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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

There are only two months to go until summer break. It is hard to believe, but graduation and summer are fast approaching. Plans for the summer are starting to come together and there will be some significant projects going on at Shickley Public Schools. At a board meeting on March 23rd, the School Board approved projects at the school. The total costs of the projects will not be known, until all of the final bids have been received. However, we know that we are not going to exceed \$2.6 million. At the same meeting, the board approved using D.A. Davidson to help us sell bonds to fund the project. We will be levying money into our Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF). This fund allows us to levy up to \$0.052 for a project. The bonds will then be paid off over a 10-year period. Here are the areas that we are looking at as part of the project:

1. Electrical: As most people understand, the electrical systems installed when the 1907, 1954, and 1964 portions of the building were constructed were not made to use with the amount of electronic equipment that is used in school today. Many areas of our school are dangerously overloading the system, kicking out breakers during parts of the school year. Many of the panels do not meet code and can be a hazard themselves. The electrical system needs to be upgraded before any other projects would be feasible.
2. Heating and Air Conditioning: We purchased a new boiler system for the 1954 portion of the building. It was installed about 3 years ago. That heating system will remain in place and new air conditioning will be installed as well as some back-up heat. However, the steam boiler in the 1907 building is on its last breath. We will get through this heating season, but our boiler inspector told us that he would not approve it for another season. It is from the 60's and we are still burning fuel oil to operate it. It will be replaced with individual heating/cooling units in each room. New windows may be installed and the window air units would then be discarded. Heating and air in the main gym, cafeteria, and art room are also being considered.
3. Restrooms and Locker Rooms: These are possible areas to be improved. The improvements would involve replacing some flooring, stalls, and fixtures.
4. Entry Way: The last major area being considered is our entry way. In today's world, safety can never be taken for granted. The current arrangement of the front of our building does not allow us to visibly ensure that our building is safe. We are unable to see who enters the building, thus with some rearranging of the offices, we could make our school much safer.

Again, all of the areas are being considered. At the March 23rd board meeting, the school board made a significant step towards ensuring that a school will be in Shickley for many years to come. All of the areas considered will have a dramatic impact on the learning environment, and we will see student pride increase. I am excited to see the improvement not only in our students but also in our teachers. We often times take for granted the environment we live and work in and what impact it has on our lives. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come in and talk to me in my office.

Bryce Jorgenson
 Superintendent
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Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, April 15th from 8:30-10:30 A.M. Parents will participate in a parent meeting while students work with Mrs. Schultz. All students who will turn five by July 31, 2016 are eligible for kindergarten. If you have any questions before then, feel free to contact Mrs. Schultz by email at gschultz@longhornpower.org.

This year's kindergarten class will not have school this day.

Save the Date for Ag Safety Day

The annual Fillmore County Ag Safety Day will be held on Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at the fairgrounds in Geneva. School children grades 2-6, for the 2015-2016 school year, are invited to attend. More details will be announced as the event gets closer. The day is sponsored by the Fillmore County Extension Office, FFA Chapters, and WIFE.

Shickley Public School hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

On Friday, March 18th, Shickley Public School held their fourth annual blood drive. The Red Cross's theme to their blood drives this year is "Hope begins with you."

At the blood drive, the National Honor Society gave hope by providing the personnel needed to load and unload the equipment and staff the registration table. The faculty and staff of Shickley Public School helped by providing the food and drinks for donors during the drive. Additionally, 39 people donated 38 total units of blood. This helped Shickley to meet the goal set of 35 units, and has qualified the school to be eligible for a \$250 scholarship from the Red Cross for one senior.

The Shickley Public School blood drive is one of three held each year in Shickley, with the others being held in the fall and in the summer. Shickley Public School is proud to be a part of this rotation and proud to have chosen to help save lives.

Pictured at right is Miss Witte, our Ag teacher, donating blood to help save lives. Many other faculty, staff, and students also made time in their busy school schedules to also donate blood.



