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## Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

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 Mark your calendars for  
 the following important  
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March 7th  
 School Board  
 Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

March 8th  
 Elementary Music  
 Program at 7:00 P.M.

March 10th  
 End of Third Quarter.

March 11th  
 Spring Break.  
 No School.

March 14th  
 Longhorn Speech Night.  
 5th-8th Grades 5:30 P.M.  
 High School 7:00 P.M.

March 17th  
 7th-12th Grades  
 Band & Choir Pops Concert  
 at 7:00 P.M.

March 18th  
 Red Cross Blood Mobile  
 at School  
 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

March 22nd  
 FFA Banquet  
 6:30 P.M.

March 25th-28th  
 Easter Vacation.  
 No School.

Look at Joyce's calendar

March is here and spring is around the corner. Our planning for next year is nearly complete. Part of the planning that is not complete is some of the projects that we are going to do with Trane. In the next few weeks, Trane will be providing the school board with maximum costs, and the board will then be choosing from those projects. When the projects are selected, the school will be locked in. How are we going to pay for the projects? Since all of the projects deal with indoor air quality, safety code issues, or asbestos, we are able to use what is called the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund, or QCPUF for short. This fund will allow us to make payments over a 10 year period. The maximum that the district can levy into this fund is \$.051 per year. At the maximum levy rate, we can fund a \$2,500,000 project. Currently, these are some of the projects that are being considered:

- Electrical Upgrade
- HVAC Systems
- Lobby Bathroom Upgrade
- Remodel Locker Rooms
- Windows (in some areas, not all)
- Lighting
- Remodel Main Entrance for Security Purposes

In closing, I want to share some other information with you. All of you received a survey from the Shickley Community Improvement Committee, which is a committee that I serve on. One of the reasons the board has decided to move forward with these projects is that the community has a desire to keep a school in Shickley. When the results of the survey were compiled, those feelings really showed through the tremendous support we have for our school. The pride that Shickley is able to offer such a great education to their children was evident in these surveys. The board wants to keep a school in Shickley forever, and that is the reason for completing these projects. They are necessary to ensure that the school is here for generations to come. Again, if anyone has questions about any of these projects, please do not hesitate to stop in my office, and I would love to discuss it further with you.

Don't forget to wear green on the 17th!

Bryce Jorgenson  
 Superintendent  
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## Shickley Public School Hosting Red Cross Blood Drive

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Shickley Public School and the Shickley Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Blood donations are important because almost everyone, at sometime during their lives, will know someone who needs a blood transfusion. They may be car accident or trauma victims, cancer or transplant patients, or people with sickle cell disease or other blood disorders. There is no substitute and still only one source of blood for transfusion – volunteer blood donors. If you are interested in giving hope to those in need of a blood transfusion, you can call Mr. Ippensen at the school (402-627-3375) to schedule your donation. Remember, hope begins with you; give blood.

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## Fifth Grade News

It has been a quick productive year in the 5th grade classroom. There are only six students this year and they are an energetic bunch that can make it seem like there are more students at times. We started the 2016 year preparing for a writing assessment in descriptive writing. We have also been learning about speeches and writing informative speeches over a topic that the students got to pick. Topics include: penguins, horses, fireworks, bones, nuclear power, and animal rescue programs. The sophomore speech class has been extremely helpful in strategies to pick a good topic. In science we have been learning about the Earth and space. It started with how water and the water cycle impact Earth. We are now discussing rocks, minerals, soil, and how erosion affects Earth's surface. We will end with planets and the stars and how those things impact us here on Earth. Math has been very busy working with fractions. From what a fraction is and what it means to working with fractions in the everyday world, students are increasing their knowledge of fractions. As we look toward the last few months of the school year we are looking forward to participating in the Science Fair for the first time.



Pictured to the right are the 5th graders and sophomores working together on speeches.

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## BDS Junior High Girls Basketball

The 2015-2016 BDS Junior High Girls' Basketball season was another successful one. This year we had a total of just eight girls, split evenly with four girls from 7th grade joining four 8th graders returning from last year's team. The Junior High Eagles played in 11 games and finished the season with a 9-2 record. They placed 2nd at the Blue Hill tournament, went undefeated in the B Division of the Crossroads Conference, and finished as the Crossroads Conference Champions, going back-to-back for the 8th graders. Success on the court was matched by meeting our main goals, which included: working hard everyday, making themselves better basketball players, and increasing their basketball IQs. Because of their willingness to listen, learn, and change things about the way they did things during practices, all players made big improvements in their personal games. This then led to all players contributing, which helped the team play at a high level during the games.

