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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

 Mark your calendars for
 the following important
 dates:

December 1st
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

December 11th
 School Board
 Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

December 15th
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

December 21st
 School Dismissed at
 Regular Time for
 Christmas Break.

December 22nd through
January 3rd
 Christmas Break.

January 4th
 School Resumes.

Please check Joyce's
 calendar for more events.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Actually, it hasn't been looking or feeling much like Christmas, but I think we all have been enjoying the nice weather. We have had a great November with many accomplishments to celebrate. Congratulations to the volleyball team for an excellent season which ended in a 3rd place finish at the state tournament. To add to that excitement, seniors representing BDS also accepted the Class D Sportsmanship Award during the tournament. A huge thank you to all the fans that came out to help support the girls. Without your cheering and support, this recognition would not be possible. BDS was not finished there. The football team continued to show their dominance in the state football finals at Memorial Stadium by winning their second state championship in three years. All of the hard off-season work paid off with another medal for our football team. Finally, our one act team won the south division of the conference competition and then went on to win the district competition. They will represent our district at the state play production competition on December 6th. Good luck to the coaches, cast, and crew. Bring home more hardware for our cases!

As Christmas and the end of 2017 approaches, I look back and see what I have accomplished personally as well as what we have done as a school district. Obviously, it is not too difficult to look back and see we have had success in our activities. What about the classroom? I am very happy to announce that we have two seniors who scored a 32 on their ACT test. This has only happened one other time in the history of Shickley. They also join an elite group of 8 other students who have scored at least an 32 on the ACT. This not only shows that our students are putting in the necessary hard work needed to succeed in the classroom, but is also a testament to how hard our teachers are working to continue pushing our students as far as possible and preparing our students for success. I am a very proud leader of this district, and our decisions and investments are paying off for our students.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

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Thank You Businesses

The Shickley Public School preschool through 6th grade students and staff want to thank the local businesses for graciously participating in our annual Halloween parade. The students are always excited to show everyone their costumes and to see what other people are wearing for Halloween. We truly appreciate your time and your willingness to support our students.

Junior High Volleyball

The 2017 season marked a new beginning for the BDS junior high volleyball team. The Lady Eagles welcomed a new assistant coach, Melissa Guilkey. Each season presents new challenges for every program, such as saying good-bye to players and also bringing in new players and assimilating them to the team culture and systems already in place. This group of Lady Eagles started this process by participating in a spring club team with the help of the high school team and staff. They ended the summer with a BDS team camp.

This year's eighth graders showed continuous leadership throughout the season. They had strong work ethic, as well as positive and fun attitudes. This year's team goal was to play in the CRC Championship. Later, they made one major adjustment to their goal, and that was to win the CRC Championship. This hadn't been done since 2009. If you haven't heard, they accomplished this goal! They won the CRC Championship by defeating Shelby-Rising City in two sets. This would not have been possible without the amazing support and dedication of the parents who went above and beyond this year. This was a year to remember, a year of camaraderie, and a year of laughter and dancing.

Pictured is this year's team.



Big Little Town, by Board Member Chris Swartzendruber

Lee Greenwood sings a favorite song of mine, "God Bless the USA." I have fond memories of hearing this song at National FFA Convention in Kansas City being sang by all those in attendance. In the song he sings: "If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life, and I had to start again with just my children and my wife, I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today 'cause the flag still stands for freedom, and they can't take that away." While this song goes on to talk about being "Proud to be an American," I think the words can be easily changed to say, "I am Proud to be from Shickley." As the lyrics state, if I had to start over again with just my children and my wife, I wouldn't change a thing. Shickley is a great place to raise a family. I am glad to be rooted in a community that supports everyone and everything within it. I know as a high school senior, it's hard to grasp the idea of coming back to such a small community. Everyone wants to get out of this little town and experience the big city. Now, I ponder whether my children will ever return to this community to raise their families.

