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The **Link**

School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

March, 2013

Chiefs Send Three to State Wrestling Tournament Riehls Place 4th and 5th at State

Austin Riehl, Zech Riehl, and Henry Fielding (pictured at right) represented Shiocton at the State Wrestling Tournament in Madison February 21-23.

Austin Riehl, wrestling at 132 pounds, finished in fourth place, winning two matches and losing two. He defeated Daniel Rice of Lancaster 3-1 and Marc Lansin of Coleman 5-0. He lost to Alex Hauri of Parkview 3-2 and to Carter Shampo of Crandon 4-2.

Zech Riehl, wrestling at 170 pounds, finished in fifth place, winning three matches and losing two. He pinned Isaac Tuttle of Glenwood City and beat Kyle Kemmerling of Johnson Creek twice by scores of 8-2 and 11-2. He lost to Wyatt Seep of Weston/Ithaca 7-5 and to Adam Risse of Random Lake 8-7.

Henry Fielding lost in round 1 to Jesse Verbanic of Random Lake.

Congratulations to the wrestlers on a great season, which included four Central Wisconsin Conference champions — Austin Riehl, Jacob Dahlke, Zech Riehl, and Dominic Gunderson — and a first-place finish for the team at the regional.

Division 3 Bonduel Sectional On February 16, three wrestlers advanced to the State Wrestling Tournament. Austin Riehl qualified as a sectional champion at 132 pounds. He defeated Carter Shampo 1-0 in the first-place match. Austin got to the championship match by defeating Dalton Tietsort of Three Lakes 14-4 in the quarterfinals and Marc Lansin of Coleman 4-1 in the semifinals.



Zech Riehl qualified for State by finishing second at 170 pounds. Zech had four wins at the Sectional, pinning Tyler Schuh of Reedsville and defeating John Dennee of Crandon 7-0, Ed Guth of Elcho 15-5, and Jacob Wudtke of Bonduel 3-0. Zech lost 4-2 to Matt Nowak of Edgar.

Henry Fielding took third at the sectional at 182 pounds. He defeated Logan Jara of Elcho 2-0 and pinned Trevor Homan of Bonduel and Andrew Kocourek of Reedsville. Henry lost to Luke Nowak of Edgar and Casey Johnson of Manawa.

Also qualifying for the Sectional were Jacob Dahlke, Garrett Gunderson, Mason Gomm, Dominic Gunderson, and Danny Erickson.

School District to Host Town Hall Meeting on March 14

We are planning to host a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 14, in the LMC at school. The meeting will run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will cover the topics of the preliminary School Budget projections for 2013-14 (and beyond), a review of our current budget, school safety measures, and the District Visioning process. Please plan to attend this informational session.

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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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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

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State Budget Proposal

On February 20, Governor Scott Walker proposed a 2013-15 state budget that freezes school spending and promotes expansion of a school voucher system. This proposal is bad for our state because vouchers have not been shown to improve student achievement, voucher schools lack the accountability that is required in public schools, and vouchers take resources away from public schools. I encourage you to read more about this subject at:

<http://wsaa.org/saainfo/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/SAA-Voucher-Memo-Letterhead-0214132.pdf>

Also, it will be vital for you to contact our legislators to share your concerns about these proposals while the budget is being considered over the next few months. Assembly Representative Gary Tauchen can be reached at (608) 266-3097 and Senator Rob Cowles can be reached at (608) 266-0484.

MARCH MADNESS

We are at that point of the school year where our winter athletic teams are completing or entering end-of-the-season playoffs. By the time this newsletter goes out, we will already know the outcome of the wrestling team's participants at the State Tournament. Our basketball teams will be wrapping up their Regional contests.

As you attend these games to cheer on our young athletes, please do your best to support and encourage them. Be a good role model for the athletes and other spectators in regards to sportsmanship. Let the coaches and game officials do their jobs. Let the children play the game and let them have fun doing so. Enjoy your role as a fan by cheering the accomplishments of the athletes on both teams. When the game is over, be glad that you had the opportunity to be a fan and watch those talented young people play and enjoy their games.

As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 761.

Have a terrific start to the spring season!

Chris L. VanderHeyden
 Superintendent

Please visit the district website at:
www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/

Heartsaver AED/CPR Class to be Offered

When: Wednesday, March 13
 Time: 3:15-6:15 p.m. (approximately)
 Where: Shiocton Schools, room H235
 (Mr. Prodell's room)



The cost of the class is \$15, which includes a CPR book and certification card. If you would like to use the CPR book and then return it, the cost will be \$5. To register, please call Rebecca Ecker, RN, at (920) 986-3351 ext. 714, or you can stop in at the Shiocton Health Office.



Shiocton Summer Sports

Registration Dates
 Coming Up in March
 by Jaclyn Pelky

Date	Time
Saturday, March 2	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Monday, March 4	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 9	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

All sign-up sessions will be held at Shiocton School. Please take advantage of these dates! Anyone signing up after March 15 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Early sign-up ensures the Shiocton Summer Sports Board time to organize teams, order T-shirts, and recruit coaches.

Registration Fees

T-Ball	\$20
Little League	\$25
10-12U	\$25
Pony League	\$30
14U-16U	\$30
Babe Ruth	\$35



Opening Week Meetings

All meetings will be held at Shiocton Lake Park starting at 5:30 p.m.

T-Ball	May 20
Softball	May 21
Little League	May 22

Shiocton Summer Sports encourages all players and parents to attend for great information that will help throughout the season!

Shiocton Wrestling Club Hosts 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament

March 16 at 12:00 noon at the River Rail

- ⇒ Official Cornhole guidelines used
- ⇒ 20 teams, 3 courts
- ⇒ Team entry is first-come basis
- ⇒ Pre-registration is recommended
- ⇒ Registration at 11:00 a.m. day of tournament if available
- ⇒ \$20 per team pre-entry fee, or \$25 day of tournament
- ⇒ Tournament starts at 12:00 noon
- ⇒ If at full capacity, will run 1/2 hour time limits
- ⇒ Total payout for 1st-3rd place
- ⇒ Raffles and 50/50 drawings
- ⇒ Shiocton youth raffle drawing is at 5:00 p.m.



