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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

Mark your
calendars for the
following important
dates:

September 3rd
Labor Day
No School

September 4th
No School.
Teacher Cohort
In Shickley.

September 8th
Band Marches at
Yorkfest and
Milo Days.

September 14th
School Dismissed
at 2:30 P.M.

September 21st
Homecoming.

September 28th
School Dismissed
at 2:30 P.M.

Please check
Joyce's calendar
for more events.

September is here! Fall is a time for teaching and learning, volleyball, football, one acts, listening to the marching band, Homecomings, Wednesday night activities to begin, and so much more. Our younger students even start extracurriculars such as sports, gymnastics, scouting, dancing, piano, and anything else they get can their parents committed to taking them to. So how are you doing keeping up with it all? Are you being where your feet are? Do you feel like you have made gains in this area? Are there things you are still working on? Remember, it isn't easy, but anything truly worth it rarely ever is easy.

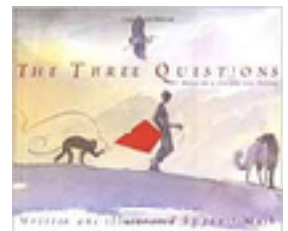
My feet have been fortunate to be many places already this school year; in and out of our classrooms and community! It has been a pleasure to start forming relationships with students, staff, families, and community members. Whether a FedEx package got delivered to your house instead of mine, my dogs decided it was time for me to meet you, my kids brought you over to play, you helped us with some dirt work after a very heavy rain, or anything in between and beyond; it has been great to begin getting to know you.

If you have not had a chance to find or read The Three Questions, here are the three questions the child wishes to know the answers to in the story:

- When is the best time to do things?
- Who is the most important one?
- What is the right thing to do?

The answers to these questions are actually quite simple.

- There is only one important time, and that time is now.
- The most important one is always the one you are with.
- And the most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side.



How can you do this without being present or without being kind? You can't. But, if you are present, encouraging, supportive, positive, helpful, honest, considerate, thankful, responsible, respectful, and a friend to all; you can!

I Love Public Schools, one of the most dedicated groups in the nation that supports Public Education (focusing on Nebraska Public Schools), was soliciting articles focused on kindness. An article was submitted for Shickley and can be found here: <https://iloveps.org/stories/sadie-coffey>.

While you are working on being where your feet are, remember why it is so important that we do so; to be kind. This fall I hope you take some time to go on a family stroll; breath in the cool, crisp air; go apple picking; attend a parade; enjoy some Husker football and volleyball; but most importantly, whatever you do...*Be Where Your Feet Are and Be Kind*. Because, in a world where you can be anything, Shickley Public Schools and its community chooses to *#BeKind*!

What to do with dried out markers?

The Shickley Education Association (SEA) will take part in a program with Crayola this year. It is called Crayola ColorCycle and is a new program devised to turn used markers into energy. Collection boxes will be in the classrooms for students and teachers to dispose of used markers, even non-Crayola brand. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of students, parents, and staff, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year!

Longhorn Student Council

The Student Council began making preparations for Homecoming as soon as the school year began. Homecoming will be the week of September 17th-21st. The BDS volleyball team will be on the road homecoming week, playing at Meridian High School. The BDS football team will be playing the Southern Red Raiders on Friday, the 21st at 7:00 P.M. in Shickley. The 9th-12th grade dance will follow coronation at the end of the football game. The theme this year is "Blast to the Past." This theme will be the decoration inspiration for hallways and floats.

Dress up days for Homecoming week are:

Monday: Color War: Seniors - white; Juniors - red; Sophomores - black; Freshmen - blue

Tuesday: Farmer/Country Day

Wednesday: Patriotic Day

Thursday: Decade Day - Seniors - 80's; Juniors - 90's; Sophomores - 60's; Freshmen - 70's

Friday: Spirit Day

Shickley Student Council is excited to announce their new Outreach Project - "Crush Childhood Cancer." During the BDS Homecoming football game, Student Council will hold a car smash. Students, teachers, staff, and community members are invited to participate by swinging away a sledgehammer to annihilate an automobile! Each hit is \$1.00; 20 hits to the car is \$20.00. All the proceeds will go to St. Jude Childhood Research. Free-will donations will also be accepted. Come help Shickley Student Council crush childhood cancer!

