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Literacy Efforts are Working

by Kelly Zeinert

Sometimes when we start initiatives, it is hard to know whether or not they are working. The Literacy Committee wants to share with you some exciting statistics about our literacy efforts over the past two years:

- Total items used/circulated has increased 5.5% since 2009-10 school year.
- Young Adult items have increased in circulation 54% since 2009-10. Young Adult items are available to students in grades 7-12 (with some 6th grade by permission).
- Number of check-outs by students has increased 4.4% since 2009-10 school year.
- Number of check-outs by high school students has increased 175% since 2009-10 school year. In 2009-10, we had 732 check-outs for the school year; 2011-12 is tracking to have 2020 check-outs — almost tripled!



AODA Board Presents Harry Sydney III

Attention: 8th Grade and High School Students and Parents

by Rhonda Uelmen

On April 12 at 1:30 p.m., Shiocton High School will have a speaker sponsored by the AODA Board. His name is Harry Sydney III, and he is the founder of "My Brother's Keeper." Harry will be speaking with all students in grades 8-12, and the board would like to extend this awesome opportunity to any parent who would like to listen to him as well. We hope to see you on April 12.

The following is a little insight on Harry Sydney III. Although Harry enjoyed a very successful career in the NFL, he has dealt with his share of disappointment and knows the meaning of hard work. He came from a childhood filled with abuse, alcoholism, and divorce, and an environment filled with prejudice. Having overcome these obstacles, he has dedicated himself to helping others find success in dealing with the hardships in their lives. He personally mentors each individual, helping them gain the knowledge and skills to make positive changes in their lives.

If you do not wish your child to attend this assembly, please contact me at (920) 986-3351 ext. 762. If you would like more information on "My Brother's Keeper" or on Harry Sydney III, please go to www.mybrotherskeeperinc.net.

Four Middle School Wrestlers Qualify for State

On March 10, ten middle school wrestlers competed at regionals for a chance to advance to State competition. Great job to all who participated — we are proud to have you represent Shiocton wrestling! Congratulations to Mason Gomm, Sam Van Straten, Levi Stueber, and Henry Fielding (*pictured left to right*) for placing at Regionals and advancing to State. They wrestled at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison March 23-24. See next month's issue of *The Link* for results. A special thank-you to the coaches and parents for their continued support.



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All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings, to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.

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Hello, Shiocton Parents and Community Members!

Town Hall Meeting Follow-Up

At the Town Hall Meeting on March 15, we had an audience of about 12 people who heard updates about the current school budget and projections for the 2012-13 school budget. We also touched on some of the items in the new staff handbooks and gave an overview of the multiple legislative changes that affect our schools. Thanks to all who were able to attend and participate in the meeting. As I mentioned at the meeting, if you are interested in learning more, or if you have any questions, please feel free to set up a time to come in and meet with me.

Points of Emphasis

As we move through some arguably difficult times in school budgeting, I want to share with you some of the points of emphasis for our schools.

Quality Schools – We want to continue to offer quality schools and present Shiocton as a place people want to be.

Points of Pride – We want to continue to offer small primary classes and offer the challenging courses our high school students need to be successful. We also will strive to maintain our family atmosphere in our schools.

We Value Our Staff – We rely on our staff to provide quality schools. We have an obligation to treat them fairly and with respect.

Student Achievement – We have always been about student achievement, and we can't lose sight of that.

Moving Forward – We are entering some uncharted territory and the rules have changed. We will make our best analysis of the situation and move forward making the best decisions we can.

The Link

Our plans continue in regard to making this newsletter available only online for the majority of our readers. Producing *The Link* online only has many positive aspects. We would save tremendous amounts of time and paper each month because of fewer copies being run. There would also be less duplication of information that can be found elsewhere on our website or on links from our website (i.e. Hoops Club, calendar, menu, and district information). We will certainly make some accommodations for those of you who do not have the technology available to access *The Link* online.

The May issue will be our first run at going to the electronic only version of *The Link*. We will not be sending out any paper copies of the May issue of *The Link* unless you have specifically let us know you would like a paper copy. Contact Sue Hill at 986-3351 ext. 517 or at N5650 Broad Street, PO Box 68, Shiocton, WI 54170 if this is your preference.

Have a great day!

Chris L. VanderHeyden
Superintendent

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<http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/>

Booster Club Takes the "Lambeau Leap" Again

The 2011 Packer concession stands were another big success, and it is a great way to give our school and community the added funds needed in these tough times. Due to the continued success of the concession stands and the budget cuts of extracurricular activities, the Booster Club has made a commitment to the 2012 Packer season.

Two people, Jon Majerus and Kristie Moder, jumped on board to lead the Booster Club's commitment. Organizations or volunteers interested in working a home Packer game need to contact Jon Majerus at (920) 470-3055 or Kristie Moder at (920) 915-0041. Remember, NO experience is necessary and transportation is provided. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Please help the Booster Club make the 2012 Packer season a huge success!



Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Update

by Bryce Kuehl

Shiocton students have collected 93 pounds of pull tabs since the start of the school year. We have been paid \$27.90 for the tabs. We sent checks to the Madison and Milwaukee Ronald McDonald Houses for \$14 each. This money will cover the cost for a family to stay three nights at the house. **WAY TO GO, SHIOCTON STUDENTS!**

Last year we collected a record 207 pounds of tabs. Let's see if we can beat that record by the end of the year.

A fun fact — since October 2007, we have collected 789.3 pounds of tabs, which would stretch 16.75 miles if placed end to end. WOW!

This program was started by Bryce Kuehl, an eighth grader, as a community service project.



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Softball Team Gears Up for Annual Spring Flower Sale

March 29-April 20

Delivery May 2 — Just in time for Mother's Day

These flowers are huge, healthy, and beautiful.

10" hanging basket	\$18.00	Fuchsias that hang full of buds, bright colored Begonias, Ivy Geraniums, and New Guinea Impatiens
1-gallon pots	\$7.25	Dahlias or King Kong Coleus
3.5" pot	\$4.25	Geraniums or Gerber Daisies

Flowers are provided by Schroeder's Flowers, Green Bay. Available from any softball player or call Cheryl at 986-3445.



Farm Technology Days Volunteers Needed

Outagamie County is hosting the 2012 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days in Sugar Bush. (Just north of New London.) The Shiocton Booster Club and other community organizations (Lions,

American Legion Auxiliary, and American Legion) have committed to this great opportunity. Our commitment involves running a concession stand (tent) during this three-day event. It will be held Tuesday, July 17, through Thursday, July 19.

Monies made will be split amongst organizations that are involved. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Training will be provided as needed. Volunteers may designate their hours of service to an organization approved by the Booster Club, or the community organizations listed above.

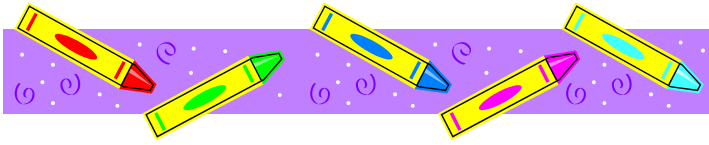
Our **list of workers** needs to be given to the FTD committee **by April 15**. Get a **volunteer form** from Laurie McNichols and send it back to her by April 15. Also, sign up for the days and times that you can volunteer. The hours available are 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. each of the three days. Make plans today to be part of this event.

Contact: Laurie McNichols
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Keep Watching for School Toolbox Info

Don't miss the chance to order your school toolbox for the next school year. Watch for more information for placing your order in the next issue of *The Link*.



Book Club Welcomes All Readers

The Community Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54 to discuss *The Bradbury Report*, by Steven Polansky. The book is set in 2071 and is about a man who meets his clone, becomes involved in government resistance, and develops a deeper understanding of humanity.

The book for May is *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel, the fantastical story of a sixteen-year-old South Indian boy who survives at sea with a tiger for 227 days. "A magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith." This book will be discussed on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Studio 54.



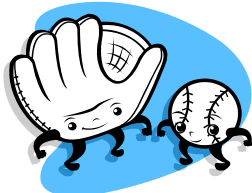
The Fox Cities Book Festival, celebrating the joy and power of reading, is April 11-18. Details can be found at foxcitiesbookfestival.org.

