their schedules for next year. You will join me in June to set up schedules. Watch the April issue of *The Link* for those dates.

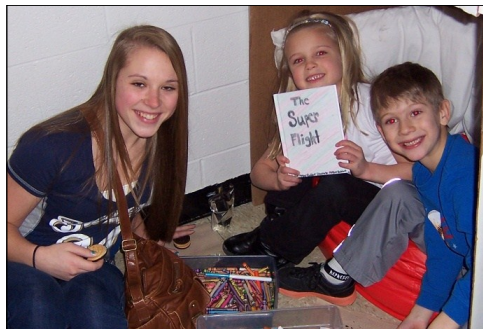
Juniors: On March 15 there will be an ACT prep held at Shiocton High School. A registration invite will be e-mailed to you. This is a great opportunity to take a practice test without paying for it.

Parents of juniors and sophomores: Laura Warning, the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, spoke to all of the juniors and sophomores about this program. If your child expressed interest in the program they signed up, and this list will be used to set up a parent meeting. Please let me know if you were not informed about the program by your child. I would be more than happy to talk to you about it further.

Creative Writing Book Buddies

Ms. Klanderman's first semester Creative Writing students wrote children's books for some of the first graders. Each high school student was matched up with a grade school "buddy." The high school students visited their buddies a few times to get to know their interests and reading level, and to get plot ideas. Each student wrote and illustrated a book based on their buddy's ideas. The students gave the books to their buddies in January and enjoyed an hour of reading, snack time, and recess.

Winter Carnival will be held Monday-Friday, March 10-14. We will kick off the week with a special visit from a hypnotist, and dress-up days will be held throughout the week.



Shiocton FBLA

Future Business Leaders Compete in Regionals at Kewaunee

Shiocton Future Business Leaders of America have been preparing for regionals during the past couple months. Regionals is where all local FBLA students compete in different areas of business. Some competitors got to complete their event online beforehand. Others competed or took a test at Kewaunee on February 1.

Competitors who ended up placing are as follows: Networking Concepts, 2nd place - Jon Jandourek; Computer Applications, 3rd place - Dallas Rihm; E-Business, 4th place - Brett Vander Wielen, Sam Bain, and Logan Cummings; Management Decision Making, 5th place - McKenzie Calder, Brittany Schmidt, and Leah Wagner. The top three placing in each event move on to State, which will be held in Appleton. Shiocton was lucky enough to have two people continue on.

Congratulations and good luck to Jon Jandourek and Dallas Rihm representing Shiocton FBLA.



Boys Basketball

Back row (*left to right*): Coach Chad Schmidt, Eric Bunnell, Patrick Brouillard, David McNichols, Jacob Van Asten, Talon Heinemeyer.

Front row (*l to r*): Nate Schmidt, Gavin Braun, Gage Kamp, Trent Moder.



Meet the School Board Candidates Up for Re-election

Hi, my name is **Greg Schoettler**. I am running for school board. Here is a little bit of my background.

My wife, Amy, and I have lived in the community for 27 years. I have two sons, Robert and Jacob, who both graduated from Shiocton, and went on to graduate from Lakeland College. Robert graduated with a graphic arts major and Jacob with a business major.

I serve on the board to give back to the community that helped my kids out. Serving on the board is also a good opportunity to learn how a school district works and how much work goes into running a district.

Major issues in the district are, as always, finances, school safety, and technology. The district also needs to make sure we are preparing our students to succeed either in post-high school education or the workforce, whichever the student chooses to do.

My name is **David Gomm**, but many of you know me as Gummer. My wife, Julie, and I have been married for 23 years this summer. We have three wonderful children: Laura, a student at Winona State University; Brandon, a senior; and Mason, a sophomore. They take up most of our time. I was born and raised in Shiocton and take great pride in this community. I am very involved in the community with Shiocton Wrestling Club, Shiocton Summer Sports, GridIron Club, and whatever else our children decide to become involved with. I have proudly served on the school board for the past 18 years.

Our district, along with others in the state, will be facing many challenges in the coming years. The current state funding formulas and our ending five-year referendum will affect our financial strength. The increasing number of mandates along with the Common Core Standards will have rippling effects for our teachers and students in many ways. As a board, we will need to:

- find ways to support our staff with the many new mandates and initiatives
- maintain our facility which is used for much more than classes
- keep our students current with technology
- make sure we, as a district, are doing everything we can to assure our students are as prepared as possible for their next steps, whatever they may be.

School Board Meeting Summary

February 3, 2014

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke.

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Greg Ylvisaker, Kris Brownson, Matt and Lizzy Van Dyke, Veronica Calderon, and Beth Bloedorn.

