

# Shapleigh Shark News

## Creating Portraits for a Kinder World



19 Shapleigh staff members and 3 former Shapleigh students created a personalized portrait for a child from the Phillipines as part of The Memory Project. The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that invites artists to help cultivate global kindness by creating portraits for children around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, war, extreme poverty, neglect, and loss of parents. Artists create these portraits to help children feel valued and important and to provide a special childhood memory in the future.

Shapleigh Artists were paired up with a child, who they received a photo of to use as inspiration for their portrait. They worked on their portraits after school and at home using drawing pencils, colored pencils, pastels and paint. The portraits are on their way to the children, who will receive them as gifts from the Shapleigh artists. Special thanks to the following staff and students who worked on this very special project!

## S2S Updates



Junior Student 2 Student is in full swing! Shapleigh students are busy every other Wednesday having fun and doing service projects for the school and community. Students designed a bulletin board with positive affirmations written on post it notes for others (students, teachers, parents,

custodians, whoever!) to take if they need a supportive boost during the day. Students are also busy making fleece dog toys to donate to a local animal shelter. If you or your student is interested in joining the fun of Student 2 Student email Mrs. Sumsion at [nsumsion@kitteryschools](mailto:nsumsion@kitteryschools) or Mrs. Walker [rwalker@kitteryschools.com](mailto:rwalker@kitteryschools.com) for more details!

## MLK Musical Tribute



Members of the Shapleigh 6th, 7th, & 8th grade choruses attended the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Concert by the Boston Children's

Chorus on Monday, January 21st. This year's concert was titled "She Persisted" and highlighted the contributions of women in the Civil Rights Movement. Students had a great time experiencing the performance in the beautiful Boston Symphony Hall.

## 8th Grade Humanities

8th grade students have been busy writers in their humanities classes recently! In Social Studies class they researched the five key events that led to the Civil War and wrote annotated timelines to illustrate their learning. The eighth graders have been very engaged, asking great questions and offering amazing insights during this unit! In Language Arts class our 8th grade writers have been so excited about our most recent Conspiracy Theory Unit! After exploring a variety of conspiracy theories including the Philadelphia Experiment and The JFK Assassination, students researched and became experts on one theory of their choosing. The focus and enthusiasm they have shown is impressive!

## 5th Grade Matter Unit

5th grade students concluded their Matter Unit and each created a final project to demonstrate their new learning. Everyone was given the same checklist, but students could choose the format and method for sharing the information. After working diligently on their projects, the 5th graders presented their hard work to their peers as well as some 6th and 7th grade students. It was amazing to hear about all the information they learned and there was such creativity and pride in the final products! It was also fun to see the students from



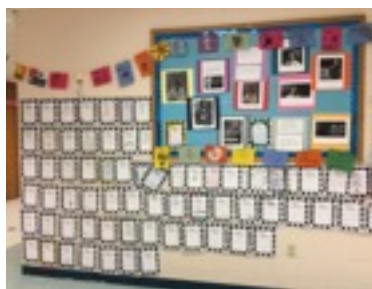
previous years ask good questions about all of the concepts, clearly remembering back to their days learning about matter in 5th grade! Great job to the 5th graders on a strong finish to the unit!

## 6th Grade Essays

6th grade writers have delved into the world of argumentative writing! As a fun introduction to our expectations of sixth grade literary essay writing and to practice using our graphic organizer and citing from a text, students created a class essay about the Three Little Pigs! All classes chose to write from the point of view of the wolf in the story. Traits they chose to describe him ranged from malicious to determined. From this activity we became prepared to write our own literary essay about Toni Cade Bambara's short story, "Raymond's Run".



## Civil Rights Team



The 4-5 CRT as well as the 6, 7, 8 CRT worked on increasing awareness around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and issues related to skin color. Students worked on

posters, famous MLK quotes and shared "I believe...." speech bubbles for each class to fill out.

## OM Fundraiser

Kittery Odyssey of the Mind is sponsoring a fundraiser at Blitz Trampoline Park in Portsmouth on Thursday, February 14th. (Don't forget, there's no school the next day!!) It's a great way to get

exercise, see friends, and get your vacation week off to a fun start. Come try the new Ninja Warrior Course or play a friendly game of dodgeball and Kittery OM will get 20% of admissions raised that night!

## K-8 PTA Hosts Kittery Kids LIVE!

Mark your calendar! The 7th Annual Kittery Kids Live! Talent Show is returning to the Shapleigh Stage on Friday, March 29th! The sign up sheet for auditions will be posted outside of the cafeteria next week. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, and Wednesday, March 6th. It's a great chance to demonstrate your skill at dance or gymnastics, juggling, magic or singing! It's also a great opportunity for Mitchell and Shapleigh families to get together and enjoy a night of fun!



### FEBRUARY BREAK MEALS

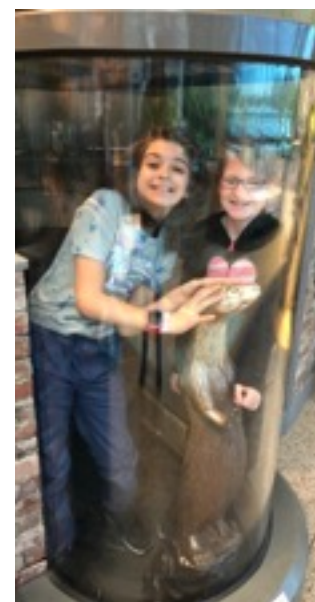
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**MEALS 4 KIDS**

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kittery Post Office Parking Lot**  
**10 Shapleigh Rd**  
**2:15pm – 3:30pm**

## 4th Grade Field Trip

The 4th grade traveled to the Museum of Science in Boston. They had a great time exploring the exhibits including coding with Kibo robots, creating circuits, engineering activities, the hall of human life and so much more! They ended the day watching an Omni presentation on Volcanoes, which ties in perfectly with their Extreme Weather and Natural Disasters unit in Reading.



## Music Notes

The 6th through 8th grade band and chorus are getting ready for another round of concerts coming up in early March. The Shapleigh bands will play with the Traip Academy Band and the Seacoast Wind Ensemble on March 7th and the chorus will perform with the Traip Academy Chorus on March 13th. Both concerts will begin a bit earlier than usual, at 6:30 p.m. The 5th grade band and 4th and 5th grade chorus will be performing at our Spring concert in May.

## Important Dates

- 2/1: Trimester 2 Progress Reports
- 2/8: Grades 6-8 Dance
- 2/12: Intervention Day / STEM Day
- 2/15: No School / Staff PD Day
- 2/18-2/22: February Break
- 2/28: Digital Learning Day
- 3/1: Shapleigh Musical "Shrek"
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