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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

> April 2nd No School. Easter Break.

April 6th Grandparents' Day 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Elementary Dismissed At 1:00 P.M.

Junior High and High School Dismissed at 2:30 P.M.

April 16th School Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

April 20th School Dismissed at 2:30 P.M.

April 25th Plant Pick-Up Day 8:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

April 27th Kindergarten Roundup At 8:30 A.M.

Please check Joyce's calendar for more events.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

Who is ready for spring? Green leaves, flowers, and grass are signs of spring every year. At school, spring also brings the testing season. We will be assessing students using different tests. The 3rd-12th grades will be taking the MAP test. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. This assessment gives us valuable information. One reason we like this test is that while you can compare it to how others do on it across the nation, it is based more on individual growth. It will also tell us areas of strength/weakness for individuals, classrooms, and our district. Juniors will be taking an additional test. This will be the second year in a row that every junior will be taking the ACT test. Those students will be testing on April 3rd. The final assessment that our students will be taking is the state test, which has a new title, the NSCAS. It stands for the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System. This name replaces the NeSA which stood for the Nebraska State Assessment. Student in grades 3-10 will be taking these tests.

As you can see, our students will be busy this spring in the classroom. We always encourage parents that if you have a student in these grades that you encourage them to do well, but also to make sure that they are getting plenty of rest and nourishment while they are at home during this testing window. I know that our teachers will have them prepared for the exams, and we will see results that will be outstanding!

Finally, we are wrapping up the end of the year and the summer projects are being set. We have already completed one project. The old building has always had a little bit of water coming in the boiler rooms. The surfacing outside was asphalt and has never been very good about getting the water away from the buildings in between the junior high wing and the high school building. We took out the asphalt and replaced it with concrete. We are hoping that will alleviate the problem. Spring showers should let us know if it worked!

Bryce Jorgenson
Superintendent
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Quarter Three Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Megan Grote and Nicole Swartzendruber

Juniors: Jackson Grote and Isaac Kamler

Sophomores: Regan Alfs, Brooke Jorgenson, Zachary Mosier, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Not, and Justin Stengel

Freshmen: Mikenzy Andersen, Kenzie Bohling, Aaron Mick, and Raleigh Shipley

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

Seniors: Anthony Beavers, Wyatt Deep, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel, Thomas Mick, Kellen Reinsch,

Holden Stengel, and Jacob Swartzendruber

Juniors: Mikaela Andersen, Caleb Hendrickson, Josiah Kamler, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, and Caitlin Mosier Sophomores: Raegan Fiala, Samuel Margheim, Brock Swartzendruber, and Joshua Swartzendruber

Freshmen: Macy Kamler, Nolan O'Brien, Reid Richards, and Blake Schlegel

8th Grader: Elijah Noel

7th Grader: Gracie Swartzendruber

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agricultural settings, including electricity, lawn mowers, the internet, opioid drugs, etc. NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley and Fillmore Central FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E., and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early registration forms and \$5 are due April 20th; forms can be downloaded at fillmore.unl.edu. They were also sent home with students. After April 20th, registration is \$10/youth. For more information or to register, call 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

Shickley Greenhouse to Sell Plants

The Shickley Greenhouse will have vegetables and succulents available for sale starting in May. Vegetables include different varieties of tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, melons, okra, lettuce, egg plant, and squash.

BDS Girls' Basketball by Coach Nutter

This basketball season was the most successful season since being part of the BDS co-op. The Lady Eagles finished the season as the 2018 class D1 State Runners-Up with a record of 26-3. This is the most wins in program history. This group of Lady Eagles were also part of the first state wins in program history, beating Friend 56-47 on Thursday and Ansley-Litchfield 62-50 on Friday of the state tournament in Lincoln. The Lady Eagles first loss of the season came at the Nebraska Wesleyan Holiday Tournament championship to eventual class D2 Runner-Up Humphrey St. Francis. Then in January at the MUDECAS Tournament, the Lady Eagles fell to eventual D2 Champion Fall City Sacred Heart. After finishing third at MUDECAS the Lady Eagles went on a tear through the Crossroads conference. The Lady Eagles won the CRC conference tournament in dominating fashion against Dorchester, Meridian, and Exeter-Milligan. To finish out the regular season, the Lady Eagles went undefeated in conference play and took home top spot as CRC Regular Season Champions. The 2017-2018 Lady Eagles also captured the first district title in program history beating Johnson-Brock and earning their way into the state tournament. The final loss of the season came on "Championship Saturday" where the Lady Eagles loss to a tough North Central squad to capture the D1 Runner-Up honor.

