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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

 Mark your calendars for
 the following important
 dates:

March 3rd
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

March 9th
 End of Third Quarter.

March 10th
 No School.
 Spring Break.

March 13th
 School Board
 Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

March 17th
 Blood Drive
 in Gym
 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

March 17th
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

March 31st
 School Dismissed
 at 2:30 P.M.

Please check Joyce's
 calendar for more
 events.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

Don't forget to set your clocks! Spring is coming and we will again be springing forward on March 12th. With this season for our school, we will be finalizing our summer project list. While we definitely will not be as busy as we were last summer, we have a few small projects that we will complete. We will be working on some projects to protect the new equipment that was placed outside. We were unable to complete some renovation in the kitchen area during the last project, so we will be finishing off that project by putting new flooring in the cooking area. Other than that, there will be some minor painting and fixing of some flooring. We have also decided to resurface the remainder of the asphalt portion of the playground. The minor projects that we will be doing this summer will be lower in cost but still need to be done to maintain a quality facility.

As many of you probably know, the Nebraska Legislature has been very interesting so far this session. There are many proposed bills that deal with education. Most of the ones I am watching are the bills concerning property tax relief. Public school reliance on property taxes has been an increasing problem with the increased valuation of land. Many bills have been proposed that would change property taxes in some way. As the bills continue to be debated in committee, if they make it out of committee, I will continually be watching to see which bills would be negative toward Shickley Public Schools. I urge you as well to pay attention to the bills and the legislature. You can access the State Legislature website at www.nebraskalegislature.gov. From there you can see the bills, find hearing schedules, and you can also watch any session or hearing by clicking on the live video streaming which is provided by Nebraska Educational Telecommunications.

Remember to spring forward!

Bryce Jorgenson
 Superintendent
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Scholastic Art Contest

The Scholastic Art Contest is a state and national level art competition for students in grades 7-12. This year Shickley high school students submitted artworks for the state competition, which were judged against other high school student artists, including all sizes of schools, from all across Nebraska. There were over 3,800 entries and 1,281 awards were given to 834 students. Congratulations to Kaylee Noel for receiving a SILVER KEY in her drawing titled "Geared to My Dreams." Congratulations also to Brooke Jorgenson for receiving HONORABLE MENTION for her cartoon illustration "Wind Blown." These two artworks will be on display in Omaha from February 24th through March 31st. The following high school students also entered the Scholastic Art Contest and had quality artwork: Karlea Reed, Laurie Vang, Brock Swartzendruber, Caitlin Mosier, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Mikaela Andersen, Alyssa Nolt, and Carley Swartzendruber.

Kaylee's artwork is pictured on the left and Brooke's is pictured on the right.



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Youth Art Month

Youth Art Month is held every year in March. The Nebraska Art Teacher's Association (NATA) celebrates by hosting an exhibit in the State Capital building in Lincoln. Every art teacher in the state can select two students' artwork to represent their school in this exhibit. Congratulations to this year's Shickley School Artwork Representatives, sixth grader Ashley Schlegel and second grader Owen Beavers. Ashley created a stippled drawing of a wolf, and Owen created a camouflage creature project in marker. Their artwork will be displayed from March 14th through the 25th in the lower rotunda of the Capitol Building. They will also be honored at a ceremony on Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 P.M. Their artwork is pictured below.



Shickley Public School Hosting Red Cross Blood Drive

On March 17th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Shickley Public School and the Shickley Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting its 5th annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Blood donations are important because almost everyone, at sometime during their lives, will know someone who needs a blood transfusion. They may be car accident or trauma victims, cancer or transplant patients, or people with sickle cell disease or other blood disorders. There is no substitute and still only one source of blood for transfusion – volunteer blood donors. If you are interested in giving hope to those in need of a blood transfusion, you can call Mr. Ippensen at the school (402-627-3375) to schedule your donation. Remember, hope begins with you; give blood.



