

Longhorn Community,

With only six weeks of school left we have a lot to pack into the remaining days of a semester that has already been very busy with the numerous activities our kids participate in. It is a balancing act between focusing on academics and nurturing other talents through fine arts, track and golf, or student organizations.

This is the time of year where our younger students get to venture beyond our walls and participate in field trips to broaden their understanding of nature, science, history, or culture. Some of those include: Hastings Museum, IMAX, Stuhr Museum, and the Edgerton Center. These are valuable learning tools that spark curiosity and ignite a passion for discovery.

The 7-12 Spring Showcase features all the pieces our high school groups are taking to the District Music Contest, as well as performances by the Junior High Band and Junior High Choir. The art showcase includes digital portfolios, 2D pieces, and 3D pieces. The District Music Contest will be held in Fairbury on April 18 and 19.

We had many exceptional students who represented Shickley at the District and State speech competitions with performances encompassing a variety of topics. Grace Tobias brought home a second-place finish in the D2 Informative category from the State competition. 5th - 8th grade students were able to write and practice several types of speeches for their classroom and perform in front of their families.

The Reading Classics 4th-6th grade teams traveled to Dorchester recently. Reading Classics encourages students to read from a set book list of 45 titles and try out for the two teams. Students who made the team earned the most correct answers on a quiz that included questions from all 45 book titles. The team members continued to meet and study the book titles until the competition day in March. The Shickley teams competed on March 15th and one earned 1st place: Rileigh, Josh, Kraegan, Liv, and Ellie. The other Shickley team placed 3rd; Kelsey, Brooks, Jacob, Lynzie, and Oakleigh. The 7th-grade reading classics team also won 1st in their competition over 20 chapter books. We had several 5-8 grade students participate at the County Spelling Bee. Nora Noel won her division and advanced to the next level.

The Quiz Bowl teams traveled to Meridian for the CRC Quiz Bowl and to Seward for the ESU 6 Quiz Bowl. Both High School and Junior high competed well, finishing in the middle of the pack. These are great experiences for our students and the academic competition is good for sharpening the mind.

There are so many great things happening that I'm sure I've failed to mention a few here. As we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, it is also essential to recognize the support and guidance provided by our dedicated educators, families, and community members. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Shickley a vibrant hub of learning and inspiration.

Dr. Stan Essink

Driver Education: Class sessions at Sandy Creek will be May 28-31 (Tuesday-Friday) and June 3 (Monday), 8:30-12:30, with driving opportunities scheduled after. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Each student is required by the Nebraska DMV to have a valid permit in order to enroll in this course.

Reading Classics

The Reading Classic teams traveled to Dorchester this month for competition. Shickley Green (Rileigh, Ellie, Kraegan, Josh, and Liv) earned 1st place. Shickley Black (Brooks, Lynzie, Kelsey, Oakleigh, and Jacob) earned 3rd place. It was a great day and we are already excited for next year!

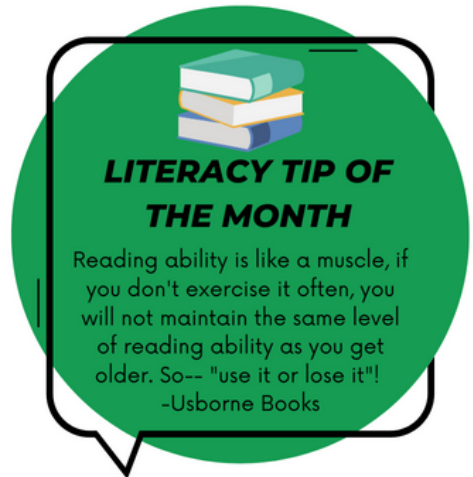


7th Grade Reading Classics went to Dorchester on a different morning and also won first place. This group is excited to read new books and defend their title next year. Abigail Mooney, Emma Hinrichs, Jeremiah Schlegel, Mikinzi Oswald, Ally Wochner-Kimbrall.

The Shickley Speech Team

The speech team competed in districts at Lincoln Southwest.

Grace Tobias--2nd in Informative
Trinidi Oswald--4th in Humorous Prose
Malinda Kamler--6th in Persuasive
OID Team--6th
Lakota Alfs-Tuberville--7th in Informative



Grace competed at the State Competition on Friday, March 22 at Kearney High School and earned 2nd place!

