

# HOOFPRINT



Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

# A message from Superintendent, Dr. Stan Essink:

One of my goals stepping into the superintendent position at Shickley is to understand the culture of Shickley Public Schools and what's important to the community. Although I haven't met with every staff member yet, I have had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with most to gauge their impressions of the schools and help me lead the district in the coming years. I'm not surprised by the fact that their responses have been overwhelmingly positive. More than 90% of staff mentioned the word "family" when they described what it's like to work here. It's a place where people care about each other and students know they are in a safe, welcoming place with adults who support them and strive to help them succeed.

I pondered these things as I attended a superintendent/governor candidate forum this week. The candidates bring very different backgrounds to their campaigns, but both genuinely care about rural Nebraska and preserving the "Good Life." Candidates commented on bringing back "Nebraska values" to our schools that they knew as kids. My experiences thus far as superintendent make me think those values do still exist: right here in Shickley.



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Let's stay connected!

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend several "Viewing Parties" at the school in the Junior High English Room coming up this fall:

October 5: How to Complete the FAFSA @ 7:00

**November 2**: What Happens After the FAFSA? @ 7:00

## **Salad Bar**

Exciting news happening in the Shickley Public School Kitchen!! Last year, it was brought to my attention that our wonderful salad bar that you all have become quite familiar with needed an upgrade.

The salad bar does have some amazing things on it, my favorite being the corn salad, made by our wonderful salad chef, Colleen Strothkamp.

However, hauling ice to it daily, and the stickiness of the warn plastic, has shown just how beneficial a new one would be not only to the kitchen staff but all the students, staff, and guest that use it daily.

On September 1st, we requested a grant from Shickley Community Foundation that was written up by Mandi Oswald, for funds that would go towards a new salad bar. We also had a Sloppy Joe meal fundraiser that brought in a little over \$1,100, which we are so thankful for those who came to eat and donated towards our fundraiser. We received notice on September 22nd, that we received \$3,000 from the Shickley Community Foundation toward our new salad bar!

We are hoping that we will have this new salad bar before Thanksgiving, but we will be holding additional fundraisers before then to come up with the remaining \$2,000 we need. The kitchen staff would like to thank the community, Shickley Public Schools, and the Shickley Community Foundation for supporting the future of Shickley Public School Kitchen.

Brought to you by your Head Cook, Becky Mitchell



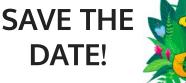
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If you would like your log-in information, please contact Mrs. Menke at the school; email works the best!

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The 2022 Scholastic Book Fair September 30th-October 6th Shickley Public School-- Entryway/Lobby \*Evening Event will be held during Parent Teacher Conferences

# Meet our Vocational Rehabilitation Representative

I am Leslie McDaniel, a pre-employment transition specialist from Nebraska VR. I have spent the last 26 years serving kids and families as a special education teacher and a foster parent. In addition, I support my adult brother with his vocational goals and accessing his community resources. I've learned over the years there are many many resources available if I knew who to ask. My hope is to share what I've learned to support others in living their best life.

The following links provide additional information

Nebraska VR Pre-Employment Transition Services Orientation Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pUiKxWJ3dE

Nebraska VR website – Student services

http://www.vr.nebraska.gov/students/index.html



3rd Graders loved homecoming week! We had fun decorating posters and walking in the parade. They were so happy that both the volleyball and football teams brought home wins.



Curious students watch Mr. Ethan as he helps fix our playground equipment to keep us safe.



Teachers had the opportunity to attend a motivational speaker, KC Wolf. He talked about his struggles and overcoming them when life gets tough. Katie Dewees, Jodi Dickson, and Caroline Mosier stop for a quick picture and autograph for his book.

### Notes from the Guidance Office

We have had a busy, yet productive start to the school year with more activities coming up. Seniors visited both CCC and Hastings College while the younger grades were MAP testing. Students were able to tour the campuses, view programs offered, and eat lunch in the dining hall. More recently juniors and seniors attended a college fair at Hastings High School to meet with college representatives and learn more about what colleges in the state and surrounding area have to offer.

Seniors are gearing up for Apply2College Day, which will be held at school on October 5. Seniors will have the opportunity to meet with admissions representatives for help applying to the colleges of their choice and celebrating as a class upon completion. Additionally a mini-college fair will take place in the lobby for 7-11 students to have a chance to start thinking toward life after high school.

Seniors and parents have had the opportunity to attend "viewing parties" of live seminars focused on senior planning and financial aid. Upcoming dates and topics are as follows:

October 5- "How to Complete the FAFSA"

November 2- "What Happens After You Complete the FAFSA"

Additionally, freshmen and junior students and parents are invited and encouraged to attend parent information sessions by grade level during parent-teacher conferences on October 6 at the times listed below. Sophomore families will have a session in the spring.