FFA Members Submit SAE's for District Competition

Shickley FFA members spent time reflecting on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs) as they completed proficiency applications for district competition. They discussed and reflected on specialized skills they can apply toward their future careers. Students have entrepreneurship SAEs (where they own their own business) or placement SAEs (where they work for someone). Five members had their applications selected to compete at the state level. Applications were submitted in different SAE areas and received the following awards:

Agricultural Sales Placement

Carley Elznic, Silver

Agricultural Services Placement

Caleb Hendrickson, Gold (State Qualifier)

John Alfs, Gold

Chris Lichti, Silver

Beef Production Placement

Nicole Swartzendruber, Gold (State Qualifier)

Dairy Production Placement

Anthony Beavers, Gold (State Qualifier)

Diversified Agriculture Production

Holden Stengel, Gold (State Qualifier)

Kale Kleinschmidt, Silver

Thomas Mick, Silver

Diversified Crop Placement

Jacob Swartzendruber, Silver

Jackson Grote, Silver

Kellen Reinsch, Bronze

Landscape Management Entrepreneurship/ Placement

Isaac Kamler, Gold (State Qualifier)

Josiah Kamler, Silver

Wyatt Deepe, Bronze

Outdoor Recreation Entrepreneurship/Placement

Courtney Kamler, Gold

Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Gold

Caitlin Mosier, Silver

Lexi Kadel, Bronze

Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser

Attention one and all:

Plants sales will begin on March 1st. All Shickley 7-11 grade students will be taking orders. The catalog is pretty much the same as last year. Orders will be taken until April 7th. Plant pick-up day is WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th. Please note the day change from years past!



ACT Becomes State Test for All Juniors

The Nebraska Department of Education has chosen the ACT to replace the NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability Assessment) for all juniors beginning in the 2016-17 school year. Each 11th grade student in the state will be taking the ACT test this spring. Shickley has elected to give the traditional paper/pencil test to the class. The state hopes that by having all juniors take the ACT they will be promoting a college-going culture and perhaps open opportunities for our students that had previously not considered college as a post-high school option. The ACT is slated for Wednesday, April 19th. Please mark your calendars to ensure all juniors are in school on this date. Lots of questions regarding this change have been asked already, so I will try to answer some of the most common.

FAQ:

Q: Will the students have to pay for the test?

A: No, this test will be provided free of charge.

Q: Will this score be a valid score to send to colleges?

A: Yes, the scores will be treated the same as any other national test date.

Q: Does my student need to register online?

A: No, the State plans to upload the student information to ACT based on the information the schools already provide them. Students will then have the opportunity to choose colleges where they want the scores reported.

Q: Where will the students test?

A: The students will test in Shickley at the Community Center.

Q: When will they test?

A: April 19, 2017. The ACT requires that we start the test on-time so parents need to ensure their son/ daughter arrives to school on time the day of the test.

Q: What is different about the ACT than the NeSA?

A: This is a different test in many ways. The NeSA was an untimed, criterion referenced test where the ACT is a strictly timed, normed reference test. The NeSA was taken in segments over the course of several days; however, the ACT will be given in one setting on April 19th. The subject areas are similar, students will take Reading, Math, English, Science Reasoning and Writing tests.

Q: What happens if my child cannot take the ACT on April 19th for an unavoidable reason?

A: Makeup testing will be available, but it is discouraged due to the restrictions we are given by the ACT. ALL Juniors will be required to test.

The school board has agreed to pay for the Shickley students to take the test one time prior to the April 19th date. All students will be registered for the April 8th test date, and will be paid for at the time of registration. We believe this live action opportunity will help our students be prepared for the state test date on April 19th.

