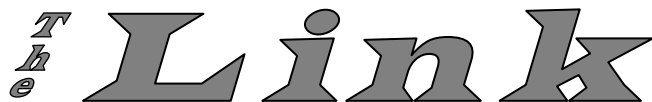


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## School District of Shiocton

Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

November, 2013

### What's New in the Foodservice Department?

The Shiocton School District Foodservice Department is now offering more variety for breakfast. The national breakfast program has new guidelines that schools need to follow, and the USDA suggests that schools offer more variety. We are to offer:

- Daily calorie ranges K-12 450-500
- Daily saturated fat less than 10%
- ½ cup fruit or vegetable
- 2 ounces of grains/breads daily with an average of 9-10 ounces weekly
- Milk

We are offering cereal, yogurt, bagels/cream cheese, muffins, Scooby Snacks graham crackers, fruit, juice, and milk. Each day of the week has a different menu. Students are offered four food items each day, but only need to take three. Each student is encouraged to take a fruit for breakfast. The new menu will be posted on the website beginning November 1. The daily menu is as follows:

#### Mondays/Thursdays

Cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk

#### Tuesdays

Scooby Snacks graham crackers, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk

#### Wednesdays

Muffins, fruit, juice, milk

#### Fridays

Bagels/cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk

### Student Council Food and Toy Drive Kicks Off

*Goal: To bring joy to local families*

November 11 marks the start of the annual Food and Toy Drive. Once again, classes will compete against each other to see who can collect the most items. The winning class at each level — elementary, middle, and high school — will get an ice cream sundae party provided by Student Council.

We will be collecting products like boxed foods, canned foods/condiments, items with a long shelf-life, personal hygiene products, new/gently used toys (*please, no stuffed animals*), baby products, and paper goods. In order to collect a good variety of items, we have designated a week to focus on certain types of goods; however, any items, including monetary donations, will be accepted and greatly appreciated at any time.

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to this wonderful event! Each year we're able to accommodate more and more families thanks to this generous community!!



- Nov. 11-15: Canned food/condiments
- Nov. 18-22: Boxed food/toys
- Nov. 25-29: Personal hygiene products/toys
- Dec. 2-6: Baby products/paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)  
\*Please submit monetary donations by this week, as we need time to shop for items. Thank you!
- Dec. 9-13: Any food or toys
- Dec. 17-18: Delivery to families.  
Families will be notified of time and date.



### Seeking Families for Food and Toy Drive

The Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be starting up very soon. If your family is experiencing financial hardship or if you know of a school family in need, please contact one of the following people so that the family's name can be added to the confidential list:

**986-3351**

Mrs. Kim Griesbach - ext. 747  
Mrs. Kelly Zeinert - ext. 751  
Ms. Elizabeth Schneider - ext. 787  
Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen - ext. 762

*"It takes a village to raise a child"*  
African Proverb

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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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## Conversations in Shiocton

Over the past few months, I have had a myriad of golden opportunities to strike up and participate in conversations of all sorts. Case in point: **Coffee with Community**. Thank you to the community members who joined me for this event. Over a warm cup of coffee in a comfortable setting\*, we engaged in great conversations about Shiocton — the community and school; the past, present, and future. It is from impassioned discussions such as these that one's perspective grows to incorporate those of others, and thus the visions created become more well-rounded and wider-ranged.

The same can be said for the conversations had with community members during the recent Visioning Process meeting. Vested and dedicated persons from various walks of life shared not only their evening with us, but also their ideas and suggestions, hopes, and visions for the future of our schools. As a team, we conversed over the **5 Bold Steps** that will move our district – staff and students – forward, prepared for college or career and armed with experiences that are applicable.

As we continue conversations about moving our students forward, our teachers look to **authentic learning** opportunities that incorporate a multitude of learned skills in the culmination of a relevant project. One such project that arose from a conversation at the September Business League meeting is the construction of a ramp and platform for local businessman Robby Johnson. Seeing the need for musicians to access the performance stage, Mr. Johnson inquired about SHS students building these items. A quick conversation has blossomed into a relevant, interdisciplinary project that spans grade levels and involves multiple intelligences. A collaborative effort between Mr. Louis' and Mr. Doro's technology education students, the project offers both authentic learning and a means to give back to the community (as well as the opportunity for more conversations).

Our **classrooms** are fraught with opportunities for conversations. During a recent visit to Mrs. Klanderman's classroom, I learned how a single word, such as 'Prom,' 'state,' or 'storm' can conjure up such vivid memories that written words seamlessly flow from fingers flying over the keyboard. Too, impromptu conversations can reveal words of wisdom passed on by parents, such as those shared by a sixth grader: "Better to bring homework home than rush through it at school just to get it done." (Excellent advice! Thanks, Mom.) Ears open and mouth silent, one can enjoy the animated conversations between peers as they celebrate their accomplishments, such as the young man in grade 5 who ecstatically exclaimed after returning from camp, "I can't believe I climbed the wall!"

It's conversations like these, and the *many* others I have had the privilege of participating in, that make working and learning in Shiocton rewarding. I hope that you, too, will take time to engage in conversations with educators and the educated, with the teachers, and those we teach. For in doing so, you, too, will reap the benefits of multiple perspectives, broader visions, and brighter smiles.

*Mrs. Schweitzer*

\*Thank you to Cathy and all at the Hometown Grill for hosting our first Coffee with Community gathering.

## Fire Drill and Evacuation Practice

On Tuesday, October 22, the Shiocton Fire and Police Departments joined the school district in practicing a fire drill and also an evacuation. In doing so, members of these departments were able to oversee our efforts of exiting the building and assembling at off-site locations. Their extra eyes help ensure that we are doing the utmost that we can to keep children safe and out of the way of harm. This practice revealed a few areas in which changes can be made to our practices so as to be even more effective and timely.

A big THANK YOU to Chief Bunnell and the Shiocton Fire Department, as well as to Chief Brownson and the Shiocton Police Department for their assistance.



## Veterans Day Observance Monday, November 11

All citizens within the Shiocton School District are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 11, at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. This is your opportunity to say thank you to the men and women who served and are still serving our country. Help show our veterans we care. Please make plans to attend.

### Student Council Hosts Veterans Breakfast

Student Council will be holding their Veterans Day Breakfast again this year. All local veterans are invited to enjoy a meal prepared by Student Council members on Monday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The Veterans Day Program will follow at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. We hope to see all of our local vets there!

### Coffee with Community

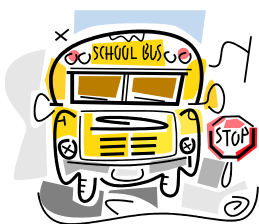
Coffee with Community is an opportunity for community members to share their hopes, thoughts, and ideas for the Shiocton School District over a cup of coffee with me, while also asking questions and discussing concerns. Coffee with Community is intended to be an informal opportunity to speak candidly about matters pertaining to the school district; no other administrators or board members will be present.



Please feel free to join me for Coffee with Community from **7:45-8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, at The Hometown Grill.** I look forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs. Schweitzer*

### School Bus Safety



Just a reminder to all motorists to keep a close eye out in the mornings and the afternoons for school buses picking up or dropping off students. You are required to stop no less than 20 feet from a school bus when the red flashing lights are activated. This rule does not apply if you are on a

divided highway and traveling the opposite way.

The Outagamie County Highway Department will be installing "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs on CTH A between Mayflower Road and State Road to remind drivers of the school bus activity in the area. The Sheriff's Department is also stepping up the speed enforcement in the same area due to the residents complaining about speeders specifically in the morning hours when the school bus is picking up students. The speed limit on CTH A just east of Mayflower Road all the way to STH 47 is 45 m.p.h.

