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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

We are Nebraska Strong!

In the midst of what has been one of the most devastating disasters across our great state, our people continue to step up and help out those around them. There is no place like Nebraska, and it truly isn't for everyone.

It is for individuals like head Nebraska Volleyball Coach, John Cook. I had the sincere privilege to be at the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) annual conference last week when Coach John Cook addressed many Nebraska superintendents and school board members. Coach Cook had many inspiring and motivating themes to share with those attending the conference and I would like to share some of those that really resonated with me:

-It can be your biggest disaster or your finest hour; it's all in how you react.

-The longer I coach the less I know. For John Cook it is coaching, for me, it's my work in education, for you maybe it is being a parent, small business owner, or your job. Regardless of what we do, if we are willing to open ourselves up to knowing more and evolving with the work that we do, there will always be something to be learned. As long as we never settle and refuse to "arrive" we will always grow and progress in what we love to do.

-We all need a team and not just any team. Currently, we probably all serve on at least one "team" within our workplace or our family environment. The team Coach Cook speaks about is one separate from the "big team" you are working with. This is an outside team that makes you better for your "big team;" the workplace, your family, the committees or boards you serve on, etc. The team pushes you to become better in all aspects of your life.

-If you can't make great decisions all the time, how will you make a great decision when the game is down to the wire. Think about all the decisions we have to make each and every day. Now think about all the decisions students have to make. Are your children willing to make great decisions all week long; before, during, and after school as well as the weekends? If they are, when they get faced with a really tough decision they will be more likely to make that their finest hour and not their biggest disaster. It's all about the core values we live by each and every day, and not letting a situation, environment, or person change those values for any reason.

-You have to have goals. Not only do you have to have them, but you also need to know where you're going, write them down, see them, share them, and commit to them. His analogy of commitment was to think about your morning breakfast. If you had bacon and eggs, you know the chicken made a little bit of a commitment to your breakfast, but the pig was all in!

-The disease of "me" is always out there. Don't let one person suck the life out of your "team." Focus on the team and have an attitude of "With Each Other, For Each Other."

-Ask yourself daily: Who needs me today? Don't wait, think about it ahead of time, and make a difference.

-There are three bones we need to develop in our young people: the backbone (we need our kids more than ever to stand up to challenges and make strong decisions); the wishbone (kids need to dream big and be creative); and the funny bone (so they can have fun, be inspired, and want to be a part of something greater than themselves).

Coach John Cook had a lot of great advice, some spectacular stories, and it was a pleasure to hear him speak. I believe in these past weeks Nebraska has shown how strong we are and has not let this time be our biggest disaster, but as you have hopefully seen from media outlets and social media this has certainly been one of our finest hours and it all started with our reactions.



Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey
Superintendent

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Preschool Sneak-a-Peek

Future Preschool students who are three (3) before July 31st of 2019 are invited to attend Shickley Public Schools Lil' Longhorn Preschool Program. If interested, we ask that all parents and students attend Sneak-a-Peek on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 9:00 am-11:00 am. At Sneak-a-Peek students will get the opportunity to meet the classroom teachers and experience the preschool classroom. Parents will complete paperwork and meet with Mr. Sokol at this time.

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup is set for Friday, April 12th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is a time for you and your child to visit the kindergarten room and get a feel for what school will be like next year. At 9:00, you may drop your child off at the kindergarten room. They will spend time in the classroom with Mrs. Schultz. During this same time, parents will meet with Mr. Sokol and a few other staff members. There will be time allowed to also fill out paperwork and ask any questions you may have.

Mr. Johnson Wins Donald A. Lentz Outstanding Bandmaster Award

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The Donald A. Lentz Outstanding Bandmaster Award is intended to recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution throughout their career. The recipient of the Lentz Award is viewed as one of the superior band directors/educators in Nebraska. Nomination for this award comes from school administrators, fellow directors, and community members.

At the Nebraska State Bandmasters Convention in Lincoln on March 1, Stanley W. Johnson of Shickley was presented this award. Mr. Johnson has had a stellar teaching career that has spanned over 45 years of teaching. In retirement, he has continued to be a mentor for young band directors throughout the state of Nebraska. He has helped and encouraged new teachers as they grow and develop their careers. He continues to be asked to adjudicate at many music contests throughout the state each year. He is also on the staff of The Nebraska Ambassadors of Music, which tours and performs concerts in eight European countries with 300 high school music students every two years.