6:00-Freshmen

7:30-Juniors

Several students are registered to take the ACT on October 22. If your student did not sign up to take this test, there is another ACT being offered December 10. The deadline for registration is November 4.

SENCAP portfolio semester three students will be attending SENCAP professional day in Lincoln on October 11.

More college visits are being planned, as well as specified tours based on interest level. Please watch the announcements for this information.

Shandi Bettasso



# **English Language Arts**

Welcome to Fall! The leaves are changing, the temperature is cooler, and school is in full swing. English students in 9-12 have been working on close reading with annotations, discussions, arguments, persuading, and being able to pull textual evidence from their reading selections to back up their stance. English 12 students have been listening to a podcast called "Serial". They have been dissecting it and wanting to listen to it daily. This past Monday, the man who has been serving time for this crime with a life sentence was set free. Talk about relevance. They were so excited to come to school the next day to tell me and everyone else. I love when there is a great connection to the outside world.

Yearbook is starting to get off the ground. With only four students who are highly involved in high school activities, it has been challenging to get pictures. If you have any that you'd be willing to share, we would be happy to include them in the yearbook. Any homecoming, junior high sports, and jv sports would be beneficial. You can email them to yearbook@longhornpower.org. If you haven't ordered your yearbook for the 22-23 school year, you can do so at yearbookforever.org. (I also have some extra of previous school years, please contact me at bonnie.noel@longhornpower.org.)

Speech is rolling with poetry this month. They are writing their own poems and will be performing a Poetry SLAM! They will each perform a poem they have written. I can't wait to see all of these top-notch performances!

Thanks for your support! Bonnie Noel

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

The BDS Lady Eagles Volleyball Team is off to a successful start. In September they were the Mudecas Champions in Division A at Beatrice. They defeated Sterling, Johnson Brock and Palmyra in the Championship. The Varsity Team is currently 9-2. There are 26 young ladies on the high school team and they are accompanied by a host of energetic student managers. The end of September will find the Junior Varsity and Reserve Teams competing in various tournaments. If you have an opportunity please come out and cheer on the Lady Eagles.





Past King Landon Johnson Coy Margheim, Jesse Puyot King Sebastian Barbosa, Queen Delainey Kaster, Hannah Miller, Ashley Schlegel Past Queen Taryn Fiala Ring Bearers: Axten Kempf, Norah Brugera

#### October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

#### What Is Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

**An Imbalance of Power**: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

**Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

#### Types of Bullying

There are three types of bullying:

Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:

**Teasing** 

Name-calling

Inappropriate sexual comments

**Taunting** 

Threatening to cause harm

Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:

Leaving someone out on purpose

Telling other children not to be friends with someone

Spreading rumors about someone

Embarrassing someone in public

Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes:

Hitting/kicking/pinching

Spitting

Tripping/pushing

Taking or breaking someone's things

Making mean or rude hand gestures

## Where and When Bullying Happens

Bullying can occur during or after school hours. While most reported bullying happens in the school building, a significant percentage also happens in places like on the playground or the bus. It can also happen travelling to or from school, in the youth's neighborhood, or on the Internet.

#### Hello Everyone,

For my classes this summer, we had to read "The Energy Bus" by Jon Gordon. One of the characters it he book used a line that kind of stuck with me and that is, "Too blessed to be stressed." Sometimes it's easy to get so caught up in the things that we are doing that we forget to look around and be thankful for all that we have. So many of the things that we deem as "problems" really come from the fact that we are fortunate to be in the situations that we are in and those "problems" probably weren't really a big deal after all. I bring this up because as I go through the year in this role as Principal for the first time, there are plenty of things that may not go how I thought they would and I view them as a "problem". What I forget to realize though is how fortunate I am to be in a situation here in Shickley where we have students who are willing, a staff who is flexible, and a community that supports! What this situation brings is people who make sure that what I thought was a "problem" is not a problem at all and together we make sure that it is all okay. We really are fortunate to be in the situation we are in here at Shickley, and it's important not to forget that!

On the school front, we have basically wrapped up our first round of data collection. How often students have to take tests is often a point of conversation, but we have been working and are improving our processes for using the information that we get from these tests. One important thing to remember though is that a test does not permanently define any student, but it does give us an idea of where that student is at, at that particular time. We look at student data and how it changes over time trying to find ways to best serve the students in our district. Once we have tried to help a student we look at what successes we have had and make decisions on whether to stay on that path or adjust it. It's an imperfect science, but decisions are always made in what we feel is in the best interest of our students in our journey to "Prepare Students for Success..."