To register, contact Dave Gomm
 N5580 2nd Street
 Shiocton, WI 54170

(920) 850-0322 or dgomm@coatingexcellence.com

Make Appointments Now for Early Childhood Screening Held in April

Dear Parent(s):

The School District of Shiocton cordially invites you and your child to participate in our **free Early Childhood Screening to be held on Thursday, April 4, at Shiocton Elementary School.**

We are looking for children within the school district who are at least three years old or will be turning three years old by September 1, 2013, who may be eligible for the program. Your child will be encouraged to participate in activities where speech/language, social, motor, and academic readiness skills will be observed. This is a great opportunity to assess your child's current development.

Please **call 986-3351 ext. 717 by Friday, March 15, to set up an appointment** or if you have any additional questions. We look forward to meeting you and your child!



Sincerely,

Nicole Hess
 Early Childhood/Special Education Teacher

Free gift for your child upon completion of the screening!

Shiocton Public Library After School Family Fun

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Fun for all ages!

- March 5 Make a groovy lava lamp
- March 12 Grow mystical, magical crystals
- March 19 Find out how to turn a plain piece of paper into a stained-glass mandala
- March 26 Tumble Bunny races! Make your Tumble Bunny and then get ready to race!

Music Recitals Scheduled for May April 1 Deadline for Special Request Times

Recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's piano and guitar students will be held on May 3 and 4 in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars! There will be an evening recital on Friday and recitals at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Contact Mrs. Ritchie with any conflicts with the date or special requests for performance times by April 1.



Chief Spirit Lodge Open

March 2, 3, 9, and 10
during the Hoops Club basketball tournaments
(times to be determined)

Also March 5 during the
Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair

Cookie Dough Sales Help Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya Fund

by Joyce Baggot

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough. I would especially like to extend my gratitude to the fourth grade parents who came and assisted with the sorting, filling orders, and delivery to staff members.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Volkman for selling 28 boxes of cookie dough. Jacob Jansen came in second with 22 boxes sold, and Trinity Nelson came in third selling 21 boxes. Elizabeth will receive a \$50 gift card. Jacob and Trinity will each receive a \$25 gift card to Best Buy.

The fourth grade and elementary students helped raise over \$2,181 for the 2013 Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya fund.



Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program Update

by Bryce Kuehl

Shiocton students have collected 59 pounds of pull tabs during the first semester of this school year. We were paid \$27 for the tabs. We sent checks to the Madison and Milwaukee Ronald McDonald Houses for \$13.50 each. This money will help cover the cost for families to stay at the houses while their children undergo medical treatment.

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

At the beginning of the school year we were hoping to collect another mile of pop tabs so our tabs would stretch from our school to downtown Appleton. We collected approximately 74,753 tabs, which if placed end to end would stretch 1.25 miles. WE DID IT! This means that if we lined up all the tabs that we have collected since the start of the program in 2007, they would now reach from our school to ¼ mile PAST downtown Appleton. WOW!



Our new question is, how far will our pop tabs reach by the end of the school year? Any guesses?



Great Weather Predicted for the Paper Recyclable Fundraiser! sponsored by the Middle School by Tim Huebner

I have been assured by the highest possible authorities that the week of March 18 will bring bright and sunny weather for the paper recyclable drive! OK, I admit I am being optimistically hopeful. Take advantage of the great weather and please consider dropping off your paper recyclables in the **large dumpster** behind the school in the back of the parking lot anytime from Monday, March 18, to Thursday, March 21.

If you have any questions, please call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.

- When:** Monday, March 18, to Thursday, March 21
- Where:** The large dumpster behind the school
- What:** Any paper recyclables (cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, or any paper item)

Future Spring Recycling Dates

- Monday, April 22, to Thursday, April 25
- Monday, June 3, to Thursday, June 6



5th Annual Flower Sale Sponsored by the Shiocton Softball Team Flowers from Schroeder's Flowers April 1-15

10" hanging basket	\$19	Fuchsias, Begonias, Ivy Geraniums, and New Guinea Impatiens
8" Mother's Day pot	\$15	
1-gallon pot	\$8	Dahlias or Kong Coleus
3.5" pot	\$4	Gerber Daisies or Geraniums

Those of you who have ordered before know how beautiful these plants are! Order dates are from April 1-15, with delivery just in time for Mother's Day on April 29. You can order from any softball player or call Dawn Kanaman at 359-0179 or Cheryl Pahlow at 986-3445.



A Busy Spring for SPICE

by Steve Parker, SPICE Chairman

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 5. 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, conveniently, is "Story Laboratory."



The book fair will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each school day

from February 28 to March 6. It will also be running during all the hours of the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Parent/Teacher Conference 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 7. This is the 14th year we have participated in this event. It is a fun time for all.

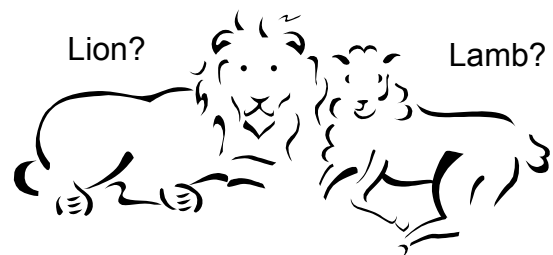


Wristbands are \$2 per person, which includes laser tag at half price.

We are also organizing a Skate Night at Skaters Edge. This will be on April 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission will be \$3.50 for traditional roller skates. An extra \$2 allows you to rent roller blades instead. This should be a fun time.

If you are interested in becoming a part of SPICE and planning activities that will benefit all children at Shiocton Schools, please stop by at the next SPICE meeting, March 13 in the LMC at 6:15 p.m. It is a wonderful way to get involved and work with other parents. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact Steve Parker at (920) 757-8871 or sjparker92@gmail.com.

How Will March Come In?



News from the Nurse — Head Lice

by Rebecca Ecker, RN

What are head lice?

The head louse, or *Pediculus humanus capitis*, is a parasitic insect that can be found on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day and live close to the human scalp. Head lice are not known to spread disease.

Who is at risk for getting head lice?

Head lice are found worldwide. In the United States, infestation with head lice is most common among preschool children attending child care, elementary school children, and the household members of infested children. Although reliable data on how many people in the United States get head lice each year are not available, an estimated 6 million to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children 3 to 11 years of age.

Head lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Anyone who comes in head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Spread by contact with clothing (such as hats, scarves, coats) or other personal items (such as combs, brushes, or towels) used by an infested person is less common. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.

What do head lice look like?

Head lice have three forms: the egg (also called a nit), the nymph, and the adult.