Moment of Merit: Lizzy Van Dyke and Veronica Calderon were recognized for their participation in the All-State Choir.

The board voted to:

- Approve the 2014-15 Course Description Guide as presented.
- Accept the retirement request of Mrs. Debby Stellmacher.
- Approve the revised Board Policy #5730: Equal Access for Nondistrict-Sponsored Student Clubs and Activities.
- Approve the revised Board Policy #4430: Leaves of Absence (support staff).

In other discussion: Reminder that the Safety Committee meeting on February 6 is a Public Forum on School Safety, and all board members are invited to attend.

Board reports:

- Gregory Schoettler and Mary Hoffman — Convention Sessions.
- Jeremie Birch — Finance Committee.
- David Gomm — Building and Grounds Committee.
- Gregory Schoettler — Safety Committee.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Elementary events/update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: AWSA Convention and winter athletics update.
- Mrs. Guex: Report tabled until the February 17 meeting.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Convention Sessions.

Upcoming events:

- Safety Committee: Public Forum on February 6.
- Safety Summit (West Bend School District) on February 17. David Gomm and Gregory Schoettler are registered to attend (all day).
- Finance Committee meeting on February 17.
- Buildings/Grounds Committee meeting on February 19.
- Policy Committee meeting on February 24.
- Safety Committee meeting on March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

March Calendar of Events

1	Sat	HS Boys Basketball Regionals State Individual Wrestling Tournament Archery Meet in Hortonville
3	Mon	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
4	Tue	SWAT fruit sale pick-up Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-7:30 pm Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 pm
4, 7, 8	Tu, Fr, Sa	HS Girls Basketball Regionals
5	Wed	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm
6	Thu	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Funset Boulevard Family Night sponsored by SPICE — 4:00-10:00 pm MS Wrestling at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm
6/8	Th/Sa	HS Boys Basketball Sectionals
7	Fri	School for all — snow day make-up Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm
8	Sat	MS Wrestling at Appleton North High School — 8:30 am-6:30 pm
10	Mon	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm
10-14	M-F	HS Winter Carnival Week
11	Tue	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-7:30 pm Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — 4:00-7:00 pm <i>Music In Our Schools Month</i> concert in the HS gym (all bands/choirs to perform) — 7:00 pm
12	Wed	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the April issue SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
13/15	Th/Sa	HS Girls Basketball Sectionals
13-15	Th-Sa	HS Boys Basketball State Tournament
14	Fri	Grade 4 hosts Annual Grandparents Day (rescheduled from February)
15	Sat	ACT prep in the KSCADE room — 8:00 am-12:00 noon Corn Hole (bean bag) Tournament hosted by Shiocton Wrestling Club at River Rail (see page 3)
17	Mon	Safety Committee meeting in the LMC (all are welcome to attend) — 5:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
17-21	M-F	Paper Recycling Fundraiser behind school
18	Tue	Computers 4 Community in room H141 — 3:30-4:30 pm
20	Thu	Youth Wrestling swim night at Clintonville Recreation Center
20-22	Th-Sa	HS Girls Basketball State Tournament
21-26	Fr-Wed	Words Hurt Week
26	Wed	Words Hurt Week speaker Jesse Heffenan End of the third quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
27-31	Th-M	Spring Break
31	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office



Coming Up in April

1	HS Baseball at home Spring Election
2	Market Day pick-up
3	HS Softball away
11	Grade 5 Concert

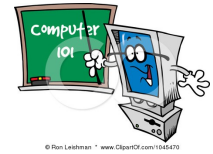


Computers 4 Community



Shiocton School District teachers will again be providing free computer and Internet training sessions to the local community. Here is a list of dates, topics, and start times for the hour-long classes in March:

March 4	Microsoft Word	3:30 p.m.
March 10	Google Applications	3:30 p.m.
March 18	Work Day	3:30 p.m.



Pre-registration for classes is not required. More classes are planned for April. Visit the school's website for more information at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. We look forward to teaching and learning with our community members this spring!