Pictured at right: front row Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Jennifer Holtzen, and Kaylee Noel. Back row: Head Coach Mr. Schlegel, Macy Kamler, Jordan Bolte, Alyssa Kerwood, Bryn Kadel, and Assistant Coach Mrs. Swartzendruber.



## BDS Junior High Boys Basketball

The Junior High Boys' Basketball team overcame a slow start to the season to finish with an 8-2 record. The team, consisting of 24 boys within the BDS cooperative, definitely saved their best basketball for the end of the season. "Understanding what we were looking to do on the defensive end with our basic principles and putting those into play was a big key to getting our season going in a positive direction," said Coach Schroeder.

Coach Kluck added, "Settling down and making our lay-ups and free throws took a lot of pressure off of us during the games." The boys really worked together well through the year and did a great job of supporting each other through the thick and thins of the year.

Pictured at right are members of this year's team.



## Spelling Bee Qualifiers

Congratulations to the 2016 Shickley Public School's Fillmore County Spelling Bee qualifiers. They are pictured below. Back/L-R: Raegan Fiala (8), Reid Richards (7), Blake Schlegel (7), Kaylee Noel (8), Eli Noel (6), Alyssa Nolt (8), Brooke Jorgenson (8), Kenzie Bohling (7). Front/L-R: Dalton Kleinschmidt (7), Brianna Jorgenson (5), Hannah Miller (5), Taylor Sliva (6), Madeline Kamler (6), Tyler Grote (6). Tyler Grote and Brooke Jorgenson each placed 4th in the elementary and junior high divisions respectively.



## Chris Lichti Selected to Honor Choirs

Chris Lichti was selected to perform in the top honor choir at UNK Honor Festival. There were 3 choirs and 2 bands in the festival. The students all rehearsed and performed a concert on the same day. Over 700 students auditioned for the choirs at the festival.

Chris was also selected to sing at the Doane Honor Choir in January. He rehearsed for two days and sang with students from all across Nebraska. The choir was made of mostly juniors and seniors.

Pictured are Mr. Harris and Chris Lichti.



## Abbi Jamison Crowned World's Pre-Teen Miss Nebraska Tourism 2016

Abbi Jamison, sixth grade student at Shickley Public School, was recently crowned World's Pre-Teen Miss Nebraska Tourism 2016. She kicked off her platform project during an elementary school assembly on Monday, February 15, 2016 in the Shickley gymnasium.

"Part of my responsibility...is to take part in a platform or cause, and I have chosen childhood literacy, which is kids reading or being read to," Abbi said during her presentation. She went on to explain that she wants to make sure all children in Nebraska have access to their own books. The title of her platform is "My Own Book," and her goal is to give away as many books as possible to children in 2016.

At the school assembly, Abbi donated a set of Goosebumps books to the Shickley School Library. She also provided a collection box that will serve as a drop-off point where other students and community members can donate new or gently used books to be given away through Abbi's cause.

Abbi is pictured with Mr. Ippensen holding her collection box that is located in the school's library.



## Junior High Attends Vocal Clinic

The Cross Roads Conference held the annual Junior High Vocal Clinic at Hampton. The clinic brought together conference schools and allowed students to grow musically together. There were 12 schools represented at this year's clinic.

Pictured at right is the junior high choir. Front row: Reid Richards, Nolan O'Brien, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Justin Stengel, Josh Swartzendruber, and Nathan Nelson. Second row: Bryn Kadel, Zach Mosier, Aaron Mick, Brock Swartzendruber, Macy Kamler, and Raegan Fiala. Third row: Kenzie Bohling, Blake Schlegel, Briana Janing, Brooke Jorgensen, Alyssa Nolt, and Regan Alfs. Back row: Raleigh Shipley, Cadden Carlson, Sam Fiegel, Kaylee Noel, and Mr. Harris.



