



UPCOMING DATES:

*For more information consult
Chalkable or your school calendar.*

- 5/6:** Capitol Center for the Arts Grade 8 @ 10:00 AM
- 5/7:** PTG Meeting room 101 @ 5:00–6:00PM
- 5/9:** Band & Corus Concert @ 1:30 under the pavilion
- 5/10:** Mother's Day Social PreK 3 @ 10:00 AM
- 5/13–5/17:** Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C.
- 5/24:** Semi-Formal Dance Grades 6-8 @ 7–10PM
- 5/27:** SRS Closed for Memorial Day
- 5/28–5/31:** Parent/teacher Conferences Grades K-3
- 5/29:** Eighth Grade Culminating Project Presentation
- 6/1:** Spring Fling School-wide performance @ 10:00 AM
- 6/3:** Advisory Reports Posted for Grades 4-8
- 6/4:** PTG Meeting in room 101 @ 5:00–6:00PM
- 6/4:** Kindergarten Graduation @ 6:30 PM
- 6/5:** Awards Ceremony Grades 6-8 @ 9:00 AM
- 6/6:** Eighth Grade Graduation @ 7:00 PM
- 6/6:** Last day of Classes
- 6/14:** Report Cards Posted K-8
- 6/17:** Summer Camp Session begins

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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Welcome May

Mrs. Minsinger welcomed in the month of May with her creation of a Maypole out by the music cabins. The Maypole dancing is most often associated with May Day celebrations all over the world but it also is used at other times of celebration. The Students from all grade levels participated in wrapping the ribbons onto the pole and then reversing the path of the dance. It is a creative way to welcome in the spring.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks



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GRADE

Field Trip to Mitchell's Fresh Salsa

For more than five years now, Corey Mitchell has graciously welcomed the second grade class from Shaker Road School to his facility in Bow where he makes salsa and dips for the market place. This year the second grade class visited Mitchell's Fresh Salsa on Friday, April 12. The second grade had just finished discussing and drawing illustrations about how products you buy in a store go from the fields to processing plants and finally to the stores so it can be bought and brought home to consume.

Like previous years, the students got to see the process of making salsa and dips. The children once again participated in the production of the salsa. They experienced how the vegetables and fruit are kept fresh in large refrigerators, how the vegetables are washed for safety reasons, and how all the ingredients are put together to make the final product. This year was a little different in that the students each got to move a tall stack of boxes containing chips with a hand forklift. They also packaged containers of salsa with the new taping machine that seals the boxes



for delivery. The kids liked doing this job and packed well over twenty boxes. The students said their favorite things on the field trip were throwing the tomatoes in the chopper, wearing hair nets and name tags, going into the refrigerators, filling the containers with dip, and, of course, eating the salsa and dip with chips at the end. The students loved the field trip, and all of the employees loved seeing us excited about being there.

As always, the second grade made a book for Corey and his

crew to remember our visit. This year's book is about the workers. The children illustrated two pictures each from the pictures I took on the visit. The team at Mitchell's will get a kick out of how the kids portray them in the book. Can't wait for next year!

At the Humanities Fair the second grade students presented their work on the main question: How can literature serve as a vehicle for social change? The children focused on two topics, honesty and love. Students read books on the topics and created books of their own. They also had to write an essay about what love meant to them. Currently the students are practicing for the next big event, Spring Fling in June.

Submitted by: Roger Blazon



This Month's Featured Classroom:

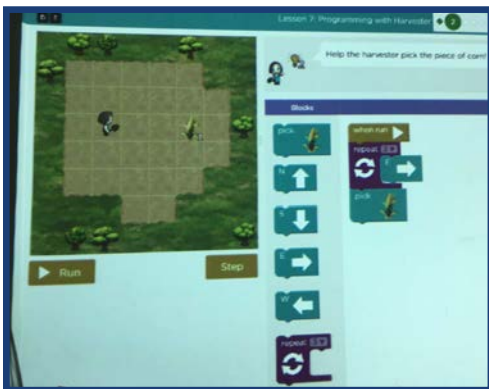


Coding in Kindergarten!

If you come to visit the Kindergarten class you may hear the students talking about algorithms, debugging, and how to use block-based programming. In January the students started learning about coding.

