

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

—WHERE CHARACTER COUNTS!

"The Mission of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is to improve the quality of lives and assist individuals in becoming contributing members of society through the accumulation and application of knowledge."

Special points of interest:

- May — School Board Recognition Month
- May 3-7—Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 10—School Board Meeting, Central Office, 7:00 pm
- May 12—VSEA/VSCD Retirees Reception @ Central Office Board Room, 4:00—5:30 pm
- May 12—Senior Awards Night, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
- May 14—2-Hour Early Dismissal, Prof. Development
- May 15—FFA Banquet & Awards, VSHS Commons, 6:00 pm
- May 20—Shellsburg Presidential Awards, 2:00 pm
- May 25—Middle School Presidential Awards, VSHS Aud.
- May 27—PRESCHOOL'S LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 28—Graduation Rehearsal, 8:00 - 10:30 am
- May 28—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 2-Hr. Early Dismissal
- May 30—Graduation, VSHS Garrison Field House, 2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

First day of school for 2021-2022 is Monday, August 23, 2021.

Look for On-line Registration to open mid to late July.

REMINDER! -

Library books must be turned in to the media centers by **May 20th** And all dues must be paid by then.



Thank you!!

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community:

Welcome to May! May is a time of reflection and celebration in schools. We are recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of our seniors at graduation. We are celebrating the growth and success of our students in the classroom and this year we are celebrating the fact we have made it to the last month of school without having to close or miss time due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This year has looked much different than previous years with all of the mitigation strategies in place. Students were cohorted and did not mix groups for lessons or celebrations. There were changes at all the buildings which included class schedules, extending lunch times, modifying recess, adjusting passing times, extra time spent cleaning in between classes/sessions, staff meeting by zoom, etc., all in effort to keep the virus at bay. Staff, students and our community put in extra work to make this school year a success!

As we look forward to next school year, I do not know for sure what public health will be recommending for mitigation strategies in schools, but I think new guidance will continue to be given throughout the spring/summer months and we as a school district will continue to find ways to return to collaborative practices. Returning to instructional practices such as allowing students to move between cohorts for classes and interventions is a priority. We feel we can more effectively meet the needs of students when being flexible with their groupings throughout the day.

The state of Iowa and the federal government have been working to give support to schools since the pandemic began. The state allocated funds at the start of the school year and we utilized the money to purchase more ipads at the elementary level. The school district has been allocated federal funds to support students from the learning gap created by the pandemic shutdown and pay for current and future mitigation from viruses. The most recent allocation was 1.6 million dollars. This is a one time funding increase and will not be supported in the future. We have identified a need for additional support for students based on our assessments throughout the year. Hiring additional support teachers for a period of time (two years), and identifying new curricular materials will be a starting point for next school year. We will also look into ventilation systems in our buildings to improve air quality for virus mitigation.

Summer school is also a way to address the learning gap from the school closure last school year. The Vinton-Shellsburg schools will be offering programming to target learning needs and gaps of instruction for students. We will also be utilizing our federal support dollars to fund our summer school experience. Along with summer school support, our free breakfast and lunch program will continue throughout the summer months.

If you have any thoughts or questions to share please reach out to me. You may contact me through email at kyle.koeppen@vscsd.org or phone 319-436-5685.

Take care,
Kyle Koeppen

FREE SUMMER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Open to all children and teens 1-18. No registration or identification is required.

Shellsburg Elem.: June 7 thru July 30, (Closed Fridays July 5) — Breakfast 8:00-8:30; Lunch 11:30-12:30

Tilford Elem.: June 7 thru July 30, (Closed Fridays July 5) — Breakfast 8:00-8:30; Lunch 11:30-12:30

\$2.00 for adult (19+) breakfast and \$3.00 for adult (19+) lunch. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bussing Routes are being established for Park Apartments, Vinton Public Library, Riverside Park, and Timber Ridge. Please watch for updated information.

Volunteers are encouraged. 1:1 and Black and Gold hours are also available.

Questions contact Karen Ackman at karen.ackman@vscsd.org or 319-436-5848.

Vinton-Shellsburg Elementary Schools are once again offering an economical option for your child's school supply needs. Save time and money with EPI School Supply Packs. The supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom before the first day of school. To order, use the link: <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> and the correct code for your child's school. Tilford Elementary code: TIL020 or Shellsburg Elementary code: SHE197



EPI 2021-2022 SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKS
SHOP NOW
Sale Ends: 6/13
Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping this Year
ORDER ONLINE
www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks
Enter Our **TIL020** (TILFORD)
School ID: **SHE197** (SHELLSBURG)

Order deadline is June 13, 2021. If you have questions, contact Molly Noren by email at molly.noren@vscsd.org or by phone at 319-436-4728.