This change will be a challenge for everyone involved. We are all working hard to learn as much information about this process as possible so we can help our students be successful. We know any time we change tests or have a change of protocol the state passes down to us it sometimes takes a toll on all involved. Previously, the ACT has only been taken by those intending to go to college, specifically four-year colleges. Now all students, regardless of future plans, will take this test. As a district, we may see a drop in score averages due to the change in the inclusiveness of all students testing. However, we hope over time our preparation leads to increased scores for all students. If you have questions about this new process or how else parents can help, please contact me at dippensen@longhornpower.org.

Shickley Celebrates FBLA Week

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students at Shickley joined others across the state during the week of February 5-11 to celebrate FBLA Week. This week provides members the opportunity to demonstrate how FBLA educates their members in the fields of business, technology, and career skills. Moreover, members showed their appreciation for FBLA as they celebrated their “Legacy to Leadership.”

The special activities held this week included the “Jammies for Babies” fundraiser for the March of Dimes. Students and faculty donated money to wear pajamas to school. This activity raised \$155.00 for the March of Dimes. The FBLA chapter promoted their “Going Green” project by holding a poster contest for the 5th and 6th grades, having a Shickley recycling center trivia question, providing daily “Going Green” facts, and wearing green to school. Each winner received an iTunes gift card. Poster contest winners were Coy Margheim, Ashley Schlegel, and Hannah Miller. Mr. Harris was the winner of the “Go Green” trivia question.

Members had a good time celebrating FBLA week and completing their activities!

Pictured on the left are the winners of the “Go Green” poster contest: Coy Margheim, Ashley Schlegel, and Hannah Miller. Pictured on the right are FBLA members who wore green for “Go Green Day.” In the bottom picture are students and faculty who wore “Jammies for Babies.”

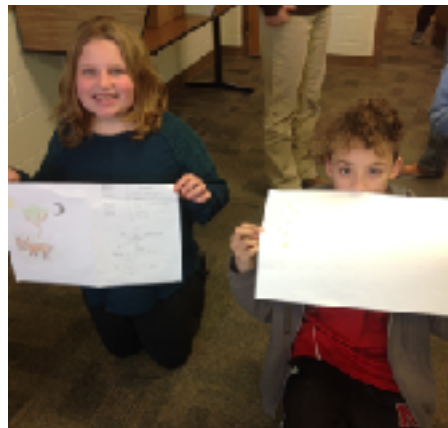


5th Grade News, by the 5th graders

Math! Writing! Science! Reading! We learn many things in school. The 5th grade class has done many projects, speeches, and more this year. Here's a glimpse of school from the students' point of view:

At the beginning of the day we have math. Right now we are working on factors and finding the simplest form of fractions. We also set goals for our current math chapter. This gives us something to work towards everyday as we learn about new things and complete math assignments. After math we have writing. Right now in writing we are working on informative speeches that we will be presenting on March 7th. Our topics range from past events, like the Holocaust, to modern days topics, like Minecraft and emojis, and everything in between. We then move on to science. We just started a unit on earth and space and have been learning about factors of weather. We started with the water cycle and how that fits in with weather, then moved onto how the ocean can affect weather, and are now looking at all the factors that affect the weather on a daily basis. Once the fourth quarter starts we will work on our Science Fair projects. This is the first year that we will participate. Our last subject of the day is reading. We just finished a unit in reading and are taking a test over all the things we learned during it. This has been a fun year with lots of projects and learning. We are looking forward to the end of the year and all the things that are coming up. We still have a field trip at some point to look forward to as well.

Pictured below are 5th graders with their science experiments.



SENCAP Field Trip

Students from various high schools in Southeast Nebraska went to Jefferson Community Health and Life Center on Monday, February 13th, to learn about careers in healthcare as part of the Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP) through Southeast Community College. Courtney Kamler and Kellen Reinsch, from Shickley, attended this event for SENCAP students who are thinking of healthcare as their future career. Students learned about a number of skills including taking blood pressure, stitching a wound, and giving shots. The students really enjoyed the hands-on activities.

