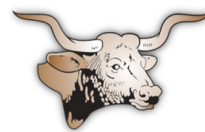




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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

A message from Superintendent, Dr. Stan Essink:

The 2022-23 school year is off to a great start, and I am enjoying having the kids in the building and the activities that accompany them. I've been told the initial months of one's superintendency will make you question the decision to take on such a role. While learning the ropes of the job and familiarizing myself with the community of Shickley is a lot to learn, I know this school provides the best-case scenario of both. School staff and community members have been very welcoming and I already feel like I have a new family of friends and co-workers.

Shickley provides students with wholesome opportunities and support that is hard to find, even in rural Nebraska. My goals are to ensure that way of life is available for as long as possible while continuing to enhance opportunities that will serve us in the coming decades. I encourage everyone to get involved with the school: volunteer, attend extra-curricular activities, come to a board meeting, or visit a classroom and see the many amazing things this school embodies.



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2nd Grade News

Ready or not here we come! The second-grade class is back and in full swing! This year we have 10 students in our class. The students are Elijah Chamberlain, Koy Elting, Jasmine Flink, Alia Gamboa, Madison Mussman, Kristine Noel, Camden Rippe, Hadley Schlegel, Paizley Schults, and Leah Wilson. They were all very excited to return and see their classmates. They also were surprised to find out that we had a new student join our group. Welcome to Shickley Jasmine, we are so glad you are here. We enjoyed getting reacquainted by tossing a beach ball and answering questions about ourselves. We made a get to know me poster about all of our favorite things. In reading, our stories are about Friends and Family and a few of the concepts we will be working on are Characters/Settings, Plot, Details/Main Idea, and Making and Confirming Predictions. We will also be practicing short vowels. We have been very busy in math learning various strategies to help us add and subtract. We also have HOMEWORK for the first time ever! And they love bringing it back for stickers. Writing has us working on our summer vacation pictures and stories. We all had super, fun things that we did. In Social Studies we are learning about communities and what it means to be a member and the responsibilities we all have. As you can see, second grade is a fun place to be...so feel free to visit us anytime!

Mrs. Mosier



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If you would like your log-in information, please contact Mrs. Menke at the school; email works the best!

amanda.menke@longhornpower.org

SAVE THE DATE!



The 2022 Scholastic Book Fair
September 30th-October 6th

Shickley Public School-- Entryway/Lobby

*Evening Event will be held during Parent Teacher Conferences



Jumping Right In



The Anatomy class performs a Homeostasis Lab by jumping rope for several minutes and then measuring their pulse. This lab showed what happens when a change happens to your body and how your body tries to correct it.

It's Good To Be Back!

Welcome back to another school year! I'm pleased to be a part of the longhorn staff for the 2022-2023 school year! It feels great to be back in the building, surrounded by friends and colleagues. Many of you in the community may remember me as Miss Wolfe. In my absences from the district these past three years, I have had some exciting changes. 1) I got married and became a Mrs, and 2) I become a Mom to a wonderful little boy name JP and our little girl is on the way! I am so thankful for this opportunity to be back at Shickley Public Schools as the K-5 Special Education Teacher. This will be my 12th year in education and my first as an elementary SPED teacher. For the past 11 years, I have been teaching Early Childhood SPED in various places, including Grand Island, Shickley, and Blue Hill. I'm looking forward to my new role here at Shickley and collaborating with all the talented elementary teachers. I truly missed Shickley these past three years and am so excited and thankful to be back. The friendships, the support, the community, and the kids makes Shickley one of the best places to work at. It's good to be back!

Mrs. Hoelting

New Faces

Hi everyone! My name is Niki Broich. I'm so excited to be serving as the PreK-12th grade SLP this year at Shickley! Here's a little bit about me. I'm originally from Grand Island, NE. I received my undergraduate and master's degree in speech-language pathology in 2019. After graduating, I lived in northern Colorado for a year working for a pediatric home health care company. I moved back to Nebraska in June 2020 and started working for my current company as a school-based SLP. When I'm not working, I love spending time at home with my boyfriend Zac and dog Rocky. Other things that bring me joy are gardening, being with my family and friends, golfing, volleyball, kayaking, reading, and decorating/home projects. I can't wait for a wonderful school year with you all!