Egg/Nit: Nits are lice eggs laid by the adult female head louse at the base of the hair shaft nearest the scalp. Nits are firmly attached to the hair shaft and are oval-shaped and very small (about the size of a knot in thread) and hard to see. Nits often appear yellow or white, although live nits sometimes appear to be the same color as the hair of the infested person. Nits are often confused with dandruff, scabs, or hair spray droplets. Head lice nits usually take about 8-9 days to hatch.



Actual size of the three lice forms compared to a penny.



Illustration of egg on a hair shaft.

Nymph: A nymph is an immature louse that hatches from the nit. A nymph looks like an adult head louse, but is smaller. To live, a nymph must feed on blood. Nymphs mature into adults about 9-12 days after hatching from the nit.



Nymph form.

Adult: The fully grown and developed adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed, has six legs, and is tan to grayish-white in color. Adult head lice may look darker on persons with dark hair than on persons with light hair. To survive, adult head lice must feed on blood. An adult head louse can live about 30 days on a person's head but will die within one or two days if it falls off a person. Adult female head lice are usually larger than males and can lay about six eggs each day.



Adult louse.

Where are head lice most commonly found?

Head lice and head lice nits are found almost exclusively on the scalp, particularly around and behind the ears and near the neckline at the back of the head. Head lice or head lice nits sometimes are found on the eyelashes or eyebrows, but this is uncommon. Head lice hold tightly to hair with hook-like claws at the end of each of their six legs. Head lice nits are cemented firmly to the hair shaft, and can be difficult to remove even after the nymphs hatch and empty casings remain.

What are the signs and symptoms of head lice infestation?

- Tickling feeling of something moving in the hair.
- Itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the bites of the head louse.
- Irritability and difficulty sleeping; head lice are most active in the dark.
- Sores on the head caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected with bacteria found on the person's skin.

How would my child get head lice?

Head-to-head contact with an already infested person is the most common way to get head lice. Head-to-head contact is common during play at school, at home, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).

Although uncommon, head lice can be spread by sharing clothing or belongings. This happens when lice crawl, or nits attached to shed hair hatch, and get on the shared clothing or belongings. Examples include:

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- sharing clothing (hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms) or articles (hair ribbons, barrettes, combs, brushes, towels, stuffed animals) recently worn or used by an infested person;
- or lying on a bed, couch, pillow, or carpet that has recently been in contact with an infested person.

Dogs, cats, and other pets do not play a role in the spread of head lice.

How is head lice infestation diagnosed?

The diagnosis of a head lice infestation is best made by finding a live nymph or adult louse on the scalp or hair of a person. Because nymphs and adult lice are very small, move quickly, and avoid light, they can be difficult to find. Use of a magnifying lens and a fine-toothed comb may be helpful to find live lice. If crawling lice are not seen, finding nits firmly attached to the hair shafts strongly suggest that a person is infested. Nits are often confused with other things found in the hair such as dandruff, hair spray droplets, and dirt particles.

If you are not sure if a person has head lice, the diagnosis should be made by their health care provider, local health department, or other person trained to identify live head lice.

How is head lice infestation treated?

Treating the infested person requires using an over-the-counter (OTC) or prescription medication. Apply lice medicine, also called pediculicide, according to the instructions contained in the box or printed on the label.

WARNING!

Do not use a combination shampoo/conditioner or conditioner before using lice medicine. Do not re-wash the hair for 1-2 days after the lice medicine is removed.

Nit (head lice egg) combs, often found in lice medicine packages, should be used to comb nits and lice from the hair shaft. Checking the hair and combing with a nit comb to remove nits and lice every 2-3 days may decrease the chance of self-reinfestation. Continue to check for 2-3 weeks to be sure all lice and nits are gone. Retreatment generally is recommended for most prescription and non-prescription drugs, in order to kill any surviving hatched lice before they produce new eggs.

Do head lice spread disease?

Head lice should not be considered as a medical or public health hazard. Head lice are not known to spread disease. Head lice can be an annoyance because their presence may cause itching and loss of sleep. Sometimes the itching can lead to excessive scratching that can sometimes increase the chance of a secondary skin infection.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
photos by CDC Photo*



Gifted and Talented

Regional Spelling Bee

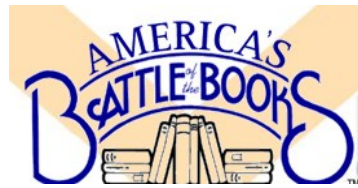
Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants! This year's schoolwide winner was [not listed] (grade 5) and runner-up was Paige Scott (grade 6). The regional competition was held on February 12 at Lawrence University. Justin and Paige competed against 40 other students from the Fox Valley area. Of the 40 competitors, only five were fifth grade students, and nine were sixth graders. The rest of the spelling competitors were seventh and eighth graders. Great job, Justin and Paige!



Battle of the Books

Last month, Battle of the Books students continued to read and review books. The elementary team met weekly to practice questions for the national competition which was held on February 20 at our school.

Students had to answer 25 questions pertaining to the books they read with an additional five tie-breaker questions. The students had 30 minutes to complete the online test. The elementary team gave answers by clicking on the correct title and author. Watch for their



results in the next issue of *The Link*. Thank you to our participants for your hard work and dedication!

Shiocton Schools: The Place To Be on March 5

Be sure to come to Shiocton Schools the evening of Tuesday, March 5. You won't want to miss out on all the great things going on!



Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair
throughout the school
(rescheduled from March 4)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Scholastic Book Fair in the cafeteria

The Chief Spirit Lodge will be open



Principal's Report

As the end of the quarter approaches (March 22), 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 Tuesday, March 5, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Good communication and regular attendance benefit the students and lead 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 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 would like to congratulate the wrestling team on another great season. Austin Riehl, Zech Riehl, and Henry Fielding advanced to State competition. Our boys basketball program has also had

a great season. They recently secured the CWC 8 Conference title. As of the writing of this article, they are 13-1 in the conference and 19-3 overall. The hard work, dedication, and extra effort of both of these 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 that include 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 ext. 751. Have a great month!

Kelly Zeinert

Counselor's News

⇒ ACT prep on Friday, March 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the KSCADE room. All students interested should sign up with Mrs. Uelmen.

National Honor Society News

by Amanda Tetzlaff

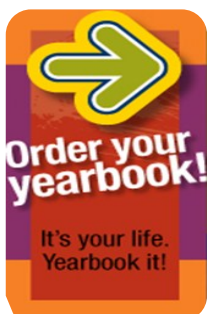
It is that time of year when eligible students will be able to apply for National Honor Society. To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher for three consecutive high school semesters. All students who are eligible will receive a letter and application materials in the mail. This is a great honor for any student, so I would highly encourage any eligible students to apply.

