



# HOOFPRIINT



Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

## A message from Superintendent, Dr. Stan Essink:



They say time flies when you're having fun. I can attest to that as this school year is going faster than any I remember. Students and staff had a good time celebrating Halloween and I enjoyed the costumes and activities that were a part of those festivities. As we turn to November, we are reminded of the changing of the seasons and the many things we have to be thankful for. The past year has been a trying one for me, but has also helped me appreciate the positive encounters I have everyday at school, at home, or elsewhere.

Shickley Schools prides itself on being a positive setting where students and staff know they are cared for and they will be supported. Its dedicated staff works hard to instill the Longhorn Way in its students and are always willing to help each other out. I am thankful to be part of the school and its staff. I encourage you to take some time over the next few weeks and think about the many blessings in your own life. The semester will continue to quickly march on and I'm confident our students are marching in the right direction.

## Shickley Public School Celebrates Fire Prevention Week

The elementary students of Shickley Public School celebrated Fire Prevention Week by having volunteers from the Shickley Fire Department visit with elementary classes. Fire Chief, Ryan Hamburger, educated the students on the importance of fire plans, explained his gear, and allowed for a viewing of the firetruck. Firefighter, Randy Noel, also visited with younger elementary students. He read aloud *Pete the Cat: Firefighter Pete*, educated the students on the parts of his gear, and allowed for students to try them on. The students learned the importance of having smoke detectors, having a set plan in case of a fire emergency, and understanding that firefighters are there to help. By having the firemen in full gear, it allowed for all students to understand what they look like. It was a great week learning about fire safety.



## Careers in Construction Day at SCC-Milford

These high school students attended a hands-on exploration day at Southeast Community College in Milford, NE in September. Students chose 3 areas of interest and participated in hands-on activities where they could experience what a career in that area would involve. This was also an opportunity for them to get a firsthand look at what SCC has to offer! Some of the areas the students explored included: electrical wiring where they wired an outlet and light switch, welding using stick and mig welding, construction where they worked on building a wall frame, mechanics where they repaired a tire and comparison testing, and plumbing where they learned how to make a pipe bend, along with several others. Students really enjoyed the opportunity and look forward to more experiences like these.



Blaine Kempt, Jacob Beavers, Seth Stengel, Shawn Nelson, Carter Gnuse, Aydin Kempf, Jay Kempt

## Delta Kappa Gamma Supports Early Literacy

Members of the Omicron chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma donated fifteen books to the Early Learning Facility at Shickley Public School. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society for key women educators. At the local level, the Omicron chapter includes teachers in Fillmore and Clay counties. Shickley is well represented within this organization, as we have 7 members from our school including Sandi Snyder, Monica Noel, Katie Dewees, Caroline Mosier, Gwen Schultz, Merissa Zajic, and Jessalyn Schrock. As a chapter, Omicron identified the need for education for parents regarding their child's learning development, and services that would be available to children, if necessary. As a way to get this information to parents, the chapter purchased books for parents and children to read together and is distributing them throughout the area for our young children at daycares and clinics. On the back of each book, it lists developmental milestones for children and support for parents and children in reaching these milestones. DKG is always looking for ways to support local causes, and relished the chance to share their love for learning within communities and schools.



Pictured are Early Learning Facility teacher, Sue Loseke, and her students. Students are excited to look at their new books and learn about the world around them.

## BDS Junior High Football

The BDS Junior High football team finished their season with a 4-2 record. The season started with a loss to Lawrence-Nelson 36-8. They bounced back with a hard fought 14-2 win against Blue Hill. They continued that success with a 20-0 win against McCool Junction and a 42-20 win against Meridian. After a loss to Cross County 46-20, they finished the season with a win against Gitner, 44-20.

The players worked hard all season and got better each week. The 8th grade group showed good leadership and helped the 7th graders throughout the season. Coach Manes and I wish the best of luck to the 8th graders in their future high school career.



Picture: **Back Row (L-R):** Student Manager Carter Voss, Coach Jim Manes, Layton Fiala, Owen Beavers, LeTrell Houser, Aiden Domeier, Trevor Nelson, Colin Schoenholz, Wyatt Durflinger, Harm Lemke, Coach Brian Nadherny. **Front Row (L-R):** Cameron Wilson, Colt Crockett, Kaden Dickson, Traevon Houser, Wyatt Kempf, Gabe Tobias, Blake Miller, Ben Manes, Student Manager Parker Durflinger.

