

November 9, 2012 –Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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NOT YOUR AVERAGE PE CLASS AT SHELBURNE

This week, students at Shelburne Middle School enjoyed a very different PE class – roller skating. Physical education teachers Danielle Christian, Mike Bell, and Mike Guertler arranged for the rental of five carts of inline and quad skates and students paid a small fee for a week of skating around the gym. “Roller skating is a wonderful physical activity. You move more muscles and muscle groups roller skating than you do in many of the other activities we do in class,” said Ms. Christian. Since the skating rink closed in Staunton, many students have not had an opportunity to skate. This activity allowed the students some fun time, while exercising and improving their skating techniques. The really good skaters assisted those who were unsteady on their feet.

But the students were not the only ones who enjoyed this week. Many teachers stopped by to skate with the students during their planning block. Language arts teacher, Kaitlin Initzki, who participates in roller derby, joined her seventh-grade students during one session. She was decked out in full roller derby gear, modeling the use of protective equipment. The PE teachers have scheduled another week of skating for the spring semester, ensuring that all of Shelburne students have an opportunity to skate.



Chance Church and Wilson von Seldeneck lead the pack skating during PE class at Shelburne.

WARE FIRST GRADERS LEARN SHAPES

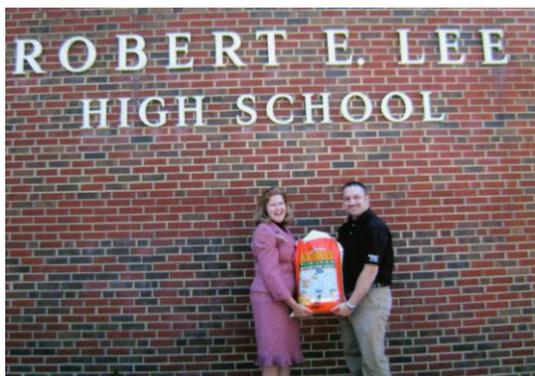
First grade students in Ms. Grady's and Ms. Berbes' classrooms are working on learning to identify shapes, such as squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles, according to the number of sides and vertices. Both of these teachers have been using a "Guess My Shape" game with the students using geoboards or pretzel sticks and marshmallows. Students answer riddles such as. "Who am I if I have 4 sides and 4 vertices, but my sides are not of equal length? Build me." These activities require higher level thinking since students have to synthesize the shapes' characteristics and apply that knowledge in building the correct representation.



Ware's first grade students use geoboards to learn to identify shapes.

**STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS RECEIVES DONATION FROM
WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

The Walmart Distribution Center located in Mt. Crawford donated twenty (20) pallets of Ice Melt to Staunton City Schools. The Ice Melt will be used at all school locations during inclement weather in order to keep the sidewalks and parking lots safe. "This will be a tremendous cost savings to our school division and we are very appreciative of the Walmart Distribution Center for their generous donation," said Dr. Linda Reviea, Superintendent of Staunton City Schools.



Todd Cribbs, Operations Manager at the Walmart Distribution Center presents the donation of Ice Melt to Dr. Linda Reviea, Superintendent of Staunton City Schools.