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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars
for the following
Important dates:

May 7th

Shickley Awards
Night at 7:00 pm.

May 9th

BDS Athletic Banquet
at 6:00 pm.

May 10th

Science Fair in North
Gym 10:00 am - Noon.

Elementary Fun Day on
Football Field 1:00 pm.

May 12th

Graduation at 2:00 pm.

May 20th

Town Cleanup Day.

May 21st

Academic Success
Celebration at 3:00 pm.

May 22nd

Last Day of School.

Fun Day Run/Walk at
11:00 am.

May 23rd

Teachers Last Day.

May 25th

Alumni Banquet.

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, we prepare ourselves to send a great group of seniors out the doors and on multiple paths into their futures. For the past 13+ years Shickley Public Schools, along with the parents and community members of Shickley, has taught these great individuals academic subjects, important social skills, respect, responsibility, how to take action and control of any situation they may face, and have provided them with the necessary tools they will need as they make important decisions in their future.

On May 12th, we get to celebrate these great individuals as they graduate from Shickley Public Schools. Graduation is a wonderful time to celebrate their hard work and educational careers to this point. Often times graduation is seen as a closing on what has been, however, it is also only the beginning to what will be. I cannot wait to hear and see what these six individuals become and how they grow into their futures. With their work ethic and passion, anything is possible and I believe they all have a successful future ahead of them. How will we know if they have succeeded or not? Be sure to ask them! Each of these individuals has goals, ideas, and plans of what they want their life to become. As they work toward those goals, modify them along the way, and make progress they will always be one step closer to success. It probably will not be easy, but in the end, it will be worth it.

Congratulations to our six seniors, their parents, family, and friends; this is a great accomplishment! At Shickley Public Schools we are very grateful to have had them and to be a part of their educational and life journey. May they always remember where they came from and have Shickley as big a part of their lives as they have been to Shickley.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey
Superintendent



FBLA Members Attend State Leadership Conference, by Mrs. Yantzie

Six students attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Omaha April 4-6th. The members attended the general session on Thursday with keynote speaker Holly Hoffman. Each student competed in numerous comprehensive business events on Thursday and Friday. They received ribbons for their completion of the Go Green, iGive, Foundation Donor, and the March of Dimes projects. Regan Alfs received the Who's Who Award in FBLA. Regan also won the Business Plan and Word Processing events and will represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio in June. The team of Macy Kamler, Mariah Sliva and Madison Sokol received 10th place in Business Financial Plan. Additional students who attended were Taylor Sliva and Raleigh Shipley.



Pictured on the left is Regan Alfs with two awards. Pictured on the right are the members who attended convention: front row - Madison Sokol, Taylor Sliva, and Mariah Sliva; back row - Macy Kamler, Raleigh Shipley, and Regan Alfs.

Harvard Math Day, by Mrs. Snyder

While most students were sleeping, five Shickley math students were on their way to Harvard, NE, for their annual Math Contest. Jadyn Kleinschmidt, Jackson Grote, Isaac Kamler, Josiah Kamler, and Alyssa Nolt took part in the individual test, fast math test, and quiz bowl. The team was average in the two tests, and went 3-2 in quiz bowl action, which placed them fifth overall. A good time was had by all! Pictured on the left are Alyssa Nolt, Isaac Kamler, and Jackson Grote. Pictured on the right are Jackson Grote, Jadyn Kleinschmidt, and Josiah Kamler.



Fillmore County Safety Day

Here is a reminder that Fillmore County Safety Day will be held on May 23rd, at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. For more information please contact Brandy Vandewalle at 402-759-3712 or Frances Heinrichs at 402-759-2088.

FFA Attends State Convention

The Shickley FFA Chapter attended the Nebraska State FFA Convention April 3rd-5th. The convention was held in Lincoln. Shickley FFA received a silver rating on their Hall of Chapters Display, which showcased activities and events the chapter does throughout the year. The display was created by Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, and Brock Swartzendruber. The chapter officers submitted the National Chapter Application which highlights nine different activities from the chapter's program of activities and received a bronze rating. The chapter was well represented with 33 high school and 3 middle school members attending and competing in a variety of contest and events. Pictured to the right is the FFA Chapter at state convention.



Science News, by Mr. Elwonger

I've always been a believer that science is something you do, not something you learn about. Our Science Fair supports this idea and allows students to practice *doing* science. Students are allowed to choose a problem or question that interests them and develop their own experiment to answer the question.

The most important part of the scientific fair is sharing their results. By sharing the science that we do, it allows us to, as Isaac Newton put it, stand on the shoulders of giants. The Shickley science students will share their results in two ways. First, they'll put together a poster board to share with the public on May 10th at Science Fair. Later, they'll write a full scientific paper that they have the option to submit for publishing in a real scientific journal.

