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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

September 3rd

First Home Volleyball
Triangular vs Hampton
and EM

September 4th

2:30 Dismissal

September 7th

Labor Day - No School

September 8th

No School - Teachers
Cohort

September 14th

Home Junior High
Football Game with Blue
Hill

September 15th

School Pictures

September 17th

Home Junior High
Volleyball Game with
McCool Junction

September 18th

2:30 Dismissal

**Look at Joyce's
calendar for many
more important dates.**

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

We are off to a great start. The summer has flown by and now we are going into the fall. A new school year brings new faces and new challenges for our students and our teachers. It is exciting to see our students grow and to improve, and we are very proud of all of them. Make sure to talk to students about their school year and ask them how it is going. Recently, the Shickley Community Foundation hosted foundations from other towns. McCook, Nebraska City, and Norfolk were in attendance as well as members of the Nebraska Community Foundation and Sherwood Foundation. I am currently on the Shickley Foundation board and one of the highlights was to give all of those people a tour of our school. I knew that the inevitable question of "How can you provide a quality education in such as small school?" would come up. There were a lot of mouths open when Mr. Ippensen and I began to talk about all of the awesome things we are able to accomplish in our small school. Many of you may not know, but we are able to offer the following:

- 8 credits of Math for high school and college credit
- 6 credits of English for high school and college credit
- 3 credits of Speech for high school and college credit
- 3 credits of Agribusiness Management for high school and college credit.

We offer all of these classes in-house and they are not online. They are taught by our teachers. Students have the opportunity to take at least 9 credits online as well. This means that if a student chooses, they can have 29 credits for college finished before they leave our school. That is an entire year of college done before they step on a college campus. Our teachers work very hard to make sure that our students have these opportunities. When I shared this with our visitors from other towns, they were amazed that we are able to do this. As a district, I believe we are headed in the right direction. We are producing a quality product in our graduates, a product that everyone in Shickley should be very proud of.

Bryce Jorgenson
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Thank You, Ron Swartzendruber Family

The swing pictured at right is a welcome addition to the Shickley Public School Early Learning Facility. In memory of 'Teacher Pat' Swartzendruber, her family donated the swing. It is enjoyed by our staff and students. Shickley Public School is grateful for the thoughtful gift and most especially for Pat's years of work with our preschool students.



“Bouncing” into Third!

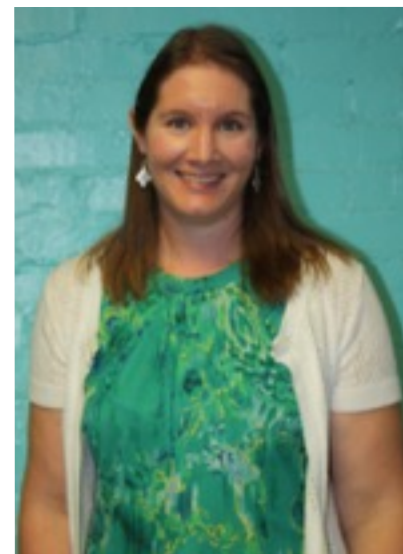
As third grade students entered the classroom this year, they had many questions bouncing through their minds. What are these balls doing in here? What are we going to do with them? Where are our chairs? The excitement rose as Miss Johnson told them the balls would be their chairs for the year. Research supports the use of stability chairs in the classroom and workforce. Stability balls help improve posture which leads to being more energetic! Better posture also increases blood flow to the brain, which helps students stay on task. Stability chairs also assist with handwriting because feet are flat on the floor, and students are sitting up straight. They improve behavior, help attention-challenged students, and engage the mind. Bounce on into the third grade classroom and check them out!

Language Resource News

It's great to be back into our routines. We have enjoyed seeing all of the students.

As in the past couple of years, Anita Blum will be serving our students as the Speech Language Therapist from Grand Island Physical Therapy. Her direct services will be provided once a week, and I will be assisting as the Language Resource Teacher throughout the rest of the week. Along with providing services outside of the classroom, we are able to be in classrooms assisting students and teachers as the students work toward their greatest success. Anita and I have enjoyed getting to know the students and community and are eager for another successful school year. As we kick off the year and throughout the year, please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance in meeting your student's goals.

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Anita Blum
Speech Language Therapist

Meet Our New Staff

Pictured to the right are the newest members of our staff here at Shickley Public School. They are Mrs. Shalee Kempf, Mrs. Jodi Dickson, and Miss Taryn Wolfe. They joined us at the start of our new school year.

Shalee Kempf is new to our Early Learning Facility. She is a paraprofessional in our daycare. Shalee grew up in Superior and graduated from Superior High School. After graduation she attended Joseph College of Beauty in Hastings where she got her hair license. She has been married to Cody Kempf for a little over a year. They are expecting their first baby in September. Before coming to work for us, Shalee worked at Tiny Images Daycare in Fairmont. She is very excited to be close to home and working in our daycare now. In Shalee's free time she loves to hang out with family and friends. She is looking forward to a great year!



