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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

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

November 6th
Fine Arts Night
7:00 P.M.

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

November 15th
Host CRC One-Act
Competition.
No School PK-6th.

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

November 22nd
School Dismissed
at 1:00 P.M.

November 23rd-24th
No School.
Thanksgiving Break

November 28th
Host District One-Act
Competition.
No School PK-6th.

Please check Joyce's
calendar for more events.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

The holiday season is here! Harvest is over and the leaves have fallen. What a great time of year! The football and volleyball teams are competing in the post season and are representing our school well during their competitions. If you have a chance, make sure you come support the Eagles as they compete in their post season play. Stay tuned to Facebook and Twitter to find out when the next game will be played and who our next opponent will be. Go BDS Eagles!

At our last board meeting, we had some students represent Student Council. They made a presentation on the possibility of adding golf as a sport here at Shickley. The students, along with their sponsors Katie Johnson and Amanda Hansel, planned and prepared the presentation. After discussion the board voted to add golf, so in the spring of 2018 we will have a Shickley Longhorn golf team. It will not be a BDS team, as the Bruning-Davenport USD board did not want to add golf at this time. The team will be practicing at the Hidden Hills Country Club in Geneva. A coach will be named at a later date. The reason I am bringing this up is because of how proud I am of our students. The students gave an excellent presentation to the board and were able to answer many questions the board members asked them. These young adults took the initiative to make change happen. To me, this is just one example of how our teachers are training high quality young adults for our society. All of this is proof that we are truly "preparing students for success."

Have a safe and fun holiday season with your friends and family!

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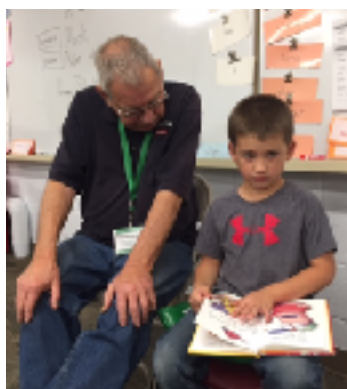


#shickleylonghorns

Community Members Listen to Students Read

The Shickley first graders are very fortunate to have many community members come listen to them read. Iris Wagers, Larry Carlson, Frances Heinrichs, Camella Walters, Sandy Shafer-Nagy, Marg Dowdy, and Clifford Young have all come to help our students succeed at reading. Their contribution is invaluable and greatly appreciated by everyone. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our children, please contact Mrs. Nelson at the school (627-3375) for more details.

Pictured from left to right are Iris Wagers and Mikinzi Oswald; Larry Carlson and Lane Kimbrough; Frances Heinrichs and Emma Hinrichs; and Ashyla Ramirez and Camella Walters.



ASVAB Testing for Sophomores

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered to the sophomore class on December 6th. Even though this is the test required to join the military, it also has many benefits to non-military students. The students will answer questions that showcase their strengths and aptitudes for different careers and fields of study. It is a great indicator of students' all-around strengths and weaknesses that will be utilized in their future endeavors.

FFA Members Help with Harvest Bonanza

Shickley FFA members teamed up with KUTT again this year for Harvest Bonanza on Monday, October 16th. Anthony Beavers, Jackson Grote and Lexi Kadel were on hand to deliver meals to area farmers as they came to Shickley Grain.

EHA Wellness

This fall Shickley Public School was awarded the Governor's Wellness Award for our health and wellness efforts. As a staff, we have participated in various wellness challenges in the last three years that target different areas of wellness. Each challenge is designed to address one of the six areas of health and wellness: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, occupational, and social. Through the use of the EHA wellness challenges, Shickley has seen improvements in the number of people who are physically active yielding a 10% improvement. We are honored to receive this award and plan to continue to grow and share the benefits of being healthy individuals and a healthy school.



Pictured are wellness coordinators Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Zajic, Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley, and Superintendent Mr. Jorgenson receiving the wellness award at the 15th Annual Safety and Wellness Conference.

7th Grade English News

Writing is such an important skill that has many facets and nuances to it that it can take years to perfect. Throughout the first quarter, the 7th grade students worked on improving their personal writing by delving into the editing process using the 6-Traits method. The 6-Traits method breaks writing into six main components, which allows the editing process to be more manageable and successful. One of the traits that was focused on was organization. The students were assigned a location within the Shickley community and were asked to write specific directions on how to get from the classroom to their specific business. Before going out on the streets, they had to put the directions given to them in order and figure out where they were headed. The activity ended with students following the directions, exactly as written, trying to get to the known location. Many mishaps occurred, which provided the opportunity for great conversations discussing the importance of organization and word choice. Pictured during this activity are Coy Margheim and Ashley Schlegel.