Longhorn Speakers Qualify for State Contest

Members of the Shickley speech team competed in the D2-1 district, hosted by McCool Junction on Tuesday, March 15th. Competitors who finished in the top three in the district moved on to the state contest, held on the UNK campus on Thursday, March 24, 2016. State qualifiers are Josiah Kamler (3rd place) in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose, Caleb Hendrickson (2nd place) in Extemporaneous Speaking, Nicole Swartzendruber (1st place) in Informative Speaking, Madison Yantzie and Chris Lichti (1st place) in Duet Acting, and Lichti (1st place) in Entertainment Speaking. Also competing in the district contest were Caitlin Mosier (4th place) and in Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose, Isaac Kamler in Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose, Kellen Reinsch (5th place) in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose, and Lexi Kadel in Oral Interpretation of Poetry.

Throughout the season the Shickley speakers attended multiple speech meets where they competed in the same events they eventually entered in the district contest. Their first contest was at Columbus Scotus on January 23rd. Yantzie and Lichti placed 5th, Lichti finished 4th, and Hendrickson was named Top Novice. On January 30th they went to Osceola where Swartzendruber placed 5th and Lichti was runner-up. At Sandy Creek's invitational on February 13th, Hendrickson, who had begun competing at the varsity level, finished 3rd. At Grand Island Northwest on February 20th Swartzendruber placed 6th and Lichti came in 3rd.

The Crossroads Conference (CRC) contest was hosted by Meridian on February 24th. At the CRC meet, Swartzendruber placed 6th and Lichti was named conference runner-up.

To round out the regular season the team competed in two post-conference invitationals prior to the district contest. They went to Minden on February 27th where Hendrickson finished in 4th place and Lichti came in 2nd in the varsity division. In the novice division, Reinsch and Kadel each placed 6th in their events, and Mosier earned the gold medal. On March 5th the team competed at the Doniphan-Trumbull meet. Hendrickson placed 6th, Lichti finished 4th, and Caitlin Mosier placed 3rd in their individual events.

Finally, on Monday, March 14th at Longhorn Speech Night, the team members presented their speeches for a home audience in the Shickley gymnasium to close out their regular season. Reflecting on the season, head coach Jennifer Ippensen said, "Students who compete on the speech team have a special bond with one another. What I have been most impressed with throughout the season is how much they support one another."

Pictured to the right are this year's speech team members: Back row - Caleb Hendrickson, Chris Lichti, Isaac Kamler, Kellen Reinsch, Josiah Kamler. Front row - Lexi Kadel, Madison Yantzie, Caitlin Mosier, Nicole Swartzendruber.



Are The Dots Lining Up?

For over twenty-five years, a small group of community members have been regularly meeting with the sole purpose of keeping Shickley vibrant and progressing. This group of people is known as the Shickley Improvement Committee. This committee routinely conducts a community survey. The most recent community survey was mailed in January and went to all Shickley school district addresses. Over the years, numerous improvement projects have been completed based upon the survey results. Some of the projects have included street pavings, the Westside Park shelter, the welcome sign on highway 74, the community center, Shickley recycling, and the Shickley Community Foundation.

From the most recent survey, sixty-seven were returned. This doesn't sound like many, but it does represent 20% which is above average for this type of survey and is similar to past survey return results.

One of the open-ended survey questions was "What makes you most proud of Shickley?" The most popular response (27 was the count, or 40% of the responses) specifically mentioned the Shickley school system.

This is positive news to all who have a vested interest in Shickley Public Schools. An indication of patron support of Shickley Public Schools is that the greenhouse will be paid for entirely by private donations and grants. Why did I choose to write about this? The community support for the school certainly gives the Board of Education a direction for decision-making including infrastructure renovation. Other items of interest that bode well for Shickley Public Schools include the Saltzman housing addition, the new fertilizer plant (to employ 30), and the continual expansion of county medical services. Did you know that the Fillmore County Hospital employs 158 (both full & part-time) people? Of these, 25% live outside of Geneva and 30% live outside of Fillmore County. Better yet, the employee average age is 43.

These are just a few of the positives that are in place for Fillmore County. Community leaders are challenged now with how to best leverage these opportunities. Shickley and its school system are well positioned to expand its population and enrollment. That alone can be an insurmountable obstacle for some communities and schools. Fortunately, we have crossed that hurdle and now have the task of promoting, recruiting, and telling the Shickley story. With that, I'll close with a quote from Steve Jobs, *"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something - your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."*

Joe Kamler, School Board Member

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Learning Wherever and Whenever—A Traveling Learning Tool

The ability to learn wherever and whenever is right at our fingertips! Our mobile devices provide a great resource for additional learning opportunities and the extra practice students need. Educational apps help students practice skills in a game-like format; students don't even realize they are learning! The huge advantage of mobile learning is that children can practice literally anywhere and at any time. Whether you are traveling to a vacation destination or waiting at the dentist office, children easily have access to these learning opportunities. I have included a list of a few free educational applications that can be downloaded on most of your mobile devices for free!

