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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

 Mark your calendars for
 the following important
 dates:

December 2nd
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

December 6th
 Elementary Christmas
 Program at 7:00 P.M.

December 12th
 School Board Meeting
 at 7:00 P.M.

December 16th
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

December 19th
 Junior and Senior High
 Music Concert
 at 7:30 P.M.

December 22nd
 Academic Success
 Celebration at 2:30 P.M.
 Elfie of the Year
 Contest at 3:00 P.M.

December 23rd
through
January 3rd
 Christmas Break

Please check Joyce's
 calendar for more events.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

We are in a digital age. But what does that mean? How do we monitor what goes on digitally with our students? Both of these are very good questions and sometimes can be difficult to answer. Staying ahead of the advancement of technology can be a daunting task. However, here at school we try to be current with technology as the budget allows. Technology skills are required in almost every field of employment, and it is necessary for us to ensure that our students are exposed to as much technology as possible. Instructing our students on how to use devices and programs is only one side of these skills. There is also an ever-growing need for students to understand the proper uses and etiquette for this digital age.

Recently, we had a lawyer come into our school and talk about how students across our state and country are abusing electronic devices. Bobby Truhe, of KSB School Law Firm, gave four different presentations. The first group he addressed was the 5th-8th grade students. In this session he concentrated on how students should not be using technology as an avenue to bullying other students. He gave specific examples of situations and programs that students use to bully other kids and how some of these situations have ended up in lawsuits. The second presentation was to the 9th-12th grade students. He briefly discussed bullying with this group but concentrated most of his time on "sexting." This term has been around for a few years, but has become more used since the creation of the "smart" phone. "Sexting" is when students send inappropriate pictures to one another. A crazy statistic that he mentioned is that by the time females graduate high school, 80% of them will have been asked for one of these pictures. He then continued on to the dangers and the lawsuits that have occurred because of the pictures and the lingering affects they can have. Bobby also mentioned to this group the increased use of social media by sexual predators. Many older men pose as a young teenager and try to talk students into meeting with them. Obviously, this can be a very dangerous situation. In the 3rd presentation he addressed the teachers. He spent a lot of his time talking about how teachers can get into trouble with technology. There have been many school personnel in Nebraska fired over the inappropriate use of technology in schools. The final presentation was to the parents. We had very good attendance at this session. He highlighted some of the issues that were in the other presentations, but he also gave parents some ways to monitor their children and how they use technology.

Overall, this was an excellent way of teaching everyone about digital citizenship. We will continue to teach digital citizenship in our classes and help guide students through the appropriate ways to use technology. Doing this will help develop more responsible, "tech" savvy adults for our future.

Bryce Jorgenson
 Superintendent
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Thank You Businesses

The students at Shickley Public Schools want to thank all of the business patrons, who graciously gave candy during our Halloween parade. The children look forward to seeing everyone dressed up and are always eager to show off their own costumes. Your constant support and willingness to participate in school activities are greatly appreciated! Pictured is Joe Kamler of Walter's Insurance handing out candy. Eighty-five preschool through 6th grade students participated in this event.



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Thank You Shickley Parents Association

The kindergarten class would like to thank the Shickley Parents Association for donating money to the book fair to ensure each student got a new book! The students were so excited with their purchases! It is truly awesome to have such a wonderful group working for our students! Thanks again!



Shickley Grades K-6 Raise Money for the All for Books Program

The week prior to the book fair, students in grades K-6 raised money for the All for Books program. A total of \$205.00 was raised. All for Books is a program that provides more books for students and teachers. In addition, Scholastic Book Fairs® then matches All for Books donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children through organizations such as the Kids In Need Foundation; Reader to Reader, Inc.; and the National Center for Families Learning.

To encourage participation in this year's program, the class to raise the most amount of change during the week earned a movie party during their class library session. The winning class was Miss Johnson's third grade class with a total of \$67.00. The money raised by each class was spent purchasing books from the fair to give to their classroom teachers. A total of 30 books were purchased for the elementary classroom libraries.