UNK Campus Visit

Ten high school students visited UNK's campus on October 23rd. They were able to visit with student ambassadors, take a campus visit, look at a couple of dorm rooms, and eat lunch on campus. The students who went on the campus visit were: front row - Brooke Jorgenson, Raleigh Shipley, Sam Margheim, Caleb Hendrickson; back row - Kaylee Noel, Blake Schlegel, Isaac Kamler, Anthony Beavers, and Josiah Kamler.



NHSPA Presents Awards & Award-Winning Ideas

The Nebraska High School Press Association's (NHSPA) Fall Convention was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the UNL Student Union. Eight Shickley students attended with their yearbook sponsors Mrs. Jennifer Ippensen and Mrs. Rebecca Jorgenson. Members of this year's yearbook staff are: Macy Kamler, Raegan Fiala, Regan Alfs, Nicole Swartzendruber, Brooke Jorgenson, Kaylee Noel, Briana Janing, and Bryn Kadel (pictured in the UNL Student Union).

The keynote presentation was about Social Justice Journalism. Professor Joe Starita, and UNL students shared their Wounds of Whiteclay project experience. This journalistic effort has helped bring about life-saving change in Nebraska. You can visit the website at www.woundsofwhiteclay.com. Their presentation emphasized that through journalism student voices can make a positive impact on society.

Students also attended a number of breakout sessions on special topics, including:

- UNL photography professor Bruce Thorson shared secrets of taking outstanding sports photos and creating other kinds of award-winning photos.
- Journalism instructor Jessica Fargen Walsh showed attendees how to craft impactful headlines.
- *Omaha World-Herald* columnist Matthew Hansen discussed his methods of thinking creatively about story ideas.
- Veteran reporters Cindy Lange-Kubick and Peter Salter of the *Lincoln Journal Star* provided tips for writing feature stories.
- Former *Chicago Tribune* journalist Katie Nieland presented important design principles to help publications stand out.
- Dirk Chatelain, *Omaha World-Herald* sports writer, talked about how to tell memorable and engaging sports stories that resonate beyond the playing field.
- Lani Hanson, former editor of UNL's campus newspaper, the *Daily Nebraskan*, shared leadership ideas related to keeping your staff happy, motivated, and productive.

At the convention, awards were handed out for last year's publications. Shickley's 2016-17 yearbook "We Are Shickley" received a Superior rating and special Golden Kernel awards for theme and coverage!

Last year Tyler Lear was a full-time yearbook staff member who took a journalism class. He was responsible for most of the photo sorting, selecting, and editing for the publication. Tyler also collected information, interviewed students, and wrote copy for the book. Co-curricular members of the staff were Carley Swartzendruber, Nicole Swartzendruber, Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Kaylee Noel, and Alyssa Nolt. Staff members were responsible for all aspects of the publication, including theme development, photography, sales, writing, and editing. Sophomore and junior English students also wrote copy for many captions and articles. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to making the yearbook a successful publication!

The NHSPA judge's feedback on last year's publication and the ideas that were presented at the fall convention will provide guidance as the yearbook staff works to publish the 2017-18 yearbook.

Pictured are students who attended the NHSPA Fall Convention at the UNL Student Union, awaiting the keynote speaker: Macy Kamler, Raegan Fiala, Regan Alfs, Nicole Swartzendruber, Brooke Jorgenson, Kaylee Noel, Briana Janing, and Bryn Kadel.



Apply2College

Applying to a college can be one of the most exciting, and sometimes scariest, moments in a young person's life. Many graduating students get stuck when filling out college applications because of unknown technical wording, uncertainty of the steps to take to complete the application, or knowing what to do once the application is complete. As a way to help alleviate the stress Shickley seniors may feel when completing the potentially daunting task of applying to colleges, a couple of class periods were set aside on October 12th to help them fill out at least one application. Apply2College, a campaign sponsored by Education Quest, is used as a way to encourage seniors graduating from Nebraska high schools to apply to college. The seniors were given help from a Central Community College representative, Mrs. Jorgenson, and Mrs. Noel. At the end of the two class periods, there were a total of 19 applications completed, which does not include the additional 17 applications that were submitted before the day of the event. Pictured is Anthony Beavers receiving help from fellow senior Lexi Kadel.



