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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

March 2nd
School Dismissed
at 2:30 P.M.

March 8th
End of Third Quarter.

March 9th
No School.
Spring Break.

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

March 16th
Blood Drive
In Gym.

School Dismissed
at 2:30 P.M.

March 30th
No School.
Easter Break.

Please check Joyce's
calendar for more events.

March Madness! However, I am not talking about the basketball court, I am talking about the legislature. I attended a legislative update in Lincoln on February 20th. At this conference, different state senators who are the chairmen of legislative committees, spoke about different bills that will be coming before the floor for debate. Most of the senators spoke of bills that involved property tax relief. LB 947 (introduced by Governor Ricketts and Senator Smith), LB 1084 introduced by Senator Briesse, and LB 829 (introduced by Senator Erdman) are the three major property tax bills that are on the table.

They are now past the midpoint of the session and priority bills have been set. Over 700 bills were introduced in the first 30 days and over 90 have been prioritized. They will only get to 20-30 of these bills because of the lack of time. There is going to be a lot of negotiating in the last half of the session and there could be a lot of "madness" on the unicameral floor.

An old but new adventure will begin in the spring for the Shickley Longhorns. The board voted in October to add golf as a sport for our high school students. Golf will not be a BDS sport, as Bruning-Daveport was not interested in adding it. We will be competing as the Shickley Longhorns. Golf is not new to Shickley. The last time the Longhorns had golfers was in 2004. The students are very excited about this opportunity to play golf. The home course will be the Hidden Hills Country Club in Geneva, and we will be sharing the course with the Fillmore Central team. If you have a chance, come out and support the Longhorn golfers. The first meet is March 27th, at Superior.

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Art News

Three juniors were invited to have their artwork displayed in the Statewide High School Invitational Exhibit for UNL's "Nebraska Young Artist" Awards (NYA): Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Mikaela Andersen, and Caitlin Mosier. Their artworks will be displayed in the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery at the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus, just south of Memorial Stadium, from the opening on February 27th through March 13th. Congratulations to these Shickley juniors! Jadyn's artwork is pictured on the left, Mikaela's is in the middle, and Caitlin's is on the right.



Youth Art Month

Congratulations to sophomore Kaylee Noel and freshman Mikenzy Andersen for being selected to represent Shickley Public School in the Lincoln Capital Rotunda for YAM (Youth Art Month). Their artwork will be displayed from March 4th through the 17th. Congratulations to these outstanding art students! Kaylee's artwork is pictured on the left and Mikenzy's is pictured on the right.



Scholastic Art Contest

Congratulations to some Shickley Longhorn high school art students for placing in the state juried Scholastic Art Contest. The Scholastic Art Contest includes all sizes of schools across Nebraska competing in art categories, so it is an honor to be recognized as one of the top art students in the state. Their artworks are part of a display at the Omaha TAC building from February 23rd through March 31st. The following students were selected: Brooke Jorgenson, two honorable mentions and one silver key for her ceramic clay hand, watercolor illustration, and painting on a violin; Mikenzy Andersen, honorable mention for her ceramic teapot; Macy Kamler, honorable mention for her zentangle line design/silhouette drawing; Dalton Kleinschmidt, gold key for his plexiglass etched print; and Blake Schlegel, silver key for his plexiglass etched print.

Memory Project

The Memory Project pairs artists around the world with children in need. Artists draw the children's portraits which are returned back to the child as a keepsake, showing them that others care about them and giving them hope. According to the website, since 2004, more than 100,000 portraits have been created for children in 43 countries. This year, Shickley 8th graders Madeline Kamler and Brooklynn Nelson took on the Memory Project challenge and drew Mishutka, a child from a Russian orphanage. The entire 8th grade class did a unit on portrait drawing, and learned more about the challenges our Memory Project child may face in Russia. However, the only information we have about Mishutka is his age and that he likes red, so both girls included that color in their drawings for him. We also learned about how art can impact the world around us and about other portrait artists. These portraits will be delivered to the child in Russia in late March or early April. Thanks to Madeline and Brooklynn for volunteering their time and sharing their talents! Madeline is pictured on the left and Brooklynn is pictured on the right with their portraits of Mishutka.