State Land Judging

On Wednesday, October 26th, three FFA members traveled to Pleasanton, Nebraska to compete at the state land judging contest. They judged four different fields and determined the land capability class and treatments. The team (pictured to the right) of Chris Lichti, Courtney Kamler, and John Alfs placed 17th out of 30 teams competing. Individually Chris Lichti (39th) and Courtney Kamler (49th) were awarded white ribbons. The students gained valuable experience while representing their chapter in the state contest where 148 FFA members competed.



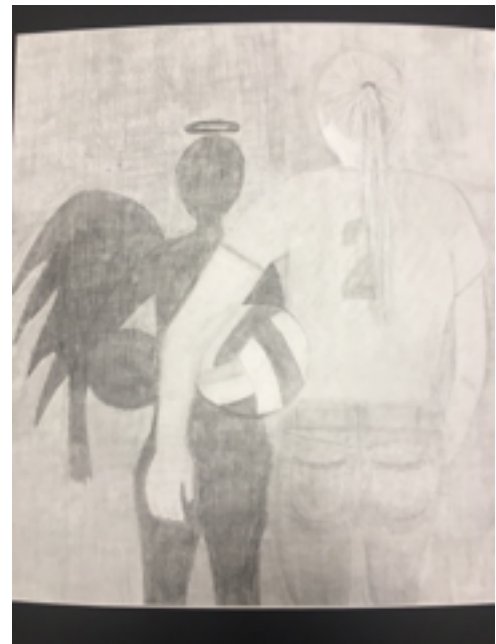
2nd Grade News

November was a very busy month for the second graders. In reading, they finished their unit 2 stories and learned various strategies to help them comprehend. They truly enjoy participating in an interactive notebook that helps them learn and remember these strategies. So if you get a chance, ask them to tell you about it. In math, the students have learned many concepts along with practicing addition facts. They practice their facts by having a one-minute timed test and then record the number correct. They are challenged to try and improve their score everyday. In writing, the children wrote Thanksgiving stories and ended the month with various Thanksgiving activities. December will be an exciting month because they will be writing letters to Santa! They will also be learning about different Christmas traditions around the world.

NASB Conference Art

Congratulations to senior Carley Swartzendruber and sophomore Jady Kleinschmidt who had their artwork displayed at the Association of School Boards Conference November 2nd-4th.

Carley's artwork is an acrylic painting (pictured on the left) from a photograph of flowers she took this fall. Jady's artwork (pictured on the right) is a pencil drawing for a "Head, Heart, Hands" assignment which includes personal meaning to her with an angel shadow image and volleyball player. Congratulations!



One Act Performed at Conference

Shickley One Act cast and crew performed "Crazy Sevens" at the CRC contest on Wednesday, November 16th, at Shickley High School. The team performed well, placing 5th. Congratulations to Caitlin Mosier, Josiah Kamler, Jackson Grote, and Chris Lichti for getting outstanding actor awards. Pictured to the right is the one act team. The one act team is coached by Mrs. Jorgenson and Miss Witte.



History Classes with Mr. Shipley

The challenge of history is to recover it from the past and introduce it to the present students. Our students have had a busy beginning of the school year. We have learned about the westward expansion to World War I with the juniors and will continue to learn a variety of things about American History. Our seniors have learned voting procedures, principles of government, and had great debates about our government and where it is headed. The sophomores are getting their Greek on and learning about Gods and Goddesses. The freshmen are learning about the 5 Themes of Geography and all the different things that are part of those themes. They are learning the different cultures of the world. Eighth graders are learning about the American Revolution and what started this great nation. Seventh graders are learning about being a citizen and the Bill of Rights as United States citizens. Our students continue to grow and learn in every aspect of history so that they may know their past. It is awesome to be a part of the learning process with our great students. Remember, your future is soon to be your present and your present will soon become your past, making it history.

