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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

November 6th

K-6 Field Trip to Geneva Arts Council at 10:00 A.M.

November 9th

Fine Arts Night at 7:00 P.M.

November 10th

Flu Shot Boosters

November 11th

Veterans Day Program in the gym at 10:00 A.M.

November 13th

School dismissed at 2:30 P.M.

November 19th

ASVAB testing for juniors

November 25th

School dismissed at 1:00 P.M.

November 26th-27th

No School
Thanksgiving Break

Look at Joyce's calendar for many more important dates.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

A huge thank-you to the businesses and patrons of Shickley and the surrounding areas for making our silent auction for our activities a large success. Over \$13,000 was raised. That money will be split up amongst different activity groups that we have here at Shickley and will help fund the projects that they are pursuing. So again, thanks to all who donated items and to those who purchased items. It shows the tremendous support that we get from you, the patrons, and the school could not do what it does without that support.

The first quarter has flown by. I just saw my first Christmas commercial on TV last night. It is unreal how the year is flying by, but soon football and volleyball will be over and basketball practice will begin. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, I hope that you consider and reflect on what you are truly thankful for. Personally, I am very thankful for a great community to live in. As I have become a member of our foundation committee and have sat in on some meetings, it truly amazes me what Shickley can do compared to much larger towns. On Thursday, November 6, I will be attending the Nebraska Community Foundation Annual Meeting. At the meeting I will be serving on a "Mythbuster" panel and will be discussing my story of moving to Shickley. I will also explain to others how Shickley breaks the myth that small towns are dying and have nothing to offer. I will do my best to represent Shickley and show others in the state that even though we are small, we are a community worth looking into. So be thankful for Shickley, because I have lived around the state in different towns and you will not find anything like it.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

Bryce Jorgenson
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Pumpkins Pumpkins Pumpkins!

Preschool students spent the month of October learning about pumpkins! Thanks to the Schultz family, students were able to walk to a pumpkin patch located in their backyard and experience first hand what it's like to see a pumpkin growing. While at the patch, students got to walk through the patch and look for blooming yellow flowers, search for tiny baby green pumpkins, and see the many different stages of a growing pumpkin.



While visiting the pumpkin patch, students picked their very own pumpkins. These pumpkins were brought back to the classroom and used to conduct science experiments. The class measured, weighed, and carved these pumpkins at school. They also conducted a fun science experiment where they tested to see if their pumpkins would sink or float. Many don't know, but pumpkins actually float in water. Students also discovered what was inside a pumpkin. Some students initially referred to the stuff inside as pumpkin guts or slime, but they learned the correct term is pulp.

After all the hardwork of learning and exploring pumpkins, students got to partake in a pumpkin party. At the pumpkin party students played a variety of games and tried different types of food made from, you guessed it, pumpkins! Some items that were on the menu were baked pumpkin seeds, pumpkin bread, pumpkin muffins, and pumpkin pie!

Again, the preschool class would like to send out a huge thank you to the Schultz family for providing them with the opportunity to visit their pumpkin patch and for donating gourds and pumpkins to their classroom.

College Campus Visits

Visiting a college campus is one of the most influential parts of choosing a higher education facility. All high school students have the opportunity to visit many colleges including public and private 4-year institutions, 2-year community colleges, and hands-on speciality schools. During October students had opportunities to visit UNK, UNL, and SCC-Beatrice. Some students walked away from the visits knowing that a particular college was not for them, but some students have possibly found their future college.



Throwing the "Horns" at UNK are Jackson Grote, Caitlin Mosier, Carley Swartzendruber, and Jadyndy Kleinschmidt.

Volunteers Read with First Grade

The first grade class is very fortunate to have more grandparent and adult volunteers come into the classroom and listen to them read. Sharleen Cross, Camella Walters, Maurine Domeier, Deb Carlson, and Sandy Shafer-Nagy have graciously volunteered their time as they realize the importance of reading in our children's lives. Our other "regular" volunteers include: Grandpa Larry Carlson, Grandma Iris Wagers, Grandma Marj Dowdy, and Grandparents Larry and Mary Paul. Thank you to all these volunteers for coming in and making a difference in our first graders' lives.