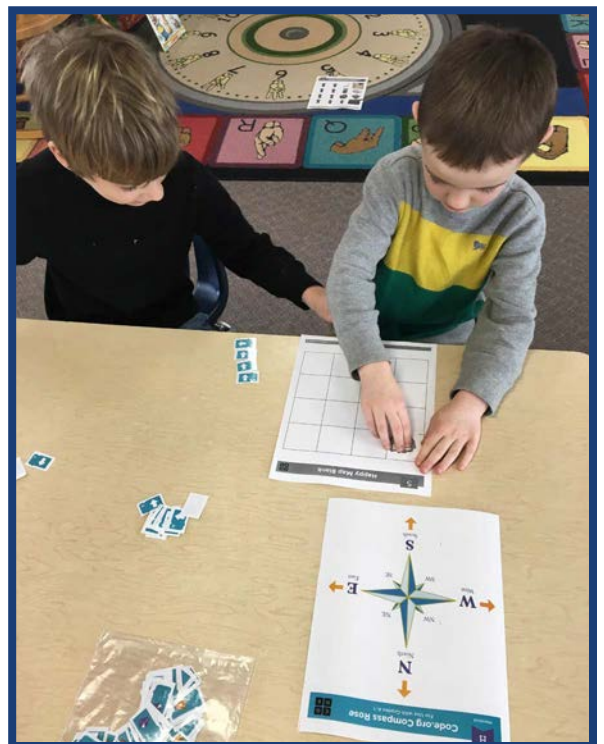
The students began by learning about debugging. They had to debug marble runs in order to get the marble to go from the beginning to the end of the run. This lesson required collaboration, patience, and persistence. After the marble runs were debugged, the children had to explain the debugging process they used and demonstrate how the marble could now travel through the entire run.

In class, the children divided everyday events into algorithms. A simple task like brushing teeth or making a sandwich can be broken down into a list of steps needed to complete the task. It was very exciting when one student helped another student get a snow suit on by suggesting she change the algorithm she was using. Such a great moment!



The Kindergartners have used their knowledge of algorithms to create a code to complete a task on the computer. They have had fun in class using block code to create programs that will lead them to stuffed animals placed on a graph or lead a person through a path to collect an item. They are currently learning how to repeat or loop something in their program to shorten the number of steps needed to complete the task.

Coding has provided us with a wonderful way to work on problem solving, collaboration, and persistence. Full STEAM ahead to more learning and fun!



Teddy Bear Picnic in PreK 4

The teddy bears came alive in PreK 4 for a tea party with family and friends last week. The students showed their guests the teddy bear pictures they drew and created a special teddy bear project. Everyone heard a story about a teddy bear picnic. The finale was a special treat with fruit, juice, tea, and Teddy Graham cookies for everyone to enjoy.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks



Yuka the Artic Fox

On the Friday before April vacation, the students in grades K-3 got to meet Yuka, the arctic fox. Yuka relaxed in his cage while Maria Laycox, his handler, taught the students about foxes. The children were very interested in seeing that while Yuka still had a beautiful white winter coat, some gray was starting to appear for his summer coat. A few students wanted to know if he would turn red, which prompted a discussion about different types of foxes and their habitats. This was a very informative session and we thank Mrs. Laycox for bringing Yuka to visit.

Submitted by: Mary Beth Burgess



Generous Donation...

Shaker Road School received a very generous anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a new drama storage shed, which will be delivered over the summer months. The drama department has outgrown the current space in the red barn by Heron's Hideout, and this will allow for ample room for costumes, props, and miscellaneous items that are used for multiple performances. We are extremely thankful for this new and greatly needed addition to the school.

Submitted by: Patti & Doug Hicks



On Friday night, April 5, Willy Wonka Jr., Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley's captivating play based on Roald Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, was performed on stage the Concord City Auditorium. This year the play involved 35 middle school students who entertained the audience with their wonderful story about the life of Willy Wonka and his spectacular chocolate factory. Willy Wonka, played by the very talented Liam Taffe, is the magical factory owner who also doubles as the Candy Man. The Candy Kids (Ana Badau, Mei-Ling Bielas, Frances Butterfield, Alexandra Cabot, Allison Como, Mia Costello, Austin Dow, Sidney Magnus, Hannah Rothenberg, Avery Sahr, Alexa Wang) buy candy from the Candy Man and are enthralled by his cart full of delicious treats. Willy Wonka tries to find a well deserving heir to inherit his chocolate factory.