A banquet will be held on May 7 to honor the current NHS members and induct the new members. All are welcome! Keep an eye out in *The Link* for more information regarding the banquet as the date gets closer.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding National Honor Society.

Amanda Tetzlaff, NHS Advisor
atetzlaf@shiocton.k12.wi.us
 (920) 986-3351 ext. 765

Don't Forget to Order Your 2013 Yearbook!



Orders must be submitted by **Friday, March 22**

Cost is \$45

Contact Mrs. Ligocki at the high school for more information.
 (920) 986-3351 ext. 706
rligocki@shiocton.k12.wi.us

Future Business Leaders of America Installation Ceremony

by Emily Kelly

On February 12, two officers of Seymour FBLA, Breezy Woldt and Taylor Noeller, as well as their advisor, Katie Grassel, visited Shiocton to officially recognize the organization of the Shiocton FBLA chapter. During this ceremony they swore in the 2012-13 school-year officers: Haley Ehrle as president, Dan Erickson as treasurer (*not pictured*), and Emily Kelly as secretary. Thereafter, they swore in the 2013-14 school-year officers: Mckenzie Calder as president, Emily Kelly as vice-president, Leah Wagner as treasurer, Daphne Potter as secretary, and Brittany Schmidt as reporter. At the end of the ceremony Breezy led the Shiocton members through the FBLA creed and then Shiocton FBLA became an official chapter of Future Business Leaders of America.



Left to right: Brittany Schmidt, Daphne Potter, Emily Kelly, Breezy Woldt, Taylor Noeller, Haley Ehrle, Leah Wagner, and Mckenzie Calder.

Shiocton FBLA at Regionals

by Emily Kelly

On February 2, Shiocton FBLA members went to Two Rivers to participate in their first Regional Leadership Conference. Some students had to give presentations, some had to take tests, and others made a website. Not only did the kids compete in their competitive events, but there was also a hypnotist there to do a show during lunch. Shiocton is lucky enough to have three students going to State. Those three students are Hayley Vandeenboom, Brett Vander Wielen, and Samantha Bain. They are going to State for E-Business (Web Page Design). Congrats to all Shiocton FBLA members who participated.



Front row (l to r): Hayley Mastey, Brittany Schmidt, Emily Kelly, Alyssa Leopold, Karissa Durham, Mckenzie Calder, Dallas Rihm, Brett VanderWielen. Back row: Leah Wagner, Haley Erhle, Alexis Zick, Daphne Potter, Johanna Chizek, Samantha Bain.

Meet the School Board Candidates

Melissa Van Dyke

My family includes my husband, Matt; our son, Nick (a senior); and our daughter, Lizzie (a sophomore). My work background is in Human Resources. I have been the Human Resource Manager at Suburban Electric in Appleton for 15 years. I am heavily involved in organizational development, preparing and implementing policies, processes, and procedures, as well as handling legal and compliance issues. I am also responsible for our company vehicle fleet, shops and grounds, and safety.

I am completing my second 3-year term on the Shiocton Board of Education. I continue to learn so much during my tenure as a School Board member. I wish to thank the rest of the Board of Education along with Shiocton's administrative staff for continuing to share their knowledge with me.

During my six years on the Shiocton Board of Education we have had our share of challenges as a district. We have had to work within the parameters of Act 10, deal with budget constraints, and keep up-to-date on new mandates and training that continue to come through for all staff. With all of these things going on, we also managed to successfully pass a referendum.

What this has meant to me is that we all believe the school is an integral part of our community. I cannot express enough the gratitude I feel towards all the employees within our district. My children have attended school in Shiocton their entire lives. They have received a quality education that has prepared them for their futures.

That is one of our focuses going forward – continuing to prepare students for their futures and figuring out the best way, educationally, to do that. We must work towards individual student strengths and allow them to learn in the best environment.

I would like to thank you, the community, for entrusting me to make good decisions. Please take the time to exercise your right to vote in April. I look forward to serving you for another 3-year term.

Bradley Ritchie

I am running for my third term on Shiocton School Board. My wife, Jennifer, and I have four children: Sydney (6), Caleb (3), and twins Hayden and Reid who are 1½ years old. My wife and I, our parents, and many of my grandparents are graduates of Shiocton Schools. This has given me a keen perspective on the importance of our school district to our community and prompted us to remain here to raise our family.

Over the past six years, our district has gone through a lot of changes. We have hired a new superintendent, passed a referendum, and dealt with the changes that Act 10 has presented. The educational world has become relatively “unfrozen” for the time being. During these times, we must be careful to make sound choices moving forward, as they will shape the way our district is run.



- Safety and security of the students in the district will continue to be at the top of our list. During the past couple of years, we have made many strides in ensuring student safety by adding over a dozen cameras and a scan card system to help control who has access to our building. Much more can and will be done.
- Facilitating and supporting alternative learning models is another priority. How can we adjust the way we teach to adapt to diverse ways children learn? How does the charter concept continue to exist in Shiocton and how can we blend its successes into the traditional class setting? We have to continue to challenge the norm to get the most from our students.
- Changes to how we compensate the employees of the district will be one of our challenges. We are diligently working to develop structures that will provide savings to the district while providing enough incentive to retain the talented employees in Shiocton.

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



April 2

Jeremie Birch's comments will be featured
in next month's issue of The Link.

From Raggedy Ann and Andy to Kings and Queens, the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair Has it All!



School Board Meeting Summaries

February 4, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, Kim Griesbach, Caitlin Majerus, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Accept open enrollment limits as presented.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process update.
- NEOLA policy updates – first reading.
- WASB Convention.
- Town Hall Meeting topics and date. The meeting will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on March 14.
- Board Retreat topics.
- Setting Open Enrollment limits.
- Technology Plan – first reading. Tabled.
- Review of 2013-14 school calendar. No action taken. A modified version of calendar C will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Student report: Caitlin Majerus reported on Student Council.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Dental screening and K4/K5 registration.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Staff Development on February 13 and wrestling team results.
- Mrs. Guex: E-rate.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: WASB convention information. A WASB award was presented to Mary Hoffman.