Shown at right is Sandy Shafer-Nagy reading with Bennet Jorgenson and Trinidi Oswald.



FFA Members Attend EDGE

On September 30th, FFA members attended the Engaging Districts for Growth and Excellence (EDGE) Conference at Hastings Community College. While attending, 8th grade members learned about opportunities in FFA, team building activities, and different activities in the agriculture industry. "I had a great time meeting other new FFA members and learning what other chapters do," said Justin Stengel.

Officers attending the conference planned for the rest of the year and learned how to fill out grant applications for the chapter. Courtney Kamler said, "Edge was a great opportunity to work as an officer team on coming up with and developing a plan for new ideas we had."

Members who attended are pictured at right: Back Row Courtney Kamler, Zach Mosier, Regan Alfs, Brock Swartzendruber, Sam Fiegel, Brooke Jorgensen, Justin Stengel, Nicole Swartzendruber. Front Row Holden Stengel, Josh Swartzendruber, Austin Plock, Nathan Nelson, and Kale Kleinschmidt.



FFA Competes at Land Judging

Shickley FFA members competed at the area land judging contest on Wednesday, October 7th near Marquette, Nebraska. Students were able to apply what they had learned in their Plant Science class as they determined soil texture, slope, amount of erosion, and thickness of soil. Once they determined those things they selected the correct land capability class and gave suggestions on how to best maintain or improve the land. "Land judging allows us to see the land in the correct and most efficient way," sophomore Lexi Kadel said.

Members did quite well at the contest that had over 330 participants. Shickley FFA members competing were: Chris Lichti (4th overall), Kellen Reinsch (14th overall), Courtney Kamler (18th overall), John Alfs (25th overall), Lexi Kadel (28th overall), Ben Elznic, Holden Stengel, Wyatt Deepe, Nicole Swartzendruber, Anthony Beavers, Thomas Mick, Carley Elznic, and Kale Kleinschmidt. Those members are pictured above.



The team of Chris Lichti, Courtney Kamler, John Alfs, and Anthony Beavers placed second and earned the right to compete at the state land judging contest in Scottsbluff on October 21st.

Fine Arts Night to be Held

Mark your calendars now to attend Shickley's Fine Arts Night on Monday, November 9th starting at 7:00 P.M. Things to look forward to seeing that night are the one act performance, the marching band court show, and many students' artwork.

First Graders Doing Exciting Things

The Shickley first graders are thoroughly enjoying conducting science experiments with their friends. The experiment pictured at right required them to find multiple ways to stack 10 Dixie cups the highest.

They also have been enjoying collaborating with their writing partners on ways to improve their writing by applying the concepts they have been taught.



Students Earn Dual Credit in Speech Class

This fall marks the first time Shickley's high school students have the opportunity to earn dual credit when enrolling in the advanced speech class. Mrs. Ippensen is excited to offer this class for college credit through Peru State College. In Speech 152: Fundamentals of Speech, upperclassmen build on the knowledge and skills they developed in their beginning speech class as sophomores. This upper-level course continues an exploration of public speaking and communication, including the personal and professional benefits of being adept at clearly communicating ideas. Students conduct research, develop ideas, provide feedback, and practice delivery throughout the semester while focusing on various types of speeches: informative, persuasive, entertainment, special occasion, and interpretive.



Pictured: Senior Catherine Mick practices her persuasive speech about organ donation during Speech 152: Fundamentals of Speech. This speech and others from both the beginning and advanced speech classes will be available throughout the year on Mrs. Ippensen's YouTube channel. Search Jennifer Ippensen to locate and view them.