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

All students must take a 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	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Muffins, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Bagels with cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk
3	Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	4 Chicken nuggets, sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese, dinner roll, pears, milk	5 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, French fries, pineapple, mixed vegetables, milk	6 Mini corn dogs, seasoned rice, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk	7 Pizza, lettuce salad, peaches, milk
10	Grab-n-Go salad or tacos with trimmings, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, broccoli with cheese, mixed fruit, milk	12 Brunch for lunch: French toast sticks, hash browns, orange juice, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, sliced carrots, baked beans, applesauce, milk	14 Grab-n-Go salad or pizza dippers with marinara sauce, green beans, strawberries, milk No a la carte (HS)
17	Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	18 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, apple juice, carrots, milk	19 Pizzaroni, green beans, mandarin oranges, dinner rolls, milk	20 Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, peaches, milk	21 Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
24	Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk	25 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, pears, dinner roll, milk	26 Sliced ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, applesauce cup, fresh vegetables, milk No a la carte (HS) Early Release	27 No School	28 No School

Breakfast prices: Elementary — .85 per day Middle/High School — \$1.00 per day

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$36.90 for March

Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$42.30 for March

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

Elementary/Middle School News

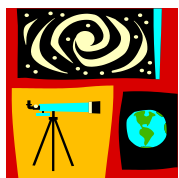
Well, I'd love to say, "Happy Winter!" but that's a difficult thing to say with these terribly frigid temperatures! Hopefully, spring is right around the corner!



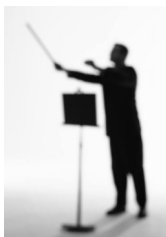
Here is some information to share with you for the month of March:

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, March 4. Conferences will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on this evening. If you have not already heard from your child's teacher(s), please feel free to contact individual teachers to make arrangements for a conference.

SPICE Funset Boulevard Event: For all of the families who signed up to attend the SPICE Shiocton Night at Funset Boulevard on Thursday, March 6, I hope you have a wonderful time. There always seems to be a great turnout and lots of fun at this particular event! ☺



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, Book Fair, and Concert: The fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 11. We hope to have great participation from students of all grade levels this year! The fair will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. all throughout the district. During the fair, a book fair will also be open to the public in the cafeteria area. Please see Mrs. Murphy or me in the office if you have any questions about this year's fair. Also, there will be a Music In Our Schools concert on this same evening. The concert will feature the band (grades 6-12) and choir (grades 6-12), and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Please join us!



School WILL BE in session on Friday, March 7. On the original school calendar, there was not going to be school on this day; however, school will now be in session on this day. This day will count toward one of the make-up days.

Early Childhood Screening: There will be a free Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, March 13, at Shiocton Elementary School. 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, 2014. If you have not already registered, please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 for more information.

Attendance Reminders: At school, we work very hard to teach responsibility and to help students develop healthy habits which will help them as they transition into adulthood and the workforce. Bad habits such as tardiness are hard to break, therefore, we are working very hard to help students develop good habits right from the start. One thing we tell students with tardiness issues is to try getting up 5-10 minutes earlier. That extra 5-10 minutes often makes the difference and helps the students get off to a positive start to the school day. Thanks so much for your help with this!



Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration for 2014-15: If you missed the registration week (or know someone who missed registration), please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721. An Orientation for students and parents will be held on Friday, April 25. Please call the office at the number above to receive more information.

Upcoming Early Release and Spring Break: There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on Wednesday, March 26, which will kick off spring break for the students. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 1. Stay tuned in case changes need to be made due to having to make up additional school days.

Smarter Balanced Assessment: In March, students in grades 4, 6, and 8 will participate in a pilot for the state's new computerized assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This new statewide assessment (which replaces the WKCE for English, language arts, and math) will be implemented during the 2014-15 school year. Shiocton is fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the March pilot. Information and practice tests are available online at www.smarterbalanced.org. Watch for more information on this topic in the near future.

Have a wonderful month of March!
Remember to keep your child reading about 20 minutes per evening! ☺



Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach, PK-6 Principal

Open Enrollment Window for the
2014-15 school year will run through April 30.
See the school website for more information
at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Penguins and Polar Bears in Early Childhood

One of February's themes was centered around hearts. Students made BEE-autiful valentines for their families (hope you enjoyed them). They used hearts in many different ways. They used heart shapes to make a lion and decorated a heart with red, pink, and sparkle tissue paper. Students also worked on their math skills by sorting and counting candy hearts.

Winter fun continued in February with learning about birds that do not fly — penguins. Children practiced walking like penguins and got dirty making footprint penguins. They also made a penguin out of various shapes; ask your child to name them all for you. ☺ Students also learned the *5 Little Penguins* rhyme and had fun pretending they were penguins.

The theme of polar bears brought February to a close. Students made polar bears out of foam and sequenced the story elements of *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* Their favorite part of the theme was making the polar bear cookie snack ~ delicious!

The fun will continue in March with themes about Dr. Seuss and pizza.



K4: Fun with Rhymes

The four-year-old kindergartners have been learning nursery rhymes. They like to find the words that rhyme, and they also like reciting each rhyme.

One of our favorites is *Old Mother Hubbard*. She sure has a silly dog. We made many projects to go along with the rhymes. Some of the rhymes we focused on were *Itsy Bitsy Spider*; *Star Light, Star Bright*; *Old Mother Hubbard*; *The Old Woman in the Shoe*; *Little Boy Blue*; and *Hickory Dickory Dock*, just to name a few.