## The Scholastic Book fair Visits Shickley Public School

The atmosphere of the book fair is one filled with excitement, joy, and an overwhelming love of books! The Scholastic Book Fair kicked off in early October and allowed for students, staff, and community members to share the love of reading and purchase books to raise money for the school library. The event held a variety of activities, including an All for Books Coin Challenge. The coin challenge made over \$300 amongst students Kindergarten-6th Grade. The winning classes of the coin challenge earned painting the faces of the school administration; Dr. Essink and Mr. Schroeder. The 1st and 3rd Grade classes were the class winners and they enjoyed painting Mr. Schroeder as a zebra and Dr. Essink as a tiger. The book fair ended with an evening event during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The book fair was a great success and every student was able to take home a book!



## Sixth Grade off to a "Six"ccessful Start by Gwen Schultz, 6th Grade Teacher

The sixth grade classroom has been full of many exciting moments thus far! We look forward to many more to come. Students were asked to share about their more memorable moments or lessons throughout our first quarter together! Here are their candid responses, and mine, below:

From Mrs. Schultz: Nearly everyone I see asks me about how the change is going regarding my switch from teaching kindergarten for over ten years to sixth grade this year. My first response has always been, "Well, it's really different!"...and for many obvious reasons. I have truly enjoyed making this transition, and in it have found tremendous amounts of personal growth. I now have to relearn things that I have not considered in many, many years, such as ancient civilizations like Phoenicia and Mesopotamia in social studies to how to plot points in a coordinate plane in math. I have found myself doing lots of homework in the evenings, so that I am prepared for the next day's lessons. Yes, at times I have questioned this decision, but, ultimately, I am always grateful for the new experiences, the challenges, and the opportunity to work with students at a higher level.

Pictured Below: Sixth grade students are ready to roll through the Shickley Homecoming parade. Students did an awesome job working together to create a float they were very proud of.



Abbigail: "I like the time in reading and we split in groups, and wrote what we read about, and then shared with the class."

Mikinzi: "I like that we get to use our pillows when we read during AR time."

Ally: "This school is better than my old school, because, teachers help me more than at my old school."

Colin: "I like when we get to celebrate birthdays and have some sweet snacks!"

Aubrey: "I like when we go over the reading focus wall, because it helps us understand more about what we are going to learn this week."

Jeremiah: "We were learning about coordinate planes, and we went to the gym, and made a graph on the floor. We plotted the points, and it helped us understand better."

Emma: "I enjoy hanging out with the fifth graders in band with Mr. Sample. It makes band more interactive when there are more of us."

Jaylyn: "I liked when, in science with Mr. Schlegel, we made cars. This helped us learn about the engineering process."

Asher: "I liked when Mrs. Schultz let me redo my papers, because it helped me get better grades."

Our school year has been "six"ccessful thus far, and I know there will be many more great moments to come in what lies ahead!

## Accounting 1 Learns to Keep Things in Balance

During the first quarter, Accounting 1 class has covered concepts of a merchandising business which include accounting principles involved in the preparation and maintenance of financial records concerned with business management and operations. This introductory course provides basic accounting concepts which include payroll, related career opportunities, application of generally-accepted accounting principles related to recording, summarizing and reporting, principles of income measurement and asset valuation, and accounting systems and controls. Students are exposed to careers in and related to the accounting field and are given the opportunity to perform accounting applications using technology.

## Career Development Class Engages in College and Career Research

Throughout the semester, the freshmen have been busy learning about their strengths as well as a variety of careers and colleges through multiple engaging activities in the Career Development class. At the beginning of the semester they utilized the Clifton Strengthsfinder, an online 177 question assessment, in which the students chose paired statements and chose which one best described them and then they received a custom report that shared their top five themes. From additional classroom activities, they learned how their Signature Themes are manifested in their daily activities and can be employed in their lives during and beyond high school. After careful examination, the students completed in-depth research for careers based on their Kuder's Skills and Interest assessments. They followed their career exploration with a college vocab, college entrance requirements, as well as college exploration activity.

Learning about *Habitudes* and Career Ready Practices is a first step in career preparation. Another step is analyzing how to apply and use those practices and knowledge in work situations and in your personal experiences. During the semester, students were empowered with the NE Career Ready Standards with enrichment activities from the *Habitudes* curriculum. The engaging activities pair the eleven standards with an image that aids all students, regardless of background, interest or intent after graduation from high school to be Career Ready.

The Careers 9 class participating in a Kitchen & Restaurant activity to explore the "Apply Appropriate Academic And Technical Skills" Career Ready standard.



## Exploration of Business & Entrepreneurship Class

The Exploration of Business & Entrepreneurship class had an engaging first quarter 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 left: 8th grader Trevor Nelson, who is counting beans as part of a simple vs. compound interest activity. After participating in the activity, the class learned the power of compound interest and the time value of money for their future investments.



