

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:

- Nov. 2—NO CLASSES, Prof. Dev.
- Nov. 6—Election Day
- Nov. 9 & 10—Fall Musical, HS Aud., 7:00 pm
- Nov. 11—Fall Musical, HS Aud., 2:00 pm
- Nov. 11—Centennial of World War I Program @ VS-MS LMC, 8:00 am—1:00 pm
- Nov. 12—Veteran's Day Program, VS Middle School, 9:30 am
- Nov. 12—School Board Meeting, Shellsburg Elem., 5:30 pm
- Nov. 12-16—American Education Week
- Nov. 23-25—NO CLASSES, THANKSGIVING BREAK

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community,

Fall is definitely my favorite season and I am enjoying the fall-like days now that all the rain and gloom from a few weeks ago have passed! The colors on the trees have been especially beautiful and it is remarkable how the trees that were planted after the derecho windstorm have grown over the last few years.

We recently finished our fall parent-teacher conferences and I would like to thank the many parents who attended to learn more about their children's educational experiences. Our teachers put in a great deal of time planning and preparing for the conversations as they use student work and assessments collected over the few weeks of the school year. They also appreciate learning from parents and the insights they share at conferences. Last year we had conferences at different times for the elementary and Middle School/High School; the feedback I've received is that it was better to do them at the same time. Let me know if you have a preference or suggestion!

Our fall activities are mostly finished and the winter season's activities are already started. Kay Fett qualified for state cross country (and finished 37th). Arabella Shepard qualified in 2 individual events (100 butterfly and 100 backstroke) and our 200 Medley Relay also qualified (made up of Shepard, Lexi Goodell, Geordyn Webster, and Clarissa Carolan) for state swim competition. Our marching band received a division I rating at state which is a great accomplishment. Our fall play, *School of Rock*, will be presented November 9-11.

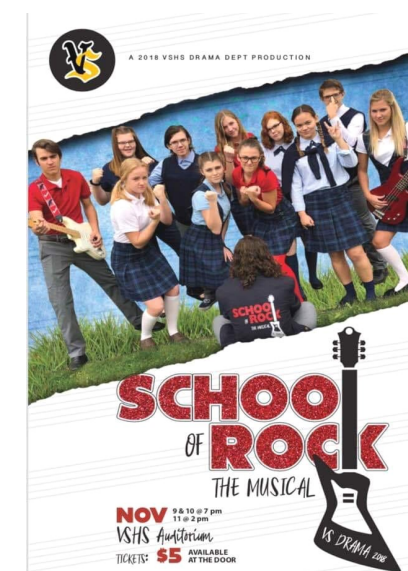
October included deadlines for many state reports. The Certified Enrollment report is a summary of all the students in our district – those who are residents, those who open enroll in, those who open enroll out, etc. Last year's enrollment had a slight increase but we experienced a fairly significant decrease this year and are down about 40 students. We have 115.60 students who are open enrolled out to another district (up from 109.40 last year) and we are serving 59.30 students from outside the district (up from 47.00 last year). There are 443 students at the High School (down from 453 last year); 335 at the Middle School (down from 360 last year); 263 at Shellsburg (up 3 from last year) and 495 students at Tilford (up from 450 last year). There are 79 in our home school assistance program (down from 91 last year). While some of the numbers look up, the total is down because our preschoolers count as 0.5 FTE as we do not serve them all day, every day. We have a second report that includes all of our employees where we report names, salaries and benefits, days in contract, etc. We have a third report that includes how we will allocate professional development time and money; this year's focus continues to be primarily on reading and math at the elementary grades, standards based reporting at the Middle School, and Authentic Intellectual Work at the High School. A fourth report was due last Friday that includes enrollment data for our special education students – how they will be served, whether they are our resident student or another district's student, etc.

As you review the November calendar, notice that we will not have school on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 21). When we survey our families and staff about the upcoming year's calendar, a large majority of respondents tell us they prefer this as a no-school day. Watch for the survey for the 2019-20 calendar in January or February.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.
Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent
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Congratulations Kay! VS Proud!