V-S Spring Musical

VSBS is having a Spring Musical! Mark your calendars for May 7 & 8, as Vinton-Shellsburg High School presents, "The Show Goes On: Songs & Scenes from Broadway". This show will be a collection of moments from many shows, both big and small, which played in the hallowed halls of the Manhattan theater district. You'll hear songs from shows such as Wicked, Newsies, The Lion King, and much more!

SUMMER CAMP DATES

- * **Cross Country Camp: August 2-6, 9th-12—no out of town camp, no cost; August 9-12, 5:30 pm—6:45 pm 4th-8th gr.**
- * **Volleyball Camp: August 2-4; 6th-7th gr. 8:00 am-10:00am; 8th-9th gr. 10:00am—12:00pm; 10th-12th gr. 2:00pm-5:00pm.**
- * **Band Camp: August 2-6; August 9-14 — 8:00am-12:00pm every day.**

We will continue to add to the list of summer camps, which can be found on the Activities Calendar under "Summer Camps".

Vinton Public Library Summer Reading Program

"Reading Colors Your World" summer program is coming soon, starting in June and going through August 10th. Register on-line or in person with the library by May 21, 2020. The program will be on Mondays from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm for toddlers and Tuesdays from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for ages K-12. Parents are also welcome to join. Please contact Colton at the library for more information 319-472-4208.

FFA STATE CONVENTION

Twenty-eight members attended the 93rd Annual FFA State Convention held in Des Moines April 18-20, 2021. Members attended a workshop of their choice, and packaged with Meals for the Heartland.

Chapter Website (Allie Geiger) 3rd Place Gold

Ag Biotechnology (Ethan Rollinger, Eli Powers, Maren Redlinger) 4th Place Team, Eli was 6th Place Individual

Secretary's Book (Maren Redlinger) Silver

Chapter Display (Emma Arnold, Emma Wiley, Aza Swayzer, Kailey Bahmann, Isabel Mullinex, Josh Wiley, Jerry Lee) Gold

Talent (Paul Herger-Tumbling) 4th Place

Ag Communications (Paul Herger, Annabelle Newton, Autumn McGowan, Baylee Wheeler) 9th Place Team Overall, 1st Place Project Proposal

Ag Sales (Grace Schminke, Gunnar Schminke, Christopher Fleming, Kate Timmerman) Bronze

Farm Business Management (Ethan Rollinger, Clayton McKenna, Kail Evans) Silver

Proficiency - Service Learning (Grace Schminke) 3rd Place

IA FFA Degree (Isabel Mullinex, Alyssa Hansen, Bailey Weeks)

Teach Ag Signing (Carly Williams, Alesha Brunssen, Emma Arnold)

State Band (Sam Lundvall, Rachel Rollinger)

State Chorus (Matthew Bookmeier)

Massing of the Flags (Bailey Weeks)

Courtesy Corp (Josh Wiley)

Delegates (Emma Wiley, Ethan Rollinger)

POA Committee (Emma Wiley)

State Officer Candidate (Emma Arnold)



Supreme National Chapter Award (Chapter) Gold - An application was submitted that walks through our chapter's program of activities for the year and discusses foals and results of the events we did. We scored in the top 25 in the state and will rewrite in May to be judged at the National level.

Ambassador Award (Chapter) - FFA Chapters from around the state that support programs, events, and scholarships through the Iowa FFA Foundation are enrolled in the Ambassadors Program.

Gabby Power, Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor

May is School Board Recognition Month.
 Take time to thank a Board member for all they do for our schools!!!

Thank You!!!

Rob Levis—President
 Kathy Van Steenhuyse—Vice President
 Directors: Tom Burke, Jake Fish, Sue Gates, Mike Timmermans, & Becky Williams.

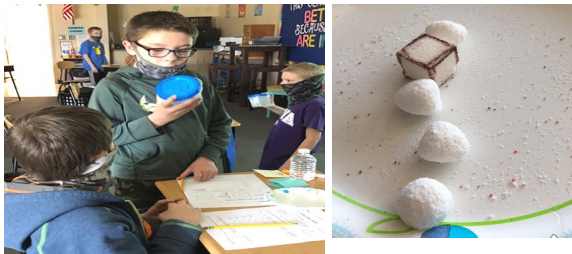
May 3-7 is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.
 Please take the time to express your appreciation to all the staff members of the Vinton-Shellsburg School District for all the hard work and dedication they give towards making our students and our school district the best around, especially through a pandemic!



