



School District of SHIOCTON

March 2017

"Where Excellence Is Expected"

National School Counselor's Week

By Mrs. Schweitzer

According to the Wisconsin School Counselor's Association, a school counselor is a member of the educational team who seeks to "maximize the academic performance, career planning, and personal/social growth" of all students, Grades PK - 12.

This certainly describes our school counselors, Mrs. Sandee Cornell and Mrs. Dannielle Kern. Daily, they work with students to address the social and emotional concerns that keep them from maximizing their classroom performance. Throughout the grades, both counselors also work to educate students about career and college opportunities while also keeping an eye on course selection and academic achievement.

Why school counseling? Why Shiocton? For both counselors it was for the students.

Mrs. Cornell writes, what I love about being a School Counselor, is getting "to work with all students assisting them with life-long skills for learning, working, and healthy relationships. I have the opportunity to watch students grow, and help them plan for their future successes. In a school setting I get to work with great professionals who care about kids!" For Mrs. Kern, she said, "It's simple... I love helping kids! I love that I am able to work with students in a variety of ways and advocate for them to make their experience at school the best that it can be!" Mrs. Kern is also a Shiocton graduate and glad to be giving back to her hometown. "It is where I grew up and graduated from! I am extremely grateful to give back and work with the kiddos in my very own community. I am also very lucky to get to work with so many great professionals who care about their students and make the school counseling program a priority. I hope that from my previous experience, I can bring some new fun and exciting things to the Shiocton School Counseling Program!"

Shiocton School District is fortunate to have both counselors as part of our educational team.



News from the Superintendent

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Regardless of the answer, March brings with it the realization that the end of the year is nearing us. We take stock of where we are in our curriculum and where students are in their mastery of content and skills. We look to assessments as measures of both and a means to direct our academic efforts.

High school teachers used ACT data to drive their extra efforts during ELT to prepare students for this assessment. Juniors were given two **ACT practice tests**, while sophomores and freshmen took the practice test once this past semester. The results of the ACT were analyzed and teachers worked with students to understand their scores and ways to improve.

Elementary teachers are busy analyzing data from winter **benchmarking** to guide reading instruction. Over 70% of all students in Grades 1 - 5 have met their mid-year reading benchmark; nearly 90% of kindergartners have reached the mid-year mark.

Middle school teachers are continuing to incorporate writing activities into their lessons. Teachers are employing new strategies learned from Heather White as they teach and assess student writing. These efforts complement those at the high school level and tie directly to the **ACT writing assessment**.

These extra efforts and dedication to student achievement are just a few examples of the amazing and outstanding teaching and learning taking place right here in Shiocton Schools. Without a doubt, there is great reason to have **#ShioctonPride!**

~Mrs. Schweitzer

Child Care Conversations Continue

By Mrs. Schweitzer

Last summer, we began exploring the need for after-school child care for students through age 11. Though there was some interest in fall, it was not enough to cover the costs associated with the child care program offered by the Boys and Girls Club of Fox Valley. But we made the commitment to re-examine interest in spring.

Well, spring has sprung, and it is time for us to take another look at the number of students who may be in need of after-school child care services. Throughout the months of March and April, the Boys and Girls Club will be holding informational meetings and enrolment events. Be sure to watch the school website, outside message center, and ACN in March for information regarding organizational meetings to be held by the Boys and Girls Club through April. A decision, based on the number of formal commitments, will be made in May.





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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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High School News...

...A Reflection of Accomplishments

The end of the 3rd quarter, March 22, is rapidly approaching. As the 75% mark looms ahead, it's important to reflect upon all of the things we have accomplished throughout this school year.

We have succeeded in implementing a new ACT incentive program to help our Juniors achieve the high scores of which we know they are capable. The Juniors have not only been taking practice tests this year, they have also been attending ACT workshops most Fridays for the last few months to learn strategies and tips on how to succeed on the test. The test itself occurred on both February 28 and March 1. The February 28 test included the English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing; all things that our workshops and incentive program were built around. The March 1 test was the ACT WorkKeys, a test designed for use by businesses to determine the employability of our students. We eagerly await the results of these tests this spring!