Shiocton Summer Sports Opening Week

All meetings will be held at Shiocton Lake Park starting at 5:45 p.m.

T-ball	May 21
Softball	May 22
Little League	May 23

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



Shiocton Wrestling Club Golf Outing

Save the Date
Saturday, June 16



Outing to be held at Shamrock Heights Golf Course in New London. Watch for more info in next month's issue of *The Link*.



Weight Loss Class to Start in Shiocton

Thursdays 5:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

Call Santos at (920) 819-8597 for more information.

Donkey Basketball is Back!!!

Hosted by HS Student Council

Come and see students, staff, and community members compete in a basketball game while riding donkeys! The Donkey Basketball game will be held Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.



Tickets will be sold in advance for \$6 in the high school office, elementary school office, and by high school Student Council members throughout the community. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8. This event promises a lot of laughs!!!

Reminder — Read the May issue of *The Link* online at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us

News from the Nurse — Insect Stings and Bites

submitted by Rebecca Ecker, RN

As the warm weather descends upon us, unfortunately, so do those pesky insects. And with them, comes the risk of being stung or bitten. The two greatest risks from most insect stings and bites are allergic reaction (which may occasionally be fatal) and infection (more likely and less serious). The most common insects that cause problems in our area are bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, and ticks.

What To Do: Bee, Wasp, Hornet, and Yellow Jacket Stings

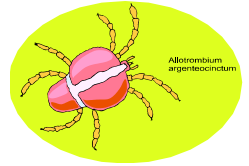
A bee will leave behind a stinger attached to a venom sac. Don't try to pull it out. Pulling it out may release more venom. Gently scrape it out with a blunt-edged object, such as a credit card or a dull knife. Wash the area carefully with soap and water. Do this two to three times a day until the skin is healed. Apply a cold pack; an ice pack wrapped in a cloth; or a cold, wet washcloth for a few minutes. Apply a paste of baking soda and water and leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes. Give acetaminophen (such as Tylenol) for pain. For pain and itching, give an over-the-counter antihistamine, if your doctor says it's OK; follow dosage instructions for your child's age and weight. A sting anywhere in the mouth warrants immediate medical attention. That's because stings in the mucous membranes of the mouth can quickly cause severe swelling that may block airways. You should also seek emergency care if you see any of the following symptoms, which may indicate a severe allergic reaction:



- swelling of the face or mouth
- abnormal breathing
- tightness in throat or chest
- dizziness
- hives or rash
- fainting
- nausea or vomiting
- persistent pain or swelling (more than 72 hours)

Tick Bites

It's not uncommon to find a tick on a child. While most tick bites are harmless and don't require medical treatment, some ticks do carry harmful germs. Check your children and pets for ticks carefully after you've been in or around a wooded area. Common types of ticks include dog ticks and deer ticks. Deer ticks may be carriers of Lyme disease. These ticks are harder to detect than dog ticks because they're much smaller (an adult tick is about the size of a sesame seed).



If you find a tick on your child:

- Call your child's doctor. The doctor may want you to save the tick after removal (you can put it in a jar of alcohol to kill it).
- Use tweezers to grasp the tick firmly at its head or mouth, next to your child's skin.
- Firmly and steadily pull the tick straight out of the skin. Do not twist the tick.
- Wash your hands and the site of the bite with soap and water.
- Swab the bite site with alcohol.
- Don't use petroleum jelly or a lit match to kill a tick.

Also call the child's doctor if:

- The tick may have been on the skin for more than 24 hours
- Part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal
- The child develops a rash of any kind (especially a red-ringed bull's-eye rash)
- The area looks infected (increasing redness, warmth, swelling, pain, or oozing pus)
- The child develops symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, chills, stiff neck or back, or muscle or joint aches

Source: Kids'Health.com

Movin' and Munchin' Program

Our elementary and middle school students recently completed a six-week wellness program called Movin' and Munchin'. Many school staff members also participated. The Movin' and Munchin' program promotes healthy eating and increased physical activity. Individuals earned "Movin' and Munchin' Miles" for various physical activities and wise nutrition choices. The students earned a silver or gold star and then put these on the teacher's big star that was displayed in the lunch room. As the weeks passed, the stars started to shimmer. Many of the classes earned trophies for their great participation in the program.

As part of the wellness program, we had "try and taste" days. The students were able to try some different fruits and vegetables that they may not have tried before. They had a chance to taste kohlrabi, jicama, star fruit, colored sweet peppers, apricots, grape tomatoes, and honeydew melon. The students were very receptive to trying different things.



Entry Fee (T-shirt included)

\$75/4 Player Team

\$90/4 Player Team

Deadline

Received by May 4

Received May 5-8

The tournament will run - rain or shine. If extreme weather conditions cause us to cancel, \$40 of your entry fee will be returned along with the event T-shirt.

Send the completed Registration Form and check payable to Shiocton Booster Club to:

*Kristie Moder
PO Box 422
Shiocton, WI 54170*

Questions - Contact: *Kristie Moder at (920) 915-0041 or e-mail shioctonshootout@yahoo.com*

All brackets can be viewed online Tuesday, May 15, at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us. No phone calls will be made.

TEAM NAME _____

Team Coach or Contact:

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

TEAM DIVISION PLACEMENT

(Circle one that describes your team)

Note: A team must play in the division of the oldest grade player. (Example: A team comprised of three 4th grade girls and one 5th grade girl must play in the 5th grade division.) Divisions may be combined as necessary.

BOYS [3/4] [5/6] [7/8] [9/10] [11/12]

MEN [Grad to 30] [30+]

GIRLS [3/4] [5/6] [7/8] [9/10] [11/12]

WOMEN [Grad to 30] [30+]

All players must be able to present identification to verify age/grade (see #4 of Rules and Regulations).

Player #1 (Captain)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Gender: M or F

Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____

T-shirt Size (circle) YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

We agree to the Rules and Waiver on the following page.

Player's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Player #2

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Gender: M or F

Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____

T-shirt Size (circle) YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

We agree to the Rules and Waiver on the following page.

Player's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Player #3

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Gender: M or F

Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____

T-shirt Size (circle) YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

We agree to the Rules and Waiver on the following page.

Player's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Player #4

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Gender: M or F

Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____

T-shirt Size (circle) YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL

We agree to the Rules and Waiver on the following page.

Player's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

11th Annual Shiocton 3 on 3 Shoot-Out

Rules and Regulations

1. Each team must have at least three players on their roster with a maximum of four players.
2. Players cannot be on more than one team roster.
3. No changes will be allowed after play begins.
4. **All players must be able to present some form of identification to verify age/grade.** School-age students without driver's licenses may bring a report card or yearbook to verify age/grade. We reserve the right to reject any player additions and to disqualify a player and/or a team for use of non-roster players, submission of false information, and/or poor sportsmanship.
5. A ten-minute forfeit rule will be in effect throughout the tournament.
6. Teams will be placed into playing categories based on the information provided on the entry form. The Shiocton Booster Club will make every effort to place teams in divisions with similar aged players. However, in some instances, there might be slight differences in age, size, and/or playing ability.
7. Grade 3-6 boys, girls and women's teams will use girls sized ball (28.5). Grade 7-12 boys and men's teams will use men's sized ball (29.5).
8. No dunking is allowed in practice or in game situations. Anyone caught dunking will face disqualification from the tournament.
9. Substitution is unlimited but can only take place when the ball is not in play.
10. A coin toss will determine the right of possession at the beginning of a game.
11. The ball will change possession after each made basket.
12. After a change of possession, the ball must be taken back to anywhere beyond the 3-point arc. Failure to take the ball back will result in a loss of possession. A player taking the ball back must have both feet behind the 3-point arc. The team may then dribble, pass, or shoot the ball into play. After a rebound is secured by the defensive team, that team gets free "take backs."
13. Games for teams in grades 3-6 will be played to 15 points or 20 minutes in length, whichever comes first. Games for teams in grade 7 through 30+ will be played to 21 points or 20 minutes in length, whichever comes first. The team in the lead at the end of the time limit will be declared the winner. If the score is tied at the end of the time limit, overtime rules will be enforced. Championship games have no time limits.
14. Overtime has no time limit and the first team to three points will be declared the winner.
15. Two Point Shot: A shot made from outside the 3-point arc will count for two points. Both feet must be clearly behind the line for the basket to count for two. All other field goals and free throws count as 1 point.
16. Jump balls or held balls will give possession to the defense.
17. Each team will be allowed two 40 second time-outs. The clock will continue to run during the time-out unless it is taken within the final three minutes of the time limit. The clock also stops for any injuries that occur.
18. Court officials will be keeping an unofficial 30-second clock to prevent teams from stalling. Teams must continue to attempt to score within 30 seconds of inbounding the ball. The court official may change possession if this rule is not adhered to.
19. Boundaries and court sizes may vary from court to court. Court officials will point out boundaries prior to the start of the game.
20. There will be a court official on each court that will enforce all normal basketball rules and call fouls.
21. Any team fouls that occur will result in the ball being inbounded by the team victimized by the foul. On the seventh team foul, the victimized player will get one free throw. After the free throw, the ball changes possession regardless of the result. If a player is fouled and makes the shot they are attempting, they are awarded one point (or two points) for the basket and a free throw if the foul is after the sixth team foul.
22. Flagrant, technical, or continuous misconduct will not be tolerated. One point and possession of the ball will be awarded to the opposing team for each technical foul. Two individual technical fouls will get a player removed from the game and possibly the tournament if the Court Official deems it necessary. **ANYONE INVOLVED IN PUNCHING OR FIGHTING, FOR ANY REASON, WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND THE TOURNAMENT WITH ABSOLUTELY NO REFUND.**

