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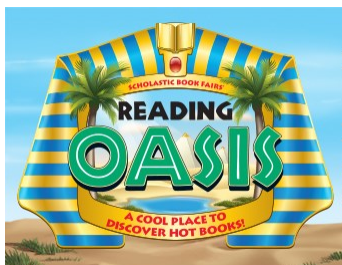
Newsletter Connecting Home, School, and Community

October, 2013

Fall Book Fair: A Reading Oasis

by Steve Parker, SPICE chairperson

It's a *Reading Oasis* — a *Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!!* The Fall Book Fair is only a few days away. The book fair, which will be located in the school cafeteria, will run from October 17-22. The fair will be open during school lunch hours (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) on Thursday through Tuesday. In addition, it will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Make a point of coming to the fair after talking with your child's teachers. The teachers may even be able to give you some book ideas.



If we sell enough books during the fair, our new superintendent, Nichole Schweitzer, and principals Kim Griesbach and Kelly Zeinert have agreed to get "wrapped up in reading." Kids will be able to wrap them up like Egyptian mummies!!

Prior to the fair's opening, a Scholastic flyer highlighting books from the fair will be sent home. Take a look at that flyer with your

children, and make note of any titles they are interested in. The flyer will tell you where on the shelves specific books can be found. Of course, the fair will have many more books than can be listed on the flyer. You'll just have to come to the school and see all that we have available!

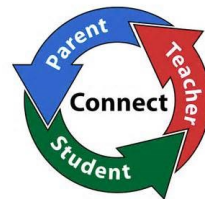
In addition, there is the option of purchasing your books online. In fact, there are many more titles and options available at our online store. And here's a bonus — no shipping charges. The books are delivered right to the school and then sent home with your children. You can access our online fair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

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

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming Up

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 17, and Monday, October 21. See this month's calendar for times. Remember, you and your child's teacher are a team working together, and the conference is an information exchange. You bring to the conference information about your child's interaction with people outside of school, his/her home life, and previous experiences that might affect confidence or interest in school. The teacher brings information about your child's interaction with others in school, performance on tests, and knowledge of learning strategies. Pooling your information gives you both a better picture of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and lets you develop an effective plan for helping your child succeed.



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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.

The Link is published monthly, from September through June, and can be viewed at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 517. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

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As We Return

It is hard to believe that nearly a full month of learning is already under our belts. Pre-tests and standardized assessments have been completed, the results of which will drive both daily instruction, as well as targeted interventions as we seek to ensure each child masters key skills and concepts. Too, students have been hard at work reading and writing. Fifth graders are learning the trials and tribulations of survival in the Canadian wilderness through *Hatchet*; through interviews of adults they know, sophomores learned the importance of reading and writing as a professional adult, regardless of career or college training. Still others, such as Mrs. Funk's eighth graders, are utilizing their interpersonal skills as they assist our youngest learners in the cafeteria each day. These pairings provide many hands to help with hungry little ones while further supporting the bridge between grades and ages. We are definitely off to a good start.

We have also seen a return to safety in the school and on the bus. Fire drills will once again be conducted on a monthly basis, with our first one taking place just this past week. Also last week, students who ride the bus were able to practice a bus evacuation so that all are aware of how to exit a bus using the rear emergency door. Practice makes perfect they say, and while we hope we will never have to experience a true emergency in the school or on the bus, we always want to be ready and know what to do just in case.

State School Report Cards

Recently, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) released the School Report Cards for each school in the state. Additionally, DPI publishes a District Report Card for each school district in the state. Over the next few weeks, we will review this data as an administrative team, with our staff, and with the school board. As we look to continue that which is working well, we also want to explore areas in which we can improve and see growth for our students. For additional information, visit the following site hosted by the Department of Public Instruction: <http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/> or <http://acct.dpi.wi.gov/files/oea/pdf/Report%20Card%20FAQ%202013.pdf>.

Skylert Mass Communication System

Again this year, we utilize the Skylert mass communication system to bring you messages throughout the year. If you have had a change in telephone number or e-mail address since you completed this year's enrollment forms, please contact Beth Bloedorn at 986-3351 ext. 700.

Town Hall Meeting

We will once again be offering Town Hall Meetings. Our first Town Hall Meeting will be held in November; the discussion will focus on technology in the classrooms and at home. We'll take a look at the use of iPads and Chromebooks across the grades, including how students and staff are using these electronic tools, as well as tips and tricks for parents when students bring these devices home. Time will be afforded for input and discussion, as well as questions. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share with you and gather your thoughts around these topics.

Look for the date and time of this meeting in the November *Link*. We hope you will plan to attend and bring along a friend or neighbor. The more you know about your schools, the better we can work together to meet the needs of you and your children.

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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, October 15, at The Hometown Grill**. I look forward to seeing you there.

Days are busy and so are our schedules. Don't let that keep you from reaching out — stay in touch and don't hesitate to call or e-mail if I can be of resource.

Mrs. Schweitzer

Visioning Process Committee Meeting

Wednesday
October 16

3:45-8:00 p.m.
at the River Rail

Meet Another New Staff Member

**Sara Foster —
Middle School Spanish/ELL**

I am from Shiocton, graduating in 2001. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and graduated in January of 2013. From 2004-08, I worked at Shiocton as a paraprofessional in the high school with Mr. Heinemeyer.

I am married to my best friend, Nathaniel Foster. We were married in February of this year. We do not have any children, but we have a shih-tzu; her name is Pepper, and she is 7 years old. During our free time, my husband and I like to watch movies. We are movie fanatics. My favorite movie is *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (1956).

My goal for this school year is to build a great relationship with the students, families, and staff of this community. I am excited to be back and be a part of a wonderful community!!

Paper Drive Sets Speed Record

by Tim Huebner

The September paper drive was a big success. In fact, we set a new speed record by completely filling the first dumpster in 12 hours! That's about 333 pounds of paper per hour! Over the course of the week we filled three dumpsters. Our weekly total for all the paper was 6 tons.



Many thanks to all in the community who contributed. We really appreciate the support! Please contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 739 with any questions or concerns.

Future Drives

Monday, October 7, to Friday, October 11
Monday, November 11, to Friday, November 15
Spring 2014 TBA

Archery Program Begins Fourth Year

Looking for Leaders to Stay on Target

by Steve Parker

Our archery program is starting its fourth year. A big thank you to Officer Greg Fischer for getting the program off the ground. Due to scheduling conflicts, Officer Fischer has to step away from the program. Consequently, it is up to interested parents and students to keep the archery program running.



A raffle is being organized for the fall. 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. A brat fry is being scheduled for early November at Colwitz's. A call for food donations and volunteers to run the brat fry will be made in mid-October.

Archery practices will start in January for those in 4th grade to high school. We plan on entering several tournaments this year including the state tournament in Wausau. A sign-up memo explaining the program will be sent home in October.

If you are interested in seeing this program continue and flourish in Shiocton, we need your help. We need people to help supervise practices, organize fundraisers, contact donors, etc. If interested in helping, please contact me at sjparker92@gmail.com or 757-8871.

**Reminder: Students should arrive for school no earlier than 7:40 a.m.
Supervision is not provided for students prior to this time.**

Tips for Teens — Lower Your Risk for Type 2 Diabetes



Today, more teens than ever before have type 2 diabetes. Take action now ... check out these tips to lower your risk. Be active, eat well, and lower your risk!

