

Shapleigh Shark News



OM Teams Head to States

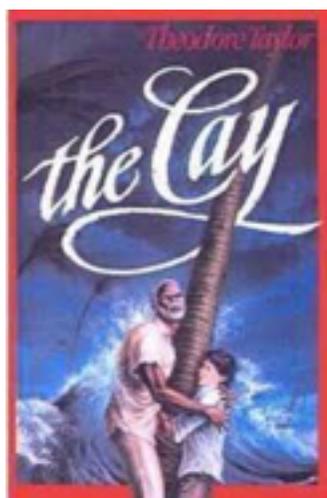
On Saturday April 7, two teams from Shapleigh will be competing in the Odyssey of the Mind (OM) State competition. After having made it through the first rounds of competition, a 4/5 team and a 6/7 team are currently working hard to revise their performance and prepare for the next level of the competition. This year, States will take place at Biddeford High School. As in regional competition, teams have to accomplish two tasks: present their solution to their chosen problem and solve a spontaneous challenge problem. The team-chosen problems this year range from creating a mock documentary about a classic story, creating a

new emoji, designing a space hang out, or engineering an animal shelter that changes shape throughout the story. In addition, teams are working to raise money through the coupon book fundraiser--see your OM team member for more details. Thanks to those who have already helped with this. Best wishes to all teams!!

6th Grade Reading

The sixth grade students read the novel, *The Cay*, in class. It's a great story about survival, prejudice and finally friendship between a young boy, Phillip and an elderly man named Timothy. The students had to write a newspaper account from the point of view of the sailors on a ship who didn't want to sail due to the German u-boats and also from the point

of view of the owners of the ships and the people of Curacao. For their final writing piece, they took one event in the book and wrote it from the point of view of the cat, Stew Cat. Stew had lots of thoughts about what was happening between Phillip and Timothy. Ask your child about the book. They really enjoyed it!



Learning Through Sharing

Shapleigh seventh grade students are currently editing their own stories and interviews done with family in order to complete their personal narratives (due in May). Mr. Williams' Social Studies students compile these accounts, interviewing family members online, over the phone and during family holiday/vacation celebrations. For the past 38+ years, he has given students the opportunity to practice making their learning personal by talking to parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles about their lives and learning how events have influenced families. This journaling has enabled seventh graders to showcase their knowledge and relate historical change to family in firsthand, primary accounts. By using personal narratives, students can relate past history and understanding of key concepts to apply this to upcoming curriculum based goals.

Students in previous years have written about themselves and been encouraged to speak with other family members about the influence of

historical, scientific and economic events. These past students continue to share their writings with current seventh graders, providing exemplars of the ways their family journals were created and designed. Many of these family narratives are now treasured keepsakes filled with inspiring stories of personal growth and photos of family generations. Mr. Williams looks forward to this year's installment created by our Shapleigh seventh graders!

GORGEOUS GREENS

Check out our Tower Garden! Everyone who sees it is blown away by how quickly the Tower Garden has grown! We've had 2 big harvests in two weeks, and the greens are traveling about 10 yards to the school kitchen. Talk about local!



Generating Ideas and Learning from Others

Recently 8th graders completed a cross disciplinary study of the Gilded Age in America. The culminating project allowed students to present their learning in a variety of ways on topics that included women's suffrage, the western frontier, and the temperance movement. Meanwhile, 5th graders are beginning their study of the colonial era in the US, which will culminate with a colonial fair at the end of April. 5th graders examined the 8th grade projects and used them as models to generate criteria of what makes a high quality research project. In the meantime, they had the opportunity to read some great reports, do a puzzle, play a game, and examine shadow boxes and other outstanding projects.



Upcoming KYC Film

REJECT takes a science-based and solution-oriented look at the roots of bullying behavior and violent behavior against the self or others. The film aims to raise public consciousness about the serious and potentially lethal consequences of interpersonal rejection in its many forms—peer bullying, parental neglect (or abuse), race discrimination, and other forms of social rejection across all age groups. It speaks to



parents, teachers, administrators, organizations that train teachers, coaches, mental health professionals, clergy, counselors, juvenile judges, office managers—that is, anyone entrusted with influence over others and in a position to foster acceptance, inclusion and social connection. Come see this powerful film on April 30th at 7:00pm at the KCC.