He has been very active in his career, being a member of NSBA, NMEA, NAFME, and Phi Beta Mu - International Band Fraternity, where he has served as president. During his career, he has written articles for the Instrumentalist Magazine and Teaching Music Magazine, and has presented sessions at both the State and National Conventions, dealing with teaching music in rural America.

Congratulations to Mr. Stanley Johnson on this outstanding award!

Sixth Grade News, by Greg Schroeder

The 6th-grade class has been moving right along with the school year. Recently the students have been working with positive and negative integers and working new operations with those numbers. This typically comes with some struggles because of the new rules that apply to the negative numbers, but the students have been adjusting well and we are seeing some improvement from where we started. The class recently finished their classroom speeches. In 6th grade, the mode of writing is persuasive. One of the main battles that the kids face is learning to share their opinions with factual evidence in order to get a point across. The top three speakers in the 6th grade were Carson Loos, Grace Tobias, and Tucker Robinson. These students moved on to give their speeches in the gym on Tuesday, March 19th, along with the winners from the 5th-grade and junior high competitors. In Social Studies, the 6th grade is starting to study geography and cultures of different countries and continents outside of the United States. This is typically the most enjoyable experience for them in Social Studies, because the kids tend to make a lot of connections between themselves and other places throughout the world.

Looking forward, the 6th graders will start preparing for the NSCAS tests which are given by the Nebraska Department of Education. These tests will be in 2 session increments. Please be on the lookout for those test dates as they will be out shortly. It is important that the students are getting good sleep and proper nutrition so that they are feeling their best as these tests approach.

Finally, thank you to everyone that helps us to make a school year work. There are countless hours and people involved that help us to get the things we need to be successful each and every year. We can't do it without you.

Music Notes, by Miss Olsen

The bands and choirs have been diligently working on music for spring performances. The high school band and choir have been working on music for District Music Contest on April 12th. Both groups will have the opportunity to perform in front of judges in order to receive comments and a rating. These critiques will help the ensembles grow and improve. We also have two vocal duets and one vocal trio performing at District Music Contest. The high school ensembles will then perform at our home concert on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 pm. The junior high band, junior high choir, 6th grade band, and 5th grade band will all perform at this concert as well. We cannot wait to show the community what we have been working on all semester!

Spring is also a busy time for honor bands and choirs. These groups consist of students who auditioned and were selected for this honor. Six students were selected for the Crossroads Conference Clinic: Caleb Hendrickson, Jackson Grote, Caitlin Mosier, Alyssa Nolt, Kaylee Noel, and Kenzie Bohling. Alyssa was also selected to perform with the jazz band for Class D Honor Band. In April, we will have our final honor clinic of the year: Meridian Junior High Honor Clinic. Hannah Miller will perform with the choir, and Emberlynn Nolt will perform with the band. The students get to work with talented music educators from across the state when they attend these clinics.

5th-8th Grade Speeches, by Mrs. Noel

Congratulations to all of the 5th-8th students who participated in the in-class speeches given on March 13. Each student had the opportunity to research, write, and perform a speech on a topic chosen by the individual student. The 5th grade students performed informative speeches, the 6th grade students performed persuasive speeches, the 7th grade students performed entertainment speeches, and the 8th grade students chose from one of those three modes. The students who gave their speeches on Speech Night, held on March 19, were Luke Elting, Coen Eitzmann, Brady Noel (5th Grade); Carson Loos, Grace Tobias, Tucker Robinson (6th Grade); Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, Reagan Sokol (7th Grade); and Hannah Miller, Ashley Schlegel and Gracie Swartzendruber (8th Grade).



Student Council Happenings

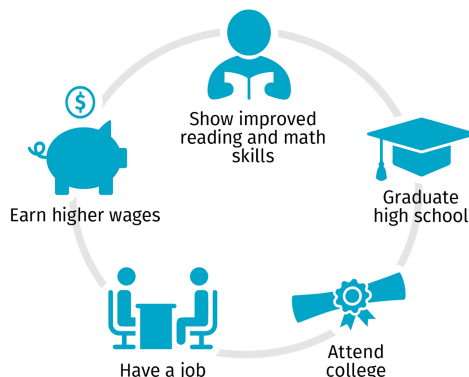
The Shickley Student Council has had an exciting year! While you may see them actively organizing Homecoming and pep rallies, they actually do so much more. Outreach projects have been a focus of the group this year. This began at Homecoming with the car smash, promoting “Crush Childhood Cancer” where students and community members had the opportunity to come together and raise awareness for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. They donated \$500 to help sponsor a sick child in need of medical support. Student Council shifted their focus on sharing the love locally in our school building. In February, members wanted to show appreciation and support to teachers and elementary students. February was known as “Feel the Love Month.” Showing appreciation to teachers and staff, pizza was bought for them the day of Parent Teacher Conferences. “The students understand how hard the teachers and staff work in the building to make this place great and they wanted to show their appreciation, especially on a busy day.” said sponsor, Katie Johnson. Student Council members wanted to share something special, yet educational with the elementary. They bought each student in PK-6th grade their own book to keep and enjoy. The spring outreach project included helping Miss Wolfe and the Early Learning Facility. They helped sponsor an outdoor music station for outdoor play. Both staff and students showed their appreciation by writing several thank you letters. Recently, as a group, the Student Council donated to the local flood relief efforts in Nebraska.

