

# SHAKER ROAD SCHOOL

# Saplings

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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- **JANUARY 3:** Skiing begins at Loon Mountain for grades 5-8
- **JANUARY 5:** Skiing begins at Mount Sunapee for grades K-4
- **JANUARY 7:** SSAT @ SRS
- **JANUARY 16:** SRS Closed MLK Jr. Day
- **JANUARY 23:** Parent/Teacher Conferences grades K-3 begins

## Notes from the Editor:

Look for the Saplings on Chalkable the first Friday of every month this year. A classroom team will be featured with updates from special events, school trips, athletics and alumni. If you have any photos of sports or school performances that you would like to share, we would love to have a copy. Hope you enjoy the articles.

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## HARLEM WIZARDS

The Harlem Wizards basketball team rolled into SRS on January 25 to highlight their ball-spinning, rim-rocking, hard-court prowess and to promote their charity game that evening at Bishop Brady High School, when they took on a team filled with city of Concord community members, local area teachers, and our very own Mr. Matt, Mrs. Berry, and Mrs. Linden's husband, JR. This crackerjack squad of hoops has-beens and never-beens did

their best to help the Wizards entertain a full house that included a very strong showing by SRS families. Many SRS students (and a few parents) got to participate in the comedy basketball show, as well. Proceeds from the evening benefited the American Stoke Association. Another example of how SRS "kicks

back" to the community. (even when it doesn't involve soccer).

Submitted by:  
Tad Curry



## Communication: Citizenship Theme of the Month

Mr. Curry's advisory would like to lay out some of the many different ways we communicate with each other in the middle school.

First, we talk. A lot. We're middle schoolers, after all! We deliver presentations in class. We discuss books and topics. We ask and answer questions. We make announcements at school meeting. We give updates on student government discussions. We recite in English, Spanish, and Latin, and we sing in music and chorus. We debate in class and at the lunch table. We call for the ball on the soccer field. Some of the time (*MOST of the time* –Mr. Curry) we all talk at once!

Next, we write. We write essays and research papers. We write hypotheses and lab reports. We write equations, summaries, outlines, annotated bibliographies (ugh), and paragraphs. We write emails to teachers and discussion posts to our classmates. We text each other (those of us with PHONES, Mom and Dad! Which is everyone BUT ME!). Sometimes we even still pass a note. We even write in multiple languages—some we've learned at SRS and some we've known since we were toddlers.

Finally, we communicate without speaking. We design, draw, paint, sew, and sculpt the ideas in our heads to communicate about our world. We play instruments to communicate moods and ideas. We make faces at each other that we don't want our teachers to see. We make faces at each other that we don't want each other to see. We make faces at each other that everyone but us can see! We use body language, whether we know it or not, to tell others that we are happy, mad, nervous, worried, or even just a little bit unsure.

Sometimes it seems like all we do at SRS is communicate! Now Mr. Curry is looking at us with this expression the teachers all use when we're really close to getting a point but we just can't seem to get it... what could he be trying to communicate to us?

Submitted by: Mr. Curry and his advisory



## CHAMPS

The Scripps National Spelling Bee took place recently at SRS with many terrific spellers. Teachers held preliminary competitions at each grade level from first through eighth grade. Students continued to receive words until they missed one. The top scorers in each grade took vocabulary tests to determine the school's 12 finalists. Here are the results:

Ben Rothenberg came in first place, and Katie Reid was the runner up. Ben won with the word "thaumaturge," and after correctly spelling the word said, "I thought the championship word would be harder!" Ben will compete in the state competition on February 25, 2017 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Congratulations to all who competed and good luck to Ben!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks

