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ROAD SCHOOL

# SAPPLINGS

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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

- 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 Sapplings on Chalkable each month this year posted online at [www.shakerroadschool.org](http://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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## Eighth Grade Graduation

On a beautiful Thursday evening here at Shaker Road School, 28 eighth grade students marched into the expansive white tent for their graduation ceremony. The faculty, family, and friends all participated in the event. The graduation speaker was a 2003 Shaker Road School alumnus, Brendan Kimball, who spoke to the students about the importance of giving back to something significant in their lives. Whether it is their school or a charity, it is essential to recognize the importance of giving.

The ceremony included the presentation of the class gift to the school, graduation awards, and Recognition of Continuance for the 17 graduates who have been enrolled continuously at Shaker Road School since first grade or earlier. In addition, each student received walking sticks handcrafted by Alex Hicks. The walking sticks are made each year from wood on the school grounds and symbolize the graduates' journeys beyond Shaker Road School. We now welcome the Class of 2019 as part of the alumni of Shaker Road School, and we look forward to hearing from them in the future.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



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## Class of 2019



### Concord High School

Fiona Elliott  
Jacob Plante  
Jackie Ruggles  
Anna Tardiff  
Kate Weaver



*The Governor's  
Academy*  
Peter Reid

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### SRS 9

Rosie Curry  
Didi Harding  
Eve Hicks  
Griffin Hicks



### Bishop Brady

Christopher  
Grimbilas  
Rollin Hughes  
Bryce Miller



*New Hampton School*  
Ethan Seeler



*Kimball Union  
Academy*  
Evan Crandlemire



### Proctor Academy

Hadley Cepiel  
Dean Hadnot  
Andrew Milnes  
Katie Vlacich

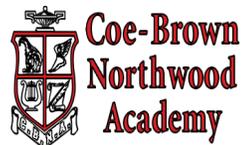


### Bow High School

Cooper Joscelyn  
Anya  
Orzechowski  
Nicholas  
Thissell



*Holderness School*  
Connor Roberts



### Coe-Brown Northwood Academy

Ryleigh  
Johnson  
Emma Larson



### Dublin School

Anna Kozikowski  
Benjamin  
Rothenberg



*Diman Regional  
Vocational  
Technical High School*  
Kyah Kiess



# Kindergarten Graduation

Shaker Road School Kindergarten graduates had a special celebration this year with students from first grade through eighth grade sharing their own Kindergarten memories and what has been a special remembrance this year in school. The graduates sang "I'm Growing Up" to an enthusiastic crowd and walked across the big stage to receive their diplomas. We wish them the best of luck next year as they enter first grade.





# Dance

Sunday, April 7, was the SRS Dance Recital. This year we had one of our youngest groups of dancers ever with 29 out of over 60 dancers being in our Pre-K Classes. It is always exciting to watch these dances transform from the start in October, when they can look a bit more like a game of tag than dances, to the recital, where many of our dancers have learned three, four, or five different types of dance, each week gaining more and more technique. As always, the recital was entertaining for all, with flashy costumes and fun dance moves!

Submitted by: Nikki Stuppard





# Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling was a wonderful celebration of American music. Students from Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade sang a variety of songs representing different genres of music from the United States. Thank you to everyone who came out for this long-standing Shaker Road School tradition!

Submitted by: Rachel Minsinger





# Spanish and Latin Play

For the third year in a row, Mr. Curry's eighth grade Latin students decided to write and perform a year-end play in Latin. This year, for the first time, Mrs. Giberti's eighth grade Spanish students partnered in the writing and performing, adding their impressive Spanish skills to the effort. The result was *Romani Conquistadores!*, a language mash-up that means "The Roman Conquerors!" The story was a fictional (but totally accurate) invasion of Spain by the Roman Empire. (We aren't sure exactly where in Spain, nor are we sure exactly when this invasion took place, but trust us, it was historically accurate. Mr. Dow was in the audience, and he didn't say we weren't accurate. No, we didn't seek out his opinion; why do you ask?)

