

Shapleigh Shark News

Shakespeare in the Classroom

The seventh grade was lucky to participate in a Shakespeare Day with the Portland Stage Company on February 14th. The morning started with a highly energetic and interactive performance of the comedy, *As You Like It*. Following the performance, students were able to meet with the actors, ask them questions, learn some acting skills and perform some Shakespearian lines in a collaborative group. The adults from the Portland Stage Company were professional, organized, passionate about their craft, and wonderfully well-suited to interactions with middle school students. It was a great day for all involved!



Shapleigh Mural Project

Calling all artists in 6-8th grade! Please join for our first session of the Shapleigh School Mural Project. We will begin working on several art pieces to hang as small and large murals throughout our school. If you have great ideas and like to draw and paint, we'd love to have you join the crew! Pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Sutherland in the art room.

Upcoming Concerts

Shapleigh will be celebrating national Music In Our Schools (MIOS) month with two fantastic concerts! On March 7th at 6:30 p.m. the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band will be performing along with the Traip Academy band and the Seacoast Wind Ensemble culminating in a final piece with the combined forces of over 150 instruments! On March 13th the chorus program featuring the 6th through 8th grade chorus, Traip Academy chorus, and the 4th grade select chorus will perform another exciting concert together. Both performances will take place at 6:30 pm and will be held in the Shapleigh gymnasium.

Due to the number of cars expected at the band concert, we will have a shuttle bus running from the Spruce Creek Church (5 Pettigrew Rd, Kittery) beginning at 5:45 p.m. This shuttle bus will be for the band concert only and not for the chorus concert.

Shrek Success!

Shapleigh School presented *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* on March 1st and 2nd. Students from grades 6-8 participated in a myriad of ways to bring to life this story of fairytale creatures, self expression, and true love. Congratulations to the cast, crew, and their directors for an amazing performance! Many thanks to our Shapleigh families for their support as well!



FOOD NETWORK'S GREAT FOOD TRUCK RACE

A 5th Grade Perspective
By Ellie S.

February 25, 2019, was not my average 5th grade school day. We got called down to the music room at 8:00. If it was an average school day, we would be working on one of our social studies papers. But no, the 5th grade was going to be on a TV show. It was called The Great Food Truck Race. My class walked into the music room and half of the grade was already down there. Noelle sat down and patted the chair next to her. She said to me, "Sit here next to me." I sat down then Maddie sat down next to me, too.

For some reason, we all sat there for a long time. We all just talked about how excited we were and how silly we all looked in Christmas clothes in February!

A man walked into the music room. I did not recognize who he was. Mrs. Ellis told everyone that he was executive producer, Peter Woronov. He introduced himself to everyone and he told us about what we will be doing and what to do. He told three people to take things off their shirt or change it because you can't have store logos on TV. He left the room to go back and help the people get ready for the show to start.

Everyone was still in the room and all the teachers started to sing Christmas carols, then everyone started to clap and sing together.

It is finally time to go film, but the thing is we had to stand in the hallway for about 15 minutes!

We got to go in and I saw a big green and red table and the rest are small tables with white table cloths. I sat down at a table and then Tyler Florence stood in the front of the cafeteria and he introduced himself and all the contestants. Everyone started to bring their food over to each and every table and they explained what their dish was. They gave many details of what the food was.

The first dish was the green team. I looked at the first dish it had a big veggie salad and the weird

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thing was they did not have dressing on it. There was also bread and chicken inside of it. I did not like it because it was all watery. There was a doughnut in the dish to but decided not to eat it.

The second dish was the red team. It had a small apple pie. I did not eat it so I don't know what it tasted like. There was a mix of chicken, green beans and potatoes with cranberry jelly on top. I scraped the jelly off but ate the rest of it. And that was my favorite one.

Then Tyler Florence told us it was time to vote on which dish we liked better. He counted to three and we all held our signs up and every single 5th grader held up their sign for the same team! One team started cheering because they were happy. The whole 5th grade then said, "Happy Holidays! Let's get rolling!" for the end of the show that was being filmed. When the teams were running out to the food trucks, we got to give them high fives. After the filming was done, we got to get a lot of their autographs.

Along with that interesting day we got to interview some people on the show we talked to the executive producer and he told us, "Do something you love." He said that because he loves his job and he wanted us to do something we love when we grow up.



Kittery's Got Talent

Kittery's Got Talent is returning to the Shapleigh Stage on Friday, March 29th! Auditions will be held after school March 5th and March 6th through 4:00. Sign up sheets are posted outside of the cafeteria. Please encourage your students to share their talent and help them remember their audition appointment! The Basket Raffle is back, this year with Disney Hopper Passes up for grabs! Grade level raffle basket information is coming soon- all donations are appreciated. And for dinner, Blue Mermaid and Burrito Betty's food trucks! Join us for a fun and delicious evening! Find Kittery K-8 PTA on Facebook for more information.



Empty Bowls Dinner



Save the date! Empty Bowls Community Dinner will be happening at Shapleigh School on Thursday, April 11th! Shapleigh students have created over 200

bowls for the event, and 12 local restaurants will be serving up soup, bread, and small desserts for the event. All of the proceeds from the event will benefit Gather's Kittery Meals 4 Kids Program, which helps provide our Kittery children with access

to healthy and fresh food during the summer months and vacation weeks. We are looking forward to sharing a meal as a community and helping our neighbors in need!

CRT Valentine's Fun

On Valentine's Day last month, our Shapleigh School Civil Rights Teams worked together to make everyone feel special and loved! Students read an announcement during morning announcements and delivered a valentine and treat to each and every student and staff member! The valentine read: *"Today you will all be receiving a special treat from your Civil Rights Teams, because here at Shapleigh School, we believe that regardless of your race or skin color, national origin or ancestry, religion, disability or sexual orientation YOU ARE LOVED! Happy Valentine's Day!"*.



Important Dates

- 3/7: Band MIOS Concert
- 3/13: Chorus MIOS Concert
- 3/14: Intervention Day
- 3/15: Grades 6-8 Dance
- 3/18-4/5: MEA State Testing
- 3/22: Trimester 2 Grades Close
- 3/29: Trimester 2 Report Cards
- 3/29: Kittery's Got Talent