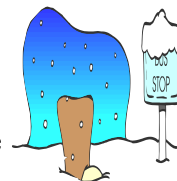
If you have any questions or other concerns, feel free to contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 775.

*Thank you, Officer Fischer*

## School Closing/Delay Announcements

Families to be notified via the Skylert Messaging System

With winter approaching, we can anticipate the need to be prepared for occasional weather-related school closings or delays. Decisions to delay school will typically be for a two-hour time period and will also cause a cancellation of the morning Early Childhood program. Should school be canceled for the day or early in the afternoon, all extra-curricular events/practices will also be canceled.



**All parents and staff members will be contacted via the Skylert system. If you have had any changes in your phone number or e-mail address, please update this information by calling 986-3351 ext. 782. Doing so will insure that you receive the Skylert messages.**

You can also still watch for the alerts on your local TV stations (WLUK, WFRV, WBAY, and WGBA) and area radio stations, such as WSAU (550AM and 99.9FM), WOZZ (94.7FM), WRIG (1390AM), WIFC (95.5FM), and WDEZ (101.9FM).

### Substitute Teachers and Para-Professionals Needed

The School District of Shiocton is accepting applications for para-professional substitutes. All grade levels are needed to assist classroom teachers. A cover letter and résumé is required.

The School District of Shiocton is accepting applications for substitute teachers. All grade levels and subject areas are needed. A résumé and a copy of your current license is required.

Please click on one of the links below to fill out an application.

[Substitute Para-Professional Application](#)

[Substitute Teacher Application](#)

E-mail other required materials to:  
[bbloedorn@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:bbloedorn@shiocton.k12.wi.us)  
Call (920) 986-3351 ext. 700 for more information.



## October Paper Drive Results September Results Corrected

*by Tim Huebner*

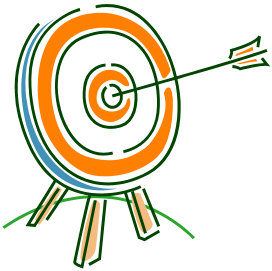
The October paper drive brought in 3.19 tons! Thank you to all who contributed. We really appreciate the support! Also, we are able to offer a correction. In a happy turn of events we discovered that we did not raise the reported six tons of paper in the September drive — the total really was *eight* tons! Corrections in your favor are always a good thing!

The next paper drive will be Monday, November 11, to Friday, November 15. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739.



## Archery Club Takes Aim at New Season

*by Steve Parker*



The Archery Club is getting organized for the upcoming fourth season. The club is open to students from fourth through twelfth grade. Practices will start in January.

We will compete in several tournaments this year plus the state tournament in Wausau. Students compete against like-aged shooters during all tournaments.

A fundraising brat fry has been scheduled at Colwitz's gas station on November 9. Additionally, a raffle is being organized to help fund the club's activities. Tickets will be available during the months of November and December. A compound bow, cash prizes, and other items will be available to win. Additional donated items for the raffle need to be arranged. Ideas can be forwarded to Officer Fischer or me.

We need your help in seeing this program continue and flourish in Shiocton. Help is needed supervising practices, organizing fundraisers, contacting donors, etc. If you are interested in helping, or for more information about this club, please contact me at (920) 257-7822.

## Students Learn about Gun Safety

*by Officer Fischer*

Grade school guidance counselor, Sandee Cornell, and I did a gun safety presentation for the third and fourth graders. **I have gun safety locks to give away to any family wishing to secure the firearms in their home.** You can get the gun locks in the pupil services office by asking Mrs. Boelter or me for them.



## Hunter Safety Starting Date Changes

Hello everyone,

This year Hunter Safety will be run a little differently. The class will not start until February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Class will be every Monday night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. through March 3. The field day will probably be March 1. We are starting at a later date in hopes of having some nicer weather in March for the field day.

The reading material is geared towards the fifth grade level. In recent years we have had some ten-year-olds in the class who struggled a little, so we are asking that you make the appropriate choice for your child. If your ten-year-old takes the Hunter Safety course, they still need to be within arm's reach of an adult and only one weapon used between the two people. Twelve- and thirteen-year-olds with the Hunter Safety certificate can hunt on their own within sight and sound of an adult. At the age of fourteen they can hunt on their own with the Hunter Safety certificate.

I will register the class on the DNR website after the holidays, and you can register for the course on the web. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 775.

*Thanks, Greg Fischer*

## Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) Notification for Schools as Required by PI 11.36(6)(c)2

Wisconsin's rule for identifying students with specific learning disabilities (SLD) has changed. No later than December 1, 2013, all initial SLD evaluations of public school students will use information from interventions to make eligibility decisions.

This article is to notify you that beginning on December 1, 2013, initial SLD evaluations in the School District of Shiocton will begin using information from a student's response to intensive, scientific research-based or evidence-based interventions when making special education eligibility decisions.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Deborah Lohr, Director of Special Education, at (920) 986-3351 ext. 773.

## I Survived in Clay

by Matthew Klitzke, grade 4



The top of my frame is the tsunami that happened in Japan in 2011. Also my top shows the shark attacks that happened in 1916 and the hurricane that happened in Katrina in 2005. The bottom is a civil war cannon and the sinking Titanic. On the sides of my frame is the earthquake that happened in 1906 in San Francisco, as well as a plane from the Twin Tower attacks. Finally, I have an "I" for I survived. *I Survived* is a book series about all the tragic events that happened in history.

## Smartphone Apps You May Not Know

by Wendy Hartman, Media Director

Teens and preteens have always enjoyed interacting with others and making new friends, but in the age of digital technology, the manner in which they can engage in this pastime has grown exponentially. Many adults are familiar with and use e-mail, messenger/chat features, texting, and Facebook, but young people often try to find avenues the adults in their lives don't utilize. Also, some of the newer social media tools allow users to interact in very anonymous manners. Advocates for these tools boast this helps shy individuals find their courage and interact with others, an activity they might previously have avoided. But the downside of this anonymity is the potential for bullying, threats, and inappropriate interactions. The best defense for parents is to talk with youngsters about what websites/apps they are using, encourage them to report abuse, and establish your expectations for using those tools. Be willing to "jump in" and learn how to use the websites your young person is using; become their friend or follower.

Over the next several months, a description of the common, and not-so-common, websites and apps that young people are using will be provided. Talk to your child(ren) and find out if they are using these tools and how. In the end, communication is the ultimate defense.



Kik — According to Elise Moreau on about.com, Kik is a cross-platform smartphone app (Apple, Droid, Windows, etc.) for instant messaging. It works like text messaging, except the user must be connected to a Wi-Fi network for it to work. Users enhance their ability to dodge high data plan charges or avoid text-messaging limits with the use of Kik. Also, Kik does not restrict users to text-only messages; images, videos, sketches, and emoticons can also be sent. Kik has a 17+ age rating in the app store, but unless the app store account being used has restrictions for the type of app that can be downloaded, a simple agreement to the age warning pop-up will have the app installed in no time flat. Once the new user establishes an account and username, anyone with that information can begin sending and receiving messages. Many teens and preteens will publicize their names on other social media sites. The only way to quickly cease interactions with inappropriate or nuisance "friends" is to add the offender to a block list available in the settings of Kik; unfortunately, many young people avoid the process of blocking for fear of retribution or teasing.

## *News from the Nurse* by Rebecca Ecker, RN

### **What is influenza (also called flu)?**

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

### **Signs and symptoms of flu**

People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms:

- fever\* or feeling feverish/chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*\*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

### **How flu spreads**

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes, or possibly their nose.

### **Period of contagiousness**

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day **before** symptoms develop and up to five to seven days **after** becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.



