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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

## Great Happenings

There is truly no place like Shickley, so let's celebrate some of the great things happening around our school!

- Teachers and students are enjoying the new Science Curriculum
- Red Ribbon Week was celebrated and we had several great activities held throughout the week
- The BDS football team is in the state playoffs
- The BDS volleyball team will be playing at sub-state
- The Shickley band, choir, and one-act put on a fabulous Fine Arts Night
- We had a great turnout at Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Students are being celebrated each and every day for the successes they are having in the classrooms

## A Lesson on Platforms and Opportunities

The BDS opening game of subdistricts was a special one; and not just because our girls won in three sets! Earlier in the evening, while "Striving," I had mentioned that the Eagles were going to win the match; as both BDS and Nebraska Christian mascots are the "Eagles."

The Nebraska Christian volleyball team never gave up throughout the night. They fought back into the first two sets and led much of the final set. Even though this was not enough for Nebraska Christian and they lost the volleyball match, the team still walked off the court that night as winners. After slapping hands with our BDS girls and consoling their own teammates, the Nebraska Christian team came over to the BDS side of the court to pray with them.

We all have platforms and opportunities that we can utilize and embrace! What platforms do you have? Are you utilizing opportunities to embrace great things for yourself and others? No matter your age or title, you have the ability to embrace opportunities to create positive change.



*Discover your platform and welcome the opportunities!*

Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey  
Superintendent

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## Bean Growing Competition, by Olivia Tapia

The race is on between the seniors in English 12. They are growing beans so they can journal the progress. Each student was assigned a pot and given a bean, that was provided by Mrs. Hinrichs. Although the pots were provided, the soil was not. After bringing in their own soil for their beans they began the process of planting them. There weren't any specific instructions on how to plant the beans. So it was up to the seniors to decide how deep they wanted to plant their beans and how often they would receive water. The first senior whose bean is ready to harvest will receive an iTunes gift card and the other two seniors will receive candy bars of their choice.



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## Senior Spotlight - Austin Plock

Senior Austin Plock is looking forward to graduating this year. Austin says that his experience here at Shickley Public Schools has been good because he has made friends that have come and gone. He likes it here because it is a friendly atmosphere. In Austin's free time he likes to be with friends and drive around town. He enjoys working with livestock and working on his trailer racing truck. The teachers that he has connected with the most are Mr. Elwonger and Mr. Shipley. Austin says his favorite memory is when they said there was something wrong with the popcorn machine but there wasn't so they got it for free!

By Coy Margheim, English 9

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## Thank You

The Shickley Public School staff and teachers would like to thank the senior parents for providing us with a delicious dinner during parent/teacher conferences. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and heart-warming. We value your thoughtfulness and support of our school and students.

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## Water Jamboree, by Owen Beavers and Hailey Miller

On September 26, at Liberty Cove, our class went to the National Resource Department's Water Jamboree. We learned about irrigation and how to preserve the Ogallala Aquifer and how it is an important water supply to the environment. We also learned about different plants and we got to go on a scavenger hunt to find different plants. We got to look at a sandbox and how water flows into a dam.

We also made water wheels to see who could make the best wheel. What they did is they gave us materials to make a wheel and when we were done making it, they put it over a tub of water and poured water over it and saw how many revolutions a blue card they have on the wheels could make. We also learned how to use a pipe and pump water out of a little pool and we got to see how much water we could pour into a separate bucket. This is an example of how a water tower would work.

At another session we used a box to show what the Ogallala Aquifer looked like, then we made water pumps to make an example of water wells that we use for our everyday water. We also learned about the food web around the area. We played a game to help show the food web. We played a game to help teach us about how Nebraska is an important stopover for migrating birds. We got to look at a stand that helps show how pollutants get into lakes and water sources.