Shickley First Grade News

The Shickley first graders were very fortunate to have a special friend donate a replica of Abraham Lincoln to our class. We have been learning about the influential lives of President Lincoln and George Washington. The children used a Venn diagram to help them compare and contrast these presidents' lives and contributions to our society. To culminate this unit they will choose their favorite president and then support their answers with details that they learned. By watching videos and reading biographies of outstanding people, the students are learning specific traits and qualities that both of these men possessed which helped them to achieve their goals. Many of the children are now checking out more historical as well as nonfiction books. The class is pictured with the replica of Abraham Lincoln.



Shickley Math

The math department has been busy computing, differentiating, analyzing, and predicting. One student says there has even been a little crying! We hope those have been tears of happiness! In September, six students travelled to Doane College to compete in the 18th annual triMATHlon. The quiz bowl team finished in 4th place, and Kellen Reinsch received 11th place honors in the individual test round. Hopefully, we will send a team to Harvard for their annual math day competition in March. Also in March, Pi Day events will take place on the 14th.

The Pre-Algebra class is working on their geometry skills. Algebra I is learning the ins and outs of quadratics. Geometry students are knee deep in triangles with the Calculus I students applying derivatives. Algebra II is analyzing the graphs of polynomials, and Advanced Math is relieved to have completed the trigonometry section. Standards Math is looking at applications of mathematics to our surroundings. As we approach the end of the third quarter, we continue to keep calm, and just do the math and strive for understanding.

Shickley Public School 2018 Annual Plant Sale

Shickley students would like to help you get ready for spring! It's that time of year again when students will be out and about taking pre-orders for plants. Along with our plant sales this year, we will also be selling seed packets. This is the only fundraiser that students grades 7th-11th have to raise funds for their class. These funds help with prom, graduation, and other class projects.

Our plant sales begin the first of March and all orders will need to be turned in by April 9th. Plant pick up day is Wednesday, April 25th.

If you would like to order plants and no one has come your way, please call Lisa Cogswell or Sandi Snyder at the school 402-627-3375 and they will help you.

Conference Quiz Bowl

On Wednesday, February 14th, Mr. Shipley took the junior high and high school quiz bowl teams to Dorchester for the CRC Quiz Bowl Contests. The high school team placed placed 3rd. Team members are pictured to the right. Front row - Regan Alfs, Kaylee Noel, Jackson Grote, Nicole Swartzendruber, Caleb Hendrickson, and Macy Kamler; back row - Isaac Kamler, Kellen Reinsch, Anthony Beavers, Reid Richards, Raleigh Shipley, and Josiah Kamler.



FFA News

Shickley FFA members spent time reflecting on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs) as they completed proficiency applications for district competition. The FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor members who, through their SAEs, have developed specialized skills they can apply towards future careers. Students completed the applications, which were then forwarded to the district for review. The chapter had 19 applications that were submitted and five of them were selected to represent the district at the state contest.

Agricultural Services Placement/Entrepreneurship

Caleb Hendrickson-Gold State

Raegan Fiala-Gold

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Brock Swartzendruber-Silver

Austin Plock-Bronze

Beef Production Placement

Nicole Swartzendruber-Silver

Dairy Production Placement

Anthony Beavers-Gold State

Diversified Agriculture Production Placement/Entrepreneurship

Holden Stengel-Gold State

Justin Stengel-Gold

Zach Mosier-Silver

Nathan Nelson-Silver

Diversified Crop Production Placement

Josh Swartzendruber-Silver

Sam Margheim-Silver

Diversified Livestock Production Placement

Regan Alfs-Gold State

Landscape Management

Isaac Kamler-Gold State

Jackson Grote-Bronze

Outdoor Recreation Placement/Entrepreneurship

Caitlin Mosier-Gold State

Jadyn Kleinschmidt-Gold

Kaylee Noel-Silver

Josiah Kamler-Silver

Scheduling for 2018-19 School Year

Inputting of schedules will begin on March 20th. By this time, students will have received a list of available classes, online and dual credit opportunities, and a personal learning plan. It is most helpful if parents and students sit down together and talk through future plans and expectations. Listed are the core classes required for enrollment into UNL: English 4 years, Mathematics 4 years, Social Sciences 3 years, Natural Sciences 3 years, and Foreign Language 2 years. All of the other colleges in Nebraska are either the same or have slightly fewer requirements. As a reminder, if a student does decide to take either an online or dual credit class, they need to understand that no matter what their grade is in that class, that's the GPA they begin their college career with. Depending on the college, some will not accept any grades lower than a "C" from a different collegiate school. This means, that students and parents really need to think about and decide if it is the best idea for the student to take online or dual credit classes based on the student's learning abilities and school work ethic.