February 18, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden; Kim Griesbach; Jennifer, Michael, and Trenton Twombly; Diana and Paige Scott; Anne Louis; John Winter; Patrick Hollett; Lois, Stephen; Keith Skenandore; and Beth Bloedorn.

Moment of Merit: Geography Bee and Spelling Bee winners were recognized.

Presentation: SILA data.

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process update.
- Board Retreat follow-up.
- Technology Plan – first reading. Tabled.
- Ray Gomm shared information that was published in the Agri-View newspaper regarding available scholarships and grants.

The board voted to:

- Approve the 2013-14 school calendar.
- Accept a \$500 donation from Cheryl Van Straten as a memorial for William Van Straten. The funds are designated for the school library.

Board report: Ray Gomm reported on CESA 6.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: AWSA Convention and hearing screening.
- Mrs. Guex: RFPs for Insurance and OPEB actuarial study.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: EPIC training, Choice/Vouchers report, and statewide Student Information System.

March Calendar of Events

1	Fri	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm
1/2	Fr/Sa	HS Girls Basketball Regionals
2	Sat	HS Boys Basketball Sectionals MS Wrestling Tournament at Appleton North High School — 7:30 am Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 9:00 am-12:00 noon
2/3	Sa/Su	Hoops Club Boys Grades 3-6 Tournament at Shiocton
4	Mon	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 4:00-7:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
5	Tue	Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm and 4:00-7:30 pm Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 4:00-7:00 pm Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair — 4:00-7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences — 4:30-7:30 pm Band/Choir students and parents going on Tennessee trip mandatory meeting — 6:00 pm
6	Wed	SWAT fruit sale pick-up Grade 3 field trip to Performing Arts Center and Appleton Public Library — 8:40 am-2:15 pm Book Fair in the cafeteria — 10:00 am-1:00 pm Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:15 pm
7	Thu	HS Winter Carnival Youth Wrestling Swim Night at Clintonville HS Rec Center Funset Boulevard Family Night sponsored by SPICE — 4:00-10:00 pm
7-9	Th-Sa	HS Boys Basketball State Tournament
7/9	Th/Sa	HS Girls Basketball Sectionals
8	Fri	No Students —NWEA Convention
9	Sat	Shiocton Summer Sports registration at school — 9:00 am-12:00 noon
9/10	Sa/Su	Hoops Club Girls and Boys Grades 7/8 Tournament at Shiocton
11	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the April issue
12	Tue	<i>Music in our Schools Month</i> concert in the HS gym (all bands/choirs to perform) — 7:00 pm
13	Wed	Quiz Bowl Varsity Conference Tournament at Iola-Scandinavia High School — 9:00 am Heartsaver AED/CPR class in room HS235 — 3:15-6:15 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
14	Thu	Town Hall Meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
14-16	Th-Sa	HS Girls Basketball State Tournament
16	Sat	First Annual Cornhole (Bean Bag) Tournament hosted by the Shiocton Wrestling Club at the River Rail (see page 3) — 12:00 noon
18	Mon	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
18-21	M-Th	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school
21	Thu	HS Forensics District Tournament at Bayport High School
21-25	Th-M	HS Band/Choir trip to Nashville
22	Fri	HS Yearbook order deadline End of the third quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal ACT prep in the KSCADE room — 12:30 pm
25	Mon	HS Softball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm
26	Tue	HS Baseball at Omro — 4:30 pm
25-4/1		Spring Break





Coming Up in April

- 1-15 Softball Flower Sale
- 2 Spring Election
HS Baseball away
HS Softball away
- 4 Early Childhood Screening
- 8 HS Golf Invitational away
- 11 HS Track at home
- 14 Skating Party at Skaters Edge
- 20 Junior Prom

Breakfast served daily with a variety of cold cereal, milk, 100% juice, toast, and fruit.
Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Menu subject to change				1 Grab-n-Go salad or fish nuggets, French fries, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk
4 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, carrots, peaches, milk	5 Brunch for Lunch: pancakes, hash browns, cheese omelet, sausage, orange juice, fresh fruit, milk	6 Homemade chicken noodle soup, uncrustable sandwich, green beans, pineapple, milk	7 Ham, turkey, cheese sub, Sun Chips, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, milk	8 No School
11 Mini corn dogs, rice, broccoli with cheese, pineapple, milk	12 Chicken patty on a bun, French fries, baked beans, peaches, milk	13 Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, pears, garlic bread, milk	14 Grab-n-Go salad or burritos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, milk	15 Pizza dippers, marinara sauce, mandarin oranges, green beans, milk
18 Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, peaches, milk	19 Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, milk	20 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, carrots, apple juice, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, tri taters, baked beans, strawberries, milk	22 Pizza fries, mandarin oranges, peas, milk Early Release

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.95 per day, \$9.75 per week, \$29.25 for March
Middle/High School — \$2.25 per day, \$11.25 per week, \$33.75 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

Happy March and Happy W-I-N-T-E-R!

Last year at this time, I was talking about spring-like weather. Well, it definitely has been more like winter weather this year! Hopefully, we can get through the next month or two without another snow day!



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

Mid-quarter for Quarter 3: The mid-quarter date for the third quarter was February 21. For middle school grades, please remember that parents and students can check the grades online at any time throughout the year. If you are unsure how to do this or need your password to log in, please contact the office at 986-3351 ext. 721.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, March 5. 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 teachers, please feel free to contact individual teachers to make arrangements for a conference.

Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair: The fair is coming up on Tuesday, March 5. We hope to have great participation from students of all grade levels this year! The fair will be held from 4:00-7:30 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.

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

No School on March 8: Just a reminder that there will be no school on Friday, March 8.

Upcoming Music Concert: There will be a *Music in our Schools Month* concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

Arrival at School: Please note that school begins at 7:57 a.m. for all students within the Shiocton School District. It is very important that the students arrive on time each day. 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 attention to this!

Elementary Bucket Fillers: Congratulations to all of the students who have been working so hard to "fill buckets" throughout the day. This year, the teachers are doing the "bucket filling" acknowledgment within their individual classrooms. Please encourage your son or daughter to continue to fill buckets each and every day! This contributes to the overall school climate in such a positive way! Keep up the great work with this, boys and girls! ☺

Four-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Registration: Registration for students who will be entering K4 or K5 during the 2013-14 school year was held during the week of February 11-15. Please contact the school office at (920) 986-3351 ext. 747 if you missed the registration week. Orientation sessions for students and parents will be held in May (May 17 at 1:30 p.m. or May 24 at 8:45 a.m.).