What is type 2 diabetes?

Diabetes means that blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Glucose comes from the food we eat and is needed to fuel our bodies. Glucose is also stored in our liver and muscles. Your blood always has some glucose in it because your body needs glucose for energy. An organ called the pancreas makes insulin. Insulin helps glucose get from your blood into your cells. Cells take the glucose and turn it into energy.

If you have diabetes, the pancreas makes little or no insulin or your cells cannot use insulin very well. Glucose builds up in your blood and cannot get into your cells. If blood glucose stays too high, it can damage many parts of the body such as the heart, eyes, kidneys, and nerves.

If you have type 2 diabetes, you may need to take insulin or pills to help your body's supply of insulin work better. Type 2 used to be called "adult onset diabetes." Now more teens are getting type 2, especially if they are overweight.

How can I lower my risk for getting type 2 diabetes?

There are several ways to lower your risk:

- Stay at a healthy weight.
- Be more physically active.
- Choose to eat the right amounts of healthy foods.

What puts you at risk?

You are at risk if you:

- are overweight.
- don't get enough physical activity.
- have a mom, dad, or other close relative who has type 2 diabetes.
- are American Indian, Alaska Native, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, or Pacific Islander.

How will physical activity help?

Like eating well, physical activity can help you feel good. Being physically active may:

- help you control your weight, build lean muscle, and reduce your body fat.
- strengthen your bones.
- increase flexibility and balance.
- improve your self-esteem and mood.
- help you sleep better.
- help you focus in school.

Know the warning signs.

If you have type 2 diabetes, you might:

- urinate a lot.
- be very thirsty.
- lose weight without any reason.
- feel tired.
- have patches of thick, dark skin that feels like velvet on your neck or under your arms.

Some teens do not notice any of these warning signs. They find out they have diabetes when they go to their doctor for a check-up.

What can I do to be more physically active?

- Set small goals at first. Do not get upset if you cannot do a lot or if you get out of breath at first. Keep moving! Any amount of

activity will help. Add more activity each week until you reach your goal.

- Aim for at least 60 minutes every day. You don't have to do it all at once—20 minutes at a time, three times a day is okay, too. There are lots of ways to be active. Go for a walk, ride a bike, dance, play ball, or shoot hoops. Choose what you like best, then do it!
- If you are overweight, check with your doctor before you start a physical activity program.



- Be active every day. Physical activity should be part of your daily life. Play sports, take P.E. or dance, or other exercise classes—check out your local Y for some ideas. Get from place to place by walking or biking. Take the stairs whenever you can.
- Limit your screen time. Turn off the TV and get moving! Several studies have found that teens who watch a lot of TV have more body fat than those who watch TV less than two hours a day.

What can I eat?

"Your Healthy Food Guide" on the next page gives ideas about what kinds of foods are good for you. Remember, this is only a guide. Talk with your doctor or dietitian about making a meal plan just for you. The amount of food you need to eat each day varies with your age, sex, height, and activity level.

Nurse continued

Your Healthy Food Guide

- Vegetables — Aim for 2½ to 3 cups a day. Choose dark green and orange vegetables often.
- Milk, yogurt, and cheese — Aim for 3 cups a day.
- Fruits — Aim for 1½ to 2 cups a day. Choose fresh whole fruits often.
- Breads, cereals, rice, and pasta — Aim for 6 to 7 ounces a day. Choose whole grain foods.
- Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts — Aim for 5 to 6 ounces a day.
- Heart-healthy fats — 1 serving
- Regular soda, candy, cookies, and desserts — If you choose to eat these foods, have a very small amount and not every day.



Try these healthy eating tips.

- Take your time when you eat. It takes about 15 minutes for your stomach to tell your brain that you are full. So wait 15 minutes before eating second helpings.
- Do not skip meals. Eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus a snack. You will have a ready supply of energy and not get too hungry.
- For breakfast, try one or two slices of whole grain toast with a tablespoon of peanut butter, a hard-boiled egg, or a piece of low-fat cheese, along with a glass of low-fat or nonfat milk.
- Make a sandwich with turkey or lean beef for lunch. Use mustard or a little low-fat mayonnaise.
- Snack on a small bowl of whole-grain cereal with low-fat or nonfat milk and a piece of fruit.
- Don't "super-size" it! Order smaller, kid-sized meals and drink water or low-fat or nonfat milk. Share a larger meal with a friend.
- Fill up half of your plate with salad or vegetables. Use small amounts of low-fat salad dressing, mayonnaise, or margarine.

What's in it for me?

If you lower your risk for type 2 diabetes, you will:

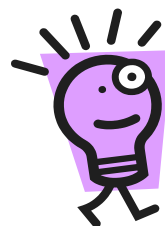
- Have more energy.
- Feel good about yourself.
- Be healthy now and in the future.

Take action now. Use these ideas to stay healthy and lower your risk for type 2 diabetes.

Learn more! Check out...

- **National Diabetes Education Program** for more about diabetes: www.YourDiabetesInfo.org 1-888-693-NDEP
- **American Diabetes Association** for help to manage diabetes: www.diabetes.org/planetD 1-800-DIABETES 1-800-342-2383
- **Children With Diabetes** Web site for more about kids and families with diabetes: www.childrenwithdiabetes.com
- **MyPyramid.gov** for more about healthy eating and being active: www.mypyramid.gov
- **National Association for Health and Fitness** that promotes physical activity: www.physicalfitness.org 1-716-583-0521

Source: National Diabetes Education Program



Gifted and Talented

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Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is an annual statewide reading competition where students independently read 20 books ~ all various genres. Students then participate in a schoolwide Battle of the Books by answering questions pertaining to the 20 books they have read. The top four finalists compete in the statewide online competition in February, 2014.

Students in 4th-8th grade can participate in Battle of the Books. If your child would like to join, please have them talk to me or their teacher.

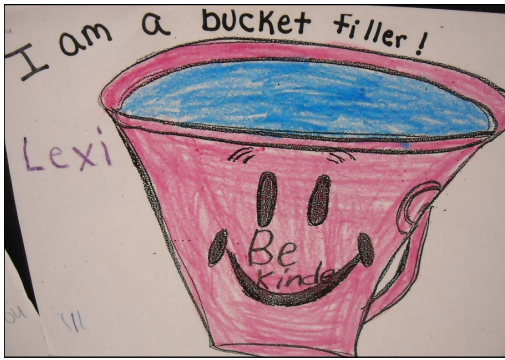
The book lists are made available in the language arts teachers' classroom, or you can find more information on the website: http://www.wemta.org/programs/battle_of_the_books.cfm.