### **Complications of flu**

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

### **Prevent seasonal flu: Get vaccinated**

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season. There are several flu vaccine options for the 2013-14 flu season. Traditional flu vaccines made to protect against three different flu viruses (called "trivalent" vaccines) are available. In addition, this season flu vaccines made to protect against four different flu viruses (called "quadrivalent" vaccines) also are available. The trivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses and an influenza B virus. The quadrivalent flu vaccine protects against two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. CDC does not recommend one flu vaccine over the other. The important thing is to get a flu vaccine every year.

### **When to get vaccinated against seasonal flu**

Yearly flu vaccination should begin soon after flu vaccine is available, and ideally by October. However, getting vaccinated even later can be protective, as long as flu viruses are circulating. While seasonal influenza outbreaks can happen as early as October, most of the time influenza activity peaks in

January or later. Since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against influenza virus infection, it is best that people get vaccinated so they are protected before influenza begins spreading in their community.

### **Who should get vaccinated this season?**

Everyone who is at least six months of age should get a flu vaccine this season. While everyone should get a flu vaccine this season, it's especially important for some people to get vaccinated. Those people include the following:

- people who are at high risk of developing serious complications (like pneumonia) if they get sick with the flu
- people who have certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease
- pregnant women
- people younger than five years (and especially those younger than two) and people 65 years and older
- people who live with or care for others who are at high risk of developing serious complications (see list above)
- household contacts and caregivers of people with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease
- household contacts and caregivers of infants less than six months old
- health care personnel.



*Nurse continued on next page*

### Use of the nasal spray seasonal flu vaccine

Vaccination with the nasal-spray flu vaccine is an option for healthy people 2-49 years of age who are not pregnant. Even people who live with or care for those in a high risk group (including health care workers) can get the nasal-spray flu vaccine as long as they are healthy themselves and are not pregnant. The one exception is health care workers who care for people with severely weakened immune systems who require a protected hospital environment; these

people should get the inactivated flu vaccine (flu shot).

### Who should not be vaccinated against seasonal flu?

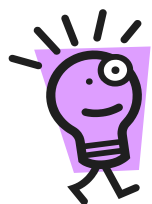
- Influenza vaccine is not approved for children younger than six months of age.
- People who have had a severe allergic reaction to influenza vaccine should generally not be vaccinated.

There are some people who should not get a flu vaccine without first consulting a physician. These

include:

- people who have a moderate-to-severe illness with or without a fever (they should wait until they recover to get vaccinated), and
- people with a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS) that occurred after receiving influenza vaccine and who are not at risk for severe illness from influenza should generally not receive vaccine.

Source: *cdc.gov*



## Gifted and Talented Enrichment Services

Nicole Hess (grades K-3) 986-3351 ext. 717 or [nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:nhess@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

Karen Rudat (grades 4-8) 986-3351 ext. 580 or [krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:krudat@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

### Enrichment Services Identification Process

All of our students in Shiocton have many talents. As they learn and grow, so do their talents.

Students who meet eligibility criteria will receive enrichment services. In addition to teacher and parent nominations, the following items are reviewed when placing a student into a reading or math group:

- STAR literacy scores
- MAP scores
- WKCE scores
- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Benchmark
- STAR math scores

Each school year, all students' files are reviewed to determine those students who demonstrate an academic enrichment need. As students' learning needs change, so do our enrichment groups.

### Battle of the Books

We are under way to our goal of reading 20 books by February. We have a large, motivated group of fourth and fifth graders this year which is very exciting for Mrs. Rudat and Mrs. Hess. Please continue to encourage and support your child's reading. Challenge yourself to read the books from the list and discuss your reading together. ☺ Some of the books that the students will be reading are listed below. Look for information in next month's issue of *The Link* regarding student discussion groups.

- 📖 *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- 📖 *Big Mean Mike* by Michelle Knudsen
- 📖 *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
- 📖 *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds
- 📖 *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett
- 📖 *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
- 📖 *Press Here* by Herve Tullet
- 📖 *Stick Dog* by Tom Watson



### Baker Street Whodunits

(answer on page 16)

Doctor Watson searched his desk for a box of matches with which to light his pipe. To his amazement, he found four unused boxes. Watson noticed that on the side of each box was written AVERAGE CONTENTS 50 MATCHES. Out of curiosity, he counted the contents of each box and discovered that the average contents was 50. If box A had one more match than box B, but seven less than box C, which had nine more than box D, how many matches did each box contain?



## Principal's Report

This is a very busy, yet exciting time of year in the high school. The first quarter will quickly be coming to an end November 8.

The fall sports seasons are wrapping up and I want to take a minute to recognize the teams for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The volleyball team is having a great year. They have fifteen girls on the roster. They are 4-3 in conference play and overall they have 47 wins and 31 losses. As of the writing of this article, the Shiocton football team is sitting at a 6-0 overall record and a 5-0 conference record. We are crossing our fingers that they will continue to do well as we enter playoffs. The dedication of the athletes and coaches can be seen in the success of the programs. Our fall sports teams will continue to set their goals high as we complete this year's activity.

The school district, along with the American Legion, will be coordinating an assembly to honor our local veterans on November 11. Prior to the assembly, the Student Council will be sponsoring a free breakfast for local veterans to show their appreciation. The assembly will take place at 9:45 a.m., and we would love for you to attend.

I would like to recognize the outstanding job that the choir did in the fall concert on October 14. I am always impressed by the outstanding music that our music department puts forth.

The high school just started WKCE testing. As we prepare our students for the upcoming testing, I would like to encourage you to stress the importance of your son/daughter putting forth their best effort. The student tests and the progress they've made on the WKCE is what we are evaluated on, and it is a direct reflection not only on our school but also on the community of Shiocton. Please encourage your son or daughter to eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest. The remaining testing dates for the high school are November 5 and 6. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child will be taking off for deer hunting, we ask that they complete a pre-absence form and turn it in to the high school office before they leave. This helps the teachers, as well as the lunch program, plan appropriately for this time. Good luck to all deer hunters and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Kelly Zeinert*



## Knife Skills Developed in World of Foods Class

*by Julie Gomm*

It's not as easy as it looks on TV. The students in World of Foods class spent some time developing their knife skills. There is a proper way to hold different kinds of knives to make sure you are being not only safe but effective as you cut the food. The students learned about knives and the different kinds of cuts. Then it was time to practice. Cutting quickly and perfectly like it's done on TV takes lots of practice. We didn't master knife skills in one day, but the lesson and practice produced tasty creamy potato soup and cheesy vegetable chowder.



## Counselor's Corner

**Attention seniors:** Don't wait, get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them, the earlier you get your decision. November 11 is the goal for Shiocton High School college applications to be completed. Please get working on them. Also, your college has applications that may be coming due in December, January, and February. See [www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu) for more information on all the colleges.

Every year our region hosts a financial aid session where parents and students can fill out their FAFSA form all at once with help. The date has been set as Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. on the FVTC campus. Please mark your calendars and visit [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org) to find out more information and to register.

**Attention juniors:** All juniors are currently required to set up a meeting with Mrs. Uelmen during their ELT for information on post-secondary life. ACT, college visits, admissions, scholarships, and career information will all be covered. YOUR PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. Also, see the date and time of the ACT prep for this fall — first come, first served, and there are only 18 spots.

**Attention sophomores:** The remaining WKCE testing dates are November 5 and 6. Please remember that this test is extremely important for our school and students, so try to avoid absences for your child. The test will primarily be given on one subject area a day to spread out the material. Letters have been sent home.

### Mark your calendar:

November 5	Michigan Tech rep in pupil services at 2:20 p.m.
November 8	NWTC Campus Career Day. Fliers are on guidance bulletin board.
November 9	ACT Prep 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room — register in pupil services ahead of time. There are only 18 spots. Please sign up ASAP. Spots fill fast.
November 14	Northern Michigan University rep in pupil services at 11:00 a.m.
November 19	Army rep in the commons at 12:10 p.m.
November 21	FVTC rep in pupil services at 12:15 p.m.