Physical Education News

As many of you may know, the 2018 Winter Olympics just concluded, and during the Olympics the elementary PE students were having a winter Olympic competition of their own. All of the K-6 students were split into four teams to compete in makeshift Olympic games. Each team picked a country to represent and the countries chosen were Canada, South Korea, Jamaica, and the United States. Each day the kids compete in a different Winter Olympics game and earned points depending on their team's finish in the competition. The students competed in luge, moguls, bobsled, hockey, biathlon, ice dancing, and alpine skiing. The students were encouraged to watch the Olympics and watch how the real games played out. At the end of the competition there will be a medal ceremony and the students will get to claim victory and pride for the country they represent. As of the time of this writing, team USA holds a slight lead, but it is anyone's game. Pictured on the left is Sydney Benson and on the right is Eli Margheim both competing in olympic games.



Local Scholarships Deadline

The deadline for the local scholarships is April 1st and the applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Noel. A new application form is being used this year that should help expedite the process.

Elementary and Junior High Speeches

On March 6th, the 5th-8th grade students will be presenting their in-class speeches. The students have the opportunity to choose a topic they find interesting, research it, and create a well-written and cohesive speech that will be presented in front of their peers in the classrooms on that day. The top three speeches will then be given the opportunity to present their class-winning speech at Longhorn Speech Night on March 12th. Everyone is welcome to attend both events.

Upcoming College Campus Visits

Spring will be a busy time for visiting college campuses. On March 28th, students will have the opportunity to visit Doane College and Concordia University. On April 12th, students will be visiting UNL's East and City Campuses, and finally, on April 26th, students will be visiting Wayne State College and Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Junior Day

The juniors attended Junior Day at Exeter-Milligan on February 6th. The day consisted of six break-out sessions, a college representative fair, and giveaways from the attending colleges. The portions of the day that the students said they enjoyed most were attending the business panel, visiting with college representatives, and learning more about the steps that they need to take to be successfully accepted into college.

Spelling Bee

On Thursday, February 22nd, fourteen Shickley spellers representing four different grades went to the Fillmore County Courthouse for the Fillmore County Spelling Bee. Representing Shickley in the 5th and 6th grades and pictured on the left were: Lauren Richards, Grace Tobias, Stella Ippensen, Cloey Carlson, Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, Malinda Kamler, and Jacob Beavers. In the 7th and 8th grades and pictured on the right are: Brianna Jorgensen, Taylor Sliva, Madeline Kamler, Hannah Miller, Eli Noel, and Ashley Schlegel.

The competition was split up into two divisions: 5th/6th and 7th/8th. In the 5th/6th competition, Jacob Beavers finished in 3rd place and Grace Tobias won 1st place. In the 7th/8th grade division, Eli Noel got 4th place, and Madeline Kamler brought home the 2nd place trophy. Clearly, Shickley was well represented by these students. As a reward, students were treated to Subway and ice cream. Good work, students!



Shickley Public School Hosting Red Cross Blood Drive

On March 16th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Shickley Public School and the Shickley Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting their 6th annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Blood donations are important because almost everyone, at some time 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 call Mr. Ippensen at the school (402-627-3375) to schedule your donation. Remember, hope begins with you; give blood.

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

When faced with a situation in which you don't have a needed skill or ability, the answer can often be boiled down to one of two solutions: develop the skill or ability for yourself, or hire someone who already has the skill. Neither of these solutions is particularly wrong, but they represent two significantly different approaches to problem solving at an organizational level.

A big push in the educational world today is the encouragement of an entrepreneurial mindset. The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (www.ntfe.com) and Everfi (www.everfi.com) describe this mindset as one "that equips [students] to recognize opportunity, take initiative, and innovate in the face of challenges." The innovation required to implement a solution to a problem, or to take advantage of an opportunity, requires an understanding of whether or not we have the skills and abilities needed to solve the problem on our own, or if we need to get more people involved.

Some peoples' skills and abilities lead them to recognize problems and develop potential solutions; others are more inclined to implement existing solutions, while a third group have the skill and ability to do both. The key for us, as educators and influencers of young people, is to help them see who they are, to help them discover their talents and strengths, and to help them realize when it might be best for them to ask for assistance. Knowing what you can do, what you want to do, and what you need to have done for you is essential to success. We are working to teach our students to recognize each of these things, in order to prepare 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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