Jay News

November 2022

Shepherd Public Schools

Central Office

Dates to remember this month

November 15 - No Students (PD day)

November 22 - End of 1st Trimester

November 23 - November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2022 will occur on Friday, November 11.

Veterans Day is sometimes confused with Memorial Day which is celebrated in May and honors those who died in service. Veteran's Day honors all those who served honorably in the military during wartime and in peace.

What's inside this newsletter?

A note from the Superintendent, information from each school, important dates, future events...etc.

From the whiteboard of Superintendent Starr... November 2022

As a school district, we have kept a focus this year on “relationships.” No matter what we attempt to do as educators, we try to keep in mind that students will not care how much we know - until they know how much we care. It is with the deepest gratitude and appreciation the superintendent reports to you that our ENTIRE staff is doing an AMAZING job of maintaining and building upon healthy relationships with our students each and every day!

DEER DAY COMING UP- Having grown up in a local community that also utilized a “deer day” in the school calendar, I can recall the excitement of this day - along with the notion of safety it provides with students not being out at bus stops on such a day of hunting activity. Please remember that Tuesday, November 15th is “Deer Day” for SPS and means no school for our students. It does represent a day of “Professional Development” for our staff. We look forward to this time of learning and growth for teachers and any other support groups who participate.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION- As the seasons change, so too does our need to prepare for school days when road conditions may be a bit dicey and uncertain for safe travel. Here is the link to the letter Inclement Weather Letter to Families, Oct. 2022.docx that was posted to our website recently. The purpose of it is to inform folks that we do indeed have a plan for how and when inclement weather days are determined. THANK YOU to Steve Sura specifically for all he does to ensure we evaluate on a daily basis if roadways are safe enough for travel to school.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES- Here is a “shout-out” to all staff and parents regarding our October Parent Teacher Conferences. For the first time in - maybe ever - SMS and SHS combined forces for PT Conferences; bringing all teachers together into the high school gymnasium. From all accounts given, this system worked quite well. From an elementary standpoint, an upper grade teacher commented that for the first time in her entire career she had ALL parents of her students attend. That is a great report!! Nice work Everyone!

THANKSGIVING- Later this month, we celebrate what to some (like me) is the “favorite” holiday of the year. There will always be challenges to face. Yet, we also - especially being a part of the greatest nation in the world - have SO MUCH to be thankful for. May you and your families enjoy this Thanksgiving and appreciate the love and laughter that comes with it. And, good luck to us all if we choose to tune into the Lions game!!

TRIMESTER ENDS SOON- The end of our first trimester is right around the corner. Please note that Tuesday, November 22nd marks the end of our first. In that same light, note that November 22nd is our last day of school going into our Thanksgiving break.

That is it for this edition from the desk of the superintendent for the Jay News. Be reminded that my door and my mind are always open for input from you on how we might continuously improve our work with Shepherd BlueJays.

Words from the Woods

Odyssey MS/HS | November 2022

Trunk or Treat

We had a fabulous turn out for our 6th annual Tree Trunk or Treat! Over 400 community members visited the woods on Oct. 27.

We would like to thank the following businesses who donated supplies to our event:

Isabella Co. Campus Life

Isabella Community Credit Union

Konwinski Construction, Inc

Lapham's Garden Center

Marathon Gas-Oil City

Menards of Mt. Pleasant

Mercantile Bank-Shepherd

Mobile Home Installers

Morbark

Papa's Pumpkin Patch

Rosebush Fruit Market

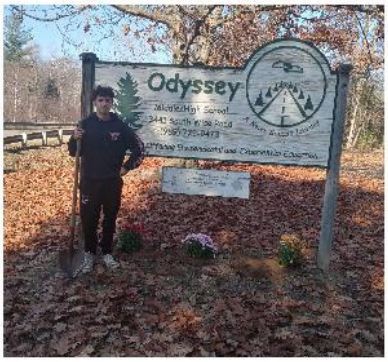
Students preparing for Trunk or Treat festivities

Our first flag football games are scheduled for Nov 4 and Nov 11! Odyssey will play against teams from Clare Pioneer and Eagle Village.

Happy November

- 11-4 and 11-1~ Flag Football Games
- 11-15~ No School
- 11-17~ Visiting Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
- 11-23 to 11-25~ No School

Feel free to come visit us in the woods.



Students have been working on beautifying the grounds.

Shepherd High School

Community Clean-Up Day

SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

#ONWARDANDUPWARD

Career Fair December 8
8:30 am -12:30 pm
If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in the career fair, please go to the website and register.
https://www.shepherdschools.net/o/shepherd-high-school/article/822100

News from Shepherd High School

Upcoming Dates

November 15- Professional Development No Students

November 21-Exam 1st, 4th, & 5th hour

November 22 - Exams 2nd & 3rd hour

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

November 28 - Second Trimester Begins

Veterans Day Assembly
November 11, 2022
9 am
Shepherd High School
Gymnasium
Community and Veterans
Welcome to attend.