We have also taken our safety training very seriously here at school. As many community members know, one of the initiatives that our district has placed great emphasis on is the 'active shooter' situation. As a staff, we have trained extensively on ways to keep our students and ourselves as safe as possible if such an incident should occur. Perhaps you may have heard or seen some of the simulations that have been done during these professional development days. Rest assured, that the safety of our students is paramount.

Looking ahead, don't forget about parent-teacher conferences. As a teacher myself, it is always encouraging to see the parents of our students come in and talk to their child's instructors and show interest in what is going on in their child's schooling. One of the best ways for a parent to ensure a quality educational experience is to be as actively involved in their child's studies and school life as they can. It is a great way to show students that their education matters and a great way to hold them accountable for the choices they make.

There are so many excellent extra-curricular activities going on here at Shiocton. Our Quiz Bowl team, lead this year by Mr. Terry Schwaller, is having an excellent season and is looking to finish strong through the rest of the year. The Shiocton boys basketball team is currently leading the CWC with an outstanding conference record, while the girls basketball team is looking forward to getting into the playoffs and surprising some people. Shiocton's strong wrestling program continues to exhibit greatness with several individual conference champions and runners-up. The Math League team continues to impress individually as they have two students in the top 10 in scoring in their respective divisions.

If you want to know more about all of the great things happening here at Shiocton, please feel free to ask. Either call 920-986-3351 or email me at nortlieb@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ortlieb
(filling in for Mrs. Zeinert)

Upcoming events....

3/9—Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.

3/9—P/T Conferences—4:30-7:30 p.m.

3/22—Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.

3/23-3/24—No School

Bring on March...News in Grade 1

By Mrs. Behkne

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's 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!

In reading, our first graders have been learning all about nonfiction books and what it takes to be a confident reader of a nonfiction book. Students studied what authors of nonfiction books do to teach their readers about a topic. Students used these same strategies to write their own nonfiction books about a topic in which they felt they were an expert. The students have enjoyed becoming a better reader and writer of nonfiction books.

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. Nice job boys and girls!

Always Learning Something New

By Mrs. Krohlow

Fourth grade is the first year of school that students get "official" instruction in the art of keyboarding. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. 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 instructions. 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.

Ms. Hegner using Jeopardy with science.



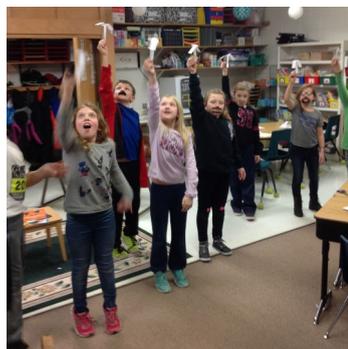
More science and forces.



More science.



3rd graders working on forces and motion with the creation of the "Twirly Bird."



On a Roll in Grade 5

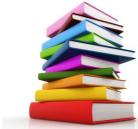
By Mrs. Singler

Fifth graders have been busy with reading, writing argumentative papers on white versus chocolate milk, and doing two-digit division in math. They have also been busy with science. These engineers have recently been studying mixtures and solutions and developing various models. They have explored black boxes, drought stoppers, and the three states of matter. Class collaboration and group work are very important parts of our learning.



Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

By Mrs. Pfundtner



Regional Scripps Spelling Bee



On Tuesday, February 14, Jordan H. (Grade 6) and Aleah Z. (Grade 6) attended the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee hosted by Lawrence University in Appleton. The regional competition included 33 students in Grades 5-8 from the Appleton, Freedom, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Little Chute, Kimberly, New London, Weyauwega, Menasha, and Winneconne school districts. More than 50% of the students were seventh or eighth graders. Jordyn and Aleah did a nice job in representing 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, which we are in the process of selecting, will compete with 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 names of students representing Shiocton and the results!

Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

April 6: Noetic Learning Math Contest – Spring (grades 3-6)

April 7: College Day for Kids at UW-Stevens Point (Grade 6 G/T academic students)



Paper Drive

By Mr. Huebner

Despite cold temperatures, the January paper drive brought in 6.23 tons. Thank you for your support during the cold January drive. I am 100% confident that the March drive will have bright and sunny days!

Future paper drives:

Monday, March 13—
Friday, March 17

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Tim Huebner
986-3351 ext. 739



Shiocton Partners in Children's Education

By Mindy Hofacker

SPICE is busy preparing for our Spring Book Fair and our Quilt and Basket Raffle. Both will be held the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences and Health/Science/Fine Arts Fair. We have a few movie nights planned. The next one is on March 17.