Many of you have concerns about events you did not know about. Please remember that the following are places to acquire information for students in the high school.

- Facebook under 'Shiocton High College/Career'
- *The Link*
- Regular e-mails from Skyward if your e-mail is current
- Students also need to listen to daily announcements or see them posted outside the HS office on the guidance bulletin board.
- School's webpage [www.shiocton.k12.wi.us](http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us)
- When in doubt, always call; we would be more than happy to help you.

### Reality Check Volunteers Needed!

Parents, community members,  
and business owners

Help with an interactive, hands-on  
financial literacy event  
for high school seniors.

Friday, January 10, 2014  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Shiocton High School

Help our seniors test their ability  
as consumers in our economy  
through an authentic financial event.

Contact Elizabeth Schneider  
Social Studies teacher  
(920) 986-3351 ext. 787  
[eschneider@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:eschneider@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

### It's an American Classic: Apple Pie

*by Julie Gomm*

World of Foods and Teen Living classes made apple pies that were sold to benefit the Pre-Action Network, Outagamie County's organization that promotes alcohol/drug prevention, education, and awareness. Apples were generously donated by Lemke Orchards in Shiocton and by Mr. Doro, and crusts were donated by Manderfield's. After all their hard work, the students learned how to make homemade crusts and enjoyed their own homemade apple pie.



## CAPP Classes Coming to Shiocton High School in 2014

*by Kelly Zeinert*

CAPP stands for Cooperative Academic Partnership Program. The Shiocton School District is in the process of exploring CAPP classes and the benefits that they could provide to our students. CAPP classes are an academic partnership with a Wisconsin university. CAPP classes are a convenient and affordable way for high school students to earn concurrent high school and college credit, while developing key skills for future success. In CAPP courses, students experience the challenge of college curriculum while in a high school environment, which:

- sets them apart from other college applicants
- gives them the opportunity to register earlier
- allows them to explore a variety of options while in college
- provides them a chance to double major and graduate on time
- lessens their course load
- helps them graduate early.



All CAPP courses are taught by university-approved high school instructors. Krista Klanderman comes to us with this certification. We are excited about the opportunity that this may provide for our students and community.

## FBLA Fall Leadership Conference

*by Emily Kelly*



On October 17 the Shiocton Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter went to the Fall Leadership Conference at The Radisson in Appleton. In our first session we learned about the Business Achievement Awards (BAA's) and how to achieve them. Also during the first session, we played a

team builder where we guided people on how to make a basket with a paper ball while blindfolded. Our second session was playing team builders and learning about how to listen, pay attention, and speak clearly. The final and third session was with the speaker Ryan "Superman" Moran, who made us play the bus game where we learned that making one little decision can affect the types of decisions that you make in the future. It was a great event that allowed the students of Shiocton FBLA, as well as other FBLA students in northeast Wisconsin, to connect and network.



## Spanish Stories Connect the High School and Elementary

*by Amanda Peterson*

As Spanish III students worked on different forms of the past tense, they took on the task of writing original children's stories in Spanish. Students created and illustrated their own stories with a partner, and then later had the chance to read them to an audience of younger students. Ms. Hooyman and Mrs. Singler and their second and fourth grade students were kind enough to spend time listening to the high school students read their Spanish stories. The elementary students then had a chance to make guesses on the meaning of the stories and words they had heard, and the high school students were able to answer questions and translate the story for them. Both sets of students enjoyed the time spent with one another. It was a great activity in both literacy and exposing the younger students to a foreign language. There were multiple requests from the high school students to do more activities with the elementary classes!



# Homecoming 2013



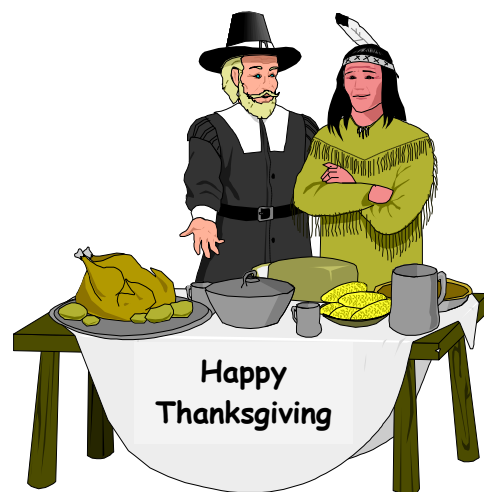
# November Calendar of Events

1	Fri	Grade 3 Music Concert in the cafeteria — 2:30-3:00 pm
1/2	F/S	HS Football Playoff Level 2 at home vs. Coleman — 7:00 pm
2	Sat	HS Volleyball Sectionals
4	Mon	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Marion — 4:00 pm <b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
5	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Manawa — 4:00 pm
6	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
7	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm
7-9	Th-S	State Girls Volleyball Tournament
8	Fri	Deadline for the December ACT test <b>End of the first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal</b>
8/9	F/S	HS Football Playoff Level 3
9	Sat	Archery Club brat fry fundraiser at Colwitz's LEGO League Oshkosh Regional Tournament ACT prep in the KSCADE room/gym — 8:00 am
11	Mon	Student Council Food and Toy Drive begins (see front page for more information) Breakfast for Veterans in the cafeteria — 8:30 am Veterans Day Program in the high school gym — 9:45 am
11-15	M-F	Paper Recycling Fundraiser
12	Tue	Youth wrestling sign-up and meeting in the cafeteria — 6:30 pm
13	Wed	<b>The Link</b> — Deadline for submitting articles for the December issue SPICE meeting at Hometown Grill — 8:15 am Town Hall Meeting in the LMC — 6:30-8:00 pm
14	Thu	Band/Choir fundraiser pick-up in the band room — 3:00-5:30 pm MS Boys Basketball at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm Music Parents meeting in the band room — 5:30 pm
15	Fri	Family Movie Night ( <i>Turbo</i> ) in the cafeteria sponsored by SPICE — 6:00-7:30 pm
15/16	F/S	HS Football Playoff Level 4
18	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office <b>School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm</b>
19	Tue	Mrs. Schweitzer's Coffee with Community at Hometown Grill — 7:45-8:45 am MS Boys Basketball at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm
21/22	Th/F	State Football Tournament in Madison
22	Fri	Varsity Girls Basketball (scrimmage) at Wautoma — 5:00 pm
26	Tue	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm MS Boys Basketball at Bonduel — 4:00 pm JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Gibraltar — 6:00/7:30 pm
27	Wed	<b>Early release</b> — 12:10 pm dismissal
28/29	Th/F	<b>No school</b> — Thanksgiving break



## Coming Up in December

2	JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at Reedsville C Team/JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Gibraltar
3	MS Boys Basketball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood
7	Varsity Wrestling Invitational at Oconto Cookies and Milk with Santa
9	<i>Shiocton Christmas Party</i> Winter Concert and Chili Dinner
19	Grades 1-5 Holiday Concert





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.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	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				<b>1</b> Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese on a bun, tri taters, peas and carrots, applesauce, milk
	<b>4</b> Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	<b>5</b> Cheese omelet, hash browns, whole grain pancakes, orange juice, milk	<b>6</b> Grab-n-Go salad or chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cranberry sauce, milk	<b>7</b> Mozzarella pizza dippers with marinara sauce, peas, peaches, milk	<b>8</b> Basket for lunch: turkey, ham, and cheese on a bun, fresh vegetables, Goldfish crackers, applesauce cup, cookie, milk
	<b>11</b> Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, sliced carrots, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>12</b> Pizza slice, green beans, strawberries, apple crisp, milk	<b>13</b> Chicken nuggets, sweet potatoes, bread, pineapple, broccoli with cheese, milk	<b>14</b> Mini corn dogs, rice, baked beans, pears, milk	<b>15</b> Homemade chicken noodle soup, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, string cheese, applesauce, milk
	<b>18</b> Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, refried beans, shredded cheese, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk	<b>19</b> French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice, milk	<b>20</b> Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, bread, peaches, milk	<b>21</b> Cheeseburger on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail, milk	<b>22</b> Grab-n-Go salad or sloppy Joe on a bun, tri taters, broccoli with cheese, pears, milk
	<b>25</b> Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk	<b>26</b> Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pears, garlic bread, milk	<b>27</b> Basket for lunch: chicken patty on a bun, potato wedges, fresh vegetables, apple juice, milk	<b>28</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>29</b> <b>No School</b>

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

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$38.95 for November

Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$44.65 for November

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



Thanks for the great participation during Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. Now that conferences are over, let's continue to strive for continued home-school communication in order to ensure that your child has a positive, stimulating, and challenging year. Together, I am confident that we can make this happen.

