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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

 Mark your calendars for
 the following important
 dates:

August 7th
 First Day of
 Football Practice.

August 7th
 First Day of
 Volleyball Practice.

August 14th
 Teacher Workday.

August 15th
 Teacher Workday.

August 15th
 Back to School
 Potluck at 6:30 P.M.

August 16th
 First Day of School
 1:00 P.M. Dismissal.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

We have had another successful year here at school. I could list all of the accomplishments, but that would be the entire article. What I hope people realize is what a special thing we have going on here at Shickley Public School. Many people are noticing the great things we have here based on the comments I received following our graduation ceremony. I have been an administrator for 11 years. During this time I have not received so many great compliments on a graduation ceremony as I did this year. Many think that having such small classes is a bad thing. I can tell you that I believe completely the opposite, and graduation day this year was proof. Being small allows us to really be focused on learning, relationships, struggles, academics, behaviors, and many other areas. We are able to make the educational experience much more personal for all of our students. When we get new students one of the things I tell the parents is that they do not have to worry about their student falling through the cracks here. In fact, it is almost impossible to hide in our student body. Teachers develop great relationships with their students.

I do not want to make it seem like we are perfect. There are many things we can get better at. It's just that after graduation this year, it reinforced to me what great things everyone here at Shickley Public School is doing and accomplishing. As always, there is no place like Shickley! Enjoy your summer!

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Spanish Students Took National Spanish Exam

The Shickley High School Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 students recently took the 2017 National Spanish Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. This test is taken by Class A through Class D schools combined, and there were several Shickley students who received recognition for excellent performance in the State of Nebraska Division.

In the Spanish 1, Outside Experience Category, Nicole Swartzendruber received 3rd place, Megan Grote received 4th place, and Karlea Reed received Honorable Mention. In Spanish 2, Courtney Kamler received an Honorable Mention Award. Their Spanish teacher is Shirley Rytych.

“Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, “because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 157,000 students participating in 2017.”

Pictured (left to right): Nicole Swartzendruber, Megan Grote, Karlea Reed, and Courtney Kamler.



Field Trip to Hastings Museum

The Shickley first and second graders went to the Hastings Museum at the end of the school year. They saw a 3D I-Max show entitled "Pandas" as well as a planetarium show called "Little Star that Could." The students enjoyed a couple of guided tours where they learned about sea monsters of Nebraska and the story behind how Kool-Aid was invented. The children asked excellent questions to the tour guides and represented Shickley Public School well.

Pictured to the right are some of the students at the museum.



Brooke Jorgenson Wins 3rd Place in Congressional Art Caucus Competition

Brooke Jorgenson was selected from all students in Nebraska's 3rd district to receive 3rd place in the Congressional Art Caucus Competition. She created an acrylic "triangulated" form of a pineapple, entitled "Geometric Sweetness." Her art piece will hang in Congressman Adrian Smith's Grand Island office for one year. Congressman Smith came to Shickley Public School on Thursday, May 4th, to pick up the artwork and personally hand Brooke her certificate. He answered questions at the K-12 assembly and posed for pictures on his way west to see other Nebraska constituents across the state.

This year the CAC competition almost didn't happen. Last year a student from Ferguson, Missouri created a controversial artwork about the riots there, but it was selected as the winner by the Missouri congressman in that district and it hung in the capital hallway. Other congressmen were offended by the content of the piece (against police officers) and demanded it be taken down, but the Missouri congressman claimed free speech and put it back up. From this controversy, the rules for the contest this year were changed, causing the submission date and winner announcement to be pushed back. From this situation, Shickley high school art students were able to talk about how art can impact society, and sometimes causes change, and how it impacted them personally. In the end, we are glad that the contest went forward and are pleased that Brooke was honored for her artistic talents. Congratulations, Brooke!



Pictured are Congressman Adrian Smith, Brooke, and art teacher Mrs. Jorgenson.