Summer Reading Challenge

Several students from the kindergarten through 6th grade classes participated in the Summer Reading Challenge this past summer. The challenge began on May 8, 2017 and finished September 8, 2017. Students around the world completed the challenge and accumulated a total of 138,399,392 total minutes of reading. Of that total, Shickley students read 23,769 minutes. This year's winners were the top 5 students: Emma Hinrichs, Gabe Tobias, Brady Noel, and Grace Tobias. Grace was our overall top reader with 9,126 minutes. Pictured in the elementary library are Gabe Tobias, Grace Tobias, and Brady Noel.



Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest

The Fillmore County Coalition recently sponsored a poster contest for Red Ribbon Week. Art students in grades 2 through 6 entered the contest. Second grader Cameron Wilson was chosen as our school's winner. His drawing of a red ribbon robin was made into a 3' x 4' vinyl sign that hangs in our school hallway. Cameron is pictured standing next to the sign.



Reading Excitement

A great article provided by the *Parents Make a Difference Newsletter* discusses the importance of making reading exciting. Strong reading skills are beneficial in every school subject, but experts say that to build reading abilities, children must **want** to read. Unfortunately, many children just aren't interested.

To show your child that reading is enjoyable and rewarding:

- * **Listen to audiobooks.** This is a way to show a reluctant reader how interesting books can be. Young children may enjoy recordings made by parents. They can follow along with the book while listening.
 - Axis 360 our e-Book program provides great audio books at all age-levels.
- * **Sign your child up for a pen pal.** Kids love receiving mail and learning about life in other countries. Ask your child's teacher or a librarian about how to get involved.
- * **Take a field trip.** Challenge your child to research attractions in your area, such as museums and parks. Then ask her to be your tour guide as she shares with you what she's learned.
- * **Follow current events.** Is there a developing news story that interests your child? Read the latest reports in the paper or online together each night.
- * **Give reading coupons.** Show your child that you think reading is special by giving them reading coupons. Some might be for 30 minutes of reading with you. Others might be good for a trip to the bookstore or an extra trip to the library to select a book. Reading coupons also make great rewards for good behavior.

FFA Competes at Land Judging Contest

The Little Blue Natural Resources District hosted the South Central Land Judging Contest at the Bruning Dam. During this contest students determined depth of soil, texture, permeability, slope of a specific area, and the amount of erosion that has taken place. Once that information was determined they found the land capability class and then selected what conservation practices should be utilized on the site. There were 321 students who competed with only the top half receiving ribbons. The following are the members who competed and their ribbon results: Caitlin Mosier - (14th) purple, Raegan Fiala - blue, Jacob Swartzendruber - red, Nicole Swartzendruber - red, Justin Stengel - red, Jady Kleinschmidt - red, Holden Stengel - red, Kellen Reinsch - white, Lexi Kadel - white, Thomas Mick - white, Wyatt Deepe - white, Regan Alfs - white, Nathan Nelson - white, Anthony Beavers - white, Josh Swartzendruber, Brock Swartzendruber, Josiah Kamler, Caleb Hendrickson, Zach Mosier, Austin Plock, Sam Margheim, and Isaac Kamler. The team consisting of Caitlin, Brock, Raegan, and Zach received a white ribbon and placed 8th. The team of Jacob, Holden, Nicole, and Wyatt also received a white ribbon. Pictured are FFA members at the Bruning Dam.



Student Council News

The Student Council Outreach Project raised \$830 from selling tickets for a t-shirt quilt. The t-shirt quilt was made from t-shirts of Shickley school organizations and extra curricular activities. The lucky winner was Isaac Kamler! Thank you to staff, students, and community members who donated for a wonderful cause. The Student Council chose to donate their money to the *Feed the Children Organization*. Working together, we made a big difference! Pictured are Carley Elznic, Isaac Kamler, and Anthony Beavers.



Student Council members created a presentation based on the student body's interest in adding golf to the extra curricular activities here in Shickley. Members of the student body met with the Shickley Board of Education and expressed their interest and participation levels. There was great discussion between the two groups. The board voted and approved to add golf in the spring of 2018. Students are looking forward to this! Pictured are the students who presented to the school board: Kellen Reinsch, Caleb Hendrickson, Josiah Kamler, and Isaac Kamler.



Red Ribbon Week took place October 23rd-27th. Some of the activities that took place in the school to raise awareness included a writing essay about various activities students like to participate in instead of using drugs and dress-up days. Teachers wore red ribbons during the week to show support of being drug free. Elementary students participated in an exercise to learn about the importance of your lungs. They had to run in place for two minutes. They were then to focus on their breathing. The second time they had to run in place for two minutes and breath through a straw. This helped students realize the negative effects smoking has on lungs. Student Council's goal was to make students aware of the negative effects that drugs can have on children and teens.