It's hard not to be proud of this "Big Little Town" of Shickley that I call home. We have survived as a little dot on a huge map for over 125 years. Everyone takes pride in the fact that our small PreK-12 school has not lost its identity. We may play sports as Eagles, but we also participate as Longhorns. The community support amazes me as we go through the changes of modern day athletics. If you don't believe it, look at the 2017 attendance numbers of the state volleyball and football games. It's wonderful to live in a community with a great school system where teachers want to teach and students want to learn. We don't fight the "norms" the bigger schools in our state deal with. Most of our students are not into drugs and alcohol. They come from good homes. They have parents who love them and keep them fed and dressed well. Our students arrive at school on time and don't cause trouble. When our students are hosting or attending an event, they represent Shickley in a manner that people notice, and we commonly hear, "I wish our students would act like the Shickley kids." Our kids don't drop out of school; they graduate, many with honors, and most attend college and graduate. After college we hope they return to our "Big Little Town" and raise their kids.

While it may not seem like much, Shickley has a lot to offer to returning students. Business opportunities on main street, a new community center to host events with a fitness center to stay in shape, a housing development to build a new home, and a fire department and rescue unit with advanced life-saving technology on board. If all of that isn't enough, take a look at the Shickley Community Foundation and the support it draws from the community. Over \$1 million dollars has been secured in donations to the endowment fund to help support the future development of the community. So far over \$359,000 has been given back to the community in grants, and over \$90,000 has been to the school. These grants are helping the school and community grow to make room for those wishing to return to this "Big Little Town."

In closing, I hope that all of you reading this are proud of our "Big Little Town." Ask yourself if you are doing all you can to develop the future leaders of this community. Whether your kids have graduated or are entering daycare or preschool, we hope you are involved in the school and the community wherever you can be. I hope you will be able to say, as I can, that if I had to start again, I wouldn't change a thing about raising my kids in this "Big Little Town" we call home.

Fourth Grade News

Wow, it is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us! The fourth grade students have been very busy. We have been working hard in math solving multi-digit multiplication problems. Next, we will be tackling long division. Students are realizing the importance of knowing their basic facts to help them with more complex problems and that each lesson builds the foundation for the next concept.

In reading, students have mastered high-level reading skills such as making inferences; summarizing and understanding; and using different literary devices like onomatopoeia, personification, similes and metaphors. We are also working hard to meet our Accelerated Reading goals for this quarter. Classifying plants and animals, as well as learning how they adapt to their environment to survive, has been the topic of discussion in Science.



In Nebraska Studies we have discussed the Oregon Trail, Native Americans and even traveled back to 1854 when Nebraska became a territory. We took an in-depth look at the Underground Railroad and located places in Nebraska where it ran through. To extend our understanding of Native Americans, 3rd and 4th grade students had the opportunity to attend the Native American Festival in Hastings. Learning about different Native American Dances, playing games the Native American children played, and using clay to make authentic Native American Pinch Pots were the favorite activities of the day.



Pictured on top: The Many Moccasins Dance Troupe. Pictured on the bottom: Luke Elting, Olivia Schlegel, Evan Swartzendruber, Lexie Johnson and Levi Kamler make corn husk dolls at the Native American Festival.

Grandparent Reading

The Shickley first graders are very excited to have another grandparent in our room! Beth Schweitzer has been donating her time to listen to the students read during their independent time. She is a wonderful addition to our growing number of grandparents!

Pictured are Beth Schweitzer and Lane Kimbrough.



I Believe in the Future of Ag Campaign

The Shickley FFA chapter is participating in the I Believe in the Future of Ag campaign for the third year. This campaign serves as an outlet for local FFA chapters to raise money for innovative projects in their classrooms, leadership programming, community service projects, and field trips to advance agriculture education in their schools. One hundred percent of each local donation will be sent back to the designated chapter at the end of the campaign, and the Nebraska FFA Foundation, along with its corporate partners, will provide extra incentives to participating FFA Chapters. This year \$35,000 in matching funds will be distributed to participating chapters. To make a tax deductible donation, grab a donation card from Heartland Bank-Shickley Branch or Miss Witte at school.