The plastic bag challenge is still on and will wrap up April 15. We have one drop off site at the elementary entrance near the Box Tops bin. Thank you to all who donated Box Tops during our February challenge!

Mark your calendars for our annual Funset Boulevard night of fun on May 4! Wristbands will go on sale in April.

The applications for SPICE scholarships awarded to two seniors is due March 31 for anyone interested in applying! Mrs. Cornell for an application.

You can designate us as your Amazon Smile charity! Just search for Shiocton Partners in Children's Education. Our next meeting will be April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you! Thank you for your support!

Second Annual Quilt and Basket Raffle

The quilt created by Mrs. Beecher's third grade art students along with the talents of Jeanne Reese will be raffled off along with several themed prize baskets on March 15. The theme of this year's quilt is Monet's Water Lilies; it is beautiful! The themed baskets will be raffled off along with other prizes. They are made up of donations collected from students with each grade having a different theme for their baskets. Thank you for all the donations! We also want to thank Lisa Beecher for her help with the kids, Jeanne for creating the quilt, and Mark and Melissa Reese for the paint. Tickets will be on sale in the elementary office until the end of the day on March 14 and will be sold at the Health/Science/Fine Arts Fair, during Book Fair hours, and the evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences. They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

7-12 Students

Attention Seniors: Local scholarships are available on the school website. Deadlines are fast approaching—apply now!

If any **Juniors** or **Sophomores** would like to take college courses for high school credit (**Youth Options**) in Fall of 2017, the deadline to register is March 1. Stop in Guidance for more information.

Chief Chats for students in Grade 11 are underway. Please contact Mrs. Cornell to schedule your Chief Chat conference.

A **Youth Apprenticeship** meeting for parents will be set up soon. This is a state program where students can work in a career area and get paid while earning high school and perhaps college credits. Please stay posted on the date, time, and place.

K-6 Students

Our Junior Achievement program for Grade 5 students has started. "More than Money" will help meet the needs of students by providing and engaging academically enriching experiential learning which will help students understand money basics.

Junior Achievement for Grade 3 students will be started in January.

March Character Trait

FAIRNESS

Upcoming Events

March 1:
Grade 11 WorkKeys

March 1:
Youth Options deadline for Fall 2017-18 semester

March 1:
"Spread the Word To End The Word" Day

March 7:
S/H/FA Fair 4:00-7:00 p.m.

March 14:
College Fair at Xavier High School
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Free Admission

March 9:
12:10 dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:30-7:30 p.m.

March 17:
Freedom Drama Troupe
performance
for Grades 2-8

March 20-May 5:
Forward Exam Window for
Grades 3-8, 10

Eighth Graders Attend Middle School Days at FVTC

On February 9, eighth grade students got a first-hand glimpse at career programs at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. Students viewed career areas such as automotive, agriculture, police science, health care, marketing, and culinary arts.

Pictured is Jack S. as he practices welding at FVTC.



Middle School Student Council News

Pictured: Shyann S. displays her Valentine card for nursing home residents.



MS Student Council Upcoming events:

March 1: "Spread the Word" Day

March 15: Student Council meeting

March 17: Freedom High School
Drama Troupe presentation

March 17: Green Day

March 30: Twin Day



Child Development Days



The Shiocton School District Early Childhood Screening Team provides developmental screenings to children ages 2 ½- 4 years old (who will not be attending 4K during the '17-'18 school year) and reside within the school district boundaries. The day/time of the screening will be:

Tuesday, March 14th 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Please call Ashley Schwister, Early Childhood and 4K Teacher, at **986-3351 ext. 717** to set up an appointment or if you have any additional questions.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



LAST PAYMENT OF NIAGARA FALLS/LAKE ERIE TRIP DUE

The final payment of **\$100** is due Tuesday, **March 7** for high school band/choir student traveling with us to Niagara Falls. Please plan ahead and make your payment on time in a sealed envelope with your name on. Students who are fully paid may sign up for their room on this day.