Shickley Public Schools Is Committed to Quality Care



Research shows that the childcare one chooses for their child can have a major life lasting impact on their future and their families. With 90 percent of a child’s brain development occurring before age 5, early learning is critical for building a strong foundation of skills. Skills that are imperative for a child to be successful in school, work, and life.

High-quality early childhood programs can have a lifelong, positive impact on young children. Children who attend quality early child care programs during the first 5 years of life are more likely to:



Step Up to Quality is supported by the Nebraska Department of Education and helps families identify early childhood providers who demonstrate a commitment to quality care. Programs who are in Step Up to Quality go beyond what is required and strive to do better for their children and families. Quality programs provide a curriculum that is developmentally aligned with Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines, have safe flexible learning environments, highly educated and knowledgeable staff, as well as, family involvement.

Shickley Public Schools is proud to announce that they are now a part of Step Up to Quality and are dedicated to providing quality care to all their students birth thru Pre-K. As a staff, we will work to provide a strong foundation of learning that will impact each child and their family’s future in a positive manner.

ACT and NSCAS Testing, by Mrs. Noel

With the spring weather comes state testing. On April 2, the junior class will be taking the ACT which meets the requirement for the Nebraska state testing mandate. Throughout April, students in 3rd-10th grade will be taking the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) tests for English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science. Every student in these grades is required to take the test so it is strongly encouraged that the students are in school on testing days. This will alleviate make-up days and loss of classroom instruction time.

Students Celebrate Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week (February 25th-March 1st) was celebrated at Shickley Public Schools with a variety of activities. Students participated in daily Dr. Seuss dress up days ranging from wacky socks, top-hats, and favorite Dr. Seuss Characters.

The week started with a friendly competition amongst the teaching staff. The challenge for the teachers was to create a Dr. Seuss themed door based off one of his books, a quote, or theme. Seventeen doors were judged and it was determined that Mrs. Mosier's 2nd-grade door was the winner. With the help of her students, her door featured the quote "A person's a person no matter how small" with a glimpse of Horton. Her door is pictured to the right.



The week also started off with a "Caught Red-Hatted" reading challenge. Students K-6 earned "red tickets" if they were caught reading at a time in which it was not required of them. With earning a ticket, students placed their ticket in a basket of books donated by the SEA (Shickley Education Association). The donation allowed for 13 students to be able to add books to their at-home libraries. They are pictured to the right.



Lastly the week involved guest readers who visited elementary library classes. School board members Tiya Johnson, Joe Kamler, and Ambur Hinrichs and Superintendent Mrs. Coffey read their favorite Dr. Seuss books!

Shickley Yearbook 2018-2019

It is time to start ordering this year's yearbook. By ordering early, you can save on the cost of your yearbook.

Order between March 18 and April 18:

Yearbook with a name, cost is \$40.

Yearbook without a name, cost is \$35.

Order between April 19 and May 10:

Can only order without a name on it. Cost is \$45.

Order forms are available at school or there is a link in the announcements.

Longhorn Speech

The 2019 Longhorn Speech Team has had a very successful season! Each team member improved consistently throughout the season. The students competed with several other students, not only in Class D but also class A, B, and C schools. The team attended meets at Thayer Central, Sutton, Doniphan Trumbull, Aurora, and Meridian. The team earned 4th out of the 14 schools in the Crossroads Conference that was held at Meridian High School. The Longhorn Speech Team placed 3rd at Districts. All 11 team members made it to district finals and earned a district medal. That is a huge accomplishment.

