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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

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 Mark your calendars for  
 the following important  
 dates:  
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May 5th  
 Science Fair 10:00 A.M.

May 5th  
 Elementary Fun Day  
 1:00 P.M.

May 8th  
 School Board Meeting  
 7:00 P.M.

May 9th  
 Honors Night  
 6:30 P.M.

May 11th  
 BDS Athletic Banquet  
 Meal at 6:00 P.M.

May 14th  
 Graduation 2:00 P.M.

May 16th  
 Academic Success  
 Celebration 2:30 P.M.

May 17th  
 Last Day of School  
 Dismiss at 1:00 P.M.

May 27th  
 Alumni Banquet  
 6:30 P.M.

Please check Joyce's  
 calendar for more events.

## Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

Spring is here! As we look toward the end of another school year, we are taking time to reflect on what went well this year. As usual, we have a lot of things to be proud of and to celebrate. Make sure you take the time to celebrate those successes with our students. All of our banquets and celebration events are in the daily announcements as well as on our website.

You will not see quite as much activity around the school this summer. We have a few projects that we are going to complete, but nothing compared to the renovation that we did last summer. Office hours will mainly be Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You may be able to catch someone here at other times, but if you are trying to reach us by phone, I would call during the hours listed.

Lastly, it is always a bitter sweet moment when graduation time comes around. I do not like to see kids leave our school system, but yet as educators, we have been preparing these students for success for the last 13 years. I am excited to see what this senior group will do with their future, and I am sure each one of them will find a path that will lead them to live a great life. I wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors. As always, I want them to remember that there is no place like Shickley! They will always be welcomed back here.

Bryce Jorgenson  
 Superintendent  
[bjorgenson@longhornpower.org](mailto:bjorgenson@longhornpower.org)

## Fourth Graders Write Essays For Americanism Essay Contest

In an effort to encourage America's schools to promote patriotism and democracy so that future voters will be inspired to keep alive the United States' long and well-respected tradition of a government "of the people, by the people, for the people," the American Legion Auxiliary annually sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12.

Through the extraordinary leadership of teacher Jodi Dickson, the fourth grade class at Shickley Public School accepted the Legion Auxiliary's challenge. The theme this year was extremely difficult, as the Auxiliary posed the question, "How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?"

All 12 of Mrs. Dickson's fourth grade class members wrote remarkably thoughtful essays encompassing this theme, making the effort to choose a winner nearly impossible. After much deliberation, the members of Shickley's Auxiliary Unit #164 were finally able to choose three essays to receive prizes.

Mikalister Andersen, son of Casey and Valerie Andersen, took home the top prize. Sophie Ippensen, daughter of Derek and Jennifer Ippensen, and Grace Tobias, daughter of Matt Tobias and Shandi Tobias, tied for the second place award. Mikalister's essay has been forwarded on to compete in the State Americanism Essay Contest.

Congratulations to the winners and to Mrs. Dickson and all the fourth grade students for demonstrating how well they understand the sacrifices being made every day by America's veterans and their families!

Pictured below from left to right with Loree Hendrickson of the Shickley Auxiliary are Mikalister Andersen, Sophie Ippensen, and Grace Tobias.



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# Hoot wants to learn over the summer?

**Mrs. Aude will be tutoring  
Reading/Math  
this summer for Grades K-6.**



**For more information,  
contact Mrs. Aude  
402-520-0109  
[aaude@longhornpower.org](mailto:aaude@longhornpower.org)**



# Summer Reading Challenge

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap,” and our school has made it a priority to keep our students’ skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long. Our school has signed up to participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program that invites children to log their reading minutes all summer. The goal is for our students to read the most minutes possible in an effort to receive recognition and a mention in the 2018 Scholastic Book of World Records. With your help, we can do it! I’m excited to share that the theme of this year’s program is “Happy Camper: Take a Reading Adventure!” As kids log their reading minutes throughout the 18 weeks of summer, they will unlock a book featuring fun activities including games, videos, quizzes and more. Plus, throughout the summer, kids will earn digital rewards and learn about great new books to read. On the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge site, families will have access to free lists across all ages in both English and Spanish. I invite you to learn more about the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge at [scholastic.com/summer](http://scholastic.com/summer).