Reading: These Top Free Reading Apps are a fun way for K-5 students to practice their reading skills! These apps provide practice with sight words, phonics, grammar, and more.

- Kids Learn Sight Words
- ABCmouse.com
- Phonics Genius
- Grammar Jammers
- Disney Storytime
- Bluster
- StarFall

Math: These are a few Math related Apps that provide great practice for math fact fluency.

- Math Ninja
- Math Kid
- King of Math
- Math Cards
- Math Racing Turbo

Fifth through Eighth Grade Speeches Presented

Last month we informed you of the changes implemented to the fifth through eighth grade speech format. On March 1st, the students in these grades gave their speeches in classrooms. The speeches were judged by high school students. The top three students winning from each class are as follows: 5th - Hanna Miller, Brianna Jorgenson, Ashly Perkins; 6th - Madeline Kamler, Eli Noel, Courtney Nolt; 7th - Raleigh Shipley, Blake Schlegel, Reid Richards; 8th - Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Josh Swartzendruber. These winning students were then part of Longhorn Speech Night on March 14th. They did a great job presenting their speeches to a much bigger audience in the gym than what we have had in the past.



Quarter Three Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors

Catherine Mick, Tristen Mosier, Madison Yantzie

Juniors

Courtney Kamler

Sophomores

Carley Elznic, Megan Grote, Lexi Kadel, Nicole Swartzendruber

Freshmen

Jackson Grote, Jadyn Kleinschmidt

Eighth Grade

Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt

Seventh Grade

Macy Kamler, Nolan O'Brien, Blake Schlegel, Raleigh Shipley

A Average Honor Roll

Juniors

Chris Lichti

Sophomores

Anthony Beavers, Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch, Holden Stengel, Jacob Swartzendruber

Freshmen

Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler

Eighth Grade

Sam Fiegel, Brooke Jorgenson, Zach Mosier, Justin Stengel, Brock Swartzendruber, Josh Swartzendruber

Seventh Grade

Kenzie Bohling, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Aaron Mick, Reid Richards, Briana Janing

BDS Girls' Basketball Season

Finish it! That was the battle cry of the 2015-2016 BDS Lady Eagles basketball team. After finishing 4 points shy of a district final championship and a birth in the state tournament last season, the BDS Lady Eagles set their sights on Lincoln in 2016. This year's team saw four returning starters and a supporting cast that was hungry to finish what they started a year ago. This was a season of firsts for the Lady Eagles as they captured the Crossroads Conference Tournament Championship for the first time as a co-op team. In the CRC championship game the Eagles defeated a pesky Hampton Hawks team 39-36 to cut down the nets and claim the title. Rolling into sub-districts the Lady Eagles were riding a 7 game win streak and captured the #2 seed in the sub-district which matched them up against a very athletic Heartland Husky team. The Eagles escaped the first round with a 41-38 victory over the Huskies. Next up was #1 ranked Friend, the team that ended their season in the district finals a year ago. This game turned out to be one of the best games of the season for the Lady Eagles as they led for a majority of the game. However, Friend hit a big shot to take the game into overtime where the Eagles would fall once again to the Bulldogs by a score of 58-59. This time there was a small light at the end of the tunnel for the Eagles as they had positioned themselves to earn a wildcard bid and birth into the State Tournament, if the teams ahead of them in power points won in their district final games. The following week all the teams that needed to win did and allowed the BDS Lady Eagles to snag the final wildcard and a trip to Lincoln for the first time in BDS girl's basketball history. The Eagles earned the #6 seed in the tournament, which matched them up against a Fullerton Warriors team that had made the tournament the previous year. The team showed great grit and determination in Lincoln as they battled back from a 13-point deficit with 4 minutes to go in the 4th quarter. The Eagles cut the lead to 3 with 26 seconds left and the ball. However, the Eagles couldn't convert and were knocked out of the tournament on the first day. The Eagles ended the season with a 19-7 record, CRC Championship, and State Tournament birth. In the eyes of the team, they accomplished what they set out to do and finished strong. The Lady Eagles will say goodbye to five great senior leaders in Catherine Mick, McKenna Schardt, Brice Ardissono, Tristen Mosier, and Melissa Hinrichs. Thank you to them for their years of heart and dedication to the program and to their teammates. Thank you also to the BDS communities for supporting the team all year and helping us finish the year in historic fashion. Thank you and Go Eagles!