This was a very special group of kids to get to coach and be around. All throughout the season we talked about doing the little things well and being tougher than the teams we played. As the year progressed, we learned to trust each other more, that communication breeds success, and to have as much fun as possible along the way. A huge thank you goes out to the communities for all your support throughout the season. To the seniors, I want to say thank you for your leadership and taking BDS Girls' Basketball to places it's never been before through your hard work and love for each other. What a ride! What a team! What an experience!



State Proficiency Results

The FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards honors members who, through their SAEs, have developed specialized skills that can apply toward future careers. Six Shickley FFA members were selected to represent District 6 at the state contest.

Agricultural Services
Caleb Hendrickson - Gold

<u>Diversified Agriculture Production Placement</u> Holden Stengel - Silver

<u>Dairy Production Placement</u> Anthony Beavers - Gold Top 3 <u>Diversified Livestock Placement</u> Regan Alfs - Gold Top 5

<u>Landscape Management</u> Isaac Kamler - Silver

Outdoor Recreation
Caitlin Mosier - Gold

Anthony Beavers was selected in the top three, and will interview during state convention and be recognized on stage during the first convention session on Wednesday, April 4th.

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BDS High School Boys' Basketball

The BDS boys basketball season came to a close in district final competition in a loss to the Johnson-Brock Eagles. The loss brings to a close a 20-6 season for the BDS Eagles that included a Nebraska Wesleyan Holiday Tournament Championship and a Crossroads Conference Regular Season Championship. The Eagles also garnered a 3rd place conference tournament finish and 4th place in the Mudecas Tournament. Coach Schroeder commented after the season, "The guys really started playing well down the stretch, we just weren't able to hit enough shots to get to where we wanted. It didn't take away from the effort the guys showed all year. They really work hard and we overcame a lot of things through the year and played some good ball and were in some fun games down the stretch." Highlights of the season included the holiday tournament and multiple overtime games throughout the season. The Eagles were led by 8 seniors: Jacob Swartzendruber, Anthony Beavers, Holden Stengel, Kellen Reinsch, Taylor Anderson, Caden Norder, Garrett Schardt, and Karson Dickson. The team would like to thank everyone who was involved in helping with transportation, food, availability, and everything in between! Thanks for the support and Go Eagles!



Pi Day 2018

March 14, 2018 was another day of Pi celebrating at Shickley Public School. The 8th-12th grade math classes celebrated by watching Pi videos, learning fun facts about the irrational number associated with the 16th letter of the greek alphabet, and eating marshmallow pies. A poster contest and a recitation of the most digits of pi were held. All K-12th grade students were given one-fourth of a circle to decorate. The pieces were randomly put together as whole circles and displayed as a poster. It is quite colorful and a nice school-wide collaboration.



Read Across America Week

The Shickley Public School library celebrated Read Across America Week February 26th through March 2nd. Although the celebration week was cut short due to state basketball activities, the week was filled with silly dress-up days and guest readers who came to visit. On Mixed-Up Monday, students wore mixed-up and backwards clothing. On Tuesday, students wore their favorite hats, and on Wacky Wednesday people wore their wackiest socks. The men on staff are pictured to the right wearing their wacky socks.



Throughout the week, Shickley students were blessed with amazing guest readers. On Monday, the 4th grade class had school board member, Tiya Johnson read one of her favorite books. The second grade class welcomed school board member Joe Kamler. On Tuesday, school board member John Mick shared his joy of reading and literature from when he was a young student. To end the week, both administrators, Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Ippensen read to the Kindergarten class. Pictured below from left to right are the guest readers Tiya Johnson, Joe Kamler, John Mick, Mr. Jorgenson, and Mr. Ippensen.











