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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

October 2nd

School dismissed at 2:30

October 8th

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00

October 9th

No School - Fall Break
Football game with Friend in Shickley.
Parents' Night

October 15th

Volleyball game with High Plains in Shickley.
Senior Night
Parents' Night
Dig Pink Night

October 16th

School dismissed at 2:30
1st Quarter Ends

October 28th

Third graders will trick or treat for food pantry 4:00-5:00

October 30th

School dismissed at 2:30

Look at Joyce's calendar for many more important dates.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

It has been an exciting start of the year for all of us here at Shickley Public Schools. The new faces that are in our halls have been a great addition to the Longhorn family. We are even more excited to see what they can do in the weeks and months to come. Some exciting news that we have received is that we were chosen to receive a grant from Monsanto in the amount of \$10,000. Local farmers nominated us and we received the grant. We have also received a grant from Pioneer for \$5,000. The money will be used for a new greenhouse that will be built before the beginning of the next school year. Miss Witte, our Ag teacher, is continuing to search out other grants to help pay for the greenhouse. We also want to thank her for the work that she does to build our FFA and Agricultural Education programs.

In athletics, our sports teams are being very competitive this fall. Both the football and volleyball teams are representing our school and are competing at a high level. As administrators, we here at Shickley and the administrators from Bruning-Davenport USD, are always trying to ensure that we have quality programs. As we have examined the numbers for the future, we are going to have a lot of participants. At various meetings we have discussed how to approach this issue. Having larger numbers isn't necessarily a bad thing, but we also want everyone to feel like they have the chance to participate in an athletic event. The administration teams decided to form a survey to give to the students at both districts. The survey asked students if they would be interested in adding sports. The specific sports that were asked about were cross country for the fall season, bowling and wrestling for the winter season, and golf for the spring season. The administrators will get together in the future to analyze this data and see what the direction should be for the athletic programs.

Finally, here are some reminders for things happening in October:

1. Thursday, October 8th are P/T conferences from 4-9 P.M.
2. Friday, October 9th is Fall Break for both students and staff.
3. Friday, October 16th is the last day of the quarter.

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Mural Painting in Early Learning Facility Daycare

The Shickley Early Learning Facility Daycare was the spot chosen for a mural to be painted by an art student this year. Senior Madison Yantzie worked at the daycare with the babies and toddlers this summer and was excited to add some cute and colorful images to their space. Art teacher Mrs. Jorgenson and Madison created this mural using acrylic paint. The biggest challenge was painting edges and filling in spaces on the uneven, bumpy surfaces of the bricks.

Pictured to the right are Mrs. Jorgensen and Madison Yantzie by the completed mural.



Recycling Trailer News

The recycling trailer has been a huge asset to our community. It is really getting used as we have had to empty it quite a few times already. Thank you to all the recyclers out there!

A couple of items to remember when you are recycling: 1. Remember to remove lids from plastic jugs. Please do not tie them together or put in plastic bags; 2. Not all plastic is recyclable. For example, plastic sacks are not wanted by the recycling company we use. Harder plastics, labeled with a 1 or 2, such as milk jugs and pop bottles are what we can take; and 3. Please remember to separate your magazines from your newspapers. They have to be baled separately at the recycling center so if you could please sort before hand that would be best.

We will be taking the recycling trailer to the recycling company on every other Wednesday.

Lunchroom News

Do your high school and junior high kids say they don't get enough food at lunch? Well, I am trying to help that. I am offering their second entree as they come through the line the first time. As a result we are selling more food. Seconds were always available in the past but students had to come back to get them. Students are asked to report their seconds to Mrs. Nolt as they go by. A down side to serving seconds right away is that it will take longer to get through the line. So, like with many things in life, there is give and take. Students also have free access to the fruit and vegetable bar. Middle school and elementary students will still have to come back for their seconds. We encourage them to eat the majority of the food on their tray before coming back for seconds. We are trying to do the best we can for the students, while following the USDA guidelines.



Everyday Courage

The 7th grade class and Mrs. Busboom went to a Courage Retreat at the beginning of this school year. While at the retreat, they were given a challenge to make an act of courage every day. Many of us might think the concept of everyday courage is nice on paper, but acting with courage is a different story. They are not asking them to run into a burning building to save someone, but to do something as simple as sticking up for a friend. It is the little successes in acting with courage and following your heart that makes the bigger challenges easier to face. While at the retreat our students got together with other students and played lots of fun engaging games and had life lesson conversations with some of the high school students that volunteered for the day.