Our new fourth grade teacher is **Mrs. Jodi Dickson**. She grew up in the Bruning area. She graduated from Hastings College with a masters degree in education and later attended Concordia University and attained another masters degree in educational administration. She is currently in her 19th year of teaching. She spent the last 18 years teaching at Sandy Creek School. Mrs. Dickson and her husband, Kevin, live in Carleton with their 9 children. Their ages range from 2 to 20. The kids obviously keep them very busy. Mrs. Dickson loves that there is never a dull moment at their house. If she manages to have any spare time, she enjoys spending it playing with the kids, working on school stuff, or just relaxing. Mrs. Dickson already loves the community of Shickley and the short drive to work. She thanks the school staff for making this transition so easy and for going out of their way to make her feel welcomed and a part of the school in such a short time.

Our new preschool teacher is **Miss Taryn Wolfe**. She was born and raised in Grand Island. She graduated from Wayne State College in 2010 with a double major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Unified. For the past four years she taught at the Early Learning Center in Grand Island. During that time she also worked on getting her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Doane College. She received her Master's Degree in December 2014. In Miss Wolfe's spare time she enjoys playing sand volleyball, women's volleyball, co-ed volleyball, co-ed softball, and running 5Ks and 10Ks. The apple of her eye is her German Shorthair Pointer named Husker. A few of Miss Wolfe's favorite things are pasta, the color green, zebra print, Cherry Dr. Pepper, Root Beer, and peanut butter M & M's. A few of her dislikes are feet, coffee, pecans, beets, and snakes.

Shickley Public School Hosts Foundation Guests

On August 21st, approximately twenty-five Foundation Board Members from McCook, Norfolk, Lincoln, and Omaha toured Shickley Public School. The school visit focused on the projects that had received grants from the Shickley Community Foundation. They visited the Early Learning Center and witnessed experiments in the Science Room. Mr. Jorgensen and Mr. Ippensen led a presentation that took place in the gym. To close the tour, the ESI camp students presented their startup business ideas and products to the group. The guests were amazed at the variety of programs and curriculum choices that exist at Shickley Public School.

Preschool Class 2015-2016

Preschool started on Monday, August 17th, with fifteen students in their class. They were all very excited to be able to come to school this year. Pictured below is this year's class. Back row: Emma Hinrichs, Gloria Nolt, Ashyla Ramirez, Mikinzi Oswald, Jaylyn Zajic, Alexander Wiseman, Lane Kimbrough, Karsin Brady, and teacher Miss Taryn Wolfe. Front row: paraprofessional Mrs. Lisa Wilson, Sydney Benson, Emmett Mussman, Lynzie Schultz, Noah Shanle, Callie Pope, William Mitchell, and Aubrey Domeier.



Shickley Named an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant Winner!

Our school has been chosen to receive an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant. This grant will be used to enhance our agriculture and science departments by helping to fund the building of a greenhouse. Many thanks to Mrs. Busboom and Miss Witte who prepared the successful application and to the local farmers who supported our application! The check was presented to Miss Witte and the Ag Ed program on Friday, August 28th, during halftime of the BDS football game in Shickley against Harvard.



Homecoming 2015

"The Tradition Continues" was Shickley's 2015 Homecoming theme. The dress-up days for the week were: Monday - Wake Up and Come to School Day; Tuesday - Tourist Tuesday; Wednesday - Cowboy/Cowgirl Day; Thursday - Throwback Day; and Friday - Spirit Day.

Friday afternoon included a parade at 1:30 with a pep rally immediately after it in the gym. There was a BDS volleyball soap scrimmage at 4:30, Shickley Fire Department hamburger feed at 5:00, and the football game against Harvard at 7:00.

The coronation took place immediately after the conclusion of the football game. This year's Homecoming Court was: Ben Elznic, son of Becky and Dale Elznic; Catherine Mick, daughter of Darlene and John Mick; Tristen Mosier, daughter of Kathy and Matt Mosier; and Madison Yantzie, daughter of Karma and Doug Yantzie.

The evening concluded with a dance for Shickley and Bruning-Davenport 9-12th grade students in the north gym.

Pictured below are: 2014 Homecoming King Nathan Hendrickson, Crown Bearer Cameron Wilson, Tristen Mosier, 2015 Homecoming King Ben Elznic, 2015 Homecoming Queen Catherine Mick, Madison Yantzie, Crown Bearer Eli Margheim, 2014 Homecoming Queen Kristen Troyer, and Crown Bearer Veronika Flint.