Hello from the P.E. Classroom!

The high school students have been busy the past few weeks maxing out in the weight room. I'm excited to report that every student improved in multiple categories by either adding more weight to the lift or knocking off seconds in the timed categories. The categories included: bench press, squat, deadlift, power cleans, dot drill, vertical jump, and the pro agility drill. More kids got their names on the record board in the weight room, which displays the top 5 weights lifted in each category!

In the elementary classes we just finished a hockey unit for the upper elementary students and a parachute unit for the lower elementary. We all are hoping for the weather to cooperate so we can get outside and enjoy the fresh air and wide open spaces. We will be starting soccer units next for all elementary students and begin preparation for the field day in May!

BDS Boys' Basketball

The BDS boys basketball team finished the 2015-2016 basketball season with a 25-5 record and a fourth place finish in the Nebraska Boys' State Basketball Tournament. While the finish did not come with a state championship, it did finish with a number of milestones for the team and its individuals.

The BDS squad earned a runner-up finish in the Nebraska Wesleyan Holiday Tournament. They won a championship at the MUDECAS Tournament. They were the runner-up team at the Crossroads Conference Tournament. They also brought home both D-1 Sub-District and District Titles for the year.

Individually, the squad was led by a strong group of Seniors in their rotation including: Riley Tegtmeier (1st Team All-Conference), Cody Garland (2nd Team All-Conference), Sam Christensen (Honorable Mention All-Conference), Ben Elznic, Kendall Dickson, and Stuart Rohr.

Other highlights of the season were the camaraderie that the boys showed for one another on and off the court, road trips to and from games and practices, and the music selection of 80's classic rock which served as a relief to the coaches' ears!

The team will lose a lot of great leaders going into the 2016-2017 season, but they are excited about the participation and ability of the kids coming up. The boys are ready to put in the work to make the next season another success.

FFA Members attend Leadership Conference

Three FFA members spent Friday and Saturday, March 18th-19th, at a leadership conference held in Kearney, Nebraska. Courtney Kamler, Josiah Kamler, and Holden Stengel spent the weekend networking with other FFA members. The Leverage Conference was for juniors and seniors, while the Activate Conference was for freshmen and sophomores. Shickley FFA members were taken outside of their comfort zones and pushed to become better leaders by their facilitators who were past state FFA officers from California, Kansas, and Nebraska. They also learned more about themselves and worked to develop their leadership skills. Holden Stengel said, "It was a great opportunity to brainstorm ideas for our chapter and make new friends."

Pictured are the members who attended the conference: Courtney Kamler, Holden Stengel, and Josiah Kamler.



Sixth Grade News

Spring Fever is officially in full force in the 6th grade classroom. Renewed spirits after the winter doldrums have led to many entertaining moments! The 6th grade recently spent time putting together "Nets" of 3-D objects in math. They also learned the importance of staying out of the "red" financially as they took on positive and negative number operations.

In Reading, the students along with Mrs. Aude spent time following the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The students all picked a participating Dog Musher to follow to the finish. Mrs. Aude won the classroom competition and earned herself some of her own candy! In reading they are preparing for the final unit of the year. The kids are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Please continue to encourage them to read their AR books and study their spelling words to promote a strong 4th quarter!

In Social Studies the class has been looking a lot at economic systems and how they work. They are now moving around the globe, starting in Western Europe. They looked at the geography of the region, then the history, and finally where they are today. It was interesting to get a perspective of different cultures.

The students recently finished up writing their persuasive speeches for the spring classroom contest. A variety of ideas were shared in the class contest. Some of the ideas included: walk-in lockers for the hallways, using solar energy panels on your home, why travel is good for you, and why we should have a school-sponsored baseball program. It was fun to see the kids writing about something that they took an interest in. Hopefully, the new speech format is something we can adjust to even better as the years go on.

