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100th Day Celebration

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"A dream doesn't become reality through magic;
it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

~ Colin Powell

In The Classroom

Elementary Students Celebrate the 100th Day of School

Kindergarten News

On January 23rd, the kindergarten class had a one-hundred-ful day! We began the day by getting into the appropriate attire, which included 100th day hats and glasses that looked like the number 100! The hats were extra special because they were made by the students, and had 100 pieces of paper on the top for extra decoration. We joined the rest of the elementary students at 10:00 in the gym to do 100 exercises which were led by the sixth grade class (bottom right picture). We read a 100th day story, and then wrote one of our own. We wrote about what we would like to have 100 of – and what we would never want 100 of. We wrote numbers to 100 on a chart, and then we colored in certain numbers to reveal a picture that was the number 100. The really amazing part was everyone wrote their numbers to 100 in 15 minutes or less! This is big news for our class! After lunch, we made 100th day necklaces with Fruit Loops. It was an easy task, because we just had to make 10 groups of 10. Some of the students really challenged their brains and made patterns with their Fruit Loops! We had a special 100th day snack and finished the day by sharing our 100th day collections. The students collected 100 items at home and brought the items to school in a special 100th day box. Our collections included items such as paperclips, marshmallows, marbles, and stickers. It was a day to be celebrated and remembered. Now, we only have 80 more days to go!



Kindergarten students show off their 100th day glasses and the hats they made using 100 pieces of paper on the top. (See additional pictures on the front page.)



Elementary students did 100 exercises in the gym to celebrate the 100th day of school.

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First Grade News

The first graders (pictured below) enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school. Each student made an art project containing 100 items from home. They displayed their creative projects in the hall (see picture on front page). They played a "Race to 100" game using a die and a 100's chart. The K-6 students went to the gym and did 100 exercises which were led by the 6th graders.

In math the students are learning how to add 2-digit numbers using tens and ones blocks. In reading they read 3-letter blends in words and compared and contrasted details in their story. In science the children learned about different environments that animals live in. The students are currently reading about dinosaurs and learning about the theories about what happened to the dinosaurs to make them extinct. In Social Studies Martin Luther King, Jr. has been the main focus. The children are having a difficult time believing that those events actually took place in America. We have definitely come a long way in history!



Second Grade News

The second grade class enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school on January 23. They each had to bring a collection of 100 items to share with the class. Pictured above are Ashley Schlegel with a collection of peanuts, Gracie Swartzendruber with box tops, Hannah Miller with hair ponies, Lorena Morales with paper clips, Brianna Jorgensen with rocks, and Ashton Kerwood with Legos. They counted and put them in a line to see which was the longest and shortest. Throughout the day the children participated in various activities. They did 100 exercises, measured a line of 100 small paper clips and large paper clips and found the difference, made a necklace of 100 fruit loops and Cheerios and ended the day with 100 licks of a lollipop to prove that they were 100 days smarter!!!!



In The Classroom

Agricultural Mechanics Class

Two students of the Shickley Agricultural Mechanics class have been busy constructing coat racks for the Fillmore County Museum located in Fairmont. Charles Dondlinger approached the students asking if they might be interested in helping with the construction. Accepting the challenge, Tyler Peppie and Tyler Reece have been very active the last 3 weeks working on the project. (See picture right.) A total of 35 coat racks will be assembled and finished with a veneer coat. They will be used to hang uniforms and other clothing in the museum.



High School English/Language Arts

In high school English classes, students have been working hard to improve their language arts skills. Students have spent time practicing a variety of reading strategies, such as previewing texts, analyzing organization, making predictions, and summarizing and responding to text. They have taken on various roles that readers play such as Connector, Questioner, Illustrator, and Literary Luminary in order to engage in their reading.

While focusing on reading skills, the 9th and 10th grade students worked in collaborative groups to create reading strategies reference guides, and they worked individually to create Personal Reading Procedures to aid them in approaching challenging texts. The upperclassmen have been sharpening their research skills by improving their abilities to locate, evaluate, and utilize a variety of resources. Improving media literacy skills is especially important now that we are transitioning to a 1:1 learning environment and preparing students for a future in which multi-media are part of their daily personal and educational lives; students have been discovering many new resources, practicing multiple ways of locating and managing electronic information, and learning helpful time-saving tips.

Students also continue to work on essential skills in writing. They have been practicing the process of breaking down a writing prompt to identify the specific topic, audience, and purpose that is expected of them when writing. They have used the Six Traits of Effective Writing to evaluate the writing of others as well as to inform their own writing choices. The sophomores have been practicing writing in both English and speech class. In speech, the Trait of organization and the importance of providing citations for sources have been emphasized. The juniors have been gearing up for and completing the NeSA-W (state writing assessment). They have been making great improvements in their persuasive writing, and it has been exciting to witness their growth! The seniors studied cultures of their choosing from around the world and discovered many ways the literary contributions of diverse people are important. They then created presentations in which they made book recommendations to Mrs. Kobza, persuading her to add specific books from these cultures to our school library.

We plan to make some of these group and individual projects available through the school website in a new student projects section that will be coming soon!

Activities

Shickley FFA Members Stay Active

Fruit Donations

Each year the Shickley FFA donates fruit to Heritage Crossings. This annual event was developed to show members' respect to the elderly in our community during the season of giving. We hope that all the community members of Heritage had a happy holiday season.

Pictured Right: Samantha Plock, Megan Swartzendruber, Crayton Mosier, Dylan Lauenstein, Ben Row, Cherie Domeier, Nathan Hendrickson.