Notes from the Guidance Office

Greetings and happy fall! I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself and share some activities taking shape in the Guidance Office, as well as a synopsis of what to expect throughout the year. I am excited to join the staff at Shickley Public School as School Counselor and Junior High English teacher. I have spent the last nine years in the South Central Unified District in several roles—most recently School Counselor. I am thankful for the opportunity to be here, working with students in our community.

Things in the Guidance Office are beginning to take shape for the school year. For seniors, this is an important time to begin narrowing down college choices, learning about applying for financial aid, and beginning the scholarship search. We have begun working on these items and will continue to do so as time allows. Now is also the time for juniors to begin thinking about the college search. Both groups of students have also received some materials to share with parents regarding important steps in this process.

There are several dates coming up that I want to make you aware of for both juniors and seniors. Both classes will be traveling to a college fair (hosted by EducationQuest) in Hastings the morning of September 26. They will have the opportunity to meet with college reps, gather information on potential college choices, and sign up to be contacted with important information from colleges of their choice.

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These topics will be livestreamed from EducationQuest. You can expect the sessions to be 30 minutes of information and I will be available afterwards to answer questions you may have (or take questions to research if I don't have the answer available).

The next ACT national test date is October 22. The deadline for registration is September 16. Any student grades 9-12 is eligible to take the ACT. If you have questions, please contact me. I will be holding a registration session at school, so look for information in the announcements.

I am also in the process of planning "Apply2College" Day for seniors, where students will apply to colleges of their choice. More information on the activities to expect that day will be coming soon!

In addition to college and career planning, students have begun their SENCAP and Dual Credit courses through SCC and Peru State. Be looking for more information regarding dual credit.

Finally, I want to remind parents about the community service requirements for graduation. Remember, each student must complete 40 hours of community service prior to graduation (preferably 10 hours per school year). I will be sending opportunities for community service out throughout the school year.

Once again, I look forward to working with all of you and your students! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that may arise.

-Shandi Bettasso

ELF Building

The ELF building is open all year, but fewer kids in the summer. Our summer went very well. We had Caitlin Mosier in Infant Room, Sue Loseke in the Toddler Room, Deb Stanek worked either in Infant room or Pre-k room. Bryn Kadel was a floater too. She helped out in infant and Pre-k room or wherever needed. The summer went by very quickly. We are now into the school year.

Ms. Caitlin had to return to do her Student Teaching at Northwest Missouri State. She will rejoin our team in January as the full time Infant Teacher. Jenny Cook graciously accepted the long term sub assignment in the Infant room. Jenny is doing a great job. We also added a new para in the infant room. Her name is Colleen Wassom. She came to our program August 8, 2022. We are enjoying her help. She is learning the ropes of a busy daycare, long hours, and lots of chaos and love. Jackie Swartzendruber has moved to the ELF building to take care of the 3 year olds that are not at Pre-School for 4 days. She is doing a great job also, I want to welcome all the new people.

Sue Loseke is the Teacher in the Toddler Room this year. Deb Stanek moved with Sue as her para. The kids are adjusting well to a new routine. We are learning to do calendar and weather each day. We have 5 helpers each day, and the kids are anxious to see who is on each duty in the morning. The duties include, a helper, a leader, bell ringer, music, and books.

The "Helper" gets to help set table and put out cups. They also get to help the teacher if she needs anything. The "Leader" gets to lead the kids outside, or wherever we need to walk to do something, The "Bell Ringer" gets to ring the bell to indicate it is time to pickup toys and move on to another activity. The "Music" person gets to choose the first song of circle time. The kids have lots of favorite songs. The "Books" person gets to have their special book that they brought to daycare at the beginning of school. The kids love to share their books.

I had some kids that drop off from mom and dad was a rough go. I started a sticker chart for them to fill up. If they can come in without any tears, they get to put a sticker on their chart. Once they have 5 stickers, they get a little prize. The last few days have been fantastic, all 12 have gotten stickers. The morning starts out so much easier with smiles.

I will be doing the billing for daycare again. If you ever have questions, please address me. I plan to send bills out around the 1st of the month and then need your checks back by the 20th of the month. I appreciate your cooperation in doing this.