Upcoming G/T Events to Remember

- ♦ Schoolwide Spelling Bee – January, 2014
- ♦ College Day for Kids (6th grade) Stevens Point – April, 2014
- ♦ College Day for Kids (5th grade) Oshkosh – May, 2014

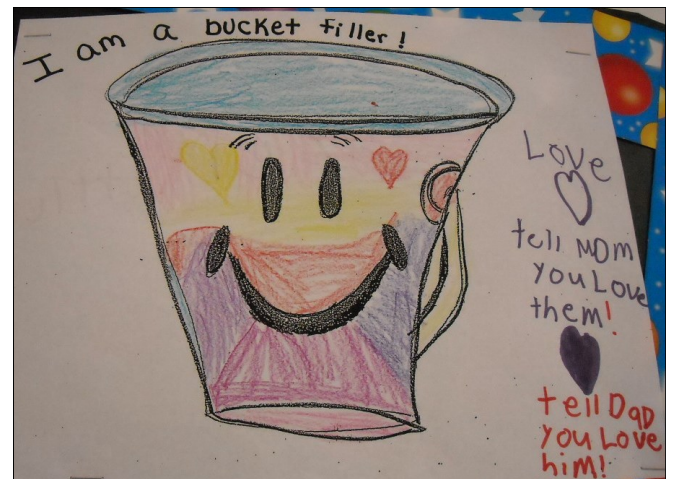
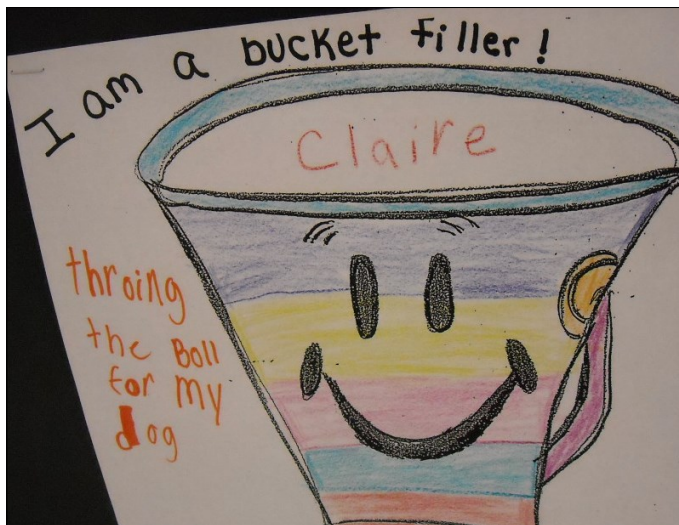
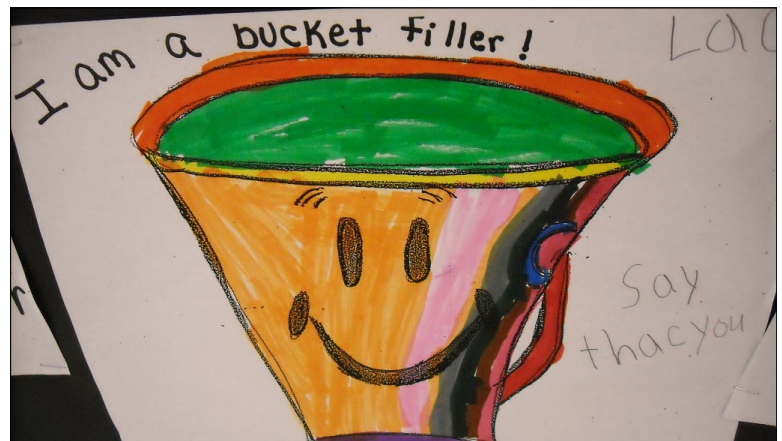
*The purpose of G/T is
to keep challenging,
enriching,
and offering fun
experiences for
students' minds.*



Are You a Bucket Filler?

These second graders are!

The bucket-filling philosophy is that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and it is our job to fill the buckets of others with our kind words or actions.





Principal's Report

WKCE testing is right around the corner, and I would like to encourage you to stress the importance of your son or 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 on not only 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. Thank you for your cooperation. Last year's results are as follows:

10th Grade Language Arts Celebrations

- 83.8% of the females scored in the advanced/proficient range
- Scored above the state average
- Had 3rd highest score in the CWC 8

10th Grade Science Celebrations

- Scored above the state average
- 91.9% of the females scored in the advanced/proficient range
- 82.5% of the males scored in the advanced/proficient range
- Had 2nd highest score in the CWC 8

10th Grade Math Celebrations

- Males scored above state average

10th Grade Social Studies Celebrations

- 89.2% scored in the advanced/proficient area
- Had highest score in the CWC 8

8th Grade Social Studies Celebrations

- 84.7% scored in the advanced/proficient area

Middle School had a 95% attendance rate

10th Grade Reading Concerns

- Below the state average
- Ranked 7th in the CWC 8

10th Grade Math Concerns

- Females scored below the state average

8th graders tested below the state average in the following areas:

- Reading
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science

7th graders tested below the state average in the two areas tested (math and reading)

As a result of the test scores, the middle school has incorporated Extended Learning Time (ELT) to focus on areas of improvement. The high school will be focusing in on reading comprehension twice a week during ELT. The Core Subject Areas (math, English, social studies, and science) will also be focusing in on areas that the students did poorly in. These areas of improvement were discovered through an item analysis of the WKCE test. It is our goal as we move forward to help those students who are struggling improve.

The Shiocton Choir Department will be holding the first concert of the year on Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.



With the beginning of the school year we also have the start of fundraising. We really appreciate all the extra support the community provides the teams/organizations by buying cookie dough, chief cards, etc. The funds raised by each group are used to purchase the extras that are not covered in the regular budget.

This is just a reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 17 and 21 from 4:15 – 8:00 p.m. Please take the time to come in and meet with your son/daughter's teachers to ensure good communication. It is much easier to address problems or get students help early in the semester than later.

Have a great month!

Kelly Zeinert

Homecoming Week Activities

Friday, October 4	Parade	2:00 p.m.
	Football Game	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5	Dance	8:00-11:00 p.m. (\$7)

Last year's graduates will be able to get their copy of the yearbook at the concession stand at the football game on Friday, October 4. After that, they will be available in the high school office.

Counselor News

Happy October!

Attention seniors: Don't wait, get those college applications in. The earlier you submit them, the earlier you get your decision. Seniors will meet with Mrs. Uelmen to go over post-secondary plans one more time. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss this information.

Attention juniors: The PSAT will be administered on October 16 in the morning. Mrs. Uelmen will be administering the exam in the gym. Bring calculators and pencils. The cost is \$15 and can be paid up until exam day. Pay ahead of time, though, and you will get the study guide that comes with the payment. This is a great opportunity to practice for your ACT and qualify for a national scholarship. Juniors will have to meet with Mrs. Uelmen starting in mid-October to talk about post-secondary plans. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

There will be an ACT prep given on November 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the KSCADE room. Juniors who are interested should sign up in pupil services. Depending on the numbers, this too may be moved into the gym.

Attention sophomores: The following are the WKCE dates: October 29, 30, and November 5, 6. Please try and avoid doctor's appointments on these dates if you can. Please contact me with any concerns regarding your student's testing.

Attention all students:

October 1	FVTC open house — please attend
October 3	College Planning and Funding Workshop — Mr. Wismer's room
October 16	PSAT in the gym at 8:00 a.m.
October 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 26	ACT
October 28	WKCE window opens
November 8	Deadline for the December ACT test — please see Mrs. Uelmen
November 9	ACT Prep in KSCADE/gym at 8:00 a.m. (pre-register with Mrs. Uelmen)



Please keep in mind that Mrs. Uelmen will be running workshops throughout the year. Check your Gmail and Edmodo as often as you can. Also don't forget to "like" Shiocton High School College/Career Facebook page.