State Qualifiers included: Caleb Hendrickson in Extemporaneous speaking; Alyssa Nolt in Poetry and Persuasive Speaking; Kaylee Noel in Serious Prose; and Raleigh Shipley in Entertainment Speaking. State Speech was hosted by the University of Nebraska-Kearney on Friday, March 22nd. Caleb earned a gold medal placing 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking! Alyssa also made finals and earned a 5th place medal for her poetry program, Peace. Raleigh placed 8th in Entertainment Speaking which he wrote about girls and how they are confusing beings. Kaylee placed 8th in Serious Prose, performing the piece Bella Rose, by P.J. Holeman. Alyssa placed 15th in Persuasive Speaking, which she wrote about the effects of childhood violence. The Longhorn Speech Team appreciates the parent and community support shown to them throughout the season!

Team members included Caleb Hendrickson, Alyssa Nolt, Kaylee Noel, Raleigh Shipley, Briana Janing, Kenzie Bohling, Madison Sokol, Landon Johnson, Mariah Sliva, Courtney Nolt, and Maddie Kamler along with head coach, Katie Johnson, and assistant coach, Taryn Wolfe. Johnson shared, "These are a great group of talented, hard-working kids. I commend them on their commitment and excellence in speech and all of the other extracurriculars they are involved in."

Pictured below on the left are Caleb Hendrickson and Alyssa Nolt who both won medals at the state competition. Pictured on the right is team. Front row: Raleigh Shipley, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Caleb Hendrickson, Briana Janing, and assistant coach Miss Wolfe. Back row: head coach Miss Johnson, Madeline Kamler, Kenzie Bohling, Landon Johnson, Courtney Nolt, Madison Sokol, and Mariah Sliva.



Fillmore County Safety Day

Mark your calendars for Fillmore County Safety Day. It will be held on May 23rd at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. All school children currently in 1st-6th grades are invited to attend. The registration fee is \$5.00 and all registrations are due by April 22nd. For more information please contact Brandy Vandelle at 402-759-3712 or Frances Heinrichs at 402-759-2088.

Third Quarter Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Jadyne Kleinschmidt

Juniors: Regan Alfs, Raegan Fiala, Kaylee Noel, Alyssa Nolt, Justin Stengel, and Joshua Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Kenzie Bohling, Macy Kamler, Aaron Mick, and Raleigh Shipley

Freshmen: Taryn Fiala, Tyler Grote, Madeline Kamler, Courtney Nolt, Mariah Sliva, Taylor Sliva, and Madison Sokol

8th Graders: Hannah Miller and Ashley Schlegel

7th Graders: Hanna Kadel, Emberlynn Nolt, and Lynley Swartzendruber

A Average Honor Roll

Seniors: Jackson Grote, Isaac Kamler, and Josiah Kamler

Juniors: Zachary Mosier and Brock Swartzendruber

Sophomores: Bryn Kadel, Nolan O'Brien, and Blake Schlegel

Freshmen: Harlie Grant and Elijah Noel

7th Graders: Logan Johnson, Reagan Sokol, and Jada Spurling

A & B Honor Roll

Sophomores: Dalton Kleinschmidt

Looking for Foster Grandparents

Did you know that Nancy Hanouw is a member of the Pioneer Foster Grandparent Program? She comes to our school 3 days a week and assists in students' development of reading skills, motor skills, social skills, independence, and learning skills. Grandma Nancy Hanouw is pictured to the right with first grade students William Mitchell and Nora Noel.

Please consider joining Foster Grandparents today and help children who need it the most! You have what it takes. The program is open to individuals 55 and over who can serve between 15 and 40 hours a week.

You don't need formal experience in tutoring or mentoring. You'll receive pre-service orientation with which you will serve.

If interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent please call Candi Nelson at school at 402-627-3375.



Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk

The school's annual 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place on the last day of school, which is Wednesday, May 22nd. It will once again be a "Color Run/Walk." Registration forms will be available at school and in the announcements. They need to be returned by April 30th. The entry fee is \$10 and will include a t-shirt and lunch. As in the past, every student and staff member will get a free t-shirt and do not need to register or pay the fee.