Community Service

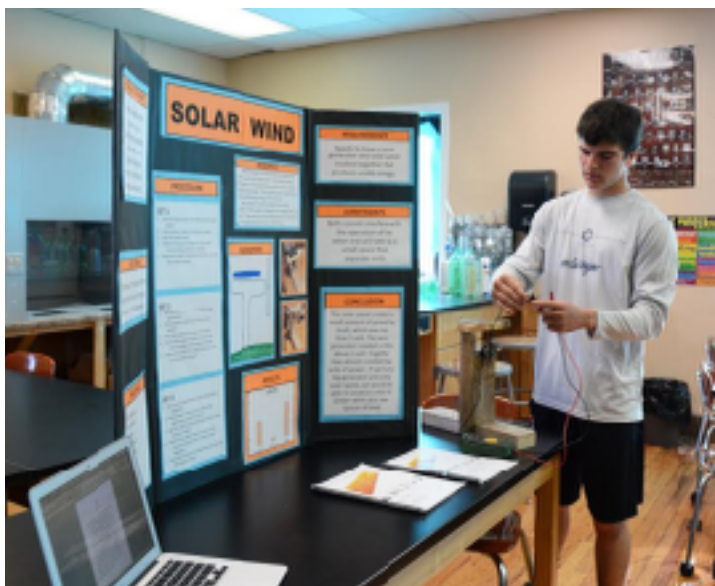
Community service is a way for each of us to give back to our communities and make them better places to live. Each 9-12th grade student is required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service each school year. The summer is a great time for kids to get started, or even complete, their hours. If you have any projects or ideas in which students can earn hours, please contact any 9-12th grade student or let Mrs. Noel know and she will try to get a student matched up with you. She can be contacted at mnoel@longhornpower.org.

College Visits

Getting on a college campus is the best way for students and parents to determine if the college is the right fit for the student. Visiting campuses during the summer allows for more in-depth visits and gives kids the necessary time to take any additional entrance exams. All students, but especially juniors and seniors, should take advantage of this opportunity. To set up a visit, simply call your intended college's admissions office.

Science Fair, by Mrs. Busboom

We had a great experience doing the science fair this year. It is amazing how far this program has come! When I first started 3 years ago, I had absolutely no experience with putting something like this on. The students made my job so easy with their new and exciting ideas! We added an engineering piece this year which gave the students another avenue to explore. I am amazed at what the students have accomplished and how hard they have worked on their projects. This year 1st place in engineering for the junior high were Cadden Carlson and Briana Janning with their automatic doggie door opener and 2nd place went to Reid Richards and Nolan O'Brien with their fencing prototype. In the high school, Thomas Mick and Holden Stengel got 1st in engineering with their solar wind prototype and in 2nd place were Brooke Jorgenson and Austin Plock with their water filtering system. In the experimental division, in the junior high 1st place went to Blake Schlegel and Alyssa Kerwood with their what to hide behind project, and 2nd place went to Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, and Mikenzy Andersen with their water bubble project. For the high school Courtney Kamler and Chris Lichti got 1st place with their brain hernia project, and 2nd place went to Carley Elznic, Nicole Swartzendruber, and Kellen Reinsch with their heredity project. I am so proud of what these students have accomplished and I hope they keep striving to do great work in the future.



We Are Shickley: Yearbook Finalization

Following the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, the yearbook staff still had important business to attend to—that is, finishing the yearbook and submitting it for publication. With some major events happening late in the year—such as graduation and state track—the staff was busy finishing up articles and photo captions for some of the spreads as well as editing and proofreading prior to sending the pages off to be printed in early June.

Sponsors Jennifer Ippensen and Becky Jorgenson would like to thank everyone who helped make this publication possible, including the students, teachers, and community members who helped with various aspects of the book. Many people got involved in the process, making it a fun and collaborative project. Official yearbook staff members include: senior Carley Swartzendruber; juniors Tyler Lear and Nicole Swartzendruber; and freshmen Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Kaylee Noel, and Alyssa Nolt. Additionally, the sophomore class and eleven junior English students contributed by conducting interviews and writing caption and article copy.

