

Shapleigh Shark News

Shapleigh's Japanese Cultural Exchange

During the week of April 23rd, Shapleigh School hosted 12 Japanese students and their 6 educational leaders, teachers, and town representatives from Rokunohe and Oirase Japan as part of Shapleigh School's Japanese exchange program. This year marked the 25th anniversary and was filled with incredible experiences for our Shapleigh students and Japanese students! Shapleigh School hosted a welcome assembly attend by the whole school as well as distinguished Kittery community members and leaders. At the assembly, students enjoyed hearing our Japanese guests practice their english skills through prepared speeches. As a whole we were able to enjoy many musical acts such as the 7th and 8th Grade Band playing both the United States and Japanese National Anthems, a premiere performance from our 4th grade chorus, and a song and dance number from Seussical! Later in the week our Shapleigh students learned all about Japanese culture through grade level presentations which helped us learn about Japanese castles, origami, and samurai warriors! The visit helped our students broaden their worldview by learning about a different culture while also learning about how much we all have in common! Many students found that although they spoke different languages and practiced different traditions, they had a common love for sports, music, cooking, and spending time with friends and family. We are looking forward to Summer 2019 when we will be sending a group of Shapleigh students to Japan for an exchange visit to Rokunohe!



Music Notes

The month of May will be a busy one for the music ensembles at Shapleigh School! On May 11th the jazz ensemble will travel to Mitchell School for a morning performance at 9:15 a.m. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands will be participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade winding its way

through the streets of Kittery on Saturday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. Our big event for the year is our final Spring Concert, held on May 31st! 4th grade chorus and 5th grade band will perform at 5:30 p.m. and then clear the gymnasium/parking lot for the 6th through 8th grade bands and chorus starting

at 6:45 p.m. The 6th through 8th grade band and chorus will celebrate their year with a trip to Canobie Lake Park on Saturday June 2nd. The year will wind up with performances by the 6th and 7th grade band and chorus at the 8th grade graduation ceremony on June 18th at 6:00 p.m.

5th Grade Menu Math

Mr. Bennington's class had another successful Menu Math week! This class had a country theme and had fun announcing their meals daily.

Students chose a recipe and did the math required to make sure it met the stringent USDA guidelines. Then they helped create the recipe! Check out the creative menu!

Taste of Britain Bangers and Mash by Meredith.

Into India Egg muffins and mini smoothies by Lilly.

I ran to Iran Chicken Kabobs by Sarah.

Irish Chicken Wrap and Irish Potato Pie by Siobhan.

A Gist of Germany Quiche by Abby.

Great job, students!



Aerobic Fun

8th Grade students picked electives for their last trimester of Related Arts at Shapleigh School. The aerobics class has been meeting 5 days a week for the past 6 weeks. One of the main objectives of the class is to increase fitness levels. The fitness level increases can be seen in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

The class has been doing a variety of aerobic activities such as circuit training, step aerobics, and tabata also known as HIIT-high intensity interval training, pilates, and yoga. All workouts are designed with music to make the workout more pleasurable.

The culminating workouts are designed by the students themselves! Two students design and direct a workout with all the components of fitness for 30 minutes and lead the class in group fitness.



End of Year Prep

Seventh grade students are beginning to work on their end of the year portfolio that they will share with parents and friends at the Showcase of Learning on June 6th. Within their portfolio students will have the chance to share their accomplishments from this year, reflect on the goals they had set for themselves at the beginning of the school year, share what they have learned in all of their academic classes, and reflect on their overall habits of work as well as what executive functioning lessons and skills they have learned that they hope to take with them to eighth grade!

Ye Olde Colonial Fair

5th Grade students and teachers worked hard to prepare another fabulous 5th Grade Colonial Fair! Students enjoyed showing off their hard work for fellow students and families on April 30th. Students

spent a lot of time researching colonial times and created projects ranging from colonial pottery, cooking, tools, ship building, and candle making - just to name a few! Our school community was very impressed by our 5th grade students' work and knowledge and are proud of all they were able to accomplish!



Keep Clipping!

Thank you to all of our Shapleigh families for sending in your Box Tops! We've already raised over \$600 dollars since September! All of the money raised from Box Tops goes right to our students through special programs and supplies!



PBL Shark Bite

As we head into the last 6 weeks of the school year it is very important for students and families to have conversations about their child's progress and turn in any missing summative assessments. Students can see teachers during their WIN block or schedule a time to meet with their teacher after school if they have questions or would like extra help on an

assignment. Parents, please keep an eye out for Mid-Term Progress reports which will be coming home with your child on Friday, May 11th. In the meantime, you can always access all of your child's grades and assessments on our online grading portal, JumpRope. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to us! We are looking forward to a great end of the 2017-2018 school year!

K-8 PTA Hosts Kittery Kids LIVE!

Don't forget! The 6th Annual Kittery Kids Live! Talent Show is returning to the Shapleigh Stage TONIGHT! See wonderful acts from Mitchell School and Shapleigh School performers! Also, you won't want to miss out on the great raffle prizes! Thank you to the K-8 PTA for putting on this fun event!



Important Dates

- 5/4: PTA Talent Show
- 5/10: Kittery Schools Art Show Opening
- 5/11: 4th / 5th Grade Social
- 5/16: Early Release Day
- 5/17: Shark Awards Night
- 5/24: District PBL Parent Advisory Cmte.
- 5/26: Memorial Day Parade
- 5/28: Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/29: Telling Room Reception at KCC
- 5/31: Shapleigh Spring Concert