Civil Rights Day



On March 21 Shapleigh School participated in a school-wide Civil Rights Day. Teachers led two activity sessions with students focused around promoting a safe, healthful, and respectful school culture free of bias and harassment.

The first activity taught students about bias and harassment and the incredible impact it has on individuals. Students discussed the difference between bystander and upstander and brainstormed various ways to be an upstander. The second activity focused on respecting differences across cultures and the symbols that cultures use to represent things that are important to them. Students were then encouraged to use their own symbolism to create an intention flag depicting an intention they set to help make our school more safe, welcoming, and respectful for all students. They were encouraged to directly apply their intention to one of the six protected civil rights categories that include race and skin color, national origin and ancestry, religion,



disabilities, gender (including gender identity and expression), and sexual orientation.

Hands-On Learning

They are getting their hands dirty in fourth grade! Students are investigating the interactions between land and water.

Using a stream table as a model, they

create hills, build dams, and grow vegetation.

Students deepen their knowledge of analyzing cause and effect by grasping the effects of flowing water over and through and the effects of various land features on the flow of water. This hands on unit is always a favorite!



Seussical The Musical!

Shapleigh School 6th, 7th, and 8th graders put on Seussical Jr. this month and it was a huge success! In just a couple of months, they learned all of the songs, acting, and choreography under the direction of Mrs. Le and Ms. Segedy. In addition to showcasing some of the incredible talent and hard work of these students, the show spoke to themes of kindness and inclusion through the stories of many familiar Seuss characters.



Science and Genetics

DNA: What is it and why do living things need it? This is the question that the 8th grade has been

investigating for the last few weeks. Students have completed a variety of hands on activities that simulated how chromosomes are passed to the next generation in single celled organisms and then in multicellular organisms. Through these activities, the students have discussed the similarities and differences between the two methods by which genes are passed to the next generation. Students then investigated how changing the starting point of where DNA is read or “translated” affects the overall outcome of the organism’s appearance. Students are culminating the unit by doing a research project on genetic disorders.

Book Buddy Fun

Mrs. Gilpatrick's 4th grade class and Mrs. Casey's 6th grade class have worked together a few times a month as "Book Buddies." The students were organized into groups of two or three at the beginning of the year and have enjoyed a variety of texts and activities together. Currently, the buddies have planned and are building peep dioramas of a book. The final products are expected to be finished in the second week of April, and will be on display in the Shapleigh library. Stop by to take a “peep”!



Music Notes

March is a national celebration of Music In Our Schools (MIOS) and here at Shapleigh we celebrated with a concert on Wednesday, March 14th! Featured were the flute choir, the 6th grade band, the Shapleigh chorus, the 7th and 8th grade band, and our special guests The Seacoast Wind Ensemble! It was a fabulous evening culminating with our Kittery Music Boosters raffle winner and a piece combining all 125 band members! Also in March we had 6 band and 2 chorus members attend the 6th grade District 1 Honors Music Festival in Kennebunk. This festival featured the

best students from District 1 who got together with a guest conductor and rehearsed all day on Saturday, March 10th and then put on a wonderful concert for the public at the end of the day. Our students from Shapleigh did themselves and our school proud!

Fundraiser Info

Japan Club is selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits! Kits include a variety of pizza options and are great to have on hand for quick dinners! Please share the link below with your friends and family! It is easy to order and pay online by credit or debit card. Final order date for online order will be 4/15/18 and delivery will be 4/25/18. Thank you!!
 Directions for Ordering
 Go to www.PizzaKit.com
 Click on -“Products” then “Shop for Kits”
 Select either- “Ship Order to the Group” or “Ship Order to Me”(via UPS for an additional fee)
 Our Fundraiser ID # is 347174

Thank you to everyone that has helped raise funds for Kittery's Odyssey of the Mind teams. We are going to make one more order of Breathe NH coupon books on April 6th, in order to get them in time for April Vacation. If you would like to support Kittery OM (Breathe NH donates \$12.00 of every book sold) please email bbladen@kitteryschools.com and for more information about all the area attractions please go to <https://www.breathenh.org/the-fun-pass-coupons-discounts-deals>.

Important Dates

4/4: Early Release
 4/5: 8th Grade Parent Night @ Traip
 4/13 - 4/22: April Vacation
 4/24 - 4/29: Japanese Exchange Visit
 4/27: Grades 6-8 Dance
 5/4: PTA Kittery Kids Live Talent Show
 5/10: KSD Art Show Opening @ KAA