BEGINNING BAND PERFORMS AT FINE ARTS FAIR

Join us on **Tuesday, March 7** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **High School Gym**, where Ms. Ludtke's music classes and Mr. Yenor's Beginning Band will perform a mini-concert.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CONCERT COLLAGE

You are cordially invited to the *Concert Collage* on **Tuesday, March 21** at **7:00 p.m.** All bands and choirs (grades 6-12) will be performing. We will feature music from our solo/ensemble and Young Artist festivals last month as well as music we've been working on over the past couple months. We hope you will join us!

CALLING ALL NIAGARA FALLS TRIP-GOERS AND PARENTS

We will hold a very important meeting to discuss all rules, regulations, and guidelines for the Lake Erie trip on **Wednesday, April 5** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Band Room**. It's essential that all trip participants and their parents attend. It is a huge endeavor to bring over 100 students and chaperones out of state. Understanding our trip guidelines and expectations helps to ensure a safe and fun trip for all. Please mark your calendars and attend. See you then!

CONGRATULATIONS BAND MEMBERS

Congratulations to members of the HS Band for their performances of chamber music at the **Young Artist Festival** at Lawrence University last month. Special compliments to the Flute Choir and Brass Choir for taking 1st place and the Percussion Ensemble for taking 2nd!

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

*LAKE ERIE TRIP

FINAL PAYMENT DUE!!

Tuesday, March 7—\$100
HS BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

*CONCERT COLLAGE

Tuesday, March 21—7:00pm
HS Gym
6-8 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

*BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 21
HS Gym
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

*SCIENCE/FINE ARTS FAIR

Tuesday, March 7—6:00 p.m.
HS Gym 5 BAND

*LAKE ERIE TRIP/

MEETING

Wednesday, April 5—6:00
p.m.
Band Room—ALL TRIP-BOUND
STUDENTS & PARENTS

Health Office: Heart Attack

By Mrs. Ecker

Every 43 seconds, someone in the United States has a heart attack.



A heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction, occurs when a part of the heart muscle doesn't receive enough blood flow. The more time that passes without treatment to restore blood flow, the greater the damage to the heart muscle.

One of five heart attacks is silent—the damage is done, but the person is not aware of it. Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the main cause of heart attack. A less common cause is a severe spasm, or sudden contraction, of a coronary artery that can stop blood flow to the heart muscle. If you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and recognize that you or someone near you is having a heart attack, seek immediate treatment by calling 9-1-1. The longer you wait, the more damage to the heart muscle can occur.

The five major symptoms of a heart attack are:

- Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back.
- Feeling weak, light-headed, or faint.
- Chest pain or discomfort.
- Pain or discomfort in arms or shoulder.
- Shortness of breath.

Other symptoms of a heart attack could include unusual or unexplained tiredness and nausea or vomiting. Women are more likely to have these other symptoms.

Call 9-1-1

If you notice the symptoms of a heart attack in yourself or someone else, call 9-1-1 immediately. The sooner you get to an emergency room, the sooner you can receive treatment to prevent total blockage and heart muscle damage or reduce the amount of damage. In some cases, a heart attack requires cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or electrical shock (defibrillation). Bystanders trained to use CPR or a defibrillator may be able to help until emergency medical personnel arrive. Remember, the chances of surviving a heart attack are greater the sooner emergency treatment begins.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Out Reach to Households: Breakfast Program

Dear Parent of the School District of Shiocton,

The School District of Shiocton needs your help to make sure all of our students are fully prepared for their academic success. We all know that hungry children have a more difficult time doing their best work. That is why we encourage all students to begin the school day with a nutrition breakfast.

The School District of Shiocton's Breakfast Program is available to all students to purchase every weekday morning. You do not have to register your child (ren) in advance. Your child(ren) can eat breakfast at school every day or only occasionally. School breakfast makes good sense-it provides 1/4 of your child (ren's) nutritional needs, meets Dietary Guidelines requirements, and offers a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

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

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

Sincerely,
Debra Danke
Nutrition Program Director

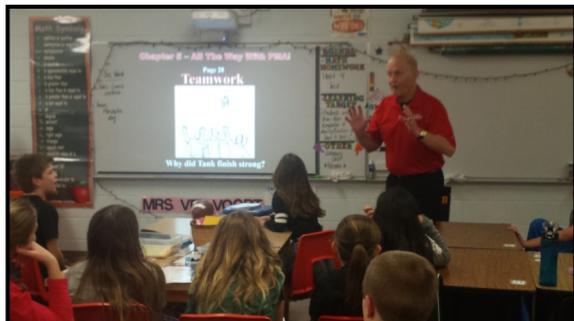
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Inspirational Guest Author

By Mrs. Ver Voort

Bill Collar, the author of *It's More Than A Game*, and Mrs. Ver Voort's father, spoke to the Grade 5 students on Tuesday, January 24.