## FFA Competes in Land Judging Contest, by Miss Witte

The Central Platte Natural Resource District hosted the South Central Land Judging Contest on October 9th. The contest took place in Hall County near Wood River, Nebraska. There were 326 individuals competing and only the top half of those competing received ribbons. During the contest students needed to determine depth of soil, texture, permeability, slope of a specific area and the amount of erosion that has taken place. Once this information was determined they found the land capability class and then selected what conservation practices needed be utilized on the site. Results are as follows:

Taryn Fiala - 13<sup>th</sup> Purple  
 Bryn Kadel - Blue  
 Kaylee Noel - Blue  
 Briana Janing - Blue  
 Zach Mosier - Blue  
 Jeff Yang - Blue  
 Nathan Nelson - Red  
 Sam Margheim -Red  
 Kenzie Bohling - Red

Josh Swartzendruber - Red  
 Aaron Mick - White  
 Nolan O'Brien - White  
 Regan Alfs - White  
 Brock Swartzendruber  
 Pun Visuttachan  
 Justin Stengel  
 Cadden Carlson  
 Eli Noel  
 Taylor Sliva

Jayden Heath  
 Austin Plock  
 Mariah Sliva  
 Tyler Grote  
 Maddie Kamler  
 Reid Richards  
 Adam Alfs  
 Landon Johnson  
 Brooke Nelson  
 Dalton Kleinschmidt



## FFA Officers attend “Connecting Chapters” Training, by Miss Witte

The Shickley FFA Officers attended “Connecting Chapters” Training on Monday, October 7th at Thayer Central Public Schools. “Connecting Chapters” is an agriculture literacy program offered by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation. By participating in the training, the officers were able to facilitate an “Ag In the Classroom” lesson. The chapter also received an agriculture-based book to donate to the school library. The chapter will utilize the lessons throughout the year with the elementary classes. Pictured are officers Regan Alfs, Brock Swartzendruber, and Austin Plock.



## Poinsettia Sales

The Shickley Greenhouse will have red and marble poinsettia plants for sale starting in December. Red poinsettias in an 8-inch pot will be \$15 and large marble poinsettias in a 12-inch pot will be \$20.



## Alumni Spotlight

### Jessica (Dowdy) Schoenholz, Class of 2007

Jessica and her husband, Alex live near Bruning, NE and have two children: Garrett (4) and Shaun (2) which both attend Shickley Public School and daycare. Jessica graduated college in December of 2010 from University of Nebraska - Lincoln, with honors in a degree in Ag Banking and Finance. She was the first student to complete the four year program at UNL. Alex and Jessica are currently the owners of Precision Signs & Graphics, LLC in which they run full-time; and Alex also helps on the family farm.

#### Recent accomplishments:

The biggest accomplishment for Jessica so far has been purchasing a business in December of 2010 when she was just 21 years old and also just 3 days after graduating from college. She graduated college early in 3 ½ years in order to begin her professional career. At Precision Signs and Graphics, they have continued to grow by updating equipment, computers, and software in order to manufacture high quality products and increasing efficiency throughout the years. At PSG they manufacture lighted and non-lighted building signs, freestanding signs, digital signs, as well as decals (all sizes and quantities), banners, magnetics, flat metal signs, and canvases. They also create vehicle, trailer, and semi decals and wraps. You will see their work around town with the new Shickley freestanding signs. They also work with many other local businesses, schools, several county Sheriffs, and have shipped products across the state. They manufacture custom archways with some even shipping to Missouri, Georgia, and South Dakota. In 2018 they added on to their office giving them a larger open workspace, storage, and more office spaces.

#### How did Shickley prepare you for the future:

**\*\*KNOWLEDGE** - Shickley Public School gave Jessica a solid foundation of all learning and knowledge to prepare her for college, which ultimately prepared her for the 'real-world'. She admits she uses Mrs. Snyder's math every single day (basic math, algebra, geometry). Personal Finance, Accounting, and Mr. Straight's classes about book-keeping and reconciling prepared her for many college accounting and economic courses.

**\*\*SUPPORT and CONFIDENCE** - The school and community supported everyone in both academics and athletics. Words cannot describe how it truly felt to have literally a whole community to support you and cheer you on with your successes. What better way to build up a child's and/or young adult's confidence than with the school and community of Shickley. It is a place where nothing is impossible.

**\*\* MOST IMPORTANTLY FUN** - Shickley was actually fun - the memories and friends she made; learning, athletics, work -- none of it would have made much of an impact if it wasn't for having FUN and having people around you that enjoyed what they were doing as well.