## Scholastic Art Competition 2016

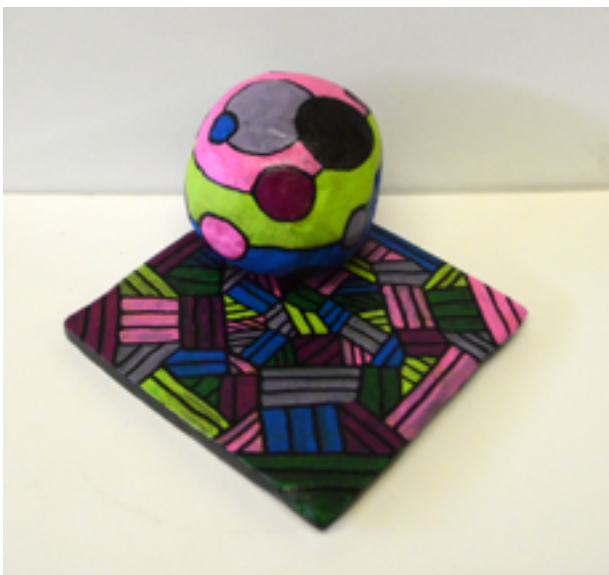
Three Shickley art students submitted entries in the Nebraska Regional Scholastic Art Competition: senior Madison Yantzie (ceramic fountain), sophomore Megan Grote (Chalk Pastel), and eighth grader Brooke Jorgenson (colored pencil comic series). The Scholastic Art Competition nationally awards more than 300,000 entries to students in grades 7 through 12, and in Nebraska over 1,200 awards were given in categories ranging from drawing, painting, ceramics, and photography to fashion design, jewelry, and film/animation. Congratulations to Brooke Jorgenson, for receiving a “Silver Key” award for her art entry in the Scholastic Art Contest! Brooke’s artwork will be displayed in Omaha from February 24th through March 31st, with an awards presentation on Saturday, February 27th.



Pictured at right is Brooke’s artwork.

## “Youth Art Month” Exhibit 2016, Lincoln Capital Building

Two Shickley students will have artwork displayed in the State Capital Building in Lincoln in March for the “Youth Art Month” Exhibit. Sixth grader Taryn Fiala’s ceramic tile and sphere and sixth grader Madeline Kamler’s rainbow silhouette tempera painting will be displayed in the capital building from February 27th through March 12th, with an awards ceremony at 2:00 on March 12th. These two students' artworks were selected to represent Shickley Public School in this exhibit from all grades K-12. Congratulations, Taryn and Madeline! Their artwork is pictured below.



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### **Caitlin Mosier Selected to Honor Choir**

Caitlin Mosier was selected to sing in the Honor Choir for the Band Orchestra Choir Honor Festival, or B.O.C.H., held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The students rehearsed over three days and performed their final concert at the Baxter Arena in Omaha. Congratulations, Caitlin.

Picture at right are Mr. Harris and Caitlin.



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### **Megan Grote was Artsonia Artist of the Week Finalist**

For the second year in a row, sophomore Megan Grote, was chosen for Artsonia.com's "Student of the Week" contest. This year Megan's ceramic heart vase was one of twelve artworks in the 9th-12th grade category to be voted on that week. Unfortunately, Megan's artwork didn't receive the most votes to win, but it was wonderful to be recognized and we thank everyone who voted.

A picture of Megan's ceramic vase is to the right.



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### **Shickley Plant Sale Information**

The Shickley Plant Sale will get under way mid-March with the final week for sales the first week in April. Plants will be ready for pickup April 29th so mark your calendars. More details next month!

## Fifth through Eighth Grade Speech News

In the past, we have used the Modern Woodman Insurance Company's speech topic as a way to give our students exposure to speech research, writing, and presenting. This year we are going away from the Modern Woodman Speech topic and giving our students more freedom when choosing their topics.

As a way to expose the students to the different modes of speech writing, the 5th graders will be writing an informative speech, the 6th graders will be writing a persuasive speech, the 7th graders will be writing an entertainment speech, and the 8th graders will have their choice of the three modes.