POOL PLAY

The Shiocton Booster Club has made every attempt to make Pool Play fair and enjoyable for everyone. Pool winners advance to the championship game. (In 4 team pools, top 2 teams will play for championship.) We have put in the following tie breakers for such events: Head-to-Head • Defensive Points Allowed • Team Free Throws

In the event that there is a forfeit involved, we will count that as a win for the team getting the forfeit. If we have to determine points given up, average points in the other games played will be used. The Shiocton Booster Club reserves the right to make decisions based on unforeseen events that may occur.

Waiver: *In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release Shiocton Schools and the Shiocton Booster Club, its sponsors, its board of directors, and co-sponsors and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all rights and claims for damages I may have arising out of any injuries suffered by me in this event, regardless of how such injury or illness may arise and even if such illness or injury is caused by the negligence of such parties. I attest and verify that I will participate in this event as a basketball player, that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for competing in this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the aforementioned to use my name and any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, and/or any other record of my participating in this event for any purpose without obligation or liability to me.*



High School News

Principal's Report

It seems like the past few months have just flown by. It has been a very busy few months and as spring approaches, the high school continues to be very busy.

The high school office has a new secretary – Jackie Herrmann. The interview committee felt that Mrs. Herrmann's knowledge of Skyward and her connection with the school/community was a great fit. Please give Mrs. Herrmann a warm welcome.

I want to take a minute and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Shiocton Music Department. We have twelve performances that qualified for State as a result. They are Adam Zahradka (band), Jon Jandourek (band), Bryce Kuehl (band), Sydney St. Clair (band), Valerie Erickson (vocal solo), Sydney St. Clair (vocal solo), Veronica Calderon (vocal solo), Jon Jandourek (vocal solo), Ashly Weis (piano solo), Ashly Weis and Sydney St. Clair (piano duet), Sarah Williams (piano solo), and Sarah Williams and Leah Williams (piano duet).

The junior class has been working hard getting things ready for Prom. This year's Prom will be held April 21 at Doxbee's in Seymour from 6:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight. The theme is "Enchantment in Venice." Tickets are \$20 per person which includes dinner entrees of baked haddock and broasted chicken. For those of you who would like to take pictures of the court, it will be announced at 10:00 p.m. Immediately following Prom, we will once again be hosting a Post-Prom event. That event will take place at the high school. The Post-Prom committee has some outstanding

prizes as well as entertainment this year. If your child has never come to Post-Prom, please encourage him/her to do so; it is a great time and it is free (to anyone who attends Prom). You do not need to attend Prom in order to attend Post-Prom.

As the weather gets nicer and spring fever begins to take over, I would like to take this time to remind students and parents about the consequences for a skip day. In the past, the tradition in Shiocton (like in many schools) was for the seniors to take a day off and have a party. As an alternative and to deter the skip day, seniors have been given the Friday before graduation to go on a canoe/tubing trip with a cookout, all free of charge. The senior Class of 2012 has already been warned that if there is a senior skip day, the canoe/tubing trip will be canceled and students will be required to attend school on that day (after graduation rehearsal). Any student that skips will be required to make up all of the time absent prior to graduation or they will not be able to participate in the ceremony. This strategy worked well the past few years and, hopefully, it is a trend that will continue in the future.

Spring athletics are underway, and I would like to encourage fans to attend games/meets and cheer in a positive manner. Your support is greatly appreciated by the athletes and coaches.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 986-3351 ext. 751.

Kelly Zeinert



New Classes in the Business Department

by Kurt Wismer

Changes are happening in the business department at Shiocton High School. Six new classes have been developed to increase options for students pursuing careers in business and marketing. The classes are:

- Marketing 1: An introductory class that will help you develop an understanding of the responsibilities of the following areas in business—economics, sales, promotion, and marketing information management.
- Marketing 2: Marketing 2 will pick up where Marketing 1 left off and help you develop an understanding of the responsibilities in human resource and risk management, pricing, buying and distribution, and product/service planning. Electronic and Mobile Commerce and Sports and Entertainment marketing are also covered.
- Business and the Environment: Focusing on the broad understandings of the ways in which business systems, natural systems, and social systems intersect. It involves the study of how business can positively or negatively impact the environment, communities, and society.
- eTechnology for the 21st Century Learner: Focusing on new and innovative web technologies that can help students achieve educationally.
- Business Capstone: In a capstone course, you will be given the opportunity to apply your business skills learned through your high school career in an occupational arena.

Many of the other classes in the department have also been updated with new curriculum to offer as well. Personal Law is offered alternate years; next year it may run second semester. A great career choice, Accounting, will be taught completely using computer technology. Be sure to check in the counseling office to sign up for these classes. Mrs. Ligocki and I are always available to answer any questions regarding the courses. The full course descriptions are available on the high school website in the counselor's corner.



High school students from Mrs. Gomm's Linking Generations class work with K5 students on how to use iPads.



What's Happening in Family and Consumer Science?

by Julie Gomm

Linking Generations students studied stages of child development and then put that information to work. They paired up with the kindergarten classes and worked side by side to show the students how to use some kindergarten-friendly apps on the iPads. We found apps that worked with math concepts, word families, and spelling. The K5 students took quickly to the iPads and maneuvered around the learning games quickly. The high school students were able to apply the techniques they studied in live situations. We are going to continue to find ways we can be involved with the younger student population right here at Shiocton.

Students in **Foods and Society** learned how to stretch a food dollar by comparing the cost of making items from scratch to making items from a mix or other convenience product. We compared taste, time, and cost. While some convenience items are a real value, students found that many items are almost as easy to do from scratch and can cost far less. They also noted the quality and quantity was a better fit for their family. Students also practiced planning a menu for two weeks and making a shopping list using items on sale, while staying on a budget.

Shiocton FBLA Holds First Meeting

by Kurt Wismer

On March 16, Shiocton FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) officers held their first official general delegate meeting. The officers created a formal agenda and treasurer's report, and organized fun leadership activities for the meeting. They also discussed with the membership upcoming events, conferences, competitive events, as well as the basics of FBLA and how students can be more involved. The meeting was an overall success. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 24, during ELT.

FBLA is a national association of nearly a quarter million students interested in becoming more successful in the business world. Membership in FBLA helps students learn about business and gives them the opportunity to see the "real world" through interaction with business leaders from across the country! Students will discover the secret of being able to talk confidently with prospective employers and experience the chance to test business skills in state and national competitions.

You can learn more about Shiocton FBLA at <http://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/highschool/FBLA.cfm> as well as on Facebook at Twitter (@ShioctonFBLA). For any other questions, contact me at kwismer@shiocton.k12.wi.us or at (920) 986-3351 ext. 779.



Counselor's News

High school registration begins June 5!! Appointments may be made beginning May 2.

Students are expected to come into the pupil services office before or after school to sign up for the date/time they want to register for next year's classes. Parents are also welcome to call Mrs. Boelter at 986-3351 ext. 713 between 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or Mrs. Uelmen at ext. 762 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to request a time slot. No students will be permitted to come in during class time to make an appointment.