English Students Help With *Hoofprint*

Students in 9th-12th grade English classes will be helping with the *Hoofprint*. They are learning how to interview and will write articles once their interviews are conducted. The Seniors will be interviewing Senior Citizens in and around Shickley; Juniors will interview new staff, teachers, and coaching staff; Sophomores will interview substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and business people; Freshmen will interview the High School Seniors, maintenance workers, bus drivers, and kitchen staff. You may be getting a call from a student asking if they can interview you. If you are interested in being interviewed and want to be put on the list of people to interview please contact the school and let Mrs. Hinrichs know.

As this project gets underway photos and stories will appear on the Shickley Public School website, in the *Hoofprint*, and on the walls at school. Thank you in advance for allowing our students to interview and share your stories with our school and community.

Healthy Hooves Report

September is “Healthy Sleep” Month. Just as exercise and proper nutrition are essential for optimal health, so is getting a good night’s sleep. The quality and quantity of sleep a person gets directly affects their day including mental sharpness, productivity, emotional balance, and creativity. Challenge yourself and your children to get 7-8 hours of sleep every day.

The National Sleep Foundation suggests these sleep amounts:

Newborn babies: 12-18 hours each full day

Toddlers (under 3): 12-14 hours

Children between 3-5: 11-13 hours

Teens: over 9 hours per night to function at optimal level

Adults: 7-8 hours a night

For more information or tips to reaching your sleep goals, visit <https://sleepfoundation.org>

Upcoming events:

October 10th: National Walk or Ride your bike to school/work day.

Shickley Fourth Grade News, by Mrs. Dickson

Wow! The school year is already beginning to pick up speed! Our fourth graders have adjusted to being back in school and following a regular routine. We have been diving into Nebraska’s history for Social Studies and have already learned some very interesting things about our great state of Nebraska. We have specifically talked about all of Nebraska’s state symbols and our Nebraska flag. Have you ever really looked closely at our flag? There is quite a bit going on. On the seal itself is a steamboat on the Missouri River and a train heading toward the mountains. Near the bottom of the circle stands a blacksmith. His hammer is raised, ready to hit an anvil. If you see a 4th grader, ask them about the flag, what is our state motto, when is Nebraska’s birthday is, or what are any of the symbols of our state. They would be happy to tell you!

Pictured are the 4th grade students with the Nebraska flag.



2019 Graduates

Seniors and parents: Once your student has their senior pictures taken please bring one of them to the English room for publication in the school yearbook.

Changes

The winds of change are blowing. For many of us who have lived in this community all our lives, change can come hard and can be a good or bad thing. As we begin a new school year here at Shickley Public Schools, numerous changes can be seen throughout the campus. With change comes the hope of new beginnings and excitement. As a Board of Education member I am excited for the new school year. The first change you will notice this school year is in the front offices of the school. If you have not had the privilege of meeting our new Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie Coffey, and our new Principal, Mr. Erik Sokol, I encourage you to stop in and introduce yourself to them. I am sure many of you have already seen or met them around the community as they are excited to meet everyone and make a mark in our Big Little Town. With new administrators comes change, and change is a good thing. Both Mrs. Coffey and Mr. Sokol are excited to share their new ideas as we continue to "Prepare Students for Success." Along with our administrators we also have several new teachers and students this year at Shickley. These changes say a lot about our small school and community - we can continue to grow. Please do your best to go out of your way to personally meet them and welcome them to our community.