Shepherd Middle School

Shepherd Elementary

In our classrooms we are reminding students to have empathy, identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect the same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate. What are you doing at home to help your children have empathy? We would love to hear your stories!

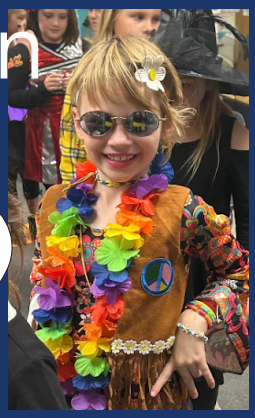
The month of October brought Halloween fun and learning to our classrooms. In 5th grade, you can see that the students used pumpkins in their science and math classrooms.

The next Coffee with the Principal will be held on December 2nd at 8:30 am. Look at the Shepherd Elementary Facebook page for more details as the day gets closer.

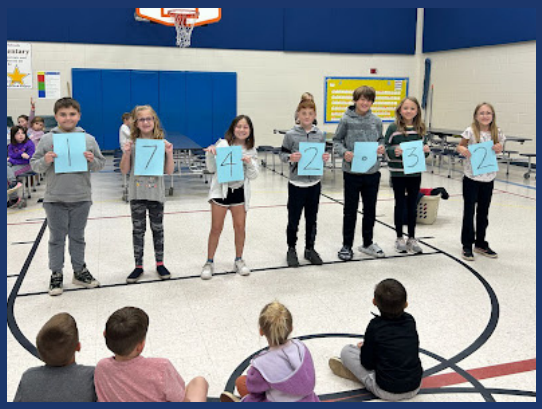
Winn Elementary

Halloween 2022 was a blast! We had our first outside parade in over four years! It was so fun to get outside and visit with the community. We wanted to say thank you to all the parent volunteers that came into the building to help with our parties too. It was a day to remember for sure!

Halloween Fun!



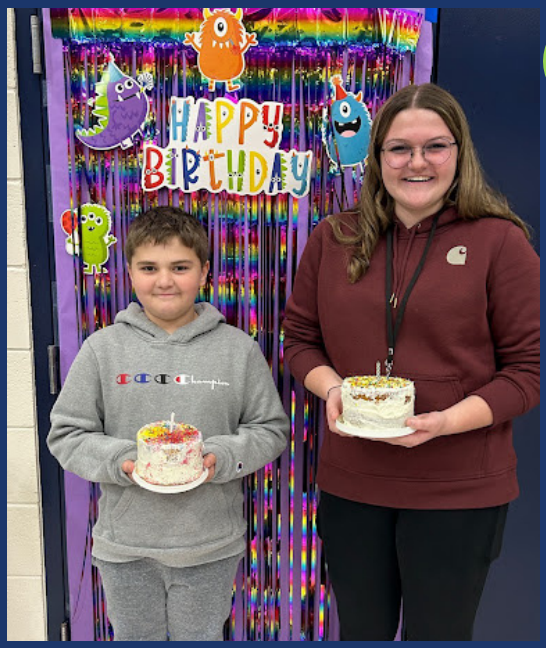
Penny Wars!



Thank you so much for all of the donations for our "Penny Wars" the past two weeks! This project is sponsored by our student council here at Winn. We raised over $1700! One of our district strategic planning goals is to ensure that all students Tk-12th grade students participate in community service projects throughout the year.

All of the donations made to “Penny Wars” is being donated to the Winn Community Treehouse. This group’s mission is to help the community of Winn. Each year, they adopt several of our Winn families for the holidays. They also support the community in many different ways. This is the beginning of a new partnership with the Community Treehouse! We can’t wait to collaborate on our next project, decorating the big pine tree with edible ornaments for the holiday.

Double Winn Birthday



We love to have our “Winners” come back to visit us. Did you know our Shepherd High School students can get a “taste” of teaching by entering the educational career program at the Gratiot Isabella Technical Center? Miss Anna went to Winn and is now working with us in Mr. Pudell’s classroom. The fun part is her brother, Asher celebrates a birthday back-to-back with his sister, Anna! So we celebrated a double Winn birthday for this brother-sister pair. Happy Birthday!

REMINDER

Holiday Outreach Is Coming...

TO REIGSTER:

PHONE

989-773-4204

Time to Register

October 31- November 4

From 9:00AM to 4:00 PM

November 7 to November 11

From 9:00AM to 4:00 PM

Need a little help this Christmas? Does someone you know need a coat, pair of boots, set of sheets or towels, a book for a child or young adult, hat or gloves, a little Christmas cheer or a basket of household goods? Be sure to register for

Holiday Outreach

for families in Isabella County

Distribution:

December 12, 2:00—6:30 13, 9:00—4:30, 14, 9:00--12:00

At Campus Life on
1200 W. High Street