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CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

On Thursday, May 15, 2014 Shickley Public School celebrated student academic success Hawaiian-style. An all-school assembly was held, and Mr. Ippensen and Mr. Jorgenson presented students with awards for their accomplishments, such as perfect attendance, academic achievements, and continual educational growth.



Students above in grades 3-11 were recognized for having outstanding ability in reading, math, and/or science. Outstanding ability is defined as being measured at or above the 95th percentile nationally at some point during the current school year, as shown by MAP and STAR assessment results. L-R, R1: Caleb Hendrickson (7), Brianna Jorgenson (3), Tyler Grote (4), Alyssa Nolt (6), Nolan O'Brien (5), Mariah Sliva (4), Kenzie Bohling (5), Courtney Nolt (4), Madeline Kamler (4), Eli Noel (4), Taylor Sliva (4) R2: Nathan Hendrickson (11), Kristin Troyer (11), Anthony Beavers (8), Ben Elznic (10), Catherine Mick (10), Tristen Mosier (10), Delaney Davis (10), Nicole Swartzendruber (8), Kaylee Noel (6).

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP CONCEPTS EMPHASIZED

Shickley Public School's Management and Leadership class emphasizes the basic concepts of management and leadership within a business or organization. It addresses characteristics, organization, and operation of business as major sectors of the economy. Students may investigate management issues involved with the planning, organizing, leading, and controlling in an organization. They may also acquire essential skills in the areas of emotional intelligence: time management, stress management, professional growth and development, communication, and relationship skills.

Students in class were busy learning about the role of managers, management styles, and the importance of leadership. They completed a Leadership Project and compiled their research in an e-portfolio. Their finished projects will be featured on the class website.



Matyson Kleinschmidt and Tyler Reece work on their Leadership Projects in the business room.

STUDENTS CONDUCT CAREER RESEARCH

The Shickley Middle School Career Development class learned about the Nebraska Career Education Model. The model includes 16 career clusters which are organized into career pathways and career specialties. Their career research included activities in which they created a variety of projects using their laptops and iPad minis. They created an electronic portfolio to showcase what they learned. Their binders can be viewed on Mrs. Yantzie's web page on the Shickley Public School website. When they learned about the Finance Cluster, Joe Kamler, an agent at Walter Insurance, spoke to the class about financial investing careers. The students used their laptops to take notes and record what they learned.



Joe Kamler visits with the career development class, helping them learn about financial investing careers.

BARN QUILT CREATED

Mrs. Jorgenson's 7th grade art class recently completed a barn quilt for Pat and Renae Kamler. It is a log cabin quilt pattern, which has family meaning as this was the pattern used by Mrs. Kamler's grandmother. After the solid color blocks were painted, a pattern was added on top to make it look like a real quilt's material pieces. Many skills were used in this project including color theory, geometry, and painting techniques



Above: Seventh grade students work collaboratively, painting various sections of the barn quilt they made for Pat and Renae Kamler.



Megan Grote's drawing of Ishmael.



Nicole Swartzendruber's drawing of Ishmael.



Above: Seventh grade student pose here with the completed barn quilt.

REMEMBERING ISHMAEL

Two 8th grade students drew a portrait for Ishmael, a boy from Nicaragua, for Project Memory. Project Memory takes photographs of orphan children in third world countries and pairs them with artists from around the world. The artists create a portrait of the child to show the child that they are cared about and as a keepsake for the child of their childhood. (See the website <http://www.memoryproject.org/>) Nicole Swartzendruber and Megan Grote's drawings will be given to Ishmael this summer.

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT WANTS VERSUS NEEDS



Kristen Monteforte and Sarah Miller, from Bruning State Bank, visit with Shickley's third grade class about saving money.

In March Shickley third graders welcomed Kristen Monteforte and Sarah Miller from Bruning State Bank to learn about saving money. In social studies they were learning about businesses, goods, services, expenses, profit, consumers, producers, and how to create a budget. Students participated in an activity about the importance of saving money. They had a lot of fun learning about needs and wants.

CHICKS HATCHED IN THE FOURTH GRADE CLASSROOM

The Shickley 4th grade class completed their embryology study with the arrival of newly hatched chicks on April 15 and 16. The chicks were an interesting addition to the classroom for the week.

In only a short period of time it appears that the chicks learned quickly, as they performed their reading skills on the cardboard note Mr. Sorge added to their tub!



When Mr. Sorge added a written document to the chicks' temporary home, the newly hatched chicks provided much entertainment as they appeared to be reading the words carefully.

UPPER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISIT HUTCHINSON, KANSAS SALT MINE



On April 8th, the Shickley 5th and 6th graders went on a field trip to the Hutchinson, Kansas Salt Mine. Before the students were allowed to go down into the mine they had to equip themselves with hard hats and air breathers for safety reasons. They took a 2-story elevator down 650 feet below earth's surface. They learned how salt is formed and that the red in salt is iron. This salt is used to de-ice roads, put in animal feed, and to preserve things. For safety reasons people cannot eat or lick this salt in the mine because it has not been processed for human consumption yet. To top off the trip, each student got a piece of salt to bring home.