The staff also extends a special thanks to the Shickley Community Foundation for again awarding a grant that allowed the inclusion of more classroom and community coverage in the publication. Because the yearbook captures memories and records the history of our school, it is exciting to be able to extend the coverage in this way.

The books are scheduled for fall delivery, which means they will be distributed sometime around the beginning of next school year. If you haven't placed your order yet, don't worry! Some extra books will be available, so you should still be able to get one once they arrive in the fall. The cost will be \$45. Anyone who has purchased a yearbook also has the option to add on a \$25 Photo CD that will include many, many pictures that could not be placed in the book.



Yearbook pages were spread out on tables in the high school English room, allowing the staff to track their progress and check for consistency. Pictured are Nicole Swartzendruber and Raegan Fiala.

Shickley Celebrates Academic Success

On Tuesday, May 16th, Shickley Public School held its annual Celebration of Academic Success. At this celebration, students were recognized for outstanding growth and ability. In all, 98 students were recognized for their outstanding growth over the course of the year, which is defined as exceeding the normal growth in reading, math, science, and language usage expected throughout the school year on a national average, regardless of their baseline scores from the fall. In addition, 24 students were recognized for their outstanding ability in reading, math, science, and language usage, as defined by their status in the 95th or higher percentile in standardized assessments.

Six Inducted to Shickley National Honor Society

On Tuesday, May 9th, six students – Jackson Grote, Caleb Hendrickson, Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, and Caitlin Mosier – were inducted to the Shickley Public School's Chapter of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program. New members were selected based on their GPA and scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Throughout the school year, chapter members are called upon as leaders within the school and community to lead their peers and model appropriate behaviors. Their most visible activity this year was hosting the school Red Cross blood drive.

Pictured are the new members being sworn in at Honor's Night: Caitlin Mosier, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Josiah Kamler, Isaac Kamler, Caleb Hendrickson, and Jackson Grote.



Dodgeball Tournament

Due to chances of rain and the rain that had already fallen, this year's 5K was replaced by a school-wide dodgeball tournament. Students from grades K-11, along with teachers, alumni, and community members, all participated in the tournament. In the championship round, the 8th grade defeated the 9th grade, in what turned out to be a hard-fought and competitive match.



Kindergarten Class Visits Lincoln Children's Zoo

The kindergarten class visited the Lincoln Children's Zoo on Monday, March 15th. The students enjoyed looking at all of the animals, and a train ride was the highlight of the day for many.

The kindergarteners are pictured sitting in a bald eagle's nest at the zoo.



Thoughts from Board Member

As another year at Shickley Public School comes to an end, two things come to mind. First, the year went fast. I even heard students say how fast the school year went! I'd say the teachers would maybe disagree and say the last few weeks took forever, but otherwise, where did the time go? Second, I look back at this time last year and think about all of the improvements that have been made to our school.

The year may have gone fast, but along the way our students had many accomplishments to be proud of. From activities to athletics and everything in between, it's amazing the amount of success our students are able to achieve in the many things that they are involved in within our school district. As patrons, we should always be proud of the things that our students do each day, but when they put forth the results that they do, it makes it easy to recognize how prepared they are for success now and in the future.

In addition to the successes of the students, I feel that the improvements made to the school over the past year have been a success as well. Over the course of the year we heard many compliments about the new look of the facility both on the interior and exterior. Some of the improvements that were made included: renovating the hallways and offices, air conditioning throughout most the building, new hallway lockers, and remodeled locker rooms. This goes along with some of the other improvements from the past few years including the football stands and new storage building / concession stand. All these things along with a few more summer projects have made for an improved experience for our students, teachers, patrons, and visitors.