Preschool News

'Tis the season for laughter and cheer, Christmas is almost here! The 2017-2018 school year has flown by and boy has it been busy in preschool world. The preschool room started out the school year with 11 preschoolers and has grown to be a classroom of 17. Not only have we grown in size, but we have moved locations. The preschool program is now located in the elementary wing, in the former Kindergarten room. We moved to help provide more space for the growing infant and toddler program in The Early Learning Facility. Preschoolers have enjoyed being in the new location and like seeing their old friends across the hall in Kindergarten. Not only do they enjoy seeing the older students, but they like to socialize with their future teachers.

Preschool world hasn't just grown, and relocated, but has gained new staff! This year we welcomed Ms. Nikki Howe as a full time paraprofessional into the classroom. Students adore her fun spirit and nature. She has been a great addition. In addition to Ms. Howe, we have also welcomed with open arms, Grandma Nancy into our classroom. Grandma Nancy comes into our room Monday through Wednesday for 30 minutes during center time. She takes times to read, play, create, and socialize with the preschoolers, and they absolutely admire and adore her!

Lots of change for preschool world, but we keep plugging along and learning lots!

Up next for us, we begin our famous Gingerbread Theme!

EHA Wellness

Just as we are hard at work within our classrooms and with school events and activities, we are also working to keep ourselves healthy and feeling good. We know that when we take care of ourselves, we can do a better job at our everyday tasks. In August, our wellness challenge was to get a good night's sleep (7-9 hours) so that we can wake up feeling refreshed, alert and ready to face daily challenges. In October, the challenge was called Healthy Lunch Club. The challenge was to eat 1 serving of fruit and 1 serving of vegetables at lunch as well as determine the caloric content of a serving of food consumed throughout the day. I would say people were eating the "rainbow" that month because we had a 73% staff participation rate for that challenge!

We are gearing up for our next challenge, Project Zero, that will start December 1st. For this challenge participants will work to maintain or reduce their weight or measurements along with sharing one act of kindness each day. We all know how easy it is to overindulge during the holiday season, so this challenge is one to help keep us on track and spread holiday cheer through acts of kindness. As of right now, over half of the staff is signed up to participate in the challenge, and with classroom parties right around the corner, we want to remind you that we welcome healthy options for treats as well! Along with the challenges through EHA, we have the opportunity to participate in a health assessment that provides individual feedback on what is working and suggestions for how to improve. The staff is in the process of completing these assessments. In the past, we have had over 50% participation, and we are planning to exceed that percentage this year.

Food, Boot, and Coat Drive Being Held

The Shickley FBLA, FFA, and first grade are once again holding a food, boot, and coat drive for Blue Valley. Donation boxes are located in the lobby and donations will be accepted until Wednesday, December 20th.

FFA Attends Career Development Events in Kearney

On November 8th, FFA members attended Career Development Events (CDEs) in Kearney. Students were able to apply career skills in competitive contests, such as livestock judging, agriculture communications, biotechnology, and junior high quiz bowl.

In livestock judging students evaluated and discussed differences in market and breeding animals. The senior team of Holden Stengel, Nicole Swartzendruber, Lexi Kadel, and Jadyne Kleinschmidt won their division and qualified for the state contest. Holden Stengel was 4th overall, Nicole Swartzendruber was 12th, Lexi Kadel was 18th, and Jadyne Kleinschmidt was 22nd out of 88 senior individuals. In the junior division the Shickley team was 2nd overall, qualifying for the state contest. The team consisted of Bryn Kadel, Regan Alfs, Reid Richards, and Blake Schlegel. Bryn Kadel tied for 1st place junior individual, Regan Alfs was 5th, Reid Richards was 15th, and Blake Schlegel was 27th out of 168 individuals. Also competing in the junior division were Nolan O'Brien, Sam Margheim, Josh Swartzendruber, Briana Janing, Zach Mosier, Nathan Nelson, Brock Swartzendruber, Kenzie Bohling, Aaron Mick, Dalton Kleinschmidt, and Macy Kamler. In the junior high division Mariah Silva was 10th overall out of 71 competitors. Also competing in the junior high division were Taryn Fiala, Eli Noel, Brooklynn Nelson, Jayden Heath, Madeline Kamler, Abigail Jamison, Taylor Silva, Adam Alfs, and Landon Johnson.

