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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

December 6th
Elementary Christmas Program at 7:00 PM.

December 10th
School Board Meeting at 7:30 PM.

December 14th
School Dismissed at 2:30 PM.

December 17th
Junior High and Senior High Christmas Concert at 7:00 PM.

December 21st
End of 1st Semester.

December 22nd Through January 7th
Christmas Break.

January 8th
School Resumes.

Please check Joyce's calendar for more events.

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

What a whirlwind of excitement we have been a part of this past month! From the class D2 state championship volleyball team to qualifying for state one act competition, to receiving many Shickley Community Foundation Grants, and the daily joys of seeing the sparkle of learning and excitement in the eyes of our students!

There is a lot to be thankful for at Shickley Public Schools and in Shickley, NE. As we move through the holiday seasons, let's spend some time thinking about the culture of gratitude in our lives and what that looks, sounds, and feels like in our many environments.

When it comes to the New Year, the idea of doing away with resolutions and instead choosing one word to live out the new year, has been around for quite some time. Is this a practice you have tried? Did you find it more successful than the list of resolutions from prior years? Research has shown that up to 92% of New Year's Resolutions will fail; sometimes 80% by February! I encourage you to try something new for your "resolutions" this year. Do you want to stick with the same "resolutions" concept you are used to? If so, work to beat that high failure statistic by finding something you are passionate about, make it specific, create a purposeful plan of action, if necessary budget for it, and find a way to add an accountability measure to your goal. Do you want to try something new? Try the "one word" approach. Start by brainstorming words that define the goals you have for the many areas of your life. Then, start sorting those words under key areas and see what words continue to come to the surface. Finally, choose one word that defines what you want to achieve in 2019 and allow that word to be an integral part of all you do.

So far, my brainstorming process has led me to: **Cultivate**

Before you go your various ways for the holidays, I want to sincerely thank each of you for the contributions you make toward the many successes of Shickley Public Schools. Together we are making a difference in the lives of our young people. Thank you again for all you do and enjoy this very special time of the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey
Superintendent



FFA Selling Poinsettias

The FFA will be selling marble colored poinsettias in December. These poinsettias were grown in the school's greenhouse. For a poinsettia in an 8 inch pot it will be \$15.



Scholastic Book Fair Brought Many Activities to Shickley School, by Miss Hansel

Every other year, the Scholastic Book Fair visits our school for a fun week of activities and shopping among students, teachers, and community members. This year to kick-off the big event, the library held a coin challenge. This challenge encouraged students to bring in their loose change to vote for the staff member they would like to see be dressed as a unicorn fairy the entire week of the book fair. The winners of this challenge were Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Schroeder. They are pictured to the top right. The total raised in this event among all staff participants was \$196.00. The money raised was used to purchase books for classroom teachers. There were over 25 titles purchased and donated to classrooms based on their wish lists.



Through the sales of the book fair, our goal was met and surpassed. Over 120 books were purchased throughout the week. Thank you to all customers and volunteers who made this book fair such a success! Pictured to the bottom right are Gloria Nolt and Jaylyn Zajic shopping at the book fair!



Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving in Study Skills 7, by Mrs. Noel

What is the difference between a critical thinker and a problem solver? Many times the two words are used interchangeably. The 7th Grade Study Skills class determined that critical thinking is discovering different options and outcomes of decision making while problem-solving is figuring out how to go from point A to point B once the critical thinking has concluded. The students have been practicing their critical thinking and problem-solving by completing Ted.ed riddles online and will complete a project that will require them to find an issue or problem within their world, critically think through the problem to find different solutions and methods to achieve success, and finally problem-solve how to implement their solutions.

Relationships in College and Career Readiness, by Mrs. Noel

Humans are known as social creatures. They want to have relationships with others, whether it's familial, friendship, work-based, or romantic. The College and Career Readiness class has been discussing the different types of relationships they are currently in and what they receive from each of the relationships, such as love, respect, and acceptance. Throughout this unit, the students have determined what they expect from those they have relationships with, what they are willing to give to those to whom they are in the relationships with, and what to do when they need help because the relationship has become unsafe or dangerous. As a way to wrap up the unit, the students will take a class to learn basic self-defense.

Boot, Coat, and Food Drive

The Shickley FFA and FBLA are once again holding their Boot, Coat, and Food Drive for Blue Valley. Everyone is invited to participate. Donation boxes will be in the lobby December 3rd-19th.