WARNING! Students' schedules will be done for them if a student/parent fails to schedule an appointment. This may prevent students from getting the courses they want. Appointment dates are as follows:

SENIORS: June 5, 6, 7, 11

JUNIORS: June 13-15

SOPHOMORES: June 18-22

FRESHMEN: June 25-29

Reminder to senior students: **Local scholarship applications** are due to Mrs. Boelter by 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted. Please be aware of enclosures (letters of recommendation, transcripts, essays, etc.) that might be needed to accompany your application. A completed application is your responsibility.

- **Fox Valley Technical College** will be hosting Discovery Day on Thursday, April 12, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Oshkosh S. J. Spanbauer Center and on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Appleton campus.
- An **Army** rep will be in the cafeteria on Wednesday, April 18, at noon.
- A **Fox Valley Technical College** rep will be in the pupil services office on Thursday, April 19, during ELT.

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

AP Chemistry: 8:00 a.m. on May 7

AP Calculus: 8:00 a.m. on May 9

AP Biology: 8:00 a.m. on May 14

SENIORS, SAVE THE DATE: Please mark May 9 on your calendars (parents, too) for the **Senior Awards Program**. Please ask off work ahead of time to be sure that you have that night off. Athletic awards, department awards, and special awards, as well as scholarship awards, will be given out on May 9. Please plan to attend.

National Honor Society Banquet and Induction Ceremony

by Amanda Tetzlaff, National Honor Society Advisor

Shiocton will hold its annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, to honor current members and induct the new members. The current members have chosen to hold a dinner banquet at Shiocton's River View. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the ceremony will take place immediately after. National Honor Society officers will speak, and our guest speaker is Mr. Kurt Wismer. Banquet tickets will be on sale in Ms. Tetzlaff's room and the high school office through April 16. Tickets cost \$14 (\$7 for new inductees). Please join us to recognize these exceptional Shiocton students!

\$1,000 in Gift Cards Donated to Food and Toy Drive

by Angela Hammill

Shiocton High School Student Council members and Adam Zahradka, along with Ms. Schneider, accepted nearly \$1,000 worth of gift cards donated by Sam and Olivia Bloch to Shiocton Schools. Sam and Olivia and their mother, Chris Bloch, hosted a Halloween Haunted Trail in October at their home, along with the help of many volunteers. Spectators who visited the trail donated the funds that allowed the Bloch family to donate the cards to the 2011 Food and Toy Drive. A BIG thank you to the Bloch family and the many volunteers that helped make this event a success!



School Board Meeting Summaries

March 5, 2012

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

The board voted to:

- Hire Marcia Motkowski as head volleyball coach.
- Accept the resignation of Mik Newlin as Academic Quiz Bowl coach.

In other discussion:

- Review of Staff Handbook revisions.
- State Convention feedback.
- School Board Goals.
- Board of Canvassers for the spring election will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Parent/Teacher Conferences March 6, no school March 9, and Early Childhood screening March 15.
- Mrs. Zeinert: Music Concert March 20, end of the third quarter March 23, Softball Disney trip March 28-April 3.
- Mrs. Guex: Open enrollment update.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Committee updates, FVTC Board, and ELL update.

March 19, 2012

Attendance: **Board members** — Raymond Gomm, Mary Hoffman, Bradley Ritchie, Gregory Schoettler, Melissa Van Dyke, Allen Warner. **Others** — Chris VanderHeyden, Kim Griesbach, Denise Guex, and Terri Brouillard.

The board voted to:

- Hire Jackie Herrmann as high school secretary.
- Hire Dan Nabbefeld as the district's groundskeeper.
- Accept the 3-year audit bid submitted by Erickson and Associates.
- Approve the 2012 Summer School courses. Summer School will be held June 4-29.
- Approve the boundary lines for the Emmanuel Lutheran School (Bethlehem O' Most Precious Blood).
- Approve 2012-13 Youth Options for the fall semester.

In other discussion:

- Staff Handbooks — 1st reading.
- Town Hall Meeting follow-up discussion.
- Appointment of Board of Canvassers: Board Clerk David Gomm, along with Beth Bloedorn and Julee Scheller, will serve as the Board of Canvassers for the spring election.
- Possible SILA expansion.
- Teacher salary placement concerns.

Board report: Raymond Gomm reported on CESA #6.

Administration reports:

- Mrs. Griesbach: Concert on March 20, end of the third quarter, and early dismissal.
- Mrs. Guex: School budgets.
- Mr. VanderHeyden: Legislative Breakfast.

April Calendar of Events

3/29-4/20		Softball team flower sale (see page 3)	
2-6	M-F	Spring Break	
3	Tue	Spring election	
5	Thu	HS Track at Bonduel — 3:45 pm	
9	Mon	School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
10	Tue	HS Golf at Manawa Invite (Cedar Springs) — 12:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home with Pacelli — 4:30 pm Community Book Club meeting at Studio 54 — 6:30 pm	
11	Wed	SPICE meeting in the LMC — 6:15 pm	
12	Thu	Grades 4 and 5 field trip to Lawrence University to see <i>Peter and the Wolf</i> — 10:30 am-2:00 pm AODA Board presents Harry Sydney III in the HS gym for grades 8-12 and parents — 1:30 pm HS Track Shiocton Invitational — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Bonduel — 4:30 pm	
13	Fri	Grade 6 College Day for Kids in Stevens Point (see page 21) — 7:00 am-3:15 pm Grade 8 field trip to Barlow Planetarium at UW-Fox Valley — 9:45 am-2:45 pm MS Track at home — 4:00 pm Donkey Basketball game sponsored by HS Student Council (see page 4) — 7:00 pm	
15	Sun	Deadline for volunteering for Farm Technology Days (see page 3)	
16	Mon	The Link — Deadline for submitting articles for the May issue HS Golf (JV and Varsity) at home — 3:30 pm HS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home with Weyauwega-Fremont — 4:30 pm	
16-30		Summer School registration	
17	Tue	HS Golf at Wittenberg-Birnamwood (Maple Hills) — 3:30 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Amherst — 4:30 pm	
18	Wed	Grade 4 field trip to Volkman Farms — 12:10-2:45 pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Banquet at the River View — 6:00 pm	
19	Thu	State-wide Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill HS Track at Marion — 3:45 pm MS Track at Shiocton Invite — 4:00 pm HS Baseball/Softball at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 4:30 pm	
20	Fri	MS Band Clinic — 9:00-11:30 am MS Band Badger Band Trip HS Golf vs. Iola-Scandinavia (Whistling Straits) — 12:00 pm	
21	Sat	Junior Prom at Doxbee's in Seymour — 6:00 pm-12:00 midnight Post-Prom in the HS gym	
23	Mon	Market Day order forms due in the elementary or high school office HS Golf at Iola-Scandinavia (Glacier Woods) — 3:30 pm HS Track at Tri-County — 3:45 pm MS Track at Rosholt Invite — 3:45 pm HS Baseball/Softball at home with Iola-Scandinavia — 4:30 pm School Board meeting in the LMC — 6:30 pm	
23-26	M-Th	Paper Recycling fundraiser behind school	
24	Tue	HS Golf at Weyauwega-Fremont (Foxfire) — 12:00 pm HS Track at Wittenberg-Birnamwood — 3:45 pm HS Baseball at home with Green Bay NEW Lutheran — 4:30 pm	
25	Wed	HS Band/Choir field trip to Performing Arts Center to see <i>West Side Story</i>	
26	Thu	HS Track at Tri-County — 3:45 pm MS Track at Gresham Invite — 4:00 pm	
27	Fri	HS Baseball/Softball at home with Manawa (double header) — 2:30 pm	
28	Sat	State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UW-Oshkosh	

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- 30 Mon Bucket Fillers assembly in the elementary gym — 2:20 pm
- HS (JV and Varsity) Golf at Bonduel (Golden Sands) — 3:30 pm
- HS Track at Iola-Scandinavia Invite — 3:45 pm
- HS Baseball/Softball at home with Amherst — 4:30 pm

