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SUPER SCOOP

Isn't it crazy how fast the year has gone? Soon basketball will be over and spring will be settling in and everyone will be making plans for their summer vacations. There are a couple of reminders that I would like to mention to all of you. First, March 15 is the deadline for students who want to option in to our district. If you know of someone who may be interested in attending our district and does not live within its boundaries, please let them know or direct them to the school so that they can receive more information. The second item I wanted to bring to your attention is that, if you noticed in the annual report that I sent out, our numbers are continuing to rise. In the next few years, there will be a tremendous jump in total numbers of students that attend our school. Why is this happening? I would like to take all of the credit, but I cannot. Most of you know that our school has a very good reputation in the surrounding area and there are some people who really enjoy the small school atmosphere. We also are currently in a cycle where we do not have a large number of high school students. For the future, I do not see this being an issue for the next 10-12 years. Why am I telling you this? Sometimes the rumor mill gets going and questions arise. So in short, we are not running out of kids. Instead, we are gaining and will remain higher than where we are right now for awhile. So spread the word about how great our school is, and who knows, maybe enrollment will continue to grow even more than I expect. Enjoy the rest of your winter and welcome the spring weather as it comes.

Bryce Jorgensen
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Shickley Public Schools

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NEW CLASS—METALS AND FABRICATION

Our new Metal and Fabrication class provides an in-depth study of metals and fabrication with metal products. It also provides the opportunity to explore the careers in agricultural metal fabrication. Classroom and laboratory activities are supplemented through supervised agricultural experiences and leadership programs and activities. At the end of the term, students have the option to take the Welding Certification test, which upon completion, allows the student to be a certified welder.



Dillon Deepe is practicing cutting a straight line

NEW YEAR AND THREE NEW STUDENTS

Shickley School is happy to welcome three new students.



(1st Grade) Carter Gnuse, son of Todd and Katie (Stanek) Gnuse



(2nd grade) Nicholas Shipps, son of Marty and Laurie Shipps



(11th Grade) Rio Mohrmann, daughter of Jonathan and Delinda Mohrmann

JUNIOR HIGH CRC QUIZ BOWL

On November 27th the Shickley Junior High Quiz Bowl team participated in the CRC Junior High Quiz Bowl. It was a great academic competition and Shickley was well represented by the young energetic group of 7th and 8th graders. The Junior High Quiz bowl team was coached by Scott Shipley.



Back row: Nicole Swartzendruber, Megan Grote, Anthony Beavers, Kellen Reinsch, Jackson Grote, and coach Scott Shipley. Front row: Caleb Hendrickson, Josiah Kamler, Jady Kleinschmidt, Thomas Mick, and Jacob Swartzendruber.

JUNIOR HIGH FFA

On Friday December 6th, eight junior high members went to Superior to compete in Junior High Quiz Bowl and Discovery Speaking. The two quiz bowl teams competed in pool play and then were seeded for championship play. Shickley team number one consisted of Holden Stengel, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, and Anthony Beavers, and received a red ribbon. Shickley team number two consisted of Nicole Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch, and Jacob Swartzendruber, and they received a purple ribbon. Nicole Swartzendruber competed in Discovery Speaking in which she received first purple and qualified for the state contest held in April at the Nebraska State FFA Convention.



(Above) Nicole Swartzendruber shows off her purple ribbon in Discovery speaking



(Left) Shickley FFA Junior High Quiz bowl team. Back row: Kellen Reinsch, Holden Stengel, Anthony Beavers, Carley Elznic Front Row: Jacob Swartzendruber, Nicole Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Lexi Kadel

KINDERGARTEN GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Before Christmas was a busy time for the kindergarten students at Shickley Public School. They learned a lot about the Gingerbread Man. They read books about him and charted details about the stories on a huge chart. They were also busy trying to find the gingerbread man. He was spotted in the school in a lot of different places, but no one was able to catch him. One of the highlights of the week was getting to make gingerbread houses using lots of candy on them. All the students had a great time learning all about the gingerbread man.



(Above) Evan Swartzendruber, Luke Elting, Lexi Johnson, and Oliver Oglesby work on gingerbread houses.

FIRST GRADE NEWS



(Above) First graders use iPads to help learn new skills in the classroom

During the last week of December the students made poinsettias and stained glass windows. They wrote a letter to Santa explaining why they felt they deserved the items on their list. It was their first attempt at persuasive writing. The children have been learning about vowel-consonant-sneaky e words (long vowels) and are now reading words with 3-letter blends. Subtracting by two and drawing fractional parts has been the main focus in math. They also love using the iPads to practice their math skills. The students have been learning a lot about the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle. They are also reading about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he changed the lives of millions of people.

