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Equipping for Success

If you haven't seen them, you have probably heard them, the geese are moving north signaling warming weather on the horizon. Or at least, we hope. The back and forth temperatures are indicative of the school days this time of year. Elementary students are itching to get back to regular outdoor recess without being told to "Put your coat on!" and high school students are already smelling the freedom of summer. This can lead to some interesting days inside the building, but the optimism of consistently warmer weather is showing signs of life after a snowy winter.

One thing that has been consistent at school is looking for ways to make data informed decision making more accessible to our teachers. The school utilizes NWEA MAPS testing to track progress three times a year through standardized testing. These tests range from Language Usage, Reading, Science and Math. These tests are also adaptive meaning they that questions vary based on student performance. Within each test, skills are broken down into sub groups allowing teachers and staff to begin working to help students improve in gap areas. While not all areas can be hit at once, the data allows us to begin chipping away at skill deficiencies. Currently, accessibility comes through paging through report after report. Something that we are looking into currently is programs to upload data to that will present the information into single pages that will save hours of work for our staff so they can focus on what is most important, bringing learning to their students. We are excited about the potential of this not only for the automaticity, but also because the role of our teachers has expanded immensely the past ten years, but time in a day has not.

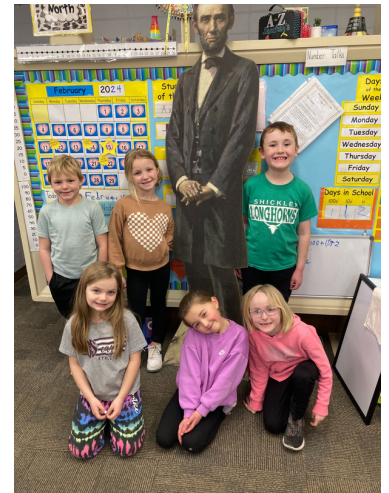
Speaking of bringing the best education possible to students, we have numerous teachers of English and Language Arts participating in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) and Science of Reading Training. These trainings are intensive and provide skills based on research for teaching reading based on Phoneme Awareness (Word Sounds) and building immense background knowledge to be able to speak and comprehend what it is that a student is reading. This aligns with the School Improvement Goal of raising comprehension levels to 80% or above by 2026-2027 school year (currently at 47%). If you are interested in reading more about LETRS, this article from Education Week sums it up pretty well: <https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/lettrs-program-teacher-training>. If you are interested in learning more about the Science of Reading: <https://www.thereadingleague.org/what-is-the-science-of-reading/>

If you have questions about anything, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to have a conversation about any of this or anything else. Reading can be a difficult skill, but both myself and our staff want to truly PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS... and we are trying to best equip ourselves and the district with the best tools and knowledge out there to do that.

1st grade News

During February the first graders learned about the life of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. They focused on how their decisions influenced America's history. The students sang songs, listened to books, and watched videos about both presidents. Finally, they filled out a Venn diagram to compare and contrast their lives.

In math they focused on understanding how to compare numbers using different signs and how to add and subtract 10 from any number. In reading the children learned about how animals work in teams to help them survive in nature.



Shickley Preschool Sneak-a-Peek and Kindergarten Round Up

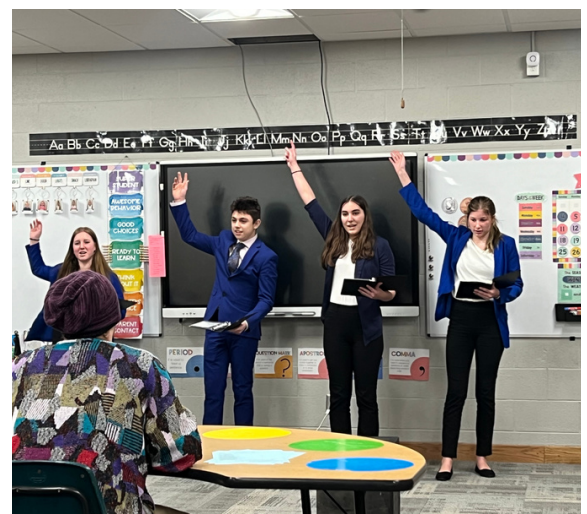
Shickley Public School is having their annual Preschool Sneak-a-Peek and Kindergarten Round Up for future Preschool students who are three (3) before July 31st, 2024 and Kindergarten students who are 5 years of age before July 31st, 2024. If interested, we ask that students attend Sneak-a-Peek on Monday, March 4th from 8:30am- 11:30am and bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records. At Sneak-a-Peek, students will get the opportunity to meet the classroom teachers and experience the preschool classroom. Parents will complete paperwork, have a parent meeting and pick children up at 10:30. Hope to see you there!

The Shickley Speech Team

has been competitive through the season as they prepare for their upcoming district meet. So far this season, the team has competed at Wilber-Clatonia, Aurora, Sutton, CRC at Hampton, and McCool Junction.

Results thus far are as follows: Trindi Oswald—7th in Novice Humorous Prose at Aurora; Grace Tobias—6th Place at Sutton, 3rd Place at CRC, and 2nd Place in Informative Speaking at McCool Junction.

The team travels to Fairbury March 2 for their final meet before districts March 12 at Lincoln Southwest, hoping to qualify for state March 22 in Kearney. The students will perform for the public on the evening of Monday, March 11.



High School Math

In our math classroom, students have been diving into various interesting math topics, sparking their interest in problem-solving and logic! In pre-algebra, they've been learning how to solve systems of linear equations. We have been learning and applying solving by graphing, substitution, and elimination.