Students will be sent home information with their own usernames and passwords soon. Students will use [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer) to log reading minutes.

The fun begins on May 8, 2017 and ends on September 8, 2017!

Happy Reading!  
 Mrs. Aude  
[aaude@longhornpower.org](mailto:aaude@longhornpower.org)  
[www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer)

## Math Students Compete at Harvard Math Day

What better way to spend the day than go to a math competition? That is what five Shickley students chose to do. Courtney Kamler, Chris Lichti, Megan Grote, Nicole Swartzendruber, and Lexi Kadel travelled to Harvard, NE to take part in the sixth annual Harvard Math Day. The day began with the students partaking in a fun, quick clicker competition. An individual problem solving test was next. This was followed by a 15-team math bowl. Shickley started strong with a win over Dorchester B by a score of 6-0. The next competition was Dorchester A and Shickley came away with another win. Next up was Harvard A. After attempting 15 questions, the score was tied. Capitalizing on a Harvard miscue, Shickley was victorious. With fierce competition, Shickley then dropped matches to Arapahoe A and Harvard A, to bring home third place. Everyone had a great time! The math team was coached by Mrs. Snyder.

Pictured on the left are Courtney Kamler, Megan Grote, and Chris Lichti. Pictured on the right are Nicole Swartzendruber, Lexi Kadel, and Courtney Kamler.



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## Ag Education News, by Miss Witte

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. This year has been an exciting one as we have been able to utilize the greenhouse in the classroom. The students and myself have all learned quite a bit in this first year. I appreciate the support and patience of the community and administration as I have begun to learn how to operate the greenhouse efficiently.

I think it is important for our students to see that learning doesn't stop when you graduate. There have been times this year when they asked a question about something in the greenhouse and my response was, "I don't know. We are going to have to research and learn about it." We have learned from our mistakes and continue to try new ways to get the most out of the greenhouse. I hope you all take the chance to swing by when we are working in the greenhouse or purchase some garden plants and see our newest learning tool.

## State FFA Convention

April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> members of the Shickley FFA chapter attended the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State FFA Convention. While attending convention, members not only competed in multiple contests but went on industry tours, and attended leadership workshops, the career fair, and an expo. The freshman all competed in the AgriScience Fair on Wednesday, presenting their findings to a panel of judges. Those competing in the AgriScience Fair were: Josh Swartzendruber, Brock Swartzendruber, Justin Stengel, Austin Plock, Nathan Nelson, Zach Mosier, Sam Margheim, Raegan Fiala, and Regan Alfs. Regan Alfs and Brock Swartzendruber won the Social Systems Division 4 and will send their lab report on to nationals. Two members were chosen to showcase their musical talents by being members of the State FFA Choir: Anthony Beavers and Chris Lichti. The chapter was recognized as a gold superior rated chapter for the program of activities they completed throughout the year. This application will represent Nebraska in the National Chapter Application Contest. Five seniors completed their high school FFA career by receiving their State FFA Degrees at the final session. Those seniors were John Alfs, Courtney Kamler, Kale Kleinschmidt, Chris Lichti, and Carley Swartzendruber. Below are Career Development Event results from the state contest.