As the story begins, the Bucket family of Charlie (Evan Crandlemire), his parents (Rollin Hughes, Grace Burnett), and his four grandparents (Nick Thissell, Anya Orzechowski, Connor McIntyre, Ava Carpenter) all live together in the same house. The Bucket family lives in poverty, cold, hungry, and in dire straits. The thing that brightens Charlie's day is the chocolate factory in town, and on his birthday his grandparents give him a chocolate bar.

One day Charlie's dad tells the family that Mr. Wonka has decided to open his chocolate factory for a tour and a year's supply of chocolate to five lucky children through a contest to find a Golden Ticket in one of his Wonka chocolate bars. Charlie and his grandfather find the last ticket. The winning children tour the mysterious rooms of the huge factory, and one by one, the children on the tour cause some trouble and are carried away. The little people that are Willy Wonka's factory workers are the Oompa-Loompas, (Chili Cabot, Fiona Elliott, Didi Harding, Anna Kozikowski, Lucy Szal).

Phineous Trout (Eleanor Taggart) is a reporter who interviews all the children and their parents before they tour the factory. Augustus Gloop (Wilder Riley) and his mother (Catherine Gettens) go into the Chocolate Smelting Room, which is made entirely of edible things, including a chocolate river into which Augustus falls while trying to drink from it. The next stop on the tour is the Inventing Room where Violet Beauregarde (Eve Hicks) and her mother (Rosie Curry) eat some magical gum that turns Violet into a blueberry; poor Violet blows up to twice her size and pops! The next child, Veruca Salt (Hadley Cepiel), and her father (Chris Grimбилas) visit the Nut Room. Veruca demands one of Wonka's squirrels (Alexandra Costello, Amelia Butterfield) and ends up plummeting down a garbage chute. Finally, Mike Teavee (Jackie Ruggles) and her mother (Kate Weaver) go into the Choco-Vision Room where Mike is shrunken down to a miniature of him and sent into the television.

Charlie is the only child left, and although he himself tasted the forbidden fizzy lifting drink, he apologizes to Willy Wonka for doing so. Willy Wonka then tells him he won, not just a year's supply of chocolate, but possession of the entire factory for the rest of his life. The Bucket family now can live in comfort and will never go hungry again.

Special thanks to the countless people who helped in a variety of ways to make this production such a success. We also want to include a shout-out to the PTG for having refreshments at intermission and selling our Wonka Bars for our three golden ticket winners!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks, Sammi Daniels, Rachel Minsinger, Jay Lewis





WILLY WONKA JR.





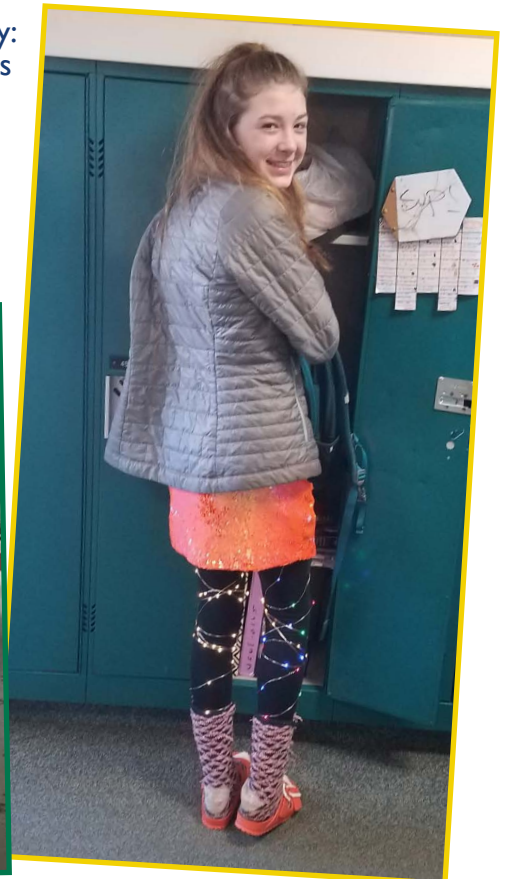
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Spirit Week

The annual tradition of SRS spirit week started Monday prior to April vacation and culminated on Friday with the faculty “talentless” show in the morning and the middle school talent show in the afternoon. It was a fun-filled week for our energetic students who sported all sorts of clothing: SRS blue and white, outfits from decades past, formal attire, wacky hair, hats, and clothes, and, of course, pajamas on Friday. Students from the Infant Room to eighth grade took part in the week-long event. Congratulations to fourth grade for winning bragging rights for the most spirit!

Submitted by:
Patti Hicks





Teacher Talent(Le's) Show