Kindness Retreat

The Shickley 5th graders attended a Kindness Retreat on August 26th in Dorchester. The retreat was put on by Youth Frontiers, a group from Minnesota that travels around teaching students the importance of treating each other with kindness and standing up against bullying. The day was spent singing, dancing, and doing activities that ultimately led to the students increasing their knowledge about forms of bullying, how to respond when they encounter bullying, and how to speak words of kindness to everyone.

Language Resource News

We have another new face that can be seen around our school. Cindy Huebert, pictured at right, is the Occupational Therapist who will be providing occupational therapy services to students in our district. She comes to us from the Grand Island Physical Therapy office and is planning to be here twice a month. When she stopped in for a quick visit at the end of August, some of our students recognized her from when she was completing observations with our former therapist, Lisabeth John. We welcome Ms. Huebert to our school and are excited to have her available to share her knowledge and service.



Thank You for Fresh Produce

Do you like fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden? Well, so do the kids at school. This year we have enjoyed tomatoes, cucumbers, pears, watermelon, and sweet corn that were raised locally and donated to the school for use in the lunch room. It was fun to see the kids enjoy eating the sweet corn. It made having to clean 12 dozen ears much less of a bummer. We are looking forward to local apples when they are ready. A big thank you to those who donated these foods.

Pictured are students enjoying the sweet corn.



Students Visit Colleges

Eight Shickley freshman and sophomore students visited Concordia University and Doane College campuses on September 16. These students were given the opportunity to tour each of the campuses, meet with admissions representatives, talk with enrolled students, and eat lunch at Doane. The day was filled with lots of great information and applicable advice which will help the students in their future endeavors.

Students pictured at right are back row: Lexi Kadel; middle row: Carley Elznic, Anthony Beavers, Thomas Mick, Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler, and Jacob Swartzendruber; front row: Wyatt Deepe.



Kindergarten Success

The kindergarten class has had a very exciting start to the year. There are only three students in the class, so things have looked a little different, but in a good way. The students and I are working our way through a new set of textbooks to be used to help teach math. The new series, Math Connects, gives the students much more experience and practice with a skill than the resources we used in the past. One of the students' favorite components is that almost each day we get to read a picture book from the library that matches the objective we are learning. We have also been able to do a lot more hands-on activities that the series suggests. The use of this series is making an impact in how the students are learning. Most importantly, the series devotes time to very basic skills, which may seem too easy, but in the long run, they are building number sense and better mathematical awareness.

In other subjects, the students are excelling as well. For instance, in reading, each of the students already knows the letters of the alphabet, upper and lowercase. So, we have moved on to learning the sounds the letters make. We are working to get faster at naming those sounds. The students have learned 26 sight words, too!

In writing, we have been working in our journals. We are learning how to stretch words out, say the words slowly, listen for sounds we hear, write those sounds, make words, and turn those words into sentences. It is a slow process at the beginning of the year, but by Christmas, we will be flying!

In kindergarten, there may be only a small number of students, but our learning sure is big!

In the picture the class is shown with the book *One Monkey Two Many* by Jackie French Koller. They learned how to compare numbers 0-5 in this book.



Fourth Graders and FFA Members Attend Ag Venture Day

As each generation becomes more distant from production agriculture, it is essential to teach youth the importance of agriculture and how their food is produced. Livestock Ag Venture is a program that promotes the agricultural, and more specifically the beef industry by teaching youth the importance of the industry and educating them on agricultural issues. This educational program is hosted by the South Central Cattle Women in partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office. This is the seventeenth year of the program, which was held at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva on September 14, 2015. This year there were 152 fourth graders who participated from Fillmore Central, Shickley, Bruning-Davenport, Superior, Thayer Central, Deshler Public, and Meridian schools.

During this event, participants learned the purpose and workings of an auction market through a Mock Auction simulation in which the participants “bid” on animals. Ten concurrent sessions were presented which included topics that taught where their food comes from, what by-products we get from cattle, how grains get used in a variety of products used every day, animal nutrition, how aquifers work, and a hands-on roping demonstration addressing animal welfare. Youth also participated in a barnyard tour where they learned about different species of animals.

Fillmore Central, Shickley, and Bruning-Davenport FFA members also contributed to the event by serving as group leaders and helping in setting up for the event. Shickley members who assisted with Ag Venture Day were: John Alfs, Kale Kleinschmidt, Holden Stengel, Josiah Kamler, Isaac Kamler, and Caleb Hendrickson. Lunch was provided for all participants. Thank you to the numerous area businesses who helped sponsor this event and the Fillmore County Ag Society for providing the facilities.