### *Ag Sales - 6<sup>th</sup> Overall, Blue*

Caleb Hendrickson - Purple  
Jadyn Kleinschmidt - Blue  
Brock Swartzendruber - Red  
Chris Lichti

### *Meats Judging*

John Alfs - Blue  
Carley Swartzendruber  
Kale Kleinschmidt  
Josiah Kamler

### *AgriScience*

Justin Stengel - Red  
Raegan Fiala - Red  
Josh Swartzendruber - White  
Regan Alfs

### *Natural Resources - Blue*

Jacob Swartzendruber - Purple  
Thomas Mick - Blue  
Zach Mosier - White  
Wyatt Deepe

### *Agronomy*

Jacob Swartzendruber - White  
Holden Stengel  
Isaac Kamler  
Thomas Mick

### *People in Agriculture*

Bryn Kadel - Gold  
Blake Schlegel - Silver  
Briana Janing - Silver  
Nolan O'Brien - Silver  
Aaron Mick - Silver  
Kenzie Bohling - Silver  
Macy Kamler - Silver  
Cadden Carlson - Bronze  
Reid Richards - Bronze  
Dalton Kleinschmidt - Bronze

### *Farm and Ranch Management - Red*

Anthony Beavers - Blue  
Kellen Reinsch - Blue  
Carley Elznic - Red  
Lexi Kadel

### *Food Science*

Nicole Swartzendruber - Red  
Jackson Grote  
Kellen Reinsch  
Courtney Kamler

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## Preschool Sneak a Peak

Do you have an adorable toddler at home who is yearning to come to school? If your household has a child who turns 3 on or before July 31, 2017, then come join Miss Wolfe at The Early Learning Facility for Preschool Sneak A Peek on May 12th, from 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

If interested, you will need to bring the following two items for registration: your child's birth certificate, and an up-to-date immunization record. We will take copies of these items here at school to be put in their file. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail Miss Wolfe at [twolfe@longhornpower.org](mailto:twolfe@longhornpower.org) and have the subject line be "Preschool Sneak a Peek."

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## Celebrations of Success

Awards season is coming up, but unlike those you may watch on TV, you have to be in attendance to get the full experience.

The 2017 Shickley Honors Night will be held on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, with dinner starting at 6:30 P.M. At this event, classroom, academic, and Shickley activity awards will be presented to our students, including this year's induction of new members to the National Honor Society.

The 2017 BDS Honors Night will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with dinner starting at 6:00 P.M. At this event, athletic honors will be presented to our students. In addition to this, a sports nutritionist will be presenting "Fuel to Perform," a discussion about the connection between good nutrition and performance in sports.

The 2017 Spring Celebration of Academic Success will be held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M. in the gym. At this ceremony, students are recognized for their continued academic development and achievement. Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 will be recognized for their efforts.

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## Commit 2 B Fit 5K Fun Run/Walk

Our annual Commit 2 B Fit 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held this year on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:00 A.M. Thank you to those who have preregistered. If you have not preregistered, you are welcome to come that day and register just before the 5K at 10:30 A.M. Your registration that day will cost \$10 and will include lunch. Anyone is welcome to participate in this fun event.



## 2017 Shickley High School Graduation

Congratulations to the 2017 Shickley High School graduates! Graduation will occur on Sunday, May 14, beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the gym.

Class Motto: "The past is my heritage; the present - my responsibility; the future - my challenge." author unknown.

Class Flower: Dahlia

Class Colors: Pink and Platinum



**John Alfs**, son of Brian and Kari Jo Alfs, plans to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and study Animal Science.



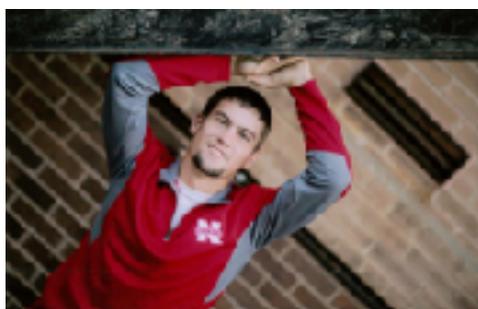
**Chris Lichti**, son of Tim and Judy Lichti plans to attend Hesston College and study Aviation.



