

DECEMBER 2023

# The Hoofprint

Shickley Public Schools Newsletter

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School leaders are always trying to gauge present opportunities and challenges as well as position the district for a prosperous future. Past administrators and board members had the foresight to implement the Early Learning Facility to both fill a need and give children in the 0 – 3 age group a leg up on their futures in conjunction with a strong preschool program. These two programs have helped maintain student numbers and bring additional students to Shickley. However, the preschool classes for the 24-25 year are anticipated to have more students than State ratios allow with our current staff. The district recognizes the inherent value of investing in its youngest members and does not want to have to turn students away.

The Board of Education is again taking a step to ensure the best future for the community and the school. An additional preschool teacher position was approved for the 24-25 school year. This will potentially allow the district to offer expanded preschool opportunities for both 3- and 4-year-old students beyond what is currently available. In turn, this could open more spots in the Early Learning Facility. There is still much to do prior to next year, including hiring a certified early childhood teacher and planning for two preschool classroom spaces.

Turning to the present, the school year is progressing exceedingly quick. Christmas vacation is only a few weeks away and we'll have half of this school year under our belts. The teachers are at least as excited as the kids. One of things Mr. Schroeder and I are trying to focus on as the year progresses is an emphasis on communication. It sometimes gets lost in the shuffle of dozens of other tasks but is so important. While we can't always make changes, we do consider those conversations valuable and encourage patrons to visit with us as needed.

Enjoy the rest of 2023 and strive for a great new year!



## LITERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

It's great to tell and read favorite stories over and over again. Repetition helps your child learn. Each time your child hears a story he/she notices new things. They also become more familiar with the structure and sequence of stories.

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

NOTE FROM THE  
SUPERINTENDENT

7TH - 9TH GRADE  
ENGLISH

1ST, 2ND, &  
KINDERGARTEN

DECEMBER  
MENU & CALENDAR

It's a great day to be a  
Longhorn!



Preparing Students for Success

7th-9th grade students at Shickley Public Schools were challenged to write 6 Word Stories about Thanksgiving. They had to be exactly 6 words and as descriptive as possible. These were created without the use of the internet to look up someone else's work. Check out some of the creativity.

"I love my Grandpa's homemade pie."  
Abby M

"Turkeys are a funny looking bird."  
- Owen B.

"Are you ok, or stuffed badly?" Ally W

"I am thankful for my family."- Sophea F.

"Thanksgiving's pointless when you're not thankful." Emma H

"A Thursday with family, gathered together." - Libby C.

"The turkey was juicy like butter."  
Mikinzi O

"My family plays cards on Thanksgiving."  
- Kaitlynn N.

"The turkey was burnt and terrible."  
Jaylyn Z

"My grandpa naps in his chair."-Claire H.

"It was rainy on Thanksgiving morning."  
Aubrey D

"Turkey on thanksgiving is so good" -  
Trevor N.

"Turkey is the iconic food feast." Colin R

"Jesse ate all of the Turkey." -Wyatt K.

"I like Thanksgiving more than Halloween." Kaden D

"Gobble gobble, I gobbled that turkey."  
Aiden D.

"We celebrate Thanksgiving because of Pilgrims." Veronika F

"I like to see my family." -Jackson S.

"We celebrate with family during Thanksgiving." Eli M

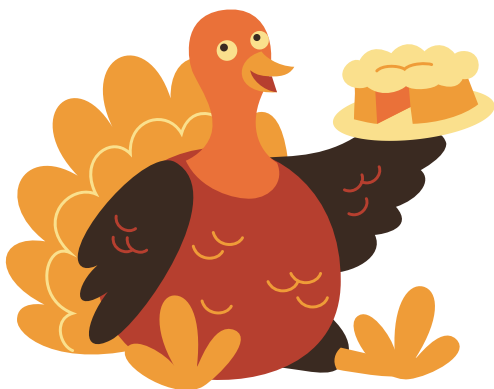
"The turkey got slaughtered today, Yum!"  
-Trinidi O.

"Native Americans are the Thanksgiving creators." Cameron W

"I like eating turkey on Thanksgiving."-  
Hailey Miller

"Football is the best on Thanksgiving."  
Gabe T.

"Turkey isn't as good as ham." Jeremiah S





The 1st grade students finally earned a popcorn with M & M's today! They watched how trash is recycled into new products and how "Going Green" helps our planet. They also watched and learned about the Declaration of Independence and why we celebrate with fireworks on the Fourth of July.