Other changes you may notice may be more subtle, but notable. In today's society, changes in security are of the utmost importance. With our past renovation project we were able to install locked doors and now visitors must be buzzed in to enter the school building. Additional safety measures are being taken to insure the safety of all staff and students. We now ask that anyone visiting the school to sign in at the front desk before continuing throughout the school. As trivial as it seems, our administrators need to know who is in the school building at all times. Please remember to sign in whether you have come to eat lunch with your kids or are dropping off that forgotten homework in their locker.

As an elementary student I remember the days of playing in the dirt while out for recess. Over the years, cement and asphalt have covered up the dirt and created many torn pairs of jeans and scraped up knees. Asphalt has a shorter lifespan than concrete and must be sealed every few years. The board has decided to replace the asphalt on the playground with concrete. While this is an expensive option, it will be a long term fix to all the bad cracks, holes and water drainage issues on the playground. Unfortunately, this may not eliminate the torn jeans and scraped knees, but will make for safer recesses and kick ball games. In an effort to keep updating the school and save money, the remaining windows in the north end of school are being replaced with energy efficient windows. This should keep the winds from blowing into our classrooms. This creates another positive change.

As the wind blows and seasons change, I would like to welcome everyone in the community to check out the positive changes that we are making throughout the school. Best wishes to the new administrators and staff as you settle into your new positions and help us "Prepare Students for Success."

Chris Swartzendruber, Board Member

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Building Readers, by Miss Wolfe

No matter the age or size, infant, toddler, or preschooler, your child at any given time is on the path to becoming a reader. Reading, and a love for reading, begins at home.

As a parent, it's important to support your child's growth and development as they become emergent readers. You may be wondering how to do this. Well the answer is simple - you read to them and you read to them often.

The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child. The following tips will offer fun and supportive ways you as a parent can help foster your child into becoming a happy and confident reader:



* Read together every day

Make this a precious and loving moment together when the two of you can cuddle close, explore the images in the book, and share a book with each other.

* Model a love for reading

Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day. Let them see you as a reader. Read a magazine, newspaper, or book as they play.

* Make reading fun and entertaining

Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices, and read with enthusiasm. Ham it up!

* Know when to stop

Your children's concentration span will increase each time you sit down to enjoy a story together. But don't make this a chore. Stop when your child loses interest, or begins to have trouble paying attention. It's okay to not finish a book.

* Label the world around them - give everything a name

Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects in the environment around them. For example "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

* Repetition builds confidence. Read it again and again and again

Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time. Repetition is grand and pretty soon they will "read" that book to you.

* Environmental print - point out print everywhere

Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing. Point out symbols and signs.

According to Jay Heale, "You aren't reading a book to a child; you are sharing a book with a child." My focus this year is to help foster a passion for reading into your preschooler ! Let's work together to build lifelong readers at Shickley.

Letter from Mr. Sokol, Principal

Welcome Back!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the Principal at Shickley Public School. I look forward to many wonderful years of serving the students, staff, and community of Shickley. While I am not entirely new to the area, I am new to this position and with that I am facing the challenge of learning as fast as I can all of the intricacies of our school. My first goal is to learn the names and faces that make our school so special. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see me to help me with this process.

I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful school. We have a strong staff that is dedicated to their profession. Our students are full of promise and potential and are learning in so many ways each and every day. Our parents and community are showing support and respect for the work that we are doing. Together, we are going to have an exceptional year.

I would like to share a tweet with you that I read from Warren Buffet this morning.

Learn to trust.
Learn to love.
Learn to forgive.
Learn to listen.
Learn to learn.
Learn to dream.
Learn to dare.
Learn to wonder.
Learn to write.
Learn to inspire.
Learn to change.
Learn to stand tall.
Learn to teach.
Learn to be loyal.
Learn to laugh.

Smart people love learning.

One of my greatest joys of being involved with schools is that while I do not have all of the answers, I am constantly in an environment where I get to learn every single day!

Mr. Sokol
PK-12 Principal
Shickley Public Schools

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