Thank You For Supporting Pink Night

Thank you to everyone who helped make "Pink Night" a huge success. Each and everyone who donated or helped played a huge part in how successful the night was. Money raised went to the local Relay for Life Teams in Fillmore and Thayer counties.

Life Science Experiment

The 7th Grade learned about homeostasis during a recent experiment. They first took their heart rate at rest and then took it again after making a lap around the school. The class talked about the change in heart rate and why that happens. Then, they took their resting heart rate and dunked their faces in water. The nerve that runs across the forehead senses the water and immediately lowers a person's heart rate. This was a fun experiment to do. It showed students that their body will change with the environment to survive daily life.

Shown at right is Aaron Mick with his forehead in water while classmates and teacher Mrs. Busboom look on.



FFA Helps With Harvest Bonanza

Shickley FFA members helped Bob from KUTT with their annual Harvest Bonanza at Cargill in Carleton on October 14th and Shickley Grain in Shickley on October 1st. Members were happy to help serve meals to farmers who are busy in the fields. At each location, members delivered meals, goodie bags, and drinks to farmers as they waited in the line to dump grain. Members helping were: Wyatt Deepe, Jackson Grote, Raegan Fiala, Regan Alfs, Brooke Jorgenson, Lexi Kadel, and Sam Fiegel.

Pictured are Jackson Grote and Wyatt Deepe handing a truck driver a meal.



Junior High Volleyball

As autumn begins, the BDS Junior High volleyball season comes to an end. The team did not reach its goal this year of returning to the CRC Championship; however, the A Team finished with 11 wins and 2 losses, while the B Team had an unfortunate setback with a team injury and some sickness, ending their season with 5 wins and 3 losses. The B Team improved every day and played with confidence, standing ready to sub in when needed on the A Team. This year's A Team was led by five returning 8th graders: Reagan Fiala, Jennifer Holtzen, Alyssa Nolt, Kaylee Noel, and Regan Alfs. Also, they were supported by Brooke Jorgensen from the bench with an injury. We had two incoming 7th graders 'step up' and play at a high level. The team started the year off with some very impressive wins against Superior and Lawrence-Nelson and went on to beat EM, Hampton, and McCool Junction. They suffered their first loss to Meridian. After that tough loss they played the next day and defeated Sutton and then Superior for the second time. They went on to beat Dorchester and had a very exciting come-from-behind win to beat Giltner. Beating Giltner put the team back in the hunt for the CRC Championship game with a three-way tie in the conference. Unfortunately after the tie breaker they did not get to play in the championship.

The team played with more confidence as the season went on and really improved their game. They finished second in their own tournament beating Deshler and Sandy Creek but losing to Lawrence-Nelson in the championship. Coach O. said, "I will miss having practice with this group of girls, learning some new dance moves, adopting Larry and Loretta (big smile), all the laughs, silly cheers, and yes, even the tears and frustrations of the season. This was a great bunch of girls." All of the 8th graders plan to continue playing volleyball in high school. Each player made a huge contribution to the team.



Art Room Success

There is more student success for Shickley School in the art room! Madison Yantzie will have her artwork "Unseen Beauty" displayed in the "Best of Nebraska" exhibit as one of the top artists from the schools in the 18 counties in southeast Nebraska. The exhibit will be at the Eisentrager-Howard gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Richards Hall, just south of Memorial Stadium at UNL. The show will be open to the public from November 6th to November 24th. There will be a formal opening reception for the show on Friday, November 6, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, with awards announced at 7:00pm. When you are in Lincoln please stop in and see the art show.



Pictured is Madison's artwork that will be on display at the art show.