Preschool had a lot of fun exploring pumpkins in October. We measured and weighed pumpkins to see how they compared. The kids also washed pumpkins in our sensory bins (probably our FAVORITE). We took a mini field trip to Schultz's pumpkin patch and picked our own pumpkins. There were so many pumpkins picked that we loaded our pockets, hands AND hoods with pumpkins!! (Thank you, Mrs. Schultz!) Each preschooler brought their own pumpkin from home and we painted them. Miss Megan carved a HUGE pumpkin (that we named Henry Danger) and we counted the seeds to 400 and had to stop! We got to try eating the pumpkin seeds, which most of us did not care for. Who knew there was so many things to do with pumpkins!?



Thank you ALL!

The Third grade collected 454 pounds of food for the Blue Valley Food Pantry. We thank the community members for their help.



**Winners of the Book Character Pumpkin Contest**

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|-----------|-----------------|
| K-6:      | 7-12 & Staff    |
| 1. Jaylyn | 1. Tiya Johnson |
| 2. Brooks | 2. Trinidi      |

Thank you for participating!



## Shickley FFA Members attend the 2022 National FFA Convention

Shickley FFA had 6 members attend the 2022 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Logan Johnson, Blaine Kempf, Delainey Kaster, Lauren Richards, Lili Barbosa, and Talia Shander had the opportunity to hear from great speakers, attend numerous workshops and interact with several agriculture companies across the country. In addition, FFA members took a trip around the Indianapolis Speedway and were able to see the famous bricks that were the original material for the raceway.

While there, FFA members cheered on Nolan O'Brien who received his American FFA Degree. This is the highest honor that can be given to a FFA member. This year just over 4,000 American FFA Degrees were awarded. With membership over 800,000 strong, less than .5% of members received their American FFA Degrees. This is the biggest accomplishment and FFA member can achieve and we are extremely proud of Nolan for all of his hard work. Congratulations, Nolan!



During halftime of the BDS football game, Hannah Miller, Grace Tobias, Hanna Kadel, Lynley Swartzendruber, and Hayley Sliva collected monetary donations to be donated to the March of Dimes.



### **FBLA Chapter Raises Money for the March of Dimes**

At the October 20th BDS football, the Shickley FBLA chapter hosted a blank toss to raise money for the March of Dimes. March of Dimes is a champion for families, fighting for the health of moms and babies in communities like yours and across the country. They believe that every baby deserves the best possible start. Their mission is to help give every baby a fighting chance. Participation in this activity will provide chapter recognition at the State Leadership Conference in the spring by receiving a ribbon to be displayed on the lanyards throughout the conference.

### **FBLA Fall Leadership Conference**

Five students attended the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Kearney on September 27th. The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference is a one-day workshop held at a variety of sites across Nebraska. The conference is designed to train local officers and members, to share information on Nebraska FBLA activities and goals, and to provide a significant "kick-off" for a successful FBLA program of work. The members attended the general session with keynote speaker Kevin Bush sharing about the eight traits of a quality teammate. Following the keynote speaker, each officer attended their respective officer meeting and then chose to attend sessions from a variety of business topics.

### **Notes from the Guidance Office**

Students at Shickley celebrated "Apply to College" Day on October 5, in conjunction with the statewide "ApplytoCollege" campaign. During this time, seniors were able to apply to colleges, work on scholarship applications and essays and learn more about the financial aid process. Seniors went out to lunch to celebrate applying. Additionally, 7-12 students all attended a mini college fair in the gym and met with representatives from several Nebraska colleges.

Plans are in the works for additional college visits for students, including 8th graders, who were chosen to receive an 8th Grade College Visit grant from EducationQuest. Stay tuned for more information on these visits!

The next opportunity for students to take the ACT is December 10, with a registration deadline of November 4. Any senior wanting to improve his or her score should plan to test on this date.

Scholarship season is coming, so senior families should be on the lookout for this information as we begin to think about next semester.

SENCAP and Dual Credit students will be registering for Spring classes in the coming weeks. Please plan to have a conversation with your student regarding their course selections if this applies to him or her.