The presentation of the speeches will be similar to previous years. Students will be expected to compose a well-researched, well-written speech over the selected topic. Students will then present their speeches in front of their peers, teachers, guests, and judges within the classrooms on March 1. The three students from each grade that score the highest will then present their speeches on Longhorn Speech Night, March 14, before the high school speech team presents their own district bound speeches. There will not be any judges on Speech Night and there will not be any district level for the elementary or junior high students. Speech Night will be utilized as a way for the students to present in front of a broader audience.

## FFA Members Complete Proficiency Applications

Shickley FFA members who are sophomores and juniors completed proficiency applications. These applications are based on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). Each FFA member has an SAE that is either placement (when they work for someone else) or entrepreneurship (when they own their business). Members complete an application explaining how their SAE has evolved. They showcase the skills they have learned and the different responsibilities they have taken on. Applications first go to the district level for judging. The district can then select three gold applications in each area for the state judging in March. Four members had their gold proficiency applications selected for the state event. These members were: Anthony Beavers (Dairy Placement), Courtney Kamler (Outdoor Recreation Placement), Holden Stengel (Diversified Agriculture Production Placement), and Nicole Swartzendruber (Beef Placement). At the district level the following members received silver ratings: John Alfs (Agricultural Services Placement), Kale Kleinschmidt (Diversified Agriculture Production Placement), and Carley Swartzendruber (Sheep Entrepreneurship). Receiving bronze awards were: Carley Elznic (Home/Occupational Safety Entrepreneurship), Wyatt Deepe (Landscape Management Placement), Lexi Kadel (Outdoor Recreation Placement), Chris Lichti (Agriculture Services Placement), Thomas Mick (Swine Placement), Kellen Reinsch (Grain Production Placement), and Jacob Swartzendruber (Diversified Crop Placement). Members were able to reflect on their SAEs and see areas where they can continue to develop their SAE.

Pictured are the members whose proficiency applications will be judged at state: Anthony Beavers, Nicole Swartzendruber, Holden Stengel, and Courtney Kamler.





## Shickley Celebrates FBLA Week

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students at Shickley joined others across the state during the week of February 7-13 to celebrate FBLA Week. This week provided members the opportunity to demonstrate how FBLA educates their members in the fields of business, technology, and career skills. Moreover, members showed their appreciation for FBLA as they continue to “Connect.”

The special activities held this week included the “Jammies for Babies” fundraiser for the March of Dimes. Students and Faculty donated money to wear pajamas to school. This activity raised \$125 for the March of Dimes. The FBLA chapter promoted their “Going Green” project by holding a poster contest for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, a Shickley recycling center trivia question (winner - Wyatt Deepe), providing daily “Going Green” facts, and wearing green to school. Each winner received an iTunes gift card. Poster contest winners were: 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Hannah Miller (1st); Gracie Swartzendruber (2nd); Ashly Perkins (3rd). 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Mariah Sliva (1st); Taryn Fiala 2nd); Landon Johnson (3rd).

The chapter concluded the week by volunteering at the Hastings Crossroads Center Rescue Mission. Students assisted with preparing lunch, unloading a truck with donated food items, going through food inventory, and serving lunch. They were given a tour of the mission and gained a better understanding of the importance of volunteering.

Members had a good time celebrating FBLA week and completing their activities!



Top picture: Students and faculty member who wore pajamas and donated money to “Jammies for Babies.”

Bottom left picture: Students who wore green to support “Going Green.”

Bottom right picture: Winners of the poster contest.



## 100th Day of School

On January 25th, students at Shickley Public School had a one-hundredful day! It was the 100th Day of School. Each year, teachers and students enjoy reaching this milestone. This year, we did things a little bit differently and had a huge celebration full of games, snacks, and activities for the kindergarten through fourth grade students in the north gym. Students were placed in groups of two or three and worked with those partners for the time spent in the gym. This was a great opportunity for our older students to be role models and mentors for our younger children. Students worked at their own pace at eight different stations that had something to do with the number 100. Stations included a snack making station, building a structure out of 100 cups, painting 100 gum balls on a gum ball machine, using 100 pattern blocks to make a design, building with 100 linking cubes, matching 100 Kisses on a 100 chart, making a construction paper ice cream cone with 10 scoops that were each worth ten, and building a structure from 100 marshmallows and toothpicks. It was a great day that truly showcased how wonderful the students at SPS are as they worked with their peers and learned many new exciting things to do with the number 100.