Currently, the "Caught Red-Hatted" book and Big Joe chair raffle continues to take place with grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Books and items were donated to the raffle by Miss Hansel. Students earn tickets when they are "caught reading." Drawings for the winners of the books and Big Joe chair will take place April 3rd.

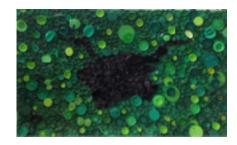


The library is now on Facebook! Shickley Public School Library Page @shickleylib

Bottle Cap Murals

This year, Shickley art students from elementary through high school created two bottle cap murals for our BDS Eagles and Shickley Longhorns. The murals are hung in the weight room to inspire students, athletes, and the community to work hard to reach their goals. Thousands of plastic caps were donated by the community, sorted by color, and glued to create the murals.





FFA Competes in District 6 Career Development Events

Shickley FFA members traveled to Hastings CCC on March 7th to compete in District 6 Career Development Events (CDEs). These contests allow students to learn about career fields by taking general knowledge tests and doing practicums. The chapter had 33 members compete at the district contest with the results as follows:

Nursery and Landscape - Blue

Sam Margheim - Blue Aaron Mick - Blue Zach Mosier - Red Blake Schlegel - Blue

Farm and Ranch Management - Red

Kellen Reinsch - Blue Nicole Swartzendruber - Red Josiah Kamler Jackson Grote

Floriculture - Blue

Lexi Kadel Caitlin Mosier Carley Elznic Kenzie Bohling

Agronomy

Briana Janing

Livestock Management - Blue

Regan Alfs Raegan Fiala Dalton Kleinschmidt Reid Richards Justin Stengel

Ag Tech and Mechanics - Red

Thomas Mick - Blue Wyatt Deepe - Red Jacob Swartzendruber - Red Holden Stengel - White

Veterinary Science

Kaylee Noel Bryn Kadel Isaac Kamler Anthony Beavers

Food Science

Nicole Swartzendruber - 1st Purple Kellen Reinsch - Blue Josiah Kamler - Red Jackson Grote - White

Qualifying for State

Welding - Blue

Nathan Nelson - Blue Austin Plock - Blue Josh Swartzendruber - Blue

Ag Sales - Purple

Brock Swartzendruber - 4th Purple Caleb Hendrickson - 5th Purple Nolan O'Brien - Blue Jadyn Kleinschmidt - Red

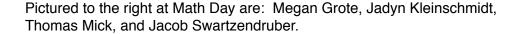
Star Results

FFA members who have outstanding SAE programs may apply to be a State Star in Production, Agribusiness, Placement, or AgriScience. Twenty-four individuals are selected to be finalists in all the areas with one Star being named in each of the four areas.

Holden Stengel advanced from state judging as a Star in Placement. He will interview at state convention and be recognized as a Star finalist on Friday, April 6th at the seventh convention session.

Harvard Math Day

Harvard Public School was the setting for their seventh annual Math Day, on March 19, 2018. Shickley Public School students Megan Grote, Thomas Mick, Jacob Swartzendruber, and Jadyn Kleinschmidt took part. The day consisted of three events. Jadyn Kleinschmidt placed 10th in the individual test. Megan Grote scored high in the quick clicker competition. The quiz bowl saw Shickley with wins over Kenesaw B and Heartland, but losses to Osceola and Dorchester B. Harvard A ended up winners of the 13-team contest.





Shickley Public School Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

On Friday, March 16th, Shickley Public School held their fifth annual blood drive. The Red Cross's blood drive theme this year is "Hope begins with you."

At the blood drive, the National Honor Society gave hope by providing the personnel needed to load and unload the equipment and staff the registration table. Forty-seven people, including 7 students and 12 staff members, chose to stand out on Friday by donating 48 total units of blood. This helped Shickley to meet the Red Cross goal for the drive of 48, and the minimum goal of 35 units, which qualifies the school to be eligible for a \$250 scholarship from the Red Cross for one senior.

The Shickley Public School blood drive is one of three held each year in Shickley, with the others being held in the fall and in the summer. Shickley Public School is proud to be part of this rotation, and proud to have chosen to give hope to those who need it.