**Courtney Kamler**, daughter of Joe and Gina Kamler plans to attend Wayne State College and study Pre-Medicine.



**Carley Swartzendruber**, daughter of Chris and Jackie Swartzendruber plans to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice and study Diversified Agriculture.



**Kale Kleinschmidt**, son of Russ and Jodi Kleinschmidt plans to attend Southeast Community College in Milford and study to become a Diesel-Ag Equipment Service Technician.

## Nancy Hanouw, Foster Grandparent

The Blue Valley Community Action hosted their annual Foster Grandparent Recognition Luncheon in Beatrice on April 21st. Grandma Nancy Hanouw was recognized for over 7 years of service to Shickley Public School. She works with students from kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade in reading and math. We are extremely thankful for her willingness to help our students succeed! Foster Grandparents must work 15 or more hours per week and participate in training sessions held in Beatrice. If you are interested in joining Grandma Nancy, please contact Candi Nelson at the school. (627-3375) Pictured to the right are Grandma Nancy and Mrs. Nelson at the luncheon.



## Plant Sales, by Mrs. Cogswell

On April 25<sup>th</sup> truck loads of plants arrived at Shickley Public School. The gym burst with table after table of color. The Shickley plant sales were a success. Over 4,200 plants were sold. The plant sales are a fund raising project for students in grades 7 - 11. Besides selling the plants, students also helped unload the trucks, sorted and labeled plants, and helped customers find their orders.

Students are raising money to pay for prom, graduation, and other items they need as a class. This is the only fund raiser the students do for these projects. This year the winning class was the Freshman. The top ten individual sellers were: Brock

Swartzendruber, Carley Elznic, Caitlin Mosier, Brooklynn Nelson, Nathan Nelson, Regan Alfs, Megan Grote, Anthony Beavers, Alyssa Kerwood, and Jadyne Kleinschmidt. Thanks to everyone who bought plants. We appreciate your support.



## Science Fair

The Science Fair will be held in the main gym on Friday, May 5th starting at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come and see the experiments the students have done.



## Elementary Fun Day

The Elementary Fun Day will be held on Friday, May 5th at 1:00 P.M. on the football field. All students K-6 will participate in the events. Some of the events will be standing long jump, running long jump, high jump, softball throw, and running events



## Shickley Music Department

The Shickley Music Department has had a very busy spring semester. Students have performed in multiple honor bands and choirs across central and southern Nebraska. Shickley was represented by 14 Longhorn musicians in the Crossroads Conference honor band and 12 in the conference honor choir. Twelve students represented our school in the Meridian Junior High Honor Choir.

The Longhorn Music Department also had a very strong showing at the District Music Contest. Music ratings are in five categories with superior and excellent being the top two categories. The concert band received straight superior ratings and earned a plaque for their performance. The jazz band and concert choir both received excellent ratings. Lexi Kadel, Alyssa Nolt, and the boys' trio consisting of Chris Lichti, Kellen Reinsch, and Anthony Beavers all received superior ratings. Carley Elznic and Caitlin Mosier received excellent ratings on their solos.

## Clean-Up Day

The Shickley Clean-Up Day, in celebration of Earth Day, was once again a huge success. K-12 students and staff walked in and around Shickley and were able to help the village be a cleaner place. A big thanks to the Village of Shickley for partnering with the school on this project. Also, thanks to Black Hills Energy for donating to the Beef Boosters and having a couple of their employees come help with lunch.

Pictured below on the left are Veronica Flint and Lane Kimbrough. Pictured on the right are Macy Kamler, Miss Nutter, Raegan Fiala, Megan Grote, and Karla Reed.



## Ag Safety Day at the Fairgrounds

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations. They will learn about swimming safety, agricultural settings, electrical safety, and more. NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley and Fillmore Central FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E., and Fillmore County Emergency Management. For more information, call 402-759-3712 or email [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu).

