

THE

SHARON SCOOP

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Waiver Days

by Anna Lanier

What do teachers really do on Waiver Days? All the teachers I spoke with say that it's a day of meetings. Mrs. Yu said, "It's a day where students don't have to go to school."

Do all teachers have to go to Waiver Days? Yes, most do. Mrs. Wagar, a substitute teacher said she does not. Mrs. Frye, reading teacher, and Mrs. Cox, school secretary, both said they have to attend.

Do teachers have breaks during Waiver Day? "Most teachers do, but Mrs. Bardar & I don't because we are part time" said Mrs. Nicholas. Mrs. Bardar said the meetings last the length of a school day.

What do they do at Waiver Day? Mrs. Ansberry said, "We have meetings, make very important decisions, or someone teaches us how to do our job better." Mrs. Steinmetz said, "Teachers always have to keep learning to become better teachers."



Mrs. Ansberry

photo by Julia Gillin

Teacher Feature

by Ressa Gasser

Mrs. Palencar



photo by Rachel Fannin

Mrs. Palencar is our art teacher here at Sharon Elementary. I had the chance to ask her a few questions that might have been on our minds. The first was, "What is your favorite thing about teaching art?" Mrs. Palencar replied by saying, "I like being around art and students, my two favorite things." Next I asked her "What do you like about our school?" She said "The students are sweet."

Mrs. Palencar went to college at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. She has been an art teacher for 9 years. Over the years besides being an art teacher, she has been an editor, an author and a designer. When Mrs. Palencar is not teaching, she enjoys art and craft projects at home.

When asked what is her favorite student art project, Mrs. Palencar said, "I love them all!" Thank you, Mrs. Palencar, for inspiring children to love art and for making art so much fun!

Guess Who!

Who could the mystery teacher be? Drop your guess in the box outside the cafeteria for a chance to win an ice cream treat!

Hint: this teacher is a resident of Sharon Center.



Mystery Teacher

photo by Zach Conrad

Carin' In Sharon

by Erin Keller

Sharon Elementary is all about caring! Carin' In Sharon is an organization that helps families in our community. The goal of Carin' In Sharon is to help less fortunate families by providing grocery store gift cards. One fundraiser for Carin' In Sharon is held right here at Sharon Elementary. Every year during the Holiday Shoppe, the PTO coordinator for the program asks the students and families of our school to donate \$5.00 to help families who are struggling financially. But, this money doesn't go straight to the families. Instead, the people who organize Carin' In Sharon find out what each family needs and purchases clothing and grocery store gift cards. Thanks to the generosity of the Sharon Elementary families, families in our area have a happier holiday season.

Holiday Shoppe 2011

by Athena Towne

Holiday Shoppe was great this year according to organizer, Heather Throckmorton. People had a lot of fun. There were many items available for purchase, from lava lamps to ornaments to dog toys.

The Holiday Shoppe is a fundraiser set up and run this year by Heather Throckmorton, Cindy Towne, Missy Schriener and Kristi Raineri, all PTO volunteers. While waiting to shop, students can color a picture that will be sent to people that are sick to brighten their holiday.

Students enjoy doing their holiday shopping and being able to surprise family members with their thoughtful purchases. Jenna Haller bought her sister lip gloss, Kennedy Shelton bought her mom a bracelet and Zander Throckmorton bought his brother a bendy pencil. With items ranging in price from 25 cents up to \$10.00 there are items available within everyone's budget.

About the Holiday Shoppe, Heather Throckmorton said, "It's a lot of work, but it's all worth it because seeing the smiles on the kids faces is good to see."



Missy Schriener

photo by Anna Back

HOT HOLIDAY GIFTS

BY RYAN KIRVEN

A lot of people wanted a lot of different things for Christmas this year.

Susie Bukowski asked for Squinkies. Logan Coffee had an iPad 2 on his list. Kyle Stoepfel wanted football cards. Thomas Alexander requested a Lego set, and Alec Clark asked for Modern Warfare 3. Abby Clark wanted to bake with an EasyBake Oven, and Jackson Edinger wanted to cook up something with a science kit. Max McAdams said he'd love to get an Xbox 360 with Kinect. Parker Falkenstein was ready to pedal on the new bike he asked for. Armin Gasser was hoping for a Wii. And, I, Ryan Kirven, asked for a Nerf Vortex gun. There was quite a variety of things that people wanted for Christmas.

Did you get what you wanted?



photo by Niko Milkovich

Hornets vs. Wasps

by Evan Buck

The Highland Hornets at Sharon Elementary have some wasps to chase away.

Wasps can be a serious problem if you are allergic. Sharon Elementary has a wasp nest on the roof above the computer lab. Luckily, wasps hibernate during the winter. When it's warm they become a problem. In fall and spring they can be an annoying distraction to everyone. Mrs. Reichelt explains, "When the doors are open the wasps fly in." Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Salmonski both stated that they have not seen any wasps inside the school.

To the fourth and fifth graders that only get one recess, the annoying wasps are like broken legs . . . very bothersome. Mr. Chris and the other janitors do spray every summer for the wasps.

Enjoy it now while they are hibernating. Just remember, they don't hibernate forever.



Arrow pointing to wasp nest

photo by Collin Crandall



Hornets rock . . .

