



UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult
Chalkable or your school calendar.

- 11/10:** SRS Closed
Veteran's Day
- 11/11:** SSAT test date at SRS
- 11/13:** Capitol Center for the Arts
Grade 6 (10:00 AM)
- 11/14:** Instrumental Recital
5:30 & 7:30 PM
- 11/16:** Informational
Ski Meeting for K-4
Chaperones @6:00PM
- 11/22:** School Open
No Classes
- 11/23 & 11/24:** SRS Closed-
Thanksgiving Recess

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for the Saplings on Chalkable each month this year posted online at www.shakerroadschool.org. A classroom 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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Student Government

On Friday, September 29, twenty-six middle school students campaigned for eleven student government positions. The weeks leading up to the voting was filled with anticipation and excitement. Hall lockers were adorned with slogans, signs, and logos, complete with campaign promises. The ballots were tallied and the final results are as follows:

President	Eliana Mlawski
Co-Vice Presidents	Evan Crandlemire and Natalie Daniels
Secretary	Anthony Huang
8th Grade Class Representatives	Tobias Patterson and Isabella Wang
7th Grade Class Representatives	Chris Grimбилas and Eve Hicks
6th Grade Class Representatives	Nicolo Anastasy and Lucy Szal
5th Grade Class Representatives	Griffin Cepiel and Alexa Wang

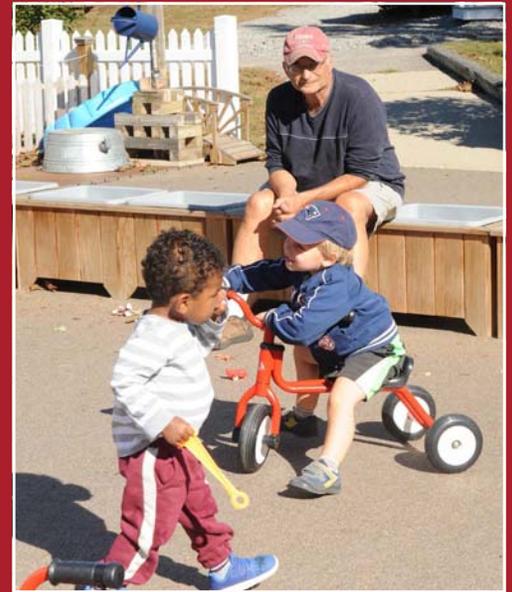
Congratulations to this year's newly elected officers and representatives!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks

Grandparents and Grandfriends Visit SRS

Faculty, staff, and friends welcomed over 300 grandparents to campus again this year celebrating the fourth annual Grandparents and Grandfriends Day. Eighth grader Katherine Spencer started the event by sharing her experiences and memories with her own grandparents. Grandparents participated in classroom activities and attended classes in middle school. Our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) coordinated the refreshments donated by parents to share with our distinguished guests. People made the trip from all over the United States and abroad to spend time with their grandchildren. We would like to thank everyone for coming and making this a successful occasion, and hope to see everyone again next fall.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks





Good-Bye Old Friend

As I look out my office window, there is suddenly more sunlight streaming through the panes than ever before. In just a few short months, the landscape has changed markedly and is forever transformed. The change was not one that anyone on campus anticipated or wanted, but something we must learn to embrace as a new beginning.

Over the Fourth of July, our 300-year-old white oak located in the middle of campus unexpectedly lost a large limb. That was the foreshadowing of what was to come of a tree that has embodied our history, legacy, and community over the past 39 years. This massive tree was a symbol of who we are as a school and community, true to our mission as a family focused community dedicated to developing the whole child.

Over the many years that SRS has been here and for centuries prior to that, the gigantic white oak has spread its protective canopy over our population. The tree was the focal point as people gathered for spring concerts, graduations, weddings, children playing, photo ops too numerous to count, family gatherings and picnics. We watched as the leaves turned brilliant colors each fall, squirrels gathered acorns for winter storage, and branches weighed down under heavy snowfalls each year. Each spring we witnessed the beginning of new life as splendid green leaves emerged.

Eventually, arborists were called to examine the health and integrity of the tree over the summer months. Who knew a tree could have an x-ray? After extensive testing and examination, it was determined our cherished tree had to be taken down. It was difficult to watch as the tree surgeons methodically took down each branch and limb. Squirrels scrambled to find new homes, now displaced by the fallen tree. Each of us felt the impact of what was taking place that day. Alumni began to chime in on social media with disbelief. They reminisced about their own special memories under that tree. Our community rallied together remembering something that was such an integral part of our campus climate.