FBLA News

Shiocton FBLA has a very busy fall planned. We will be attending the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Lab in Appleton on October 8. At this event we will be networking with other chapters around the Fox Cities. There will be fun activities and professional speakers to get us geared up for the year ahead of us. Thereafter, we will be traveling to Madison on November 11-12 for the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference. It will have dynamic professional speakers, educational sessions, business tours, and preparation for competitive events. We will be staying overnight near the UW-Madison campus. If you are interested in learning more, please see Mr. Wismer or Mrs. Miller. You can also find us on Facebook or Twitter under Shiocton FBLA.



FBLA Upcoming Events:

- October 1: Next general membership meeting
- October 8: Wisconsin Fall Leadership Lab
- November 11-12: Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference

VETERANS DAY 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 November 11. Please see the November issue of *The Link* for details.

Seeking Families for the Food and Toy Drive

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

Please call 986-3351
 Mrs. Kim Griesbach--ext. 747
 Mrs. Kelly Zeinert--ext. 751
 Mrs. Rhonda Uelmen--ext. 762
 Ms. Elizabeth Schneider--ext. 787



Fall Sports



V O L L E Y B A L L



Front row:

Amber Raddant,
Megan Coenen,
Kaylah Schuette.

Middle row:

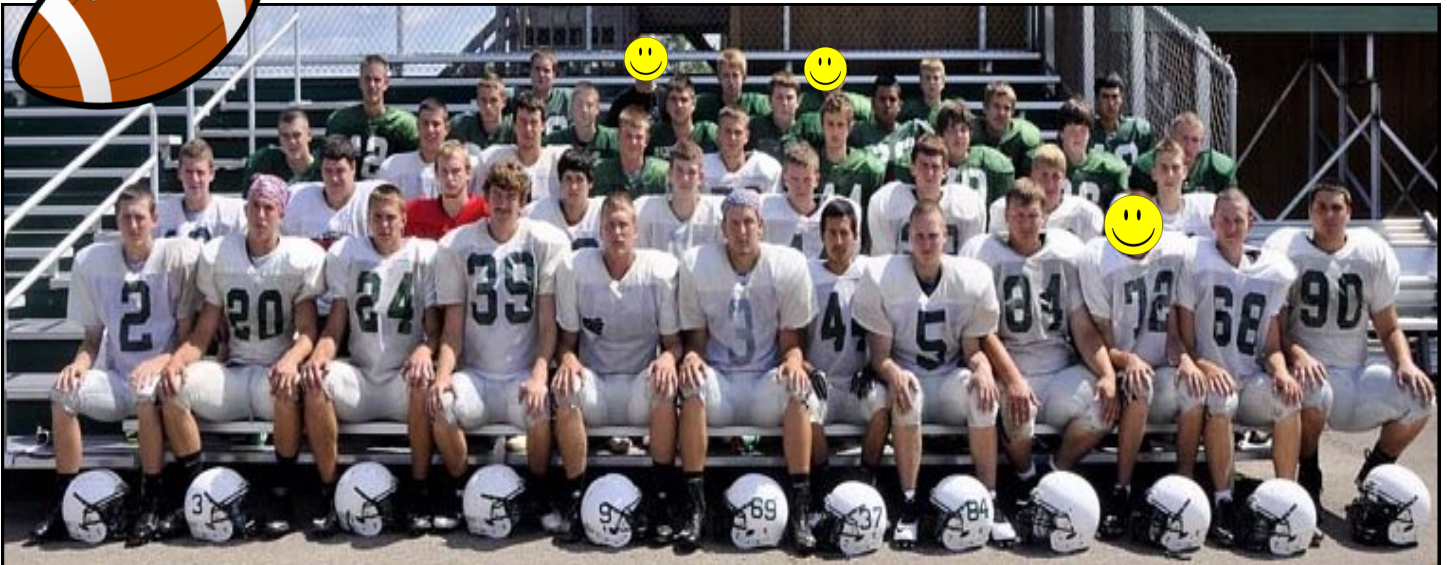
Bobbi Obermeier,
Haylee Conradt,
Carmen McCarthy,
Hannah Stedjee.

Back row:

Dallas Stelter,
Leah Wagner,
Rachael Berard,
Jonalee Elliott,
Samantha Schmidt.



Football



Back row: Bryce Tickler, Riley Bellin, Brian Dawes. **Fourth row:** Nate Schmidt, Tyler Bedor, Chris Peterson, Colton Kleiber, Joe Casper, Augustine Hernandez, Logan Iseini, Austin Duenas. **Third row:** Justin VerVoort, Mason Gomm, Henry Fielding, Sam Otto, Trent Moder, Adam Miller, Eric Colwitz, Bryce Kuehl, Ben Fahrbach. **Second row:** Gavin Braun, Jordan Collar, Derrek Davis, Austin Riehl, Garrett Gunderson, Kyle Henry, Riley Wood, Brady Bellin, Asa Nett. **Front row:** Brandon Gomm, Jacob Van Asten, Patrick Brouillard, Dominic Gunderson, Talon Heinemeyer, Tyler Riehl, Antonio Hernandez, Thomas Gonzalez, Lucas Steinbach, Brad Beyer, David McNichols.

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October Calendar of Events

1	Tue	MS Volleyball at Menominee — 4:00 pm MS Football at Tigerton — 4:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Volleyball at home vs. Bonduel — 6:00/7:30 pm
1-4	T-F	Homecoming Week
2	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm
4	Fri	Homecoming Parade — 2:00 pm Varsity Football at home vs. Bonduel — 7:00 pm (Homecoming)
5	Sat	Hoops Club Hot Shots Camp for grades K-1 in the elementary gym — 9:00-10:00 am JV Volleyball Quadrangular at Iola-Scandinavia — 9:00 am Homecoming Dance in the cafeteria — 8:00-11:00 pm
7	Mon	MS Volleyball at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm JV Football at Bonduel — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
7-11	M-F	Paper Recycling Fundraiser (see page 3)
7-21		Hansen's Pizza Fundraiser benefitting band/choir students
8	Tue	Grade K5 field trip to Shiocton-Bovina Fire Station — 8:30-10:30 am MS Football at Waupaca — 4:30 pm C Team/JV/Varsity Volleyball at Pacelli — 6:00/7:30 pm
9	Wed	SPICE meeting at Hometown Grill — 8:15 am
9-11	W-F	Grade 5 Outdoor Education Experience at Camp-U-Nah-Li-Ya
10	Thu	MS Volleyball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:00 pm (8th grade plays first)
11	Fri	Grade 3 field trip to Appleton Fire Station and Paper Discovery Center — 8:15 am-2:45 pm Varsity Football at Weyauwega-Fremont — 7:00 pm
12	Sat	CWC Volleyball Pool Play at TBA — 9:00 am Hoops Club Hot Shots Camp for grades K-1 in the elementary gym — 9:00-10:00 am
14	Mon	JV Football at home vs. Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm Hoops Club tip-off meeting (mandatory) in the cafeteria — 5:30-6:30 pm <i>Life is Good</i> Choir Concert in the HS gym — 7:00 pm
15	Tue	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the November issue Mrs. Schweitzer's Coffee with Community at Hometown Grill — 7:45-8:45 am Grade 4 field trip to Dempze Cranberry Bog in Wisconsin Rapids — 8:00 am-3:00 pm CWC Volleyball Pool Play at TBA — 7:00 pm
16	Wed	Visioning Process Committee Meeting at the River Rail — 3:45-8:00 pm
17	Thu	Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades K4, 6, 7, and 8 — no school — conferences 8:00 am-8:00 pm Grades K5-5 and 9-12 — school all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm
17-22	Th-T	Book Fair in the cafeteria (see front page for times)
18	Fri	Picture Retake Day Varsity Football at home vs. Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 7:00 pm
19	Sat	C Team Volleyball at Xavier Invitational — 8:30 am Hoops Club Hot Shots Camp for grades K-1 in the elementary gym — 9:00-10:00 am
21	Mon	Market Day orders due in the elementary or high school office Early Childhood field trip to Cuff's Farm — 8:15-10:30 am Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades K4-12 — school all day — conferences 4:15-8:00 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm
22		Halloween Dance (grades 5-8) in the cafeteria — 3:15-5:00 pm
22/24/26		HS Volleyball Regionals
24	Thu	No school for students
25	Fri	No school
25/26	F/S	HS Football Playoffs Level 1