Meanwhile, in geometry, our hardworking students have been exploring all things triangles. We have been preparing for a test that relates triangles to their sides, segments, and angles. The students have been bisecting angles and lines, and identifying the important points of convergence. We are looking forward to moving on from triangles and will begin looking at all kinds of polygons next!

In Algebra 2, polynomial equations have taken the spotlight. Students are using operations on polynomials to write, graph, and compare functions in real-world situations. We have been using theorems, in Algebra 2 we finally use the "Fundamental Theorem of Algebra", to identify the x-intercepts and understand the relationship between the coefficients and the degree of the function.

I am excited for the rest of the semester and the start of Track and Field!

Shickley seniors joined the seniors from Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson at CCC for Mock Interviews and an Etiquette Dinner on February 27. Each student was interviewed and evaluated by a professional from an industry closely related to their field of choice. After the interviews concluded, students received etiquette instruction over lunch at the Woodland's Dining Room on the CCC campus. The meal was prepared and served by students in the CCC hospitality and tourism program. This experience is a culminating piece of the Career Readiness course at Shickley Public School.

Davenport Music Contest

Friday, February 23 was a big day for our Junior High and Elementary band students. 27 students traveled to Davenport for the annual Instrumental Music Contest. Each concert band prepared and performed one piece for two judges, then received ratings, comments and a short teaching session from one of the experts. Our 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, and Junior High Band each received an "Excellent" Rating (II). Everyone learned a lot!

In addition to Concert Band, each elementary student performed a solo. Junior High students were given a choice to do a solo or small group performance. Several of our students earned "Superior" Ratings (I).

Cameron Wilson- Trombone Solo
Baylor Whitmore- Snare Drum Solo
Cortlen Rippe- Snare Drum Solo
Nora Noel- Snare Drum Solo
Adrianna Morris-Vernon- Tenor Sax Solo
Rileigh Carlson- Snare Drum Solo
Josh Schlegel- Piano Solo
Jeremiah Schlegel- Piano Solo
Alex Wiseman- Snare Drum Solo
Brooks Kresser- Alto Sax Solo
Nora Noel- Piano Solo
Lynzie Schultz- Alto Sax Solo

We also want to give a huge heartfelt thanks to Judy Lichti for accompanying some of the students on the piano, as well as Gwen Schultz and Zac Schlegel for driving and chaperoning the event. We could not have done it without their help.



MARCH

- 2024 -

FRIDAY

No
School
Spring Break

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Shickley Public School

Shickley Public School is
An Equal Opportunity
Provider

Fruit, Juice and Milk Offered

Daily With Breakfast

Fruit, Veggie Bar and Milk

Offered Daily With Lunch



Shickley

Beef

Boosters

Menu is Subject To Change

4

Pancakes
Fiestada
California Blend

5



Omelet/Muffin
Hamburger Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn

6

Breakfast Pizza
Chicken Noodle
Casserole
Carrots
Cookie

7

Cini Mini
Sub Sandwich
Baked Beans

8

No
School
Spring Break

11

French Toast
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Muffin

12



Breakfast Cookie
Spaghetti Bake
Green Beans
Garlic Bread

13

Sausage Croissant
Breaded Pork Patty
Au Gratin Potatoes
Carrots
Rice Krispy Bar

14

Donut/Cheese Stick
Burrito/Cheese
Spanish Rice
Black Beans

15

Strawberry Mini Bagel
Fish Nuggets
Peas
Roll

18

Biscuits/Gravy
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Tater Tots/Sweet Tots
Corn

19

Pancake Bowl
Sweet & Sour Chicken
Fried Rice
Broccoli

20

Scrambled Eggs/Toast
Polish Dog/Hot Dog
Baked Beans

21



Bagel/Cream Cheese
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Banana Bread

22

Yogurt/Muffin
Cheese Pizza
Green Beans

25

Mini Donuts
Hamburgers
French Fries

26

Tornados
Crispitos/Cheese
Refried Beans

27

Pancake Wrap
Ham & Scaloped
Potatoes
Country Blend
Roll

28

Fruitel
Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Chips

29

No
School
Easter

March

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School-Spring Break	2 Speech Meet at Fairbury
3 Sneak a Peek & Kindergarten Roundup 8:30-10:30 No School for PK or Kindergarten	4 Educators Rising SLC at Midland	5 End of 3 rd Quarter	6 No School-Spring Break	7 No School-Spring Break	8 No School-Spring Break	9 No School-Spring Break
10 Daylight Savings Time	11 BOE Meeting 7:00	12 District Speech at Lincoln Southwest	13 FFA Meeting at 7:00pm	14 School Dismissed at 2:30 Elementary Reading Classics	15 School Dismissed at 2:30 Elementary Reading Classics	16 School Dismissed at 2:30 Elementary Reading Classics
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 County Government Day	19 Golf Quad at Fillmore Central 4:00	20 ACTIONS Day at CCC Hastings Reading Classics Competition for 7 th & 8 th Grades at Dorchester	21 State Speech at Kearney High School Dismissed at 2:30	22 State Speech at Kearney High School Dismissed at 2:30	23 State Speech at Kearney High School Dismissed at 2:30
24	25 CRC Band and Choir	26 Golf Quad at Superior 4:00	27 3 rd and 4 th Grade Field Trip to Stuhrl Museum	28 Regional Career Fair 10:00-11:00 at Holtbus Center HS Track at Hebron 10:30 Golf at Superior 9:00	29 No School-Easter Break	30 No School-Easter Break
31 Happy Easter						

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Upcoming Dates

March 4 - Prek & K Sneak a
Peak

March 8 - No School

March 23 - Prom

April 2 - Last Day Plant Sales

April 5 - Grandparents Day



Preparing Students for
Success

It's a great day to be a
Longhorn!