We would love for you to come see the amazing questions that the science students have been working to answer this semester. Science Fair is the morning of May 10th in the north gym. You'll learn if people can tell the difference between whole milk and skim milk, how to make water dance, what the best way to loosen a rusty bolt is, and much more.

Fifth Grade, by Mr. Schlegel

It has been another fast year and I can't believe we are already making preparations for the final month of the school year! As of this week, we finished up our NSCAS state testing and are now making preparations to take the final round of MAPS testing in the coming weeks. This year's class has been an energetic and very competitive group of students who pushed each other to get better every day and have shown great strides in their abilities and studies. One of the skills we have worked on recently includes how to write and deliver a speech; Luke Elting won the classroom's speech competition speaking on metopic craniosynostosis, which was a surgery she had on her skull as a baby. Coen Eitzmann and Brady Noel got second and third with topics about flatulence and what happens to the brain during a concussion. This year saw the implementation of a new reading program, Wonders. With the new program came some growing pains and a bit of a learning curve as a lot of the questions made us think deeper about what we were reading than previously worked on. We also began doing progress monitoring with our reading fluency abilities. Overall the students have all grown as readers, whether they have become faster and more fluent or are better able to comprehend what they are reading.

It has been a big year for math and science too. The Nebraska science standards are in the process of changing and in an effort to meet those standards we began finding new ways to work towards those standards, which meant doing more projects and hands-on activities rather than just reading and using a textbook all of the time. We started the year learning about the scientific method and how we would be using that process to experiment in different ways. We then moved on to life science, earth and space science. Math has been full of new information and developing deeper understandings of skills that had been previously introduced. A lot of the math transitioned from addition and subtraction to multiplication, division, and fractions.

As the school year comes to a close we will be finishing up our Science Fair projects, doing some final physical science projects, and finishing up the last lessons and stories in math and reading. We are also working on writing persuasive essays in an attempt to prepare for next year's speeches.

2019 Shickley High School Graduation

Congratulations to the 2019 Shickley High School graduates! Graduation will occur on Sunday, May 12th, beginning at 2:00 PM in the main gym.

Class Motto: "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose, you are on your own, you know what you know, and you are the one who will decide where to go." - Dr. Suess

Class Flower: Blush Rose

Class Colors: Pink and Navy



Jackson Grote

Son of Bill and Melissa Grote.
Plans to attend Hastings College and major in accounting.

Caleb Hendrickson

Son of Dan and Lisa Hendrickon.
Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in Political Science and Ag Business.

Isaac Kamler

Son of Joe and Gina Kamler.
Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in Business Administration.



Josiah Kamler

Son of Joe and Gina Kamler. Plans to attend University of Nebraska at Omaha and major in Aviation.

Jadyn Kleinschmidt

Daughter of Russ and Jodi Kleinschmidt. Plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University and major in Elementary Education.

Caitlin Mosier

Daughter of Darrel and Caroline Mosier. Plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University and major in Early Childhood Education.

Toddler Room, by Kim Shaner

This school year has flown by for the 11 students in the toddler room. We went trick-or-treating around the community in October, had our own Thanksgiving Feast in November, and had a blast making ornaments for our own Christmas tree in December. January and February found us staying inside more than we would have liked, but we kept ourselves busy by learning new songs that we could move around to. We also enjoyed playing in the snow and even made snow ice cream! We read books on winter and the amazing things that actually happen with plants and animals during that time when we can't always see them outside.

Once March came, we went on nature walks and learned about what was starting to happen when the snow finally melted and the warm weather decided to stay longer. We made butterflies to hang in our room, colored Easter eggs, and celebrated some birthdays! The warmer weather has been great for playing outside on our playground. This makes our days go by even faster. We are learning about the plants and animals that are in our community and how they enjoy the sun and rain and need them to grow. We are looking forward to summer so we can swim, wear shorts and flip-flops, and have picnics outside. We have had a great school year and are looking forward to another great one next year.

Thank You for Supporting Plant Sales

A big thank you to everyone who bought plants from our Plant Sale Fundraiser! Over in \$25,000 plants were sold. This is our biggest sale ever. Thank you also to students, faculty, and volunteers who helped on plant pickup day and made it a huge success!

Good Technology, by Joe Kamler - School Board Member

Some of the most common selling points of technology have been the quantity, speed, and usefulness of the information that technology can provide. We often hear and learn about the 'dark side' of technology which most certainly deserves our ongoing attention. However, I want to inform readers of a couple of good pieces of technology that parents and district patrons should find helpful.