Parents of Students in Grades 3-8 and 11

On the upcoming calendar, you will see a number of days scheduled for testing. Please, if it is at all within your power, do not schedule appointments on the days of testing. These tests are the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), and all students in these grades are required to take these tests. If you are interested in the particular test your child will be taking on a certain day, please email Mr. Ippensen, and he can provide the information.

In addition to this, if you could ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and breakfast prior to testing, this can lead to better test scores. As always, we want our students to perform to the best of their abilities on these assessments. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Ippensen at dippensen@longhornpower.org, or call him at school.

Shickley Public School 2018 Annual Plant Sale

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

Our plant sales began the first of March. All online orders need to be submitted by April 4th and all other orders need to be turned in by April 9th. Plant pick up day is Wednesday, April 25th from 8:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. 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.

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, April 27th, from 8:30 - 10:30 A.M. in the kindergarten room. All future kindergarten students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Students must turn five on or before July 31, 2018 to be eligible for kindergarten this fall. Parents of students are also encouraged to attend as there will be a parent meeting and tour of the school to better familiarize parents with the procedures and facilities at Shickley Public School. If you have any questions, contact Gwen Schultz at school, or via email at gschultz@longhornpower.org.

Preschool Sneak-a-Peek

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe we are thinking about the 2018-2019 school year already, but it will be here before we know it!

Shickley Public Schools invites all toddlers and preschoolers in the Shickley Public School District to our preschool program. If your child is 3 or will turn 3 before July 31st, 2018 please come join Miss Wolfe for a classroom Sneak-a-Peek on May 11th, 2018 from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

If you can not attend the Sneak-a-Peek, please consider picking up a registration form from the office. Spring registration helps aid us in planning for your preschooler's transition into school. If you know of somebody who may be interested, please pass this information along or guide them to our school website.

Please feel free to contact the school or Miss Wolfe directly at twolfe@longhornpower.org if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about our program. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and an updated immunization record for registration.

Thank you for considering Shickley Preschool.

Sincerely, Miss Wolfe

Shickley High School Golf Team

Members of the 2018 Shickley Boys' Golf team are: Josh Swartzendruber, Nolan O'Brien, Kellen Reinsch, Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler, and Caleb Hendrickson. Not pictured: Head Coach Bryce Jorgenson, Assistant Coaches Amber Taylor and Les Schlegel.

Photo courtesy of Picture This Photography



2018 Shickley Boys' Golf Schedule

Date	Time	Host	Location
March 27, 2018	4:00 P.M.	Superior	Superior Golf Course
March 29, 2018	9:00 A.M.	Superior	Superior Golf Course
April 4, 2018	9:30 A.M.	Osceola	Ryan Hill Country Club (Osceola)
April 10, 2018	10:00 A.M.	Fillmore Central	Hidden Hills Country Club (Geneva)
April 12, 2018	TBD	Red Cloud	Red Cloud Golf Club
April 17, 2018	9:30 A.M.	Sandy Creek	Crooked Creek (Clay Center)
April 24, 2018	9:30 A.M.	Blue Hill	Red Cloud Golf Club
May 4, 2018	9:30 A.M.	York	York Country Club
May 7, 2018	9:00 A.M.	CRC Meet	Ryan Hill Country Club (Osceola)
May 14, 2018	TBD	Districts	Indian Head (Grand Island)
May 21-22, 2018	TBD	State	Lake Maloney Golf Course (North Platte)

CPR Training

On Monday, March 26th all 7th-12th grade students participated in CPR Training. Funds were made available for this training through the Fillmore County Foundation. Thank you to Geneva Rotary, Geneva Rescue, and Shickley Rescue for coming and doing the training.



Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk

Our school's annual 5K Fun Run/Walk will once again be held on the last day of school. This year we are changing it up and making it a "Color Run/Walk." Registration forms will be available at school and need to be returned by April 27th. The entry fee is \$10 and will include a t-shirt and lunch. As in the past, every student and staff member will get a free t-shirt and do <u>not</u> need to register or pay the fee. A note will be coming home asking for your child's t-shirt size. Please return that promptly so we can get shirts ordered.