The children have also been busy practicing printing letters and learning the hand symbol that goes along with each letter sound. We were able to get out and play in the snow a few times. This provided some much needed outdoor play time.

We are still wondering — will spring arrive on schedule or will winter hang on longer than expected?! Either way, think spring!!

K5: Looking for Leprechauns

Can you believe that school has been in session for over 100 days? Well, if you check out the kindergartners, you will notice a little more independence. They can tie their shoes, read simple books, solve math problems, and much, much more.

March is the month of leprechauns, shamrocks, spring, and St. Patrick's Day. Wow, what a busy month. Hold on to your hats! The students will attempt to catch those tricky little leprechauns in hopes of getting their gold for St. Patrick's Day. How, you ask, are they going to achieve this? They will become construction workers, and each child will construct a comfy little home (a.k.a. trap – but we can't say the "t" word; we call them "comfy" homes) for the leprechauns. The children will also turn into leprechauns themselves by making headbands with red beards. Watch for your little leprechaun to come home. Will they succeed in getting the leprechauns' gold for themselves?



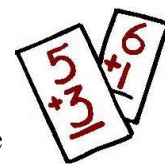
Other topics and themes for March include weather, time, spring, Around the Town, and Neighborhood Helpers. We will be studying different places in a town and how people join together to help one another in their communities. Children will learn about jobs, how people work together, and places they go in their neighborhoods.

In reading and language arts, we will continue to review the letters and sounds we have learned and work on our sight words and reading. Our sight words for March are *all, but, so, seven, how, ate, this, out, there,*

that, nine, was, with, yes, saw, and ten. We have also been working on our "stretchy snake" skill by pulling words into smaller parts (segmenting words) and blending letter sounds together to make words. This is only one of the many strategies your child is learning. To find out more, please attend the parent/teacher reading meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at your designated time, which is based on your child's reading ability.

Kindergartners are listening and responding to stories and learning how to use pictures and context to make predictions. They are learning to identify setting, characters, and important events, as well as how to identify the problem and solution in the story. They are also starting to understand text patterns and learning to make inferences and how to connect life experiences to the text. The children are encouraged to use letters and phonetically spelled words to write about experiences, stories, people, objects, or events.

In math we have been working on simple addition and subtraction. We will continue to work on adding and subtracting numbers 0-10. It is preferred that the children use manipulatives or a number line rather than their fingers if they don't know the answer by memory. Working with basic math facts in kindergarten will make the transition to first grade math much easier. Children will also work on correctly writing the numbers 0-30 and counting to 75 by the end of the third quarter and 100 by the end of the year.



Grade 1 Roars into March



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 is always a favorite time for the first graders!

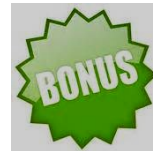
Mrs. Streblov's class has finished social studies and has begun science. They are exploring the five senses, living and non-living things, and animals. Mrs. Bellin and Mrs. Behnke's classes have completed science and are now beginning social studies. They will enjoy taking a closer look at our school and community.

As for book reports, we are rounding our way to home plate. All of our effort and hard work will pay off when we receive our Home Run Hitter awards and earn our free ticket to the Timber Rattler game. The first graders have done a good job being prepared each week to present a book report to the class. Nice job, boys and girls!

Watch for Campbell's Spring Bonus Challenge

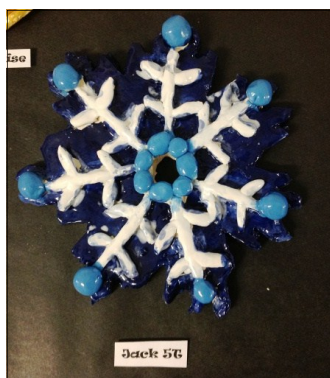
by Tanya Puls

Hooray we did it! We collected and filled enough flyers for our 2,500 bonus points. Thank you for your participation in getting these bonus points so our teachers can request supplies from *Labels for Education* for their classrooms. We were able to fulfill all teacher requests for classroom items during the month of January. Our current balance is approximately 22,500 points. *Labels for Education* will be offering a Spring Challenge in March. Keep an eye out for those Bonus flyers in March. Thank you again for your participation!