Nov. 9 & 10—7:00 pm; Nov. 11—2:00 pm

on	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <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> </div>					
<p>4 Sunday</p> <p>5 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G BB Practice Begins ◇ B SW Practice Begins ◇ Bowling Practice Begins ◇ 7 G BB @ Marion (Vernon MS), 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. Marion, 4:15 pm ◇ WaMaC Choral Concert @ Clear Creek-Amana HS, 7:00 pm 	<p>6 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS WR vs. S. Tama & Williamsburg @ VS-MS, 4:15 pm <p style="text-align: center;">ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>7 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Band Booster Meeting, Band Room, 6:30 pm 	<p>8 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7 G BB vs. Mount Vernon, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Mount Vernon MS, 4:15 pm ◇ 9-12 Cross Country Wrap-up, HS Commons, 6:30 pm ◇ HS Fall Musical Dress Rehearsal, 6:00 pm 	<p>9 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS WR vs. Benton & Independence @ Benton (Keystone), 4:15 pm ◇ G SW Wrap-up, IBSSS, 6:00 pm ◇ Fall Musical "School of Rock", VS-HS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ VS Wrestling Club Tourney, VS-HS, 9:00 am ◇ FFA, NHS, & GoVS Christmas Roping, 9:00 am ◇ Fall Musical "School of Rock", VS-HS Aud., 7:00 pm ◇ Class 3A FB Semifinals @ UNI Dome
STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 11/6—11/9					
<p>11 Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Centennial of World War 1 @ VS-MS LMC, 8:00 am—1:00 pm ◇ Fall Musical "School of Rock", VS-HS Aud., 2:00 pm <p style="text-align: center;">VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<p>13 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ WaMaC Band Festival @ Center Point-Urbana, 7:00 pm ◇ MS WR vs. Clear Creek-Amana, Tipton & Mt. Vernon @ Mt. Vernon MS, 4:15 pm <p style="text-align: center;">WORLD KINDNESS DAY</p>	<p>14 Day 2</p>	<p>15 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS & HS Opus Honor Choir @ Ames ◇ All-State Musical Festival @ Ames ◇ 7 G BB @ S. Tama MS, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB vs. S. Tama, 4:15 pm ◇ FFA Pork BBQ & Meeting, 6:30 pm 	<p>16 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ All-State Musical Festival @ Ames ◇ 7 G BB vs. Benton, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Benton (Atkins), 4:15 pm ◇ MS WR vs. West Delaware & Marion @ Vernon MS, 4:15 pm ◇ JV/V G BB Hall of Pride Scrimmage @ Belle Plaine, 6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ All-State Musical Festival @ Ames
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 11/12—11/16					
<p>19 Day 5</p>	<p>20 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS WR vs. CPU & CCA, 4:15 pm ◇ F-S/JV/V G BB @ West Delaware, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>21 NO CLASSES</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>22 NO CLASSES</p>	<p>23 NO CLASSES</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>26 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7 G BB vs. Williamsburg, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Williamsburg (Mary Welsh), 4:15 pm 	<p>27 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MS WR vs. CPU, Marion & Williamsburg @ Williamsburg, 4:15 pm ◇ JV/V G BB @ Maquoketa, 6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB vs. Maquoketa, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm ◇ JV/V WR vs. Decorah & Union @ VS-MS, 5:00 pm ◇ B SW @ Linn-Mar, 6:00 pm 	<p>28 Day 3</p>	<p>29 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7 G BB vs. Solon, 4:15 pm ◇ 8 G BB @ Solon, 4:15 pm ◇ JV B BB vs. Benton, 7:00 pm ◇ Voyager State Team Competition, Des Moines (Nov. 29th & 30th) 	<p>30 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 7th GBB vs. Union MS, 4:15 pm ◇ JV/V BOWL @ Independence (Lucky 10 Lanes), 4:00 pm ◇ JV/V G BB vs. Solon, 6:00/7:30 pm ◇ 9/10/V B BB @ Solon, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>Dec. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ NEIBA Honor Band @ Oelwein, 8:00 am ◇ V B SW Newton Invite, Newton YMCA, 9:30 am ◇ V WR @ Monticello Tourney, 10:00 am

District 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. 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.

