

Shapleigh Shark News

Get Ready for Spirit Week!

Spirit Week is coming up next week June 11th-15th! Each day has a theme and students are invited to participate by dressing according to the daily theme. The schedule is as follows: Monday - Blue and Gold, Tuesday - Formal Day, Wednesday - Twin Day, Thursday - Crazy Hair / Clash Day, Friday - Grade Level Color Day. Our culminating Spirit Week event, Field Day, will happen on Friday where students will spend most of the day outside participating in fun team activities. Our wonderful nutrition program will be serving an outdoor BBQ lunch that day, too! Parents, please encourage your children to come with a water bottle and sunscreen for field day. We are looking forward to a fun last week of school!

Chewonki Visit

Jessica from The Chewonki Foundation came in to do a presentation on animal adaptations for the 4th graders. They brought 3 live animals including a stick bug, snake and owl. The kids loved learning about the different adaptations animals have and learned the difference between behavioral adaptations and physical adaptations.



8th Grade Trips

In May, Shapleigh 8th graders participated in the tradition of an annual visit to the Portland Museum of Art. Students took a tour of the museum to learn

about different types of art and artists. This year as a bonus, students got to take a peek at the Biennial exhibit (which happens every two years) and focuses on contemporary artists with special ties to Maine. After the tour, students explored a little bit of Portland by enjoying lunch at a variety of local restaurants.



Badminton Fun

Congratulations to Brodie J. and Jack M. for winning the 6th grade badminton championship! Great job as well by Zach S. and Jared H. for taking the 7th grade title! Congratulations to all the students for working hard, and working together!

Physical Education Reminders...

As the year winds down and the weather gets warmer please make sure your child has proper footwear on PE days. Students can't participate to the best of their ability in sandals and other open toed shoes. Please make sure your child is coming prepared with athletic wear and sneakers! Thank you very much!



Getting Active Through Writing

We have some budding activists on our hands! The sixth grade is passionately writing about activism in Language Arts. Students have chosen causes that are near and dear to their hearts to study (everything from girls' education to animal rights). They used non fiction websites and books from the library to research their topic and the activism surrounding it. Then, they formed their research into awesome informational essays!



Summer Art Challenge

Keep creating art all summer long! Summer Art Challenge! Mrs. Sutherland is challenging all Shapleigh students to participate in a summer art challenge! Parents and siblings are invited to join in the fun too. More info coming home soon!

7th Grade Explorations

Seventh graders are working on a Career Exploration project! Each student has chosen a career to research and has created a monthly budget around their career choice. Students are learning about paying taxes, buying a house/renting an apartment, paying car payments and car insurance, and MUCH MORE! Conversations around student statements such as, "I can't afford an air conditioner with my budget, I'm just going to have fans." and "What if I can't afford a car - it's a lot of money!" are keeping the seventh graders busy and engaged in these last weeks of school!



Shapleigh Career Day

On May 16th Shapleigh students in grades 4 through 8 participated in events organized to help them start thinking about their future. Teachers led activities to help students explore individual interests and the potential careers those interests may lead to through completing interest inventories. Students also participated in activities to discuss college including a college jeopardy game. The game challenged students to think about various options colleges offer and potential differences between their current lives and college life. To conclude the day 4th and 8th graders participated in a joint activity where 4th and 8th graders were mixed into groups and talked about things they are looking forward to for next year. In grades 5 and 6, these students joined together to interview each other in order for our 5th graders to learn more about what to expect in the 6th grade

next year. Our 7th grade was visited by 4 Traip Academy Seniors, 1 Traip Alumni, and an Americore employee. The guest speakers represented many different avenues for post-high school paths, including a 4 year University, a Military College, a Community College, enlisting in the Military, and volunteering through Americore. Throughout the day the school was filled with conversations and energy surrounding the endless opportunities students have in front of them!

SUMDOG MATH CHALLENGE

4th and 5th students participated in SUMDOG's York County Math Challenge from May 18th - 24th. Student's worked very hard during the week to answer a variety of math questions. Each student had the opportunity to answer 1,000 questions with each correct answer adding to their individual and class score. Shapleigh was well represented on the final leaderboard, Mrs. Randall's class finished in first place with an overall score of 698 and 9 Shapleigh students finished in the top 10 with Celia K. from Mrs. Bertrand's class capturing 1st place with 982 correct answers out of 1000!! By the end of the contest 28 Classes participated, 556 students participated, 159,875 questions were answered, and 137,735 correct answers were given!

Top 10 Classes: (6 out of the top 10 were from Shapleigh!)

- 1st - Ms. Randall's Class
- 3rd - Mrs. Sheldon's Class
- 4th - Mr. Bennington's Class
- 5th - Mrs. Bertrand's Class
- 8th - Ms. Foster's Class
- 9th - Ms. Water's Class

Summer Shark Bite

As we head into summer vacation we hope all of our Shapleigh families have the opportunity to spend time together and enjoy all of the wonderful things our community and state has to offer. Summer vacation is a great time to spend time outdoors, create adventures and memories with family and friends, or work on a special project! It also is a

great time to unplug! Although students will not have their school issued devices, it is important for parents and guardians to review technology use expectations during summer vacation. Many students may be using apps to chat with friends or share pictures or videos. It might be helpful to talk with your child about what apps they use and have them show you the different features such as Instagram (picture/video sharing and direct messaging/chat), Music.ly (video sharing/lip syncing and chat), and SnapChat (picture/video sharing and direct messaging/chat). In addition to social media use, many students may be playing video games over the summer. It is important to be aware that many of the popular games among adolescents such as Fortnite (rated "Teen"), portray a large amount of gun violence and first-person shooting. In addition, these video games which can be accessed on Playstation, Xbox, and computers offer live chat components where children can communicate with the other players in the game, often times strangers around the world who may be much older. Although we offer many lessons and conversations during the school year about internet safety and appropriate use, it is important for families to continue these discussions throughout the summer. For more information about technology and many resources such as parent/child technology contracts and information about games, apps, netflix/streaming media, etc., please check out commonsensemedia.org. We use it all the time and cannot recommend it enough to families! In addition, Families First is hosting a "Family Internet Safety Night" for parents (childcare included!) on Tuesday, June 26th from 6-7:30pm at Community Campus in Portsmouth. Check it out!

Important Dates

- 6/11 - 6/15: Spirit Week
- 6/13: Grade 7/8 Laptop Return
- 6/15: Field Day!
- 6/18: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Dance
- 6/19: Last Day of School! (Full Day)