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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

New Year, New Look

As staff and students come back to school in 2021 they will see a new look on a couple of the walls in our school. When you enter the school at the main entrance you will notice we went green! We wanted people to feel welcome to our school as they enter our building and that we are the Shickley Longhorns!



Another wall that got a new look is one in the lobby that leads into the principal's office. Longhorn Pride is very fitting for our school as we are proud of all the hard work being put in at school by our students and staff. The words that adorn this wall describe many things we are learning and teaching here at Shickley Public Schools: community, safe, focus, learning, sportsmanship, respect, knowledge, desire, fun, passion, unity, leadership, creativity, responsible, winning, drive, supportive, motivate, etc.

Next time you are near school, stop by and see our new walls!

A huge thank you to Precision Signs and Graphics for adding a Shickley touch to our walls!



Calculus Students Attend Virtual Math Day, by Mrs. Snyder

Math Day 2.0 was hosted online for 68 teams from 41 schools. 340 students from 41 Nebraska high schools participated in the 31st annual Nebraska Math Day on Thursday, December 3, 2020, virtually on Zoom. Two classes of 68 teams participated in five rounds.

Math Day 2.0 was the first-ever online bowl tournament and was designed to spark high school students' interest in math, to encourage them to pursue a career in mathematics or the mathematical sciences, and to recognize outstanding mathematical ability.

This all-day event consisted of the PROBE II individual competition and the fast-paced Math Bowl 2.0 Swiss-System Team Competition. Recruiters from UNL departments and units hosted Zoom rooms throughout the day to interact with the bowl team participants. All participants were also provided with the opportunity to solve an escape room.

Shickley students fared well in the recreational Math Bowl with wins over Lincoln Parkview 1 and Lincoln Parkview 2, and endured losses to Aquinas, CHAO Home, and Hastings St. Cecilia. Students participating were Kenzie Bohling, Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, Nolan O'Brien, and Raleigh Shipley.

FFA and First Grade Collect Items for Blue Valley Community Action Program

The Shickley FFA members and first graders combined their efforts to donate coats, hats, mittens, food, and many other items to the Blue Valley Community Action Program. This project helps the students to remember that there are many people in need in our community and that we can make a difference in their lives. FFA members and first grade students are pictured below with some of the items they collected.



ASVAB Testing for Sophomores

On January 27th, the sophomores will be taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB is used by the U.S. military to determine which job(s) would be best for each person entering the military. The ASVAB results can also be used to determine student's strengths that can be used in civilian jobs or careers.

Business Class News, by Mrs. Yantzie

Throughout the 4th quarter, the Computer 8 class spent time learning about the features of Google slides, drawings, and sheets. They finished the quarter learning to code on Code.org and working with Ozobot and Sphero devices. The Computers 8 class assisted with technology training with the 1st and 2nd grade students to prepare them for the practice remote learning day that occurred on Wednesday, November 25th. The junior high students were paired with students in the elementary classes to guide them through the process of joining zoom, utilizing the features of Google Classroom, and with accessing iPad and Chromebook features.



Pictured on the left are the Computers 8 students paired with 1st grade students to guide them with understanding how to connect to zoom to prepare them for the practice remote learning day that was held on Wednesday, November 25th.

The Business 8 class had an engaging semester learning about personal finance topics that included savings, credit, debt, entrepreneurship, and basic global economics. They completed a hands on check writing packet to master writing checks, maintaining a check register, and reconciling a checkbook. During their time in class, they participated in a classroom economy in which they had a class job, earned a salary, and paid bills. With their earned money students could purchase donated items at the class auction. By participating in the classroom auction, students practiced budgeting and maintaining their own money.

Pictured to the right Business 8 students are participating in a classroom auction and purchasing donated items with their money they earned from their classroom jobs.



In order to learn a variety of software programs, the Information Technology class has been busy during the first semester learning about Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. They used Microsoft 365 to learn the online features of each program and compare them with the GSuite apps. The students learned a variety of new and useful features to provide them a well rounded knowledge of word processing, presentation, and spreadsheets tools. Each Wednesday they enjoyed going to the 4th grade classroom to have tech time with the students. During the 4th grade tech time, they would pair with students to assist them with Code.org lessons, digital escape rooms, and coding challenges. The Info Tech class spent the last two weeks of the semester learning more about coding by completing Code.org interactive lessons as well as exploring an assortment of coding and robotic devices.