Impact Workshop Meeting

The Shickley FFA held an all-members meeting on Thursday, January 17th to learn about the Impact Workshop. We had two guests attend the meeting: Devin Sheffield from Exeter-Milligan and McKenzie Beals from Meridian. The FFA officers were the ones who attended the workshop, so they made a PowerPoint to tell the other members about what they did. It was about character, role models, and making a positive impact on others. They had multiple activities to go along with the presentation. Along with the PowerPoint we had two fun activities. One was called the Star Ninja game and taught us to work on our weaknesses. For our second activity (pictured left), everyone grabbed a puzzle piece and put their name and what they thought FFA taught them on their piece. Later, we put it together. Overall it was a great way to end our night!

Samantha Plock , FFA News Reporter



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District 6 Leadership Skills Events in Aurora

On January 23, 2013, 13 members of the Shickley FFA Chapter attended the District 6 Leadership Skills Events in Aurora, Nebraska. The Shickley FFA members, along with students from 12 other schools, were involved in events to help improve their leadership skills. These FFA members participated in the following contests: Creed Speaking Catherine Mick and Tristen Mosier received a red. Creed Speaking is when FFA members recite the five paragraphs of the Creed; they also answer questions about what the creed means to them. Megan Swartzendruber and Nathan Hendrickson participated in Junior Public Speaking. This is a four to six minute speech on a current agricultural issue that affects the world. There were nine competitors in the Junior Public Speaking Competition. Megan received a purple ribbon and qualified for state competition in April. Dillon Deepe competed in Natural Resources Speaking against five others; he received a red. Dylan Lauenstein competed in the Senior Public Speaking Competition, earning a 2nd purple and qualifying for state. The speeches in this category were six to eight minutes long and were about any topic pertaining to agriculture. Blake Stengel and Ben Row participated in Employment Skills both earning red ribbons. This contest involves going through the application and interviewing process, including developing a resume, cover letter, and a follow up letter. Eighteen individuals competed in the Employment Skills Competition. Congratulations to all who participated!



Food and Coat/Boot Drive

The Shickley FFA completed our sixth annual Food and Coat/Boot drive for the Blue Valley Community Action group. We would like to thank everyone who donated food, coats, and boots for our campaign. Many clothing and food items were collected.

In cooperation with our local FBLA chapter and the Shickley 1st grade class an increase in giving was possible this year. The first graders (pictured above with their donations) decided as a class project that they would take the money they would normally spend on a class gift exchange and put the funds toward this drive.

The Shickley FFA gives a special thanks to the FBLA and first grade students for thinking of others during this time of year. Our chapter again thanks everyone for their donations.

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Music Students on the Go



The junior high music students traveled to Hampton for the Junior High CRC Vocal Clinic on Monday, January 28th. They worked with a clinician throughout the day and performed in a concert that night.



Hannah Coy sang in the Doane Honor Choir on January 13-14 (Pictured with Mr. Harris above left). Alex Kluna and Hannah Coy were selected from over 1000 applicants to travel to UNK on January 28 (pictured on either side of Mr. Harris above right). UNK featured two bands and three choirs. While in Kearney, they learned music and played with other students to create very strong concerts.

Activities

FBLA Continues Activities



Shickley FBLA is gearing up for another exciting semester of activities! We continue to complete projects for the FBLA Go Green Challenge and Feed Nebraska. For the Go Green Challenge, we are adding pop bottle recycling containers in the lobby and teacher's lounge. Please join us in our efforts to recycle and utilize the Shickley Recycling Center on the first Saturday of each month. In mid-February, our chapter will serve lunch at the Crossroads Center in Hastings. This is a homeless shelter currently with 90 residents.

We will celebrate FBLA week February 11-15 and have numerous activities planned. Please watch the school's daily announcements for more details. In conjunction with FBLA week, the chapter will be raising money for the March of Dimes organization which is supported by Nebraska FBLA. A note will be sent home with students with all the details for this beneficial fundraiser.

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For more information and to follow the Shickley FBLA Chapter, check out the link to the FBLA page on the Shickley Public School website. [Shickley FBLA](#).

Junior High Girls' Basketball Action Continues

Recent A Team Scores

BDS- 34

Silver Lake- 3

Recent B Team Scores

BDS- 19

Silver Lake- 11



Longhorn Letter

from the Principal

We have entered a special time of the school year. For those familiar with mile-run in track, it's the equivalent of the third lap. I like to think of this particular time of the school year as "the grind." The grind is when the weather is less than pleasant, it gets dark too soon, and the year just starts to wear on everyone. I would like to offer a few tips to help overcome the grind and propel us to the fourth quarter and the end of a successful school year.

First, stay hydrated. A hydrated body is a healthy body, and one side effect of being dehydrated can be fatigue. If drinking water isn't your or your child's thing, fruits are an excellent source for water. Vegetables, though not as full of water as fruit, can also provide a nutrient-rich water source. Second, get plenty of sleep. For parents and students alike, this can be a trying time. The days and nights are filled with activities and events for everyone, and we all want to do everything. On the flip side, we all need to be sure we get plenty of rest. Getting a good night's sleep on a regular basis helps the mind and body regenerate and stay in tip-top shape. Finally, have fun. Being successful in school requires a lot of hard work. It is easier to come to school and work this hard when you find appropriate ways to have fun. As I have told my students, players, and now our faculty and staff, "Working hard and having fun are two sides of the same coin. If you work hard, you can have fun, and if you have fun while working, working hard isn't so bad."

Hopefully, if you are feeling the grind setting in, these helpful hints can give you a hand in working through this part of the school year. If you have any questions or comments regarding the work we are doing at Shickley Public School, or if you would like to share in the process of preparing our students for success, please don't hesitate to stop in and talk, or give us a call.

Sincerely,

Derek Ippensen
K-12 Principal, Activities Director
Shickley Public School