The Kindergarten classes at Tilford spent some of their time on Earth Day walking the school grounds and helping get things cleaned up.



4th graders from 4S explore how mountains break down over time using sugar cubes.



Mrs. Lorenzen's 5th grade class at Shellsburg remembered Earth Day by talking about how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle in their own lives. They then created a piece of art using recycle newspapers as a reminder of their goals to help keep our planet clean.



Vinton-Shellsburg CSD & VSEA Public Reception
 May 12, 2021 4:00—5:30 pm
 Central Office Board Room
 1502 C Ave., Vinton

This year we will be honoring our retirees from last year as well. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic they didn't get honored in the fashion they deserved.

Honoring 2020 Retirees:

Roger Bistline (13 yrs.)
 Deb Cummings (21 yrs.)
 Mark Dulin (35 yrs.)
 Deb Garbers (31 yrs.)
 Mary Jo Hainstock (11 yrs.)

Susan Kakac (20 yrs.)
 Rose Kern (33 yrs.)
 Deb Schirm (21 yrs.)
 Gib Ziemer (29 yrs.)

Honoring 2021 Retirees:

Bev Ahlemeyer (17 yrs.)
 Gordon Floyd (18 yrs.)



VSEA Honorees:

Teacher of the Year: Lindsey Otto & Megan Albertsen
 Members of the Year: Jeff Mangold
 Friends of Education: Ehlinger's

Please come and express your appreciation to all the honorees for the priceless contributions they have made to our students, district, and community.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG GRADUATION

The Vinton-Shellsburg High School Class of 2021 will graduate on Sunday, May 30th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Garrison Field House



CLASS MOTTO: "If you're not first, you're last!" Ricky Bobby

CLASS FLOWER: Sunflower

CLASS COLORS: Black & Gold

CLASS SONG: "Even Though I'm Leaving" - by Luke Combs

Mrs. Hanson's 2nd graders picked up 11 bags of trash around the outside of the playground area.



8th Grade students took some time in science class to reflect on what they love about the Earth.