Junior High Football

The 2015 Junior High Football season came to an end after a 12-6 OT loss to an undefeated Harvard team. The Eagles ended their season at 4-2. The team, consisting of 25 boys, worked hard throughout the year to improve week-to-week. Although the season ended with a loss, coaches felt that the last game was easily the most well-played game by the Eagle squad on the season. "While it was unfortunate to end the season with the loss, we as a coaching staff found a lot of positives in the game because of how hard the kids played and that a lot of the things we worked on through the year were put to good use by the kids during the game. We were out-sized in most of our games, but the kids really learned to play strong and with good technique to help themselves overcome the size difference and play bigger than what we were," Coach Greg Schroeder said.

Now that the season has concluded, the Junior High will turn their focus to basketball season which has already begun. Football team members are pictured. Back Row: Coach Schroeder, Josh Swartzendruber, Isaac Else, Dylan Domeier, Nolan Weber, Brock Swartzendruber, Nate Nelson, Austin Plock, Justin Stengel, Holden Wilkins, Alfonso Pena-Lopez, Sam Fiegel, Coach Voss, and Coach Peterson. Front Row: Dalton Kleinschmidt, Rodney Wassom, Sam Baysinger, Elijah Quinones, Cadden Carlson, Blake Schlegel, Dominic Quinones, Kyle Adissono, Eric Schroeder, Raleigh Shipley, Aaron Mick, Reid Richards, and Keenan Dickson.



NHSPA Presents Awards & Award Winning Ideas

The Nebraska High School Press Association's (NHSPA) fall convention was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the UNL Student Union, during which awards were presented for last year's publications and professionals shared award-winning ideas during various sessions for students and advisors.

Shickley's 2014-15 yearbook received a Superior rating and two Golden Kernel awards—one for writing and, and for the second year in a row, one for photography. The 2014-15 yearbook staff members were Kristin Troyer, Madison Yantzie, and Chris Lichti; advisors were Mrs. Deb Kobza and Mrs. Jennifer Ippensen.

Carley Swartzendruber attended the fall convention with this year's advisors, Mrs. Jennifer Ippensen and Mrs. Rebecca Jorgenson. The featured speaker was Mitch Sherman, senior writer for ESPN.com, who emphasized focusing on the human element in story writing. This idea was reinforced in an afternoon session with Omaha World-Herald columnist Matthew Hanson. He explained that journalists must "be curious," always searching to uncover an interesting story about real people.

Shickley's attendees also gained insight from two additional speakers. UNL's photojournalism professor Bruce Thorson discussed key element of photography, including background, light, and character, as well as the importance of capturing action, reaction, and emotion. Katie Nieland, who has specialized background education and experiences in creating infographics, presented numerous ideas for bringing words and images together to create a "data-rich visualization of a story."

The NHSPA feedback on last year's publication and the ideas that were presented at the convention will provide guidance as the yearbook staff works to publish the 2015-16 yearbook.

Pictured, Carley Swartzendruber takes notes during Matthew Hansen's session entitled "Where Do Story Ideas Come From?" Swartzendruber said the most important thing she learned from him was: "Don't follow the crowd; go on your own path." In relation to working on the yearbook, she said this means "going more in-depth" and finding the interesting story angle.



Students Selected for All State Honor Choir

The Nebraska Music Educators Association will hold their annual convention in November. The convention coincides with the All-State Band, Choir, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. Shickley is proud to announce that Anthony Beavers and Christian Lichti were selected to the Honor Choir. The Honor Choir selected Benjamin Elznic as an alternate. The final concert will be held at the Lied Center for performing arts in Lincoln on November 21st. This is a wonderful accomplishment by these fine musicians. It's a great day to be a Longhorn!

Emily Alfs Presents to Math Classes

Do you like math? Does collecting data interest you? Emily Alfs, 2012 Shickley High School graduate, shared her love of math and numbers with present Shickley math students on October 9th. Alfs is double-majoring in math and computer science at Doane College. For the last two years, Emily has been collecting and analyzing data by researching game theory. The game “31-derful” first intrigued the budding mathematician. For her work, she was awarded the Dr. David Smith Research Award. Most recently, she is researching Frame Sudoku. She has had the opportunity to travel to many cities in the U.S. to present her findings.