A new young white oak was purchased and planted early this fall. New pathways will be paved, grass and gardens planted around this small oak. It is a new tree, striving to grow and mature, as do our children here at SRS. We have said goodbye to many familiar faces over the years, but new families come to carry on the legacy and reaffirm our belief in our school, our strong community, and ourselves. We will have pieces of the old tree made into special keepsakes. It's now time to move forward, create fresh memories with our new white oak, and say goodbye to our old friend.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks



Scholastic Book Fair

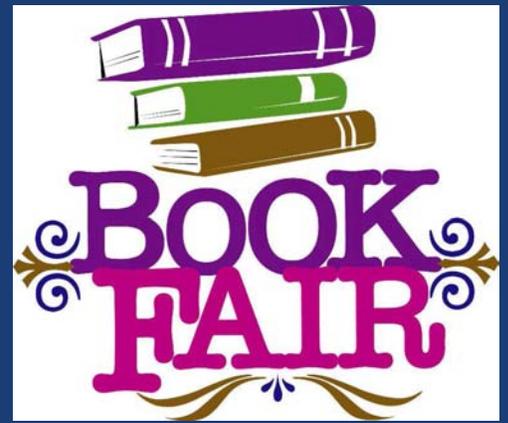
Last week's Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success; many thanks to the entire Shaker Road School community for supporting a wonderful literacy event! Both students and teachers were thrilled to see Room 302 transform into a temporary bookstore and it was so much fun to chat with families as they visited the fair day after day.

As a thank you for supporting literacy, Scholastic rewards schools by giving back a portion of total sales in Scholastic Dollars. Scholastic Dollars can be used to purchase a variety of educational products including books, documentaries, computers and STEM-focused activities. I am proud to share these incredible results from our own book fair:

- The SRS community purchased nearly \$6,000 in book sales during the four days of the fair; about \$700 of that was spent on books being donated directly to our own classrooms!
- The Shaker Road School community will receive approximately \$3,100 in Scholastic Dollars, which will be used to purchase a new SMART Board! In addition, we will also have enough funding left over to purchase new books for our campus library including some newly released books and additional copies of our most requested books.

The return of the Scholastic Book Fair would not have been possible without the help of many teachers and staff members who volunteered throughout the week. I would also like to give a huge thanks to Mindy Bator, mother of Matthew (K) and Christian (PK4), who spent hours of her time helping to ensure that this book fair would be one to remember!

Submitted by: Caitlin Connelly



Successful Results for the Blue Herons SRS Making Strides Team

On behalf of the Blue Herons of SRS Making Strides Team, I would like to thank everyone who helped, supported or participated this year. Concord celebrated its 25th year on Sunday for the American Cancer Society Making Strides walk. Our team raised over \$2,300 and the greater Concord community raised a total of \$ 524,528, one of the highest totals for a city the size of Concord and surrounding areas.

This was the sixth year that SRS sponsored the Kids Spot of Hope tent. Each year SRS has added to a paper and cloth quilt, as well as having special projects for the children to take along their walk. Thanks to Barbara Morrison, Chris Terrell, Marie

Washburn, and Patti Hicks for volunteering at the craft and activity table again this year. Peter Daley was essential to the event, driving the SRS courtesy bus throughout the day. Your contributions and dedication are instrumental to our success in saving lives and finishing the fight against breast cancer.

Submitted by: Jayne Crevier, Blue Herons SRS Team Captain 2017



Middle School Cross-Country

The SRS middle school cross-country running team had an outstanding season this fall, comprised of 21 fifth through eighth grade runners. Runners met every Tuesday and Thursday for practice, or to travel to a meet.

The season started the first week of school with a meet at NHTI against four larger schools, and finished with the New Hampshire Middle School State Meet. The state meet hosted approximately 30 other middle schools, with about 400 girls and boys participating. The SRS girls' team placed 16th in the Division 3 Championship race out of 28 schools. The SRS boys team did not have enough runners to place as a team in this race, but all finished with their best times of the season. Throughout the season runners posted times in the low to middle teens, and low twenties. They participated in several races against schools from Concord, Hopkinton, Penacook, Sanbornton, Londonderry, Amherst, and Peterborough placing in the top five through top twenty in every race. The spirit of this team encouraged runners from a range of abilities to run as one team doing their best for the pride of themselves and SRS.

Thank you Mei-Ling, Frances, Hadley, Griffin, Anders, Evan, Natalie, Alannah, Fiona, Catherine, Kyah, Didi, Eve, Ryleigh, Anna K., Sidney, Andrew, Eliana, Anya, Dillo, Katherine, Liam, and Anna T. You all did an outstanding job this fall! You showed that we are Shaker Strong.



Submitted by: Peter Daley

Third and Fourth Grade Cross-Country

The third and fourth grade cross-country runners had a fabulous fall! Runners enthusiastically began the season ready to conquer the two-mile route that stretches over the golf course and through the back woods of SRS. Experienced runners worked on pacing while more novice runners built up their endurance over the two-month season. Together all runners worked as a team to accomplish goals and reach new heights with their cross country running abilities. Each practice was filled with a number of drills and games to help build strong runners. A couple of team favorites included tag games and relay races. On Wednesday October 25, the team wrapped up the season with a Fun Run Race and festive treats!

Submitted by: Nikki Stuppard



Third and Fourth Grade Golf

Every Monday and Wednesday after school, third and fourth grade golfers visited the Shaker Road School golf course. They had the opportunity to learn and practice the game of golf while having fun. Mr. Daley and Doug discussed the rules of the game, and after a few practice sessions the golfers starting playing the course. As the weeks progressed, the golfers showed great improvements in both their short and long game. They played many enjoyable games on the course, along with match play. The golf season ended with the golfers experiencing a friendly competitive tournament.

