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THE SUPER SCOOP

Fast. That is the best way that I can describe this school year so far. I saw my first Christmas commercial last night, and it is hard to believe that the winter season is just around the corner. During this time, families and students get even busier with all of the hustle and bustle that the holiday season brings. Something new during this season that will be offered through the school is childcare center. We will officially be calling it our 6 week -3 year old preschool. I am happy to announce that Sue Loseke, will be the director and we will be providing much needed daycare for the patrons of Shickley. We will be officially open on Monday, November 11th. This will complete our Early Learning Facility and we will have an Early Childhood Education program that is outstanding. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board for being committed to the future of Shickley by adding these programs. In order for Shickley to remain the vibrant town that it is, having a program like this is essential to ensure the young families can feel that Shickley has everything to offer. These programs will be a great recruiting tool to attract people to live in Shickley. To enroll your child, or maybe just ask a question, call me at my office. I would be very happy to answer any questions. Have a great Holiday Season!

Bryce Jorgensen
Superintendent
Shickley Public Schools



NEW FACES IN SCHOOL



Kindergarteners work hard in art class with Mrs. Jorgenson.



Sixth graders listen intently before working on their art projects.



I am originally from Hartington, Nebraska (northeast corner of the state) and graduated from Hartington Public in 1994. I went to college in Kansas (Tabor for 2 years, transferred to Sterling for 2 years) and graduated in 1998 with BA K-12 Art Education. After college, I taught 7-12 Art at Gothenburg Public school from 1998 until 2006. I also taught adult night art classes and did a summer art program for elementary kids in Cozad,

Nebraska. This time frame is when I met and married Mr. J and we had our first two kids, Brooke and Brianna. Then we moved to the panhandle for four years and lived in Potter, Nebraska where Mr. Jorgenson was the 7-12 principal for Potter-Dix Schools. The first year in the panhandle I taught grades 1-12 Art at South Platte School in Big Springs, Nebraska (2006-2007 school year). It was a 70 mile one way drive from our home in Potter, so the next year I took a job as an elementary aide in Dix, Nebraska for Potter-Dix Schools (2007-2008). The next two years I was Student Services Coordinator at Western Nebraska Community College in Sidney, Nebraska (2008-2010). We had our third child, Bennet at that time. Next, we moved to Lyons, Nebraska (northeast part of the state), to be closer to family. Mr. Jorgenson was the 7-12 principal at Walthill Public School and I taught K-12 Art there as well (Fall 2010 through Spring 2012). I came to Shickley when Mr. Jorgenson accepted the Superintendent position for the 2012-2013 school year. I substitute taught and worked at Dawgs, then was hired full time to teach at Geneva North School (at the YRTC). I taught Art at Geneva North last summer to about 50 girls, had a two week break in between, and then became the K-12 Shickley Art teacher. I am excited to share my passion for art with Shickley students!

Mrs. Jorgenson

NEW CLASS: PLANT SCIENCE

Shickley Public School has added a new Plant Science class this year! This class focuses on knowledge, information, and skills related to the science of plant production and agronomy. The class provides the necessary skills for careers in horticulture, agricultural production and management, and science. The content of this class may include plant growth and reproduction, biotechnology and research, fertilizers, plant and tree identification, controlling weeds and pests, and proper use of agricultural chemicals. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership.

The Plant Science class is spending the semester learning about soil, different types of plants, parts of plants and their functions. Members of the class recently attended the South Central Land Judging contest where they were able to apply what they have learned in class in hands on situations.



Crayton Mosier recording the results of different tests done on soil



Junior Megan Swartzendruber says she enjoys learning Plant Science. “Since I grew up on a farm and in a farming community, learning about the structure and function of plants helps me understand the world around me.”

SHICKLEY HOMECOMING 2013-2014

KING & QUEEN

This year Jennifer Mick, daughter of John and Darlene Mick, was elected homecoming queen and Dillon Deepe, son of Jessica Jalali and David Deepe, was elected as homecoming king.

This year Shickley's Homecoming Week was held October 14th through the 18th. The school had special dress up days throughout the week, Monday the 14th was Random Costume Day, Tuesday the 15th was Super Fan Day, Wednesday the 16th was Shickley Day, Thursday the 17th was America Day, and Friday the 18th was Spirit Day. The BDS football boys were able to keep their undefeated record by beating the Huskies 48-26. The volleyball team also defeated McCool, Dorchester, and High Plains earlier in the week giving them a record of 21-2.



Shickley Day



Super Fan Day



America Day



Homecoming Court



Random Costume Day

SHICKLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL GOES TO PD360 FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to get the most out of its professional development time, and to help the staff at Shickley become the teachers they want to be, Shickley Public Schools has adopted the PD360 system from the School Improvement Network. PD360 provides a number of tools to help the teachers communicate, collaborate, and be successful.