The agriculture communications team participated in a mock press conference by Steve White discussing Pure Nebraska. The team consisted of an opinion writer, web designer, video producer, and news writer. The team received a blue ribbon and placed 3rd. Carley Elznic the opinion writer, was the 1st place opinion writer and received a purple ribbon. Caitlin Mosier the video producer, was awarded a blue ribbon, Raegan Fiala the web designer, and Kaylee Noel the journalistic writer both received red ribbons.

In Biotechnology the students applied principles of biotechnology to a real world problem. Competing on Shickley Team 1 were Jacob Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Wyatt Deepe, and Kellen Reinsch. Shickley Team 2 members were Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler, Caleb Hendrickson, and Anthony Beavers.

Junior high members competed in the quiz bowl by answering questions about agriculture. Shickley Team 1 received a blue ribbon. Team members were Madeline Kamler, Eli Noel, Adam Alfs, and Abigail Jamison. Shickley Team 2 received a red ribbon. Members were Landon Johnson, Taryn Fiala, Taylor Sliva, and Mariah Sliva.

Shickley FFA competed well at District CDEs and members are ready to compete at the state level. Pictured on the left are the senior high FFA members and on the right are the 8th grade members.



BDS Volleyball 2017, by Coach Wolfe

Congratulations to the BDS Lady Eagles Volleyball Teams. Wow, what a year! We definitely earned some boasting rights this season and have some amazingly talented girls to talk about. All three teams had outstanding seasons.

The reserve team ended with a record of 5-2, with both losses going to Sandy Creek. The junior varsity team had an undefeated season and the varsity brought home the 3rd place state trophy in Class D1. BDS was one of two Class D1 teams who were honored to end their season with a win. We completed the season with a 28-6 record, with 5 of those losses being to teams who played in state championship games. We, as coaches, are so proud of all the girls and their accomplishments and have so much to look forward to! A special shout out not only goes to the high school Lady Eagles, but also the junior high team for winning the CRC championship.

Thank you to all of the fans for your continued support throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you. Winning the sportsmanship award proves how great you are! I'm proud to be a part of the BDS Volleyball Program.

BDS Football 2017, by Coach Shipley

The 2017 season was a tour of revenge. The team wanted to avenge their loss in the semifinals last year to Fall City Sacred Heart. Their motivation was to improve and achieve immortality. The team had a lot of goals that they wanted to accomplish. Those goals were achieved and made for an outstanding season. The team's goals of making the state football championship game was attained due to hard work and teamwork.

The team began the season by defeating Osceola who was ranked 6th in the state. They continued their winning ways with a victory versus Tri-County. The boys of fall would then travel to Axtell and come away with a resounding win. The Eagles came away with another successful game by also beating Pawnee City. The Sterling game was a continuation of the same winning ways. Fall City Sacred Heart was an avenging win with our team coming out the victors. Meridian came calling and the Eagles were up to the task of defeating the Mustangs. Lawrence-Nelson played hard against the team, but teamwork helped the Eagles put another mark in the victory column.

After the regular season the Eagles started the playoffs. At this time of the season they were really hitting their stride. They had a running clock against every team they played. The first team of playoffs was Pawnee City again. The result was the same as during the regular season, a victory. Then the team beat Fullerton. The next game was a long road trip north to play Wynot. The BDS team from the south won and continued its march to Lincoln.

The semifinal game put BDS up against Fall City Sacred Heart again. The victorious Eagles avenged last year's loss with a satisfying win. The next and final game was the championship game against Blue Hill. It was played at the Castle, Memorial Stadium. The band of brothers were victorious and brought home the D2 State Football Championship. The BDS football team and coaches would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a great season. Go Eagles! Band of Brothers Stays Together!