Pictured on the left is Courtney Kamler and on the right is Kellen Reinsch.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the 2017 Shickley Spelling Bee contestants and 4th place winner, Madeline Kamler! The Fillmore County Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 22nd at the Fillmore County Courthouse. Shickley students competed against fellow students from Fillmore Central and Exeter-Milligan. The following students represented Shickley Public School: 5th - Hanna Kadel, Lauren Richards; 6th - Brianna Jorgenson, Hannah Miller; 7th - Maddie Kamler, Eli Noel, Taylor Sliva; 8th - Dalton Kleinschmidt, Macy Kamler, Blake Schlegel.

Pictured to the right are the spellers in front of the Fillmore County Courthouse right before the Spelling Bee.



Concordia & Doane Campus Visit

Eight Shickley high school students visited Concordia University and Doane University campuses on Wednesday, February 15th. While there, they were able to visit with admissions representatives, tour each campus, and eat lunch on Doane's campus. The purpose of the campus tours is to get students exposed to as many campuses as possible throughout their high school careers and to help them begin crossing off those schools that don't fit them or their future plans and highlight those that do and would be a good fit for their future aspirations. All of the students walked away with a better understanding of college life and what it takes to get there. The students who attended the visit are pictured below: Jackson Grote, Sam Margheim, Zach Mosier, Caitlin Mosier, Karlea Reed, Laurie Vang, Kaylee Noel, and Brooke Jorgenson.



Scheduling Classes for Next Year

Within the next month or so, students in grades 8-11 will be given the opportunity to choose the courses they will take. Please take this time and talk with your secondary student to determine which courses are going to best prepare them for their future careers and educational endeavors. Mr. Ippensen will be sending updated schedules and class choices soon.

Junior Day in McCool Junction

On February 6, the Shickley Public School juniors attended Junior Day in McCool Junction. Five schools attended the event: Shickley, Exeter-Milligan, Friend, Dorchester, and McCool Junction. While at the event, the students attended a session describing the steps they need to take to go from being a junior in high school to being a successful college student. They also listened to a group of business personnel from Fillmore County Hospital, McCool Public Schools, Tuttles, and Fillmore County Sheriff's Department. They learned the skills employers are looking for in their employees, reasons why they should come back to their respective county and community, and job opportunities available within each of the respective fields and businesses. The day ended with the students having the opportunity to visit with up to 30 college reps.

5th-8th In-Class Speech Competition

On March 7, the 5th-8th grade students will be performing their in-class speech competitions beginning at 9:15. The 5th graders will be presenting informative speeches, 6th grade persuasive, 7th grade entertainment, and 8th grade has the choice of the three modes. The elementary students will be in Mr. Schroeder's room while the junior high competition will be in Mrs. Noel's room. The top three competitors in each division will perform at Speech Night on March 14 beginning at 5:30 P.M. Visitors are welcome at both events.

Courtney Kamler Accepted into RHOP

Courtney Kamler, pictured, was recently accepted into the Rural Health Opportunity Program (RHOP) at Wayne State College. The RHOP Program was designed to address the special needs of rural Nebraska by encouraging students to pursue a career in health care fields in rural Nebraska. Students enrolled in the RHOP receive a tuition waiver from their respective Nebraska state college and are guaranteed admission to the University of Nebraska Medical Center based upon the successful completion of their pre-professional studies, appropriate GPA, and exemplary conduct.



BDS Girls' Basketball

For the third consecutive year, the BDS Lady Eagles' season ended at the hands of the Friend Bulldogs in sub-district action. The Lady Eagles ended their 2016-2017 campaign with a season mark of 16-7 for the varsity squad and a record of 5-12 for the JV. The Lady Eagles captured runner-up honors in the Crossroads Conference Tournament, and had a conference record of 13-3. This season the Lady Eagles will say goodbye to four seniors on the team: Morgan Lowery, Mashaya Dierking, Colleen Wassom, and Jo Degner. Thank you to the seniors for all your years of hard work and pushing your teammates in practice everyday. One positive of this season was that we had a lot of girls fill roles left by graduating seniors, and they gained great experience throughout the season. This was a season of learning and growing. The Eagles look to have all 5 starters and key bench players return for next season.