“With the tools we now have from PD360, we can create a professional development program focused on our school improvement goals, and more specifically each of our student’s needs,” said Principal Derek Ippensen. The whole school is currently taking part in a series of videos and discussions focused on reading in the content areas, and discussing how the tools and topics discussed can be used in each of its classrooms, as well as how these tools can translate to other tasks, like writing and note-taking.

One of the benefits Shickley has used in this partnership is the training available through PD360. On Friday, October 4th, Mark Taylor, a representative from PD360, came to Shickley to provide training for the staff.

As the year goes on, and as time progresses, Shickley will begin to use PD360 for other uses like individual professional growth and development, team and grade-level development, and collaboration with other teachers in the area, state, and across the country.



Teachers learning more about PD360

ART CLASS PAINTS THE EAGLE LOGO ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

The 7th grade and the 2D art class helped paint the eagle logo on the football field for Friday’s Homecoming football game against the Heartland Huskies. The students who participate in 2D art are: Jacey Shipley, Logan Rosenquist, Dillon Deepe, and Tyler Reece. First, it was decided to make a stencil. The design was put on a transparency and projected onto 15 feet x 10 feet of cardboard. After the design was drawn, the junior high study skills class cut it out. They put the pieces on the gym floor and reinforced with duct tape as needed. Next they put trash bags on their feet, so they wouldn’t spray paint their shoes. Once they brought everything out on the field, the outside edge of cardboard was put down, then the cardboard letters were placed, and they painted the grass area maroon. This process was repeated for the silver and black areas—place cardboard and spray! The 2-D art class added details to the eagle head and outlined the entire piece to make it stand out.



The homecoming football field was marked with the eagle logo by the 7th grade class (pictured above) and the 2D art class.



THE SHICKLEY FFA HAS BEEN BUSY

For FFA members, the month of September got off to a very busy start as the FFA officers volunteered as group leaders for AgVenture Days held in Geneva. John Alfs, Carley Swartzendruber, Blake Stengel, Nathan Hendrickson, Sam Plock, Ben Row, and Megan Swartzendruber were each in charge of a group of 4th graders. The officers helped answer questions the students had about agriculture from local producers and companies. The 4th graders were exposed to activities that allowed them to see how irrigation works with the aquifer, and how to balance a feed ration.



Ben with the 5th graders



Sam with the 4th graders

AgVenture Day



John relaxing with the 4th graders.

SHICKLEY FFA ATTENDS HUSKER HARVEST DAYS

On September 11th FFA members had the chance to attend Husker Harvest Days. Students attending were: Dillon Deepe, Logan Tatro, Ben Row, Crayton Mosier, Tyler Reece, Blake Stengel, Megan Swartzendruber, Sam Plock, Ben Elznic, and Catherine Mick. They participated in UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) scavenger hunt. During the hunt they were exploring different career fields within the agriculture industry and talking with professionals in various fields. They also explored different college options for agriculture

majors. The students received a t-shirt for participating and were able to see the different vendors.



FFA members who attended Husker Harvest Days

SHICKLEY FFA ATTENDS IMPACT WORKSHOP

Members of the Shickley FFA attended the IMPACT workshop held at Hastings Community College on September 30th. The workshop was put on by the current state FFA officers. FFA members had a chance to interact with other FFA members from the surrounding area while sessions during the workshop helped students think about a future career in agriculture, involvement within the FFA, and being influential in their chapter and community. Students partook in many different exercises which helped them step outside of their comfort zones in which they had a great experience. Members attending IMPACT were: Jennifer Mick, Christy Swartzendruber, Ben Row, Blake Stengel, Nathan Hendrickson, Bret Smith, Logan Rosenquist, Megan Swartzendruber, Sam Plock, Ben Elznic, Catherine Mick, Madison Yantzie, Tristen Mosier, Carley Swartzendruber, Chris Lichti, Courtney Kamler, John Alfs, and Kale Kleinschmidt.

On October 9th FFA members attended the South Central Land Judging contest held near Gibbon Nebraska. Members attending were Crayton Mosier, Dillon Deepe, and Ben Row. The members judged four different sights within a field by determining soil texture, slope of the area, land capability class, and what land treatment practices should be applied.



FFA members who attended the impact workshop at Hastings Community College.



Megan with the 6th graders

AgVenture Day



Nathan with the 4th graders

TRUNK OR TREAT

Shickley Public School hosted the first round of football playoffs for the BDS football team. Since the game was on Halloween the school hosted "Trunk or Treat" for children at the football game. The junior and senior high music department brought candy for the trick or treaters and put it in a drum.