One Act News

The Shickley one act cast and crew have been busy competing since the beginning of November, performing this years play, "Better Football Through High School Chemistry" written by Murray Austin.

Members of the Cast are as follows:

Tommy Don Wallace - Josiah Kamler
 Motown Rivers - Anthony Beavers
 Chuck Pace - Blake Schlegel
 Billy Bob - Raleigh Shipley
 Laura - Caitlin Mosier
 Hannah - Jadyn Kleinschmidt
 Cheryl - Carley Elznic
 Sarah - Mikaela Andersen
 Coach Murphy - Kellen Reinsch
 Coach Tanner - Jackson Grote

Jordan J. Jawbreaker - Lexi Kadel
 Ms. Kasey - Kaylee Noel
 Lois - Brooke Jorgenson
 Crystal - Briana Janing
 Jane - Alyssa Nolt
 Ashley - Bryn Kadel
 Melanie - Mikenzy Andersen
 Beth - Kenzie Bohling
 Hannah's Mom - Macy Kamler
 Chicken Mascot - Cadden Carlson

Members of the Crew are as follows:

Wyatt Deepe
 Megan Grote
 Caleb Hendrickson
 Isaac Kamler
 Nathan Nelson
 Austin Plock

Justin Stengel
 Josh Swartzendruber
 Brock Swartzendruber
 Nolan O'Brien
 Reid Richards

On November 4th they attended York College's One Act Festival and received valuable feedback on their performance. Receiving recognition for Outstanding Acting were: Brooke Jorgenson, Lexi Kadel, and Kellen Reinsch.

The next performance was at Shickley High School on November 15th for the Crossroads Conference South Division Contest. The cast and crew were crowned the Crossroads Conference South Division Champions. Those who were selected for Outstanding Acting Awards were: Anthony Beavers, Brooke Jorgenson, Josiah Kamler, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, and Kellen Reinsch.

On November 21st the cast and crew traveled to Lincoln High for their One Act Festival. They received the Outstanding Comedy/Musical Award. Being recognized for their acting Outstanding Acting were: Jadyn Kleinschmidt and Kellen Reinsch.

Shickley High School hosted the D2-1 district competition on November 28th. Shickley was crowned district champion. Kellen Reinsch, Lexi Kadel, Josiah Kamler, Kaylee Noel, and Brooke Jorgenson were recognized for their outstanding acting.

The cast and crew will compete at the state competition on December 6th at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk at 3:45 P.M.

Visiting Writers Series

We are excited to announce that Shickley High School is starting a new Visiting Writer Series. Through this series we will host local (Nebraska and/or regional) authors of various genres who will each visit the school for a day, working with 9-12 grade students in small, classroom workshop settings.

Mrs. Ippensen has been planning the series, seeking funding, and will facilitate it. She believes written communication is vital for the future of our students and community, and by bringing in writers of different genres—for example: poetry, fiction, non-fiction, drama—Mrs. Ippensen aims to broaden students' views of who writers are and what they do, provide an opportunity for students to work with professionals on the craft of writing, and generate enthusiasm for written communication. This series will engage young people in the learning and creating process and encourage students to see themselves as writers—in other words, as people who communicate in writing with various audiences and for a variety of reasons.

In conjunction with the writers' visits, Mrs. Ippensen hopes to host public readings at the school where staff, faculty, students, parents, and community members will have the opportunity to hear each writer's work and ask questions. This will likely take place during the regularly scheduled reading block in the morning and will be announced to the public in advance of each date. Additional events may be scheduled according to the writers' interests and availability.

Our first visiting writer will be playwright Colleen O'Doherty who will visit the school on **Monday, December 11th**.