# November 2022

## Shickley Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Fine Arts Night 7 pm	<b>2</b> FAFSA Srs & Parents Meeting 7pm	<b>3</b> Volleyball vs SEM at 3 pm at Pinnacle Bank Arena  School dismiss at noon	<b>4</b> w win BDS VB at 9 am at Pinnacle Bank Arena No School IF playing VB  FB at Walbach at 6:30p	<b>5</b> Volleyball Finals at Devaney SportsCent 11:00 AM
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Community Foundation Success Meal at 6 pm at Community Center	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Program in the gym 10 am State FB SemiFinals School dismissed at 2:30 pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> One Act Play Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm  Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> No School for K-6th Shickley hosting CRC One Act Plays	<b>17</b> Jr. High Girls A&B BB at Superior 6 & 7 pm  FFA Meeting 7 pm	<b>18</b>  School dismissed at 2:30 pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> State FB Championship	<b>22</b> Jr. High Girls BB Game w Deshler at Davenport 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving <b>No School</b>	<b>25</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> G&B BB Hall of Fame Game at Thayer Central	<b>29</b> Jr.High G&B BB Game at Exeter Milligan 12:45 & 2 pm One Act Play Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>30</b> FFA CDE Contest in Kearney all day	<b>December 1</b> Jr. High Girls BB at Red Cloud 6 pm	<b>2</b> G&B BB Game at Hampton	<b>3</b> Jr High Girls BB Tourn at Blue Hill TBA  G&B BB Games at Bruning w East Butler

# NOVEMBER 2022

Shickley Public School

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

Breakfast Burrito

1

Pancake Corn Dog

2

Pancakes

3

Waffles

4

Goulash  
Green Beans



Breaded Chicken Sandwich  
Carrots

Chicken Tenders  
Mixed Veggies

Hot Ham & Cheese  
Corn

Tornados

7

Assorted Mini-Loafs

8

Breakfast Sandwich

9

Cheese Omelet

10

Apple Fruital

11

Beef Stroganoff  
Green Beans

Chicken Quesadilla  
Black Beans

Breakfast For Lunch

Super Nachos  
Corn

Corn Dogs  
Baked Beans

Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round

14

Breakfast Pizza

15

No School PK-6

16

Eggs & Toast

17

Cinnamon Rolls

18

Grilled Cheese  
Tomato Soup

Hamburgers  
Chips

Biscuits & Gravy  
Walking Tacos

Cheesy Potatoes and Ham  
Carrots

Popcorn Shrimp  
Rice  
Mixed Veggies

French Toast

21

Pancakes

22

No School

23

No School

24

No School

25

Ham & Potato Soup  
Carrots  
Dinner Roll

Thanksgiving  
Lunch

No School

No School

No School

Biscuits & Gravy

28

Waffles

29

Doughnuts

30

Mozzarella Bake  
Corn

Aznurs  
Carrots

Pizza  
Mixed Veggies

Fruit, Milk and Juice is available daily with Breakfast.  
Fruit, Veggie B and Milk is available daily with Lunch.

Beef provide from Beef Boosters

Hello Everyone,

One of the things I will never claim to be is a writer, but each month I get to sit down and write a piece for the Hoofprint to share some thoughts about where we are at and where we are going. Doing so, requires me to sit down, take some time, and reflect on a number of different things. As I sit here thinking about the upcoming month of November, the word "Fortunate" comes to mind. November is the start of two of the most exciting months of the year. We are FORTUNATE that we will "Fall Back" on time and get that extra hour of sleep we always crave. We are FORTUNATE that our fall athletic teams are experiencing great success and are moving forward into the late rounds of the State Playoff / Tournament experience. We are FORTUNATE that we are starting the two months that take a time out to spend time with family and friends with Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. We are FORTUNATE to get into the One-Act season and get to see our students perform on the stage. All of this makes one realize how FORTUNATE we are to be where we are at Shickley and all the successes that our students get to experience. However, fortune and opportunity aren't a given, it comes down to hard work and dedication from our students and their families to give them opportunities to improve and work on their skills and to support them through their journey. So here is a quick Thank You to everyone for all your hard work and dedication that allows us to be so "FORTUNATE" to be a part of the Shickley and BDS community.

At school, we have been spending a lot of time on our Longhorn Way which asks our students to Be Safe, Respectful, Resourceful, and Responsible. Through the day we hand out Longhorn Way Tickets to students who show good examples of these things. However, we also have documentation forms that track when we are not exemplifying these things. Doing so allows us to categorize issues that need to be addressed within our building and adjust what we work on going forward. At the beginning of the year, we teach students about the Longhorn Way and a personal emphasis of mine was and still is Respect. Showing respect to peers, adults, and guests is critical to being a good person. My personal belief is that the most important thing a school can do is to help our students be good people and understand why that's important. This is constantly a work in progress and with the nastiness that our students can be exposed to in society today, it is critical that Respect becomes common place not only at school, but everywhere in our students' lives as well. Please help us in encouraging respect in our students as we work to help them rise above what they can be exposed to in society.

Thank you always for all your support for our students and community!

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

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