## Shickley Greenhouse Plant Sales



Available the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:35 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

or contact Miss Witte

**Salsa Kits (Habanero, Big Bertha and Tomato) \$15**

Lettuce Planters \$10

Herb Planters \$5

**Succulents also available \$5**

Vegetables are available in a variety of sizes:

6 plants \$7

3 plants \$5

**Individual Plants \$2**

Cucumbers (Burpless or Gherkin)

Black Beauty Egg Plant

Black Beauty Zucchini

Spaghetti Squash

Peppers (Escamilla/Sweet Banana, Big Bertha/Green Pepper, Habanero/Very Hot)

Tomatoes (Beefsteak, Celebrity, Red Cherry, Roma)

## Language Resource News

### I Love Summer-Except

I love all the fun  
That summertime brings--  
Excepting, of course  
Just one or two things:  
Except for the pollen  
From grasses and trees.  
Except for the sunburn  
And rashes from heat  
And sidewalks so hot  
They burn up my feet.  
Except for sour grapes  
And melons with seeds

And slithery snakes  
That hide in the weeds.  
Except for mosquitoes  
That suck on my skin,  
And all of the flies  
That let themselves in.  
Except for the weather  
That's humid and hot.  
Except for the smog,  
The dues, and the grime--

But other than that,  
I love Summertime.

*Janice Kuharski*

We sure feel the excitement for summer building as we near the end of the school year, but I think we are most excited about the accomplishments that students have made. Looking back on the year, we see that all of the students have worked really hard. Students have met many of their goals and continue to grow. Way to go students, parents, teachers, and staff for another successful year!

Merissa Zajic – Language Resource Teacher  
Anita Blum – Speech and Language Pathologist

## Community Service Hours

Summer is a great time for 9-12 grade students to begin working toward completing their required ten hours of community service hours. There are many opportunities to earn these hours, including helping with church events and activities, FFA and 4-H summer activities, movie theater volunteering, and more. Hours cannot be counted if the student is earning money for the work, if the activity is required for membership in a group or organization, or if the hours are court ordered.

## Last Day of School

The last day of school is May 18th. School will dismiss at 1:00 P.M.

Thank you to everyone for a very successful year! Enjoy your summer break and stay safe. We will see you back here on Wednesday, August 16th.



## Second Grade Book Signing Party

The second grade class hosted a Book Signing Party to celebrate the completion of the book they wrote and had published. The name of their book is *What I Want To Be When I Grow Up*. They invited parents and grandparents to join in this celebration. The book was revealed to the children and they signed the book like real authors do. Afterwards, they all enjoyed refreshments as they read the book to their guests.

Mrs. Mosier and the second grade class are pictured with their books.



## Shickley Swimming Pool

POOL TIME! The Shickley swimming pool will be opening soon. The current opening date is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017. We will have a new pool manager this year. Her name is Kim Shaner, and she lives in Geneva. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children at the pool. Don't forget the sun screen!



## Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

It is a common saying in education, but its truth still rings true: “To become a better reader, you must read.” This is as true in elementary school as it is in high school, college, or beyond. Reading is a skill, like any other, which deteriorates if you don’t practice.

While school isn’t yet out, the end is near, and with it comes visions of the lake, the river, and the pool; the ball field, vacation, and relaxation; and, hopefully, reading 30 minutes a day. That is all it really takes to maintain the progress the children of Shickley have made throughout the school year. And, it really doesn’t matter what type of reading the students do over the course of the summer, but in order to maintain their progress, they need to read at least 30 minutes a day. Unlike in the school year, where we want to push our students to keep growing by reading within their zones of development, our focus and desire for our students in the summer is different: we simply want them to read for 30 minutes a day; it doesn’t matter if it is a newspaper, a magazine, a book, whatever. By doing so, we stand a chance to resist the summer slump, where students come back from vacation behind where they were when school ended. By doing so, we are able to spend more time covering new ground, and less time recovering progress lost. By doing so, we are better able to prepare our students for success.

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