Looking ahead, the class will start to work some NeSA Test Prep into their schedule. Those testing dates for 6th grade are April 13-14 for Math, and April 20-22 for Reading. 7th Grade will be April 19-20 for their Math class. Please make sure the kids are getting to bed at a good time and eating a solid breakfast, on those days especially. Let's give it our best shot and see where we are!

Hope everyone has a great 4th quarter!

Plant Sale Information

The school's Annual Plant Sale is underway. This is the only fundraiser students grades 7th-11th do to raise money for their classes.

The last day to order is April 7th. If a student has not contacted you and you would like to place an order, please call school at 402-627-3375 and a student will get in touch with you.

Plants will be available for pickup on Friday, April 29th from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Plants will also be available to purchase on Friday the 29th and on Saturday the 30th.

FFA Week Celebrated

National FFA Week was celebrated at Shickley Public School February 22-26, 2016, with the theme being “Amplify.” Students in the high school and elementary participated in dress up days: Monday was Favorite Sport/Team day, Tuesday was Tropical Day, Wednesday was Cowboy/Farmer Day, Thursday was America Day, and Friday was Barnyard Day. Tuesday was also the community appreciation breakfast when FFA members served french toast, sausage, and eggs to their supporters. The breakfast was a success and members had a great time giving back to all those who support them. Wednesday, along with Cowboy/Farmer Day, students brought their tractors to school. Elementary students parked toy tractors in the front lobby, and the high schoolers celebrated the end of the school day with a tractor parade down main street.

On Friday members spent an hour educating the elementary students about agriculture at the first ever “Explore Ag Day.” Members planned six different sessions that allowed the younger kids to interact with agriculture information and facts. Kindergarten through third grade learned about plant parts, animal safety, and cattle and swine facts. The fourth through sixth grade learned about giving injections, natural resources management, and aquaponics. The elementary students had a great time and learned more about the importance of agriculture. Shickley FFA members were excited to educate the youngsters and share their passion for the agriculture industry. Ben Elznic said, “This was an awesome event and I hope we continue to teach the younger students about agriculture.” The “Explore Ag Day” was a wonderful way to wrap up National FFA week and allowed members to amplify their impact on their community. Thanks to all those who participated.

Pictured are the third graders listening to Isaac Kamler and Jadyn Kleinschmidt talk about agriculture.



Save the Following Dates

Friday, April 8th - Grandparents' Day
 Friday, April 15th - Kindergarten Roundup
 Saturday, April 16th - Prom
 Friday, April 22nd - Shickley Clean-Up Day
 Friday, April 29th - Pick Up Plants
 Friday, May 6th - Science Fair
 Friday, May 13th - Elementary Fun Day
 Sunday, May 15th - Graduation

Longhorns Speak at State Contest

Two members of the Shickley speech team finished the season as state champions when they competed in the class D2 state contest at UNK's campus on Thursday, March 24th. Sophomore Nicole Swartzendruber took home the gold in Informative Speaking and junior Chris Lichti won in Entertainment Speaking, leading their team to a third place finish in a tie with Bruning-Davenport's speech team.

Lichti also medaled in Duet Acting with his partner senior Madison Yantzie. The duo placed 4th that event. Freshmen Caleb Hendrickson and Josiah Kamler also competed at the state meet. Hendrickson placed 13th in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Kamler finished 16th in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose.

Pictured are the medal winners: Nicole Swartzendruber, Chris Lichti, and Madison Yantzie.



Shickley Clean-Up Day

On Earth Day, Friday April 22nd, Shickley Public School will be organizing a clean-up day for the Village of Shickley. In conjunction with the village office, the school will be getting two roll-off dumpsters. If you have large items for disposal, you can place them in the dumpsters. If you are unable to move what you would like to be thrown away, please call the school and we will arrange students and staff to transport it for you. They will also be available to do general clean-up of yards if that is something that you need done. Other groups of students and staff will be walking around picking up trash in the parks and other areas around town.

If you need help, please call the school at 402-627-3375 and you will be placed on a list.