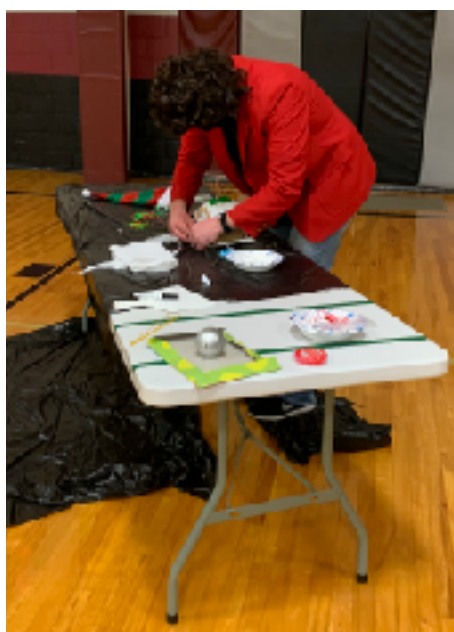
The Information Technology class is pictured below with the 4th Grade students during a Wednesday tech time day.



FBLA Chapter Hosts Annual Elfie of the Year

In December, the FBLA chapter hosted its annual Elfie of the Year contest. The participants were Freshman - Logan Johnson; Sophomore - Delainey Kaster; Junior - Maddie Kamler; Senior - Aaron Mick; and Staff - Mr. Warren. The five contestants competed in the following categories which create the acronym ELFIE - *earn, love, fun, infographic, and entertain*. During the week they competed in the earn category by receiving monetary donations from the student body & staff. Pennies were positive votes and all other currency were negative votes. The money raised will be donated to The Christmas Store in Geneva. We raised a total of \$236.70. For the love portion, individuals donated gently used toys as a vote for their favorite candidate. The chapter donated approximately 236 toys to the Hastings Crossroads Center second-hand store. Contestants also created infographic posters to help them with their Elfie of the Year campaign.

For the final *fun* portion, the candidates completed several minute-to-win-it challenges to earn items to use to decorate a Gingerbread House. Based on judging, they were awarded points for their creativity. The final *entertainment* event decided the winner of the contest where each Elfie candidate competed in three events in the Candy Cane Olympics. After all the votes were tallied, Aaron Mick was crowned the 2020 Elfie of the year. Thank you to everyone who donated! Below are some snapshots of the Elfie Contest.



FBLA member Macy Kamler is pictured to the right delivering over 230 gently used toys the Hastings Crossroads Center second-hand store.



Junior High AR Clubs, by Mrs. Monica Noel

Each quarter the junior high students have the opportunity to choose an AR Club that they would like to work towards. For each level the students can earn different rewards such as bringing their own choice of beverage and snack, eating lunch with Mrs. Noel, and the ultimate reward not having to complete a book report but earning a 100% on the assignment. Each quarter there is also a competition for the highest reader award. This student earns a gift certificate from a variety of options such as 5 Loaves grocery store and the Shell station.

The winner of the highest reader award for the 2nd quarter is Brady Noel who earned 77 points. Pictured are the 50-Point Club members Coen Eitzmann, Jaxen Heath, Brady Noel, and Grace Tobias.



MAPS Testing Time for Seniors, by Mrs. Monica Noel

While the 7-11th grade students were taking their MAPS test, the seniors spent the testing periods learning more about how to write an effective letter of application, how to properly ask for and get an excellent letter of recommendation, find reliable scholarship sources, time to fill out the FAFSA application, visit with and ask questions of current college students, and learned more about the different offices and resources on their respective campuses.

Seniors are pictured interacting with collegiate student Kaylee Noel.



