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Shickley Public Schools - Preparing Students for Success

The Grind with Mrs. Coffey

Tis' the season for gratitude and generosity!

There is no place like Shickley and we have so much to be thankful for!

- Class D2 State Football Champions
- Class D1 4th place finish in Volleyball
- CRC One-Act Runner-Up
- Shickley Community Foundation Grants paired with the Nebraska Community Foundation "Bridging the Learning Gap" Grants, we received \$40,000 to support eLearning and to complete the 1:1 initiative
- Our staff, students, volunteers, supporters, Board of Education, and families that make SPS such a wonderful place to be

There is no place like Shickley because of your generosity and support!

- Beef Boosters: Shickley Public Schools accepts monetary donations as well as animal donations (beef and pork) *please note: through the federal school lunch program, free meals for students will extend throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year*
- Beef Booster Steaks will soon be available again. Do you need some for the holidays?
- When you shop Amazon, be sure to shop Amazon Smile and choose the Shickley Community Foundation as your designated foundation; ZERO cost to you and easy to do!
- 2nd Annual Green Gala event scheduled for February 20, 2021 (tentative) *please note: we are unsure if this event will still take place, but we are trying to be creative to still allow our student activities to utilize this type of an event for fundraising purposes*

A Lesson on Adversity and Never Giving Up

Last year it was all about the heart-pumping 15 sets of state championship volleyball. This year our BDS football team gave an electric performance to capture its third state championship football title in just the last six years; and they did so in rip-roaring and thrilling fashion. BDS came back with a vengeance on numerous occasions throughout the season and would find themselves in similar situations against the Knights. What a game it was! Toward the end of the game, the Knights were able to make another quick score and had one heck of an onside kick attempt, but it would be no match for the BDS Eagles.

These young men went into the year having no idea what the season or the future of Nebraska high school football would hold, and they continued to show up and persevere. The idea of high school state championship football was unfathomable back in August, but the Eagles still hit the weight rooms, worked hard, listened to the coaching staff, and kept practicing and playing week after week. After punching their ticket to the state championship game, they were hit with more news; the game wouldn't be played at Memorial Stadium. For only the second time in history a state championship football game would be played on the Shickley football field; and for the second time in history our boys would leave the field victorious. Congratulations to our BDS D2 State Championship Football Team!

2020 has not been "fair" or "easy" for many. There have been a lot of things "ruined," "changed," many have lost their lives, many have lost their livelihood, etc. It is however, moments like these that can also be a lesson; for "it's your reaction to adversity, not adversity itself that determines how your life's story will develop."

May 2020's "unfairness" and "uneasiness" push you to do great things and *react* in a way that makes you grateful for and appreciate who you are.

2nd Grade News, by Mrs. Mosier

November was a very busy month for the second graders. In reading, they finished their unit 2 stories and learned various strategies to help them comprehend. Some of those strategies were Character, Setting, Plot, Cause and Effect, Main Idea and Details, and Compare and Contrast. The class read like crazy and tried very hard to get their A.R. points. They really enjoy our A.R. parties and wish they could have one every day! Math is a new series this year and has been very challenging for everyone. The students have learned various strategies for adding and subtracting. With the help of Mrs. Yantzie, they learned how to do lots of things on their Chromebooks. They are learning these things in case our school has to go to remote learning. They know how to zoom and send assignments all on their own! In writing, the children made turkeys and wrote about the things they were thankful for. They also drew pictures and filled cornucopias with thankful items. December will be an exciting month because they will be writing letters to Santa!

1st Grade News, by Mrs. Nelson

The seventeen first graders were very busy writing letters to many veterans in the month of November to thank them for their service. They learned the five parts of a letter song and practiced using the proper format of a letter. In math they have been learning how to make and use a tally chart as well as a picture graph. The students have been using their iPads to learn how to use Zoom and Google Classroom independently. Mrs. Yantzie provided all of us with continual support and we are very grateful for all of her hard work!

In the month of December the children will collect items for the Blue Valley Community Action Program along with the FFA students. In class they are learning that it is important to help others without expecting anything in return. The students will be donating items in lieu of exchanging gifts among themselves. They are also learning how to help and teach others in a polite manner so that everyone feels that they can succeed.

The first grade class is pictured to the right on their iPads while using Google Classroom.



Yearbooks for Sale

Looking for a Christmas present for that tough to buy for student? How about A YEARBOOK?!

Buy your yearbook now at a discounted price of \$35 until December 15! After December 15th the price goes up to \$40.

To buy your yearbook go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> and search Shickley High School.

Thanks for your support!

Longhorn Sock Trot Virtual 5K

Thank you to those who participated in the inaugural Longhorn Sock Trot Virtual 5K sponsored by SPS Wellness Committee held during the weeks of October 26th - November 6th. There were many people who participated and over 30 pairs of socks were donated to The Bay, an organization in Lincoln that provides support for the homeless.

Greetings from the Infant Room at Daycare, by Sue Loseke

The infant room lost Logan Rosenquist as the Para to a different job. We were sad to see Logan go, but welcome Brandee Domeier as the new Para. She has filled the spot with lots of knowledge and love for our little kiddos. She has been a great addition to the ELF building.