BDS Football 2016

This year's BDS football team was a great team. We accomplished a lot throughout the season. Our seniors did a great job of leading our team. We had great team chemistry. We also had great support from so many people. Our season went as follows: We beat Osceola who was ranked high at the time. The score was 72-42. We then traveled to Tri County and beat another ranked team 42-16. Our team then beat Axtell 66-14 at home. Pawnee City was a great win with a score of 50-0. The boys gave a great defensive effort. We then traveled to Sterling and won 40-22. We hosted highly ranked Fall City Sacred Heart, the eventual D2 champs, and beat them 36-12. We went to nearby Meridian and won 83-22. We then traveled to Lawrence/Nelson and had a battle of #1 vs. #2. We came out triumphant with a solid 36-0 win. We finished the regular season ranked #1 with a record of 8-0, which brought us to playing in the playoffs. We played Allen and beat them 54-13. We traveled up to Randolph and defeated them soundly with a 70-30 win. We then had the night of the champions game, with D1 vs. D2 champions of last year facing off. A hard-fought battle saw our team come away with a 22-16 victory over Humphrey Saint Francis. We then traveled to Fall City Sacred Heart and would see the season end in the last waning moments of the game with a losing score of 16-12. Here are some facts about our senior boys who will be graduating, thus leaving our team and the gridiron: They leave us with a 13-3 record in playoffs, a state runner-up in 2014, a State D1 Championship 2015, and a 4-year record of 44-3. That record is a winning percentage of 94%. So when you look at this group, you can say that they were a great team. They accomplished a lot individually and as a team. The younger teammates worked hard and improved all year long. They believe in "we" before "me" and that says a lot about this great team.

Opportunities and Our Future

This past week I had the opportunity to attend the Nebraska Association of School Boards annual convention in Omaha with fellow board member Joe Kamler and Superintendent Bryce Jorgensen. The convention is a remarkable event that provides board members with opportunities to be enlightened, educated, and motivated about their role in public education. I truly enjoy this event because it allows me to evaluate Shickley Public Schools against the backdrop of what other schools across the state offer.

In past years I have left the NASB convention with a sense of urgency. Urgency to see our school implement ideas I saw others around the state already doing. When evaluating our school against others it was easy at times to feel we were behind with programs of study, policies, class offerings, etc. This year, however, I am proud to report that I left with a strong sense that Shickley Public Schools are really on the forefront of education. I firmly believe we have a school system that is one of the best in any small town across the state. Our children are being provided a class-leading educational opportunity. An opportunity to learn with the latest technology, to explore a variety of career fields, to be challenged in the fundamentals, and to do all this in an upgraded modern learning environment.

Academic rigor is a term used to describe the level of difficulty for any educational field of study. Our modern culture is one that prefers to allow academic rigor to wane, something I personally will not allow to happen in our school system. Recently it was reported to the Board of Education that students appear to be steering away from opportunities for fear of the academic rigor (work requirements). This should disturb all of us, not just board members but community members as well. Progress and improvement only happens through effort. Our administrative team and teaching staff have done well at putting together opportunities for our students to challenge themselves. Opportunities to grow and learn. Opportunities for them to explore different career fields. Opportunities to develop their talents. Opportunities for them to get a head start on college and careers. Opportunities which many schools around the state do not provide.

As parents, educators, and community leaders we have the responsibility to challenge the next generation to achieve more. Small communities will continue to fight for their survival. Will Shickley be competitive as a community in the next 5, 10, 15 years? Education remains the surest way for an individual to improve upon their situation in life. If you believe that education of an individual benefits society as a whole, then you realize how a progressive school system can be an impetus for a community's survival. In this spirit I invite every member of our community to push our students to be the best they can possibly be – never allowing them to settle for something less out of convenience. We have one of the best school systems in the state. Let's not take it for granted!