Upcoming Early Release and Spring Break: There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on Friday, March 22, which will kick off spring break for the students. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 2. Enjoy!

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach ☺
 Elementary/Middle School Principal

Open Enrollment Window for 2013-14 school year: February 4 – April 30

Hearts and Snow in Early Childhood



One of February's themes was centered around hearts. Students made footprint valentine letters for their families (hope you enjoyed them). They used various media to make hearts, from paper towel rolls to shaving cream and food coloring.

The last part of February was filled with many snowy activities (to match our weather outside). Students worked on identifying the various parts of their winter gear and made matching mittens and a "snowy" day picture with shaving cream. We read *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* and did a SMART board activity to recall and sequence story events. We also enjoyed a surprise day of popcorn and a movie ~ *The Snowy Day*.

We plan to spring into March with themes centered around bunnies and pizza. Hoppy spring to you!

K4 Performs *The Three Little Pigs*

The four-year-old kindergartners had a busy month. We continued to explore literature with more Robert Munsch stories, and we also spent time on a popular fairy tale, *The Three Little Pigs*. We did story mapping and story sequencing, and we even acted out the story. The children loved the story and they had a great time acting it out.

We then moved on to Valentine's Day. We had a valentine party filled with many sweet treats and fun valentines to share. Many parents sent in wonderful valentine treats and the children loved sharing them.

We ended the month with a nursery rhyme unit. The children are getting very good at rhyming, and they notice right away when two words rhyme.

We are still enjoying the winter weather and the wonderful snow hills, but we think it is time to start thinking about SPRING!! Hopefully, it is right around the corner.



The Chief Spirit Lodge will be open March 2-3 and March 9-10 during the Hoops Club basketball tournaments (times to be determined) and also on March 5 during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair.

K5 Looking for Leprechauns

Technology is creeping into our kindergarten classroom. Each room received two I pads, which we will be sharing among the three classrooms during small groups and centers. We are hoping more will follow.

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, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. Wow, what a busy month. Hold on to your Easter bonnets! 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 the month 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



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K5 News *(continued)*

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 the month are *they, play, into, make, two, all, but, so, out, that, there, and this*. 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 March 5 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 the touch counting method instead of using their fingers or manipulatives, 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. We will also be working with the numbers 10-30.

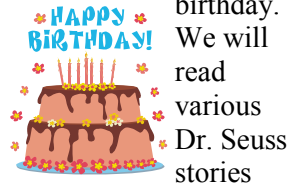


K5 Art — Shayna Nabbefeld’s tempera tiger!

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 celebrate Dr. Seuss’s



birthday. We will read various Dr. Seuss stories and take part in many 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’s 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 Runner 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!!

Below: First grade art students make a clay house.



Youth Wrestlers are Learning, Working Hard, and Having Fun

by Kristi Piechocki

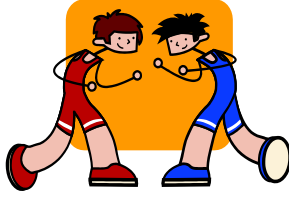
February was a busy month for our wrestlers. We were invited to Lombardi Middle School in Green Bay February 2 to dual with the Tro-Cats wrestling club. It was a great night with many wins for our team. Our wrestlers were able to experience wrestling with only one mat/match going on and all of them handled it very well.

We traveled to Seymour on February 15 and matched up with Seymour and Freedom. This dual was for 3rd-5th grade, but we also had five brave 2nd graders take the challenge and they held their own quite well with the older group.

On February 20 we traveled to Hortonville to meet up with Hortonville and New London. For some of our new wrestlers, it was their very first time in a match and we are proud of them for giving it a try.

On March 7 the wrestlers will be rewarded with a fun night at the Clintonville Recreation Center. They always have a blast. Thank you, Robin Riehl, for once again providing us with a safe ride. As always, it is greatly appreciated.

New to our club this year is our "Wrestler of the Week," also known as "Vic's Picks." The boys work hard for this title and are very proud when they get their wrestler "pin." There are two wrestlers chosen each week, one for each session. Check out what Coach Vic has to say about his team. See next month's issue of *The Link* for more "Vic's Picks."



- ★ **Mason Demerath** (K4) Mason is enjoying his first year in youth wrestling. He always has a smile on his face that is infectious; you can't help but smile when Mason is around. He is learning his core fundamentals currently, and has yet to try out his newly-learned skills in a match.
- ★ **Joe Scheeler** (5th grade) Joe works hard in practice. He is always focused on learning new moves and improving his fundamentals. His attitude in practice is a great example for the rest of the group.
- ★ **Zachary Reif** (K4) Zachary competed in his first wrestling match ever at the Shawano Multi-dual. Not only did he win by pin in his first match, he also pinned his second opponent. Zach has a great start to a long career.
- ★ **Bradley Demerath** (2nd grade) Bradley pinned all four of his opponents at the Shawano Multi-dual. He also helps out during the K-2 practice with his younger brother Mason, and is a great example for the other wrestlers.
- ★ **Ty Marcks** (1st grade) Ty is a returning wrestler to the program this year and is steadily improving from where he left off last season. His dedication is shown every practice, and he works hard with his partners. I look forward to watching Ty wrestle throughout this season and for many to come.
- ★ **Kaden Piechocki** (5th grade) Kaden is consistently a leader in practice. He is always eager to learn new moves (and try them out in matches). Kaden's consistent attitude and practice demeanor are what will propel him to victory and a successful career.
- ★ **Owen Streblow** (2nd grade) Owen has improved greatly on his wrestling skills over the season. Owen had a great week last week, when he worked with Jared Jahnke on learning new moves and proper technique. I can't wait to see him in his first match having fun — and winning.
- ★ **Jared Jahnke** (4th grade) Jared is an asset to the group. Last week he showed up early before his practice. I asked if he would work out with Owen. He spent nearly the entire practice showing Owen a single-leg takedown, stand-up, and chop breakdown with half-nelson pinning combo. His ability to understand the wrestling fundamentals and teach them to someone else will greatly help him this season, and for more to come.
- ★ **Joey Hess** (1st grade) It is great to have Joey back in the wrestling club. He is learning moves quickly and shows much potential. At practice, Joey works hard on his moves and is very good at paying attention.
- ★ **Colten Schuh** (2nd grade) Colten is a great asset to the program. My favorite aspect of Colten is his attitude towards matches. He doesn't care about who his opponent is, he just goes out there and works hard to beat whoever it is.