Today's School, by School Board Member Joe Kamler

Last November, I attended the Nebraska State Education Conference. The conference is held in Omaha and provides an opportunity for school board members and superintendents to keep up with K-12 education trends and programs.

During the three day event, there were fifty-six different topics discussed, approximately seven for each session. Unfortunately, attendees could only select one topic for each session. The following topics were among those being offered: 'Reengaging Youth' (This session discussed the results of a Nebraska school that received a grant to assist students who had dropped out to gain credits in order to graduate high school.), 'Cameras in the Classroom,' 'School Safety-Lockdown Procedures,' 'Use of Force & Restraint to Control Students in the Classroom,' and 'Marijuana & the Public Schools.' I was surprised that these topics were among those being offered. I didn't attend any of these sessions; however, these issues must be prevalent in Nebraska schools for them to be addressed at this conference.

We are fortunate that our youth are being educated in a school district where the parents, school staff, teachers, administration, and school board members are primarily focused on student academic achievement. At times, this can mean moving classrooms around, adding new technology components, offering strategic teacher professional development programs, renovating the school structure, building a green house, revamping teacher evaluations, and updating school policies. All of these things are either currently happening or have taken place in recent years in the Shickley school district.

A couple of the sessions I attended were 'Building Engaged Schools: A Great Place To Work & Learn' and 'New Directions for Work Based Learning.' I gained from attending these sessions and feel that I can apply some of the things presented to our school. It was refreshing for me to leave Omaha filled with some new ideas to apply while contemplating how thankful we all should be for Shickley Public Schools.

Third Grade Science

Third grade Science has been exciting! Recently, third grade students have been learning about Earth and its surface. Mr. Elwonger showed us his awesome rock collection! Students identified types of rocks including: sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rock. They also learned about several landforms on Earth's surface and how they were created from weathering and erosion. They ended the chapter by creating volcanos and watching them erupt!

Pictured on the left is Mr. Elwonger teaching the third graders, in the middle is Trinidi Oswald watching her volcano erupt, and on the right is Porter Ferrell surprised by how his volcano is erupting.







Crossroads Conference All-Conference Academic Team

The Crossroads Conference has announced its first All-Conference Academic Team. Seventy-three seniors were recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze award winners based on their highest achieved ACT score by March 1st.

Members recognized as Gold achieved a score of 30 or higher, Silver 27 to 29, and Bronze 24 to 26. Those recognized will receive an Academic Medal from the conference.

Seniors from Shickley High School earning this honor are: Megan Grote - Gold, Kellen Reinsch - Gold, Nicole Swartzendruber - Gold, Lexi Kadel - Silver, and Anthony Beavers - Bronze.

Language Resource News

Just like we exercise the muscles of our body to improve strength and motor control, it is also important to build the strength and control of our mouths. In speech-language, students work on strengthening their tongues and oral motor control in a variety of ways in an effort to improve speech clarity. One of the favorite activities students are enjoying right now is using a gummy lifesaver and pushing their tongues through the hole to break it. The first student to break theirs wins! Another favorite activity is no-hands soccer. Using a straw, cotton ball, and air, students try to blow the cotton ball on the table to their opponent's side of the table. This winter students used that same concept for an indoor snowball fight. To go along with the no-hands theme, students used a straw to pick up small items such as cheerios or bits of paper to sort items or race to see who could fill the cup first. Blowing up balloons is another great activity that builds mouth muscles. These exercises provide a nice break from repeated articulation drills, while still giving their mouths the workouts that they need to improve speech clarity. Feel free to challenge your children at home with these activities.

Wellness News

Teachers and staff are in the midst of our 6 week wellness challenge, Indy 500 Fitness Challenge 2018. Individuals and teams are competing in this virtual fitness challenge to win the Indy 500. This virtual race started March 26th and goes through May 6th. There are 6 guidelines that contestants have to complete: exercising at least 30 minutes, eating at least 2 servings of fruit and 3 servings of vegetables, sleeping 7-9 hours a night, and drinking at least 5 cups (40 Ounces) of water each day. Each completed guideline will move their car 2 laps. The number of virtual laps each team moves around the circuit will be measured by each person's completion of those guidelines.