October Calendar continued

26	Sat	Home Alone Babysitting Safety Class at the Shiocton Public Library — 8:00 am-4:00 pm Hoops Club Hot Shots Camp for grades K-1 in the elementary gym — 9:00-10:00 am
29	Tue	MS Boys Basketball at Manawa — 4:00 pm
30	Wed	Market Day pick-up in the cafeteria — 3:00-4:00 pm
31	Thu	MS Boys Basketball at home vs. New London — 4:00 pm
31/11-2		HS Volleyball Sectionals

Coming Up in November

1	Grade 3 Concert
1/2	HS Football Playoffs Level 2
2	Volleyball Sectionals
4	MS Boys Basketball at home
8	End of first quarter — 12:10 pm dismissal
11	Veterans Day Program
27	Early release
28-29	Thanksgiving break



Breakfast served daily with a variety of cold cereal, milk, 100% juice, toast, and fruit.
Cold sandwiches available each day as an alternative entrée for lunch. Whole grain white bread and buns are offered.
All students must take a ½ cup of fruit or vegetables with breakfast and lunch.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are offered daily. Our milk is 1% or fat free white and TruMoo fat free chocolate.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
* Menu subject to change	1 Brunch for lunch: pancakes, omelet, hash browns, orange juice, milk	2 Grab-n-Go salad or grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, sliced bread, milk	3 Pizza dippers with marinara sauce, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk	4 Basket for lunch: sub sandwich, fresh vegetables, Goldfish crackers, cookie, applesauce cup, milk
7 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas with trimmings, peas, mandarin oranges, milk	8 Pizza slice, green beans, peaches, milk	9 Chicken nuggets, sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese, pineapple, bread, milk	10 Mini corn dogs, rice, sliced carrots, pears, milk	11 Homemade chicken soup, uncrustable sandwich, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk
14 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, refried beans, carrots, mandarin oranges, milk	15 French toast sticks, yogurt, hash browns, orange juice, milk	16 Grab-n-Go salad or pizzaroni, whole kernel corn, bread, peaches, milk	17 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, Wisconsin blend vegetables, pineapple, milk	18 Grab-n-Go salad or BBQ on a bun, tri-taters, broccoli with cheese, pears, milk
21 Chicken patty on a bun, potato wedges, carrots, peaches, milk	22 Mozzarella pizza dippers, marinara sauce, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk	23 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, peas, pears, milk	24 No School	25 No School
28 Grab-n-Go salad or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, mandarin oranges, bread, milk	29 Beef and bean burrito, sour cream, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, milk	30 Grab-n-Go salad or chili, homemade buns, mixed vegetables, strawberry cup, milk	31 Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, sliced carrots, peaches, milk	

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$2.05 per day, \$10.25 per week, \$43.05 for October
Middle/High School — \$2.35 per day, \$11.75 per week, \$49.35 for October

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

Elementary/Middle School News



Happy Fall! We are off to a great start at Shiocton Elementary/Middle School! ☺ Here are a few things to make note of:

STAR Testing: Students in grades K-8 have been participating in STAR testing. Grades K-8 have completed STAR Early Literacy and/or STAR Reading and Grades 1-8 have completed STAR Math. There is not a STAR Math assessment for K5. These tests provide valuable information for the classroom teachers and other school personnel regarding individual students.

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing: Students in grades 3-8 are in the midst of MAP testing. We hope to have the information to share with you at Parent/Teacher Conferences. If not, we will get the information to you shortly after conferences. This is a great assessment to assess each individual student's growth over time in the areas of reading, language, and mathematics.

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS): The Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) is a research-based screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring tool that is required to be given to students in grades K4, K5, and 1. First grade students are in the midst of taking this assessment. Grades K4 and K5 will be taking this assessment in October. Students within these grade levels will also take the assessment again in the spring.

Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) Testing: The testing window for the 2013-14 school year is October 28 through November 29. Students in grades 3-8 participate in this state assessment. Please try, as best as possible, to avoid appointments, vacations, and absences during this testing window. Also, please help us prepare the students for the testing by establishing good routines and study habits at home. Reading for at least 20 minutes a night has been proven to boost test scores, so please continue to make this a priority in your home! We will let you know the specific testing dates for your child's grade level in the very near future.

Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya: Our fifth grade students will be heading to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, from October 9-11, for their environmental education experience. Have a GREAT time, fifth graders! ☺



Fall Concert: Music students in grades 6-12 will perform on Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.



Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for October 17 and October 21. You will receive more specific information in the very near future.

Thursday, October 17:

For students in grade K5-5, school will be in session all day. Conferences will be held during the evening hours.

There will be no school for students in K4 and middle school. Conferences will be held all throughout the day and evening for these grade levels.

Monday, October 21:

School will be in session for students in all grade levels. Conferences will be held during the evening hours.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is scheduled for Friday, October 18. ☺ S-M-I-L-E! ☺

Reading Volunteers Needed: Once again, I would like to ask for volunteers who are willing to help out with our volunteer reading program. If you have a few hours a week to read with elementary students, please contact me at 986-3351 ext. 747 or Mrs. Jorgensen (reading teacher) at 986-3351 ext. 780. All you need is a few spare hours during the week and we will give you all the information that you need in order to be a successful reading volunteer. Please help spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested. We hope to hear from you soon!



Have a wonderful month of October! Enjoy the beautiful colors of the season.

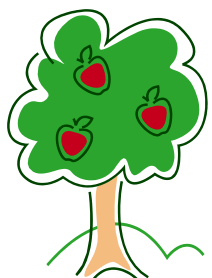
Sincerely,
Mrs. Kim Griesbach ☺
Grades PK-6 Principal
Phone: 986-3351 ext. 747



Making Friends in Early Childhood

Welcome back to a new school year! We started off the year learning the classroom routine and making new friends. The students worked on greetings with familiar adults and identifying their friends by name. Students also worked on color and shape recognition skills by making a shape placemat for snack time.