Parents of students in grades 3-8 and 11

On the upcoming calendar, you will see a number of days scheduled for testing. Please, if it is at all within your power, do not schedule appointments on the days of testing. These tests are the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments, and all students in these grades are required to take these tests. If you are interested in the particular test your child will be taking on a certain day, please email Mr. Ippensen, and he can provide this information.

In addition to this, if you could ensure your child gets a good night of sleep and breakfast prior to the testing, this can lead to better test scores. As always, we want our students to perform to the best of their abilities on these assessments. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Ippensen at dippensen@longhornpower.org, or call him at school.

FFA Attends District Career Development Event

District Career Development Events (CDEs) were held Wednesday, March 9th at Hastings CCC. FFA members competed in different contests where they showcased their career skills through hands-on practicums and career knowledge exams. The FFA chapter was represented by 23 FFA members who competed on eight different teams. The Ag Sales team got champion of the district and qualified for the state contest. The team members were: Catherine Mick 1st purple, Tristen Mosier 5th purple, Chris Lichti blue, and Caleb Hendrickson blue. The Food Science team also qualified for the state contest and consisted of: Courtney Kamler 2nd purple, Ben Elznic blue, Kellen Reinsch red, and Jackson Grote red. The Farm Management team was awarded a blue ribbon and team members were: Courtney Kamler blue, John Alfs blue, Chris Lichti blue, and Kale Kleinschmidt white. Competing in the meat judging contest were: Jadyn Kleinschmidt red, Josiah Kamler red, John Alfs white, Ben Elznic white, and Carley Swartzendruber. The Vet Science team was awarded a white ribbon; members were: Anthony Beavers, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Thomas Mick, and Jacob Swartzendruber. The Nursery Landscape team received a blue ribbon; members were: Holden Stengel blue, Wyatt Deepe blue, Kellen Reinsch blue, and Isaac Kamler red. The Agronomy team was awarded a red ribbon and consisted of: Anthony Beavers blue, Wyatt Deepe red, Thomas Mick red, Jacob Swartzendruber red, and Carley Swartzendruber white. The Floriculture team consisted of: Nicole Swartzendruber, Caitlin Mosier, Carley Elznic, and Lexi Kadel. The AgriScience team consisted of Caleb Hendrickson, Jackson Grote, Josiah Kamler, and Isaac Kamler. The members learned from their experiences at CDEs and are looking forward to state competitions.

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

This is part nine 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 communicate and collaborate.

Without going too far into semantics, collaboration is the process of individuals working together as a team to accomplish a singular goal. Each member of the team puts his or her individual priorities aside in order to achieve the group's goal. If all of the members of a team aren't working together, progress is slowed and success may never be reached. In order to accomplish a team's goal, it is essential to have clear, effective, and appropriate communication between the team members, both to define the goal and to monitor progress toward the achievement of that goal. Communication comes in many shapes and forms, and successful students need to have proficiency in all of them: speaking, writing, listening, presenting, following professional etiquette, and providing customer service. These forms of communication are used to express ideas, provide instruction, inform others, share knowledge, and solve problems. To quote Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." None of that success is possible without collaboration and communication, which is essential to being successful now and in the future.

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
Shickley Public School

Creation of Shickley Longhorn Beef Boosters



The purpose of this letter is to encourage community members to participate in a program to provide local beef to our lunch program at the school. As you probably have heard, many other area schools have such a program. We would like to pursue something similar for our students. Currently, most of the beef purchased for our lunchroom is commodity quality. We want to provide a higher quality meal for students and in turn promote beef and our local producers.

At our current enrollment, we have estimated that we need 5 head annually to supply our lunch program, plus an approximate \$2,500 for processing. Donations could be from \$25 to a whole beef. Our goal is to get commitment to the program that would sustain this effort for at least 3 to 5 years. We are in the preliminary stages of getting this program off the ground. I know that it has been a tremendous asset for area schools to not only improve the lunches, but also promote the use of local beef and to educate our youth about nutrition and lifelong healthy eating habits.

So, where do we go from here? Enclosed in this mailing is a paper for you to indicate how you are willing to support the Shickley Longhorn Beef Boosters program. You can either mail it or drop it off in my office. Please carefully consider being a donor. It is great for our students. In addition, it provides you an opportunity to promote beef in Shickley. Go Longhorns!

Sincerely,

Bryce Jorgenson
Superintendent
Shickley Public School