Pictured below are the fourth grade class, fourth grade teacher Mrs. Dickson, FFA member Kale Kleinschmidt, and Miss Witte at Ag Venture Day.



Mrs. Snyder Attends the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Conference

The Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center was the setting for the 2015 Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics (NATM) Fall Conference. The theme of the conference was M³: Making Math Meaningful. NATM President, Angela Mosier from Omaha Westside welcomed the participants. Keynote speaker, Alex Kajitani, the Rappin' Mathematician, discussed ways to engage students in learning mathematics.

During lunch, awards were handed out. Deb Bulin, Thayer-Central math teacher received the Don Miller Distinguished Service Award. Break-out sessions were held throughout the day. Deb Bulin and Sandi Snyder, Shickley math teacher, along with Deb Romanek from the State Department, led a session entitled "Finding Math in Your Local Businesses." They shared a model of making business and math connections. Five Nebraska businesses worked with a group of teachers this summer to create real-world problems and they were provided during the session.

Math on the Move

Six Shickley High School math students attended the Doane College TriMATHlon. The three part contest took place on September 24, 2015. This is the first year Shickley has had the opportunity to attend. Tristen Mosier, Ben Elznic, and John Alfs formed one team while Catherine Mick, Courtney Kamler, and Chris Lichti formed a second group to take part in the Extreme Team Challenge. All six students participated in the 45-minute written exam, in which Ben finished 10th. Tristen, Catherine, and Courtney competed in the single elimination math bowl. Eighteen schools competed in this fast-paced, fun-filled day.

Pictured at right are Ben, Tristen, and John studying for their competition.



Library News

At the ESU6 media specialists' meeting Mrs. Kobza was introduced to a website, Common Sense Media. The presenter, Jeremy Nielsen, spent the day giving a tour of the site and examples of how it can be used by parents and teachers. It is a non-profit national organization led by concerned parents and individuals with experience in child advocacy, public policy, education, media, and entertainment.

Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.org) is dedicated to helping kids navigate the world of media and technology safely. It provides unbiased information and trusted advice to parents, teachers, and policymakers to help them make decisions about what technology is safe and has a positive influence on our children. Kids today spend over 50 hours of screen time every week. The media content they consume and create has a profound impact on their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Learning how to use media and technology wisely is an essential skill for life and learning in the 21st century. This website can be a guide for parents and teachers to keep up with the fast paced changing digital world.

Common Sense Media helps families make smart media choices. It offers the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.

Mrs. Kobza plans to take advantage of the digital curriculum they offer and spend some time on how to safely use the Internet when our K-6 students come to the library each week!

Positive Attitudes at Our School are Contagious

I recently attended a meeting where the presenter opened his presentation with the following paragraph about attitude, which is as follows: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important to me than facts. It is more important than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we do have and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens and 90% how I react to it."

I like the attitudes that I see at Shickley Public School. Positive attitudes are contagious and are found throughout our school. Our administration has taken on projects like our Early Learning Center. Their positive attitudes have inspired our teachers to take on projects like the new Greenhouse. I have visited with new teachers and see the excitement they portray. I have visited with veteran teachers and see the excitement they have in coming back for another school year. I can sense positive attitudes among the students in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities. And, when there are tables set for 200 at the Back-to-School potluck and you have to add more for 250 – that's exciting!

I always enjoy how Joyce ends the daily school email with a positive quote. Our mission is to prepare students for success, and having a positive attitude is certainly a great way to start the day! Thanks, Joyce.

Tim Lichti
School Board President

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

This is part three of twelve in a continuing conversation about the characteristics, skills, and abilities of a successful student, as defined by Shickley Public School.

A successful student is flexible and adaptable.

In general, I have four keys to success. I refer to them when I speak with students and our teachers, and they are a significant factor in how I operate on a daily basis. The first of these keys is: "Have a plan, but be flexible." Having a plan is essential, but as the old Yiddish proverb states, "Man plans, God laughs." As such, it is important to have a plan, but it is equally important to be flexible – so we can overcome our obstacles to success. We must teach our students, our children, that it is important not only to be flexible and adaptable, but also what this looks like. In school, students receive regular feedback, and have the ability to assess where they are compared to where they want to be regarding grades, projects, papers, and other work they are doing. This feedback allows them to consider the feedback, adjust their plans, and move forward. One way you can help us do this is by talking to our young people about how you overcome obstacles that look like they may stop your progress. Even a simple conversation about using an alternate route when encountering a detour while driving can help young people understand the need to be flexible and adaptable. Teaching our students to embrace flexibility and adaptability will help prepare them for success in their lives.

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