ONE HUNDRETH DAY OF SCHOOL



(Left) On the 100th day of school, the kindergartners were super busy doing one hundred-ful activities. They began by listening to a 100th day story, and making their own 100th day book. In their book they wrote about 100 things they would like to have and 100 things they would never want. Next, they used Q-tips as paint brushes and made ten groups of ten dots. They made a design with pattern blocks and the number 100. Then they recorded how many blocks of each color were used. They finished their day with making fruit loop necklaces with 100 loops. They made these in groups of ten. They found out it sure makes things easier to get to 100 when they make groups of ten.

(Right) The Shickley first graders celebrated the 100th day of school by creating a project using 100 things from their home. The students each received an award for their design. They also wore their 100th day glasses, wrote their numbers to 100, and worked on a 100th day math mat.



(Left) The Shickley 2nd grade class celebrated their 100th day of school by bringing 100 of their favorite items. The class participated in many 100 day activities such as 100 different exercises in the gym, counting many different 100 objects, and having a snack. They also made a collage out of 100 little pieces of construction paper

READING IS FUN!!

Recently our first and sixth grade classes got together for Accelerated Reading time. Each first grade student was paired up with a sixth grade student, and the first graders read to the sixth graders. This was a great experience for both classes. Our first grade class is taught by Mrs. Candi Nelson and our 6th grade class is taught by Mr. Greg Schroeder.

(Right) 6th graders Austin Plock and Nathan Nelson read with 1st graders Julien Escadero and Taylor McBride.



WINTER CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

On January 8th, Shickley Public School celebrated the academic successes of students from 1st Semester. Awards and prizes were given to students recognizing perfect attendance, the demonstration of outstanding skills and habits, and growth that exceeded expectations in Reading, Math, and Science.

One of the keys to academic success, though not the only one, is attendance, and twenty students had perfect attendance for the first semester.

In Kindergarten through Third Grade, one of the school's major focuses is the development of independent learners and the habits of successful students. Forty students were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the development of the habits and skills of independent, successful students.

Every single class at Shickley, when taken collectively, is reading above grade equivalency.

In the MAP testing, a measure of academic progress, we have six classes (out of ten) who showed performed exceptionally on the winter testing, scoring, as a group, over 10 points ahead of the national average: those classes are:

- 4th Grade in Reading;
- 8th Grade in Math and Science;
- 9th Grade in Math;
- 10th Grade in Reading, Math, and Science; and
- 11th Grade in Reading and Math

In grades 3-12, Shickley had:

- 63 of 87 students improve more than normal, expected growth in Reading;
- 46 of 87 students improve more than normal, expected growth in Mathematics; and
- 36 of 87 students improve more than normal, expected growth in Science.



(Above) Kindergarten student Luke Elting gets her perfect attendance certificate from Mr. Jorgenson.

COLLEGE ACCESS GRANT

The Shickley senior class visited both Hastings College and Central Community College as part of a College Access Grant awarded to the school via Education Quest. While on the CCC campus students had the opportunity to visit with multiple college representatives from across the state and neighboring states. Each Shickley High School student will have the opportunity to visit at least one college this year because of the College Access grant.

(Right) Tyler Reece, Jennifer Mick, Matyson Kleinschmidt, Jacey Shipley, Christy Swartzendruber, and Dillon Deepe at Hastings College.



CLASS PROJECT FUNDED

The Exploration of Business and Entrepreneurship class in Shickley is pictured with the items they purchased from their classroom auction. The auction was in conjunction with their Classroom Economy in which the students participated throughout the semester. Each student performed a job for which they were paid, rented a desk, and paid a variety of bills. Students were fined for poor behavior and earned bonus money for good behavior. They held three auctions during the semester and purchased a variety of items including iTunes cards, Valentino's gift cards, Wal-mart gift cards, and miscellaneous items. The funding for the gift cards was made possible through a \$500 grant from the Shickley Community Foundation.



(Left) Front row: Carley Elznic, Megan Grote, Thomas Mick, Jacob Swartzendruber, Lexi Kadel. Back Row: Wyatt Deepe, Nicole Swartzendruber, Anthony Beavers, Holden Stengel, Kellen Reinsch

ELEVENTH GRADE HISTORY

The 11th grade History students did an amazing project with Aurasma. We hope people can come up and look at the various pictures of augmented reality. The students did an amazing job with their creations.