A Sample of Artwork You'll See at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 11

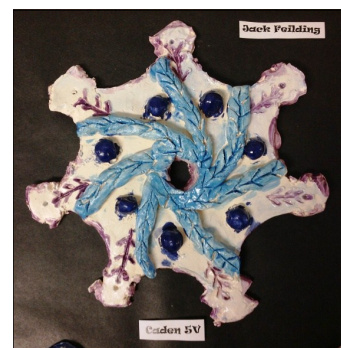
*Creative Clay Mask
by Megan Pigsley*



*Grade 5 Clay Snowflake
by Jack Scott
Media: Clay and glaze.*



K5 Art (at left) These young artists studied Wayne Thiebaud. They worked as Wayne did, creating wonderful food art. These 8x10s would be great framed for the kitchen. They are great conversation pieces. What a treasure!



*Grade 5 Clay Snowflake
by Caden Schmidt
Media: Clay and glaze.*

Grade 2: March Madness

Wow! What a winter! Hopefully with the change in the calendar, we will see a change in the weather, too. We hope to have more time outside with warmer temperatures. In the meantime, please continue sending all necessary winter gear until all of the snow is totally gone. Thanks for your help. ☺

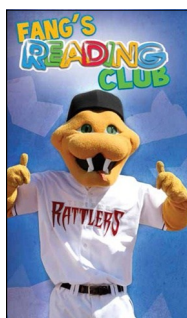
Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 4. Please be on the lookout for information to come home with your second grader regarding scheduling a conference. Remember to let your child's teacher know if you would like to set up a conference to discuss your child's progress up to this point.

Coming up on March 11 is the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair. This year, second graders are NOT required to design a project for the science fair. However, if they choose to, any addition to the fair will be very inventive and creative! Each year, students continue to grab the attention of all the visitors with a wide variety of science ideas. Even if you do not plan to create a project, feel free to stop by school on this evening to see the creations and all of the fantastic artwork located around the building, as well as the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by SPICE.



In math, we are continuing our study of different types of measurement. Soon we will be breaking out our rulers and measuring anything in sight. We will also try yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tape. We will study telling time to the hour, half-hour, and by 5-minute intervals. We all agree that when it comes to telling time, digital is the easiest, but we welcome the challenge of analog clocks. Money is another form of measurement we will spend time on. Sometimes the most challenging part can be identifying the coin. However, after that, counting it can be a breeze! Ever since the beginning of the year, we have practiced adding 10 more to any number, so we will be all ready for this adventure. Who doesn't like watching money add up?!

Lastly, keep reading for Fang's Reading Club! Throughout the next few weeks, students will continue to be awarded with prizes for all of their reading efforts. In the end, the greatest prize is a free ticket, soda, and hot dog at Shiocton's night with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers on Saturday, May 31! Don't forget about that extra incentive this year of competing for a Kindle!



It is hard to believe, but the school year is flying by! Thanks for all of the support you provide to your child all year long! ☺

Spring Book Fair Coming Soon

by Steve Parker

It's a Reading Fiesta!! Come celebrate the fun of reading! The Spring Book Fair is only a few days away. The book fair, which will be located in the school cafeteria, will run from March 4-11. The fair will be open during school lunch hours from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on the weekdays. In addition, it will be open during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair (March 11) and Parent/Teacher Conferences (March 4) from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Make a point of coming during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — take a look at the great art exhibits, marvel at the science fair, then come shop at the book fair!!



Prior to the fair's opening, a Scholastic flyer will be sent home highlighting books from the fair. Take a look at that flyer with your child and make note of any titles they are interested in. The flyer will tell you where on the shelves specific books can be found. Of course, the fair will have many more books than can be listed on the flyer. You'll just have to come to the school and see all that is available!

In addition, there is the option of purchasing your books online. In fact, there are many more titles and options available at the online store. And here's a bonus — no shipping charges. The books are delivered right to the school and then sent home with your children. You can access the online fair by going to www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and following the simple instructions. It's safe, convenient, and easy.

Remember, proceeds from SPICE book fairs go towards supporting the education of all students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment has been purchased with book fair revenue. Supporting the book fair supports the school district, while also showing your children that reading is important. That's a win-win in anybody's book.

Any questions about the book fair can be directed to me at 757-8871 or sjparker92@gmail.com.

Spring Concerts

April 11

5th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

May 30

4th grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions,
call Debby Stellmacher at ext. 771.

Archery Club Shooting High Marks

by Steve Parker

On February 8, the Shiocton Archery Club competed in the first annual Heart of the Valley YMCA Tournament. Thirty-five Shiocton archers from fourth to tenth grade competed against other students in the Fox Valley. Notable finishers were Riley Krull, who took first place in the 12- to 17-year-old division, and Andrew Behnke, who took third place in the 8- and 9-year-old division.

March 1 will find the club shooting in the NASP 3-D Tournament at Old 45 Archery in Hortonville.