During the month of September, our theme was predominantly apples. The children worked hard on their fine motor skills by coloring coffee filters to make mosaic apples. They counted with one-to-one correspondence by stamping 10 apples on their head. Students increased their vocabulary by discussing the various apple parts through hands-on exploration. We worked on following directions by making an apple basket and used our hand to make a button apple tree. Students enjoyed taste-testing apples and found out what was left after they were all done eating – a core. The favorite part of



the theme was making cupcakes that looked like apples – yummy!

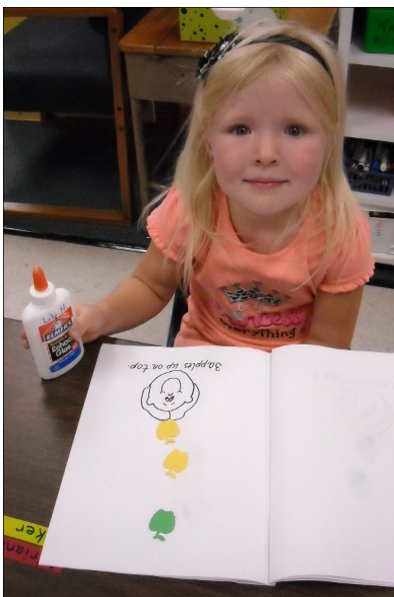
We will greet October with themes of spiders and pumpkins. We plan to take a field trip to Cuff's Farm in Hortonville where we will go on a hayride, pick pumpkins, and experience a corn maze (weather permitting). Hello, fall!

All About Apples in K4

The four-year-old kindergartners are off to a great start. They have been learning the classroom rules as well as the school rules, and are adjusting to school very nicely.

We have been discussing apples. The children know that an apple is a fruit; it grows on a tree; and if you plant an apple seed, a tree will grow, not just an apple. We tasted different colored apples and then we graphed the apples that each child liked the best. We also painted apples to make an apple tree in the hallway. The children made a *Five Apples Up On Top* book (pictured at right). This is a spin-off of *Ten Apples Up On Top!* by Theo. LeSieg.

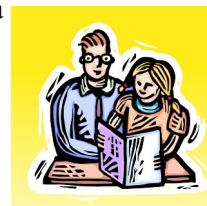
The children are enjoying school, and they are making new friends. We look forward to learning about fall as the season begins to change.



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 or call 986-3351 ext. 780.



A great big **thank-you** to Joyce Ernise, who spent many careful and thoughtful hours getting our elementary bookroom into tip-top shape.

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Cornell – School Counselor, grades K-6
(920) 986-3351 ext. 711 or scornell@shiocton.k12.wi.us

September – Welcome Back/Academic Success

Students in grades 4-6 have set SMART goals (goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely). You will find your child's goals in the back of their agenda book. Check them out! ☺

Paying attention, following directions, and good listening are important skills. Students in grades 2-6 are practicing and discussing how these skills help us at school, home, and in the community.

Have you filled a bucket today?

The bucket-filling philosophy is that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and it is our job to fill the buckets of others with our kind words or actions. Check out the storybook *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud, which our younger students read in guidance class. Our students have been reminded, "What are you going to do to fill a bucket today?"



Upcoming Events: Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized to prevent illegal use of drugs and alcohol. Students will be participating in activities that will promote healthy choices and activities.

Our counseling program offers services of individual counseling, group counseling, or outside referrals. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding the academic, emotional, or social needs of your child. ☺

K5 Art Self-Portraits



Learning and Fun in K5

It's a brand new year and a brand new group of five-year-old kindergartners! All of the students are settling in to their new routine. Each and every day they practice writing their names and learning the names of their friends.

So far this year during math time we have been exploring all of our different manipulatives. These are different types of counters that the students sort and arrange into patterns or shapes. Many of the children simply enjoy stacking them as high as they can! Sometimes after the students have been working with the manipulatives, we take a "gallery walk" around the tables to see how everyone else used them.

We are learning to read in kindergarten. We know a few new sight words, such as *a*, *the*, *my*, *red*, *orange*, and *yellow*. We will be learning new words and adding them to our card rings each week. It is so exciting to hear the students read and recognize the new words. Along with the words, we are also practicing writing letters. So far we have worked on *Mm*, *Tt*, *Rr*, and *Ss*. We will be learning additional letters each week. Every week the teachers are sending home paper books for the children to use and keep in their own library. These may come in handy for car rides, too!

Our daily centers are underway! We have had many parent helpers and they are VERY much appreciated. It is so important to be able to create smaller groups and provide more learning opportunities for our students. During centers we keep busy by reading, cutting, gluing, counting, and writing. Centers are one of the most important parts of our kindergarten day!



Beginning next month and continuing through the school year, each K5 student has the opportunity to be the Star Child for a week. During their special week, we learn more about the children through questions, special items brought from home, etc. The class designs a book about the star for him or her to keep as a memory of their special week!



Since October is Fire Safety Month, we are looking forward to visiting the Shiocton-Bovina Fire Station on Tuesday, October 8! It is always exciting for the students to have opportunities to see and learn about the important community services provided in their town.

Kindergartners do have homework. Each night please review the sight words, letter cards, and new book bag books. Some children may not receive their book until later in the week. However, the book should be read a minimum of five days before placing it in the at-home "Book Box." If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. We would be happy to help! Stay tuned for more updates from Mrs. Pigsley, Mrs. Malesa, and Mrs. Scott in their weekly "What's Happening?"



Elementary Concert Schedule for the 2013-14 school year

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.

February 14

1st and 2nd grade concert in the cafeteria
2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

April 11

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

May 30

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

If you have any questions, call
Debby Stellmacher at (920) 986-3351 ext. 771.

A Great Start in Grade One

Our 2013-14 school year got off to a great start! We read many books about camping, the ABCs, and taking a mouse to school. We even created our own books to go along with some of these topics. Two of our best-loved books, *Mrs. Wishy-washy* and *Wishy-washy Day*, are written by one of our favorite authors, Joy Cowley. Through these books, we learned about farms and animals.

The first month has been a big success when it comes to homework. It was great to see that the reading assignments and math skills practice pages were completed and turned in on time.

Thank you, parents, for listening to your child read and encouraging them to always do their best work. Together we make a great team!



Open House was a big success. Thank you to all who chose to donate an item from our wish list. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. You are always welcome and encouraged to visit our classrooms.

Grade 2 Art
Autumn
Self-portrait
by Karissa Birch.
Media: Oil
pastels

Grade 2 Kicks Off a New Year!

We've kicked off a great new school year in second grade. Thanks, parents, for all of your help at home with learning the new homework routine. Your help and support at home is the key to success here at school. We're off to a fantastic start!

In October we will be working hard in reading. We are learning many new strategies to become better readers with more "stamina" to read for longer stretches of time. We are also just beginning our Guided Reading groups. This is when we read and teach reading strategies from books that are exactly at your child's reading level. Listening to your child read each night is a wonderful opportunity for growth in reading. You, as a parent, are the teacher that counts the most in your child's life. That one-on-one reading time is so important to children's success as independent readers.



This year we're also taking lots of time to learn how to pick "just right" books. The children are working on how to choose books that interest them, books that they can understand, and books that have mostly words that they know. Please continue to monitor their choices of books and point out if you notice the books are too easy or too hard.