Junior High Football 2017

The Junior High Football team wrapped up its season in the middle of October with a 1-2 record. The season was a new experience for both players and coaches as low numbers and a rash of injuries kept the team from playing its full schedule. Although there was disappointment in not being able to play a full schedule, the team showed great energy in trying to get better each day despite the circumstances. "The attitude and resiliency to keep showing up to practice with effort and desire to get better shows a lot about the character of the kids we get to work with as part of the BDS Cooperative. When the kids get together they really take pride in what they do for each other, their towns, and their team. They do really great things together and are committed to putting in the work it takes to become better players so that they can compete at the highest level going forward," Coach Schroeder commented. The team was able to play its first three games before having to miss out on their last three games due to numbers for both the Eagles and their opponents. One of the bright spots was the improvement in many of the 8th grade players from where they were as 7th graders. Along with that, it was fun to see the 7th graders become accustomed to some of the things done at the junior high level in comparison to elementary levels and how that impacts them and their growth as football players. Team members included: Anthony Schweer, Tyler Grote, Eli Noel, Adam Alfs, Tyler Houser, Ashton Kerwood, Cameron Hoins, Zachary Hoins, Colton Houser, Lathan Stanek, Derek Domeier, and Easton Weber. Coaches were Aaron Peterson, Kameron Ficken, and Greg Schroeder.

6th Grade, by Mr. Schroeder

After a crazy start due to visiting speakers, half-days, and the sun disappearing on us for a while, the 6th grade class has settled in and things have really started rolling. The eleven students have provided a lot of energy and charisma to the classroom for the 2017-2018 school year. Throughout the first quarter, one of the main goals was understanding the responsibility it takes to put students in a position for them to be successful. This included carving out a piece of time to make sure we do the things that we don't always enjoy, but need to get done. For students, this often means homework, AR, projects, getting to bed at a decent time, and so on. As adults, we go through the same difficulties and it's important that students know it isn't just a school situation, but it is real life. Sometimes it is hard to see the big picture at such a young age, but I think the kids have taken ahold of the situation, and I've been very pleased with the return of work that has come through and it keeps getting better. I say this every year, but things like this make it really great to work with the kids I get to work with here at Shickley.

Another thing that we focus on early is that it is ok to seek out help. I think a lot of times in our lives we put pressure on ourselves to have all the answers or solutions to all of our problems when in reality we don't. For a lot of people, (myself included) we can take it as a shot to our pride if we need to seek out help. One thing I've come to learn and try to relay to our students (and myself for that matter) is that we don't have all the answers. Seeking out help when it is needed is something that takes a lot of guts because it goes against our natural inclinations. When we seek out the needed help, we allow ourselves to expand outside of our comfort zone and to learn something and get a new perspective on a subject that we may not have had before. Please encourage your students to reach out when they aren't sure, because they shouldn't have all the answers, no one does, myself included. When we do reach out, we can learn things we didn't know before and that allows all of us to grow, not only ourselves but our classmates, our school, and our community, and that is a good thing.

In closing, thank you for all you do for the kids I get to work with in the classroom and the school. I've been told many times that I must be crazy for wanting to work with kids every day. But when I think about it, I think you'd have to be crazy not to want to work with our kids. How many places can you go and have an opportunity to make someone's day? Teach them something they never knew? See the smile or the laugh that is worth a thousand words? These are the types of things I get to experience on a daily basis and these things can make even the worst of days seem pretty good! So again, thank you for all you do for the kids I get to work with each day. They make my job worth it!

Plant Science Class Teaches Soil Lesson to the Fourth Grade

Plant science students had the opportunity to share their knowledge about soils with the 4th graders on October 12th. The 4th graders had been learning about the different regions of Nebraska and what is grown in them during a social studies unit about Nebraska. This activity allowed the high schoolers to share what they had learned in the soils unit in their plant science class. They discussed the different types of soil found in Nebraska, how to minimize erosion, and soil horizons. It was a fun lesson and Regan Alfs said, "It was cool to be the teachers and get to share what we learned in class with younger students." Pictured are Evan Swartzendruber and Jaxen Heath being taught by Zach Mosier.



Junior Class Teaches Digital Citizenship to Keyboarding Classes

Following their Media Literacy unit in English, the junior class teamed up to help elementary students learn about digital citizenship during their keyboarding classes. The juniors planned a series of activities to help students make smart choices and represent themselves effectively online. The third and fourth grade classes learned about staying safe on the web and cyberbullying, by discussing what they should and should not do. The fifth and sixth grade classes learned about using search engines and crafting appropriate emails. All third through sixth graders also participated in an activity that featured online decisions and behaviors written on paper footprints, symbolizing the digital footprints people leave behind through their online activity. If the decision or behavior was positive, students put it up on a whiteboard decorated to look like a green computer. They threw negative decisions and behaviors in the trash.