The club continues to shoot in the elementary gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to come check out the club. More information about the Archery Club or the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) can be obtained from me at sjparker92@gmail.com or 757-8871.



Youth Wrestling: Successful Season Wraps Up in March

by Kristi Piechocki

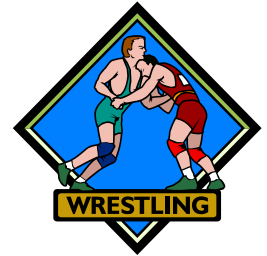
Our youth wrestlers started competing this year on January 17 with a meet at Bonduel. Considering the boys only had a couple practices under their belts, they really did quite well.

On February 2, we attended the TroCats Multi-Dual in Green Bay. We were very proud to have some wrestlers step out on the mat for the first time! It takes a large amount of courage to go out and wrestle for three minutes when you are still unsure of how a match works. All of our wrestlers did well, and we ended up taking second place as a team (*see picture below*). It was a proud and exciting day for our boys.

On February 11, we attended a meet in Little Chute, and on February 21, our third through fifth graders had a meet in Seymour.

We start to wrap up our season with a tournament in Brillion on March 8. Don't forget our 2nd annual SWC Corn Hole Tournament is March 15 at the River Rail. See article on page 3 for details.

Youth wrestling wraps up with Swim Night on March 20 at the Clintonville Recreation Center. Thank you to our coaches, Vic, Mike, and Cory. You unselfishly give so much of your time for these boys and give them the knowledge and the confidence to continue in their wrestling journey. Also thanks to the parents; with continued support our club only gets stronger.



Youth Wrestlers Come Home With a Trophy!

by Kristi Piechocki



Youth wrestlers took second place at the TroCats Dual in February. They each received a medal and came home with a nice big trophy! A good day and a great experience for our club. Thank you, coaches Vic, Cory, and Mike!

Reading and Writing in Grade 3

Wow, March is here already! It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the third quarter, which ends on March 26. We've been busy working on many projects and have other fun activities planned: *Read Across America* on March 3, Funset Boulevard on March 6, and the Science Fair in the elementary gym on March 11.

Third graders are reading for Fang's Reading Club, striving to earn a ticket to the Timber Rattlers game on May 31 at 6:35 p.m. Students need to read 100 minutes each week to earn a baseball. Four baseballs earn them a ticket to the game. So read, read, read!

Third graders now know most of their cursive letters and will be completing some assignments in cursive. They should also know all the multiplication and division facts 0-9. If they don't, make sure they continue to work on memorizing these facts. Fractions are our next learning topic, including the skills of geometry, measurement, and graphing.

As we near the end of the year, a lot of new material will be covered in class, making things seem more difficult. Homework, when it happens, is a time to help extend learning and reinforce the learning skill. You can help your child with what they don't quite understand, and help them to return their homework on time. As we get closer to the fourth quarter, the students will be gearing up into skills that they will use as fourth graders.



Grade 4 Pilots New Standardized Test

Parent/Teacher Conferences take place on Tuesday, March 4. The Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair is March 11. Fourth graders are encouraged or expected to enter an exhibit in the science fair. They receive extra credit points or a grade in science class for doing so. It is an amazing opportunity for students to be the experimenter and carry out the scientific method. Then they get to be the "expert/instructor" and present their results at the fair. This is a great time to answer those "I wonder why..." and "How does ... work?" questions.

We also have many young fourth grade musicians who perform throughout the evening, and of course the halls are brimming with artwork. It is a wonderful time for families and community members to come and check out all of the interesting things our young people are doing.

Another fun thing we will be doing in March is following the mushers on

the Iditarod Trail. No, we can't be there with them, but we do research and prepare for the race, pick mushers, and follow their daily (sometimes hourly) progress on the Internet at www.iditarod.com. The race begins March 1! This is one of those activities that really makes an impression and sticks with the students. To go with the Iditarod unit we also read the novel *Stone Fox*, by John Reynolds Gardiner. It is a story about a boy and his dog, and the boy is determined to win a dogsled race to save his grandfather's farm.

The fourth graders will participate in piloting the Smarter Balanced Assessment March 18-April 4. This will allow us to get a firsthand look at the new Common Core Standards based test that will be implemented in all public schools next year.

Grandparents Day has been rescheduled for Friday, March 14. Hopefully things will go as planned this time. Snow, snow, go away!!

Remind your child to continue to always do their best. The end of the third quarter is March 26 already.

Grade 5 Studies Flight

The genre of informational writing has been the focus for fifth graders. Students learned how to organize their information, which helped them write about a flight topic of choice. Two samples are included this month.