We have had a busy year already. We started the school year off with 6 infants. Our room added another infant at the beginning of November. We also starting watching another infant on November 30. The maximum number of infants we can have is 8 so we are now full until October of 2021.

Our new principal, Mr. Warren makes a lot of visits over to see us. The kids enjoy when he comes over and gives them a few snuggles. He has been a great support to our program.

The infant room has taken on a new role as the "Mask Washers" for the Shickley Public Schools. We are helping do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our room also prepares breakfast/lunch/snack for the infants and toddlers. The pre-school daycare room gets to partake in the snacks in the afternoon.

The children are all at different stages of development. It keeps Brandee and myself on our toes. Our infants progress from swings, to sitting up, to crawling, and then walking. There is never a dull moment in our room. Our three older boys all turned 1 this month.

We have not been able to have visitors like we used to because of COVID. We really enjoyed when people could come and play with us. Hopefully this virus will settle down and we will have our doors open to visitors again. Below are some snapshots of a typical day in the infant room.

We wish everyone Happy Holidays.



Community Service Hours, by Mrs. Monica Noel

Even though many ways of interacting have changed over the past ten months, the need to help others is still a necessity. Ten hours of community service for every 9th-12th grade student is still required by May 1st. There are many ways students can complete their community service hours which could include church activities, FFA sponsored events, reffing or keeping clock at elementary games, helping at the Christmas Store, etc. If you have community service projects or opportunities for our students, please contact a student or Mrs. Noel

PBIS for Families

As people are walking around the school building, they will notice some new posters hanging on the walls showing how to Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resourceful. These are the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) expectations the school staff has of the students and themselves. PBIS is not something that can be used just at school. There are many ways you as family members can implement PBIS at home.

How do parents use PBIS?

- *Decide on the behavior you want to see
- *Teach the expected behavior
- *Practice the expected behavior
- *Provide meaningful reinforcement
- *Enforce logical consequences for negative behavior

PBIS at Home and in the Community

	Responsible	Respectful	Helpful
Before School	Get up on time Eat breakfast	Take turns in the bathroom Flush the toilet	Make your bed Pick up your clothes
After School	Call mom or dad when you get home	Come home right after school	Let the dog out
On Weekends	Clear plans with mom or dad first	Come home on time	Do your laundry
In the Community	Use bike rules, follow street signs	Take your cell phone with you	Don't litter

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Winter Activities and Sports

As winter activities and sports are getting underway please make sure to check the daily announcements for all the latest information regarding attendance at these events. Updates will be posted in the announcements and also on social media as soon as they become available.

Guidelines for attendance are based on the current DHM for each health district set forth by the state.

Shickley Public Schools and other schools will utilize STRIV or other outlets whenever possible to air performances. There are times when this is not possible due to copyright rights or other regulations that prohibit it from being aired.

FFA News, by Miss Schrock

Shickley FFA has had a busy November. On November 4th, our members competed in the Fall District 6 CDE Contest. This event was held virtually with members competing here at school that day. Highlights from the contest include:

Nursery Landscape

3rd Place Team (State Qualifying): Blake Schlegel, Aaron Mick, Dalton Kleinschmidt, and Bryn Kadel

4th Place Team: Maddie Kamler, Briana Janning, and Taylor Sliva

Maddie Kamler - 3rd Place Individual

Blake Schlegel - 7th Place Individual

Aaron Mick - 9th Place Individual

Ag Communications

5th Place Team: Mariah Sliva, Kenzie Bohling, Taryn Fiala, and Landon Johnson

Mariah Sliva - 1st Place Individual

Kenzie Bohling - 10th Place Individual

Meats Evaluation

10th Place Team - Reid Richards, Eli Noel, and Jayden Heath

Reid Richards - 5th Place Individual

Natural Resources

10th Place Team - Brooklynn Nelson, Lauren Richards, Lynley Swartzendruber, Jada Spurling, Adam Alfs, and Cloey Carlson

Farm Business Management

4th Place Team - Nolan O'Brien, Hanna Kadel, Hannah Miller, Ashley Schlegel, and Coy Margheim

Nolan O'Brien - 3rd Place Individual

Hanna Kadel - 5th Place Individual

Agronomy

14th Place Team - Cadden Carlson, Logan Johnson, Seth Stengel, and Jay Kempf

I am extremely proud of all the hard work our members put in for this contest especially given that many of our members were not only competing in FFA events but were also as part of the 4th Place Class D1 State Volleyball Team and the Class D2 State Champion Football Team.

Agriculture classes have been focused on continuing ahead. The welding class has spent considerable time in the shop practicing their stick welding. Companion Animal did a deep dive on nutrition in small animals and is now looking at dogs and cats as pets. The Intro to Agriculture class is learning all the ends and outs to Parliamentary Procedure and is practicing their skills for the LDE contest in January. Plant Science has been reviewing cell function and learning a little more about respiration at the cellular level. Ag Marketing is finishing up their Marketing Plans for companies and also learning a little more about defining a company's target market.

As we look towards December, we will be focusing on practicing for Leadership Development Events that will be hosted in January. Class for the semester will be wrapping up. Poinsettias will be available in the greenhouse the first week of December. In addition, fruit will be delivered December 15th and will be ready for pick up the afternoon of December 16th.

Thank you for your continued support.

Principal Notes, by Mr. Warren

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