#### Advice for current students:

- Don't Worry - don't worry too much about the grades, having that perfect game, or what courses or degree you should do. Just give 100% and literally it all falls into place and you'll look back and ask yourself 'why was I so worried about that'.
- Take college credits when possible - Jessica was able to graduate from Shickley with an entire semester of college credits. She feels this will still give students a better advantage in college today and can lead to other opportunities.
- Live each day to the fullest - Jessica lost her mom and grandma less than 3 years ago; each day she wishes she could enjoy that 'one' moment with them again — You never know what each day will bring, so everyday tell someone that 'I love you', 'Thank you,' and even 'I'm Sorry,' Be kind, grateful, and have a positive attitude. (A negative mind will never give you a positive life.)

#### Favorite Memory

Winning 2005 Class D2 volleyball (only losing 2 games) and Runner-up in Class D2 basketball in 2006. But ultimately the years (starting in 3rd grade) of practices, games, friendships, etc. all leading up to the championship were the real memories!



## Quarter One Honor Roll

### All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Justin Stengel, and Rong Yang

Juniors: Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, and Raleigh Shipley

Sophomores: Taryn Fiala, Madeline Kamler, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, Taylor Sliva, and Madison Sokol

Freshmen: Hannah Miller and Ashley Schlegel

8th Graders: Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, Reagan Sokol, and Lynley Swartzendruber

7th Graders: Jacob Beavers, Malinda Kamler, Tucker Robinson, Hayley Sliva, and Grace Tobias

### A Average Honor Roll

Seniors: Zach Mosier, Nathan Nelson, Josh Swartzendruber, Olivia Tapia, and Punnavit Visuttachan

Juniors: Kenzie Bohling, Bryn Kadel, Dalton Kleinschmidt, Nolan O'Brien, and Blake Schlegel

Sophomores: Tyler Grote, Landon Johnson, Brooklynn Nelson, and Eli Noel

8th Graders: Jada Spurling and Seth Stengel

7th Graders: Carson Loos and Shawn Nelson

### A and B

Sophomore: Harlie Grant

8th Graders: Jay Kempf and Owen Oglesby

## PE on Thursdays, by Miss Nutter

New this year in PE on Thursdays the Junior High students and Pre-school students share a PE class. Each of the Pre-K students is paired with a "big kid" partner as they go through their warm-ups, stretches, and during the games. So far this year, we have played a lot of tag games, learned how to move like a bunch of different animals, and are currently working on our hand-eye coordination to keep a balloon up in the air for as long as possible as seen here in the picture. This is the first year we have had these age combinations, and it has been a new adventure in the classroom which both groups of students seem to enjoy!



## Senior Spotlight - Nathan Nelson

Nate Nelson's favorite activities are hunting, spending time with his friends, and playing football. A teacher at school that Nate is very appreciative of is Ms. Witte. She pushes Nate to do his best in everything he does and also to not take the easy way out and work hard. Nate's favorite activity in school is the FFA. The FFA has taught Nate to work hard and all the hard work pays off. Nate has also met a lot of new friends along the way. Nate's thoughts about Shickley Public School is that we have great teachers in high school and when he was younger. Nate also liked that school was fun but also educational at the same time. Some advice that Nate has given me is to make the best of my years in high school as it goes by very fast and to ask lots of questions because it will help in the future.

By Ashley Schlegel, English 9

## Preschool Pumpkins, by Mrs. Erickson

Shickley Preschool spent the week studying pumpkins! We carved a pumpkin and made the seeds into a sensory bag for the children to observe. We compared the weights of different sized pumpkins, and looked at them through a microscope; their favorite was the big bumpy pumpkin! We also had a pumpkin washing station where the children used soap, water, and brushes to clean them. One of the children's favorite activities was making "elephant toothpaste" inside the pumpkin. They thought it looked like the pumpkin was puking! Jessica Schoenholz donated one pumpkin per student and they each got to paint one to take home.

Something that is very unique about our program is our partnership with the daycare. Ms. Ann does such a great job taking what we are doing in our classroom and making it her own in her classroom. Pictured below on the left are Sophia and Kaynen in her room making mosaic pumpkins. It has been so nice for the children to have the same schedule when they attend her program at the daycare! In the next picture Elijah Chamberlain is looking at the guts of a pumpkin. In the third picture Larsyn Kimbrough and Paisley Schultz are playing with a variety of little pumpkins. In the last picture the whole class is shown with the pumpkin that we made "elephant toothpaste" in.