Coming Up in May

- 1 Grand Band Recruit Orientation Meeting
- HS Golf at Bonduel
- MS Track at Wild Rose
- 2 Softball team flower sale delivery
- 3 Market Day pick-up
- HS Baseball/Softball at Pacelli
- HS Track at Weyauwega-Fremont
- 4/5 Piano Recitals
- 5 Shiocton Night at the Timber Rattlers



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Pizza slice, green beans, pineapple, milk	10 Chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, broccoli with cheese, fresh orange slices, milk	11 Grab-n-Go salad or spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk	12 Grab-n-Go salad or mini corn dogs, rice, peas, fruit cocktail, milk	13 Grab-n-Go salad or turkey, ham, and cheese sub sandwich, Sun Chips, fresh vegetables, cookie, fresh apples, milk
16 Chicken patty on a bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, pineapple, milk	17 Brunch for lunch: cheese omelet, hash browns, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk	18 Pizza dippers with marinara sauce, lettuce salad, fresh oranges, apple crisp, milk	19 Grab-n-Go salad or soft shell tacos with trimmings, sour cream, salsa, green beans, pears, milk	20 Grab-n-Go salad or tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peas, applesauce, milk
23 Grab-n-Go salad or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, lettuce salad, fresh apples, milk	24 Nachos with meat and cheese, sour cream, peas, Mandarin oranges, milk	25 Chili, homemade buns, whole kernel corn, applesauce, milk	26 Grab-n-Go salad or ham and cheese sandwich, tri taters, Wisconsin blend vegetables, pineapple, milk	27 Grab-n-Go salad or chicken fajitas, shredded cheese, shredded lettuce, green beans, peaches, milk
30 Grab-n-Go salad or salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese, fresh oranges, milk				* Menu subject to change

Lunch prices: Elementary — \$1.85 per day, \$9.25 per week, \$29.60 for April
 Middle/High School — \$2.15 per day, \$10.75 per week, \$34.40 for April

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



April greetings! Spring may have sprung, but I have a feeling we are in for a snowstorm or two before the end of the school year! ☺

First of all, I would like to congratulate all of the Shiocton athletes and musicians who traveled to the State level for additional performances or competitions. WAY TO GO!



I would also like to extend a round of applause to Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Yenor, Mrs. Ritchie, and all of the musicians who performed on March 20 for the *Music in Our Schools Month* concert. Great job to everyone involved!



Believe it or not, we have reached the **fourth** quarter of the 2011-12 school year! Unfortunately, this tends to be the time of the year when the students often get “spring fever” and a bit squirrely. Therefore, it is more important than ever that we help provide as much structure and reinforcement for our children and continue to work as a team between home and school. This is also a great time to remind middle school students that their grades from the fourth quarter do carry over to fall sports for the 2012-13 school year. Sometimes that’s just the motivation students need to keep working hard throughout the final quarter. Let’s work together to help our children continue to aim high and work toward their goals so that we can finish the 2011-12 school year on a positive note!

A round of applause goes out to all of the students who have been working so hard to “fill buckets” each and every day. It’s so important for each of us to focus on filling other people’s buckets instead of dipping from them! Great job to everyone who is working on this on a daily basis! In addition, let’s keep working hard on being safe, being respectful, being responsible, and being the best that we can be . . . each and every day! ☺



Upcoming Events/Activities and Information

Spring Break: There will be no school during the week of April 2-6. Happy Spring Break! Hopefully, the students will all come back refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready to finish the year strong!

Summer School 2011 Registration: Registration for summer school classes will take place from April 16-30. Information and registration packets will be coming home with students during the week of April 16.

Severe Weather Awareness Week: The week of April 16-20 is designated as “Severe Weather Awareness Week” throughout the state of Wisconsin. The state-wide tornado drill will be conducted during the afternoon on Thursday, April 19, (unless the weather is bad throughout the state on this day. If that happens, the drill will be on April 20).



Staff Appreciation Week: The week of May 7-11 will be designated as “Staff Appreciation Week” at Shiocton Elementary/Middle School. I feel so incredibly fortunate to work with the exceptional staff within the Shiocton School District! If you would like to help me express appreciation toward this incredible staff, please feel free to donate any items (gift cards, gift certificates, gas cards, baskets of goodies, food, etc.) to be given away during this week. Please send the items to the elementary/middle school office. Thank you, in advance, for any contributions! Also, please keep in mind that some of the most special gifts to receive are notes of appreciation. These can be “treasures” that remind us what a difference we can make each and every day.



Have a GREAT month of April! I know it’s difficult this time of year, but please try to keep the kiddos reading 20 minutes each night! ☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Griesbach ☺

Elementary/Middle School Principal

Dates to Remember

April 2-6	Spring Break
April 11	SPICE Meeting – 6:15 p.m. in the LMC
April 16-30	Summer School Registration
May 1	Midquarter for Quarter 4
May 4-5	Piano Recitals
May 5	Shiocton Night at the Timber Rattlers
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week

Bucket Fillers

Have you filled a bucket today? That's a question we have all been busy asking one another. The bucket filling notion is that everyone carries an invisible bucket and it is our job as students and staff to fill them up every day through kind words or actions. Classmates nominate each other when their buckets have been filled. These "Bucket Fillers" were chosen from the classroom "bucket" in February.



Front row (*left to right*) — Claire Collar, Lacy Volkman, Kyler Kirmsse, Bianca Garcia Gonzalez, Jennifer Osorto, Alexis Widmann, Clayton Marohn, Jak Kamp

Second row — Dion Helser, Gage Oskey, Maraia Gassner, Kendal Stingle, Devin Jennerjohn, Jack Harrigan, Fox Harrigan

Third row — Cori Fisher, Dawson Schmidt, Jayden Carlson, Ashley Bird, Katie Hanks

Fourth row — Jake Korth, Jaiden Lecker, Mickayla Denis, Brandon Rohloff, Elizabeth Volkman, Tyler La Forest, Sydney Sausen

Fifth row — Levi Spencer, Abbie Hanks, Lydia Kettner

Back row — Rachel Maki, , Leigha Young, Quinten Eichinger, Allison Erickson

Pizza Week in Early Childhood

The favorite topic of the month was pizza week. The students counted pepperonis in their pizza book and made a pretend pizza by identifying pizza ingredients using different shapes and colors of construction paper. Inspired by the book and movie *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig, the students made themselves into pizzas. They were kneaded and rolled out. Then they had



pepperoni (checkers) and cheese (string) sprinkled on them. Another great book read during our theme was *Hi, Pizza Man!* by Virginia Walter. We practiced answering the door for the pizza man and were surprised by the people and animals who were delivering our pizza. The best part of the theme was making, and, of course, eating homemade pizza.

“Welcome to Our Jungle” was our greeting for the end of March. The students enjoyed learning all about zoo animals. They worked on identifying animals they see at the zoo, as well as the sounds they make. Some of our zoo art projects included a paper bag giraffe, a lion mask, and a paper plate monkey. Students also worked on shape identification by making a shape elephant. They learned the song “5 Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree.”

In April, things will get slimy and windy in the Early Childhood classroom with themes of spring weather, worms, caterpillars, and butterflies.

Bunnies and Baskets in K4

The four-year-old kindergartners enjoyed learning about nursery rhymes, and then we moved into preparing for Easter. We made bunny faces for the bulletin board and marble painted eggs to decorate the hallway. Each child made his/her own bunny basket. We were so surprised to be visited by the Easter Bunny on the day of our party! He discreetly came into our room and hid our baskets. It was both fun and challenging to find the baskets. We also played games and ate treats at our party.



Everyone is ready for a relaxing week off of school for spring break! The school year is just flying by!

Happy Easter

A special thank you to SPICE — we now have three new titles (*Little Pink Pup*, *Dolphins on the Sand*, and *The Dog Who Cried Wolf*) for our bookroom collection.

Michelle Jorgensen
Title I/Reading Teacher

K5: April, the Last Quarter Push for First Grade

This year spring came before its official calendar date, March 20! The K5 teachers were overjoyed to have their students pack away their winter gear earlier than usual this year! April is here!

The kindergartners are anxiously awaiting the sight of a sprout to appear in the pot in which they planted tiny marigold seeds. It is truly a test of our patience, because it just won't happen overnight! We are all eagerly looking for signs of spring to “sprout” before us!



