

SHARK NEWS

Important Dates

November 6th—Picture Retakes

November 11th—No school, Veteran’s Day

November 12th—Veteran’s Day Pancake Breakfast 8:15am

November 11th-15th—PTA Kittery Spirit Wear Online Store Open

November 15th—Dance 6th-8th Grade 7-9pm

November 19th—Chef to School Lunch

November 27th-29th—No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 4th—7th grade Field Trip

December 6th—4th and 5th Grade Social. 5:30-7:00pm



Civil Rights Day of Welcome

On October 25th, our civil rights teams joined others across the state in celebrating and promoting the first-ever Day of Welcome to celebrate and promote the idea that our school communities are for *EVERYONE*.



We created an inclusively welcoming sign, a banner and bulletin board to clearly communicate that ALL are welcome in your school community. We blanketed the school with positive statements of inclusion, delivered “Shapleigh School Welcomes Everyone” signs to each classroom, created, displayed and read an official letter of support from Governor Janet T. Mills on the live Shapleigh news report.



New!

Friday Video Announcements

6th Grade Science

Science is an adventurous, wonderful subject that is constantly changing with a myriad of topics to investigate. The trouble is that there is so much to learn about science that it can't all be covered in classes. This is where Inspiration Hour comes in.

Inspiration Hour provides an opportunity for sixth graders to choose a topic that interests them, research that topic, and then design and perform an experiment around their topic. Each Friday, the science class becomes a hive for exploring. The students can research pure science topics, perform engineering activities such as designing and building an invention or fixing or taking apart an object to understand how it works. After a month, the students submit their work and present it to the class.

For our first round of Inspiration Hour, we had students researching what is happening to polar bears and another building a plane. We had many scientists in the kitchen, creating new versions of their favorite recipes and baking their product for their classmates to try. We also had a self-designed duct tape purse and a mouse trap powered car. We even had a working submarine!

Inspiration Hour provides a chance for students to get excited about a topic they personally find interesting, learn more detail about that topic through research and experimentation, and share that excitement and knowledge gained with their peers through their presentation.

8th Grade Explores Boston



The 8th Grade enjoyed a beautiful day in Boston on November 1st as they walked the 3 mile Freedom Trail through the heart of the city. The trail has sixteen stops, all of which have significance in the lead up to The American Revolution, the conflict that led to the creation of our country. The students had just finished their unit on The American Revolution in Social Studies, so it was exciting to be able to see where the history they learned actually took place, and so close to home! Students enjoyed the sights and sounds of the city, and got to choose from endless cuisine choices in Faneuil Hall's Quincy Market for lunch. This trip is a favorite of Shapleigh 8th graders each year, and this year did not disappoint!!



Celebrations

Mrs. Roy's Language Arts classes celebrated the end of their narrative unit with a festive party! They had a spooky special guest read aloud by Mrs. Ellis. Then, students shared their own narratives in the dark with flashlights! Sixth graders can be proud of the way they build their narratives to include awesome suspense and descriptive details.

Let's Go! 5210

Cassie Ring, Program Coordinator for Let's Go! 5210 of York County, spoke with students in Mrs. Holland's room on Thursday, October 31. She spoke about healthy eating, ways to be active, and how to take care of our bodies.



Chorus



7th Graders have been putting together their own arrangements of Queen songs in the style of Jimmy Fallon's "Classroom Instruments" segment. Students are drawing on their own prior musical experience, skills developed earlier in the class, and cooperative habits of work.

Art's Inktober!

Hundreds of Shapleigh students participated in the world wide Inktober Drawing Challenge! Every October, students are encouraged to create a drawing that uses ink for each of the 31 days in October. Students were inspired by different daily word prompts like the words "Dizzy",



"Enchanted", "Overgrown" and "Misfit" to interpret in their own way through their drawings. A collection of drawings were hung outside of the art room and displayed on the monitor in the cafeteria so that everyone could check out the fantastic artwork that our creative Shapleigh Sharks came up with! Inktober was a hit! We had lots of fun and plan to participate again next year.

4th Grade Engineers

In fourth grade during science class, students used the Engineering and Design Process to create blades of a windmill. Students investigated properties of blades and changed them based on their trials. It was a great opportunity for students to apply their collaboration skills as well as their knowledge of how to create effective blades to take wind energy and convert it into mechanical energy.



Integrating Spanish with Stem!



Some 8th graders in Mr. Bertrand's STEM class constructed a "Calavera" (skull) to use as an "Ofrenda" (offering/altar) for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Señora Fifiield is so excited to have this in the classroom and build an ofrenda the class can use to honor loved ones that have passed. We are also making video announcements for events that are happening around the United States to celebrate Día de los Muertos. Ask your 6-8th grader that is taking Spanish to explain this holiday to you.



Solar Ovens!



The 5th graders did it again! And boy did they do it well! They successfully used the Engineering Design Process to plan, create, build and improve solar ovens made out of shoe boxes (thanks to a donation from the Kittery Trading Post). We were introduced to the benefits of solar cooking through a short story. Then, students conducted an experiment to collect data about various insulating materials and their effectiveness. We analyzed the data and had a good discussion about green engineering and the environmental impact of each material. Students were challenged to consider the trade offs and design a solar oven that would get as hot as possible in 30 minutes, stay warm for as long as possible once it was moved to the shade, and also have as minimal of an environmental impact as possible. We had a beautiful testing day and the students successfully melted their S'mores. What a great opportunity for inquiry based learning, teamwork, and a chance to eat your data!



Chef to School



Chef David was joined by Chef Lee Frank and Chef Gary Kim prepping candied sugar pumpkin for students. This was the second Chef meal of the new Chef to School project featuring Chicken Parmesan. The kitchen staff cut and roasted over 300 pounds of local tomatoes to make a scratch sauce for the Parmesan.



7th Grade Making Goals!

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS AND SMART GOALS

Students in the seventh grade have been learning a lot about executive functioning skills, which include planning, organization, time management, task initiation, self-control, sustained attention, flexibility, perseverance, metacognition, and working memory. These skills are important for many daily tasks and to function in the world, not just in seventh grade, so we try to prioritize them. They self-selected one of these areas and created a SMART goal in order to practice and improve their executive functioning skills. Through this exercise, students learned about how to make their goal specific, measurable, achievable/ actionable, realistic, and timely. Many chose parents as their check-in person throughout the year, and all were asked to put these check-ins into their Google calendar. The SMART goals were shared with family at parent conferences, and will continue to be kept "on the radar" during LA classes periodically during the school year.

Kittery Spirit Wear



The Kittery K-8 PTA Spirt Wear Store will be open for a FLASH SALE just in time for holiday pick up! Be ready to get some holiday gift buying done from November 11th-15th (A link to the online store will be available soon!)

Above and Beyond the Classroom

Just a very small sample of the many sports, clubs and activities that our students participate in! Check out the Shapleigh School website under "Extra Curricular Information" for a larger sample of our many offerings!



Yay, soccer!!



Some cross country participants at Noble!



Using videos to show support for athletes in the playoffs!



Volunteering their time!