Now, here are some things to make note of for the month of November. . .

**Fall Sports Teams:** As the fall sports season comes to a close, we congratulate all of the athletes and coaches on their seasons. For those sports teams who will continue on into the playoffs, we wish you the best of luck! Go get 'em, Shiocton! ☺

**WKCE Testing:** As you know, we are in the midst of WKCE testing season. For some grade levels, testing began in October. The November testing dates are listed below. Please do your best to ensure that your child attends school on the remaining testing dates:

**November 5 – Grades 4, 6, 7, 8**

**November 6 – Grades 3 and 5**

**November 7 – Grades 4 and 8**

**November 12 – Grades 3 and 5**

**November 13 – Grades 4, 6, 7, 8**

**November 14 – Grades 3 and 5**

Also, please help ensure that your child gets a good night's rest before the remaining testing dates and that he/she eats a healthy breakfast in the morning. Thank you so much! Make-up testing will take place all throughout November as well. Great job to all of the Shiocton test takers thus far! We look forward to seeing the results later in the year.

One thing to note is that this will be the last time Wisconsin students will be taking the WKCE. As of the 2014-15 school year, students in grades 3-8 and 10 will begin a new state assessment called the Smarter Balanced Assessment which will be taken in the spring of 2015. We are hoping to pilot this new computerized assessment with our students during the spring of 2014. Stay tuned for more details.

**End of the First Quarter and Early Release:** The end of the first quarter is coming up on Friday, November 8. There will be a 12:10 p.m. early release on this day.

**Veterans Day:** Please help us honor veterans, past and present, during our Veterans Day Program. The program will be held on Monday, November 11, at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym. Remind your child to wear red, white, and blue on this day! ☺



**Food and Toy Drive:** The high school Student Council Food and Toy Drive will be starting up very soon. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship this year, please contact one of the people listed below so that your family name can be added to the confidential list:

Mrs. Kim Griesbach – 986-3351 ext. 747

Mrs. Kelly Zeinert – 986-3351 ext. 751

Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen – 986-3351 ext. 762

Ms. Elizabeth Schneider – 986-3351 ext. 787



**Reading Volunteers Needed:** We are always looking for extra helpers for our volunteer reading program. If you have a few hours a week to read with elementary students, please contact Mrs. Jorgensen (Reading Specialist) at 986-3351 ext. 780. We hope to hear from you soon!

### A Time to Be Thankful:

Since November is a month of reflecting and Thanksgiving, I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our dedicated staff, our energetic and motivated students, our many helpful volunteers, and our supportive parents and community. You help make Shiocton Elementary/Middle School a wonderful place for children!



I hope that the month of November is filled with many blessings for you and your family! Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kim Griesbach* ☺

Grades PK-6 Principal Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, Nov. 8	End of the First Quarter — 12:10 p.m. Early Release
Monday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day Program — 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27	12:10 p.m. Early Release
Thursday, Nov. 28	No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)
Friday, Nov. 29	No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)

## Fall Themes in Early Childhood

October brought many fun activities based on themes of spiders and pumpkins. One of these activities was making a spider web using marbles and paint. Students then added the spider to complete the web — using their handprint, of course. The children learned and acted out the nursery rhyme *Little Miss Muffett*. They also practiced fine motor skills by accordion-folding their paper plate spider's legs. They used colored tissue paper to make an eye-catching stained glass spider web. The best part of the spider unit was eating a spider made of Oreo cookies, marshmallows, and pretzel rods. In addition, students tested their art skills by making a spider out of salt dough. Unfortunately, the spider legs were too skinny and fell off, so they turned them into pumpkins.

Early Childhood students have also been discussing pumpkins. We made pumpkins by tearing and gluing construction paper on a paper plate. Students got their hands dirty using shaving cream and food coloring to color a pumpkin. They worked on their counting skills by completing a pumpkin counting book. We also learned and made rhyme props for *5 Little Pumpkins Sitting on a Gate*. Ask your child to recite the rhyme at home. The students had fun identifying shapes while making jack-o-lanterns on the SMART board.

Our students celebrated October with a field trip to Cuff's Pumpkin Patch in Hortonville where we went on a hayride, slid down hay bales, had duck races, and played in the corn pit. The children checked out many pumpkins in the patch to find the perfect one to bring home. Carving the pumpkin was one activity where the students did not like getting their hands dirty!

During the month of November, the children will be working on the signs of fall and turkeys.



## Reading Volunteers Needed

by Michelle Jorgensen



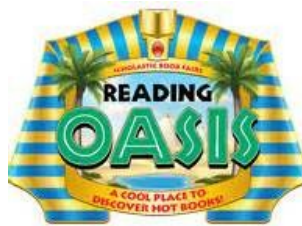
If you have a few spare hours a week, please consider becoming a reading volunteer to read with elementary students. It only requires a few hours one day a week (more if you'd like), Monday-Thursday.

Please contact me at [mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:mjorgensen@shiocton.k12.wi.us) or call 986-3351 ext. 780.

## SPICE: Exciting Events Coming Up!

by Steve Parker, Chairperson

Fall is upon us, and the kids seem to be adjusting well to their new routines. SPICE has a lot of exciting events scheduled throughout the upcoming months, so we hope to see you there!



The Fall Book Fair was a big success, with over \$1,000 worth of books given to classrooms and the library. We met our goal of selling 800 books, so we look forward to wrapping the administrators. Lots of fun was had by the kids decorating for

the fair. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

A free family movie night will be held on Friday, November 15, in the school cafeteria. We will be showing *Turbo*. This is an animated family film released just this past summer about a snail that gets a taste of supercharged speed. Admission is free for all. Concessions will be available for purchase. Watch for more information about this fun event!!

In December we will be welcoming a very special visitor. SANTA will be stopping by to visit at our "Cookies and Milk with Santa" event. Not only do the kids enjoy talking with Santa, but there are also other activities that are enjoyed by the whole family. Look for additional information coming home soon!

Of course, we are continuing our collection of Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. Drop these items off in the bins found in the elementary entrance lobby. Collection of these small items gets us thousands of dollars every year!! Thank you for helping! We will be running a classroom challenge for Box Tops during November and December, with a holiday party in January as the prize. Be on the lookout for more information.

If you have hats, gloves, snow pants, or boots that your kids have outgrown, we are looking for donations to be kept in the school office as loaners. Any surplus donations would be given to students at school who need them. Please drop off any donations you have in the elementary office.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events we sponsor, please let us know. We love to see new faces, and encourage you to come to the SPICE meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC (library). We hope to see you there! Questions or comments can be directed to me at [sjparker92@gmail.com](mailto:sjparker92@gmail.com).

Look for SPICE on Facebook and like us!! Spread the word about our fun events throughout the year and help us drum up interest in working to make Shiocton Schools great!!