April begins with our spring break, and after break we will be ready to learn even more! At this point, your child should be able to identify all upper and lowercase letters and produce the sound that each letter makes.

Children should also be able to easily read all 55 sight words. Every child has been working so diligently to sound out words phonetically! The teachers have found much joy in the success of the students and the development of their reading and writing skills! Thank you for your support at home in practicing with your child.

With the arrival of the refreshing spring season, we will “Explore Our Surroundings” in language arts studies. Our decodable books will introduce the students to familiar settings that will provide them with an appreciation of where they live. We will take a look at different environments and who, or maybe what, we can find in each location.

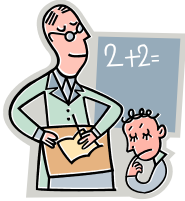
In math, we will continue with addition and subtraction skills. We are soaring along in our skills! The teachers appreciate your help in guiding your child at home in working on math skills. That practice provides the extra boost in your child's abilities. We will also work on counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. Even and odd numbers are being introduced, as well as ordinal numbers.

Wow, students sure are busy in K5! Happy spring from the kindergarten clan!

Title I Needs Assessment to be Conducted

by Michelle Jorgensen,
Reading Teacher/Title I Coordinator

Annually, coinciding approximately with the end of the third marking period, Title I conducts a Needs Assessment of all students in five-year-old kindergarten through grade 4. There are three phases of this Needs Assessment. In Phase 1,



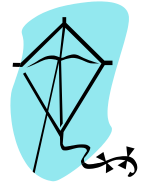
our classroom teachers are asked to identify students at risk of not achieving academic success. The classroom teacher identifies the needs of each of these students. A “tentative” priority list of students is created from this information.

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

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

Grade 1 Welcomes Spring

Ahhh! Spring is not only in the air, but also in the first grade classrooms. We will read various stories about spring this month and next, including *Wake Me in Spring*, *One Bright Monday Morning*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We also will be making windsocks, butterfly wands, and kites. What a nice way to bring in the new season.



In math, the children will be starting a unit on money toward the end of the fourth quarter, but now is the time to give them that head start they sometimes need in this difficult unit. Extra exposure to identifying and counting coins at home is very beneficial in helping children retain the concepts taught in class. Try starting out by having your child identify the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter by name and value. Then count a row of like coins. For example, count all pennies or all nickels before mixing coins together. Once that’s mastered, then mix the coins gradually. For example, start off with just pennies and nickels, then pennies and dimes, then nickels and dimes, etc., gradually working your way up to counting all four coins together.

After our money unit, we will be concentrating on telling time to the hour and half-hour on both a digital and analog clock. Practicing with your child now will help ensure success in this difficult unit. Please keep practicing math skills at home, too. Memorization of facts is the key to speed and accuracy.

We’ve been working hard in class on written book reports. We’ve written both fiction and non-fiction reports together. Now the children are ready to try writing reports on their own at home (with parental support). Remember, two written reports are due by the end of April.

It’s hard to believe that we’re heading into our fourth quarter already. The students have come a long way. We’re so proud of them! Give your child a hug and express how you feel, too.

Great Progress in Grade 2

Spring has FINALLY made its way here. Yes! Enjoy that spring break, then welcome back to our final and BEST quarter of the year. Our students have learned so much, and we should really be able to see all of the wonderful progress they’ve made since day one. Encourage your child to continue doing their best, as it does get more challenging to focus once the weather gets warmer.

This year in math we’ve been learning important everyday skills, like how to count money, do fractions, and tell time. Please look for opportunities at home to reinforce what has been taught. Ask your child what time it is every day. Ask what fraction of the pizza they’re eating, or how much change is in your coin jar. In April we will be learning to measure using inches, centimeters, feet, and yards. Find some things to measure at home or estimate the length of items you see. How long is your book? Your bed? Your smile?



In science this month we will be learning about the water cycle, changes in matter, and weather. We will also learn about tornadoes and the difference between a “tornado watch” and a “tornado warning.” We will practice our drill with all of the other kids in Wisconsin during the state-wide Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill on April 19.

Our second graders are becoming very fluent readers! When your child reads to you, take a moment and think back to how they read at the beginning of the year compared to now. Wow! You should be hearing lots of expression in their voices and more fluency as they read. Be sure to let your child know that you’ve noticed all of their amazing progress and are proud of them. Thanks again for all of your help! ☺

Great Season for Grade 3 Boys Basketball

by Jennifer Twombly

The third grade boys basketball team made it to the championship game in all four of their tournaments this season. They finished first once and second three times. Not too shabby for boys just starting their hoops journey! It was especially fun to see their growth and skill development this year! Great job, boys, and many thanks to Coach Schmidt, Coach Jorgensen, the parents, and supporters.



The team is pictured at left after their first place finish in the Wrightstown Youth Basketball Tournament on February 11. They won 22-16 in the championship game against Pulaski to take the trophy. Team members include (*front row, left to right*) Tyler Pelky, Jake Korth, Austin Wilinski, and Grant Oskey; (*second row*) Trey Van Straten, Jack Scott, Caden Schmidt, and Trenton Kurczek; (*back row*) Hudson

Spencer and Carson Shears.

The boys wrapped up their great season by taking second place at the Shiocton tournament on February 25. Shown below with their trophies are (*front row, l to r*) Jack Scott, Trey Van Straten, Tyler Pelky, and Grant Oskey; (*back row*) Coach Brad Jorgensen, Caden Schmidt, Carson Shears, Hudson Spencer, Austin Wilinski, Jake Korth, and Coach Chad Schmidt. Missing from the photo was Trenton Kurczek.



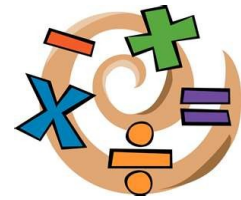
What's Happening in Third Grade?

WOW!! April is here already, and with it comes the final quarter of the school year. Looking back, the month of March flew by. *Read Across America* activities and science fair projects took place. The third graders proudly displayed their projects at the science fair. It was fun to see how each student creatively designed their project.

The end of the month brought about the end of Fang's Reading Club. Congrats to all students who reached their reading goal and received a ticket to the Timber Rattlers game — a job well done!!

As April begins, we will start the month off with an exciting visit to the Performing Arts Center in Appleton to see the play *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*, along with a visit to the Appleton Public Library. We will also be taking part in our spring phase of MAP testing. Watch for specific dates in your child's agenda.

As we begin our math unit on geometry, please continue to review



the addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts with your child. Once the students have learned all the

facts, then we want to work on speed so that the facts can be recalled almost instantly.

Believe it or not, we have begun our final quarter of the year. That means it is time to begin thinking about a final book report project. For the fourth quarter, the students are asked to read a mystery book and create a poster about the book. Begin thinking about which mystery book you would like to read. More details will be coming soon. Happy reading and HAPPY SPRING!

THE GRAND BAND RECRUIT!



“I WANT YOU FOR SHIOCTON BAND!”

Is your 4th grader interested in joining band next year?

RECRUIT MEETING

TUESDAY

MAY 1

6:00 p.m.

BAND ROOM

The Grand Band Recruit is Here!

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF 4th GRADERS: The time has come to recruit for next year’s 5th grade beginning band. Over the past couple weeks, we’ve been talking about the different instruments in band and figuring out which one your child will play next year in 5th grade. We’ll hold a very important meeting on **Tuesday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **band room** to talk about renting instruments and what it takes to be in the 5th grade beginning band. The 4th graders are pumped up for next year. You don’t want to miss this exciting event!

Grade 4 Adventures

Fourth grade is the first year that students get “official” instruction in the art of keyboarding. Mrs. Ligocki, our renowned high school Business Education teacher, has been instructing students in the basics of typing. It is pretty amazing how swiftly they have picked it up. From now on, when you see a fourth grader on a keyboard, watch for their excellent technique: hands on home row and sitting up straight. Mrs. Ligocki stresses that it is important to learn where the keys are now and worry about speed later.

Throughout March and April “Adventures in Dairyland,” a program funded by Outagamie County UW Extension, is being taught to our fourth graders by local dairy farmers, Greg, Barb, and Chris Volkman. There is nothing better than learning from the people who live it, and we thank them for sharing their knowledge and many experiences with us! The highlight is a field trip to the Volkman’s farm at the end of the unit.