Scholarships for March

Salvation Army DJ's Hero
Scholarship Award
Deadline: March 6
Amount: \$10,000 scholarships
American Legion: Student Aid
Grant or Vocational Technical
Scholarship
Deadline: March 2
Amount: Not to exceed \$300

Peru State College
Clements Band Scholarship
Deadline: March 9
Amount: \$2,000 - 1st place; \$500 -
2nd place

Helen Naeve Douglas Music
Scholarship
Deadline: March 9
Amount: \$500

Scott Mecham Student of Integrity
Award
Deadline: March 10
Amount: 3 - \$2,000

Stanley H. Stearman Award
Deadline: March 10
Amount: \$2,000 stipend per year,
not to exceed a three year period.

Oxbow Scholarship Program:
Nebraska High School Senior—
Animal Interest
Deadline: March 10
Amount: \$500

Nebraska Rod and Custom
Association
Deadline: March 10
Amount: 3 - \$1,000

Pi Sigma Alpha-Tau Chapter (The
National Political Science Honor
Society) Scholarship
Deadline: March 13
Amount: 1 - \$500, 1 - \$300, and 1 -
\$200

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: 40 - \$1,500 scholarships

Nebraska Aviation Trades
Association
Deadline: March 15
Amount: 1 - \$1,000 and 1 - \$500

Nebraska Czechs of York
Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$300

American Legion: Vocational
Technical Scholarship Fund
Deadline: March 15 (must be
returned to Legion Auxiliary
member); April 1 (application must
be returned to Department
Headquarters)
Amount: \$300

Janice M. Scott Memorial
Scholarship Fund, Inc.
Deadline: March 15
Amount: 6 - \$2,500

Nebraska Crop Improvement
Association Freshman Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$1,000

Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation
Scholarship (Ak-Sar-Ben
Community College Scholarship)
Deadline: March 15
Amount: 10 - \$1000

Nebraska Association of County
Extension Boards
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$1,000

Fillmore County Hospital Auxiliary
Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$1,000 (renewable)

Career Education Foundation of NE:
Outstanding Secondary Career and
Technical Education Student Award
Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$1,000

Central Valley Ag Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: 15 - \$1,000 scholarships

Career Education Foundation of NE:
Outstanding Secondary Special
Populations Career and Technical
Education Student Award
Scholarship
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$1,000

Chapter O PEO Memorial
Scholarship – Geneva, NE
Deadline: March 15
Amount: \$500

ISM-Nebraska "Excellence in
Business" Scholarship
Deadline: March 16
Amount: \$1,500

The Gus Swanson Memorial
Communications Scholarship
Program
Deadline: March 16
Amount: \$500 scholarship

Husker Harvest Days Agricultural
Scholarship
Deadline: March 18
Amount: 9 - \$600 scholarships

Nebraska State Bar Foundation
Scholarship
Deadline: March 23
Amount: \$2,300

Central Nebraska Auto Club
Scholarship

Deadline: March 25
Amount: Up to 2 - \$1,000

The Cottey/Cather Writing Prize

Deadline: March 30
Amount: Symposium attendees \$200; finalists will be invited to apply for \$3,000 scholarships to Cottey College.

