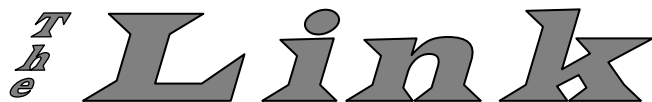


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Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

May, 2014

Eleven Kindles Awarded as Incentives for Reading and Citizenship

by Michelle Jorgensen

Dr. Tom Lornson from Black Creek Dental generously awarded eleven Kindle electronic readers to students in grades two, three, and four; nine Kindles were given as reading incentives and two were given as citizenship awards. The reading awards were based on three things:

- 1) Meeting a reading goal set in the classroom. Each class set a number of minutes and number of days per week that a student must read for each of two weeks during an 8-week period. The student must have completed the goal four times during that period.
- 2) Willingness, effort, and participation during reading in the classroom.
- 3) Progress on STAR tests during that period.

The citizenship awards were chosen for students who demonstrated the above qualifications and also went above and beyond to conduct themselves in a manner that exemplified respect to themselves and others. Citizenship award winners were Becca Peters and Role Sanchez.



Back row (l-r): Dion Helser, Dr. Lornson, Jacob Pomeroy, and Jaden Nelson. Front row: Lacy Volkman, Holly Herminath, Claire Collar, Role Sanchez, Becca Peters, Mikyle Schoenrock, and Alexis Widmann.



The recitals for Mrs. Ritchie's piano and guitar students will be held in the cafeteria on May 9 and May 10. The Friday recital will be at 7:00 p.m. Saturday recitals will be at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. For a complete listing of students for each recital, contact Sally Ritchie at sritchie@shiocton.k12.wi.us or call 213-3446. Each recital will be approximately 45-60 minutes long. Refreshments will be served after each performance. Please join us for an entertaining hour of performances by our area's talented young musicians.

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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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Appreciation Abounds

Annually, we take a moment in time to formally express our gratitude to all of those who lend a hand in making Shiocton Schools a GREAT place to teach and learn.

Staff Appreciation Week

May 5-9 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. At Shiocton, we extend this week of appreciation to include all staff members. From the custodians to the paraprofessionals, from the food service personnel to the teachers, and everyone in between, we want to express our sincere appreciation for everything each of these staff members do to provide a safe, nurturing, and bright learning environment for the youth of Shiocton. Staff will enjoy a "Thank You" breakfast on May 6, served by members of the Board of Education and administration. You are welcome to join in the recognition — from a quick e-mail to a handwritten note, no gesture is too small.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Volunteers are an integral piece of our daily educational puzzle. Parents play a major role as they willingly chaperone and fundraise for unique learning expeditions, organize and run concessions, launder uniforms, and support the student athletes in the classroom and on the court. Community members are equally valuable as they give of their time to read with students, assist in their continued skill development, and generally provide one more source of reinforcement and compassion for our youth. So, too, do many of our community members volunteer their business, their talents, and their connections to provide opportunities to our students, our staff, and our organizations that might otherwise be out of reach.

We would have a difficult time meeting the needs of all our students without the help of many dedicated staff, volunteers, and community members. From all of us at Shiocton School District, we say, "THANK YOU!"

~Mrs. Schweitzer



Tornado Awareness and Other Drills

Recently, students and staff participated in the statewide Tornado Awareness Drill. During this drill, everyone practiced how to find protective shelter in the event of a tornado, such as looking for an interior room without windows. We also practiced how to keep our bodies safe: crouch down and put your hands over your head as you tuck your head towards your lap.

Monthly, we conduct fire drills so that students and staff are reminded what to do and where to go in the event of a fire.

Parents, please practice these same drills with your children at home. This is of special importance as we approach the summer months when students will be around the home and farm more.

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Shiocton School District Annual School Census June 2-July 7, 2014

The annual census count will include all children in the Shiocton Area School District ages 0-20 years. A census taker will contact you sometime during June 2-July 7. The district would also like to be made aware of children with potential problems in the areas of learning, behavior, physical disabilities/development disabilities, and speech/language. This is a requirement of the Federal Law. **If you have a newborn and/or small child and have not been contacted, please feel free to call the district office at (920) 986-3351.**

Bellin Physicals Being Offered to Shiocton Student Athletes

by Nick Senger, Athletic Director

In order for your child to participate in co-curricular athletics, they will need a physical every other year. They need to do this for their well-being. We are fortunate enough to have Bellin Health as our school's athletic provider. We recommend that your child take advantage of the physical offered by Bellin Health.

Bellin Health will be giving the physicals at Shiocton High School on Tuesday, May 27. If your 7-12th grade child needs a physical, you should have received a letter in the mail with all the information. Please have your son or daughter sign up with Jackie Herrmann in the high school office to take advantage of this pre-participation physical. They will need the medical history portion of the physical form completed and your signature on the form, the permission slip, along with the \$20 fee (cash or check payable to Bellin) turned in at the time of scheduling their appointment. **All completed paperwork and the \$20 fee must be turned in to the high school office by Thursday, May 22.** There are a limited number of appointment spots available, so please sign up early. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The money that Bellin collects is then given back to our school. The physical cost is much cheaper than sending your child to your family physician. Bellin and their athletic training staff are at all of our football games and tournament games of other sports. The service they provide is a great benefit to the well-being of your child participating in athletics. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 731.

Lunch Account Reminder

Parents/Guardians: Please remember that all lunch accounts need to be paid in full at the end of the school year. All positive balances will carry over to the 2014-15 school year. The Skylert Automated System and/or e-mail notifies families of their current account balance. If you have any questions, please call (920) 986-3351 ext. 796 or e-mail me at ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us.



Parents of graduating seniors: If your family lunch account has a negative balance, **the account must be paid in full prior to senior checkout** even if a sibling shares the account.

Debbra Danke, Food Service Director

You're Invited — 16th Annual Pie Social

Who: Any senior citizen
When: Thursday, May 15 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Where: Cafeteria
What: Pie, coffee, water or milk, Bingo, 7th grade entertainment, raffle prizes, and a great time!



RSVP: Please call Jackie Murphy, school secretary, at (920) 986-3351 ext. 721 if you plan on attending.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely, the 7th graders at Shiocton Middle School

Continued Paper Drive Success

by Tim Huebner



As you read this article, the April paper drive is taking place. The March drive was a huge success as we filled four dumpsters with a grand total of 9.875 tons. Filling a dumpster every day is a hard act to follow. Many thanks go out to the community for all their support! The last paper drive of the year will run from June 2-6. Please contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739 with any questions or concerns.

Volleyball Coaching Opportunities

Shiocton High School is looking for an energetic, motivated individual to lead the volleyball program. This person will be able to continue the traditions and successes of the program. Prior experience at the high school level is a plus.

Freshman and middle school levels also open.



Please send resumé, credentials, and two letters of recommendation to:

*Nick Senger, Athletic Director
Shiocton High School
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Principal's Report

As we approach the end of the school year, the days seem to be flying by. Hopefully, spring will come sooner rather than later and winter will finally be behind us.

I want to take a minute and recognize the four people advancing in state competition in the area of forensics: Rachael Berard, Hayley Mastey, Kaylah Schuette, and Heather Hellweg.

Congratulations, girls.