In social studies our students have been learning about what "community" means and the different types of communities that people can live in. We've discovered that there are LOTS of great community helpers in Shiocton. For our community project, each child is to choose a building or landmark found in Shiocton and create a model of it to make a "mini-community." This year we will display them in the school library for everyone to see during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Be sure to check them out!

Our doors are always open to parents if you would like to visit our classrooms. Our daily lunch time is from 10:50-11:20 a.m. If you would like to help with lunchroom monitoring any day or on a regular basis, please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks again for all of your help at home. It's going to be a great year — full of growth and accomplishments!!



Welcome to Third Grade

Welcome back! We have already had a busy start to school. Mr. Backman, Mrs. Kleiber, and Mrs. Madsen were happy to meet many parents at Open House. Please remember that if you have any concerns, give us a call or e-mail to set up a conference. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 17, and Monday, October 21. More information on the times will be sent home with your child. We hope to see many of you throughout the year at conferences, field trips, Science/Health/Fine Arts Fair, at lunch, or whenever you can visit.



Brand new for the third graders is the agenda. This is a wonderful tool to help students become organized, to communicate between parents and teachers, and also to use as a resource, as it has many learning tools on the back pages to assist students with math, grammar, social studies, and life skills. Finally, on the bottom of each school day page, is an area for parents to write in the reading minutes and then initial that your child has read the required 15 minutes each day and it equals 75 minutes a week.

With the many changes in curriculum, third grade math now has a standard that third graders are to be fluent with addition and subtraction up to 1,000 and also fluent with multiplication facts up to 100. This will involve extra practice at school and at home.

The third grade teachers are already planning field trips which may include the Barlow Planetarium, snowshoeing at Mosquito Hill, Navarino Nature Center, and possibly one or two more. Our first field trip is to the Appleton Fire Department (morning) and then to the Paper Discovery Center for lunch and to learn about the world of paper.

All three third grade classes are off to a great start. Just a reminder, if you need to contact us, e-mail works best.

Grade 3 GT Art *Fairy Tale Kings & Queens* by Colten Schuh. Media: Tempera paint



The elementary Student Council is sponsoring **dress-up days** this fall.

Friday, October 4

School Pride Dress-up Day

Wednesday, October 23

Wear Red Day (for Red Ribbon Week)

Monday, November 4

Favorite Football Team Dress-up Day

SPICE...Off and Running!

by Steve Parker, Chairperson

SPICE (Shiocton Partners in Children's Education) is off to another good start to the year. Chris Coenen is working on the "Teacher Wish List." This year, however, look for a "Teacher Supply Needs" sheet outside of your child's classroom. Classrooms are always in need of supplies, so teachers appreciate your family's generosity when supplies are brought in.

The Scholastic Book Fair, *Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books*, will be held from October 17 through October 22. This will overlap with Parent/Teacher Conferences. You can drop off your school-age children for fun activities while you go to conferences. The volunteers who work at the book fair are greatly appreciated. So if you have an hour or two to help, please contact me at 757-8871.



We are holding a movie night on November 15. This will be a free family film in the cafeteria. We will be showing the recent release *Epic* — should be fun for the whole family. Concessions such as popcorn and soda will be on sale. Concession proceeds will help pay for the movie license.

Remember that we have a new way to find out what is happening with SPICE — morning meetings at the Hometown Grill. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 8:15 a.m. to talk about upcoming projects. Hope to see you there or at our regular evening meetings.

SPICE is made up of a special group of individuals who are forever promoting the education of our children. Wouldn't you like to be a part of all of this? Please consider coming to our next meeting to see what SPICE is all about. The more parent/teacher involvement we have, the more we can do to make a difference! Our next meeting is October 2 at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC. We hope to see you there!

If you are not able to attend one of our meetings and have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 757-8871 or sjparker92@gmail.com.

Grade 4 GT Art

Monochromatic Nostalgic Sepia Photo by (clockwise from upper left) Olivia Conradt, Zane Platt, Rose Heinz, Breanna Birch



Strategies for Success in Grade 4

We have a month of school under our belts and everyone has comfortably settled into the fourth grade routine. Our memories are refreshed about everything we learned in third grade and we are fine-tuning our best study habits. We have taken the STAR and MAP tests already, and Parent/Teacher Conferences are on the 17th and 21st. Now we will set some goals for ourselves and work on strategies for a successful year of learning.



In fourth grade we learn a lot about Wisconsin. On October 15 we will be visiting the Dimpze Cranberry Marsh in Wisconsin Rapids to learn about one of Wisconsin's leading crops. Then on May 19 we will be visiting our Capitol building in Madison.

WKCE testing begins this month and runs through November. This is a very important test that students need to do their best on. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast every day.

Grade 5: Studying the Parts of Speech

The fifth graders are working on the parts of speech in language arts. A noun is a person, place, thing, or idea, and the students were asked to write a paragraph about a noun. The following paragraphs are samples from each of the three classrooms. Which of the three writers used an appositive in one of their sentences? Ask a fifth grader to help find the appositive if you are not sure.

My favorite dog is a husky. I like their pointy ears. Huskies are playful and really strong and fast. They are outside dogs and they love people. They have really sharp teeth. When huskies are alone, they might dig a hole. That's what I know about huskies.



Hudson Spencer

I have a little kitten named Reji. He is a boy. He has to sleep and stay in a box because of my three big dogs. Reji is smaller than a soda can. My mom and my big sister, McKenzie, have to feed him every two to three hours with a syringe. Reji will cry when he is hungry. He is spoiled because he is always played with. I love this kitten even though he was born on my porch.



Megan Blohowiak

I have a dog named Bahr. Bahr is a hunting dog. He likes grouse hunting. He thinks he is a lap dog. He snuggles people and sleeps on a chair. He enjoys belly scratches and bones. He chews on his toys, too. Bahr smiles by showing just a teeny bit of his teeth in a crack in his lips. He rolls in the lawn and walks in the garden. To get rid of bugs, Bahr eats them if he can catch them. He loves swimming in a lake or a pond. Sometimes he gets into trouble by "unstuffing" the couch or eating something he's not supposed to during the night while everyone is asleep. Sometimes he sleeps upstairs in mom and dad's room, and sometimes he sleeps downstairs on a chair. Bahr is the best dog ever!



Mickayla Denis

Fifth graders: Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya will be October 9-11.

Home Alone Babysitting Class Coming Up



The Home Alone Babysitting class, for children 10 years of age and older, will be held on Saturday,

October 26, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Shiocton Public Library (back room). Participants need to bring a bag lunch. The course fee is \$32.64 for students and \$8.20 for ages 62 and over. Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Folders will be provided to students one week prior to start of class and can be picked up in the elementary office. If you have any questions, please contact the Clintonville Regional Center at (800) 321-7133.



“Tip-Off” Meeting Monday, October 14

by Jennifer Twombly

The Shiocton Hoops Club youth basketball season gets underway with the club’s annual “Tip-Off” Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 14, in the school cafeteria. **The meeting is mandatory** for all parents, players, coaches, and liaisons. In addition to covering key dates for the upcoming season, players will have the opportunity to meet with their coaches and will receive their uniforms. Plus, in keeping with Hoops Club tradition, there will be door prizes! To reduce the length of the “Tip-Off” Meeting, the Hoops Club now has a comprehensive handbook available on the website www.shioctonbasketball.com, which all parents/players are asked to review prior to the meeting.