Noel Continues Reign as Spelling Champ by
Gwen Schultz, 6th grade teacher

The students in grades 5-8 recently competed in the Fillmore County Spelling Bee. Shickley is proud to boast that one of their own won her division for the second year in a row. Nora Noel is making Longhorn Nation proud with her amazing accomplishments in this feat. Nora also went on to the state competition in March. Of the 67 students who competed, only 14 students remained after the first round, and Nora was one of them. Noel went on to only miss going to the finals by one word. This was just one 'bee'utiful way of showcasing all of Nora's amazing talents. Way to go, Nora!
Additional Info and Photo Courtesy of Randy Noel



Learning leadership skills is an important stepping stone on the path to maturity. The UNL Extension Office makes teaching and learning leadership easy and fun. During four afternoons in March, Brandy VanDeWalle led Shickley students through a series of activities that encourage growth in mindset, understanding your strengths, weaknesses, and those of others, and teamwork and cooperation. Students took personality assessments to better understand themselves and then worked with like-minded individuals to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Discussions about cooperation and working together wrapped up with students attempting to build the tallest tower out of PVC pipes. A fun added twist to this activity was when students were limited to only using one hand and no voices! Below are some of the students' thoughts on the leadership workshop.

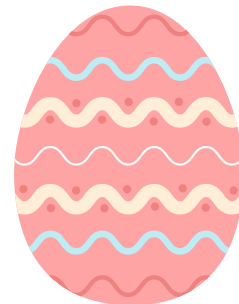
"I really liked the leadership workshop they had really fun things to learn. It showed me many ways how we can be great leaders and understand what it means to be a leader."
Adrianna, Grade 6

"I learned that I'm trail mix, which means I give different ideas to a group. I saw that in me when we did the PVC pipe thing and I had some different ideas." Nora, Grade 6

Easter Egg Hunt

The FBLA Chapter assisted with the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The students filled plastic eggs with candy, tattoos, and sticky toys. The Easter Bunny arrived in Shickley on March 28th at Shickley Westside Park. Children from preschool through 4th grade hunted for the candy & prize-filled eggs. The Shickley Community Club sponsored the event with the assistance of the Shickley FBLA chapter.

Shickley FBLA members, Hailey Miller and Owen Beavers are filling the plastic eggs for the annual Shickley Community Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Thursday, March 28th.



FCH and UNL Extension Offices Team Up and Bring Wellness Day to Shickley Students by Gwen Schultz, 6th grade teacher

Leaders from the Fillmore County Hospital and UNL Extension Offices brought a variety of Wellness sessions to Shickley students. Topics included evaluating your personal strengths, first aid, physical fitness, healthy eating, and vaping. The students enjoyed a morning filled with hands-on activities that were both engaging and enlightening. Learning about mental health begins with understanding yourself, and students were allowed to explore their strengths through a personality assessment. Students learned how to respond in an emergency situation, the importance of exercise, and how to have fun while exercising. Students were interested to find out about how much sugar is really hiding in all of the beverages they drink, and about the harmful long-term effects that vaping can have on your body. The services that these individuals and organizations provide to our school, students, and community is outstanding. Below are students' thoughts on the activities.

“I loved the nutrition center with Miki. I loved the centers, they were really fun to do, and I really hope we can do them again.” Tinley, Grade 6

“I really liked learning all the different stations. I really liked the nutrition one because it helped me understand why some foods are unhealthy and why some foods are healthy.” Adrianna, Grade 6

“I really liked the first aid session, even though I kind of got the heebie-jeebies and felt like I was going to throw up. The one about vaping was fun but kind of scary when I had to breathe through the coffee stirrer... anyway, the whole thing was awesome!” Nora, Grade 6



Stuhr Museum

Third and Fourth Grade students attended the Pioneer Living program at the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island. Students learned about the hard work to prepare food and do chores. We had to gather firewood, pump water and heat it on our wood burning stove. We made homemade butter. We had to churn it for over an hour! 3rd and 4th students also made homemade cornbread by grinding corn, along with cutting potatoes and carrots and had a stew. We learned that pioneers did not waste anything. We even used our corn cobs for corn cob jelly! We had a grand time!



3rd Grade students were able to connect their Ozobots via bluetooth for the 1st time today. They were able to code their Ozobots with the program Ozoblockly.



ACTION!