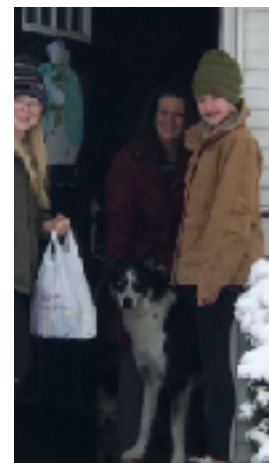
Study Skills Final Project, by Mrs. Monica Noel

The 7th graders spent the last portion of the semester thinking about something they would like to see changed in their small world. They had to use critical thinking, problem-solving, and responsibility skills. Some of the ideas included having recess for 7th-12th grade students, starting a Shickley trap shooting team, a video gaming team, and the possibility of not having to wear masks and doing remote learning.

Olivia Schlegel and Luke Elting fully implemented their plans by collecting food for Blue Valley and making holiday gift baskets for the elderly and lonely. Olivia set up donation boxes around town and collected many cans of food that she took to Blue Valley. Luke used her own money to make gift baskets that she then delivered to individuals. Both girls said that completing this project made them feel good about doing something for others.

By completing this project, the students learned that it takes a lot of planning and problem-solving to implement a plan from the ground up. Coen Eitzmann stated, "I learned that if you have a genuinely good plan, and you have a very clear outline of how to do it, then just go and try to do it. It might not work, but at least you tried," when describing his experience trying to provide water bottles to students who may not have one during school hours.

Olivia and Luke are pictured receiving food donations from Tiya Johnson.



Mask Reminder

When students come back to school on January 5th please remember to send them in a mask. Masks worn 1st semester were sent home with students the last days before break. Parents/guardians are now responsible to send their student to school with a mask. Masks will not be laundered or handed out as they were 1st semester.

At this time masks are still required to enter our buildings and are to be worn at all times, even when social distancing.

History News, by Mr. Shipley

Well, as we see 2020 leave us there's an old saying that goes, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." We hope that this last year never gets a repeat performance. In our history classes we are learning a multitude of different things. In 11th grade American History we did a little detective work and found out that the Spanish didn't sink the Maine. Go figure. We are also learning different governmental things like our ability to vote with our 12th graders. I took our seniors to the Community Center on Election Day and they got to see the whole voting process. Our 7th graders are finding the Bill of Rights to be fascinating stuff about the rights that all American citizens get to have. Our 9th graders are learning that there is a world of cultures out there that have wild, weird, and interesting meals that come from all over the world. The 10th graders have found an interest in the Greek gods, Battle of Troy, and what goes on with Greek history. The 8th grade class has been looking at the American Revolution. They want "no taxation without representation." History is a mystery until you learn it. Our history students are so great at working and learning. Happy New Year and here comes 2021. Looking forward to the future and more history being made!

Principal Notes, from Mr. Warren

I hope that you all have had a wonderful Christmas! As I sit here thinking about what I should write about there are a few things that come to mind. The main one is how much I have enjoyed my time at Shickley Public Schools. Another is the fact that we made it through the first semester in person! I am also excited that 2020 is almost over. There are a lot of things that we can look at and think about how bad things have been, and it has been at times. However, there are so many things to be thankful for.

I am very thankful for how welcoming the community, the staff, and the students have been to me coming to Shickley. I am even more excited to have my children in the school system next year. There are so many positive things that we have going for us here in Shickley that a lot of bigger schools can't offer; smaller class sizes, more one on one time with teachers, the ability to develop those relationships with our students. All of these things can play a huge impact on the development of our students.

My favorite part of working in Shickley is the students. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and interacting with them on a daily basis. One of my fears of becoming an administrator is the time I would lose with the students. My time with students has been cut drastically but I have had different opportunities to develop relationships with the students.

2020 has brought about a lot of different challenges to all of us. Obviously, COVID is the main culprit. With that being said, we really appreciate all of your patience with the guidelines that we have been following from the DHM. It is very frustrating to all of us but the main goal is that we are able to continue to offer different activities for our students.

With all of that being said, we are confident that we can finish out the school year strong. In order for us to do that, please remind your children to start the second semester off on a strong note. It is easier to raise a grade at the end of the semester if you have a higher average to begin with. I would also like to remind you that we will be having Parent-Teacher conferences on February 11th.

Please, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Mr. Warren