Shickley One-Act, Seven Nasty Princesses, by Edith Weiss

The Shickley One-Act team began their season on November 3rd, at York College. The 33 members of the cast and crew have competed at: York, Crossroads Conference South, and Lincoln High. Members of the cast are: Josiah Kamler, Caitlin Mosier, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Kenzie Bohling, Cadden Carlson, Briana Janing, Bryn Kadel, Blake Schlegel, Raleigh Shipley, Taryn Fiala, Abbi Jamison, Landon Johnson, Maddie Kamler, Eli Noel, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, and Madison Sokol. Crew members are: Jackson Grote, Caleb Hendrickson, Isaac Kamler, Nate Nelson, Austin Plock, Justin Stengel, Brock Swartzendruber, Josh Swartzendruber, Macy Kamler, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Nolan O'Brien, Reid Richards, Brooke Nelson, and Taylor Sliva. The production is led by head coach Kristin Witte and assistant coach Sadie Coffey. The following have received acting awards this year:

York College Outstanding Actors:

Jadyn Kleinschmidt
Caitlin Mosier
Blake Schlegel
Raleigh Shipley
Cadden Carlson

Crossroads Conference South Outstanding Actors:

Jadyn Kleinschmidt
Caitlin Mosier

Lincoln High Festival Outstanding Actors:

Caitlin Mosier
Josiah Kamler

Language Resource News

Board games are a popular tool used in language resource and speech language classrooms. Not only are they used for fun, but students are able to work toward their specific speech and language goals in a fun and unique way. Board games help enhance math, reading, fine motor, and cognitive skills. They also provide an avenue for students to work on social skills such as taking turns, controlling emotions, patience, following rules, working together, winning, and losing. Many times we add to the game by incorporating specific speech sounds or we adapt a language lesson to make it a game. Learning is fun, and it can even be fun when you are working to improve a skill that can be challenging. Some of the students' favorite games include Guess Who, Spot It, Go-Fish, Chipper Chat, and UNO.

FFA Competes at Career Development Events

On November 7th, FFA members attended Career Development Events (CDEs) in Kearney. Students were able to apply career skills in competitive contests such as: livestock judging, poultry evaluation, agriculture communications, biotechnology, and junior high quiz bowl. The chapter had 36 members compete with three teams qualifying for the state contest.

*State Qualifier

Livestock Judging

Senior Team - 2nd place purple

Regan Alfs - 2nd purple*

Brock Swartzendruber - blue*

Sam Margheim - blue*

Jadyn Kleinschmidt - red*

Junior Team - purple

Adam Alfs - purple*

Reid Richards - blue*

Eli Noel - blue*

Nolan O'Brien - blue*

Taryn Fiala - red

Blake Schlegel - red

Bryn Kadel - white

Jayden Heath

Abbi Jamison

Landon Johnson

Maddie Kamler

Brooke Nelson

Mariah Sliva

Taylor Sliva

Dalton Kleinschmidt

Junior High

Hannah Miller - purple

Ashley Schlegel - red

Junior High Quiz Bowl - red

Ashley Schlegel

Hannah Miller

Ag Communications - 4th place red

Kaylee Noel - 1st journalistic writing

Raegan Fiala - opinion writer

Caitlin Mosier - promotional video

Kenzie Bohling - web page design

Poultry Evaluation

Team - 2nd purple*

Zach Mosier - blue

Josh Swartzendruber - red

Cadden Carlson

Caleb Hendrickson

Biotechnology

Team 1 - white

Isaac Kamler

Josiah Kamler

Aaron Mick

Justin Stengel

Team 2

Briana Janing

Nathan Nelson

Austin Plock

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Healthy Hooves Report

During the month of December the staff will be participating in the EHA Wellness challenge, *Flavor Infusion*. During this challenge participants will learn about healthy alternatives to adding flavor to their meals in an effort to reduce their intake of salt. Sodium overload can lead to high blood pressure or heart and kidney disease. It can also enhance inflammatory conditions such as arthritis and hormonal conditions. Reducing sodium doesn't mean you have to give up flavor. Adding herbs and spices, improves the taste of foods and helps preserve them longer. Herbs and spices also contain disease-fighting antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables, so don't be afraid to venture into a flavor infusion.