Vinton-Shellsburg's Farm-to-School Chapter was awarded a \$40,000 planning grant from the USDA. The two-year grant will focus on achieving five goals. They include:

- Promote buy-in from kitchen staff to utilize scratch cooking skills.
- Promote buy-in from students so they are willing to try new foods.
- Promote buy-in from the parents and community to change the school menu to be more fresh and nutritional.
- Promote buy-in from local farmers to meet demand for locally-grown food.
- Continue supporting the Farm-to-School Chapter's work.

A leadership team oversees the coordination of the grant's goals. They include Shoshannah Guerrero, F2S Chapter Chair; Greg Waltson, ISU Extension and Outreach Program Director; Kelsey Salow, ISU Nutritional and Wellness Specialist; Justin Ealy, Vinton Lutheran Home Marketing Director and trained chef; Carolyn Frazier, Procurement and Master Gardener; Eileen Loan, Media Specialist, Master Gardener and youth Garden Coordinator; Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent; Brenda Barkdoll, Business Manager; and Karen Ackman, Food Service Director. Volunteers from the Farm-to-School Chapter assist with projects on an on-going basis.

Work is well underway to meet the five goals. Food service staff have participated in training opportunities to learn how to develop knife skills, use of cooking utensils, prepare foods from scratch, consider allergens in food, food safety and other areas of interest. Menus were adjusted in October to include more locally sourced foods including apples from Buffalo Ridge Orchards near Central City; sweet potatoes produced locally and in Wisconsin; yogurt from Hawkeye, Iowa; cornmeal from Early Morning Harvest out of Panora; and other items from the area.

Elementary students had the opportunity to go on a field trip during one of the no-school days earlier this fall. About 40 students traveled with several adults to tour Vinbana Dairy Farm and the Community Youth Garden in Vinton. They had the opportunity to learn where more of the foods they enjoy every day come from. They enjoyed a sack lunch with locally sourced apples prepared by school staff.

A highlight came earlier this fall as food service staff were training on scratch food recipes and students in the building asked for samples – the samples were quickly consumed and several students volunteered to assist with sample tastings in the future.



Our Operation Backpack leaders presented at the Iowa Student Leadership Conference in Des Moines. They were able to share information with other schools about our Operation Backpack Program and how we run our program here at Vinton-Shellsburg. They did an amazing job and spoke to a packed room of over 100 people. They didn't even seem nervous and they represented our school district well.

Leaders include: L-R Grace Petrzeka, SR, Raeleigh Schulte, JR, Katie Noren, SR, Sonnie Evans, JR, Alyssa Reynolds, JR and Leah Bohnsack, JR.

A Conversation on Marijuana & Legalization - With Cody Crawford, ASAC Prevention Specialist

For Parents, Grandparents, Educators, Youth Workers and Community Leaders

November 12, 2018 6:30—7:30 PM (w/Q&A) Revolution Church, 417 1st St., Vinton, IA

This is an informational event on understanding today's marijuana, strategies on how it is being advertised, efforts in legalization, changes in retail marijuana and what all of this means to Iowa.

- Understand THC & CBD
- CBD in Iowa
- Understand current legislation
- Upcoming legalization issues
- Information on retail marijuana
- Other changes to know about

Presented by Above the Influence and Benton Public Health.



Congratulations! 



The Viking Regiment placed 3rd at the Waukee Marching Invitational. The night ended with a celebration of all of the Bands' Senior Members and a special fireworks display!



Congrats to Ben Eden on receiving his American Degree at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis.

TILFORD ELEMENTARY



SP Kindergarten class at Bloomsbury Farms



KK Kindergarten class at Bloomsbury Farm



Ms. Griffith's 2nd Grade class



Ms. Higgins kindergarten class

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Mrs. Hanson's class



Mrs. Vasquez's 1st Grade class

