

Shapleigh Shark News

8th Grade Tidalwavse Presentation



Surveys report that 8 out of 10 high schoolers are substance free although most students hold the belief that a much larger percentage of their peers use substances! To breakdown these mistaken beliefs, 8th graders participated in a discussion with the substance free group Tidal Wavse from York High School. The visiting high school students talked about their “anti-

drug” and ways they stay substance free in high school. Anti-drugs included anything from sports, to family, to working on cars! Our 8th graders then got a chance to talk to these students in small groups, where they shared their own interests and potential anti-drugs. Along a similar topic, the 8th grade was also visited by guest speaker, Kirsten Faucher, who is the York County Tobacco Prevention Coordinator. Kirsten discussed the dangers of vaping with our 8th graders as well as the advertisement tactics that electronic cigarette companies use to entice youth to try their products. 8th graders were encouraged to make healthy decisions and think about the ways their decisions impact their future! To find out more information and ways to discuss substance use with your child please visit <http://ctbh.org> or <https://drugfree.org>

Hands-On Learning!



The fourth graders are having a blast getting their hands dirty! They are using stream tables as a model to do hands-on investigations showing the interactions

between land and water. They are creating hills, building dams, and growing vegetation. Miniature valleys, canyons and tributaries form in the stream

table as water flows over and through the soil. From their observations analyzing cause and effect, students discover how water changes the shape of land and how features in the land, in turn, affect the flow of water.

Future Aspirations

Seventh grade students have had several opportunities to think about their future aspirations and potential career paths this month. Students practiced filling out a college application and wrote a college application essay in Language Arts. A representative from the Finance Authority of Maine visited to speak to and play a game with students focusing on possible career paths, what level of

education they require, and what financial planning looks like as an adult. We are continuing this conversation in math class over the next couple weeks as students choose and research a career, "pay" their taxes, and create a financial plan around their salary. Seventh grade teacher, Nancy Sebert, organized a Career Day for seventh grade students last week where twenty-eight members of the community with an array of careers shared the best parts of their job, the most challenging parts, and so much more with the students. We are inspired by the seventh graders diverse careers interests and cannot wait to see where life takes them!

From the Math Corner



Avoid the Summer Slump! It is a well-known fact that students regress weeks (maybe months!) in their learning over the

summer vacation! Have fun and keep skills sharp by playing games (both hands-on and digital) that strengthen mathematical thinking. Many of these take only minutes to play: Checkers, Connect 4, Blink, Qwitch, Qwirkle, Set, Sequence, Rummikub, Rush Hour, Blokus, Rack-O, Mastermind, Guess Who, Castle Keep, Yahtzee, and just about any game involving a deck of cards! For more information and ideas, check out these websites: <https://blog.mindresearch.org/blog/big-list-mathematical-board-games>

<https://discoverexplorelern.com/board-games-for-kids-that-teach-important-math-skills/>

Does your middle-schooler have a phone or iPod? Consider one of the apps recommended here: <https://imaginationsoup.net/best-multiplication-apps-kids/>

Also! Ask your fourth grader about the Checkers Tournament that's going to take place the last week of school! We are looking forward to playing and having some fun with Math!

Spanish Culture

David Vargas came to speak to Mrs. Fifield's Spanish class about Mexican food and the importance of knowing where your food comes from, the love that is put into making food as well as the importance of being seated with family and spending time together. He brought fresh corn tortillas that were made with corn from a local farmer that Mr. Vargas works with. With the corn tortillas, we made tacos with mole, a recipe from his grandmother, and local greens. Students commented on how they could really taste the difference in the fresh food and how much they learned from this experience. In addition, guest speaker Trevor Farrell, came to Mrs. Fifield's 8th grade Spanish classes to share a method of teaching World Language by organically allowing conversation to happen. He also shared pictures and stories of his last 2 years spent in Costa Rica.

8th Grade Science

Where would you put a survivalist colony if you had a say? What food, animals, and other resources would you bring? What would you make your structure from? These are all questions the Eighth Grade students had to answer over the last few months. Each class compiled a list of locations, both on Earth and within our solar system, that they believe would be candidates to relocate to. They then debated the resources available, benefits and consequences of relocating to each suggested location. After their class discussions and research, each class narrowed their list of locations down to their top ten choices. They were then given ten different "Doomsday Scenarios" that they had to pick their top three suggestions of where to go. Students ended this process by designing and testing the structure that they would build for their selected locations. The locations selected ranged from the deepest part of the ocean all the way out

to the moons of Saturn. As you can see from their designs, the students had some creative ideas!



Civil Rights Team



On May 3rd, the Shapleigh 4/5 Civil Rights Team, along with other teams from across the state, were honored at the Portland Sea Dogs game for their work related to civil rights. Way to go Shapleigh CRT!

Congratulations Shapleigh Musicians!

The Shapleigh Spring Concert was held on Thursday, May 30, featuring great performances by the 4th grade chorus, 4th grade select chorus, 5th grade band, 5th grade chorus, Woodwind Ensemble, Jazz Band, 6th grade chorus, 6th grade band, 7th & 8th grade chorus, and 7th & 8th grade band. Well done!

History in Action

Lights, camera, action! In the 5th grade this week, students have been acting out the events that led up to the American Revolution with a passion that would make the most fervent Patriot proud--what actors we have!! Students studied the causes and effects of such events as The Stamp Act, Boston Massacre, and the battle at Lexington and Concord (to name only a few!) and created a skit, talk show or interview to demonstrate both colonists' and

British perspectives of each event. With humor, drama, music and even on-the-scene reporting, students successfully taught audiences of 4th grade students, teachers, and parents, the reasons behind the American Revolution and the driving force that made so many offer the ultimate sacrifice.



SUMMER MEALS



Summer pick up will be at the Kittery Post Office on WEDNESDAYS from 2:15-3:15pm. For more information Text M4K to 33-222!

Important Dates

6/6: Celebration of Learning 5-7pm
 6/10-12: Spirit Days
 6/12: Field Day
 6/13: 8th Grade Picnic
 6/13: 8th Grade Promotion
 6/17: Step Up Day/ Last Day (Half Day)