In other news: During the 2017-2018 school year school staff took our health and wellness commitments to a new level. We participated in the Elevate portion of EHA Wellness. In Elevate, staff members have three major requirements to complete of an individual incentive as well as a team goal for a whole staff incentive. We are proud to announce that over half of the staff met their individual incentive goal and the all staff incentive. The whole staff incentive resulted in receiving a grant that will be used for staff wellness activities and program incentives. We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in the same program again this year!

The String Beans

On November 21st, our kindergarten through 3rd grade students were invited to Davenport to hear a concert from a local Nebraska Band, The String Beans. The String Beans share songs about our state as well as other kid favorites. Our students and staff danced and had a great time!

Pictured below on the left are The String Beans performing. In the picture on the right kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Schultz is dancing with students from Shickley.



Fine Arts Night

Shickley Public Schools celebrated our fine arts program on November 6th. We were treated to performances by our band, choir, and One-Act. Ms. Nuss and her art students had a lot of artwork on display as well.

Pictured to the right is the choir performing while the audience watches.



Fall Sports, by Mr. Sokol

What a great fall sports season! Our girls' volleyball team finished their season as the best in the state in class D-2 defeating Ewing at the Devaney Sports Center. In addition to claiming the State Championship, our senior girls captured their 100th win in 4 years!

Our football team finished the regular season undefeated yet fell short in the first round of the playoffs. Despite the setback, our boys have so much to be proud of. Our seniors finished their high school football careers with a 44-2 record. That is incredible!

Thanks to all of the athletes for all of the hard work they poured into their seasons. Thanks to our coaches for teaching more than just the game.



One-Act Qualifies for State

On Tuesday, November 27th, the Shickley One-Act cast and crew competed at the D2-1 District play contest held in Shickley. They gave their best performance to date and were selected as the D2-1 Play Production Champion. Shickley will compete at the state contest Wednesday, December 5th, at 10:00 am, held at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk, Nebraska. The following received outstanding acting awards at districts: Caitlin Mosier, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Josiah Kamler, Bryn Kadel, Madeline Kamler, and Abbigail Jamison.

The One-Act Team is pictured after winning districts. Congratulations and good luck at state!



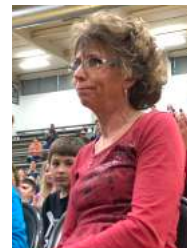
School Happenings from Mr. Sokol, Principal

Grants from Shickley Community Foundation: Shickley Public Schools recently received grant funding in the amount of \$16,050 from the Shickley Community Foundation. When I interviewed, the strength of the Shickley Community Foundation was shared with me and I understood this to be a good thing. However, that is an understatement. What I have learned and would like to share with you is the process for the grants. Each staff member has the autonomy to think deeply about things that can be added to our school for the benefit of our students, staff, and community. Those thoughts are then applied to the application process and submitted to the Community Foundation. I love the vested interest and buy-in that this creates amongst our staff. There were so many great ideas brought forth. In the end, many of those applications were granted and as a representative of the school, we are entirely grateful. Thank you Shickley Community Foundation. The funds that have been allocated to us will make our school a better place.

Trick-or-Treat: What a great little town we have! Many of our local stores opened their doors and shared candy with our elementary students to celebrate Halloween. Our students and staff really enjoyed the opportunity to walk through town in our costumes and start trick-or-treating during the school day. Thanks to those businesses in our community for making this happen.



Veterans Day: On November 12th, we celebrated Veterans Day with our students and members of the Shickley Community. It was wonderful to hear our students speak as well as Loree Hendrickson. The poppy poster contest winners, which is sponsored by the legion auxiliary, were recognized. Mrs. Nelson, 1st grade teacher, was honored for letters her students right to veterans. She has done this every Veterans Day for many years. Mrs. Yantzie had an awesome powerpoint with pictures highlighting those who have served our nation from Shickley, Nebraska. We are grateful and thankful for their service and sacrifice.



Thanksgiving: I enjoyed walking the halls to read all of the student work on display. So many of them wrote about being grateful for their families, the school, and their friends. I'm grateful for all of those things too!

Finish Strong: We have 20 days of learning before we close out our 1st semester. We are going to do our very best to make each day count. Parents, please encourage your kids to finish strong. School will dismiss at regular dismissal time on Friday, December 21st.