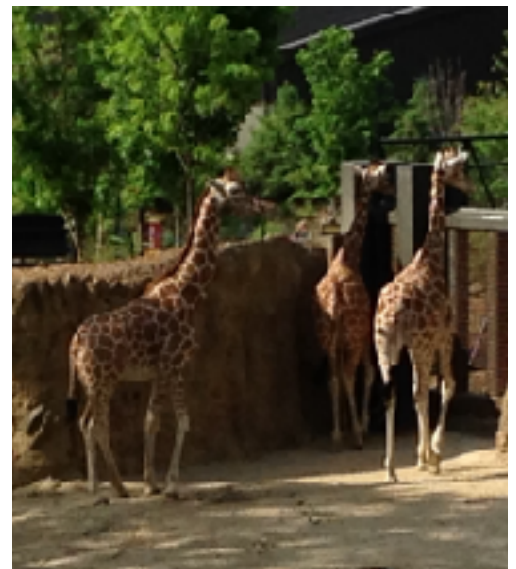
So as another year at Shickley Public School comes to an end, it is amazing how fast the year went. Yet looking back, it amazes me all the successes and improvements we have gone through and it is truly exciting. Thank you to the teachers, staff, administrators, and students for another great year. Also, thank you to all the patrons and parents for the continued support of our school. We are excited about what's taken place and even more excited about the future and what it holds for Shickley Public School! Have a great summer!

Tiya Johnson
Shickley Board of Education

Fifth and Sixth Grades Visit Henry Doorly Zoo

On Monday, May 16th, the 5th and 6th grade classes got the chance to go to Omaha to the Henry Doorly Zoo. While all the kids were excited to see different animals in their habitats, the trip definitely had two major highlights. One was the new African Safari area at the zoo. The second was the new member at the zoo, a baby giraffe. While viewing the giraffe, students got the opportunity to talk to one of the zoo keepers about all of their giraffes and how they can tell them apart, how they interact, and how fast they grow. The students definitely had a good time and got to see many animals from a variety of places!

Pictured are the fifth and sixth graders at the zoo and some of the giraffes they saw.



The Lyle Wagers Award

At the end of every school year, Shickley Public Schools gives an award that honors a person, family, or business that supports our school. The award is called the Lyle Wagers Award. It is named after a man whose support for the school was unwavering and who continued his support to the end of his life. The 2017 award winner is Nancy Hanouw. "Grandma" Nancy as she is referred to at school, has been a volunteer for the Pioneer Foster Grandparent Program for the past 7 years. She spends her time with the K-4 students, helping with reading groups and providing support in various classrooms. With her help, the school is able to provide support to teachers and students and she donates her time to provide those opportunities.

Pictured are Mr. Jorgenson and Nancy Hanouw with her award.



2017 Track Season, by Mr. Shipley

This year's track season was one of new beginnings. Head Coach Aaron Peterson and I, Head Coach Scott Shipley, took over as the new coaches and wanted to continue the success that BDS track has had in recent years. It was a year of great performances by our student athletes. They continued to improve throughout the year. Many of them set personal best records and some new school records. The seniors did a great job of being team leaders. Courtney Kamler, Mashaya Dierking, Hunter Krehnke, Chris Lichti, Brett Holtzen, and Noel Gines all helped our team in different ways reach goals and become better as a team. Our season had us place in both boys and girls team events in a variety of meets. A highlight was our boys winning the Turkey Creek Relays. Our regular season finished with the district track meet at Sandy Creek. At the district meet we had athletes qualify for the state meet. State qualifiers on the ladies side were Mashaya Dierking in the triple jump and Courtney Kamler in the pole vault. On the boys side we had Thomas Mick and Chris Lichti qualify in the pole vault, Garret Schardt in the 200, Hunter Krehnke in the 110 High Hurdles, our 4 x 100 relay of Thomas Mick, Hunter Krehnke, Brett Holtzen, and Garrett Schardt, and our 4 x 400 relay of Karson Dickson, Brett Holtzen, Garrett Schardt, and Hunter Krehnke. It was a great state meet. Courtney Kamler placed 4th in the girls pole vault. Thomas Mick earned a gold medal in the boys pole vault and Chris Lichti got second in the event. Garrett Schardt got 8th in the 200. Hunter Krehnke got 2nd in the 110 High Hurdles. The 4 x 100 relay placed 4th, and the 4 x 400 relay also placed 4th. This variety of scoring allowed our boys to come away with a Class D State Runner-Up trophy. Our student athletes had a very successful season. Our assistant coaches Karen Washington-Oglesby, Shawna Garland, and John Mick did a great job and helped this season be very successful.