Aurasma is the world's leading augmented reality platform. Available as a free app for iPhones, iPads and high-powered Android devices or as a kernel for developers, Aurasma uses advanced image and pattern recognition to blend the real-world with rich interactive content such as videos and animations

UNL MATH DAY

Seven Shickley High School students traveled to Lincoln on Thursday, November 21st to participate in the 24th annual UNL Math Day. Over 1700 students from 112 schools across Nebraska were registered. Students took part in the PROBE (Problems Requiring Original and Brilliant Effort) tests and a quiz bowl. Schools were broken into six groups this year, based on school enrollment. The three highest scores from each school were used for placement. Shickley placed 5th out of 23 schools in their group. The second event of the day was the math quiz bowl. Shickley came out strong with wins over Sargeant and Spalding before falling to Hyannis and Dorchester in very close matches. Shickley students participating were Nate Hendrickson, Matyson Kleinschmidt, Megan Swartzendruber, Kristin Troyer, Christy Swartzendruber, Jennifer Mick, and Blake Stengel.



(Above) Shickley Competitors-Nathan Hendrickson, Christy Swartzendruber, and Jennifer Mick are ready to win this quiz bowl round at UNL.



(Above) Shickley Competitors-Nathan Hendrickson, Matyson Kleinschmidt, Megan Swartzendruber, Kristin Troyer, Christy Swartzendruber, Jennifer Mick, and Blake Stengel on the UNL campus.



(Above) Shickley Competitors-Jennifer Mick, Christy Swartzendruber, and Kristin Troyer get ready to answer questions during the quiz bowl.

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.



NEBRASKA WIFE NORMAL HALL SCHOLARSHIP PRESS RELEASE

Nebraska Women involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) is offering a \$1000 one year scholarship for a student entering her second year or higher in college. The competition for 2014 will offer a one year scholarship for \$1000.00. For scholarships to be awarded, applicants must meet set standards.

Any woman who will begin her second year or higher of college on a full time basis may apply. The \$1000 scholarship will be available for fields of study such as Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering, Veterinary Medicine, Extension Education, Health Care, ect.

Completed applications must be mailed to the following address by March 1, 2014. For more information contact:

Ardyth Anderson
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RIALTO II THEATER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Shickley Community is in charge of the Rialto II Theater in Geneva on Saturday, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th. The movie is "Saving Mr. Banks" and run time is 125 mins. We need two individuals for admissions & three for concessions for each day. You will work from 6:15 p.m. until clean-up is completed after the movie. For volunteering you receive a pop, popcorn & a movie pass for a future date. If you or your family would like to volunteer then contact Mrs. Yantzie at 759-3298 or email her at kyantzie@longhornpower.org

MRS. RYTYCH'S ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

Every other year the public is treated to an elementary Christmas program! Thursday, December 19, the Preschool through 6th grade gave another lively performance. The students had a great time and created some laughs for the audience. The 6th graders performed skits and all classes joined in the singing. Some favorite songs were "Jingle Bells," "We Will Jingle," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and "Santa is Stuck in the Chimney".



(Left) Alyssa Nolt remembers her lines.



(Left) Justin Stengel and Brock Swartendruher cleaning the chimney .



(Left) Lexi Johnson and Carter Dunlap singing along.



(Left) Luke Elting and Levi Kamler watching the action.

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!

On Monday, December 16th, the Shickley School held a Christmas Band & Choir Concert. Groups performing at the concert were the Fifth and Sixth Grade Band, Sixth Grade Quartet, Junior High Band, Junior High Chorus, High School Chorus, High School Jazz Band, and High School Band. The groups were directed by Joshua R. F. Harris and accompanied by Judy Lichti. After the concert cookies and punch were enjoyed by those who attended the concert, compliments of the Shickley Music Boosters.

ELEMENTARY BAND

On Monday, December 16th, the 5th/6th grade Band performed at the Shickley School's Christmas Concert under the direction of Joshua R. F. Harris and accompanied by Judy Lichti.



(Above) This was the first public performance for the fifth graders. They did a great job!

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR AND BAND

The Junior and Senior High Bands and Choirs performed in the Christmas Concert December 16, 2013. The Junior High Chorus sang “Mistletoe” that involved a little playful banter while they sang. The Junior High Band played a wonderful rendition of “Silent Night.”



(Above) Junior High Choir performing “Mistletoe.” “Don’t get too close to that mistletoe! Kellen, what are you thinking?”

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND

The Senior High Band featured Jennifer Mick on Alto Saxophone when they played “White Christmas.” The High School Choir sang “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him” without accompaniment. It was a wonderful evening of musical performances.



(Above) Senior High Band with Jennifer Mick’s solo.



(Above) Tristen Mosier, Carley Swartzendruber, Sam Plock, Megan Swartzendruber, and Catherine Mick were part of the high school choir.

One-Act “Alien Fish” Production

Cast Member	Role
Tristen Mosier	Cyan
Bret Smith	Irving
Logan Rosenquist	Fender
Chris Lichti	Billy
John Alfs	Ed

Crew Member	Position
Jennifer Ippensen	Director
Delaney Davis	Student Director
Nathan Hendrickson	Technical Crew
Carley Swartzendruber	Technical Crew



(Left) One-Act Cast of *Alien Fish*.