To close, I'll reiterate what I stated in the August Hoofprint: "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!"

Please feel free to reach out to me through the school phone or email at 402-627-3375 or greg.schroeder@longhornpower.org.

# Shickley FFA Members Rewarded at the Nebraska State Fair

Shickley FFA had another successful Nebraska State Fair. Eight of our members have spent numerous hours throughout the year working on their projects and were rewarded this past Labor Day weekend.

Here are a few highlights:

Adam Alfs: Champion Poland China Market Barrow, Division 2 Reserve Champion Market Gilt, Top 6 Out

of School Showman

Regan Alfs: Champion Chester White Market Barrow

Reid Richards: Champion Hampshire Ewe, Top 10 Out of School Showman

Lauren Richards: Champion AOB Ewe, Champion Hampshire Ram, Top 3 Junior Showman

Lynley Swartzendruber: Top 3 Junior Showman, Purple Ribbon Market Lamb

Cadden Carlson: Blue Ribbon Market Lamb Libby Carlson: Blue Ribbon Market Lamb Jada Spurling: Blue Ribbon Commercial Ram

Perhaps one of the biggest highlights is how impressive our showman did in showmanship. We had 4 of our students selected to come back to compete in their respective age groups showmanship division. This included having 2 of the top 3 Junior Class Sheep Showman. Congratulations to all of our members and their hard work!









# **OCTOBER 2022**

Shickley Public School

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Waffles  Sweedish Meatballs Buttered Egg Noodles Green Beans	Eggs & Toast  Tacos Rice Refried Beans  National Taco Day!!	Pancake Corn Dog  Longhorn Bowl Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn	Breakfast Sandwich  Corn Dogs/Mini Corn Dogs  Carrots	No School
>	Funnel Cake	Power Bites	Pancakes 12	Breakfast Burrito	French Toast
/	Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread	Crispitos Mexican Black Beans	Beef Sticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots	Cooks Choice	Sloppy Joes Chips
	Tornados 17	Pretzel's w/Cheese	Cini-Minis 19	Maple Sausage Sandwich 20	Cheese Omelet 21
	Pepperoni/Sausage Pizza Carrots	Pretzel's w/Cheese  Chicken Fajitas  Rice  Refried Beans	Cini-Minis  Pork Tenderloin  Mashed Potato's  Gravy  Green Beans	Maple Sausage Sandwich  Orange Chicken Rice  Mixed Veggies	Cheese Omelet  Meatball Sub French Fries
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	Apple Bosco Stick 24	Breakfast Casserole 25	Breakfast Pizza 26	Eggs & Toast	Cinnamon Rolls 28
7)	Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots	Chili & Cinnamon Rolls	Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese	Baked Potato Bar With all the fixings!	Pulled Pork Sandwich Chips
7		<b>FF</b>	Carrots	National Potato Day	
	Doughnuts  Cooks Choice It may be spooky!!				



# October 2021 Shickley Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 25		27	28	29	30	1
	Jr Hi VB w Fillmore Cent 4:30	Jr Hi VB at Dorchester	Career Ag Day in York	VB Triangular		
	JH & JV FB at CrossCty 4:30		9 am - 1 pm		Scholastic Book Fair through	n October 6th
	R&JV VB at Centennial 5:30	JV&V VB at Shickley		at Shickley 5 pm	_	
		vs Southern 6 & 7 pm		Football Game 7 pm	School Dismiss at 2:30	
	College Fair in Hastings	FBLA Fall Leadership		at Johnson Brock	_	
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	VB Triangular at Smith	VB Triangular at Osceola	FFA Land Judging	Parent Teacher Conf	Fall Break	JH VB Tournament
	Center KS & SilverLake	w East Butler 5 & 6 pm		4:00 - 9:00 pm	No School today	Davenport 9:30 am
	5 & 6 pm		Seniors & their parents	No School for Preschool		
	JH VB at Giltner 4 pm		Meeting w S. Bettasso		Football Game	
	JH/JV FB at Giltner 4pm	<u>-</u>	FAFSA 7:00 pm		at Diller Odell 7 pm	
	Scholastic Book Club in Scho	ool Lobby through Thursday,			4.4	4.5
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	JV Football w McCool	VB Triangular at Shickley		VB Triangular at HiPlains		0 10 1
	at Shickley 6:30 pm	w Dorchester & McCool		w LawrencNelson 6&7 pm		Crossroads Conference
		5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 pm				Volleyball Tournament
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				Footbal Game at Shickley	School Dismiss at 2:30	
16	17	18	19	with HTRS 7 pm	21	22
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30	31				State Football Playoffs	
					School Dismiss at 2:30	

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