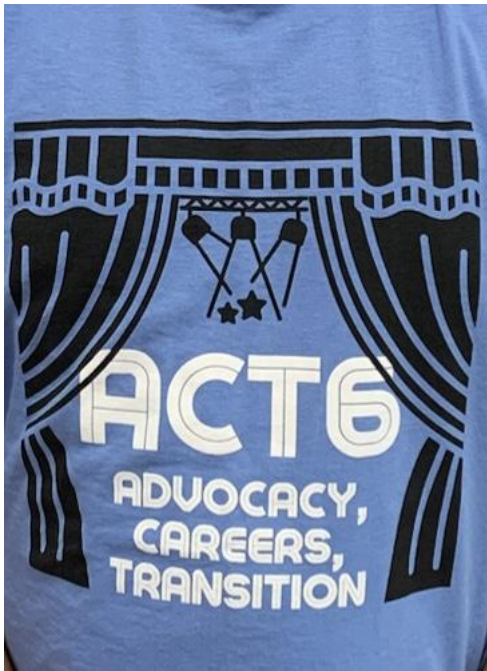
Welcome to a new year. You are always welcome to stop by anytime for a visit. The kids love to have people stop.

Sue Loseke
Director/Toddler Teacher



Summer Transition Camp

There was an new and exciting opportunity for MS-HS students this summer! Shickley Public School paired with ESU 6 and NE Vocational Rehabilitation to host a summer transition camp for students. Students participated in a variety of activities designed to provide experiences in meeting their post secondary goals. The activities were centered around three areas; education, career, and daily living. Financial literacy, job shadows and career exploration, a mock interview, and visiting with the collage accommodations specialist from SCC were a few of the activities for the week. It was a great week to focus on these fun skills that we don't always have time to do throughout the school year! We look forward to more of these opportunities in the future.



Shickley FFA's Busy Summer

Welcome back to school! Many of the Shickley FFA members had a busy summer working with their projects including their livestock, crops, and small businesses. 12 FFA members competed at the Fillmore County Fair. Highlights include Reid Richards winning the FFA market lamb show and being chosen as the Champion Round Robin Exhibitor. Adam Alfs had the Grand Champion Market Hog and Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and Seth Stengel winning the FFA Market Heifer show along with being chosen as the FFA Champion Showman.

In addition, many of our students have been busy with their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. These projects include students raising their own pumpkins, beef, and crops, students creating small businesses including soap making, cupcakes, and wooden flags, and students working for the local business including many of our local farmers. Great Job Shickley FFA!



Hello Everyone,

Going into the beginning of a new school year there is always a mixture of emotions. Most parents are probably excited to send kids back to school, while most of their children are sometimes not so sure. Teachers feel the energy and the build up of the new school year, yet they know that the next nine months will be challenging, exciting, trying, fulfilling, and about every other emotion you can think of tied into one. As a new administrator and with a new administrative team, it was fair to say we felt the excitement, maybe some anxiety stepping into new roles, and a lot of faith that we have a building full of great people that are going to make sure everything works out okay! Once that first day hits, it's all out the window and it's go time! This year was nothing different and it was an awesome feeling getting to see the excitement of the staff and students as we got this year off to a great start. Seeing the year begin from a new role has been extremely fulfilling because it allowed me to see in a different way, the immense level of care and compassion our staff has for our students and I think that our students reciprocate that. We truly are part of something really unique and special.

Here are a couple of important reminders regarding some things that we have noticed so far:

- 1) Dress Code: We understand that shopping for school clothing can sometimes be difficult, but please understand that any type of clothing that can "Leave things up to the imagination", most likely are not school appropriate. "In style doesn't mean in school style." Our students have been extremely respectful and understanding of concerns we have had to date, so kudos to them and their maturity regarding the situation. Here are some examples of common concerns:
 - a) Shorts are to be fingertip in length. We understand this is difficult with style right now, but please try.
 - b) Tops should have wide shoulder straps (2-3 finger widths).
 - c) "If clothing can expose a crack or your back, just take it back"
 - d) Seamed cut off shirts are allowed during the day, but a "self-cut" shirt is only allowed during a physical education class. If a "self-cut" shirt is cut low to the point that it exposes the chest or back, it is not deemed appropriate even for physical in-school activities.
- 2) The school does not provide supervision before 7:45am, or after the buses leave except for our after school academic support program. Please do not bring students to school before 7:45 am. Students may set up a meeting with a teacher for help earlier than that, but that must be planned and communicated the day before with staff so that we are aware of that situation.
- 3) If a student rides a bike, it needs to be parked in the bike rack.
- 4) Reminder that lunches are no longer federally funded so please be aware of lunch money that may be owed. If a student gets extras on food or drink, they are required to pay for that even if they qualify for food assistance.
- 5) Please communicate before 8:30am with the school if your student is ill or running late.

One of the things I addressed at the beginning of the year is that I'm not perfect, we aren't perfect, we won't be perfect, but we are going to try our hardest to be the best we can be. If something doesn't seem right or you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out and ask! I'm learning something new everyday and there is a good chance your question will help me to learn something more about this new role! I've enjoyed every minute of it so far and am looking forward to this school year with our students and staff! Please feel free to reach out to me through the school phone or email at greg.schroeder@longhornpower.org.

Thank you for all that you do in support of our students and school! - Mr. Schroeder

Rural Kids Rock Camp

This summer Art and PreK-4th grade music teacher Kim Nuss started an interactive music camp in Shickley called Rural Kids Rock. The camp was funded by a grant from the local community foundation and supported by the Big Little Town Revitalization club. During the camp, 15 campers grades 3rd-6th created original songs in small groups. They learned about rhythm patterns, composed lyrics, explored various instruments, and experimented with rhythm and movement.

Shickley's Band and Vocal Music teacher, John Sample, and private music instructor Noah Reichert worked with Nuss at the camp. Students had five days to create a name for their band and write their songs. The campers then performed their original songs live in front of an audience at this year's Longhorn Days celebration in Shickley.

"Being able to work with younger music students in a collaborative setting while they created their own music was a refreshing experience! Kids being excited about music is always a wonderful thing to see, and it was awesome to see the look of pride on their faces at our 'debut performance' at Longhorn Days," said John Sample.

"I was really impressed with how hard the kids worked. It isn't easy to write a song and be ready to perform it in such a short amount of time. It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun!" said Kim Nuss.



(from left to right) Mikinzi Oswald, Liv Wilson, John Sample, Brooks Kresser, Sydney Nelson, Abby Mooney and Jaylyn Zajic perform their song.



(from back left to right) Natalie Noel, Nora Noel, Jacob Schlegel, Cameron Wilson and Jacob Schlegel. (front) Kraegan Zajic and Emma Mooney are having fun practicing their music.



(from left to right) Jacob Schlegel, Cameron Wilson, Nora Noel, Joshua Schlegel, Natalie Noel, Mikinzi Oswald, Liv Wilson, Brooks Kresser, Jaylyn Zajic, Emma Mooney, Kraegan Zajic, Sydney Nelson and Abby Mooney.

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION AND RECORDS

All Special education records that have been maintained by the school district for more than 5 years after they were no longer needed, are now scheduled to be destroyed.

Individuals that had testing done to determine eligibility or received services from Special Education staff need to notify the school with their preference for the removal of these files.

Options include: 1. Parent/Student may request the school district to shred all personally identifiable information contained in the Special Education files of the individual

2. Parent/Student may request the school district turn over all personally identifiable information contained in the file to the individual.

Parent/student may contact the school to obtain a form indicating their preference for removal of these Special Education records from the school district's files.

If the school district has not been contacted or forms returned to the school by **September 15, 2022**, the school district assumes the right to shred all information of the individual contained in the Special Education file. *In accordance with Nebraska Department of Education: Rule 51 - 009.03 Retention and Destruction of Information and Records*



New Faces

We want to welcome all of our new staff this year.

Colleen Wassom - daycare para

Sandy Renken - para

Rachael Holsteen - Kindergarten

Dr. Stan Essink - Superintendent

Brian Naderny - Physical Education

Taryn Hoelting - K-5 Sped

Shandi Bettasso - JH English/Guidance Counselor

Jenny Cook - Daycare

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