## K4 Visits the Pumpkin Patch

The four-year-old kindergartners have been enjoying school. We have been learning about the four seasons. The children painted beautiful fall leaves using watercolor paints.



We also made our own pumpkin patch in the hallway. We took our first parent/child field trip to

Cuff's Pumpkin Patch. The weather was a bit chilly but we still had a great time. The school year is just flying by!

## Free Family Movie Night!!

SPICE will be sponsoring a Free Family Movie Night on November 15. This Friday event will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will be showing *Turbo*, the fastest snail around. *Turbo*, which is a recent summer release, is an animated feel-good story about a snail that develops life-changing speed. It is sure to be a family favorite!



Admission to our movie night will be free for both students and adults alike. We will have minor concessions (popcorn, candy, Gatorade, etc.) for sale. We recommend you bring a blanket to sit on to make the floor or cafeteria seating more comfortable.

Be looking for more information about this fun event. Direct questions about this event to Steve Parker at [sjparker92@gmail.com](mailto:sjparker92@gmail.com).

## Baker Street Whodunits Answer

(question on page 7)

- Box A, 49 matches
- Box B, 48 matches
- Box C, 56 matches
- Box D, 47 matches

## K5 is Busy with Reading and Math

Happy November! The kindergarten children are becoming little experts, especially in reading! They have been introduced to reading the basic color words and are also practicing the weekly sight words. Their skills are coming along nicely. Please continue to read with your child at home and have him/her practice reading the weekly Pre-Decodable Books to a family member. This month we will introduce the letters *Dd*, *Gg*, *Ff*, and *Ii*; the sounds of /th/ and /sh/; as well as the following sight words: *black*, *go*, *we*, *white*, *to*, *pink*, *gray*, *on*, and *said*. Blending the sounds of two- and three-letter words is another skill being introduced this month (sounding out new words). We will also be reviewing the letters, letter sounds, and sight words we have taught to date.



We have much to look forward to in November. Our themes are "Silly Business" and "Family Ties." In our Math Series, we have been exploring patterns. The children were introduced to the concept of patterns and the many ways patterns can be found in the world around us. They explored linear patterns — recognizing, describing, and extending them, and eventually creating some of their own patterns. What do experts have to say about this skill? "The ability to recognize patterns is the key to mathematical thinking. Patterns are basic to the understanding of all concepts in mathematics. Searching for patterns is a way of thinking that is essential for making generalizations, seeing relationships, and understanding the logic and order of mathematics." (Marilyn Burns, *About Teaching Mathematics*)

In the month of November, the children will be working with the numbers 0 through 10. Some vocabulary terms they will be hearing and applying in their daily work are: *same as*, *equal*, *less than*, *more than*, *more*, *less*, *fewer*, *one more*, and *one less*. Please continue to work with your child on recognizing and naming the numbers 0 through 10 in random order. We will begin introducing 11 through 20 toward the end of the month. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Below: K5 Art Pinch Pots. Media: clay and glaze.*



## Fall Fun in Grade One

The first grade had an eventful month in October. We learned a lot about scarecrows, the growth cycle of pumpkins, and apples. Our students also visited Cuff's Pumpkin Patch where we took a tractor ride and picked pumpkins, gourds, and colored corn! It was a busy afternoon, and we had a great trip!

Thanks to all the parents and chaperones. We had a wonderful time!

Looking into November, make sure to practice spelling words and sentences nightly with your child so that they come in feeling confident for their weekly test on Thursdays. Keep your eyes peeled for the new week's words coming home each Friday on the back of the "Teacher Talk." Throughout November, we will be learning about various Thanksgiving symbols and completing many creative projects.

Our Math Skills unit is off to a great start! The kids are doing a good job getting their two math skills homework pages turned in by Tuesdays. Continue practicing at home even on nights when practice pages don't come home. The more practice the children have, the more successful they will be!

Remember, report cards will be coming home November 15. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



A very special visitor from the North Pole will be stopping by Shiocton Schools on December 7 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Get your lists ready for Santa and enjoy cookies and activities.



## Grade 2 "Small Moment" Stories

### Waterfall

Did you ever go on a log ride? I have. I was at the Mall of America. My grandpa wanted to take me on the log ride. I was scared, but I did it. I yelled "Ahhh!" When the log ride stopped the water flew up in my face! I got all wet. The ride was actually fun!

*by Kira Schwaller*

### The New Barn Calf

Once there was a new barn calf. I raced to see it. My dad said it was in the calf hut. I raced to the calf hut. Then I saw the baby calf! I was so excited to see the calf!!!

*by Lacy Volkman*

### Clayton's Easter Basket

One Easter morning I woke up to find my Easter basket. My sister heard me and she woke up and jumped out of bed. She found hers. My sister was trying to steal mine but I ate it all up. "She was trying to steal ALL my...chocolate!" I said excitedly.

*by Clayton Marohn*

### Meeting a New Friend

On my first day of K5 I was very scared because I didn't want to go to school. But as the day went on I felt better. I met lots of new friends. Then at the end of the day I didn't want to leave.

*by Jak Kamp*

## Grade 2 Learns About Communities

Second graders spent most of last month studying communities. They learned about the differences between urban communities, rural communities, and suburbs. Reading a map, understanding a map key, and using a compass rose were all skills our students worked on in this unit. They also learned about some of the businesses and important features of our community. As a family project, each student made a model of a building or landmark in Shiocton. It is quite amazing to see all the creativity and effort put into making these projects. Our second graders were very proud and excited to show off their work!

Second grade is filled with budding authors. The students have been busy writing "small moment" stories during Writer's Workshop each day. They have been working on generating ideas and writing stories with a beginning, middle, and end, as well as experimenting with strong leads and solving tricky words. At right are a few samples.

Can you count to 1,000? Our second graders have been working with some BIG numbers! We've been learning many ways to show a given number: expanded form, word form, using place value blocks, and even using coins! Our students have been practicing counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, and even 100s by any given number! Continue working with your child on mastering math facts. By the end of second grade they are expected to know the addition and subtraction facts to 20 using mental strategies. That extra practice at home is essential.

Thank you to all parents for a great parent/teacher conference. Communication is so important for a child's success in school. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher anytime throughout the year when you have questions or concerns.



## New Box Top Classroom Challenge!!

by Betsy Foesch

SPICE is sponsoring a classroom collection challenge of Box Tops for Education during November and December. The classroom that collects the most box tops during those months will win a holiday party in January. Clip and collect those Box Top logos!! Every 10 tops is a dollar's worth of benefit to the school. Have your friends, family, and co-workers collect for you. This is a simple way to contribute great things for the school district. Be on the lookout for more information about this fun program!!



**Box Top Summer Challenge Update** Congratulations to Austin Wilinski, the winner of the Box Top Summer Challenge and a \$5 gift card from Subway! Austin collected over 250 box tops over the summer and was able to raise \$25 for our school. Mrs. Krohlow's class was the winner of the classroom challenge with the most box tops submitted by a classroom and will be receiving a classroom treat. Over 3,000 box tops were collected over the summer! Thank you to Austin and all of the students and families that participated in our Summer Challenge. With your help clipping box tops, SPICE is able to purchase playground equipment as well as classroom games and supplies.

### Elementary Student Council Dress-up Days

Monday, Nov. 4: Favorite Football Team Dress-up Day  
Monday, Nov. 11: Red, White, and Blue Day (Veterans Day)  
Wednesday, Nov. 27: Camouflage Day

## Book Fair a Huge Success!

by Steve Parker

The Fall Book Fair was a huge success. Over 900 books were sold to students, staff, and libraries in the area. We look forward to turning Mrs. Schweitzer, Mrs. Zeinert, and Mrs. Griesbach into mummies at an assembly sometime soon. They will really show us how to get Wrapped Up in Reading!!