Wasps do not!

photo by Kersten SirLouis

Sports Report

by Sal Carrino

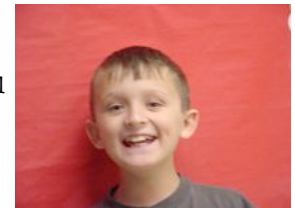
Sharon Elementary students have several fall and winter sports to participate in. They include football, basketball and wrestling. Carter Kim played football under Coach Pietrowski on the Black B team this fall. He said they played nine games and ended the season with a record of 7-2. Carter said it was an awesome season!

Brady Linder is currently wrestling with the youth wrestling program under Coach Hill. The season runs from December through February with seven regular team matches and numerous open tournament events. The regular matches are held on Sundays at Highland High School. As of early January, Brady's record for the season is 16-4. He has gone to many of the open tournaments to get in extra wrestling.

Collin Crandall is playing basketball under Coach Petek. Collin said his team is scheduled to play 10 games, and their current record is 7-0. Theirs is the only undefeated team! Keep up the great work!

Collin Crandall

photo by Zach Conrad



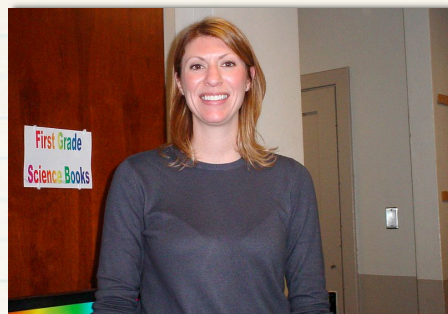
TEACHERS: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

BY DANIELLE PEMBRIDGE



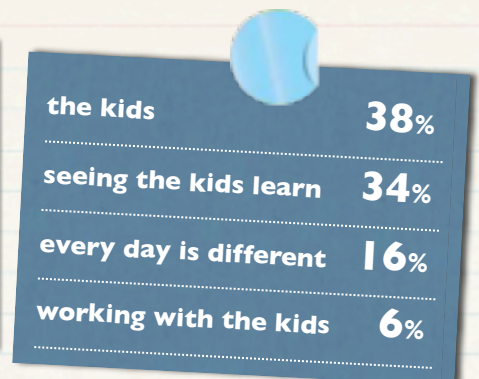
Mr. Mundell likes the kids!

photo by Sophia Schweitzer



"I love watching how much my students grow as learners," says Mrs. Steinmetz

photo by Sarah Karkoff



Statistics compiled according to teacher responses. The remaining 6% had a variety of answers.

Principal's Point of View

by Haley Johnson



photo by Julia Cadnum

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I spoke with the principal, Mrs. Marzullo to get her thoughts on some of the articles in our newspaper.

First, I asked her about Carin' In Sharon. She said it's nice to reach out to others in need and it's important to show compassion. About the Holiday Shoppe she said it's a nice PTO activity for the children and good for them to be able to surprise others with gifts they chose.

Mrs. Marzullo didn't want anything more than peace, kindness shown in the world, and maybe a few gift cards!

Next, I asked what she had to say about Waiver Days. Mrs. Marzullo said they are important. The personal development translates into better instruction.

As far as sports, our principal follows the youth sports by reading about them in the newspapers. She enjoys following the kids' accomplishments.

My last question to Mrs. Marzullo was, "What do you like about your life besides being at school?" She replied, "Family, grandchildren, traveling and reading."

CRITICS CORNER

Members of the Newspaper Club have reviewed some of their favorite books, movies and video games. They have rated them using a 5-star system, 5 stars being the best.

Mario Kart Wii - 5 stars

This game isn't bad at all! Really good graphics. - Brice Dolan

Super Smash Bros. Brawl - 5 stars

This game isn't like the first Smash Bros. or Smash Bros. Melee. It has the best graphics ever! - Brice Dolan

Junie B. Jones series - 5 stars

Do you like reading? Are you easily focused on a book? If yes, I would suggest this series. Junie B. goes through a lot of chaos. Find out about her phenomenal life by reading the series of Junie B. Jones. - Danielle Pembridge

Kinect Sports - 3 stars

Kinect Sports is a video game which lets you play 6 major sports including soccer, bowling, beach volleyball, track & field, table tennis and boxing. What I like about it is there is a good level of competition. I think it needs football. Even though I am not good at soccer, it is easy on this game. It is hard to control things on it. There are games I prefer over this one. - Ryan Kirven

Wayside School is Falling Down - 5 stars

This is a funny and wonderful book! - Anna Lanier

Monte Carlo - 4 stars

This movie starring Selena Gomez is hilarious! - Anna Lanier

FROM THE EDITOR

The Sharon Scoop is created from articles written by the 4th grade Newspaper Club and photos taken by the 4th grade Photo Club. The students spend several lunch and recesses attending meetings as well as time outside of school to gather information and write articles. We hope you enjoyed this first edition!

Lissa Carrino, Newspaper Advisor

Amy Crandall, Photo Club Advisor

Eragon - 5 stars

I thought Eragon was thrilling with a new adventure at every corner. It was brilliantly drawn by John Palencar and beautifully written by Christopher Paolini. Eragon and Saphira are being tutored in magic, flying and the Ancient Language. Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, track the Razac to find his cousin Roran. - Erin Keller

Wipeout - 5 stars

This is a fun video game based on the tv program Wipeout. It can be a well created, time consuming and addicting video game. Just like the ridiculously funny television program, this video game is something to appreciate. - Evan Buck

Madden 12 - 4.5 stars

One of the best games in the world! Fun and entertaining, it is a great game to play when you're bored. - Sal Carrino