As a parent, have you ever wondered what your child's grades are? Would it be helpful to get an email or text reminder when your child was about to need lunch money? Would it be helpful to establish a test score threshold and then get an email or text any time your child got a score lower than the threshold? Shickley Public Schools utilizes PowerSchool software. This is a student database management system that maintains the student's grades, transcripts, attendance records, school schedule, personal information, lunch money balance, etc. A feature of PowerSchool allows for parents to have the ability to monitor grades and other information once certain credentials are established. Some parents are currently utilizing PowerSchool and have found it to be of great assistance with being better connected to their child's scholastic performance. If the PowerSchool features interest you or you want more information, call the school for more details.

At a board meeting, Mrs. Coffey presented excellent information that has been developed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) about Shickley Public Schools and how we compare to our peers and state averages in regards to test scores, finances, etc. It is laid out in an easy to understand dashboard format. Based upon standardized factors, NDE provides an overall rating for each school district as Excellent, Great, Good, or Needs Improvement. I found this information very valuable as I have often wondered how does District 54 compare to other school districts. As a district patron and/or parent, I encourage you to look at <https://nep.education.ne.gov/snapshot.html#30-0054-000>. From this website, you can access information about any school district in Nebraska. As you will see, Shickley Public Schools rates favorably as compared to its peers and NDE rates Shickley Public Schools as "Excellent."

Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk

Our school's annual 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held on the last day of school. It will once again be a "Color Run/Walk." Registration forms are available at school. The entry fee is \$10 and will include lunch. If you registered before April 30th you will also get a t-shirt. Registration the day of the run/walk will be at 10:30 am and the run/walk will start at 11:00 am.

This run/walk was partially funded with a grant from the Shickley Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Shickley Greenhouse Plant Sales

The greenhouse will be open on Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th from 3:40-5:00 pm. Items are available in 6 packs, 3 packs, individually, and some are in planters. There are a variety of vegetables and herbs to purchase.

For more information contact Miss Witte at school.



Training Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Interested individuals should send an email of interest to Shickley Public Schools' Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey: scoffey@longhornpower.org



Memorial Day Weekend

Tentative Opening: Sunday, May 26, 2019

Family Season Pass: \$75

Single Pass: \$30

Daily Rate: \$2

Letter from Mr. Sokol, Principal

We are quickly approaching the month of May and our school year is coming to a close. However, we are making great use of our time and aiming to finish with the same intensity with which we started. Our students and staff are still doing great things each and every day in the classroom and beyond. The vast majority of our students have completed their State Assessments for both the high school and elementary and I want to thank our teachers for their help in proctoring these tests. Our FBLA and FFA organizations were very successful at their state conferences and represented Shickley well. Our BDS Track team and Shickley Golf team are improving as their seasons continue. Balancing the busyness of the spring schedule, our teachers are doing a great job of creating learning opportunities each and every day. I would like to highlight three other recent events and thank those that made them possible.

Grandparents Day took place on Friday, April 5th. This was a day of food, fun, games, and an opportunity for students and their grandparents to spend some quality time together in our school. Nearly every student in our kindergarten through 6th grade had grandparent(s) in attendance. Thanks to Mrs. Rytych for her efforts in coordinating the event. Our kitchen staff provided a great meal and our maintenance staff had the building ready for the event. I know there were many others who are deserving of appreciation for the various ways they contributed to the day. It was special and I hope memories were created and relationships were strengthened.

Our annual Plant Sale was amazing! It was a learning experience for me as I have never witnessed a fundraiser quite like this. A few months ago, Mrs. Snyder tried to inform me of what to expect and she was right. Our gym was filled with plants from wall to wall. The plants arrived on Tuesday, April 23rd and with the help of our students, they were arranged in the gym. Just as fast as they arrived, they were picked up on Wednesday, April 24th. It was awesome to see our kids help our customers select their plants and load their vehicles. Our students surpassed their goals and created the revenue that pays for class expenses for the coming years. A special thanks to Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Cogswell, and Mrs. Kamler along with the other volunteers who helped to make the pick-up day run so smoothly.

The Spring Concert took place on Thursday, April 25th. We had performances from our 5th to 12th-grade band and choir students. Each group that performed sounded great and it's always impressive to hear how collectively they make music. A particular highlight for me was the parents who joined the 5th-grade band to add percussion. Mrs. Noel, Mrs. Oglesby, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Eitzmann were entertaining to say the least. I would like to thank Mrs. Lichti and Mrs. Vanderschaaf for their volunteer hours playing the piano at practice and during the concert. This concert was also the first for our new band director, Miss Olsen. She has certainly hit the ground running and has done a great job!

With so many moving parts, it takes a team to make things happen. I thank you all for your help! We certainly have a school and a community to be proud of!

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