Orphan Foundation of America
(OFA) Education Fund

Deadline: March 31
Amount: \$1,500 - \$10,000

Nebraska Legal Professionals
Association Scholarship

Deadline: March 31
Amount: 1 - \$500 and 1 - \$250

Nebraska Children's Groundwater
Festival

Deadline: March 31
Amount: \$250

Nebraska Insurance Federation
(NIF) and the Nebraska Actuaries
Club (NAC) Scholarship

Deadline: March 31
Amount: 2 - \$4000 (payment will be \$1,000/semester for 4 semesters) for students attending one of the University of Nebraska campuses; 1 - \$1,000 scholarship for a student attending any college in NE

U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship
Program

Deadline: October 1 - March 31
Amount: 30 - \$1,000 scholarships awarded in a random drawing

Southeast Community College
(SCC) Learn to Dream Scholarship

Deadline: March 31
Amount: Up to 45 credit hours, or around \$2,400 of tuition

Scholarships for April

Nebraska Logistics Council's High
School Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$500

James Leslie Stephenson Memorial
Agricultural Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$2,000

ANS Incoming Freshman
Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: 4 - \$1,000

American Legion Eagle Scout of the
Year

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Local winner - \$500; Local winner will be advance to the national competition for the chance to receive a \$10,000 scholarship or one of 3 runner-up scholarships - \$2,500

American Medical Technologists'
Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 1
Amount: 1 - \$2,500 and 3 - \$1,000 scholarships to AMT members

Lincoln Builders Bureau Educational
Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$750 (Number of scholarships awarded will be determined each year.)

Jerry Baker, America's Master
Gardener College Freshman
Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 1
Amount: 2 - \$1,000

Fillmore County W.I.F.E (Women
Involved in Farm Economics)
Scholarship

Deadline: April 1

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Scholarship (Lincoln)

Deadline: April 1
Amount: 2 - \$1,000

Local Scholarships:

Franklin Skipton Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Wynona Alfs Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Norma and Richard Hendrickson
Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Shickley Longhorn Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Linus and Delores Walter Memorial

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$400

Shickley FFA Alumni

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Vincent Busse Memorial
Scholarship

Deadline: April 1
Amount: Amounts vary

Shickley Education Association

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$400

Flint Hills Resources Discovery
Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 1
Amount: \$1,500

Geneva Masonic Lodge #79
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: 2 - \$500 scholarships

Deadline: April 1
 Amount: \$1,000 and could provide on-the-job summer employment.

Phi Delta Kappa International Education Organization
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: 2 - \$250

Southeast Community College Davis/Chambers Scholarship
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: Amounts vary

Alpha Gamma Sigma Scholarship
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: 2 - \$500

Nebraskans for Peace
 Deadline: April 6
 Amount: 3 - \$500 scholarships to one NE senior in each NE's three congressional districts; and 6 - \$100 scholarships to two seniors in each congressional district.

Jim Johnson Scholarship
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: \$500

Nordstrom Scholarship Program
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: \$1,000

American College Foundation: Visionary Scholarship Program
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: Between \$1,000 - \$5,000

Nebraska Association for the Gifted Scholarship
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: \$1,000

UNK Opportunity Fund
 Deadline: April 3
 Amount: Renewable full tuition

Nebraska-College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Scholarship

Nebraska School Counselor Association Scholarship
 Deadline: April 1
 Amount: \$500

Johnny Baxter Carriage House Foundation
 Deadline: April 7
 Amount: \$1,500

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

Horace Mann, the man behind the creation of the first state board of education and one who is viewed as the father of the “common school,” which grew into our country’s public schools, said, “Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery.” The final tenet of the AQuESTT school accountability model is the provision of educational opportunities and access.

It is a common belief that small schools are not able to offer the same number of opportunities that larger schools can. At Shickley Public School, however, we are proud of the numerous opportunities we offer our students. Among the opportunities we offer that set us apart from other schools, both large and small, are: our Early Learning Facility, making Shickley a campus that educates students from 6 weeks to 18 years of age; our supplemental support systems and programs, ensuring our students all receive the help they need in order to be successful; and our challenging course work and course offerings, preparing students for success in the next grade, in college, and in career. In addition to offering these opportunities, we are able to provide access to these opportunities to all students in our district, regardless of who the student is or where he or she came from. Shickley Public School works to prepare all 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