Our high school Quiz Bowl team has done very well. The B-team consisting of Logan Cummings, Bryce Kuehl, Brady Bellin, and Nikolas Herrmann has advanced to National Competition.



Scheduling for next year will take place soon (see Mrs. Uelmen's article for the dates and times for each grade). Students who do not attend scheduling will have their classes picked for them. If you have any questions concerning scheduling for next year, please contact her at (920) 986-3351 ext. 762.

Graduation is quickly approaching and seniors have already started a daily countdown. The last full week of school for the seniors will be the week of May 26. They will take finals on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27 and 28. Senior Supper will be that Wednesday night at the River Rail. On Friday, May 30, seniors will take part in the annual canoe trip on the Wolf River. Graduation will take place on Sunday, June 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

The rest of the high school will take their finals on June 9 (hours 1-4) and June 10 (hours 5-8). Final exam days are not full days. Students are able to leave after the completion of their last final. Students who would like to stay at school on June 9 need to be in a designated study area. If you have any questions concerning the finals schedule, please contact the high school office.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 751.

Kelly Zeinert

Drama Club Presents

Teachers on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown



Here we go again! The Drama Club will be presenting *Teachers on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* by Brad Hayward for one night only on **May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.**

What a great way to end the school year by laughing at this hilarious comedy performed by some of the funniest students in Shiocton.

Once again we have a great cast of freshmen through seniors who will have you laughing from the opening scene. Here is a synopsis: five high school teachers find themselves at the end of their rope...and it's only the first day of school! From an English teacher with mood swings and a math teacher in the middle of a divorce, to an elderly chemistry teacher with back pain and a geography teacher with a whip, the semester gets off to a rocky start. Add to the mix a drama teacher who sleeps on his desk and it only becomes a matter of time before one of them snaps. As the students navigate this bumpy road, they begin to realize it may have been their behavior that pushed these teachers perilously close to the edge. Will they be able to make things right before it's too late, or has this faculty completely lost its faculties?

Please come out on this evening and enjoy all the hard work these students have put in. The cost will be \$3 for everyone; pre-school children will be free. Look for posters in early May for all the details. The cast:

Teachers:

- Miss Pat - Cheyenne Ver Voort
- Mrs. Reisenbach - Heidi Besch
- Mr. Tremblay - Garrett Beyer
- Ms. Fritz - Alexia Beecher
- Mr. Wiens - Asa Nett

Students:

- Jordan - Veronica Calderon
- Logan - McKenzie Calder
- Taryn - Cierra Puls
- Cameron - Olivia Bloch
- Kylie - Leah Wagner

Extras: Brian Dawes, Heather Hellweg, Riley Bellin, Tyler Wheeler, Stephanie Olmsted

Art CAPP Class Offers College Credits



Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, high school students will have the option to take a three-credit college art class taught in the high school. Art 101 will be taught by Mr. Greider and is a Cooperative Academic Partnership Program, or "CAPP" course, offered in partnership with UW-Oshkosh.

Art 101 is designed to give the student a variety of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional design studio experiences, as well as expand the student's knowledge in contemporary art trends and major historical and current events in art. The three credits earned in this course will be counted as humanities credits, not art credits. Therefore, this course is designed for the non-art major to give the student a broad or general introduction to art.

Students who are interested should see Mrs. Uelmen to register. Any other questions about the course can be directed to Mr. Greider.

Winter Sports Awards

20 Win Club

Raymond Herb
Garrett Gunderson
Mason Gomm

30 Win Club

Austin Riehl

40 Win Club

Dominic Gunderson
Henry Fielding

100 Career Win Club

Dominic Gunderson

Most Improved: Garrett Gunderson

Coaches Award: Brandon Gomm

Most Takedowns: Austin Riehl

Most Pins: Dominic Gunderson

The Grinder Award: Mason Gomm

The Scrapper Award: Henry Fielding

Most Valuable Wrestler: Dominic Gunderson, Austin Riehl,
Henry Fielding

Sue Neumann Memorial Award: Dominic Gunderson

Wrestling



Girls Basketball

Scoring Champion: Jonalee Elliott

Defensive Player of the Year: Madi Morack

Most Improved Player: Carmen McCarthy

Second Team All-Conference: Jonalee Elliott

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Carmen McCarthy

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Corrie McCarthy

Boys Basketball

Most Valuable Player: Patrick Brouillard
Nathan Schmidt

Defensive Player of the Year: Jacob Van Asten

Most Improved Player: Gage Kamp

First Team All-Conference: Patrick Brouillard

Second Team All-Conference: Nathan Schmidt

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Jacob Van Asten

Shiocton FBLA Tours Appleton Businesses

On April 16, FBLA and business students toured four businesses in Appleton. The students had the opportunity to hear from Dave Vatland, owner of Sound World. Students learned about new advances in audio and visual technologies for the home, experienced a custom home theater, and even saw a kit Lamborghini car. Students then toured the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and were able to hear about the operations and get backstage and in the dressing rooms.



Before lunch, John Burgland, general manager of the Fox River Mall, shared insight on how the mall is managed and

operated. Did you know that an average snowstorm can cost the mall upwards of \$25,000 for plowing? Students also had time to eat lunch at the mall.

The trip concluded with a tour of the Timber Rattlers stadium and a presentation by Jared Radocoy, marketing manager. Students discussed the economics of the stadium, team, and events.





Senior Class of 2014



Graduation
Sunday, June 1
1:00 p.m. in the high school gym

Valedictorian

David McNichols II
Parents:
David and Laurie McNichols

Salutatorian

Leah Wagner
Parents:
Patrick and Mary Wagner

Jolene Cordelladonna Ambrose
Kendra Rose Baeten
Kyra Ann Baeten
Rachael Harmony Berard
Heidi Elizabeth Besch
Bradley Richard Beyer
Patrick Robert Brouillard
Eric Glen Bunnell
Jesse Dalton Cain
Mckenzie Rose Calder
Veronica Isabella Calderon
Jonalee Ann Elliott
Nicholas Adam Fletcher
Brandon George Gomm
Thomas Benjamin Gonzales
Dominic Paul Gunderson
Talon Dakota Heinemeyer
Antonio Hernandez
Jonathan Carl Jandourek

Bryanna Marie Knoke
Hailey Jo Lecker
Jasper Lee Maddix
Alaina Colleen Maronn
Hayley Jo Mastey
David Lee McNichols II
Julian Antonio Mendoza
Tyler Anthony Riehl
Brittany Justis Schmidt
Kaylah Jo Schuette
Travis Samuel Schultz
Blake Danial Spencer
Hannah Madiline Stedjee
Lucas Orville Steinbach
Jacob Gordon Eugene Van Asten
Lauren Nicole Vanden Heuvel
Emma Lee Earl Wagner
Leah Marie Wagner
Jacob Joseph Werner

Counselor's Corner

High school scheduling for 2014-15 begins June 11! Appointments may be made beginning May 5.