In other wellness news, March 28th we started "Water Wednesday." Each Wednesday there are coolers of fruit/veggie infused waters in the lobby for everyone to fill-up their cups and stay hydrated. We are also in the process of planning the annual end of the school year 5K. Stay tuned for further details.

Shickley Speech Team Competes Well Throughout Regular Season

Throughout their season, the Shickley speech team competed in six invitationals, the Crossroads Conference speech meet held at Meridian, and the District D2-1 contest hosted at Lincoln Southwest High School. Head coach Jennifer Ippensen said, "Everyone learned and improved all season long and contributed to the team. We had new speakers competing for the first time and veteran speakers willing to answer questions, help others improve, and lead by example. That's what makes a program a success."

The team saying for the year was: "Public speaking is not our Kryptonite." The Longhorns demonstrated the truth of that statement through their performances along the way and became both the conference and district champions. Individual results for each meet throughout the season were as follows:

Thayer Central, January 20

Varsity

Caleb Hendrickson, Persuasive 4th

Alyssa Nolt, Poetry 5th

Kellen Reinsch, Humorous 3rd

Brooke Jorgenson & Alyssa Nolt, Duet 5th

Kaylee Noel & Raleigh Shipley, Duet 1st

Caleb Hendrickson, Extemporaneous 4th

Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel,

Josiah Kamler, and Kellen Reinsch, OID 3rd

Novice

Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment 1st

Kenzie Bohling, Informative 4th

Osceola, January 27

Caleb Hendrickson, Persuasive 7th

Alyssa Nolt, Persuasive 4th

Caleb Hendrickson, Extemporaneous 3rd

Nicole Swartzendruber, Informative 3rd

Crete, February 3

Nicole Swartzendruber, Informative 4th merit finals

David City Aguinas, February 17

Alyssa Nolt, Persuasive 7th

Brooke Jorgenson, Humorous 6th

CRC Speech Meet @ Meridian, February 21

Team: 1st Place

Alyssa Nolt, Persuasive 6th

Caleb Hendrickson. Persuasive 1st

Caleb Hendrickson, Extemporaneous 2nd

Brooke Jorgenson, Humorous 2nd

Kellen Reinsch, Humorous 4th

Kenzie Bohling, Informative 5th

Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment 1st

Kaylee Noel, Serious 5th

Kaylee Noel & Raleigh Shipley, Duet 3rd

Brooke Jorgenson & Alyssa Nolt, Duet 6th Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel, Josiah Kamler, and Kellen Reinsch, OID 5th

Holdrege, February 24

Team: 2nd Place

Alyssa Nolt, Persuasive 3rd

Caleb Hendrickson, Persuasive 2nd

Caleb Hendrickson. Extemporaneous 1st

Brooke Jorgenson, Humorous 6th

Kellen Reinsch, Humorous 5th

Nicole Swartzendruber, Informative 1st

Kenzie Bohling, Informative 5th

Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment 3rd

Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel,

Josiah Kamler, and Kellen Reinsch, OID 4th

Doniphan-Trumbull, March 3

Caleb Hendrickson, Persuasive 3rd Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment 5th

District D2-1 @ Lincoln Southwest, March 13

Team: 1st Place

Kaylee Noel, Serious 3rd

Caleb Hendrickson. Persuasive 1st

Alyssa Nolt, Persuasive 4th

Nicole Swartzendruber, Informative 3rd

Kellen Reinsch, Humorous 1st

Brooke Jorgenson, Humorous 2nd

Alyssa Nolt, Poetry 2nd

Regan, Poetry 6th

Bryn Kadel & Kenzie Bohling, Duet 6th

Kaylee Noel & Raleigh Shipley, Duet 4th

Jadyn, Entertainment 2nd

Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment 1st

Caleb Hendrickson, Extemporaneous 1st

Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel,

Josiah Kamler, and Kellen Reinsch, OID 2nd

Longhorn Speakers Finish State Runners-Up

The Shickley speech team competed in the state championship tournament held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus on Friday, March 23rd. Twelve Shickley students in ten events qualified to compete in the state meet by finishing in the top three during the district contest, which was held on Tuesday, March 13th at Lincoln Southwest high school.