Wright Brothers

by Mickayla Denis

Introduction

Have you ever looked up at the sky and seen an airplane? Do you ever wonder where it all came from? That airplane wasn't just there, someone had to invent it. The people who invented it were the Wright Brothers. In this report, you will learn about the Wright Brothers growing up, taking flight, influence of the Wright Brothers, their airplane, and conclusions.

The Wright Brothers Growing Up

On the contrary to what you might think, there were more than just two Wright Brothers, there were four! Those brothers' names were Reuchlin, Lorin, Wilbur, and Orville. They also had a sister named Katherine. Orville was born on August 19, 1871. Wilbur was born on April 16, 1867. One day, Wilbur and Orville were given a toy that they named the Bat. The bat was a flying toy made with bamboo, a rubber band, and paper. It was probably their favorite toy and they played with it all the time until the paper ripped. The Wrights lived in Dayton, Ohio, but moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Taking Flight

Later, Orville and Wilbur made and tested some gliders and decided that it would be easier and more comfortable to have a controller to turn the airplane. Flying in a glider you control by shifting your weight can be pretty dangerous. It would be easy to flip upside down in a

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Wright Brothers *(continued)*

glider. Imagine riding a thrilling roller coaster through the air. Then imagine that roller coaster being the first one ever made and you being the first rider. That is probably what Orville felt like when he was riding the first airplane ever made.

Influences of the Wright Brothers

Now it's time to tell you about some influences. Bat, the toy, made Wilbur and Orville want to fly and it gave them ideas. They made, flew, and sold kites. The brothers also studied Otto Lilienthal's work because he made gliders. One of the best and most effective resources was probably birds, because almost everything that was used on the second airplane was also used by birds.

The Wright Brothers' Airplane

In time, Wilbur and Orville collected enough information to create their airplane. For instance, the two brothers noticed something that nobody had ever noticed before. They saw that when birds turn, they tip one wing-tip down and the other up. Orville and Wilbur called it wing warping. When tested on a kite with two wings and a string tied to each tip, it worked! No engine was both light and strong, so Orville and Wilbur had to invent their own engine for their airplane. Their first airplane crashed. Eventually, it was time to try again and build a new plane that had wing warping, an elevator, and a tail that moved like a rudder. Orville won a coin toss and got to be the first pilot of the new and improved 700-pound flyer. Wilbur flew the furthest. In 1908, Orville crash-landed with Signal Corps Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge. Orville survived, but Thomas didn't.

Conclusion

As a result, Orville and Wilbur became known as The Wright Brothers. They built the first airplane to be heavier than air and sustain controlled flight. Although they undoubtedly had troubles, they worked through them and achieved their goal of flying in a machine. Today, we use the work of Wilbur and Orville Wright to get from one place to another quickly. We still add on to the work of these old-time heroes.



Orville Wright



Wilbur Wright

SR-71 Blackbird

by Trenton Twombly

Introduction

I bet that you didn't know a plane can fly 2200 mph! What plane can fly this fast? The SR-71 Blackbird. In this report you will learn about why the Blackbird was made. Then you will learn about why it is so fast. Thirdly, you will learn about some of the amazing records. Finally, you will learn about the end of the SR-71 Blackbird.

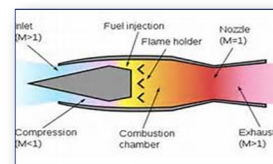


Why the Military Needs the SR-71

This unarmed strategic 2-seat reconnaissance (to locate an enemy) plane was made to out-run missiles and spy on enemies without them knowing. The military needs this plane to spy on enemies with little to no detection. On December 28, 1962, Lockheed signed a contract to make six SR-71 Blackbirds. SR-71s were Cold War era planes. That means that it was made and used about 5-10 years after WWII. During the Cold War, the world was building up nuclear warfare.

Why It Is So Fast

The reason why the SR-71 is so fast is because of the combination of two J-58 ramjets and its titanium alloy on the edges of its skin. Blackbirds can cruise at 2200 mph.



But the ramjets don't start up until they're flying at 400 mph. Also, when they are flying at 2200 mph they use less fuel. This happens because the wind is being

compressed and ignited with little or no fuel. They have come out with an SR-72. That can fly at Mach six! (Mach: a number indicating the ratio of the speed of sound in the medium through which the object is moving.)

List of SR-71 Blackbird Records

It flew from LA to DC in 1 hour, 4 minutes, and 20 seconds, and it also flew from Missouri to DC in 25 minutes and 50 seconds. It also flew from New York to London in 1 hour, 54 minutes, 56 seconds! It was the first plane to fly Mach 3.5! That's about 2400 mph. Finally, it holds the record for altitude — 80,257 feet! In fact, that is almost three times higher than the average passenger jet. An average passenger plane flies at about 30,000 feet.