Students are expected to come into the pupil services office before or after school to sign up for the date/time they want to register for next year's classes. Parents are also welcome to call Mrs. Boelter at 986-3351 ext. 713 between 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or Mrs. Uelmen at ext. 762 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to request a time slot. No students will be permitted to come in during class time to make an appointment. **WARNING!** Students' schedules will be done for them if a student/parent fails to schedule an appointment. This may prevent students from getting the courses they want. Appointment dates/times are as follows:

Seniors	June 11, 12	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
	June 13, 16, 17	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Juniors	Chief Chats	
	June 18, 19	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
	June 20, 23	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sophomores	June 24	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
	June 25, 26	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Freshmen	Chief Chats	
	June 27, 30, July 1	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
	July 2, 3	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Uelmen will be administering the **AP exams** in May. Dates are as follows:

- AP Calculus: 8:00 a.m. on May 7
- AP Statistics: 12:00 noon on May 9
- AP Biology: 8:00 a.m. on May 12

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Wednesday, May 21, on your calendars (parents, too!) for the **Senior Awards Program**. Please ask off work ahead of time to be sure that you have that night free. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards, will be given out at that program. **PLEASE** plan to attend.

Future Business Leaders of America Compete at State Leadership Conference



Shiocton Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members traveled to Appleton to compete at the State Leadership Conference. The conference started with getting motivated by Justin Boudreau. Justin encourages students to think vs. telling them what to think. He is the co-author of the book for teens *Gearing Up: Inside and Out For a Great life*.



The two-day conference had workshops and tours for members to attend to increase their business knowledge as well as compete in business events. While participating at the conference, students were able to attend workshops and earn recognition for their professional dress, as well as network with chapters throughout the state.

Competitors from Shiocton FBLA who participated at state were Jon Jandourek in Networking Concepts and Dallas Rihm in Computer Applications. Jon took fifth in his event. Both of their Future Business Leaders of America competitions had ended at state. Congratulations to everyone who competed.



Spread the Word to End the Word

Student Council sponsored the "Spread the Word to End the Word" T-shirt campaign in the Shiocton School District. The goal of this campaign is to encourage respect and inclusion for those with cognitive disabilities. We sold 197 T-shirts to students, staff, and community members! On Friday, April 11, everyone was encouraged to wear their shirt to show their support for this cause!

School Board Meeting Summaries

March 17, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Kris Brownson, Greg Ylvisaker, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve the purchase of Math Expressions math series.
- Accept the resignation of Marcia Spaulding from her position as varsity volleyball coach.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 3430: Leaves of Absence (professional staff). David Gomm abstained.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 4430: Leaves of Absence (support staff). Ray Gomm abstained.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 3213: Student Supervision and Welfare (professional staff) as amended.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 3217: Weapons (professional staff).
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 4213: Student Supervision and Welfare (support staff) as amended.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 4217: Weapons (support staff) as amended to include transportation.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 5771: Search and Seizure.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 7217: Weapons (property).
- Table for further review Policy 7440: Facility Security
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 8420: Emergency Preparedness.
- Approve the revisions and adopt Policy 9150: School Visitors.

In other discussion:

- Participation in the United Community Non-Profit program — tabled.
- Dance team coach's salary — tabled.
- P.M.A. Financial Forecast update/next steps.
- Town Hall Meeting dates — no dates set at this time.

Upcoming Events:

- Staff Appreciation Breakfast — May 6
- Building and Grounds Committee — May 7, 5:30 p.m.
- Safety Committee — June 16, 5:00 p.m.

Reports:

- Gregory Schoettler: Safety Committee and Safety Summit.
- Nichole Schweitzer: Policy Committee.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Junior Achievement, Dream Flight Shuttle visit, Book Fair, and Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair.
- Mrs. Zeinert: End of the third quarter, scheduling status, spring sports updates, and invitation to Bellin Health event.
- Mrs. Guex: Federal Funding Conference and Accounting Conference.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Youth Options requests, Act 10 deadlines for non-renewals, staffing needs/postings, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, first edition of Mini Link, and SB 589 update.

April 7, 2014

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

Others — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Greg Ylvisaker, and Nick Senger.

Presentation: Spring athletics presentation by Nick Senger, athletic director.

The board voted to:

- Approve the increase in pay for the dance coach and designate the position as a varsity coach as recommended.
- Approve participation in the United Community Non-Profit Program.
- Approve the Youth Options requests as presented.
- Approve the 2014-15 66.0301 Agreement with Manawa for the school psychologist services.
- Approve the Cash In Lieu Program as recommended.
- Approve the Summer School courses as presented.
- Approve the ACH Agreement with First National Bank.

In other discussion:

- School Board Scholarship.
- Board Retreat dates/times and possible topics — May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Town of Maine.
- PMA Financial Forecast update.
- Review of April 1 school board election results.
- First review of 2014-15 Fee Schedule.
- Review of preliminary health/dental insurance costs.

Upcoming Events:

- SEA Committee — May 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Building and Grounds Committee — May 7, 5:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee — May 19, 5:30 p.m.
- Safety Committee — June 16, 5:00 p.m.

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Student report: David McNichols reported on Student Council.

Board reports:

- Bradley Ritchie: Legislative Breakfast and SEA Committee.
- Jeremie Birch: Finance Committee.
- David Gomm: Building and Grounds Committee and PEP Grant.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Smarter Balance pilot program and

other events.

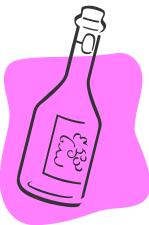
- Mrs. Zeinert: Prom, paper drive, and other events.
- Mrs. Guex: Accounting Conference and Open Enrollment update.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Rural Schools Task Force, superintendent meeting update, follow-up information from the March 17 meeting, and Math Expressions.

Closed session: To discuss 2014-15 staffing and professional, support, non-represented, and administrative compensation.

News from the Nurse by Rebecca Ecker, RN

Facts About Underage Drinking

- ◇ A 2012 study indicates that **72%** of students in the U.S. have consumed alcohol by the end of high school, and **37%** have done so by eighth grade.
- ◇ Underage drinkers account for **11.4%** of all of the alcohol consumed in the U.S.
- ◇ Teens who start drinking before age 15 are **five times** more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who wait until the legal age of 21.
- ◇ Teens who drink heavily are **three times** more likely to try and hurt themselves (self-harm, attempt suicide etc.) than those who don't.



Consequences of Underage Drinking

Teens who drink alcohol are **more likely** to experience:

- ◇ Poor/failing grades and/or absences
- ◇ Fighting or other relationship problems
- ◇ DUI and/or other legal problems
- ◇ Unwanted, unplanned, and/or unprotected sexual activity
- ◇ Disruption of normal growth and development
- ◇ Increased risk for suicide and homicide
- ◇ Alcohol-related car crashes or unintentional injuries to self and/or others
- ◇ Memory problems
- ◇ Abuse of other drugs
- ◇ Death from alcohol poisoning

Who is at Risk?