February Movie Night a Big Success

The SPICE February Free Family Movie Night was a big success. Over 90 kids and parents came to watch *Madagascar 3* in the cafeteria. It was really fun to see kids sliding around in the hallway in stocking feet and pajamas. Nothing like having fun at school!! The popularity of the two movie nights we did this year (November and February) has convinced us to continue this as an annual tradition. If you would like to be involved in planning and organizing these events, please contact Steve Parker at sjparker92@gmail.com.



Grade 2 G/I Art Clay Coil Pottery



March Madness in Grade 2

Wow! What a winter! Second graders are unsure if they want to see more snow, or if it is time for it all to melt away. Regardless of how winter may end, most students seem eager to get outside to the BIG snow hill! So please continue sending all necessary winter gear until all of the snow is gone. Thanks for your help. ☺

Coming up on March 5 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 of 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

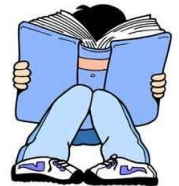
evening to see all other creations and all of the fantastic artwork located all around the building. And remember to visit the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by SPICE.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are also scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 5. 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.

In math, we are continuing our study of different types of measurement. So far we have worked on 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 have been working on. Sometimes the most challenging part can be identifying the coin. However, after that, counting it can be a breeze. Who doesn't like watching money add up?! Soon, we will be breaking out our rulers and measuring anything in sight. We will also try yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tape.

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, June 1!

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! ☺



3rd Graders Busy With Many Projects

Wow, March is here already! It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the third quarter, which ends on March 22. We have been busy working on many projects and have other fun activities planned. The third quarter book report projects will be on display in the elementary gym at the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair on March 5.

Third graders are reading for Fang's Reading Club, striving to earn a ticket to the Timber Rattlers game on June 1 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.



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 starting to gear up into skills that they will use as fourth graders.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring vacation. The break begins on March 25, and students return to school on Tuesday, April 2. Enjoy this time you have with your child. Each and every one of them is very special and deserves some happy, fun, and relaxing family time together.

First Place for Fourth Graders

The Shiocton Hoops Club fourth grade boys basketball team took first place at the Waupaca Youth Basketball Tournament on February 2. Members of the winning team are pictured at right. Back row (left to right): Jake Korth, Trenton Twombly, Jack Scott, Trey Van Straten, Hudson Spencer, Carson Shears. Front row: Caden Schmidt, Austin Wilinski, Tyler Pelky, Grant Oskey.



Grade 3 Art — Textured Teddy Bears



Shiocton Skating Party at Skaters Edge



1150 N. Mayflower Drive, Appleton
Sunday, April 14 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

\$3.50/roller skates or \$5.50/roller blades.
No need to register ahead of time. Happy skating!
Contact Cindy Conradt at cindeerocks@gmail.com
with questions or concerns.

Grade 4 Follows the Iditarod

The Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair takes place on Tuesday, March 5, along with Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. Fourth grade students are encouraged to enter an exhibit in the Science Fair. They receive extra credit points 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 3! 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.



Remind your child to continue to always do their best. The end of third quarter is March 22 already. Mark your calendar — on April 9 we will be walking to St. Denis Church to play bingo with our senior citizen valentines. This should be a fun-filled day.

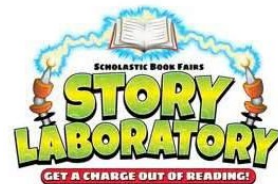


Grade 4 G/T Art *Printmaking with warm and cool pastel backgrounds.*
Media: brayer, baren, ink, chalk pastels.

Spring Book Fair is Here!

by Steve Parker

It's a Science Fair Story Laboratory!!
The Spring Book Fair is here. The book fair, which is located in the school cafeteria, will run from February 28 to March 6. The fair will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each school day on



Thursday through Wednesday. In addition, it will be open during the Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair and Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 to 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!!

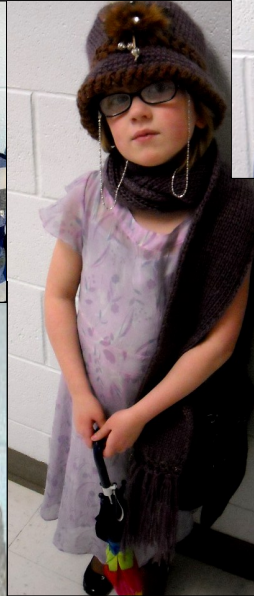
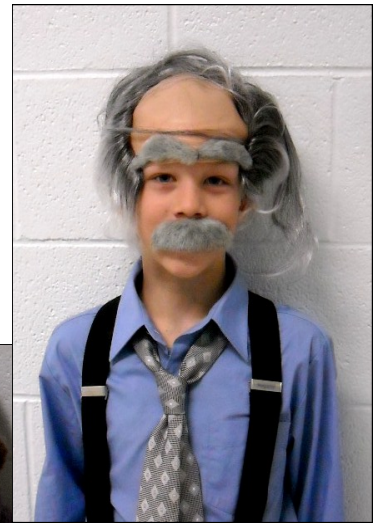
A Scholastic flyer highlighting books from the fair has been sent home. Take a look at that flyer with your children and make note of any titles they are interested in. The flyer tells you where on the shelves specific books can be found. Of course, the fair will have many more books than can be listed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

In addition, there is the option of purchasing your books online. In fact, there are many more titles and options available at our 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 our 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 the students in the district. Everything from video cameras, library books, and gym equipment have 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 Steve Parker at 757-8871 or sjparker92@gmail.com.

100th Day of School
*Dress Like You Are
100 Years Old*



Writing and Wright Brothers in Grade 5

The fifth grade continues to study figurative language. Hyperbole is an obvious exaggeration that is not meant to be taken literally. This technique is used in humorous writing. An example sentence might be “This book weighs a ton.” Fifth graders wrote “Giggle Poems” which compare someone they know to some other person or to all other people in the world. Here are three examples:

My Dad is Stronger Than Your Dad

My dad is stronger than your dad.
My dad can lift the Empire State Building.
He can do one thousand pushups.
For work he is the bulldozer.
When he gets mad he can crack concrete in half.
When we go hunting he brings a knife to throw instead of a gun.
When we play tug of war, it's the whole school versus him.
My dad is stronger than your dad.