Educators Health Alliance (EHA) News

Year two of healthy challenges and habits is underway for Shickley Public School. Last year we ended the school year with a fun Iditarod challenge. This year is full of new challenges, as well as new ideas to keep our momentum going. It's not just about being active and fitness, but making sure we are doing our best to take care of ourselves in the six different areas. The program is offered by the Educators Health Alliance and is open to anyone employed by the district. Throughout the year we had several staff members participate in all of the challenges. What is great is, that on top of the challenges set up by EHA, staff members were eager to participate and do MORE! We look forward to what the new year brings for the staff, students, and community.

The EHA wellness program is so much more than just physical wellness. The six main areas of wellness the program will provide include: intellectual, spiritual, physical, occupational, social, and emotional. There are bi-monthly challenges set up for members to participate in that are geared toward these six areas of wellness. A quick glimpse of a few of the challenges in store for the year include: Snack Attack, Perfect Beverage, Supremely Happy, Tour de France, Brighten your Smile, and Real Food. For more information feel free to visit www.ehawellness.org or ask a current participant.

If you are employed by the district and want more information, feel free to contact anyone at the school and we can get you going!

OR

Consider becoming a Wellness Buddy. Anyone can be your buddy – your spouse, friend, neighbor, or coworker (they just need to be over the age of 18)! Go to www.ehawellness.org and click on Wellness Buddies to see the details. Once you set up your buddy, you'll be able to see their tracking progress (and they'll see yours) so you can help motivate and inspire each other. *NOTE: one buddy must currently be a member of the EHA program.*

Merissa Zajic and Katie Johnson

Shickley Music Department Notes

The Shickley Music Department has been a very musical department over the summer months. Numerous students entering 5th through 12th grades took private band lessons to improve their instrumental knowledge. We also had students audition for National FFA Chorus, travel to Europe, and attend UNK All-State Music Camp.

The students have hit the ground running already this school year. The band will be performing at the home football and volleyball games this fall. The High School Band will perform at the Nebraska State Fair on September 1st. The students are working at a very strong pace and look forward to representing the Shickley community all over the area.

Mrs. Judy Lichti and eighth grader Alyssa Nolt will accompany the groups this year.

FFA News

The Fillmore County Fair was held July 18th-24th in Geneva. Fourteen Shickley FFA members competed in the livestock arena. In the Sheep Show, Jady Kleinschmidt was reserve champion showman, while Carley Swartzendruber received a blue, and Brock Swartzendruber and Rio Mohrmann were awarded purples. Rio Mohrmann and Brock Swartzendruber exhibited the champion and reserve champion breeding sheep. Jady Kleinschmidt received reserve champion overall market lamb. Carley Swartzendruber received three purples, Brock Swartzendruber got a blue ribbon, and Rio Mohrmann received a purple ribbon on their market lambs. Carley and Brock Swartzendruber had the champion and reserve champion lamb carcasses.

In the goat show, Regan Alfs exhibited the champion-breeding goat. John and Regan Alfs were champion and reserve champion in showmanship. Brock and Carley Swartzendruber received purple ribbons in showmanship. John Alfs and Brock and Carley Swartzendruber all were awarded purple ribbons on their goats. John Alfs was awarded champion market goat and Carley Swartzendruber received a reserve champion.

In swine showmanship Regan Alfs was reserve champion showman; John Alfs and Blake Stengel were awarded purple ribbons in showmanship. Lexi Kadel, Amy, Caleb and Nathan Hendrickson were given blue ribbons in showmanship. John and Regan Alfs received purple ribbons on their breeding hogs. Amy, Caleb, and Nathan Hendrickson were awarded blue ribbons with their breeding hogs. In the market gilt show, Regan Alfs was reserve champion. John and Regan Alfs received purple ribbons on their market gilts. Lexi Kadel won a purple ribbon, while Caleb Hendrickson received a red ribbon on their market gilts.

In the market barrow show, Blake Stengel exhibited the champion market barrow and Regan Alfs had the reserve champion market barrow. Caleb Hendrickson received a purple, while Lexi Kadel, Amy and Nathan Hendrickson were given blue ribbons on their barrow. Amy and Nathan also received a red ribbon on a barrow. Blake Stengel and Regan Alfs competed in the champion market hog drive. Blake was awarded reserve champion market hog.

Reserve champion beef showman was Holden Stengel. Also in showmanship receiving purples were: Blake Stengel, John Alfs, Megan Swartzendruber, Justin Stengel, and Brock Swartzendruber. Blues were awarded to Nicole Swartzendruber, Lexi Kadel, Regan Alfs, and Kale Kleinschmidt.