Pictured in the top picture is Courtney Kamler pole vaulting. In the bottom left picture is Mashaya Dierking triple jumping. Pictured on the bottom right is the Class D State Runner-Up team and coaches: assistant coach Shawn Garland, assistant coach Karen Washington-Oglesby, Thomas Mick, Noel Gines, Hunter Krehnke, Brett Holtzen, Garrett Schardt, Karson Dickson, girls' head coach Scott Shipley, boys' head coach Aaron Peterson, and assistant coach John Mick.



Quarter Four Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Courtney Kamler

Juniors: Megan Grote and Nicole Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Jady Kleinschmidt

Freshmen: Regan Alfs, Kaylee Noel, and Alyssa Nolt

8th Graders: Mikenzy Andersen, Macy Kamler, and Aaron Mick

7th Graders: Tyler Grote, Madeline Kamler, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, and Taylor Sliva

A Average

Juniors: Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch, Holden Stengel, and Jacob Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Mikaela Andersen, Jackson Grote, Caleb Hendrickson, and Isaac Kamler

Freshmen: Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Zachary Mosier, Justin Stengel, and Joshua Swartzendruber

8th Graders: Nolan O'Brien, Blake Schlegel, and Raleigh Shipley

7th Graders: Taryn Fiala, Landon Johnson, and Elijah Noel

A & B

Juniors: Wyatt Deepe

Freshmen: Samuel Margheim

Semester Two Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Courtney Kamler

Juniors: Megan Grote and Nicole Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Jady Kleinschmidt

Freshmen: Regan Alfs, Kaylee Noel, and Alyssa Nolt

8th Graders: Mikenzy Andersen, Kenzie Bohling, Macy Kamler, and Aaron Mick

7th Graders: Tyler Grote, Madeline Kamler, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, and Taylor Sliva

A Average

Seniors: Carley Swartzendruber

Juniors: Anthony Beavers, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch, Holden Stengel, and Jacob Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Mikaela Andersen, Jackson Grote, Caleb Hendrickson, Isaac Kamler, and Josiah Kamler

Freshmen: Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Zachary Mosier, Justin Stengel, and Joshua Swartzendruber

8th Graders: Nolan O'Brien, Reid Richards, Blake Schlegel, and Raleigh Shipley

7th Graders: Taryn Fiala, Landon Johnson, and Elijah Noel

A & B

Juniors: Wyatt Deepe

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Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

Author John C. Maxwell said, “Growth is the great separator between those who succeed and those who do not. When I see a person beginning to separate themselves from the pack, it’s almost always due to personal growth.”

If we accept Maxwell at his word, then at least one element of success is entirely intrinsically – internally – driven, and that is the desire to grow. Too often, we assume that people, whether they are students, adults, ourselves, or others, are of the mindset to want to grow. That desire though, the desire to grow, must be fostered; it must be nurtured and tended to, like a tomato plant or a rose bush. It must be fed, pruned, and sometimes weeded. But, at the end, what you will have is a grown and productive tomato plant, or a beautiful rosebush. Just like the tomato plant and rosebush, our students must be tended to all year long, not just while they are at school, at practice, at work, or at home. They must be challenged – we all must be challenged – to grow, but the only way to do this is to try something new, something scary, something different. We don’t often try new, scary, or different things without encouragement and support. This is where we as teachers, and you as parents, family members, and community members can help our students; encourage them to try new things, support them in their efforts, and ask them about what they are doing and what they are learning. This is all part of 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
PK-12 Principal
Shickley Public School







