

# Shapleigh Shark News

## Stack Up 2018

Thanks to the parent volunteers, teachers and students who participated in trying to help break the Guinness Book of World Records for "The most people sport stacking at multiple locations on one day." There were over 275 stackers from Shapleigh on November 17th. All stackers were required to stack for 30 minutes in order to count for the world record. Sport stacking is one of the few activities that utilizes both sides of the brain at the same time crossing the midline, increasing hand eye coordination, ambidexterity and focus. Official results were just released announcing that 624,390 stackers from 25 countries participated in the event and beat the Guinness World Record from last year!



## Promoting Nutrition



The fifth graders have been studying nutrition in Health class and they recently created commercials for healthy foods. They incorporated the advertising

techniques often used by companies that encourage people to buy processed food that is less healthy. The students chose which product they wanted to promote and researched why their product was a healthy choice. They were quite creative with ideas and props. Many of the students were convinced to give healthier snacks a try because of the commercials created by their peers! Everyone enjoyed being able to watch the commercials after they had been filmed.

## Sharing our Strengths

On Friday, November 30th, students in the seventh grade participated in an activity we call "Strength Day". Since September, we have interspersed growth mindset activities, good habits

practice, time management, and organizational skill reinforcement, all geared toward educating the whole child. Building confidence and celebrating all kinds of talents is part of that philosophy, hence "Strength Day". Students watched the new Apple ad called "Share Your Gifts" and then were asked to identify a gift/talent/strength that they would be willing to share with others. On Friday, students got an opportunity to share their gifts with others. The talents range from sports skills, to baking, to art, to drama, to music, to lots of other wonderful skills. We are excited to provide this opportunity and delight in your student's strengths.

## Casting Their Vote

Fifth graders in Mrs. Sheldon's Social Studies classes recently completed a study of Maine's gubernatorial election. After researching the candidates' positions on healthcare, the economy, and education, students chose 1 of the 3 candidates to research.



Each group created a campaign commercial, using propaganda techniques to try to persuade viewers. The commercials were shown in 4th and 5th grade classrooms. Finally, on Election Day, all the 4th and 5th graders were given the opportunity to vote. The winner of the student vote was Janet Mills, just as in the regular election. The students' commercials were creative and informative. Hopefully we'll have lots of involved citizens in the future.

## 6th Grade HOWies



The 6th grade will announce the first recipient of the HOWies award this Friday. This November students that have demonstrated strong Habits Of Work received a raffle ticket for a prize. These tickets were distributed by all the teachers that come in contact with 6th graders during the day, not just

subject area teachers. We plan on having several HOWies throughout the year.

## 4th Grade STEM Challenge



The 4th graders recently competed in a STEM activity called the Marshmallow Challenge. The goal was to build the highest free standing structure that would support a marshmallow.

They were given spaghetti, tape, string, scissors, and a marshmallow to complete the task. All of the teams worked very hard and came up with great ideas together. Congratulations to the winning team!!

## Student-2-Student



Student - 2 - Student (S2S) is up and running at Shapleigh School! Students have met to talk about their goals and mission for the year and are looking forward to helping make connections between our students and community. S2S is open to students in grades 4 - 8. The next meeting is on December 12th. If your child is interested in participating

in S2S, please reach out to Mrs. Walker at [rwalker@kitteryschools.com](mailto:rwalker@kitteryschools.com) or Mrs. Sumsion at [nsumsion@kitteryschools.com](mailto:nsumsion@kitteryschools.com).

## LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is located outside of the gym doors. Please encourage your child to check the Lost & Found if they are missing something as we will be donating items after the holiday break.

## NEED HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

We have a tremendously generous community here in Kittery. There are many local organizations and families that offer to help our Kittery families make sure they have what they need for holiday gifts for children, meals for holidays, and warm clothes for the winter. If you could use help in any of these areas, please contact Kittery Holiday Baskets.

Contact Information:

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## Honoring our Veterans

On Thursday, November 8th Shapleigh School welcomed local veterans and active duty service members to our 2nd annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast. Students and their families from across all five grade levels (4th-8th) were able to share a meal as our way of saying "thank you!" to our veterans. Pancakes with all the toppings were prepared and served by our wonderful Shapleigh Nutrition Program, and the cafeteria was dressed up with tables linens donated by Marshall Rental. The event was a great opportunity for us to not only recognize the service of our veterans, but also provide an opportunity for our military-connected students to share a special day with their parent or family member. In addition to our Pancake Breakfast, over 50 students brought in photographs of their family members who served in the military to hang on our "Wall of Heroes" bulletin board. Some pictures dated as far back as World War I! Students and Shapleigh families have enjoyed checking out the photographs and learning about our community members' long history of service.



## 8th Grade Experiments

8th graders have started delving into the process of directed inquiry in science class. Using gravity to their advantage, students are testing what properties affect the fall of an object. Through these directed experiments, students are learning about motion, speed, acceleration, energy transfers, and forces. They will then take their gained

knowledge of motion and apply it to real world examples that they are interested in. The students are also learning important skills in Excel, such as how to make their spreadsheets color coded, merge cells, rotate text, and calculate formulas within the spreadsheet.

## PBL Shark Bite

Grades close on Friday, December 7th. Now is a great time to sit down with your child and look at their JumpRope account together. Review any missing assignments or assignments needing re-assessment and encourage your child to make a plan to work with their teacher during WIN (Shapleigh's "What I Need" Intervention Block), or make a plan to stay after school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

### KITTERY K-8 PTA FUNDRAISER!

Join us on Saturday, December 8th from 10am-2pm at Barnes & Noble in Newington, NH. There will be festive performances by our own Shapleigh Brass Ensemble, and Chorus Carolers, as well as special guest readers! Proceeds will go directly to our Kittery K-8 PTA!

### Important Dates

- 12/3: Holiday Food Drive Begins
- 12/7: Trimester 1 Grades Close
- 12/7: 7th Grade Field Trip
- 12/8: PTA Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- 12/13: Shapleigh Holiday Concert
- 12/14: Trimester 1 Report Cards
- 12/15: Shapleigh Holiday Concert
- 12/21: 6th Grade Field Trip
- 12/21: Give Back Day
- 12/24 -1/2: Holiday Vacation