Emily discussed the fact that math is everywhere. She also stressed the importance of logic and problem-solving strategies to succeed in the work force. Students were presented with a variety of job listings that emphasized a need for problem-solving skills. Emily also shared her experiences with Nebraska business Sandhills Publishing.

Shickley Members Awarded New FFA Jackets

The Nebraska FFA Foundation was pleased to present Isaac Kamler, Jadyne Kleinschmidt, and Caleb Hendrickson of the Shickley FFA Chapter with their very own FFA jackets. Isaac, Jadyne, and Caleb were 3 of the 315 students selected statewide as part of the Nebraska FFA Foundation’s “Blue Jacket Bright Futures” program.

“All of us who have been FFA members understand the excitement of putting on your blue jacket for the first time and wearing it proudly as you represent your chapter and state. You wear that jacket with pride to many events and competitions as an FFA member,” said Stacey Agnew, Executive Director of the Nebraska FFA Foundation. “FFA jackets are costly and this is a great way for deserving students to apply and be selected to receive a jacket. This program rewards and encourages members who are eager to continue Nebraska’s outstanding FFA tradition.”



This year’s program brought in nearly 500 applications from members of all ages across the state. “This is one of the bigger responses we’ve had for this program yet,” Agnew said. “We are excited to see them wear their jackets with pride, representing an outstanding legacy of youth in agriculture.”

Quarter One Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors

Catherine Mick, Tristen Mosier, Madison Yantzie

Sophomores

Megan Grote, Nicole Swartzendruber

Freshmen

Jackson Grote, Jady Kleinschmidt

Eighth Grade

Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Alyssa Nolt, Joshua Swartzendruber

A Average Honor Roll

Juniors

Courtney Kamler

Sophomores

Anthony Beavers, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Kellen Reinsch, Jacob Swartzendruber

Freshmen

Caleb Hendrickson, Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler

Eighth Grade

Samuel Fiegel, Brooke Jorgenson, Zachary Mosier, Kaylee Noel, Justin Stengel,

Seventh Grade

Kenzie Bohling, Macy Kamler, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Aaron Mick, Nolan O'Brien, Blake Schlegel, Raleigh Shipley

State Land Judging

On Wednesday, October 21st State Land Judging was held near Mitchell, Nebraska. Courtney Kamler, Chris Lichti, Anthony Beavers, and John Alfs represented the Shickley FFA chapter. After judging four different sites the results were tallied. Chris Lichti received a pink ribbon; only the top 85 participants ribboned. The sites they judged were six miles from Wyoming, so the members were able to be in two states at once, near Lyman, Nebraska. They also had the opportunity to take in some Nebraska landmarks and agricultural events. These included Chimney Rock and Lake McConaughy near Ogallala. They also saw sugar beet harvest and transport as they drove across the state. It was a great experience from the actual judging to the sights seen along the way.

Pictured are Courtney Kamler, Chris Lichti, Anthony Beavers, and John Alfs under the Wyoming state sign.



Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

This is part four of twelve in a continuing conversation about the characteristics, skills, and abilities of a successful student, as defined by Shickley Public School.

A successful student is productive and accountable.

Productivity and accountability are two of the biggest buzzwords in business and education today. Our students are in and entering worlds where the people around them, counting on them, and employing them want to know, and believe, two simple truths: 1) an employee, regardless of his level in the business, will be productive—meaning the work done will be of high quality and completed on time, and 2) an employee will be accountable for his work—meaning taking pride in the work done and standing behind the results of the work. Different facets make up productivity and accountability. Consider these questions: Can the person manage his own projects? Can he produce results? Can he be productive in teams? Can he resolve conflict within his team? Can he respect and understand his team members? At Shickley Public School, we work to develop these skills by teaching independence and self-direction, by teaching through projects and rubrics, and by working with individuals and groups in our classrooms.

As always, 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
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