Pictured to the right are Evan Swartzendruber, Veronika Flint, and Olivia Schlegel as they work together to place numbered Kisses on the correct numbers on a 100 chart.



## Dental Awareness Month

February was Dental Awareness Month. EHA coordinators, Merissa Zajic and Katie Johnson, wanted to share the importance of dental hygiene with students here in Shickley so they invited a dentist to school. Derek Hoffman, DDS came to the elementary school and shared with students about the importance of brushing. Students learned the correct way to brush and how plaque "bugs" can hide in places between teeth and by gums. In order to get rid of those bugs, it is also important to floss. The students also participated in an experiment. They had to chew a bubble gum tablet that stained their teeth pink. Then students could actually see the plaque on their teeth and what they missed when they brushing.

Pictured to the right is Dr. Hoffman showing the second graders inside Olivia Schlegel's mouth.



## Women in Science

Catherine Mick, Tristen Mosier, Madison Yantzie, and Courtney Kamler attended the Women in Science Conference in the middle of February. Women in Science covers different categories and majors available in the science field. They started the conference with a tour of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, which they all found fascinating because of the explanations of the different units. Next, they attended a banquet and learned about the use of DNA in today's society. To end their first night, they observed the moon and Jupiter through telescopes on top of a parking garage. The girls visited multiple workshops the next day, discussing bioscience, soft and hard robotics, and dentistry. To end the trip, the girls performed an experiment incorporating detecting a certain microbe that was used in a "murder case." The girls enjoyed learning about the world of science and how to experiment within different labs.

Pictured are Courtney Kamler, Catherine Mick, Madison Yantzie, and Tristen Mosier.



## Eighth Graders Participate in Memory Project

As the 8th Grade class concluded a unit on portrait drawing, two students, Regan Alfs and Alyssa Nolt, volunteered to create a portrait for a child in The Memory Project (<https://memoryproject.org/>). The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. The portraits are given to the child to make them feel valued and important, and to know that people care about them. Receiving a portrait can be a life impacting experience as many of these children do not have personal possessions. It is also an opportunity for students to creatively practice kindness and increase their global awareness. This year our child is Alejandro from Bolivia. The entire 8th grade class learned about the country and economic conditions that impact Alejandro and other children in Bolivia. Next, these portraits will be hand delivered, and a video of Alejandro and the other children with him will be sent back for the students in Shickley to see. Since 2004, more than 80,000 portraits have been created for children in 35 countries, according to The Memory Project website.

Pictured with the portraits they drew are Regan Alfs and Alyssa Nolt.



## Severe Weather Awareness Posters

The 4th Grade class created posters for the 2016 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, to bring awareness to severe weather safety during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Students chose the type of severe weather they wanted to show on their posters, which included staying warm inside during a blizzard, not driving over a flooded road, and getting low/indoors during a tornado. The posters were turned in to the courthouse to the Fillmore County Emergency Management Agent, Jim Dunker, who will send the top winners on to compete at the state level. The posters pictured were drawn by Logan Johnson, Lynley Swartzendruber, and Lauren Richards.




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## Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

*This is part eight 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 can think critically and solve problems.

John Boyd, the renowned fighter pilot and fighter pilot instructor developed the OODA Loop, which was created to help pilots, when their lives were on the line, think more quickly and more effectively than their opponents. The OODA Loop consisted of four components: Observe, Orient, Decide, and Act. These four components, when used and used quickly, could help the pilot be successful in each contact with the enemy. Observation, orientation, decision-making, and taking action are essential to the critical thinking and problem solving processes as well. A student, in order to solve problems, needs to be able to study situations and their surroundings, recognize the problem (or even that there is a problem), decide on the best course of action to overcome or remove the problem, and then act on the determined solution until the problem is solved. This process seems very simple, and on the surface it is; however, the necessary levels of critical thinking and decision-making are ever increasing – as our students get older, the problems and challenges they face become more difficult. Skills such as effectively reasoning, using systems-thinking, and making judgments and decisions are all essential to critical thinking, which is key to problem solving. If a student can think critically and solve problems, his or her chances for success increase significantly.

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, PK-12 Principal