Our spring writing assessment takes place in April, too. We will be sharpening up our pencils and applying all of the knowledge we have gained this year to produce a sample of our best writing. It will be fun to see our gains in writing ability.

Another very important event coming up at the beginning of May is our Madison field trip! So April will be filled with learning as much as we can about our beautiful and interesting state of Wisconsin. The fourth grade students, teachers, and quite a few parents will be touring our capitol and Vilas Zoo. This trip is highly anticipated and always rewarding.

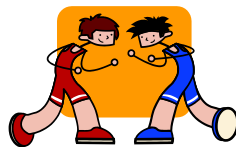


Youth Wrestling Ends Another Great Season

by Kristi Piechocki

Youth Wrestling had their last practice on March 20. It was a very eventful season. Along with local tournaments, we also joined up with the NEW Conference and were able to dual and attend a tournament with six other local wrestling clubs. The beginning of March we also dualled with Little Chute and Menasha. It was great to see so many of the youth wrestlers attend and use the skills and moves they were taught. We had a large group wrestle at the Seymour and Brillion tournaments this month. On March 14 the wrestlers were awarded a fun night with their coaches and some parents at the Clintonville Recreation Center where they could swim and play. Thank you, Robin Riehl, for once again providing safe transportation!

On behalf of the Shiocton Wrestling Club, parents, and wrestlers, we would like to thank our coaches Vic Scheller, Nick Van Straten, Ryan Hobbs, and Mike Jahnke for another memorable year. Thank you for helping our youth become great wrestlers, not because you had to, but because you wanted to. We appreciate the support and patience you have given this high-energy group of kiddos! Thank you also to the families that stepped up and helped on the mats and offered extra support at tournaments.



The wrestling season may be coming to an end, but mark your calendars for the annual SWC Golf Outing held in June. It’s a great chance to meet or catch up with others from the club. Watch for more information in next month’s issue of *The Link*. Also, it is not too late to sign up for Farm Technology Days in July. Money from the time you donate will go to the SWC or any club of your choice. Your help and support are what keeps the club running. See page 3 for details. There are various shifts still available.

Spring In(to) Fifth Grade

With spring break over and all eyes looking toward the end of the school year, the fifth grade's focus is and continues to be working UP to our potential. Students and teachers want to end the year on a strong, positive note. Students continue to work hard to develop their organizational skills as well as gaining new knowledge and skills in all aspects of their daily academic life.

Our fifth graders concluded their CounterACT lessons with Officer Fischer. They learned strategies to use in order to stay away from negative situations. The purpose of CounterACT is to give students tools to resist the pressures they encounter on their journeys through life. Students acted out situations where some of those strategies were put into play. Check out the photos at right and below.



One activity in which they participated was to write a letter that explained what they learned during their CounterACT sessions. They each wrote a letter to self, which conveyed a strong commitment to staying out of trouble and having powerful positive self-esteem. The students did this during their language classes. Another language lesson studied was on idioms. Understanding idioms is a piece of cake! An idiom is a word used in a way that is different from its usual or dictionary meaning. Read the books *More Parts* and *Even More Parts* by Tedd Arnold. Many students recognize some of these everyday expressions and others are difficult to interpret. Watch for our "Eat Your Idioms" display in the hallway. You will enjoy our idiom snacks.

With spring comes the annual Americanism Essay Contest, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. This year's title is "How Can I Show My Patriotism in My Community?" The written essay needs to be 250-300 words in length. Entries are judged, and winning students will receive money for their efforts. Hopefully, your fifth grade child will talk to you about this topic. Doing so will help to develop a stronger and more meaningful essay. Good luck to all participants.

Also around the corner is the fifth grade Conservation Speech contest. May 8 is the competition, to be held here in Shiocton. Students will be preparing in April, and selected students will present the evening of May 8. Watch for more information to come.

Wow! The students will be very busy in language. Don't forget about our Literacy Showcase. The entire school will display the wonders of our language in written as well as spoken form. Come to school on May 10!

In social studies we are studying the pioneers' movement to the western United States. After Thomas Jefferson bought land through the Louisiana Purchase, the U.S. territory more than doubled. Students studied the exciting expedition of Lewis and Clark and the heartbreaking movement of the Cherokees onto reservations.

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Grade 5 News *(continued)*

They were awed by the sad saga of the buffalo. To force Plains Indians to give up their land, government hunters were sent to kill as many buffalo as possible. The population of this large creature went from 60 million in the 1800s to a few thousand in the 1900s. Next we will study the Gold Rush and the population boom in California in the 1840s.

In science the students have been studying Earth, its neighboring planets, the parts that make up this huge rock we live on, and much, much more. Students grew salt crystals. Examinations were made of

the different types of rocks and minerals, and students were able to feel more confident about what lies below us!

In math all students are working on fractions. This includes adding and subtracting with like and unlike denominators, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa, and also comparing fractions with decimals. These are just a few of the concepts being covered. Families are probably aware of these concepts, because the students are bringing them home to get that extra help. The teachers are

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very appreciative of all the efforts and assistance you provide to help your child learn. Thank you.

The final quarter of the school year is upon us. Before you know it, fifth graders will be visiting the sixth grade classrooms to prepare for the fall of 2012. It is our goal to work hard and be diligent about being the best we can be. Hopefully, the word spreading through the fifth grade will be "Positive." As we study and interact with each other, the respect we build will help make us individuals of strong character and high morals. With the help and cooperation of our wonderful Shiocton families, we will succeed!

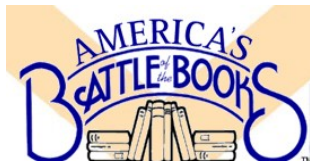


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Battle of the Books

We had a great team of 4th and 5th grade students who worked very hard this year. They read a lot of books, took a lot of practice quizzes, and enjoyed thoughtful discussion of book topics. We also had a group of 6th graders in middle school who tried very hard to work as a team to remember not only elements from the stories, but also how to spell the titles of books and names of authors.



This was a great challenge that, hopefully, others will continue taking. Please congratulate them on their dedication to literacy.

The list of books for next school year's Battle of the Books should be available toward the end of May or beginning of June. We hope the list will be ready just in time for summer break. If your child is interested in competing in Battle of the Books next year, please have them see Mrs. Hess or Mrs. Chang prior to the last day of school for the book list.

College Day for Kids (Registration due March 31.)

- 6th graders College Day for Kids in Stevens Point April 13 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 5th graders College Day for Kids in Oshkosh May 14 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

SumDog

From March 21-28, the Gifted and Talented program involved third grade G/T students and all eighth grade

students in an online math competition called Sumdog. The competition challenged students to solve various math problems using their number and operation skills. Sumdog online competition involved students everywhere in the world. It was an awesome way to motivate our students to compete against their classmates and also against students from other countries for a chance to win great math software for our school. Each student who participated now has an account. They can continue challenging themselves with math problems on Sumdog from home. The website is www.sumdog.com.

America Answers

The 5th, 6th, and 7th grade G/T students have once again been challenged to participate in America Answers, a trivia contest at Shiocton Schools. This is the second contest after the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl that they competed in during the fall, and the teams' collaboration and support of one another were phenomenal. We are hoping that many will do it again next year! Awesome job to all our participants!

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit." --Matthew--

Word
Picture
Puzzle to
solve:



*tail mix
Answer:
Puzzle
Picture
Word*

SPICE: A Great Way to Get Involved

by Debby Stellmacher

March was a busy month with lots of successes to celebrate! A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped at many of the following events. Without the parents, teachers, family members, and friends these events would not be possible.

To start off, the Spring Book Fair was a great success! Many families came and enjoyed the book fair. They were able to purchase books to increase their own home libraries while earning points that helped our school library add to its collection of books. Thanks to all those who came and supported this great event.

Next, we had a great turnout at Funset Boulevard again this year. We were happy to see so many families enjoying a fun night at such a low cost! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Last, watch for toolbox information coming home in the near future. Toolboxes are school supply boxes that are preassembled for your child's specific grade level.



There will be some items, such as gym shoes, art shirts, etc. that will not be included in the boxes. However, all crayons, scissors, glue, etc. will be

included. It is a great way to save some time by not having to battle the busy stores at back-to-school time. Once ordered, the boxes may be picked up in August along with next year's school packets. Please pay close attention to the due date so that your order is received in time. Thanks in advance for your participation in the program.