He shared his inspiration as an author and his great life lessons from being a positive coach and teacher with us. Thank you, Mr. Collar!



Attention High School Students: You are invited to...

What: Post Prom
When: Saturday, April 22, 2017
Time: 11:00 p.m.
Where: Shiocton High School

The purpose of Post Prom is to provide a safe and fun environment for our students to play games, participate in activities, eat, win prizes, and hang out with friends without any pressures to partake in alternative /unsafe post prom activities.

Post Prom does have some rules:

- Everyone attending Post Prom will have to follow the school rules
- Only Shiocton students and PRE-approved guests will be allowed in
- Once you leave Post Prom, you will not be permitted to return and
- All traffic must enter/exit through the back door.

Post Prom will provide a variety of activities to participate in. There will also be tons of prizes to win!

Post Prom is Free!!!!
You do not have to go to prom to be able to attend post Prom. It is open to all Shiocton High School and pre-approved guests.



National Breakfast Week



School Breakfast helps students perform at their best! Help them take the school breakfast challenge by celebrating National Breakfast Week March 6-10.



2017 Shiocton Alumni: Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Tournament



When: Friday March 24 & Saturday, March 25

Contact Casie Korth at casie.laine@gmail.com for volleyball questions or Randy Schmidt at randycap48@gmail.com for basketball questions or to sign up your 2017 Alumni team. Sign up your team by Monday, March 13.

Please feel free to add new members from the recent graduating class as well! Check out the Shiocton High School Alumni Basketball/Volleyball group page on Facebook for up to date information. Looking forward to a great year again!

MARCH

*Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain bread and buns are offered.
All students must take 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch. Fresh fruit and vegetable are offered daily.
Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Fun shape cinnamon snack, Yogurt, Fruit juice, Milk	Strawberry pop tart, Boiled egg, Fruit juice, Milk	Cereal bar, String cheese, Fruit juice, Milk	Uncrustable (peanut butter and jelly), Fruit juice, Milk	Long john donut, Fruit juice, Milk
Menu subject to change without notice Breakfast prices: 4K-12—\$1.10 per day Lunch prices: 4K-8—\$2.40 per day \$12.00 per week, \$50.40 for March 9-12—\$2.65 per day, \$13.25 per week, \$50.35 for March		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31	

3/2 Thursday MS Wrestling @ Weyauwega MS—4:30 p.m.
Girls Varsity Basketball—7:00 p.m. @ TBA
3/3 Friday Varsity Wrestling State Meet @ Madison
Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:00 p.m.
Dance team @ Home
3/4 Saturday Varsity Boys Basketball @ Home—7:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls Basketball @ 7:00 p.m.—TBA
3/6 Monday **School Board Meeting—6:00 p.m.**
Grade 2 to Weidner Center/GB Children's Museum—9:00 a.m.
3/7 Tuesday S/H/FA Fair 4-7:00 p.m.
3/9 Thursday **Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.**
Parent Teacher Conferences—4:30-7:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Basketball State Tournament
Varsity Boys Basketball Sectional Game 1

3/11 Saturday MS Wrestling @ Appleton North HS—8:30 a.m.
Varsity Boys Basketball @ TBA—7:00 p.m.
3/13-3/17 Paper Drive
3/16 Thursday Varsity Boys Basketball State Tournament
3/20 Monday **School Board Meeting—6:00 p.m.**
3/21 Tuesday Varsity Track @ Seymour—4:00 p.m.
3/22 Wednesday **Early Dismissal—12:10 p.m.**
End of Q3
3/23 & 3/24 **No School**
3/30 Thursday Varsity Baseball @ Home—4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Home—4:30 p.m.
3/31 Friday Varsity Track Invitational @ UWSP Multi-Activity Center 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Reedsville—4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball @ Home—4:30 p.m.