Above: Shickley 5th and 6th grade students visit the salt mine near Hutchinson, Kansas.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Shickley third graders celebrated Read Across America Day with lots of fun activities. Students invited their parents to come read and eat lunch with them. Many of the students read their favorite Dr. Seuss books. Their teacher's family came to celebrate the special day by reading Dr. Seuss books to them. They also learned how to draw The Cat in the Hat and make silly poems. Everyone had a lot of fun celebrating the importance of reading!

Left: Third grade students wear their Dr. Seuss hats and pose with their teacher, Ms. Millnitz, on Read Across America Day.

MUSIC STUDENTS ENJOY WICKED TRIP

The Shickley high school music department went on a trip to see the opening day of Broadway musical *Wicked* at the Orpheum Theater in Omaha. Along the way they stopped in Lincoln for a band clinic with Dr. Barber, director of bands at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Right: Dr. Barber works with a group of Shickley musicians during their clinic at UNL.



*Above: The Shickley music department stands outside the Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, NE before entering to experience the musical *Wicked*.*

ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS PRACTICE SPEAKING SKILLS

Local students from Shickley Public School recently gained the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills and take pride in personal accomplishments. On April 4, 2014, the kids took part in a speech contest sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal financial services organization.

Students competing in the contest, which was held at Shickley Public School, shared their presentations on this year's topic, "The Importance of Healthy Living."

These students had the opportunity to compete at the District Competition in Hebron on April 16, 2014.

Modern Woodmen's School Speech Contest is one of the many free Youth Educational Programs that Modern Woodmen offers to schools nationwide. More than 100,000 students compete in the contest each year.

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



The local winners for the elementary division of the 2014 Woodmen's Speeches were (pictured L to R) Josh Swartzendruber, Kaylee Noel, and Brianna Jorgenson.



The local winners for the junior high division of the 2014 Woodmen's Speeches were (pictured L to R) Nicole Swartzendruber, Jacob Swartzendruber, and Josiah Kamler.

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.

FFA MEMBERS COMPETE AT STATE CONVENTION

On April 9th, 21 members of the Shickley FFA traveled to Lincoln for the Nebraska State FFA convention. Members competed in various events, attended leadership workshops, and went to general sessions. Three Shickley FFA members were selected to sing in the FFA Choir. Ben Elznic, Chris Lichti, and Christy Swartzendruber sang with the rest of the honor choir at the general sessions. Five different students competed in public speaking events, they were: Nathan Hendrickson, Cooperative (bronze); Jennifer Mick, Job Interview (bronze); Catherine Mick, Natural Resources speaking (silver); Megan Swartzendruber, Senior Public (bronze); and Nicole Swartzendruber, Discovery (silver). Members of the Shickley FFA also competed in multiple Career Development Events. The Ag Sales team consisted of Ben Elznic (white), Tristen Mosier, Bret Smith (white), and Blake Stengel (red). AgriScience contest team members were: John Alfs, Courtney Kamler (white), Chris Lichti (red), and Carley Swartzendruber. Members of the Agronomy team were: Crayton Mosier, Dillon Deepe, Ben Row (blue), and Rio Mohrmann. The Farm and



FFA members strike a pose at the state convention.

Ranch Management team received a blue ribbon; members were: Dillon Deepe (red), Nathan Hendrickson (blue), Jennifer Mick (purple), and Blake Stengel (blue). The Food Science team consisted of: Matyson Kleinschmidt, Tyler Reece, Jennifer Mick (blue), and Christy Swartzendruber (blue). Members of the Meat Evaluation team were: Kale Kleinschmidt, Samantha Plock, Tyler Reece, and Rio Mohrmann. The Natural Resources team received a blue and consisted of: Ben Row (red), Crayton Mosier, Dillon Deepe (red), and Rio Mohrmann (blue). Freshman members Kale Kleinschmidt, Courtney Kamler, Chris Lichti, and John Alfs competed in the AgriScience Fair with an experiment they designed and

completed. Chris Lichti and Courtney Kamler were awarded 2nd place in the Food Systems division. Carley Swartzendruber won the Animal Systems division, and John Alfs won the Social Systems Division. The students who won their division's reports qualified for National competition.

Eight Jr. High members attended Convention on April 11th. Competing in the People in Agriculture poster contest were: Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Nicole Swartzendruber, Holden Stengel (2nd), Thomas Mick (1st), Anthony Beavers, Kellen Reinsch, and Jacob Swartzendruber. The Jr. High Quiz Bowl team of Kellen Reinsch, Lexi Kadel, Thomas Mick, and Anthony Beavers placed fourth overall.

FBLA AND SHICKLEY COMMERCIAL CLUB SPONSOR EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny was in Shickley on Wednesday, April 16th for the community Easter Egg Hunt at the park. Children preschool through 4th grade hunted for candy and prize-filled eggs.