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## Ties with Community

As an alum, I am proud to say I am from Shickley. I am always amazed to learn more about what Shickley Public Schools promotes. I have been noticing more and more students helping in their own way in the community. This means so much to me, as I am raising my own children and want to instill a serving attitude.

My girls look up to students who serve in this community. Students helped with games as the recent Trunk or Treat. FFA members helped with the daycare's landscape project and keep the trees along the spur and in the park areas mulched. Students serve lunches to area farmers during harvest. They also help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Students collect coats, toys, and food for those in need. I have a little swimmer who looks up to those lifeguards teaching swim lessons and talking to her as she got more comfortable in the water this year. As a school board member, and parent, I truly believe this is an important part of what makes Shickley great.

Ryan Noel  
Shickley Board of Education

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## FAFSA Presentation, by Mrs. Noel

A representative from Education Quest presented information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on October 10. All juniors, seniors, and their parents were invited to learn about what financial aid is in general, where to get support, and how to complete the FAFSA application process. The FAFSA application window is currently open for submissions.

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## **Junior High Students Writing and Composing, by Mrs. Noel**

When the junior high students started school in August none of them would have thought they would someday be songwriters and composers. Utilizing multiple teachers and curriculum opportunities, the students are doing just this. The 8th-grade students began their school year learning about the elements of poetry. From there, they began learning that the songs they listen to are ultimately poems. The students wrote their song lyrics in Mrs. Noel's English 8 classroom, are writing their own music to the lyrics in Mrs. Morrison's junior high band class, and are getting valuable critiques from Ms. Nuss, an aspiring musician, and songwriter herself. The 7th-grade students are partnering with an 8th grader and composing their own music to the lyrics of their partner. Eventually, the 8th graders want to create a full piece using Garage Band.

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## **Registering for Online/Dual Credit Courses, by Mrs. Noel**

Before Thanksgiving break, upperclassmen will be determining which online and dual credit courses they are wanting to take for 2nd semester. Full class listings are not available yet, but students can begin looking at SCC courses via the SENCAP program. If a student needs to determine if a course will transfer to another school in the state of Nebraska, they can utilize the "Transfer Nebraska" website which will help guide them to know the courses will transfer and what the course would be called at their chosen college.

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## **Kindergarten Students Challenged with Graphing Activities, by Mrs. Schultz**

The kindergarten class has had a very productive first quarter of the year! Many of the things we have learned have been a review of letters, sounds, and numbers; but we just began a new, exciting unit about constructing, using, and interpreting graphs! This is particularly fun because the students have very little experience with graphing. The students learn how to take a survey, then use the survey results as data to create a graph. We have made some simple graphs with teddy bear counters and pattern blocks. Eventually, the students create their own survey question, collect data independently, and construct a graph that is all their own. Finally, the students will analyze their data and draw conclusions based on their graphs. This is always an enjoyable unit for kindergarten students because it is a real change of pace from the drill and practice of counting and patterning; plus we get to learn lots of exciting things about our friends as we take surveys and collect data!

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## **Volunteers Welcome!**

The kindergarten class would gladly welcome any volunteers who wish to donate a quick half-hour to listen to students read! If you are interested, please stop by the kindergarten room on any day from 1:30-2:00 to help out. Any volunteer is welcome, any day of the week, anytime throughout the year. The students love fresh faces in the classroom and really enjoy showing off their newfound reading skills! Thank you for thinking of us!

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## **Cargill Angel Tree Forms**

If you or someone you know will be needing assistance in making a child's Christmas special this year, please contact Mrs. Noel for a form from Cargill. The forms are also attached to the daily announcements that are emailed out by Joyce. The Cargill Angel Tree program helps families in surrounding communities have a brighter Christmas. This giving tree aims to help newborns through seniors in high school receive a few items they desire and also need during the holiday season, lessening the financial burden at home. [Forms are due back to Mrs. Noel by November 15.](#)



## Information Technology Class Engages in Computer Science, by Mrs. Yantzie

The freshmen, in the first picture to the right, have been busy learning about computer science and engaging in a variety of coding activities in Information Technology class. Utilizing the code.org website, they completed an assortment of lessons to learn about plotting shapes, sprites, variables, loops, booleans, conditions, and inputs. Spheros, Ozobots, Circuit Playgrounds, and microbit devices were employed to deepen their coding knowledge. They will conclude their coding unit by creating an interactive board game that will incorporate Circuit Playground boards that were funded from a Shickley Community Foundation grant.