Stay current with Hoops Club activities!

To access the most current club handbook, game/tournament schedule, and other key information, parents are encouraged to bookmark the Hoops Club website www.shioctonbasketball.com. In addition to the website, the club’s other primary methods of communication are the Shiocton Hoops Club Facebook page and e-mail. Please be sure to “Like” the “Shiocton Hoops Club” page on Facebook ... and keep an accurate e-mail address on record with the club to ensure you don’t miss key communications.

For questions or to request any additional information about the upcoming season, please reach out to a Hoops Club board member:

Terri Brouillard, President	(920) 525-3349
Brad Jorgensen, Vice President	(920) 525-4111
Jill Leopold, Treasurer	(920) 850-7239
Jennifer Twombly, Secretary	(920) 527-8560

School Board Meeting Summaries

August 26, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Kurt Wismer, Wendy Hartman, and Beth Bloedorn.

Presentation: Kurt Wismer presented a Technology Website overview for the board members.

The board voted to:

- Adopt the 2013-14 School Board Goals as presented.
- Accept the resignation of Lindsay Pribek from her ELL/GT position and to assess the \$700 penalty as allowed by the Professional Staff Handbook.
- Hire Sara Foster for the 40% middle school Spanish teaching position.
- Approve a resolution authorizing the adoption of the Wisconsin OPEB Trust and to also approve the

Wisconsin OPEB Trust Agreement with BMO Harris Bank.

In other discussion:

- Review of Annual Meeting.
- Reminder that the September meeting dates are set for the 9th and 23rd.

Board report: Raymond Gomm reported on CESA 6.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Updated enrollment numbers and start of school.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Registration follow-up and staff inservice.
- Mrs. Guex: Update from the business office.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: First days report and WASB recognitions.

Closed session: To review/discuss exit interview information received from the former superintendent.

September 9, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kim Griesbach, Kelly Zeinert, Dick Kuettel, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Approve a revised School Fee Schedule to increase adult breakfast prices by five cents (from \$1.35 to \$1.40) to meet Federal/DPI guidelines.
- Approve the 2013-14 increase of 1.5% in total base wages for the SEA. David Gomm abstained from the vote.
- Approve the 2013-14 increase in wages of 1.5% and approval of salary step movement for the SESP. Raymond Gomm abstained from the vote.
- Approve the 1.5% increase in wages for non-represented and administrative staff.

In other discussion:

- Follow-up discussion from 08/26 – OPEB – Mrs. Guex.
- Follow-up discussion from 08/26 – lighting, cameras, keyless access – Mr. Kuettel.
- Next steps for Visioning Process – Mrs. Schweitzer.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Summer data results, start of the new school year, and ELL/GT position update.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Summer data results, start of the new school year, Chromebook update, and recycling drive.
- Mrs. Guex: Update from the business office.
- Mr. Kuettel: Summer maintenance update and recent vandalism.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: September/October conference dates, EMC recommendations, committee updates, and bus routes.

Closed session: To discuss district obligation regarding negotiations with SEA and SESP.

September 23, 2013

Attendance: **Board members** — Jeremie Birch, Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke. **Others** — Nichole Schweitzer, Denise Guex, Kelly Zeinert, and Beth Bloedorn.

The board voted to:

- Accept, with great appreciation, the \$500 donation from the Shiocton Wrestling Club.
- Hire Sara Foster for the 80% ELL teaching position, contingent upon DPI emergency license approval.
- Hire Karen Rudat as Gifted and Talented teacher (20%).

In other discussion:

- Continued contributions for board scholarship. Review of criteria and formal action to be taken at the next meeting.
- Visioning Process update. A meeting date of October 16 from 3:45-8:00 p.m. at the River Rail has been set.
- Educator Effectiveness Project — \$6,000 grant from DPI.
- Raymond Gomm suggested updating the main page of the website to include student photos/activities.

Board report: Raymond Gomm reported on CESA 6 and Legislative Breakfast.

Administration reports:


- Mrs. Griesbach: Provided a written report on STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, STAR Math, MAP testing, and PALS.
- Mrs. Zeinert: September 26 staff development, BYOC (Build Your Own Curriculum), SHS featured school of the week (football), Schedule of Assessments, and Homecoming events.
- Mrs. Guex: Update from the business office.
- Mrs. Schweitzer: School Report Cards and superintendent's, bus driver's, and NEOLA meeting updates. Suggested meeting times/dates for the Finance and Policy Committees. It was noted that a special meeting may need to be scheduled in October to approve the tax levy.

HAPPY
FALL



THE UPBEAT!

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MUSIC STUDENTS SELL PIZZAS

This month, we will hold our annual Hansen's Pizza fundraiser, **October 7-21**. This fundraiser is a huge benefit for our music students (grades 6-12). All profits go to students, deposited into an individual account set up for use towards music trips. The more a student sells, the more he or she knocks off the price of a future music trip. It is only to the students' advantage to sell big! So, if you're a family that doesn't have loads of time to cook meals every night of the week, here's a great way to satisfy your appetite and help a band/choir student raise money for their activities this year. We hope you will support them in their efforts. Work hard and sell big!

HOMECOMING SHOW: *ROCK OF AGES!*

The band (grades 7-12) is proud to play again at half-time of the Homecoming football game **Friday, October 4**. This year we feature the sounds of the rock musical and film *Rock of Ages*! With songs by Journey, Twisted Sister, Joan Jett, and more, you're in for a flashback of classic 80s rock tunes. Band students will meet in the band room to warm-up at 7:15 p.m. and are required to wear their band V-necks for the show.

LIFE IS GOOD: FALL CHORAL CONCERT

The first Shiocton choral concert is set for **Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.** This concert will feature our Sixth Grade Singers, Middle School Chorus, *Vocé, Dolce Bella*, and our new men's ensemble, *Donut Dudes*. The concert is titled "LIFE IS GOOD!" Featured songs will be *Rhythm of Life*, *If You're Happy*, *Life is Good*, *Sing a Song*, *Pocketful of Sunshine*, and *Soli Deo*. Please join us for our first concert and celebrate the goodness of life here in Shiocton!

Call time for singers: High School — 6:30 p.m. in the choir room in concert attire
6th-8th Grade — 6:40 p.m. in the choir room in concert attire

DID YOU KNOW...

...that music education helps develop skills required for success in the workplace?

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

— Joseph M. Calahan
Director of Cooperate Communications
Xerox Corporation

PEP BAND

Tuesday, October 1

SHIOC HOMECOMING

Friday, October 4

PARADE

2:00 p.m.

7-12 BAND

PEP BAND

6:00 p.m.

FIELD SHOW

Half-time of FB game

7-12 BAND

HANSEN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

October 7-21

6-12 BAND/CHOIR

Life is Good!

CHOIR CONCERT

Monday, October 14

7:00 p.m.

High School Gym

6-12 CHOIR

PEP BAND

Friday, October 18

6:00 p.m.

HANSEN'S PIZZA PICK-UP

Thursday, November 7

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Band Room

6-12 BAND/CHOIR

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11

9:45 a.m.

HS Gym

HS BAND/CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



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