Teens at highest risk for alcohol-related problems are those who:

- ◇ Have a parent who is a problem drinker or an alcoholic
- ◇ Have close friends who use alcohol and/or other drugs
- ◇ Have been aggressive, antisocial, or hard to control from an early age

- ◇ Have experienced childhood abuse and/or other major traumas
- ◇ Have current behavioral problems and/or are failing at school
- ◇ Have parents who do not support them, do not communicate openly with them, and do not keep track of their behavior or whereabouts
- ◇ Experience ongoing hostility or rejection from parents and/or harsh, inconsistent discipline

Tips for Parents/Guardians

- ◇ Talk about family expectations and rules about alcohol use. Clearly state and enforce consequences for breaking the rules.
- ◇ Frequently express how you feel about underage drinking. However, do not lecture or threaten them about use.
- ◇ Talk about personal, family, social, or religious values that give them reasons not to drink.
- ◇ Make it clear that drinking and driving or riding with someone who has been drinking will not be tolerated.
- ◇ Talk about ways to handle pressure from friends to drink. Teach them how to effectively say "no" to peer pressure.
- ◇ Be a role model. If you drink, do so responsibly. Never drink and drive. Don't show them that alcohol is a good way to handle problems. For example, don't come home from work and say, "I had a rotten day. I need a drink."
- ◇ Know whether your child is at high risk for a drinking problem; if so, take steps to lessen that risk.
- ◇ Monitor alcohol use in your home by keeping track of the supply.

Sources:

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (niaaa.nih.gov)
 Palo Alto Medical Foundation (pamf.org)
 Do Something (dosomething.org)
 Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov)

May Calendar of Events

1	Thu	HS Track at Tri-County Invitational — 4:00 pm JV Baseball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm
1-2	Th/Fr	Paper Recycling Fundraiser behind school
2	Fri	Varsity Softball at home vs. Clintonville — 4:30 pm
3	Sat	Varsity Baseball vs. Wild Rose/Oshkosh Lourdes at Wild Rose — 10:00 am/12:00 noon Krazy Bowling hosted by Shiocton Music Parents at T&T Lanes (see back page for more info)
5	Mon	HS Golf hosted by Manawa (Cedar Springs Golf Course) — 3:30 pm HS Track at Tri-County — 3:45 pm MS Track at Manawa — 4:00 pm JV Baseball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:430 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
5-9	M-F	Staff Appreciation Week
6	Tue	HS Golf hosted by Marathon (Pine Valley Golf Course) — 11:00 am HS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 3:45 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Oconto — 4:30 pm
7	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting at the River Rail — 6:15 pm
8	Thu	Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Manawa — 3:45/6:00 pm (double header)
9	Fri	HS Track at Hilbert Invitational — 3:00 pm JV Baseball at Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Amherst — 4:30 pm Piano/Guitar Recital in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm
10	Sat	Piano/Guitar Recitals in the cafeteria — 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball at Crivitz — 10:00 am/12:30 pm Varsity Softball at Marion — 10:00 am/12:00 noon Drama Club presents <i>Teachers on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown</i> in the HS gym — 7:00 pm
12	Mon	HS Golf at home (Eagle Creek Golf Course) — 3:30 pm HS Track at Wittenberg-Birnamwood Invitational — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball at home vs. Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm Varsity/JV Softball at Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm/6:15 pm
13	Tue	HS Golf Invitational at Horseshoe Bay Golf Course — 1:00 pm MS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 3:45 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
15	Thu	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the June issue HS Golf Shiocton Invitational (Eagle Creek Golf Course) — 10:00 am Senior Citizens Pie Social hosted by 7th grade in the cafeteria — 1:00 pm MS Track at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at Pacelli — 4:00 pm JV Softball at home vs. Pacelli — 4:30 pm
16	Fri	HS Golf hosted by Hilbert (High Cliff Golf Course) — 3:15 pm Varsity Baseball at home vs. Omro — 4:30 pm HS Band/Choir <i>Shiocton Showcase</i> in the HS gym — 7:00 pm
17	Sat	Varsity Softball at home — 10:00 am/2:30 pm HS Track CWC Conference Meet at Pacelli — 2:00 pm
19	Mon	Grade 5 College Day for Kids at UW-Oshkosh — 7:20 am-3:00 pm Grade 4 field trip to Madison — 8:00 am-4:30 pm Varsity Baseball/Softball at Amherst — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
20	Tue	MS Choir to sing national anthem at the Timber Rattlers game HS Track Shiocton Invitational — 4:00 pm Varsity Softball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm
21	Wed	Grade 1 field trip to Xavier High School and Barlow Planetarium — 8:30 am-2:30 pm Senior Awards Program in the cafeteria — 7:00 pm
22	Thu	Deadline for registering for Bellin Health sports physicals (see page 3) K5 field trip to the NEW Zoo — 8:15 am-2:45 pm (rain date-May 29) HS Golf CWC Conference Meet (Foxfire Golf Course) — 9:00 am Grades 3, 4, and 5 field trip to Lawrence University to see <i>Peter and the Wolf</i> — 10:15 am-2:15 pm Varsity Baseball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm






Spring Sports Regionals/ Sectionals/State

Track
May 27/30/June 6-7

Golf
May 27-28/June 3-4/9-10

Softball
May 22/27/29
June 3, 5/12-14

Baseball
June 3-4, 6/10/17-19





23	Fri	JV Baseball at home vs. Pacelli — 4:30 pm
26	Mon	No School — Memorial Day — Band plays at St. Denis Town of Bovina Cemetery — 10:30 am
27	Tue	Varsity Baseball at home vs. Clintonville — 4:30 pm
28	Wed	End-of-the-Year Concert featuring fifth grade band and MS bands and choirs in the HS gym — 1:45 pm Senior Supper at the River Rail — 6:00 pm
30	Fri	Grade 4 Music Concert in the cafeteria — 2:30 pm
31	Sat	Shiocton Family Night at the Timber Rattlers — 6:35 pm

Coming Up in June

1	HS Graduation — 1:00 pm
2-6	Paper Recycling Fundraiser
6	Elementary Talent Show
9-10	HS final exams
10	Last day of school
11	First day of summer school
7/2	Last day of summer school

Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Scooby Snacks, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Muffins, fruit, juice, milk	Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk	Bagels with cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk
	* Menu subject to change			1 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, carrots, mixed fruit, milk	2 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, fresh vegetables, applesauce cup, pudding cup, milk
	5 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk	6 Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, lettuce salad, strawberries, milk	7 Brunch for lunch: omelet, hash browns, pancakes, orange juice, milk	8 Mini corn dogs, rice, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk	9 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese, dinner roll, peaches, milk
	12 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	13 Pizza slice, lettuce salad, pineapple, apple crisp, milk	14 Chicken nuggets, sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese, dinner roll, pears, milk	15 Basket for lunch: ham, turkey and cheese sub, fresh vegetables, Goldfish crackers, apple juice, ice cream bar, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken noodle soup, string cheese, sliced carrots, dinner roll, applesauce, milk
	19 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with toppings, sour cream, shredded lettuce, whole kernel corn, pears, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, green beans, pineapple, dinner roll, milk	21 Grab-n-Go salad or French toast sticks, hash browns, yogurt, orange juice, milk	22 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, carrots, baked beans, applesauce, milk	23 Grab-n-Go salad or BBQ on a bun, tri taters, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, milk
	26 Memorial Day No School	27 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, apple juice, Wisconsin blend vegetables, milk	28 Portessi cheese fries, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	29 Chicken patty on a bun, tri taters, carrots, peaches, milk	30 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk

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

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$43.05 for May

Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$49.35 for May

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

May has arrived, despite the weather not quite feeling like it! Hopefully, things will begin to seem a bit more “spring like” in the near future.

