

# Shapleigh Shark News

## Join Us for Empty Bowls!

SAVE THE DATE! Shapleigh School will be hosting an Empty Bowls dinner on **Thursday, April 11th** in the Shapleigh School Cafeteria. Doors will be open from 5:00pm-7:00pm and guests may arrive at anytime. Join us for a simple meal of soup, bread, and desserts, all donated by local restaurants, as well as a fresh salad bar prepared by our Kittery Schools Nutrition Program and take home a beautiful ceramic bowl handcrafted by our students as a reminder of all the empty bowls in our community. Family, friends, and community members are welcome! Admission is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Students, and Kids 5 and under are free. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Kittery Meals 4 Kids Program. This program helps ensure our students have access to nutritious breakfasts and lunches during vacation weeks and summer months when school is not in session. Help us bring awareness to hunger in our community and celebrate the life-long lesson of giving back!



## Creativity in Learning



40 Shapleigh School students celebrated their book release, the culmination of a 12-week writing residency with Teaching

Artist Elisabeth Aroneau from the Telling Room. Students were elated to see the finished product after months of work. They shared selections from their work to a packed audience of friends, family and community members at the Star Theater in the Kittery Community Center. Two students - Sam B. and Phin F. - had their work selected for inclusion in the Telling Room Anthology, *Voices* - quite an honor!

## Shapleigh Google Artists

Way to go, Shapleigh students! We have another year of the Doodle 4 Google Contest in the books! This year the theme from Google was "When I grow up I hope...". Over 200 Shapleigh artists came up with creative ways to illustrate their ideas. Congratulations and best of luck to the following 13 students who will represent our school in Google's national contest (in no particular order):  
4th grade: Remick M., Elyse D. 5th grade: Luna V., Abby P., Mackenzie M. 6th Grade: Ollie M., Elivia M., Ian S., Sienna G., Meredith M., Franny B., Nahlah R., Myles S.



## 5th Grade Writing Fun

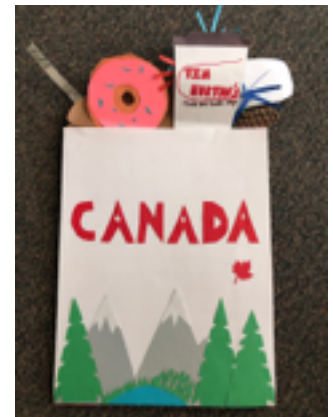


Look out!! Creatures are on the prowl in Mrs. Bertrand's LA class! Students have created some fantastic

and unbelievable creatures and then used informational writing techniques to teach others all about them. With clear topic sentences, strong details, and effective transition phrases, students used a variety of text structures to teach their readers about interesting features of their creature, ways to find their creature, and how their creature compares with other creatures. Some even wrote about problems their creature faces in the world. Students then created full art covers and shared these cute, cuddly, and sometimes scary creatures with their classmates. Be on the lookout for a creature near you!

## 6th Grade Social Studies

The 6th grade has been immersing themselves in Canadian culture. Students have been exploring the different foods, sports and leisure activities, and traditions. They have studied the First People of Canada as well as some of the government and national symbols of the country. We even had a taste test of American vs. Canadian foods! We judged Kit Kats and different flavored potato chips (ketchup and barbecue) from both countries. Students created scrapbook pages in their social studies notebooks to present all of the information they have gathered. Each class voted for the most informative, the most creative and the best all around work. Most of the 6th graders are now ready to go take a vacation in the country to our north!



## 8th Grade Humanities Hallway



The 8th grade hallway is currently full of amazing work from the 8th graders!! They worked hard in Social Studies class researching their Gilded Age projects, covering a broad range of topics from the time period. Their hard work paid off, as is evident from the variety of engaging and creative

projects they produced. Classes from other grades visited our project museum and learned a lot of interesting facts from our 8th graders. In Language Arts, students have been reading a classic: *Lord of*

### APRIL VACATION MEALS

**gather**  
FOR A HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITY

**MEALS 4 KIDS**

Wednesday, April 10th  
Kittery Post Office Parking Lot

10 Shapleigh Rd  
2:15pm – 3:30pm

Text M4K to 33-222 for updates

*the Flies!* To explore symbolism within the novel, 8th graders created masks to represent the characters and their development throughout the book. They were so thoughtful in considering which images and colors would best represent their character, which they explained in a paired writing assignment. We're so proud of their hard work and creativity!



## Seacoast Soul Models

The after school group Soul Models wrapped up a 10 week session this week. 16 girls, in grades 5-8, participated in the program which focuses on five areas of mind, body, spirit, heart, and soul. The 10 weeks focused on lifting themselves and each other up through activities led by various facilitators. Activities included meditation, yoga, creative mask making, journal writing, exploring essential oils, mindful eating, and more! The group also visited Durgin Pines to interview residents and create life story boards for the individuals they interviewed. The girls gained confidence, built resiliency, and learned how to strive to make themselves and their community stronger.



## Celebrating Ancestry

Both Shapleigh Civil Rights Teams participated in a school wide activity and bulletin board around National Origin and Ancestry, encouraging all students and staff to write down on a shamrock their national origin/ancestry because here at Shapleigh we are lucky and appreciate students' national origin/ancestry, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race and skin color.

## Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in OM this year! Three of our Shapleigh School teams secured spots in the State Championship coming up this weekend! We are so impressed by all of their hard work and are proud to have them representing Shapleigh School!



## Important Dates

- 4/1-4/4: 4th Grade MEA Testing
- 4/8: Class of 2023 Info Night @ Traip
- 4/10: Intervention Day
- 4/11: Empty Bowls Community Dinner
- 4/15-4/19: April Vacation
- 4/23: 8th Grade MEA Science Testing
- 4/24-25: 5th Grade MEA Science Testing