**Rafe Pollak (8th)**

**Katie Reid (8th)**

**Baxter Curry (8th)**

**Fiona Elliott (6th)**

**Paul Badau (5th)**

**Eliana Mlawski (7th)**

**Nathaniel Sansone (6th)**

**Caroline Taggart (8th)**

**Eleanor Taggart (5th)**

**Ben Rothenberg (6th)**

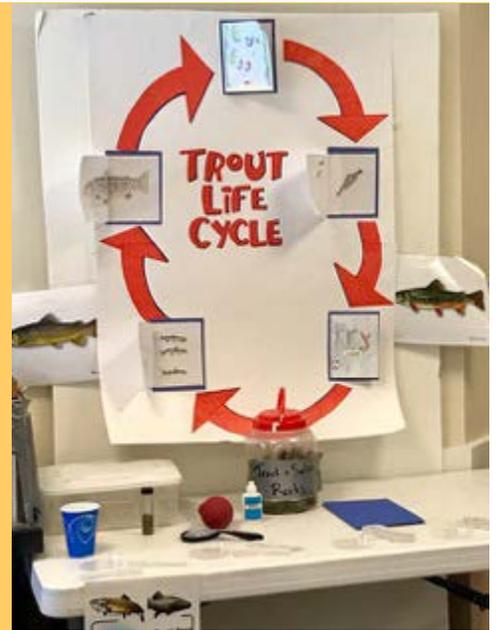
**Chris Grimbilas (6th)**

**WILD**  
*about*  
**4th Grade**  
**CLASSROOM OF THE MONTH**

The return to school after the holiday break brings not only the New Year and the ski program, but also fish! New Hampshire Fish and Game's "Trout in the Classroom" program has been part of the 4th grade curriculum for many years. This teaching program gives the students the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of brook trout, the importance of clean and healthy water, and its impact on the watershed.

Beginning in January 4th graders will raise approximately 200 trout from egg to fry size, testing the water in the fish tank weekly and measuring and calculating the growth of the fish. The students will closely monitor the tank's water each week, maintaining natural water temperature and a healthy tank environment. This process continues until some time in May, concluding with a trip to the Merrimack River to count and release the young fish to the wild. Throughout this process, the students will learn about the structure of the fish, trout habitat studies, and the importance of clean water in the watershed.

Submitted by: Gillian Berry, Stephanie Newbery, and Peter Daley



# ALL ABOARD THE SRS POLAR EXPRESS

The Shaker Road PTG held their first Polar Express Fun Day. It was a wonderful way for the SRS community to come together during the busy holiday season. Families enjoyed making ornaments, writing letters to Santa, making holiday crafts, face painting and Christmas caroling with Mrs. Minsinger and the SRS chorus. The children were just delighted to receive cookies and hot chocolate for the show. They received Polar Express train tickets, the first gift of Christmas was given out and each family left with their very own Polar Express ornament. The Shaker Road School PTG would like to thank all of the parents and faculty that volunteered their time for this event. We would also like to thank all of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that volunteered their time as "Polar Express Elves" and assisted with face painting, caroling and our SRS food drive. And lastly we would like to thank all of the families that took the time out of their busy holiday schedules to be a part of this wonderful event. We are hoping that "Polar Express Fun Day" will become a new yearly tradition for the SRS community. And always remember that the bell still rings for those who believe....Happy New Year to all from the SRS-PTG!

Submitted by: Noel Chipman, PTG





# Winter Fun!

The winter season is in full swing here at SRS and we are finding fun ways to enjoy what Mother Nature sends our way. Skiing is a popular choice, and everyone has had some terrific runs down the mountains at Mt. Sunapee and Loon with their classmates the past few weeks.

Students not participating in the ski program have an opportunity to take part in winter activities on campus. Students enjoy activities like sledding, winter nature walks and skating. The students are encouraged to defy the temptation to stay indoors during the cold winter months and take to the great outdoors. They are truly the whole New Hampshire child!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks



# WANTED

Your Attendance at

*Socially Shaker*

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SRS PTG

**FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

SHAKER ROAD SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

**TICKETS**

\$35/person

\$50/couple

**RAFFLE &  
SILENT AUCTION**

**HORS D'OEUVRES  
AND CASH BAR**

*Themed Apparel Highly Encouraged  
Prizes Awarded for best dressed!*