During the month of April, the students and staff had an opportunity to practice **emergency drills and procedures** such as the Tornado Drill procedures. The students did a great job of taking the drill seriously and practicing what they would do if a tornado happened to be moving through the area during school hours. Students were then asked to practice emergency procedures at home as well. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, please talk about a plan of action for your family at home; it’s important to make sure that your child knows what to do if severe weather arises while he/she is at home.



The **mid-quarter** for the fourth quarter is coming up on Friday, May 2. This is a very important time to keep a close eye on your child’s grades. For older students, these grades will affect whether or not they are eligible to participate in sports next fall. Please continue to encourage your child to finish strong these final weeks of the school year.



During the week of May 5-9, we will celebrate **Staff Appreciation Week** to honor the wonderful staff members within the Shiocton School District. During this special week, I will conduct various drawings for prizes. It’s not too late to help me out. If you would like to donate items (gift cards, gift certificates, gas cards, baskets of goodies, etc.) to be given away, please send the item(s) to the office anytime during the first week of May. Also, this is a perfect time of year to have your child write a special note to a few special staff members (teachers, paraprofessionals, kitchen workers, custodians, administrators, bus drivers, etc.). Trust me when I say that notes from the heart are the absolute best gifts that can be given! ☺

Students in grades 4-6 are preparing for the upcoming **Track and Field Day** which will be held on Tuesday, May 27, during the morning hours. If there is inclement weather on this day, the event will be moved to May 29.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the **K4/K5 Orientation** held in April. If you have a child who will be entering one of these grade levels next year, but were unable to attend the orientation, please contact the office at 986-3351 ext. 721. By doing so, you will be able to receive a packet of resources and information.



Requests for 2014-15: In May, the teachers and I will begin to look at classroom assignments for next year. We work very hard to place students with teachers we feel will be good matches for them. In rare situations where there is a true educational need, a parent/guardian may wish to make a request. These requests need to be submitted in writing to the principal and must include a specific reason for the request. Please submit requests to the elementary/middle school office no later than Monday, May 12. Due to the scheduling and balancing process, it will not be possible to honor requests received after this date. (Please do not e-mail requests, since these requests often end up in a spam folder.)

While it is impossible to honor all of the requests, the teachers and I will look at the requests and determine which ones we can honor while still maintaining balanced classrooms. Parental requests for special consideration will be processed in the order in which they are received, with priority given to requests that have valid educational reasons supporting the placement.

As we develop the class lists, the following items will be given priority:

- Within each classroom, there needs to be an equal distribution of abilities.
- The number of boys and girls in each classroom needs to be balanced as much as possible.
- Attempts are made to separate students who do not work well together.

Here’s to a strong finish to the 2013-14 school year!
Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Griesbach ☺
Elementary/Middle School Principal



Early Childhood Hops Into Spring

We hopped into April with a theme of frogs. Students worked on one-to-one correspondence by counting frogs on the log. They had to follow a visual model to make a paper bag frog puppet to use during the song *Five Green and Speckled Frogs*. Students also used their handprints and watercolor to make frogs that adorn our wall pond. They got a lot of fine motor practice by accordion folding all those frogs' tongues and legs! Students also made a frog cupcake treat using green frosting, candy hearts, and Sour Patch worms.



Students made bunnies out of footprints and used marshmallows to put "fur" on their bunnies. They enjoyed making a pretend bunny snack using their feet – carrots! In addition to bunny crafts, we read many bunny books, including *Knuffle Bunny* and *Splat the Cat – Where's the Easter Bunny?*

Another great theme week was centered on the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Students became familiar with the life cycle of a caterpillar through the story. They also worked on story recall by sequencing story events on the SMART board. They used their thumbprints and circle sponges to make caterpillars. Butterflies were flying around our classroom, too – made of various mediums from beads to origami paper.

In May, our learning will be guided by themes of Mothers Day, flowers, and farm animals.

K4 Ready to Move Up

The four-year-old kindergartners are getting ready for K5. They are rhyming words, counting syllables in words, and identifying alphabet letters and sounds. We have also been busy making Easter decorations for our classroom. The children made marble-painted eggs and beautiful bunny faces. We also made bunny baskets, and Easter Bunny made a surprise visit and hid our baskets in the classroom. It sure was a lot of fun trying to find them!



We ended the month with K5 orientation. The students were able to visit a K5 classroom and do an activity with the K5 students. It was so exciting for them to get a glimpse of what next year has in store for them.

We sure will enjoy the rest of the school year. Time flies and before you know it, our students will move on to K5.

Our first **Labels for Education Classroom Challenge** brought in 551 points, with 11 classrooms participating. Mrs. Behnke's first grade class was the winning classroom. They collected 127 points and were awarded their treat on April 23. Congratulations, first graders! We'll be running a Back to School Classroom Challenge in September, so please be sure to save your labels throughout the summer. Clipping the labels on the dotted line and separating them from the Box Tops has been a huge help this last month. Thank you and keep up the great work.

Tanya Puls

Learning and Growing in K5



The kindergarten would like donations of small artificial flowers, spare beads, spare buttons, scrap lace, and scrap ribbon for next year's craft projects. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Just drop them off at the elementary office or in any kindergarten room. Thank you!

What happened to our kindergartners? Where did they go? Many children came to us not knowing how to get around our school building. Now they are little experts at finding their way to recess, the cafeteria, the nurse's office, the elementary office, and various classrooms.

Many came to us knowing some letters and letter sounds, but were not reading. Now they know all of their letters and sounds, and they are reading! Many came knowing some numbers and how to count a small number of objects. Now they know how to count to 100, count objects up to 30 or more, and recognize and name numbers from 0 to 30 in random order, and some know more!

What happened to our kindergartners?! Hmmm...we believe they may be transforming into BIG first graders! They have done such a beautiful job learning how to work and problem solve with their friends. They are so mature and have gained such confidence and independence in their abilities. We are so proud of their many accomplishments! We believe our students' first grade transformation will be complete on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

However, in order to complete this transformation, we still have much to learn and accomplish. This month we will focus on reading our sight words without much hesitation (or blending), as well as continuing to read and practice our "Decodable Books" Challenge Book and leveled guided reading book. We will also continue to review all of the alphabet letters and sounds. In math, we will be working with simple addition and subtraction number sentences (problems), as well as geometry.

Our themes for May are "Exploring Our Surroundings" and "Under the Ocean." We are also planning field trips to the NEW Zoo on Thursday, May 22, and to Navarino Nature Center on Thursday, June 5. We hope to see many parent volunteers joining us for these educational and fun-filled trips!



We look forward to assisting your children in completing their transformation from kindergartners to BIG first graders. Thank you for entrusting us with such an important and rewarding job...educating your child. Keep your eyes open for a first grader bopping around your home in the near future!

Grade 1 Finishing Strong

As we are nearing the end of the year, our first graders are really starting to soar with the idea of practically being second graders! During this last full month of school, the students will be working hard to master our last group of standards for first grade. Continue stressing consistent nightly practice with your child, so that they finish the year with strong skills.

On May 21 we will take our final field trip of the year, to Xavier High School to watch the play *Red vs. The Wolf*, and then to the planetarium to see the things we learned in science about our solar system come to life. Thanks in advance to all parents helping to make this trip possible! In addition to all that learning, we will also become gardeners and plant marigolds! When these plants come home, please find a nice sunny spot for them to continue growing and being cared for over the summer.