Several students participated in ACTIONS Day at CCC today. Congratulations to our winners: Hanna-4th in Journalism, Grace-5th in Grammar & Psychology, Hayley-5th in Early Childhood, and Mindy-5th in Quotes

Speaking of Success

Public speaking is such a challenging and intimidating task, but the students in 5th-8th grade made it look easy! The 5th-8th grade students spent much of their time during the third quarter writing speeches, and then presenting those speeches to their classmates and family members. From there, the top speakers from each grade were chosen to deliver their speeches for a larger audience of community members. Fifth grade speeches were informative, 6th grade wrote persuasive, 7th grade was tasked with entertainment, and 8th graders were given the freedom of choice. The winners from 5th grade were Joshua Schlegel, Rileigh Carlson, Liv Wilson, and Cortlen Rippe. Sixth grade students who advanced were Nora Noel, Adrianna Morris-Vernon, Lynzie Schultz, and Alexander Wiseman. The junior high students who performed for the crowd were Jeremiah Schlegel, Jaylyn Zajic, and Cameron Wilson.



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APRIL

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Shickley Public School

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1
No School
Easter Break

2
Cini Mini
Chicken Strips
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli

3
Pancake Wrap
Fiestada
Carrots

4
Waffle Sticks
Hamburgers/Bun
Corn
Chips

5
Cereal
Grandparents Day
Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

8
Appel Frudel
Chicken Sandwich
Baked Beans

9
Early Risers
Tater Tot Casserole
Carrots
Bread & Butter

10
Breakfast Cookie
Salisbury Steaks
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Country Veggies
Corn Bread

11
Mini Pancakes
Chicken Fajita
Fried Rice
Corn

12
Bagels/Cream Cheese
Corn Dogs
Green Beans

15
French Toast Sticks
Meatball Subs
Mixed Veggies

16
Breakfast Un crustables
Breaded Beef Patty
Au Gratin Potatoes
Broccoli
Roll

17
Breakfast Pizza
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patty
Bagel

18
Oatmeal/Muffin
Taco Haystack
Rice
Black Beans
Churro

19
Tornados
Pizza
Corn

22
Funnell Cakes
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Green Beans

23
Breakfast Sandwich
Beefy Mexican Bake
Carrots

24
Breakfast Burrito
Baked Chicken
Mashed Potato/Gravy
Corn

25
Muffin/Yogurt
BBQ Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans

26
Breakfast Casserole
Chicken Quesadilla
Peas



Shickley
Beef
Boosters

Menu is Subject To Change

29
Mini Donuts
Shredded Chicken
Sandwich
Mixed Veggies

30
Mini Strawberry Bagel
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage Patty
Seasoned Potatoes

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April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School-Easter Break	2 Plant Orders Due Golf at Friend 4:00 JH Track at Friend 9:30	3 Meridian Mustang Invite at Friend 10:00 State FFA	4 State FFA	5 Grandparents Day School Dismissed at 1:00 State FFA	6 JH Mudecas Track at Pawnee City 9:00 State FBLLA
7 7-12 th Grade Spring Music Concert 6:30	8	9 Heartland Invite at Henderson 10:00 JH Track at Sandy Creek 10:00 FC Golf Meet at Hidden Hills 10:00	10 ACT for Juniors	11 Golf- Red Cloud Meet 9:00 State FBLLA	12 School Dismissed at 2:30 State FBLLA	13 JH Mudecas Track at Pawnee City 9:00 State FBLLA
14 FFA Banquet 6:30	15 FFA Banquet 6:30	16 Superior Invite at Superior 12:00 Golf-Sandy Creek Meet 9:30	17 JH Track at Deshler 10:00 District Music Contest in Fairbury	18 JH Track at Deshler 10:00 District Music Contest in Fairbury	19 School Dismissed at 2:30 Blood Drive at School District Music Contest in Fairbury	20 Mudecas at JJC- Tecumseh 9:00
21 Youth Benefit Spaghetti Bake at Community Center 11:30-1:30	22 Tom White Invite at McCool Junction 9:15	23 Golf-Blue Hill Meet 9:30	24	25 Plant Pick Up Day	26 School Dismissed at 2:30 JH CRC at Cross County 9:00	27 CRC at Osceola 8:30
28 Roadside Cleanup	29	30 Golf-Sutton Meet 9:00				

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Upcoming Dates

- April 5 - Grandparents Day
- April 8 - 7-12gr Music Concert
- April 15 - FFA Banquet
- April 21 - Spaghetti Bake
- April 25 - Plant Pickup
- April 29 - Roadside Cleanup



Preparing Students for
Success

It's a great day to be a
Longhorn!