Conclusion

This movie star and spy plane is one of the best to ever set foot on the face of the Earth. Yes, I said movie star. The SR-71 was featured in *Transformers* as Jetfire and *X-Men*. It was retired in 1998. Around 2020 the SR-72 will come out. Yet, it is still the favorite of many.

Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell

School Counselor, grades K-6

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Fifth Grade Chief Chats

Chief Chats for all fifth grade students and their parents will be held in March and April. 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 at 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Student Council News

Upcoming Dress-Up Days

Wed., March 5: Pajama Day

Wed., March 19: Crazy Socks/Hat Day



Over \$200 was raised during "Gum Day" on February 7! Thank you to all who donated \$1 to help the animals at the Fox Cities Humane Society. Pictured are Fifth Grade Student Council members collecting the "Gum Day" money: Trista Rose, Macy Raeck, Jaiden Lecker, and Abby Demerath.



Meet November Ribble

My name is November Ribble, and I am student teaching in Mrs. Ver Voort's fifth grade classroom this semester.

While this is my first experience student teaching, it is not my first experience in the classroom. I am originally from



Menasha, but I graduated from Appleton East. My senior year I worked at Lincoln Elementary, and the year after I graduated I worked as a substitute teacher in many Appleton schools, including primary and secondary levels.

Later I lived in Arkansas and worked in the Decatur Public Schools for roughly seven years. While there I was an ESL aide, a special education aide, ESL Coordinator, a substitute teacher, and the migrant clerk. During that time I began working toward attaining my teaching license. I graduated from Ashford University in 2009, but had relocated to Wisconsin, and was unable to reach my goal. I was hired to teach Spanish K-8 at a private school in Neenah, and did so for two years until the position became part-time.

In 2013 I began again to pursue my license to teach, and hopefully by the end of this semester I will have that license. I am enjoying my experience here so far, and look forward to the day I will have a classroom of my own.

Just in case you are curious about my name, I can tell you two things. I have a twin sister October Dawn (my middle name is Sky), and I am related to the congressman Reid Ribble. He is my father's youngest brother, and therefore my uncle.

Gear Up for Middle School Track

Middle school track begins April 1. Practices are every day after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m. Middle school track is for all interested students in grades 6-8. Physical forms need to be turned in to the office before practice starts in order for students to participate. If your child has not had a physical, especially 6th graders, please see that he or she gets one before April 1. If you have any questions, call Sarah Ver Voort at (920) 986-3351 ext. 742. We are looking forward to a fun season and the warm weather!



Coach Ver Voort and Coach Zdanovec



Grade 8 G/T Art
Papier Mâché Fish
Brandon Spencer

THE UPBEAT!

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CONGRATS TO ALL 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 congratulations to **Olivia Bloch, Veronica Calderon, Megan Coenen, Molly Coenen, Mitchell Dorn, Jon Jandourek, Bryce Kuehl**, and members of *Dolce Bella* (high school jazz choir) 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 our March *Music In Our Schools Month* concert on **Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.** All bands and choirs (grades 6-12) will be performing. We'll feature music from our solo and ensemble festivals and other great selections. Please join us as we showcase the musical talents of our fine students!

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH!

Did you know it's *Music In Our Schools Month*?! True story. Check out the data below showing just how important music really is in our children's learning:

- The combined results of 12 experimental studies indicate a positive relationship between voluntary music study and math achievement.
- The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.
- Students in school music programs score higher on standardized tests compared to students in schools with deficient music education programs, regardless of the socioeconomic level of the school district.
- Schools that have higher levels of student participation in the fine arts receive higher academic ratings, higher attendance rates, and have lower drop-out rates.
- Participation in select music performing groups promotes goal attainment, teamwork, leadership, academic achievement, feelings of success, and cultural exposure.

Our music programs contribute to the Shiocton student individually and to the school and community collectively. Thanks for making music an important part of your child's education. We appreciate your support!

MUSIC In Our SCHOOLS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Tuesday, March 11
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
6-12 BAND, 6-12 CHOIR

TRIP TO SEE BLUES BROTHERS REVUE

Saturday, April 5
Weidner Center
Green Bay
HS BAND/CHOIR

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 25
Kohl Center, Madison
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 26
SELECT HS STUDENTS

PIANO STUDIO RECITALS

May 9: 7:00 p.m.
May 10: 10:00 a.m.,
1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
ALL PIANO STUDENTS

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 16
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
9-12 BAND/CHOIR

MS CHOIR TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

Tuesday, May 20
During school
6-8 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

KRAZY BOWLING!

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



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