The students' book report skills are really improving! During May the students are required to complete two written reports. They will need to write one fiction report and one nonfiction report. Watch for report forms coming home so you can help your child successfully complete his or her book reports on time (due by May 30).

With the weather warming up, Mr. Zdanovec will be having occasional gym classes outside. Please be aware of what days your child has gym, and dress them in appropriate shoes so that they are able to participate. No sandals, please.

Title I Needs Assessment Conducted

by Michelle Jorgensen, Title I Reading Teacher

Annually, coinciding approximately with the end of the third marking period, Title I conducts a Needs Assessment of all students in four-year-old kindergarten through grade 4. There are three phases of this Needs Assessment. In Phase 1, our classroom teachers are asked to identify students at risk of not achieving academic success. The classroom teacher identifies the needs of each of these students. A “tentative” priority list of students is created from this information.



In Phase 2, the district Title I reading teacher reviews and examines the information to determine what grade levels and subject areas will receive Title I services. A rationale is written to support this decision. Based on our district's "early intervention" philosophy, the lower grades are generally given top priority for receiving these services. I then meet with Mrs. Griesbach, classroom teachers, and several district parents to convey this information. We also discuss how to meet the needs of students who have been identified but who are not placed in Title I.

In Phase 3, all students identified in Phase 2 as Title I candidates are screened to determine their level of need. Some of the screening will be done this spring, and it will continue in the fall. After screening assessments are completed, Title I services will be offered to those students who do qualify.

Second Graders Set Goals

April showers bring May flowers! We are glad to finally be done with SNOW (keep your fingers crossed)! The month of May brings much discussion in science about our weather and other earth changes. Ask our second graders about tornado safety procedures. They are experts! They will also be learning some impressive vocabulary like evaporation, condensation, and precipitation! Spring is a great time to learn about this topic because of all the crazy weather that can occur.

Batter up! On May 31 we will be celebrating our reading success with a Timber Rattler game! This is family night for Shiocton School and those students who met the requirements for Fang's Reading Club. Many second graders earned a free ticket and get to enjoy the game with their family and friends! Way to go, second graders!

In math the students are learning about geometry. We are identifying and drawing shapes with specified attributes. Students are also doing hands-on activities to learn more about specific shapes and how to partition certain shapes into equal parts.

As our second graders headed into the fourth quarter, we spent time talking about goals. Students made their own goal for the last quarter of the year. We also discussed what the students would need to work on to achieve their goal. These are a few examples of what our second graders will be striving for as we finish the year:



- ⇒ I am going to work harder to get along with other students.
- ⇒ I won't "yik yak" as much.
- ⇒ I will work on having control of my actions at school.
- ⇒ I will be more organized.
- ⇒ I will raise my hand to participate in class.
- ⇒ I will try my best to focus on directions more.
- ⇒ I will try to transition at Level 0.

These are some great goals to accomplish this year. Let's work hard to be the best second graders we can be, finish the year strong, and remember... third grade is right around the corner.

3rd Grade Boys Experience Growth and Success During Hoops Season

by Jennifer Twombly

The 3rd grade boys Shiocton Hoops Club tournament team worked hard this season — gaining new basketball skills and using a strong team effort in their tournament play. The team finished first at both the Shiocton home tournament and the Menasha tournament, along with a second place finish at the Green Bay Notre Dame tournament. Team members include Bennett Wilcox, Brady Morack, Dawson Schmidt, Nate Twombly, Logan Ebben, Jacob Klitzke, Caden Winter, Cade Stingle, Jack Harrigan, and Braxton Ebben. The boys and their parents are especially thankful to head coach Nancy Wilcox and assistant coach Shane Ebben for all of their time and leadership in developing the boys this season. Congratulations on a great season, boys!



Spring has Sprung for 3rd Grade

Congrats to the winners of the Kindles. [Not Named] was the winner in Mr. Backman's class; Dion Helser was the winner in Mrs. Kleiber's class; Jaden Nelson and Rebecca Peters were the winners in Mrs. Madsen's class. We are waiting for our math contest winners from each grade. Once we get this info, we will pass that on to you.

We have a few more field trips left, with two staying local — a visit to the Shiocton Public Library and also our famous sturgeon walk to see the sturgeon. Our last field trip will be to Barlow Planetarium on June 5.

Many students earned a free ticket to the Timber Rattler game on Saturday, May 31. The first pitch is set for 6:35 p.m. Thanks to all for participating in the T-Rat reading challenge. SUPER JOB of reading, students, and keep on reading your way to success.



We will again be reviewing the four main math concepts as we finish the year. Measurement will also be studied in the final weeks of school. Geometry will keep us busy for most of this month, and included in this skill will be shapes, sizes, lines, angles, congruent shapes, polygons, flips, and turns, along with perimeter and area also included in the learning.

Weather learning and observation keep us going in science. Cameron Moreland from NBC 26 visited on April 24. Cameron talked about his job as a meteorologist, and we even had some students make the big screen.

As always, keep on practicing those math facts and READ, READ, and READ some more to prepare for the 4th grade. If you have any questions, please contact the 3rd grade team leaders.

Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell, K-6 School Counselor
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Junior Achievement Underway in 3rd Grade

Third grade students are learning all about communities, banking, and financial literacy. For five weeks the students have participated in the business economics program of Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement is a nationwide program that is dedicated to teaching young people skills for the future. Thank you to the volunteer Junior Achievement presenters: Mindy Hofacker, Jon Majerus, and Steve Parker. Thank you to the Lions Club, SPICE, and other school groups that assisted with funding Junior Achievement.

Wisconsin Careers wiscareers.wisc.edu

Students in grades four, five, and six are now registered and using the website Wisconsin Careers. On Wisconsin Careers, students have completed goal-setting, surveys of learning styles, and career clusters. They have explored and saved careers of their interest. Students know their passwords or can contact me to receive their passwords for Wisconsin Careers.



Student Council News

Upcoming Dress-up Days

Friday, May	\$1 to wear sunglasses for the day
Wednesday, May 7	Neon color day
Wednesday, May 21	Favorite T-shirt day

Elementary School Talent Show

Friday, June 6 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Students may sign up in the guidance office.

May 5-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week.
Thank you, teachers, for all that you do!

Grade 4 Heading to Madison

The fourth grade was very fortunate in April, because we were able to visit the historic Center Valley Schoolhouse and tour a brand new dairy barn to learn about the latest technology in dairy farming. It even had a robotic milking system! We would like to thank the Center Valley Schoolhouse Association and the Wichman Family Dairy Farm for giving us these great opportunities so close to home.

We also have a lot of great things happening in May! The most exciting is a trip to Madison.



The fourth grade students, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our Capitol and Henry Vilas Zoo. We have been learning as much as we can about Wisconsin, and we are

all very excited to be taking this field trip.

We also have a day in May when we get to show some of our athletic abilities. On Tuesday, May 27, the fourth grade students will be involved in Track and Field Day. They will compete against other students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in various track and field events. It is a fun-filled, energetic day, and is a nice way to discover the great sport of track and field.

The end of the year brings with it year-end MAP testing and reading benchmark testing. The students also get to celebrate all of their hard work in reading with an end-of-the-year pizza party sponsored by SPICE.