Congratulations to Lily Helser, Tristan Mueller, Katie Hanks, Chase Van Camp, and Josh Parker for winning their age group's sign-making contest. Also to 7th grader Sky Hubert for being the closest on the estimation challenge. Her guess of 350 was closest to the actual 375 count.



Thank you to all who helped plan, decorate, and staff the fair. A special thanks to fair co-chair Kim Polasek for making the cool sales goal camel and wish list pyramid. Also, a big thank you to the K5 classes for helping paint hieroglyphics for our cafeteria area. Great job!! Thanks to all staff and parents who worked together to make this a successful event. We were able to donate over \$1,000 worth of books to classroom and school libraries, while also earning over \$1,000 that will fund purchases throughout the year. Again, thank you for all your support. Here's to making Shiocton Schools great!!

## Upcoming Concerts

### November 1

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

### December 19

1st to 5th grade Holiday Concert  
in the elementary gym  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades - 12:45 p.m.  
4th and 5th grades - 2:00 p.m.

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



## Grade 3 — No Time for Relaxing

Believe it or not, October is already behind us. Boy, how time flies! Thank you for taking time to come to Parent/Teacher Conferences. We, as teachers, appreciate your input. When we work as a team, we can ensure that your child will have a successful year.

MAP testing is complete and WKCE testing is next. Some of the results have been posted and were passed on to you during conferences. As we receive further test results, we will get those scores to you. Testing will continue throughout the school year, with more Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments, STAR reading, and STAR math testing.

We embarked on our first field trip of the year. We went to the Appleton Fire House in downtown Appleton, capped off by learning about the life of paper at the Paper Discovery Center. Both locations did an outstanding job.



Third graders will be working on their Armed Forces/Military Research investigations. They will present their findings at the

Veterans Day Program, which is to be held on November 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the high school gym.

As we learn and become more familiar with the Common Core Standards in math, multiplication will continue to be our focus and will be blended in with a touch of division. Finally, a reminder to make sure your child is reading for 15 minutes each day and practicing math facts each night. As the weather turns colder, please equip your child with the proper outside gear to wear. Thank you for your continued support and as always, please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.

## Grade 4: Cranberry Bogs and Reading with Bear

Whew! There is a lot going on in November. It's hard to believe, but the end of the quarter is already here and report cards will soon be sent out. It is time for students to evaluate the work they are doing, set goals for improvement, and feel proud of their accomplishments so far.

November is also significant to fourth grade students across the state because they are taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam. This exam tests their abilities in reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies. It is important for students to get a good night's sleep, eat nutritious foods, and have a positive attitude to help them do their best. Our testing began on October 29.

The fourth grade students were fortunate enough to be invited to tour the Dempze Cranberry Company in Biron (near Wisconsin Rapids) on October 15. It was a great day to watch the cranberry harvest and learn about Wisconsin's leading fruit crop in both production and value!



*Above and at left:*

On October 14, Bear and Charli from Y100 (WNCY) came to read to Mrs. Singler's 4th grade class, emphasizing the importance of reading in our lives.

## LEGO League: Nature's Fury!!

by Coach Steve Parker

Legos and natural disasters – what's not to like about that pairing??

This fall a group of 5th through 8th graders form the district's fourth-year LEGO League team called the Shiocton Lego Bolts. LEGO League is an academic competition where students use science, math, engineering, and research to solve challenges. One of the challenges is to

build and program a robot made of Legos. The robot must be able to drive itself around an obstacle course while delivering payloads and activating targets.

In addition to building and programming the robot, each LEGO League team must conduct a research project. The project is then presented to a panel of judges at regional competitions across the state. The theme for the project changes each year. This year's theme is *Nature's Fury — Dealing with Natural Disasters*. Shiocton's team has chosen to research tsunamis. They are focusing on the great Alaskan tsunami of 1964 that destroyed Valdez, Alaska. They are working with a LEGO League team from Valdez to learn about emergency planning. They are developing a fun board game to help students learn about emergency planning and tsunami preparedness.

The team and their robot will compete against 25 other northeast Wisconsin teams at the LEGO League Oshkosh Regional Tournament on November 9. This year there are over 240 Wisconsin teams and more than 9,000 teams nationwide entered in the competition. The Oshkosh Regional is free and open to the public. We hope to build on our two-time State Tournament qualifying record.

Team Lego Bolt is made up of Joshua Parker, Justin Hellweg, Logan Heindl, Joshua Wilkinson, Maddie Daniels, Dylan Van Camp, and Matthew Wilkinson. The team is being generously sponsored by the St. John Family Fund. More information about LEGO League can be found at [www.firstlegoleague.org](http://www.firstlegoleague.org) or by contacting me at (920) 257-7822.



## Shiocton Wrestling Club Youth Wrestling Sign-Up

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria  
Sign-up and meeting — **all wrestlers and parents must attend.**

There will also be an equipment swap or sale, so bring used items if you'd like. Please make sure they are properly labeled.

If you would like to sponsor the Shiocton Wrestling Club, please contact Lisa at 213-8515.



## Counselor's Corner

by Sandee Cornell – School Counselor, grades K-6  
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**Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam** WKCE testing will continue during the weeks of November. Thank you to all students for putting their best efforts toward this year's testing!

**Red Ribbon Week** Miss Hooyman's class won the door decorating contest. Thank you to the fifth grade Student Council for helping with the bake sale, and to all who donated yummy baked goods ☺. All profits from the bake sale will go toward funding for next year's Red Ribbon Week.

All grades K5-6 received anti-drug and alcohol awareness lessons during guidance classes this month. Students learned and discussed the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body, how to keep healthy, and how to effectively handle peer pressure.

*We Don't Give A Hoot About Drugs* was the theme for Miss Hooyman's second grade classroom door (top picture) during Red Ribbon week.

Students from Mrs. Ver Voort's 5th grade class showcase their door decorated for Red Ribbon Week. Their drug-free message was *Get wrapped up in fun — not drugs*.



## Grade 5: Native American Studies and Conservation Field Days

In social studies, students were assigned an American Indian tribe to research. They had multiple resources to derive their information from: articles, books, atlas, etc. The information they were searching for involved the tribe's geographic location, homes/dwellings, culture, lifestyle, and other interesting facts. Students used the information and made a codex. A codex was used by the Aztec people. The Aztec recorded important events using pictograms on deer skins. Unfortunately most of the Aztec codices (plural) were destroyed by Spanish conquistadors. Here is an example of some information from Emily Korth's codex:

### The Pueblo People

- **Geographic Information:** The Pueblo were located within the canyons of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. Their land was dry, but they did have seasonal rains. They had access to the Rio Grande River.
- **Homes/Dwellings:** A pueblo (Spanish word for village) consisted of several large multi-storied houses arranged around a courtyard. Wooden ladders allowed movement from one level to another. Special rooms called kivas were used for religious ceremonies.
- **Culture:** The Pueblo people believed in many gods. They believed spirits called kachinas had the power to bring rain, good harvest, and well-being. Men wore kachina masks during ceremonies. Children were given kachina dolls.
- **Lifestyle:** They grew food, like corn, beans, squash, and other vegetables. They hunted antelope, deer, buffalo, and rabbit. The farmers designed rakes made from deer antlers. Men wove cotton into cloth for clothing and blankets. Women made beautiful pottery and baskets.
- **Other:** The Pueblo people valued kindness and generosity. They believed evil thoughts or wrongdoings caused sickness. They believed in staying healthy with a happy heart. The Spaniards were the first Europeans to explore the southwest and gave the people the name Pueblo.

Fifth graders attended the 49th annual Conservation Field Days, held at the Pat Koehnke farm. Students went to different stations to learn about pond life, forestry, recycling, food production, quarry, and soil. Their conservation knowledge was put to the test in a friendly game of *Jeopardy*.