Hunter Raeck

My Mom's a Better Cook Than Your Mom

My mom's a better cook than your mom.
Once she was on a TV show and beat Paula Deen!
She makes such good food that when you eat my mom's cooking and then you go out for fancy food, it will taste like fast food.
She even got an offer to be on a professional TV show and have a full time cooking show of her own.
We only go to the grocery store for ingredients for her meals and instead of buying snacks my mom makes them.
Her cupcakes taste better than the ones from Manderfield's Bakery.
One time we had a guest over and they tried her food and loved it so much that they told a news reporter and the news reporter came to our house to put my mom on the news.
Now everyone only wants to eat my mom's food, because she is a better cook than your mom!



Hope Barth

My Horse is Faster Than Your Horse

My horse can run 100 miles in a second.
My horse is so fast that when we take him to the races no horses show up.
My horse is so fast that he can sneak in a classroom without anybody knowing that he was there.



My horse is so fast that he could run around the whole world in four seconds.
When he is on TV he is only on for two seconds.
When we want to ride him or put him in the trailer we have to give him a sleeping shot.

We can't get any pictures of him because he moves too fast.
My horse is faster than your horse.

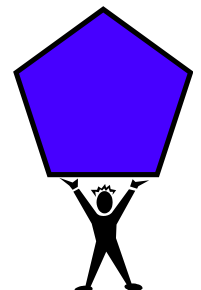
Olivia Schroeder

Alliteration is the repetition of beginning consonant sounds. The fifth graders enjoyed tongue twisters and poetry. The book, *June 29, 1999*, is about a date no one will forget, particularly not Holly Evans of Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. The book has great examples of alliteration, such as “Lima beans loom over Levittown.” Here are some name tongue twisters created by students:

- ⇒ Cassidy cooks cake for Carley and Cadence. Could I come to cook you a cupcake? *Cassidy Trimberger*
- ⇒ Taylir tosses tiny tacos through town. *Taylir Schmidt*
- ⇒ Jennifer just jiggles jiggly Jell-O. *Jennifer Muniz*
- ⇒ She should share sweet sundaes on Sundays and Saturdays. *Sky Green*
- ⇒ Jadyn jumps with Jaxten on a giant jack-o-lantern. *Jadyn Manske*

In math, the fifth graders studied polygons. A polygon is a closed plane figure formed by three or more line segments that meet at points called vertices. Fifth graders learned to classify polygons by the number of sides, angles, and vertices. Josef Albers was a German artist who loved using geometric shapes. One of Albers' paintings was called “Homage to a Square.” Since an homage is like a tribute, the fifth graders were asked to give homage to a polygon of their choice. Included is Cole Wilcox's tribute to the pentagon.

I give tribute to the pentagon. It fits me and my athletics. In baseball the pentagon represents home plate. Home plate is the most important base out of four bases. You hit there, your strike zone is as big as the pentagon, and most important, you touch the pentagon to score a run. So that is why the pentagon makes a difference in my life.



Grade 5 Visits the EAA AirVenture Museum

The fifth graders went to the EAA Museum in Oshkosh on February 21. Prior to the field trip, extensive research was done on aviation pioneers, airplanes, and the science of flight. The students were required to write a story about that famous day in history, December 17, 1903, when the Wright Brothers made their flight. The story had to be written from either Orville's, Wilbur's, or a witness's perspective of that day. Below is Nikki Harvath's story.

I awoke on the day of December 17, 1903, a windy Thursday. It had finally come. The day my brother, Wilbur, and I prove to everyone that human flight is possible! I got ready and prepared.

My brother and I decided that Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, was the perfect spot with strong, steady winds. We were finally convinced that this design would fly and that the good winds would help with the flight. As I looked out the window, I could see that the weather had not gotten any better. But that will not stop my brother and I from taking this flight. We have not yet decided who would be taking the flight or how it will be decided.

When I got to Kill Devil Hills, everyone thought we were crazy to think of flying in this weather, but it had been put off too long. We decided to flip a coin. As the quarter spun in the air, I knew whoever was picked would make a great pilot and that together we were making flight history. The quarter had come back down and I was chosen.


It was time for the flight everyone has waited for and what my brother and I had waited for with the least bit of patience left in us. I started off and then it happened, I was flying. Although it has not lasted long I was still very proud of us. The flight had lasted 12 seconds and had gone the distance of 120 feet. This is a day everyone will remember.

Orville Wright



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MANDATORY TENNESSEE TRIP MEETING

We're coming into the home stretch of our high school trip to Tennessee! We're very excited to go, but we have a lot of final preparations to make before we can leave. We will have a mandatory trip meeting on the night of parent/teacher conferences, **March 5 at 6:00 p.m.** So that we all understand the weight of representing our great school district, this meeting is mandatory for all trip-bound students and their parents. We'll talk about rules, consequences, what to pack, and what to expect. So that chaperones understand their duties while on the trip, we will also meet with all chaperones immediately following. Again, this meeting is mandatory. Please make the necessary arrangements to be there.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS MARCH CONCERT

You are cordially invited to our March *Music in our Schools Month* concert on **Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.** All bands and choirs (grades 6-12) will be performing. We will feature music from our solo and ensemble festivals as well as music that will be performed on our Tennessee trip. Please join us as we showcase the musical talents of our fine students!

CONGRATS TO ALL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS

We saw lots of personal and musical growth this year at our solo and ensemble festivals. This project helps us develop student potential more than any other opportunity throughout the year. Congratulations to all our students who participated! A special congratulations to **Veronica Calderon, Megan Coenen, Amos Huse, Jon Jandourek, Sydney St. Clair, Sarah VanderHeyden, Emma Lee Wagner, Ashley Weis, and Dolce Bella** (high school jazz choir) for moving on to State this year!

HS TRIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 5
Band Room
6:00 p.m.
ALL TRIP STUDENTS & PARENTS
ALL CHAPERONES

MUSIC In Our SCHOOLS CELEBRATION CONCERT

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

HS BAND and CHOIR TRIP TO NASHVILLE

March 21-25
HS BAND/CHOIR

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 19
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 27
SELECT HS STUDENTS

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 10
HS Gym
7:00 p.m.
9-12 BAND & CHOIR

MS In-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY CONCERT

Tuesday, May 14
HS Gym
1:45 p.m.
5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...

Arts involvement teaches children many skills necessary to succeed in life, including problem solving and decision making, building self-confidence and self-discipline, the ability to imagine what might be and to accept responsibility for it, teamwork, the development of informed perception, and articulating a vision...great skills for success in life!



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