This was an excellent way to have high school students interact with elementary students. Often times elementary students are influenced by the high school kids that they look up to. Having the juniors teach these kids how to be good digital citizens and why it is important made a big impact on the students since it was their peers teaching them. The elementary students enjoyed having them be a part of their keyboarding classes. This opportunity is one more way our staff and kids work with each other and helps to prepare our students for success. The picture on the left is Josiah Kamler working with the fifth grade students. The picture on the right shows Isaac Kamler, Caleb Hendrickson, Caitlin Mosier, Josiah Kamler, and Mrs. Ippensen talking with the third graders.



Music Department News, by Mr. Harris

The Shickley Music Department was a very musical department over the summer months. Many students entering 5th through 12th grade took private band lessons to improve their instrumental knowledge.

The students have hit the ground running and performed at home football and volleyball games this fall. The high school band performed at the Nebraska State Fair and Harvest of Harmony, while both the junior high and high school bands performed at the Yorkfest and Homecoming Parades. The high school band placed 3rd at Yorkfest and 7th at Harvest of Harmony in Class D. The high school band will perform at the annual Fine Arts Night on November 6th. Mrs. Judy Lichti and Alyssa Nolt will lend their wonderful musical talents to help accompany the groups this year. Honor Band and Choir season has already begun. Shickley will be represented at Nebraska State Music Educators All-State Choir by 3-time member Anthony Beavers. Doane Honor Bands selected Anthony Beavers, Carley Elznic, Brooke Jorgenson, Lexi Kadel, Alyssa Nolt, and Nicole Swartzendruber to be a part of their ensembles. Lexi Kadel was also selected as one of the 44 high school trumpet players to play at a Nebraska football game along side the Cornhusker Marching Band.

The music department has been very active, and we are looking forward to a successful year! It's a great day to be a Longhorn!

Quarter One Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Anthony Beavers, Carley Elznic, Megan Grote, Lexi Kadel, and Nicole Swartzendruber

Juniors: Jackson Grote, Caleb Hendrickson, Isaac Kamler, and Jadyn Kleinschmidt

Sophomores: Regan Alfs, Zachary Mosier, Kaylee Noel, and Alyssa Nolt

Freshmen: Mikenzy Andersen, Macy Kamler, and Aaron Mick

8th Graders: Taryn Fiala, Tyler Grote, Madeline Kamler, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, and Taylor Sliva

7th Graders: Brianna Jorgenson, Hannah Miller, and Ashley Schlegel

A Average Honor Roll

Seniors: Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch, Holden Stengel, and Jacob Swartzendruber

Juniors: Mikaela Andersen and Josiah Kamler

Sophomores: Raegan Fiala, Brooke Jorgenson, Justin Stengel, and Joshua Swartzendruber

Freshmen: Kenzie Bohling, Bryn Kadel, Nolan O'Brien, Reid Richards, Blake Schlegel, and Raleigh Shipley

8th Grader: Elijah Noel

7th Grader: Gracie Swartzendruber

A and B Honor Roll

8th Grader: Abbigail Jamison

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

In the world of education, there are many processes at work. Early in their educational careers, we are teaching students the fundamentals of subjects and ideas. Students learn math facts and spelling, rules and exceptions. These fundamentals are necessary in the next steps of understanding the complexities of the concepts as they grow, and for students to grow and progress. Nothing is as simple as the fundamentals make it seem, but without the fundamentals, students don't have the building blocks for analysis and synthesis which they will need in order to be successful in high school, college, and career.

Analysis and synthesis, or destruction and creation, are at the heart of deep and critical thinking. The ability to act in creative and innovative manners, to think critically, and to solve problems depends on the ability to break a problem or situation down to its most basic issues, and then to build a solution. This doesn't happen without practice, though. This practice can't be haphazard, or random; it must be purposeful and directed.

John Boyd, in his seminal work entitled *Destruction and Creation*, provides us with two models for teaching these skills: "We can start from a comprehensive whole and break it down to its particulars or we can start with the particulars and build towards a comprehensive whole." As you walk through the halls at Shickley Public School, you will see this work being done, and you will see the fundamentals being taught and developed; you will see the process of developing the ability to analyze and synthesize in each of our students, slowly but surely preparing them 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.

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