Colleen O'Doherty is an educator and writer based out of Omaha, NE. She received her Master of Arts in Teaching from the College of Saint Mary and is currently working toward her MFA in Playwriting at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her play "Dorothy, Bold and Retired" was produced by Renaissance Theaterworks in September 2017. "Swipe Right at the Bar" and "Elevated" were produced by Cone Man Running Productions in November. Her poetry has also recently been published: "Became a Body" in the Spring 2017 edition of *Burnt District*, and "Columbine's Mother" in *The Flat Water Stirs: An Anthology of Emerging Nebraska Poets*. She teaches for Millard Public Schools as a substitute and is a Core Teaching Artist with the Nebraska Writers Collective (NWC). With the NWC, she teaches in various after-school programs, including Louder Than a Bomb, as well as prisons and reservations.

This educational opportunity is made possible because grant money has been awarded for these purposes. The grant was funded by the Shickley Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Special thanks to the Shickley Community Foundation! The Geneva Arts Council has also expressed interest in the Visiting Writers Series and has a grant application under consideration.

Community members are encouraged to join us for public portions of the writers' visits! Details will be provided through the daily announcements. The number of writers who visit will be dependent upon available funding, and future authors and dates will be announced as they are confirmed.

Athletic Director's News

BDS Fall Athletics

The fall sports season has officially ended and what a great year for the fall sports teams. The football team finished as the D-2 State Champions and the volleyball team finished 3rd at the state tournament. Congratulations to all of the players and coaches! BDS was the winner of the D-1 State Volleyball Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to the players, coaches, band members, student body, parents, and patrons!

The success of the teams is also a testament to everyone who assisted with home games at Bruning and Shickley. As a fan attending athletic events, you might not realize the amount of preparation that is necessary to effectively host an athletic event. There are the officials, ticket takers, line judges, chain gang, announcers, scoreboard, concession stand workers, color guard, rescue unit, printing programs, etc. A lot of these volunteers are giving of their time to assist with the success of an efficiently run event. As athletic director, I ask a lot of local individuals and I want to thank everyone who helps behind the scenes. I appreciate all your assistance!

CRC Website

The 2017-18 sports schedules can be found on the Crossroads Conference website. The website will have up-to-date game information. You are able to subscribe to the sports schedules of your choice and sign-up for notifications for game changes. The website address is crocne.org and you will need to select *Shickley or Bruning-Davenport* from the school list. Watch the daily announcements for specific notification instructions. Contact Mrs. Yantzie at the school with any questions.

Sportsmanship

We have always prided ourselves in the sportsmanship of our athletes, coaches, and fans. It is a continuous process to always exhibit good sportsmanship. The following is the Fan Fair Play Code provided by the Nebraska School Activities Association. We ask for your continued demonstration of good sportsmanship at all athletic contests.

Fan Fair Play Code

1. I will remember that young people play sports for THEIR enjoyment, not to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations and will understand that doing one's best is as important as winning. I understand that ridiculing an athlete for making mistake is not acceptable behavior.
3. I will respect the official's decisions and will encourage all participants to do the same.
4. I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide activities for our your people.
5. I will encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents because I realize there would be no game without them.
7. I will not use bad language and will not harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
8. I will always show good sportsmanship since young people learn best by example.

Karma Yantzie, Athletic Director
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Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

There is a difference between what is and what could be. Sometimes, people create plans to help what could be become what they want it to be. Other times, people follow the old mantra, "Whatever will be, will be." What is important to remember is that no matter how things are today, they will be different tomorrow.

Just like in the situations and scenarios we run into in our daily lives, students are a study in what is and what could be, a study in actual and potential. This is so true that Dave Weber, the motivational speaker, does entire presentations entitled "The 7 Me's I Am." Two of those me's are the me I am and the me I want to be. However, we as teachers cannot determine the future of a student. We have thoughts and ideas regarding a student's capabilities, and what we see him or her becoming, but that determination comes from inside. It is up to the student.

Our jobs in this process are to help them see the possibilities, to have conversations with the students, and to develop the skills and understandings they will need to become the me they want to be. We are responsible for helping them lay the foundation they will build their lives upon. This is the process of preparing 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, Ed.S.
PK-12 Principal
Shickley Public School