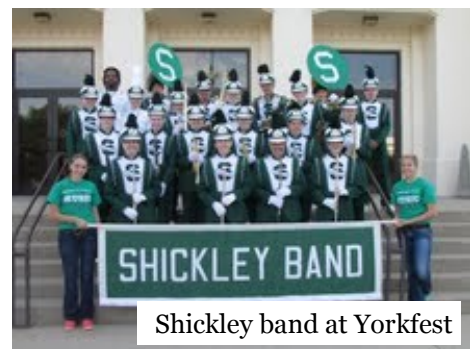


MARCHING BAND NEWS

The Shickley Varsity Marching Band has had a very successful season. The High School performed at the State Fair, York Fest, Harvest of Harmony, and Shickley's Homecoming parade. They received 3rd place in Class D at the York Fest parade. They also finished 7th out of 43 bands at the Harvest of Harmony parade. The band competed in its first field competition in over 20 years. The band received a rating of Good and were only 1.2 points away from the next division. The students will complete their marching season at the Fine

Arts' Night on November 11th at 7:30 P.M.

The band is under the direction of Joshua R. F. Harris and Drum Major Megan Swartzendruber. The section leaders for the 2013 season are Drum Captain Jennifer Mick, Woodwind Section Leader Catherine Mick, and Brass Section Leader Kristin Troyer.



Shickley band at Yorkfest

CHILD FIND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Do you know a child five years of age or younger who may not be developing appropriately because of difficulties with: seeing or hearing, talking, sitting, standing, walking, thinking or behaving appropriately? Call 402-627-3375 if you are served by the Shickley Public Schools.

Parents or guardians of children with special needs, from birth through the age of 21 years, can receive special education services. The testing and education services are of no cost to the parent. The service is provided through Nebraska School Law and Public Law 94-142. Anyone having a handicapped child in the Shickley School District may contact school administration at 402-627-3375 for details.



SHICKLEY ONE ACT CASTS OFF!

Shickley's one-act play production this year will be *Alien Fish* by Bradley Walton. The play features a three-tailed, talking alien fish; a space tourist; an intergalactic bully (sort of); the owner of a fishing supply store who is a big fan of tartar sauce; a customer who never buys anything; a teenaged girl tasked with catching a fish out of water; and an elf—because really what's a story about a three-tailed, talking, alien fish without an elf?! This delightfully frivolous and fun play may be seemingly silly;

however, we hope audience members will be pleasantly surprised to discover a heartwarming message about protecting those who are innocent and vulnerable. Performances and competitions will run through the month of November. All faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to attend the upcoming home performance, which will be at the Longhorn Arts Night on Monday, November 8th at 7:30 P.M.

CAST LIST

Tristen Mosier: Cyan
Bret Smith: Irving
Logan Rosenquist: Fender
Chris Lichti: Billy
John Alfs: Ed
Catherine Mick: Tartar Sauce
Courtney Kamler: Kuder

Jennifer Ippensen,
Director
Delaney Davis,
Student Director

Tech Crew:
Nathan Hendrickson,
Dakota McBride,
Carley Swartzendruber





Fire Safety



FIRE SAFETY

On Thursday, October 10th, Raymond Nance, Deputy Fire Marshal for the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office brought a smoke trailer and his ventriloquist doll, Deputy Dan, to town to teach and entertain Shickley students age Preschool through 6th grade as part of Fire Prevention Week. The younger students learned that matches and lighters are tools for adults to use and not toys for children to play with. The older students learned about fire prevention in the kitchen and how a fire can be stopped or prevented by removing one of the three essentials for a fire: oxygen, fuel, and heat. All age groups enjoyed the appearance of Deputy Dan and the opportunity to practice crawling below smoke, feeling for heat on the door, and making their exit through a window and down a ladder.



Reading with the foster grandparents

1ST GRADE NEWS

The first graders have been learning to add double facts in math using the 'Doubles Rap.' They started practicing their fact cards to improve fluency. They are learning how to count dimes and pennies and quickly discovered that it is very similar to counting tens rods and ones blocks. Currently they are working on drawing some, some went away story problems. In reading, the children finished Unit 1, which focused on short vowel words, story structure, and sequencing a story. In writing, the students are learning to write using the highlighter method, which helps the student put their story in order. Alliteration was also another focus recently. They are now working on writing poems. During independent reading time, Grandma Iris Wagers and Grandpa Larry Carlson have graciously given their time to help students learn how to read.



“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”
– Unknown

LONGHORN LETTER FROM MR. IPPENSEN

When things are easy and success comes easily, we begin to take success for granted. But, when we do something difficult, completion of the task becomes an accomplishment. Regardless of the difficulty of a task, the first step, the decision to try, is the hardest. One of the twelve characteristics of our school’s definition of a successful student is: “A successful student is prepared, engaged, and willing to try.” Our instincts are to take the obstacles out of the paths of our children. But, this isn’t always what’s best for them. The best thing for children is to be challenged and to struggle and to work to achieve the accomplishments that lie before them. Consider this, a butterfly only emerges from its chrysalis after a struggle to escape. This is a life changing accomplishment, but if a butterfly is helped to emerge from its chrysalis, its wings are weak and damaged, and it’s crippled for the rest of its short life. The struggle makes the task an accomplishment. The fluttering butterfly is proof of its own success.

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.

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

Below we have students working hard to accomplish their goals for the year.