5th Grade Searches for Gold!

During social studies class, the 5th graders have been studying westward movement. One of the major reasons pioneers rushed west was due to the discovery of gold. Students were given the assignment to make an ad promoting the Gold Rush (example by Jack Scott at right). Here are some of the facts they stated in their ads to draw interested prospectors:



- * Gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill along the American River. *Madi Fahrback*
- * The first bit of gold was discovered by John Marshall. *Alexis Griesbach*
- * The men tried to keep the discovery a secret, but it didn't work. *Jared Jahnke*
- * Gold was discovered in San Francisco, CA, in 1848. *Emily Korth*
- * In 1847 the population of San Francisco was 800. By 1860 the population grew to 57,000. *Trista Rose*
- * People that left their homes and lives to rush to California were called forty-niners since the gold rush began in 1849.
- * Due to population increase, California was able to become a state in 1850. *Logan Heindl*
- * The gold rush lasted six years.
- * Levi Strauss made more durable pants for the prospectors. These Levi jeans are still worn today. *Tyler Pelky*
- * Shop owners raised prices drastically on items, because people who found gold could pay. *Emma Scharmann*
- * The Gold Rush attracted people from around the world.
- * Some people got rich; many others did not. *Kylie Dake*

5th Grade Boys Place 3rd at State

The 5th grade boys Shiocton Hoops Club basketball team finished in third place out of 21 teams at the Wisconsin State Invitational Division 4/5 Championship Tournament held in Appleton/Kimberly the weekend of March 29-30. In addition to team honors, Caden Schmidt was named to the All-Tournament Team. The Shiocton community is very proud of these hard-working boys! Coached by Chad Schmidt (*back right*) and Brad Jorgensen (*back left*), team members are pictured at left. Middle row (*left to right*): Trey Van Straten, Caden Schmidt, Jake Korth, Austin Wilinski, and Logan Heindl. Front row: Jack Scott, Trenton Twombly, Hudson Spencer, Tyler Pelky, and Carson Shears.

SPICE: Thanks for a Great Year!

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Please take time to tell a Shiocton School District staff member how much they are appreciated. Whether it be your child's teacher or principal, a paraprofessional, secretary, bus driver, or custodian, every staff member deserves a heartfelt thank you for the commitment given to our school. SPICE also wishes to acknowledge each Shiocton School District staff member for his or her hard work and dedication! Thank you.



SPICE is in the process of purchasing thousands of dollars worth of playground and classroom equipment for the elementary school. Everything from jump ropes and kick balls to Kleenex and CD players are being bought. Funds from the collection of Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education are being used. Everyone's collection efforts have really paid off!! Thank you very much and keep collecting over the summer!!

SPICE will be offering the purchase of School Tool Boxes to aid your school supply gathering prior to the next school year. This service gives you the opportunity to efficiently gather the needed classroom items without running all over town. Please watch for the ordering information before the end of the school year.

We will wrap up our meetings for this school year at our May meeting, and will begin meeting again in August. There is always a space for you at our PTO meetings. If you would be interested in knowing more about SPICE, please attend the meeting in May, or watch for the meeting dates in the fall. SPICE opportunities are quite varied and only require a few hours of your time a month. We would love to have YOU on our team!

If you are not able to attend one of our meetings, please contact us with any comments or concerns at sjparker92@gmail.com or Tanya.puls@aol.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7, at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail**. We hope to see you there.

Steve Parker, chairman, and Tanya Puls, vice-chairman



Shiocton Archery Club Does Well at the State Tournament

by Steve Parker

On April 5 the Shiocton Archery Club competed in the Wisconsin National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Tournament in Wausau. Over 1,300 archers from 4th to 12th grade competed through the weekend. The club's two top shooters were 8th graders Riley Krull and Reiley Tyler. They took 20th and 21st in the state for their age division. The club's top female shooter was 6th grader Morgan Brux, who placed 15th in her age group. Shiocton was one of only six schools across the state to have an elementary team compete at the state tournament. Top elementary archers were 5th grader Josh Wilkinson and 4th grader Yenna Anaya.

The club participated not only in the state tournament, but also in the Heart of the Valley YMCA February Tournament and the Old 45 3D Tournament in March. Riley Krull placed in the top three at both of these events. The large number of 4th and 5th graders that joined the club this year doubled the group's size from 20 to 40 archers. The organizers are hoping for continued growth in the years to come.

Books with the Boys #9: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

by Tim Huebner, with guest reviews by Sam Bloch and Erin Ludick

Tim Huebner

This Books with the Boys review makes history! One of our guest reviewers is 7th grade teacher, Erin Ludick. This marks the first review done by a female. Erin Ludick read *Unbroken* and recommended it to Sam Bloch, a 7th grade student. Having greatly enjoyed the book myself, I noticed Sam had a copy. After a quick discussion, we decided the entire experience was a great opportunity for the next edition of Books with the Boys.

The book *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand, is the story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic athlete, prisoner of war, and truly remarkable man. Louis grew up in California and had a very troubled childhood. He was able to straighten out his life enough to be a high school track star and a member of the 1936 Olympic team that traveled to Berlin, Germany.

After the Olympics, he continued to train and was on the verge of running a 4-minute mile when World War II broke out. He joined the Army Air Corps as a bombardier and flew many missions, eventually being shot down in 1943. He spent many weeks adrift in the Pacific Ocean until being taken prisoner by the Japanese. At this point his life would never be the same. Through all his struggles he demonstrates his courage and bravery.

I greatly enjoyed this book. The author interviewed Louis Zamperini and based the story on his interviews. I have always enjoyed World War II history, but really appreciate an individual story like this that puts perspective on the big picture. I believe one can see the big picture better by understanding the stories of the individual. I will never be able to read about American POWs in Japan without thinking of Louis Zamperini.

I would recommend this book to any reader interested in World War II, survival stories, or just a good read. I think this book has an appeal that crosses beyond those just interested in history. In fact, I would suggest this book to nearly anyone looking for their next good read.

Sam Bloch

Unbroken is the true story of Louis Zamperini. The story covers his life from childhood to his death. During his lifetime, Louis went from being a troublemaker teen to a downed B-24 bombardier in the Pacific during World

War II. His story is filled with fear, happiness, and relief. Louis was a man of hidden courage and dignity and never let anything take him down.

Unbroken was the best biography I have ever read. It was filled with every topic I enjoy in a book. I really appreciated how well researched the book was. Every page was plastered with facts, names, and dates. Laura Hillenbrand put a ton of work into every chapter of this book. I especially liked the work she did in searching for eyewitnesses to interview and digging through 50-year-old files.

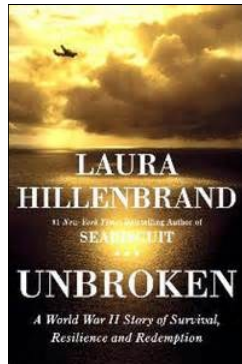
I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys the World War II era of history and a story full of hardship and adventure. Also, I believe it is necessary to be mature enough to really appreciate and comprehend what Louis went through during his life. Overall, I would recommend *Unbroken* to any history lover with a deeper mindset.