If you are interested in participating in SPICE, please plan on attending the next meeting. It is a wonderful way to get involved with your school and to work with other parents.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact the SPICE chairpersons, Debby Stellmacher at dstellma@shiocton.k12.wi.us or Jenny Frahm at my69el@earthlink.net



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, April 11, at 6:15 p.m. in the LMC

Wednesday, May 9, at 6:15 p.m. at the River Rail

Great Success for 5th Grade Girls Basketball

by Deb Van Straten

The 5th grade girls basketball season was a tremendous success. We finished our season with 10 wins and 14 losses. In our home tournament we took second place. These girls worked hard, learned as much as I could throw at them, and have improved dramatically since last year. Congratulations, ladies, be proud of your work—but do not settle! Continue to improve for next year!

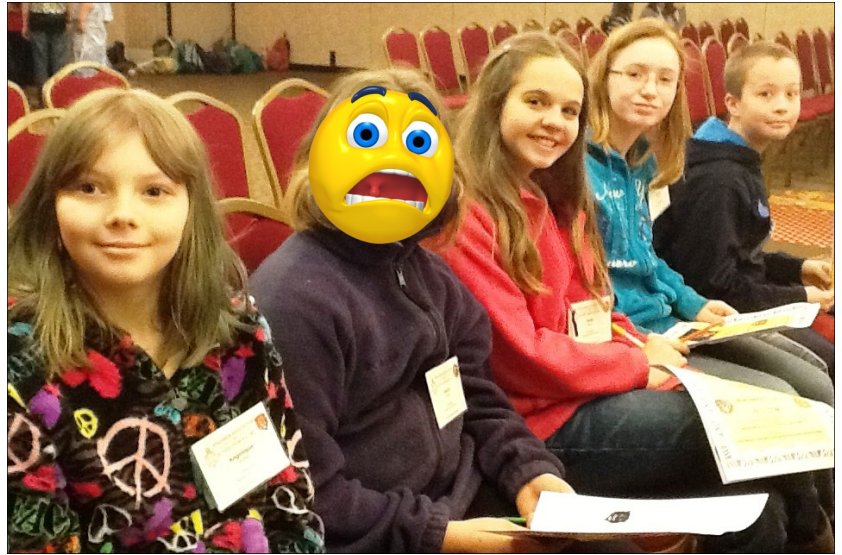
Front row (*left to right*): Allison Erickson, Maddie Otto, Melanie Herb, Cortny Leopold, and Samantha Scott.
Back row: Coach Deb Van Straten, Alli Scott, Erica Gassner, Coach Jeff Otto, Payton Schnur, Rachel Maki, Coach Dale Maki, Leigha Young, and Missing is Coach Jill Leopold, Chiara Van Camp, and McKenna St. Clair.



Fifth Grade Student Council Attends State Conference

by Angela Hammill

Fifth grade Student Council members (pictured at right, left to right) Angelique Muthig, Faith Moser, Cortny Leopold, and Wyatt Erickson attended the annual Elementary Student Council State Conference at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Shiocton Elementary Student Council (advised by Ms. Hammill) made its first appearance at the elementary level this year. Students enjoyed the breakout sessions that focused on leadership and incorporating giving back to the community.

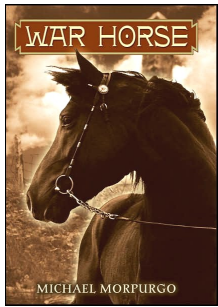


Books with the Boys — Volume 3

by Tim Huebner, with guest review by Logan Cummings

Mr. Huebner

The book *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo takes place during World War I. The book is told from the viewpoint of Joey, an English farm horse who is sold by his owner to the British Army. This sale causes the farmer's son, Albert, much sadness. The book covers the struggles of both Albert and Joey in their efforts to be reunited. The British figure out after the first few months of the conflict that old fashioned cavalry charges into barbed wire and machine guns are a bad idea. Very early on in the war, cavalry charges are phased out and Joey's service changes.



Author: Michael Morpurgo
 Title: *War Horse*
 Published by Scholastic Press 2011
 Reading level: Grades 5-8
 Page count: 165
 Available at most libraries and all book stores

I enjoyed the book a great deal. I think anyone with an interest in horses or World War I also will enjoy the book.

I believe a bit of background knowledge on World War I would help any reader better understand and appreciate the novel. On a side note, the movie *War Horse* is currently out on DVD. This offers a great family opportunity to read the novel, watch the movie, and discuss the differences.

Logan Cummings

The book starts off with the horse unsure of where he is and the next thing he knows, he is being tied up and put in a truck. He has been sold to a farmer. He makes friends with the farmer's son, Albert, who names him Joey. World War I breaks out and Joey is sold to the British Cavalry. He is shipped to France and trained for combat. After a few battles he is captured by the Germans and put to work pulling ambulances with his fellow horse, Topthorn, who was captured in the same battle. Meanwhile, Albert was devastated when Joey was sold. He couldn't join the army so he joined the veterinary corps to search for him. Joey and Albert are both unsure if they will ever see each other again.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I would recommend this book to everybody. I would especially recommend this book if they have a love for history or horses.

Wolf River Cookies Closes Out a Successful Business

by Kurt Wismer

The eighth grade students in my Investigating Business and Technology class during third quarter ran their own cookie store. Wolf River Cookies, a bakery specializing in cookies, ran very successfully. Mrs. Gomm's World of Foods class produced the cookies — Classic Chocolate Chip, Crazy Craisin White Chocolate Oatmeal, Monster M&M, and Scotcheroos; then my students promoted and sold the cookies. Students took part in daily business decisions such as marketing and promotion, accounting, forecasting, sales, market research, and management.

They completed a comprehensive business plan using Google Docs collaboration tools. The business also has a website at www.wolfrivercookies.weebly.com made by the students.

Wolf River Cookies has had over \$400 in sales and well exceeded the profit goals for the business. This certainly demonstrates a successful business run by the students.



THE UPBEAT!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CLINIC AND TRIP

The band program will invite middle and high school bands from two other schools here on **Friday, April 20**, when they will join forces and form a mass band. Together, the students will have the opportunity of playing in a larger ensemble. Afterwards, we will travel to Madison for a pizza party and a performance of the UW Varsity Band in concert at the Kohl Center. The kids are super pumped for the trip!



HIGH SCHOOL BAND/CHOIR GOES TO *WEST SIDE STORY*

The high school band and choir will see a performance of *West Side Story* at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center on **Wednesday, April 25**. Be on the lookout for more details and a permission slip coming home soon.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF 4TH GRADERS!

The **GRAND BAND RECRUIT** is here! Throughout April, during Mrs. Stellmacher's 4th grade music classes, we'll demonstrate and test out all the instruments in band. Then on **Tuesday, May 1**, we'll have an **orientation meeting** for all parents and students interested in joining band. The meeting will take place in the **band room** at **6:00 p.m.** We'll talk about instrument rentals and what it takes to be in 5th grade band. Look forward to seeing you there!



"I WANT YOU FOR SHIOCTON BAND!"

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SHIOCTON MUSIC

MS BAND CLINIC

Friday, April 20
9:00-11:30 a.m.
6-8 BAND

BADGER BAND TRIP

Friday, April 20
6-8 BAND STUDENTS

TRIP TO

WEST SIDE STORY

Wednesday, April 25
Evening (TBA)
9-12 BAND/CHOIR STUDENTS

STATE SOLO/ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 28
SELECT HS BAND/CHOIR
STUDENTS

GRAND BAND RECRUIT

PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday, May 1
6:00 p.m.
Band Room
4th GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS
INTERESTED IN JOINING BAND

SHIOCTON SHOWCASE

Friday, May 11
7:00 p.m.
HS Gym
HS BAND/CHOIR

MS IN-SCHOOL CONCERT

Tuesday, May 15
1:45 p.m.
HS Gym
5-8 BAND, 6-8 CHOIR

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



Congratulations to our **state-bound students!** Ashly Weis, Veronica Calderon, Valerie Erickson, Sydney St. Clair, Jon Jandourek, Bryce Kuehl, and Adam Zahradka will represent Shiocton at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at UW-Oshkosh on April 28. We're proud of you for your dedication and effort in music!