Submitted by: Peter Daley

GO SRS HERONS!!

Middle School Golf

Middle school golf was a great success once again this fall. From beginners to more seasoned players, a small but dedicated group of middle school golfers practiced every week. One day a week we dedicated to skill building and mini tournaments to work on specific form, our other day was used to get out and golf on our wonderful six-hole course.

Our mini tournaments were nail biters with all our golfers trading first place often. Connor Roberts (a.k.a. Rickie Fowler) amazed us all with his powerful drives, but it was Miles Solsky who won with more consistency in our final driving tournament.

Our most improved players were Avery Sahr and Aubrey Webb for their perseverance and dedication, always participating with a good sense of humor. Taylor Minery gets the award for the player who consistently came out to play and worked hard to improve. Although Brady Spradling, Athan Solsky and Gus Raymond had many other commitments, they always came to golf when time allowed.

We ended our season with our fall tournament. The winner among the students was Connor Roberts who will have a playoff with Mr. Daley, the winner of the teacher tournament, as soon as the weather permits. Bets are being waged, but I think that Connor will be taking bragging rights this year!

We are all looking forward to a quick winter so we can enjoy golf once again this spring.

Submitted by: Barbara Morrison



Archery

On your way home on a fall afternoon, you may have seen students out on the archery range behind the soccer fields practicing their skills. Students in grades three through eight participated in the National Archery in the Schools Program at Shaker Road School. There were both experienced and new archers in the program.

Despite what many may think, archery is a very safe sport, which allows students of different ages and abilities to experience success. The students are taught basic archery skills in a sequence that promotes safety.

It is very exciting to watch students go from shooting that first arrow to finding innovative ways to challenge themselves to improve their skills. The challenge may be as simple as moving the target a further shooting distance away, or a friendly challenge with a friend. We have had some serious games of ticktacktoe on the target, challenges like the basketball game HORSE, or shooting at balloons on the targets. Of course, trying to hit that bull's eye is the ultimate challenge!

Submitted by: Mary Beth Burgess

All Systems Go:

Investigating Human Body Systems in Third Grade

If you walk into the third grade classroom this month, you will likely see some full-size human body systems on display. The students have been knee-deep in the learning of the wonderfully complex systems that keep our body operating and functioning properly. Through textbook and non-fiction readings, thoughtful class discussions, short plays, interactive SMART Board activities, and creating life-size models of bodies and the systems included within them, students have made some surprising discoveries that they found quite interesting. “Did you know that the heart has four chambers!?” or “I can’t believe the length of the small intestines are like 23 feet long!” are just a couple examples of the exciting comments heard around the room during science class this month.



All students knew that the organs in our body helped us to stay alive and complete daily tasks, but they were more than ready to learn the complex way in which the systems had to work together to achieve optimum performance. Students have been focusing on the digestive, circulatory, respiratory, skeletal and muscular systems. Studying all things from how long it takes food to digest, to the way blood is pumped through the “highways” of our bloodstream, to how the muscles in our body help us move. The third grade class has been comparing our bodies to a factory. Each part of the factory having different functions and jobs, but all of the parts working together to keep the factory running smoothly and efficiently.

All of their new knowledge was put to the test as they constructed their life-size models, complete with all the major organs involved in the five learned about human body systems. The students were randomly assigned a partner and had to work together to divide and complete

responsibilities and tasks. Overall, the students did a fantastic job of incorporating many of the citizenship themes they have learned over the years to demonstrate cooperation, respect, perseverance, patience, commitment, fairness, kindness and of course communication and responsibility. With the third graders natural inquisitiveness, love of learning and creativity, I can’t wait to see where the next science journey will bring us. Next stop: Plant and Animal Life Cycles!

Submitted by: Kristyn La Rochelle and Jenn Labrie



National Fire Prevention Month



The Concord Fire Department made a special visit to Shaker Road School to Mrs. Stewart's first grade class for National Fire Prevention Month. The firefighter brought their fire truck and the ambulance for the children to see and explore. They talked to the students about vital fire safety ideas such as having fire drills at home, making sure they have smoke detectors, staying low if there is smoke, and having a meeting place in case they have to leave the house.



The fire fighters let the students sit in the fire truck, explained what all the equipment on the truck was used for in the event of a real fire, such as the axes, hoses, lights, levers, and many, many more exciting things! Fire fighter John put on all his gear while the children watched. He wore his boots, overalls, coat, hat and finally his air tank and mask. The children were thrilled to see the gear and transformation right in front of their eyes.



The excitement grew as the ambulance came and the children got to go inside and see the equipment. The paramedics even took out the stretcher and Colin volunteered to lie on it to demonstrate how it worked with a real person on it. Way to go Colin!!

Just before they pulled out of the driveway back to the firehouse, they gave us a special toot on their horn.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks

Happy Halloween 2017