In the breeding beef division, champion cow calf pair was exhibited by Carley Swartzendruber. Holden Stengel and Regan Alfs exhibited champion and reserve champion market heifers. Lexi Kadel was awarded two blues and Kale Kleinschmidt received one blue on their entries. Megan Swartzendruber, Brock Swartzendruber, John Alfs, and Blake, Holden, and Justin Stengel all were awarded purple ribbons on their market steers. Brock Swartzendruber also received a blue ribbon. Champion market steer and market beef was exhibited by Nicole Swartzendruber. Blake Stengel had the reserve champion market steer and reserve champion market beef. Holden Stengel had the champion carcass beef.

Members had a successful fair and represented Shickley FFA well.



Wizard of Oz, There is No Place Like Shickley



For the past couple of years, we have had themes for our school year that we base things around and celebrate throughout the year. This year is no different. The theme chosen for this year is “The Wizard of Oz.” There are many life lessons that can be learned from this classic movie and we will emphasize those lessons throughout the year. One lesson that we will emphasize everyday is that “There is No Place Like Shickley!”

Pictured are Mr. Jorgensen and Mr. Ippensen at an assembly held the first day of school. At the assembly they told the kids about the school’s theme for the year and went over other important items they needed to know for the school year.

Athletic Director’s News

Coaching Changes: After 38 seasons, Coach Sorge announced his retirement from teaching and coaching last May. During his tenure at Shickley and BDS, he compiled a career record of 677-196. New to the coaching realm are head coach Kari Jo Alfs and assistants Gina Kamler and Brooke Neville. Kari Jo has a strong volleyball knowledge as a former volleyball official and youth volleyball coach. Gina, a Shickley native, played for Coach Sorge as well as served as his assistant coach. Brook Neville, a Geneva native and Fillmore Central graduate, is currently student teaching in the elementary at Bruning-Davenport. Good Luck to the Lady Eagles Volleyball team!

Game Workers: As a fan attending athletic events, you might not realize the amount of preparation that is necessary to effectively host an athletic event. There are the officials, ticket takers, line judges, chain gang, announcers, scoreboard keepers, concession workers, color guard, rescue unit, printing programs, etc. A lot of these volunteers are giving of their time to assist with the success of an efficiently run event. As athletic director, I ask a lot of local individuals and I want to thank everyone who helps behind the scenes. I appreciate all your assistance!

Follow us on Facebook: Shickley Public School and Bruning-Davenport-Shickley Athletics.

Follow us on Twitter: Shickley_Public and BDS_Eagles.

Karma Yantzie, Athletic Director
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Eric Samuel Timm Speaks to Students

Artist and motivational speaker Eric Samuel Timm visited Shickley for a junior high and high school assembly held on Wednesday, August 26th. His live art performance addressed the important issue of how impactful the words we speak can be and encouraged students to speak “words of life” in person, online, and to themselves. He also emphasized the self-worth of every individual, no matter what has been said or done in the past.

At the beginning of his presentation, Eric created art that featured the likeness of Abraham Lincoln and discussed equality, pointing out the power that lies in written and spoken words. Later, he called upon Ben Elznic and Kale Kleinschmidt to empty tubes of toothpaste and then attempt to put the toothpaste back in the tubes. He compared the toothpaste to the words we speak, illustrating that once we say words, they can’t be put back in, which is why it is so important to think before we speak and to choose words of encouragement and kindness and not words that make others feel bad. In the end, he created a painting that appeared to say “death”; however, he flipped the canvas over to reveal that it actually says “life” as a reminder to choose to speak words of life. Eric gave both of his paintings to the school. The one featuring Lincoln was given to Mr. Shipley to display in his classroom; the painting of “life” was put on display in the lobby with its permanent home to be determined at a later date.

Eric Samuel Timm is pictured at right with his “Life” painting.



Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

This is part two of twelve in a continuing conversation about the characteristics, skills, and abilities of a successful student, as defined by Shickley Public School.

A successful student is creative and innovative.

Creativity and innovation in problem solving can be marked by the ability to look at a difficult problem and solve it in a creative or innovative way. There are examples of this throughout history: the Wright Brothers combined attributes of a bird and a bicycle to build the first airplane; John Boyd, the fighter pilot and instructor, used to give students parts from a tank, a bicycle, a motor boat, and skis in order to build a snow mobile. Even here in our community, way back in 1940, John Alfs looked at silage chopping, and patented a better way. The common thread between these three people and their situations, and the countless other inventors and problem solvers throughout history, is that these people didn’t consider a problem unsolvable; they looked for different or innovative and creative ways to solve the problem, using things they knew. We are working to develop this same mindset in our students, which is an essential part of our spiral curriculum—building off existing knowledge to develop new and different skills, abilities, and understandings. This isn’t done by a simple transition from A to B to C; building new knowledge requires the creative and innovative skills to see what can’t readily be seen, and the willingness to try something new, even when it is difficult and scary.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the work we are doing at Shickley Public School, or if you would like to share in the process of preparing our students for success, please don’t hesitate to stop in and talk, or give us a call.

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