At the state contest, seven students in five events broke finals in order to score team points and secure the runner-up position for Class D2. Caleb Hendrickson was the state runner-up in both his individual events: persuasive and extemporaneous speaking. Brooke Jorgenson placed 2nd in oral interpretation of humorous prose. And the OID team of Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel, Josiah Kamler, and Kellen Reinsch finished in 3rd place.

State Speech Tournament Results

Caleb Hendrickson, Persuasive Speaking 2nd
Caleb Hendrickson, Extemporaneous Speaking 2nd
Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Entertainment Speaking 14th
Kaylee Noel, Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose 10th
Alyssa Nolt, Oral Interpretation of Poetry 15th
Brooke Jorgenson, Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose, 2nd
Kellen Reinsch, Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose 11th
Raleigh Shipley, Entertainment Speaking 11th
Nicole Swartzendruber, Informative Speaking 9th
Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Lexi Kadel, Josiah Kamler, and
Kellen Reinach, Oral Interpretation of Drama, 3rd



The state qualifiers are pictured above: front row - Brooke Jorgenson, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Lexi Kadel, Alyssa Nolt, and Nicole Swartzendruber; back row - Carley Elznic, Jackson Grote, Kaylee Noel, Kellen Reinsch, Raleigh Shipley, Josiah Kamler, and Caleb Hendrickson.

The *Visiting Writer Series Continues

February

On Monday, February 19th, journalist Pamela S. Thompson visited Shickley Public School. She shared many examples of her writing and accompanying photos during a reading that was open to the public. Thompson also led workshops with each of the high school classes during which she taught them about the differences between print and broadcast media. Students used an example print media story and rewrote it as broadcast material.

March

Singer-songwriter Barry Glynn was Shickley's visiting writer on Thursday, March 22nd. He performed his original music during an assembly that was open to the public and held in the main gym. He spent the day with high school students discussing their favorite musicians and songs and what makes music resonate with listeners. He demonstrated how music has been used historically to raise awareness of social injustice or to inspire social or political change. In the words of one of Glynn's favorite artists, 2016 Nobel Prize winner for Literature Bob Dylan: "The highest purpose of art is to inspire."

*This educational opportunity is made possible because grant money from the Geneva Arts Council and the Shickley Community Foundation has been awarded for these purposes. In Shickley, the grant was funded by the Shickley Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Special thanks to the Shickley Community Foundation and the Geneva Arts Council!

Visiting Writer Upcoming Dates

Upcoming Dates – Mark your calendars. Public readings will be held at 9:40 AM.

Friday, April 13th – Young Adult Fiction Author Tonya Kuper

Wednesday, May 2nd - Creative Non-Fiction Writer Heidi Sell

Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

The words collaboration and cooperation seem to be interchangeable. However, when you study the roots of each word, they have different meanings. Collaborate – to co-labor – means to work together to achieve a goal, with the focus on the goal itself, rather than the work each person does. Cooperation – to co-operate – means to work together to achieve a goal, with the focus of each individual on the work he or she does on the way to achieving the goal. Our students must be able to work in both types of environments, and at Shickley Public School, we are intentionally working to create both collaborative and cooperative environments and experiences, as we prepare our students for success.

We can find examples of both collaborative and cooperative experiences throughout our students' careers, with the clearest examples coming from our co-curricular sports and activities. There are "team" sports and activities and "individual" sports and activities. The reason they are described as such is because of where the focus is placed. The "team" sports and activities – like volleyball, football, basketball, one-act, band, and choir – are more collaborative in nature. As the common saying goes, "You play for the name on the front of your jersey, not the back." The "individual" sports and activities – like track and speech – tend to focus on the work of each individual, but when team points are given, it shows the activity's cooperative nature. The contributions to success are provided by the work and performance of each individual participant, not necessarily the interaction by teammates. Neither type of sport or activity, "team" nor "individual," is inherently better than the other. Each provides lessons our students must learn to be successful.

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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