Erin Ludick

Unbroken is a true story about a war vet named Louis Zamperini. He overcame a troubled youth to become an Olympic athlete. He then went on to join the Army Air Corps as a bombardier. Throughout his life he had many ups and downs, but nothing compared to what was going to happen next. His plane was shot down and he survived months drifting in the shark-infested waters of the Pacific. Life couldn't get any worse; that is, until he was captured by the Japanese. Louis overcame horrific torture and abuse. He not only physically survived, but his spirit survived. He lived to tell his story, but also inspired hundreds of young men with his courage, forgiveness, and faith later in life.

I purchased *Unbroken* for my husband (Mr. Ludick, history teacher). It sounded like a great book for people who like history. I am a science teacher and not much into history. To make a long story short, the book was sitting around the house, and one day I picked it up and started reading it. I could not put it down! Four days later I finished the book. I have to say that *Unbroken* is the best history book I have ever read, AND the best book I have ever read.

I loved the book for many reasons, but two stand out in my mind the most. The book was a true story about a man who struggled greatly, but overcame. He is an example of what humankind strives to be — courageous, brave, insightful, forgiving, and ultimately “human” (he still made mistakes). It is easy to relate to his emotions and thoughts throughout the book as he struggled. I was constantly putting myself in his shoes as I read, thinking, “What would I do?” My second reason for enjoying the book was that it put a personal touch on history. If the



Basic Facts about the Book

Author: Laura Hillenbrand
 Title: *Unbroken*
 Publisher: Random House
 Reading level: Upper middle school/high school
 Page count: 496
 This can be found used or new on Amazon and in most public and school libraries.

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book was just about World War II and the facts about it, quite frankly I wouldn't have even opened it up! Instead, I surprised myself by learning (and enjoying) as I read a history book!

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in World War II, anyone interested in biographies, and anyone who does not like history. I cannot believe that a history book became my all-time favorite book, so give it a try.

Gifted and Talented News

by Karen Rudat

On April 10, a group of G/T students in grades 4-7 and many of our English Language Learners attended *Step Afrika* at the Performing Arts Center, where they were introduced to the art of "stepping." The cast used kicks, stomps, claps, and chants in this very high-energy performance. The troupe encouraged audience participation, which kept us on our toes. It was a treat for both our eyes and ears.

On April 11, sixth graders Justin Hellweg, Mikayla Henry, and Kaden Piechocki participated in College Day for Kids at UW-Stevens Point. They attended three classes that they had preselected. This experience was meant to expose them to what college life will be like. When we arrived at the campus they marveled at the vastness of it all. Lunch in the cafeteria with the college students was really fun and yummy!! Upon reflection, they agreed that this was a great opportunity that once again caused them to ponder their own career paths.

Sam Van Straten Places Second

by Kristi Piechocki

Congratulations to Sam Van Straten on his second place finish at the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation State Folkstyle Championship in Madison in March. Shiocton Wrestling was represented by seven middle school wrestlers. It is tough competition down there, and all the boys did well. Sam is the only wrestler who made it to the finals. Great job, Sam, and thank you to our coaches for a successful season!!



Books with the Boys #10: *Someone Named Eva* by Joan M. Wolf

by Tim Huebner, with guest review by Faith Moser

Tim Huebner

This Books with the Boys review also makes history! Our guest reviewer is 7th grade student, Faith Moser. This marks the first review done by a female student. I was generously given a copy of the novel *Someone Named Eva* from SPICE last year. I read it and thought I could recommend it to a female



student interested in history. As the year progressed, I learned of Faith's interest in the subject and recommended the book to her.

The novel is unique because very few World War II books are written with a female main character. In the novel, a young girl named Milada is taken by the Nazis from her village in Czechoslovakia to be raised as a German child near Berlin. She is chosen because of her Aryan features. The novel tells her story of struggle to hang on to her roots as she endures a re-education camp and the aftermath of the war. I thought this was a very well-written book on a small part of World War II about which I had little knowledge.

I would recommend this book to any reader interested in World War II first and foremost. However, after that I think any reader, male or female, who has faced a struggle would enjoy this book

Basic Facts about the Book

Author: Joan M. Wolf
Title: *Someone Named Eva*
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Reading level: Middle school
Page count: 200
This can be found used or new on Amazon and in most public and school libraries.

Faith Moser


This is a book about a young girl named Milada growing up in Czechoslovakia during World War II. When the Nazis invade her small town she has to struggle to remember her old self and get back home to her family. She must endure a lifestyle opposite from her normal life. She must change everything down to her first name.

Personally, I enjoyed the book. As a history fan, I liked seeing the life in the German community. This was a well-written book. It had a touch of mystery which I enjoyed a great deal. Overall I thought this was a great book.

I would recommend this book to many people. Anybody in the middle school should enjoy this book. Also, any fan of history would enjoy the book. I feel like the book was very readable. Lastly, I think anyone who has struggled to hold on to things that are important to them will relate to this book.

THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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DRAMA! MUSIC OF THE STAGE AND SCREEN

As we wrap up the school year, we'd like to celebrate the year on the lighter side with music from Broadway and Hollywood. The music department proudly presents *DRAMA! music of the stage and screen*, our Shiocton Showcase for 2014. Featuring the high school band, high school choir, jazz choir, jazz band, featured soloists, and special ensembles, the *Shiocton Showcase* is sure to be a hit. Join us in the high school gym on **Friday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.!**

CHOIR SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT TIMBER RATTLERS GAME

On **Tuesday, May 20**, the middle school choirs (grades 6-8) will head to Time Warner Field in Appleton where they will open the Timber Rattlers game singing the national anthem! Students will be excused from classes from 10:30 a.m. to the end of the day. We will return to school in time for students to board their bus home. Students will wear their trip T-shirts. What a cool event!

BAND AND CHOIR PERFORM FOR ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

The beginning band, middle school bands, middle school choirs, and jazz band will perform a concert on **Wednesday, May 28, at 1:45 p.m.** for a gym-full of elementary kids. This concert is during the school day but open to the public. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The concert will feature fun, lighter music to end the year with. We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER MARCHING CAMP

All band students (grades 7-12 for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR) learn the Homecoming field show music and drill at our three-day marching camp **August 19-21, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. It is essential that ALL band kids attend. Grill-out of food served after the last day of camp. As you make your summer plans, please mark your calendars for this important camp. No charge and no registration necessary. Just show up!

KRAZY BOWLING!

Saturday, May 3
T&T Lanes
1:00 and 6:00 p.m.
21 and OLDER, REGISTERED

PIANO STUDIO RECITALS

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

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

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

MS CHOIR

TIMBER RATTLER TRIP

Tuesday, May 20
During school
6-8 CHOIR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 26
Bovina Cemetery
10:30 a.m.
7-12 BAND

MS In-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY CONCERT

Wednesday, May 28
HS Gym
1:45 p.m.
5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

HS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sunday, June 1
1:00 p.m.
HS Gym
7-11 BAND, HS CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW...

"Pyramids, cathedrals, and rockets exist not because of geometry, theories of structures, or thermodynamics, but because they were first a picture — literally a vision — in the minds of those who built them. Society is where it is today because people had the perception; the images and the imagination; the creativity that the Arts provide, to make the world the place we live in today."

—Eugene Ferguson, *historian*



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