MAY 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD residents who are age 55 or older; stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton.</p>		<p>Changes may occur after publication.</p>			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V/JV/INT TRAP Shoot Regionals @ Cedar Falls Gun Club, 9:00 am ◇ Public Viewing of Prom venue @ Skate Center, 4:00—6:00 pm ◇ Prom Grand March @ VSHS Aud. (open to public), 6:30 pm ◇ Prom, Vinton Skate & Activity Center, 8:00 – 11:30 pm ◇ Post Prom @ VSHS, 11:30 pm—4:00 am <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">MAY DAY</p>
<p>2 Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V/JV/INT Trap Shoot Regionals @ AGWSR, TBA 	<p>4 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B MS TR Viking Invite, 4:15 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Beckman Catholic, 5:15/6:45 pm <p style="text-align: center;">National Teacher Day</p>	<p>5 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 3rd Gr. Ag Day @ Benton County Fairgrounds 	<p>6 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G vs. Center Point-Urbana & S. Tama @ Wildcat GC, 4:00 pm ◇ B V G vs. Benton & Marion @ Wildcat GC, 4:15 pm ◇ B/G V TR @ Independence Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ G V SOC vs. Cedar Valley Christian, 5:30 pm ◇ B V SOC vs. Cedar Valley Christian, 7:00 pm 	<p>7 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G MS TR WaMaC Divisionals @ Williamsburg, 4:15 pm ◇ B MS TR WaMaC Divisionals @ S. Tama, 4:15 pm ◇ High School Musical, "The Show Goes On: Songs & Scenes from Broadway", VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G @ S. Tama Invite, (TTCC), 9:00 am ◇ B/G JV SOC Vinton Tournament (North Filed), 9:00 am ◇ B/G V SOC Vinton Tournament (Karr Complex), 9:00 am ◇ V/JV/INT TRAP vs. Xavier (Otter Creek), 9:00 am ◇ High School Musical, "The Show Goes On: Songs & Scenes from Broadway", VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
<p>TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK 5/3—5/7</p>					
<p>3 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Softball Practice Begins ◇ G V G WaMaC Divisionals @ Amana Colonies GC, 3:00 pm ◇ B V G WaMaC Divisionals @ Williamsburg (Stone Creek GC), 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR @ Clear Creek-Amana, 4:15 pm ◇ G V TR @ Independence Invite, 4:30 pm ◇ B V TR @ Marion (Thomas Park), 4:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Beckman Catholic, 5:30/7:00 pm 	<p>9 SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold;">Mother's Day</p>				
<p>10 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G vs. WaMaC Super Meet (Pin Oak GC), 9:00am ◇ B V G WaMaC Super Meet @ Wildcat GC, 9:00 am ◇ B/G JV TR WaMaC Meet @ Beckman Catholic, 4:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Center Point-Urbana, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ School Board Meeting, Board Room, 7:00 pm 	<p>11 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G MS TR Viking Invite, 4:15 pm, ◇ B MS TR @ Marion Invite (Thomas Park), 4:15 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC vs. Center Point-Urbana (Fross Park), 4:30/6:00 pm ◇ 9-12 Vocal Concert, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>12 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ VSEA/VSCSD Retiree Reception @ Central Office Board Room, 4:00—5:30 pm ◇ Senior Awards Night, VS-HS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>13 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G @ C.R. Tournament (Airport National GC), 12:00 pm ◇ B/G V TR State Qualifying @ Independence, 4:00 pm ◇ Middle School Band, MS Gym, 7:00 pm 	<p>14 Day 5</p> <p>2-HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G Sectionals @ Wildcat GC, 10:00 am ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Solon, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ B V/JV SOC @ Solon, 5:30/7:00 pm 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ FFA Banquet @ 6:00pm, Awards @ 7:00 pm, VSHS ◇ V SB Scrimmage @ C.R. Jefferson, 8:30 am ◇ V/JV/INT TRAP vs. C.R. Jefferson (Otter Creek-Sportsman's Club), 9:00 am
<p>17 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G @ S. Tama Tournament (TTCC), 2:00 pm ◇ MS Vocal Concert, MS Gym, 7:00 pm 	<p>18 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Benton, 5:00/6:30 pm 	<p>19 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ High School Band Concert, HS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>20 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V SOC Districts @ TBA, TBA ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Monticello, 5:00/6:30 pm ◇ Shellsburg Presidential Awards, 2:00 pm 	<p>21 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G Districts, @ TBA, TBA ◇ G V/JV SOC @ West Liberty, 5:00/6:30 pm 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ VV/JV/INT TRAP @ Izaac Walton, 9:00 am
<p>STATE CO-ED TRACK MEET 5/20—5/22</p>					
<p>24 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V SB Double vs. Mount Vernon, 5:30 pm 	<p>25 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G Regional @ TBA ◇ B V SOC District Finals, TBA ◇ L3 SB vs. Marion, 5:00 pm ◇ L2 SB vs. Marion, 6:00 pm ◇ Middle School Presidential Awards, VSHS Aud. ◇ HSAP Graduation 	<p>26 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V SOC Regionals, TBA ◇ L3 SB vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm ◇ V BB @ East Marshall, 5:30 pm 	<p>27 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ L3 BB Double vs Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm ◇ V BB Double @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm ◇ V SB Double @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:30 pm 	<p>28 Day 3</p> <p>2-HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Last Day of School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Graduation Rehearsal, 8:00-10:30 am ◇ L2 BB Double vs. Clear Creek Amana, 12:00pm ◇ L2 SB Double vs. Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V SB @ Jesup Tournament, 9:00 am
<p>30 SUNDAY</p> <p>Graduation VS-HS Garrison Field House, 2:00 pm</p>	<p>June 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V BB Double vs. Marion, 5:00 pm ◇ L3 BB @ Marion, 5:00 pm ◇ L3 SB Double @ Marion, 5:00 pm ◇ V SB Double vs. Marion, 5:30 pm 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ L2 BB @ Marion, 6:00 pm 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ L3 BB Double vs. Center Point-Urbana, 12:00 pm 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ L2 /L3 SB @ Prairie, 10:00 am/12:00 pm ◇ JV/V BB vs. Monticello, 5:00/7:00 pm 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V SB @ Belle Plaine Tournament, TBA
<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V SOC Regional @ TBA 					

V-SCSD EQUITY STATEMENT

The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District provides equal educational and employment opportunities and will not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District shall take affirmative action in recruitment, appointment, assignment and advancement of women and men, minorities and disabled. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal educational or employment opportunities and/or affirmative action shall be directed to Becky Lutgen, Equity Coordinator, Vinton-Shellsburg CSD, 1502 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349 or becky.lutgen@vscsd.org. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, or the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Chicago, IL.