## Shickley 2nd Grade News

Second Grade has been Thankful for many things this month. Parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, pets, food, and clothing were just a few we discussed. We made a paper pie to express all of these things and added them to it. We made turkey door hangers and thankful cornucopias. In math, we learned about subtraction and various strategies that can be used to solve problems. Reading has given us stories about the weather and the night sky. We have been practicing compound words, learning about sequencing, and rereading paragraphs when we don't understand something. In Social Studies we learned about Patriotism and what it meant to have a love for our country. We also studied other important symbols, monuments, and celebrations. We are very excited for next month to come so we can write our letters to Santa. Don't forget to read them in the newspaper! Merry Christmas!!



Kindergartners had a "Friendsgiving" where they pour different foods into one big bowl to share. We talked about how everyone is different (just like the snacks we had) but we all come together to be one big class (or bowl). We talked about how we need to be thankful for our "school family". We then learned more about turkeys as we ate our snacks!



# December 2023

## Shickley Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Hall of Fame Scrimmage Girls & Boy BB at Davenport 6 & 7:30 pm	District One Act Plays at Shickley	FFA Livestock & CDE Contest at Kearney		G&B BB Games w Hampton at Bruning Varsity only 6 & 7:30 pm	G&B BB Games at East Butler 3:00 & 4:30 pm
		No School for K-6 JH Girls BB Game 6 pm w Red Cloud at Davenport			School dismiss 2:30 pm	Girls Jr High BB Tourn at Blue Hill 9 am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jr Hi G&B BB at Bruning w Cross County 4:00 pm G&B 9th&10th Gr BB w Superior at Davenport 6:00 & 7:30 pm			State One Act at Norfolk		G&B BB Games at Dorchester 6 & 7:30 pm	G&B BB Games with Lawrence Nelson at Davenport 3 & 4:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
School Board Meeting 7:00 PM	G&B BB Games at Sutton 6:00 & 7:30 pm	FFA will pickup and deliver fruit to customers		JH G&B BB at McCool 12:45 & 2 pm	G&B BB Games at Cross County 6:00 & 7:30 pm	
7th & 8th Grade Science Olympiad in Exeter				9th&10th Gr Girls/Boys BB w York at Bruning 6:00 pm	School dismiss 2:30 pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	FFA Meeting 7:00 pm			G&B Holiday Basketball Tournament at Davenport w Fairbury 5:30 & 7:00 pm	End of 2nd Qtr /1st Sem School Dismiss at 1 pm	Christmas Break
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					G&B BB Tournament at Central City TBA	G&B BB Tournament at Central City TBA
begins through January 2nd						
Merry Christmas!						
through December 27th						
31	1-Jan	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy New Year!	G&B BB Game at Falls City SH 3:00 & 4:30 pm	Teachers Inservice	School Reconvenes Bus Routes Reversed	School dismiss 2:30 pm	JV G&B BB Tournament at Exeter/Milligan/Friend
			Jr High G&B BB at Meridian 12:45&2pm	G&B BB Game at Waco w NE Lutheran 6&7:30 pm		

Please Note: All Basketball Game Times on the calendar are for Varsity Girls and Boys only. Jr. Varsity Games will be announced as they become available.

# DECEMBER

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

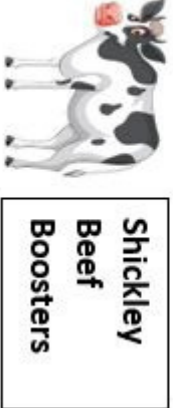
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

## Shickley Public School

Shickley Public School is an Equal Opportunity Provider

Fruit, Juice and Milk Provided daily with breakfast  
Fruit & Veggie Bar and Milk Offered Daily for Lunch



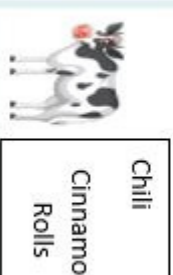
1 Pancakes

Calzones  
Marinara Sauce  
Carrots

8 Cini Minnis

Chicken Sandwiches  
California Blend

15 Breakfast Burrito



22 1 p.m. Dismissal  
Cherry Frudel

Hot Dog  
Chips  
Fruit Cup

29

7 Bagel and Cream Cheese



14 Funnel Cake and Fruit

Chicken Quesadilla  
Corn

21 Breakfast Casserole  
Pizza  
Green Beans

Green Beans

28

6 Pancake Wrap

Fiestada  
Corn

13 Apple Frudel

Sloppy Joe/Bun  
Green beans

20 Mini Donuts



27

5 Omelet

Hamburgers/Bun  
Smiley fries  
Green Beans

12 Breakfast Sandwich

Breaded Beef Patties  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Carrots

19 Breakfast Uncrustable

Chicken Strips  
French Fries  
Peas

26

4 Breakfast Pizza

Corn Dog  
Peas  
Granola Bar

11 Muffins

Chicken Nuggets  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Country Blend

18 Waffle Sticks

Spaghetti Bake  
Mixed Veggies

25



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

School Resumes  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Menu is Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change. A variety of milk is offered each day.



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