The event was sponsored by the Shickley Commercial Club and the Shickley FBLA Chapter. Senior FBLA member Jacey Shipley played the part of the beloved Easter bunny.

Right: Kindergarten students wait for the hunt to start.



SHICKLEY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "HOOPS FOR HEART" EVENT



Pictured above are those students who participated in "Hoops for Heart." Not pictured are Briana Janing, Olivia Escalera, and Nathan Hendrickson.

Thirty-eight students from Mr. Filipi's physical education classes participated in the "Hoops for Heart" fundraising event raising a grand total of \$2,587.64. "Hoops for Heart" is a special program which raises funds for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Students "Shoot Hoops" while learning about heart health and how physical activity can help them live longer and healthier lives. It also promotes community service by teaching students how they can help others.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the event. A special thanks to parents and all who donated money to the American Heart Association, making the "Hoops for Heart" event a big success.

SECOND ANNUAL PLANT SALE HELD BY SHICKLEY 7-11 GRADE STUDENTS

Shickley Public School students in grades 7 – 11 held the school's 2nd Annual Plant Sale this spring. Students were busy spreading the word and selling plants to family, friends, and neighbors in Shickley and surrounding communities during the month of March. Plants arrived at the school on Thursday, April 24th. Students and staff members unloaded vegetables, herbs, and flowers from three trucks, turning the gym into a temporary greenhouse. On Friday, April 25th, nearly 400 customers picked up the plants they had pre-ordered. The sale continued on Saturday, April 26th when the public was invited to come in and purchase additional plants.

The plant sales event was spearheaded by Mrs. Deb Kobza and Mrs. Andrea Curlo. They facilitated this sale through Janet's Jungle, an organization that works with multiple suppliers throughout Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa to ensure that high-quality plants are brought in for those who support this fundraising event. Class sponsors and parent volunteers also played a big part in making this a successful effort. They made signs, provided prizes, and assisted with sales.

The school staff and students extend a huge thank you to all the customers and volunteers who supported this event. The funds raised go to the junior high and high school classes to help with the costs of various events, such as homecoming, prom, and graduation.



The Shickley gymnasium became a temporary greenhouse where customers came to pick up the plants they pre-ordered from students as part of their spring fundraising event



Junior high and high school students assisted customers who came to pick up their pre-ordered plants. They filled wagons, carts, and boxes, and helped people move plants to their vehicles. Eighth graders, Thomas Mick, Holden Stengel, and Jacob Swartzendruber placed a folding table on top of a garden wagon to make a double-decker.

GIRLS' TRACK TEAM WINS DISTRICT CONTEST AND COMPETES AT STATE



Shickley's state qualifying members of the track team prepare to head to Omaha with Coach Shipley. (L-R) Tristen Mosier (10), Catherine Mick (10), Kristin Troyer (11), Jennifer Mick (12), Christy Swartzendruber (12), and Coach Scott Shipley. State meet results: Tristen, tied for 10th in pole vault; Catherine, 1st in pole vault, 2nd in 100 m hurdles, 2nd in 300 m hurdles; Jennifer, tied for 5th in pole vault, 2nd in 100 m run, 2nd in 200 m run; Tristen, Kristin, Christy, and Jill Schroeder placed 6th in the 4 x 400 m relay; Catherine, Jennifer, Christy, and Jill also competed in the 4 x 100 m relay. The team finished 2nd overall.



Catherine Mick demonstrates her pole vaulting skills.

The BDS girls' track team won their district contest held at Friend and qualified a number of competitors for the state meet held at Omaha Burke. The boys also had several individuals who qualified for the state meet.

The girls were very competitive at the state level and came home with the runner-up trophy. Catherine Mick (pictured left) defended her title as Class D State Champion and set a new state meet record of 11' 1/2". She also holds the class D state record of 11' 4" which she set earlier in the season.

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“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

– Alexander Graham Bell

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the door to this year closes, we look back and think about the opportunities, good times, and challenges we faced throughout the year. And there is a place for this reminiscence. Here at the end of the year, we say goodbye to the Senior Class of 2014, a number of teachers moving on to new adventures, and a number of other people who have come and gone from our lives.

In science, I taught about the cyclical nature of the world: With an end, comes a beginning. A new door opens with this summer and the new school year that will follow. We will have new students, new teachers, and new opportunities; all of that is waiting for us at the end of the summer. For now, though, take the time to remember the good times, and recharge your batteries (both mental and physical), because just like the 2013-2014 school year, the 2014-2015 promises to be an exciting one!

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the changes happening 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

SUMMER READING!

One of the most important summer activities for students is reading! Students who spend time reading during the summer are more likely to return to school without having experienced the dreaded summer “brain-drain.”

Join the fun by participating in the Summer Reading Program, “Fizz Boom Read,” hosted by the Virgil Biegert Public Library this summer.

Wednesdays 2:00—3:00 P.M.

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Children 4 years—3rd Grade

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