*Right: Students learn about how grass holds moisture in the soil to avoid run-off.*

*Below: Students feel different types of soil.*



*Below left: Emily Korth races to pick up pollution in the river relay.*

*Below right: Blaze Schmoock holds a snake while learning about pond life.*



*Knowledge is tested in conservation jeopardy.*

## Here is What Art Does for Each Student!

by Mrs. Beecher

**ART CLASSES TEACH KIDS TO:**  
**RESPECT OTHERS** **START A DIALOGUE**  
**EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS** **OBSERVE**  
**FIND THEIR VOICE** **SELF-EVALUATE**  
**MAKE CONNECTIONS** **EXPRESS THEMSELVES**  
**LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES**  
**CLEAN UP** **REFLECT ON THEIR WORK**  
**EMBRACE DIVERSITY** **PERSEVERE**  
**HAVE AN OPINION** **APPRECIATE BEAUTY**  
**BREAK AWAY FROM STEREOTYPES**  
**ENVISION SOLUTIONS** **VALUE AESTHETICS**  
**SEE ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW** **INNOVATE**

*Tints and shades by Megan Blohowiak.*



*Hailey Cummings, Grade 8  
Paul Cezanne Still Life.*

*Right: This is what Ava Lorenz looked like on her first day back to school.  
Media: colored pencil, black sharpie, pencil, and frame.*



*Grade 3 Clay Coil Pottery and Grade 4 Clay Owls.*



*Mrs. McNichols' 5th grade art class working on color wheels. Students are mixing primary and secondary colors to make the tertiary colors with tempera paint. Left to right: Trenton Twombly, and Sydney Sausen.*



*Right: Elementary artist Kira Schwaller using her talent to create a coil pot.*

## School Board Meeting Summaries

### October 7, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Deb Danke, David McNichols, Glen Bunnell, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Set a Special Board Meeting for Monday, October 28, at 5:30 p.m. (prior to the Board Retreat) to set the tax levy.
- Set the Board Retreat date for Monday, October 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Town of Bovina Hall is a suggested location for the retreat. Inquiries will be made regarding access to the town hall board room and WIFI/Hotspot capabilities.
- Set the Town Hall Meeting date for Wednesday, November 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the LMC.
- Appoint the following committee chairs:
  - Policy – Mary Hoffman
  - Finance – Jeremie Birch
  - Professional Personnel – Bradley Ritchie
  - Support Personnel – Melissa Van Dyke
  - Safety – Gregory Schoettler
  - Marketing – Raymond Gomm
  - Building and Grounds – David Gomm
- Approve Youth Options for 2013-14 second semester as presented.
- Accept the resignation of Lisa Madsen as middle school Student Council advisor.
- Hire Rob Herrmann as JV girls basketball coach.
- Hire Dave Klemp as middle school girls basketball coach.
- Hire Ben Taylor as middle school girls basketball coach.
- Increase the wage for substitute teachers. Going forward, full-day substitute teachers will receive \$105/day; a substitute who subs for a partial day (i.e. dismissal by 12:45 p.m.) will be paid a wage of \$90.

In other discussion:

- Review/discussion of board scholarship criteria.

Report: Deb Danke (food service director) reported on the Food Service Program and USDA guidelines update.

Student report: David McNichols gave a Student Council update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: CCSS-aligned Report Card pilot, Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Gilder Lehrman Affiliate and WKCE.
- Mrs. Guex: Third Friday Count, equalization aid, property values, and P11201 State Report.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: State Superintendent Conference, committee meeting reminders, update on meeting with Attorney Renning, Board Retreat, bus sale, Finance Committee report, and Coffee with Community offering.

### October 21, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Glen Bunnell, Kris Brownson, Kurt Wismer, and Jessica Miller.

The board voted to:

- Approve the agenda as amended, adding letter D under Continuing Business “Change date to set tax levy.”
- Approve the Board Scholarship criteria as amended after being reviewed.
- Table action regarding date change to set tax levy.
- Hire Sandee Cornell as middle school Student Council advisor.
- Accept the resignation of Lynn Leeman as dance team coach.
- Hire Jamee Van Straten as dance team coach.
- Approve board policies:
  - 2131.01 – Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment
  - 2270 – Religion in the Curriculum
  - 3362 – Employee Anti-Harassment
  - 4362 – Employee Anti-Harassment
  - 5517 – Student Anti-Harassment

In other discussion:

- Visioning Process update.
- Review of Board Retreat meeting agenda.
- Ray Gomm commented on additional topic from the Legislative Breakfast regarding Common Core Standards.

Board reports:


- Raymond Gomm: CESA 6 and Legislative Breakfast.
- Mary Hoffman: Policy Committee update and recommendations.
- Gregory Schoettler: Safety Committee update.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Math Text Series adoption.
- Mrs. Zeinert: CAPP and athletic season updates.
- Mrs. Guex: Audit report.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: Superintendent meeting update and district office closed on 10/25/13.

# THE UPBEAT!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SHIOCTON MUSIC



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## HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER PICKUP

Pizzas are done...time to pick 'em up! The Hansen's Pizza fundraiser pickup is scheduled for **Thursday, November 14**, from **3:00 to 5:30 p.m.** in the **band room**. All orders must be picked up! Most of the food product is frozen, and we have no space to store frozen food at school. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick up your child's fundraiser product. Thanks again for supporting our music students!

## CALLING ALL PARENTS...

There will be a Shiocton Music Parents meeting on **Thursday, November 14**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the **band room**, the same night as the Hansen's Pizza pickup. Come in, pick up your pizzas, and stay for the parent meeting. Agenda items include the chili dinner fundraiser, future officers, and more. Please join us!

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO...

### THE SHIOCTON CHRISTMAS PARTY: CHILI DINNER AND WINTER CONCERT

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with good food and good music. The *Shiocton Christmas Party* is a sure way to usher in the warmth of the season. Let us serve you a full meal featuring chili, buns, refreshments, and dessert on **Monday, December 9**. Dinner will be served from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** and will feature live holiday music as you dine. We've even asked Santa to join us, too! Our annual Winter Concert will follow at **7:00 p.m.** and feature bands and choirs (grades 6-12). Please look for information coming home this month and on our Facebook pages with more details on the *Shiocton Christmas Party*. Be sure to invite the entire family.

## CONGRATULATIONS, JON JANDOUREK!

Jon auditioned for and was accepted into the Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Choir! This is a prestigious honor, participating in a group with a very limited number of openings for students who tried out from all across the state. Congratulations, Jon, for making Shiocton proud!

### DID YOU KNOW...

...that not too long ago, there was a survey put out to the chief executives of some of the biggest companies in the world, asking what was the most important quality of a CEO in today's world?

The answer wasn't standardized test scores.

"The #1 answer was creativity. Creativity was THE single most important thing in our fast-changing, interconnected world of today."

— Brian Pertl  
Microsoft Media Acquisitions

This is why we teach our children music in school—to nurture their creativity.

### SINGING in WISCONSIN

Saturday, November 7  
Appleton West HS  
SELECT CHOIR STUDENTS

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11  
9:45 a.m.  
HS Gym  
HS BAND/CHOIR

### HANSEN'S PIZZA PICK-UP

Thursday, November 14  
3:00-5:30 p.m.  
Band Room  
6-12 BAND/CHOIR

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ALL MUSIC SUPPORTERS

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Cafeteria

#### CONCERT

7:00 p.m.  
HS Gym  
6-12 BAND/6-12 CHOIR

### UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students will represent Shiocton in the Singing in Wisconsin Festival on November 9 at Appleton West High School:

- Megan Pigsley
- Jacob Bolssen
- Jessica Peoples
- Caitlyn Henry
- Zachary Olson

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