Memorial Day Weekend

Tentative Training Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Interested individuals should send an email of interest to Shickley Public Schools' Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie N. Coffey: scoffey@longhornpower.org



Memorial Day Weekend

Tentative Opening: Sunday, May 26, 2019

FFA Competes at Career Development Events

Shickley FFA members traveled to Hastings CCC on March 6th, to compete in District 6 Career Development Events (CDEs). These contests allow students to learn about career fields by taking general knowledge tests and doing practicums. Following are the results:

Floriculture - Red

Caitlin Mosier
Taryn Fiala
Bryn Kadel
Mariah Sliva

Welding

Nathan Nelson - Blue
Austin Plock - Blue
Justin Stengel - White
Josh Swartzendruber - White

Livestock Management - Red

Adam Alfs
Dalton Kleinschmidt
Reid Richards
Nolan O'Brien
Brock Swartzendruber

Ag Tech and Mech - Blue

Cadden Carlson - Red
Jayden Heath - Red
Sam Margheim - Red
Zachary Mosier - Red

Veterinary Science

Regan Alfs - White
Kenzie Bohling
Raegan Fiala - Blue
Kaylee Noel - Red

Food Science

Briana Janing
Josiah Kamler
Maddie Kamler
Brooke Nelson

The following qualified for the state contest:

Ag Sales - Purple

Brock Swartzendruber - White
Nolan O'Brien - Purple
Eli Noel - Purple
Jadyn Kleinschmidt - Blue

Nursery and Landscape - Purple

Isaac Kamler - Blue
Aaron Mick - Red
Blake Schlegel - Blue
Taylor Sliva - White

Join the Shickley FFA Alumni

FFA Alumni membership is open to parents, friends, and anyone wanting to support FFA, agricultural education and agriculture. You don't need to be a past FFA member to join the FFA Alumni and or the National FFA Alumni Association.

What does the Shickley FFA Alumni do?

- Provide funding for county, state fair, and state convention.
- Support FFA members attending national convention.
- Provide financial resources to the local chapter for projects and leadership conferences.
- Serve as judges for Leadership Development Events, officer interviews.
- Volunteer their time to help Career Development Event teams.
- Help guide the vision of the local chapter.

Why Join?

- Be as active as you would like .
- Give back to the chapter through gifts of time, talent and resources.

Questions

Contact Dan Miller, Scott Schlegel or John Plock

Hats on for Nebraska

The students, staff, and families of Shickley Public Schools came together to help out an important cause. Over the last month, our state has been shaken by the mass flooding that has occurred throughout many areas. As a way to get involved, the students of Shickley held a “Hats on for Nebraska Fundraiser” in which students donated \$1 or more to wear a hat to school for the day. Through this fundraiser, \$300 was raised and will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Letter from Mr. Sokol, Principal

Welcome Spring!

Our testing season is about to begin. Listed below are the dates that our students will be participating in either the ACT or the NSCAS Statewide Assessments. Parents, please help us by making sure your child is in school and fully rested on each test date. Students taking the NSCAS will use their MacBook or Chromebook so please, make sure your battery is fully charged. For students in the lower elementary grades, each assessment will be administered in 60-minute sessions over the course of a few days.

Out testing schedule will be as follows:

- April 2nd, all juniors will report to the Community Center @ 8:00 AM to take the ACT Test
- April 10th, 11th, and 12th - NSCAS English Language Arts (Grades 3-8)
- April 16th and 17th - NSCAS Math (Grades 3-8)
- April 25th and 26th - NSCAS Science (Grades 5 & 8)

The Shickley Prom was held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 16th. The event was wonderful and came together by a combined effort. I would like to thank Ms. Nuss and Ms. Witte for being our prom sponsors. Our junior class did a nice job of decorating and creating the theme “A Night in the Country.” Our sophomore class was attentive and polite in serving the delicious meal and keeping our drinks full. Isaac Kamler and Caitlin Mosier were crowned the 2019 King and Queen! At the conclusion of the dance, the senior parents hosted the post-prom activities keeping our students engaged until the wee hours of the morning.

I would like to thank the entire Shickley Community for their help and donations at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. Joyce Schlegel was a blessing in helping to coordinate this event and was on the phone helping to schedule our donors' appointments. I cannot thank her enough! Our staff once again demonstrated their generosity by providing sandwiches and other snacks. Altogether, we collected 41 units from staff, students, and members of our community. Thank you!

Thanks, Ms. Nuss for sharing the following: “With warmer weather approaching, students in the second-grade class created some works of art in hopes we could leap right into Spring! The frogs were made out of clay and then glazed. Students added personal touches such as tongues and textured patterns in order to express their own artistic personalities. The second-grade class had a lot of fun making the project and every student was successful.” Their artwork is pictured to the right.



Please continue to pay attention to our daily announcements. Our final quarter of the school year is underway and I anticipate a fast and furious finish!