Shickley’s one-act play production this year was *Alien Fish* by Bradley Walton. The play featured an amusing catch—that is cast—of characters and encouraged audience members to protect those who are innocent and vulnerable, remembering that everyone is special and important in his or her own way.

The play production season ran through November and into the first week of December. The cast and crew started off with a home performance for Longhorn Arts Night on Monday, November 11, 2013. Then, the Crossroads Conference Contest was held at Cross County on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Logan Rosenquist and Chris Lichti received superior acting awards for their CRC performances. On Tuesday, November 26th, Lincoln High School hosted a one-act play festival at the Ted Sorensen Theatre, where Bret Smith was named to the all-festival cast. The Longhorns rounded out their season with a 3rd place finish at the District D2-1 competition, hosted by Shickley on Tuesday, December 3rd. Four cast members were recognized for their outstanding performances: Bret Smith, Logan Rosenquist, Tristen Mosier, and Chris Lichti.

Band and Choir



(Left) Junior Kristin Troyer made the honor choir at Doane College. The choir rehearsed for two days and performed a concert on January 13th. Kristin is pictured with her high school choir teacher, Mr. Harris.

Chris Lichti, Megan Swartzendruber, and Kristin Troyer were selected to the Band Orchestra Choir Honor Festival (BOCH) hosted by the university of Nebraska-Omaha. They rehearsed Friday and Saturday with students from Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas. They concluded the festival with dress rehearsals and concert on Sunday in the Holland Center.

Kristin and Megan then made their way to Kearney where they were selected to perform at the University of Nebraska- Kearney honor band and choir. The girls rehearsed on Monday and performed in the concert on Monday evening.

FFA Districts

On Wednesday, January 22nd 19 members of the Shickley FFA attended the District VI Leadership Skills Event (LSE), held at the Leadership Center in Aurora. Members competed in a wide variety of speaking events and had a chance to meet other FFA members. In Creed speaking Christ Lichti received a blue ribbon and Courtney Kamler received a red ribbon. In Senior Public Speaking Rio Morhmann received a red ribbon and Megan Swartzendruber earned a purple ribbon qualifying for state. John Alfs competed in Junior Public Speaking where he received a blue ribbon. The Junior Parliamentary Procedure team (John Alfs, Carley Swartzendruber, Dakota McBride, Chris Lichti, Courtney Kamler, Kale Kleinschmidt, and Ben Elznic) received a blue ribbon.

The Agriculture Demonstration team of Ben Row, Dillon Deepe and Crayton Mosier received a blue ribbon. In Natural Resources Speaking Dillon Deepe received a blue ribbon, while Catherine Mick got a purple ribbon and qualified for the state contest. Blake Stengel competed in Extemporaneous speaking and earned a blue ribbon. In Cooperative Speaking Nathan Hendrickson was champion purple ribbon speaker and will compete in the state event. Competing in Job Interview were Christy Swartzendruber, earning a blue ribbon, and Jennifer Mick, winning the champion purple ribbon. Jen was the fourth member of the chapter that qualified for the state LSE contest in April.

FFA and FBLA Team Up

Before the local members of the Shickley FFA chapter went home for Christmas, they teamed up with the Shickley FBLA and elementary first and third grades to help donate to Blue Valley in the Christmas spirit. The donations included canned food, coats, boots, paper towels, and milk donated by the school. With donations from every class, it was a complete school effort and was greatly appreciated by Blue Valley.



(Left) The first grade class and their donations to Blue Valley.



(Above) The FFA LSE Participants.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Three Simple Rules in
Life, by Jelly Wong,
lifehack.org

1. If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you don't ask, the answer will always be no.
3. If you don't step forward, you will always be in the same place.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There is an amazing quality to cliché's. While they sound corny, over-used, and ridiculous, they are generally true. Jelly Wong's three simple rules in life may sound oversimplified, but they apply in education, just as they do in life. If you want an education, you have to go after it. Regardless the age of a student, an education is gained by the person who seeks it. If a person doesn't ask a question or for permission, he or she will never receive a positive response. Not asking is the equivalent of giving up or quitting. Finally, the third rule is a restatement of the old quote about a journey of a thousand miles. If you don't take that first step – make a decision to move – and then go ahead and act on the decision, you will never end up anywhere but where you are, right now. These rules not only prepare students for life, but for success in life. 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



Gabriel Norine deMonbrun and Taylor McBride smiling for the camera in their fancy 100th day of school glasses.



Pictured are the elementary students doing 100 exercises for the 100th day of school.



The sixth grade led the elementary doing 10 reps of 10 different exercises.



The 2nd graders showing of their posters for the 100th day of school.