John Mick, School Board President

Kitchen Notes

Fresh food, isn't that what we all love? Here at Shickley School we are very fortunate to have had donations of fresh, locally grown foods to eat this fall. From our very own green house we have fresh lettuce. We are looking forward to other vegetables this winter from the green house. From community people's gardens we received watermelon, apples, pears, corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and peppers. It was great to use these items on the fruit and vegetable bar this fall.

Another big thank you goes to those who donated dollars and beef to the Longhorn Beef Booster program. It is good to know that most of the beef served here at school is locally raised beef. We have served hamburgers, beef gravy, and roast beef sandwiches. Soon we will have roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Thanks to all who donated to the school which helps us be able to serve locally grown fresh healthy foods.

BDS Volleyball 2016

The BDS Lady Eagle Volleyball Team concluded their season with 18 wins and 12 losses. The team consisted of 21 energetic girls and only four of them were seniors (Courtney Kamler, Morgan Lowery, Mashaya Dierking, and Destiny Donahoe.) The girls spent a lot of time this past summer preparing for their season not only in the weight room and gym, but also by attending camps. Hastings College was here over the summer and spent two days with the girls working on fundamentals. The girls also had the opportunity to attend four team camps.

Throughout the season the varsity team competed very well against their opponents. They took home fourth place in the extremely tough Crossroads Conference Tournament. The vast majority of our losses came from teams who placed in the top three at state or ended up in the final top ten rankings. The girls competed very well in those games but fell short in the end. Our junior varsity team also played in two tournaments and brought home the second place plaque in both of those tournaments. The team would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. It is always fun for them to play in front of a supportive fan base. Coaching for the Eagles were Kari Jo Alfs, Gina Kamler, and Lichelle Houchin.

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

One of the great debates in education surrounds the seemingly simple phrase “college and career ready.” There is confusion about what college and career ready means, if this one phrase can mean the same thing for every student, or how it can apply to all students. Too often, college is interpreted to mean a four-year college. It doesn’t. College can mean the completion of a certification program, earning an associate’s degree, earning a bachelor’s degree, or much more. The “college” of college and career ready refers to the training beyond high school needed for a career. Career, I think, is where things get most tricky. A job and a career are two different things. The Oklahoma State Department of Education defines a job as “a piece of work usually done on order at an agreed-upon rate, also a paid position of regular employment.” They define a career as “a purposeful course of action or purpose in life that generally provides income.” In Careers 7, Mrs. Yantzie teaches our students “a career is a set of roles I choose to play during my life that engages me in using personal talents and strengths to provide some service or goods that contribute to society. A career is a long-term commitment. A job is a short-term task that helps to acquire skills for a future career. When we look at the career vs. jobs discussion from these perspectives, it is not hard to argue that we want to prepare our students for careers rather than only for jobs.

At Shickley Public School, we work to ensure our students are college and career ready by focusing on preparing them for success. Almost always, we refer to preparing our students for success *in the next stage of their lives*, whether that is the next day, the next semester, the next grade, or for college and career. The Nebraska State Board of Education adopted career readiness standards (<https://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/Standards.html>) in December of 2011 which are strikingly similar to the Portrait of a Successful Student developed by the staff at Shickley Public School and guide our work on a daily basis. Our curriculum in the junior high and high school has been adjusted, adapted, and changed to prepare students for college and career by developing the skills and understandings needed to be successful beyond high school, and by focusing on offering complete programs of study for our students in order to prepare them for their next steps. We can’t always offer every program students are interested in – there are some things we simply can’t make happen – but we do our absolute best to offer as many possible opportunities to our students as we can, because we are successful when our students are successful.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the work we are doing at Shickley Public School, if you would like to share in the process of preparing our students for success, or if you would just like a tour of all the changes that have happened here at the school, please don’t hesitate to stop in and talk, or give us a call.

Derek Ippensen
PK-12 Principal
Shickley Public School