The Info Tech students shared their coding knowledge on a weekly basis with the 4th grade class. The high school students would interact with the 4th grade class with Spectrums, Sphero, and Ozobot coding devices. They assisted in teaching the students about creating Flipgrid videos that were shared with their parents during Parent Teacher Conferences. Both classes have enjoyed the opportunity to teach and learn about computer science and coding. 4th grade students Cameron Wilson and Kaden Dickson on pictured on the right.

## Reaching Goals, Mrs. Zajic

These students started early in the school year to set a goal and reach it, however, they not only reached the goal, but had time to set a second goal and reach it! Amazing work! Each time these students complete a story, they are one step closer to reaching their goal. The stories involve timed readings, answering story questions, and writing a retell. They work together to meet their goal by a certain date. Last quarter they were working for a game day and earned that with a week to spare, so they set another goal to earn a snack. The students chose to play Old Maid and a healthy snack of apples and peanut butter. This quarter, they've set the bar a little higher in hopes to play a few rounds of UNO and a second goal for a snack. Let me tell you, they are well on their way! Congratulations students, keep up the great work!



Pictured are: Mikinzi Oswald, Kaden Dickson, Veronika Flint, and Aubrey Domeier.

## Car Care Instructions, by Mrs. Noel

In a recent College and Career Readiness class, the seniors learned about basic car care from Reg Noel, the guest speaker. He showed the students how to change a tire, check the basic fluids of a car, and explained many safety expectations when an accident occurs.



## Celebrating Red Ribbon Week, by Mrs. Zajic

Students and staff took the pledge to be drug free during Red Ribbon Week. Each person decorated a hand with their name and added it to the poster to show that they are drug free. The poster is shown below in the picture on the left.

Students and staff also participated in several dress up days. One of the days was “Put a cap on drugs”- wear your favorite cap. Pictured below in the middle wearing caps are Hailey Miller and Claire Hinrichs.

On Friday, students in daycare through 6th grade had a special treat to end the week. A special thank you to Mrs. Erickson and her mom Marti Alfs for donating the “I’d rather eat bugs than do drugs” treats. Pictured on the right are Triniti Oswald, Wyatt Kempf, Porter Ferrell, Layton Fiala, and Aiden Domeier enjoying the special treat.



## Principal Notes, by Mr. Sokol

In the blink of an eye, our first quarter of the school year has come and gone. As usual, we are off to a great start! Here are a few quick acknowledgments I want to share. First and foremost, I'd like to thank all of the parents that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your attendance demonstrates your commitment to the success of your child and the support of our teachers. Congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll! As your principal, I am proud of your academic success and strong work ethic. Our fall sports teams are entering the post-season and we wish them the best as they chase their state championship dreams. Our One-Act team is about to start their competitive season with their first performance in York on November 4th. Students from our FFA Chapter are in Indianapolis attending the National Convention and experiencing the breadth and power of FFA. I would like to thank our Early Learning Facility Staff for their completion of Pediatric First Aid and CPR training.

Throughout this fall sports season, our schools (Bruning-Davenport & Shickley) have provided live streaming of our events via Striv.tv. Striv allows for spectators to tune-in via the internet and watch the action from a device. You can usually find the varsity games by going to the host schools Striv page [www.striv.tv](http://www.striv.tv) and then search for Shickley or Bruning-Davenport. I would like to thank Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. Sokol, and Mrs. Kamler for joining me this season as we provided commentary for our volleyball games. Mr. Zach Schlegel has done a great job providing the play by play for the football games in Shickley. Our recent VB game against Lawrence-Nelson drew an audience of nearly 400 and I anticipate our Football Playoff games to be just as popular. Once our basketball season begins, you will find the games under the Bruning-Davenport page.

Striv is out of Henderson, Nebraska and was started by Taylor Siebert in 2012. Taylor's vision has always been focused on helping schools share their story. We certainly appreciate the platform he's created!