The entire eighth grade performed the play on Wednesday, June 6, on the outdoor stage by the music cabins. Students from grades 1-7, their teachers, and a few brave parents came to watch. Since the play was performed in Spanish and Latin, we aren't sure how much the audience understood, but we do know they understood the fighting scenes and kissing scene. Oh, also the scene where the wild panda devoured the heroine.

It was a messy process, but the students are to be congratulated for pouring so much energy into the writing, translation, costumes, props, and performance. We hope this is the beginning of many more Spanish and Latin collaborations!





On May 9, our various music ensembles performed for their peers in a concert under the pavilion. This is one of our favorite concerts because the students get to showcase what they have been doing all year. The younger students love to see the “big kids” playing their instruments and they begin to think about what they may want to play in just a few short years. Performing were the 4th and 5th grade chorus, 6-8th grade chorus, 4-6th grade concert band, 6-8th grade concert band, 6-8th grade jazz band, 5th grade rock band, and the 6-8th grade rock band.

Submitted by: Rachel Minsinger



# PTG TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Parent Teacher Group put on a wonderful teacher appreciation dinner through the kindness of many SRS families. The theme for the evening was "Mexican Fiesta" with door prizes, gift baskets, and gift certificates generously donated by the families and the PTG. The faculty and staff were also treated to a delicious dinner catered by Chipotle Restaurant.

The night was complete with the annual drawing for the *Clunie Fun Fund*, with winning teachers each receiving a \$500 prize check. The lucky recipients this year were veteran teachers and first time winners Roger Blazon and Cathy Linden. Congratulations!

The evening would not be possible without the food and monetary donations from the parents and guardians here at SRS. The PTG, faculty, and staff are very grateful to everyone for their generosity and commitment to our school community.



# 2019 Rock 'N Race

Members of the SRS community gathered on Thursday, May 16, in downtown Concord for the Payson Center for Cancer Care's 2019 Rock 'N Race! It was a beautiful night for a 5k and there were smiles all around! It's so nice to see so many familiar faces as you make your way through the course. Lined with local musical talent, this event brings thousands of people together for a great cause—one that hits close to home for so many. A huge thank you to those of you who participated with us; we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Submitted by: Christine Raby



## PTG Corner – What We Are All About!

### Parent Teacher Group (PTG) End of the Year Wrap-Up

The 2018-2019 year for the Shaker Road School Parent Teacher Group (PTG) was a busy one. Through events like the **Welcome Back Picnic**, **Grandparents' Day**, the **Halloween Hayride**, and the **Holiday Movie and Craft Night**, we helped to provide opportunities for fellowship and fun for the SRS community of families and staff. The **Pancake Breakfast**, in particular, was a huge success. For the first time in years we held it on campus. Doug Hicks supplied homemade maple syrup, and teacher volunteers cooked and served up a delicious breakfast to 200 faculty, staff, parents, family members, and students. The PTG also sponsored an information night for parents and staff titled *24/7 Connectedness: The impact that technology and social media has on our children* presented by Anne Duckless of NAMI New Hampshire.

The year culminated with a **Mexican Fiesta Teacher Appreciation Dinner**. Dos Amigos provided a PTG-funded meal and parents donated an assortment of delicious desserts and raffle items. Each year the PTG raffles off a \$500 "fun fund" gift to two teachers who have been at the school for at least five years (and haven't won the raffle). This year, the winners were Mr. Blazon and Mrs. Linden. Have fun, guys!

Our June election resulted in the election of Noel Chipman as PTG President, Sherry Correia as Co-President, Melissa Pomeroy as Treasurer, Erin Larson as Secretary, and Stefanie Curry as Communications Representative. Thank you parents, teachers, administration, and staff for your support of the PTG. We would love to have more parents join us! Volunteering with the PTG is a great way to give back to the SRS community and it's also a lot of fun. All are welcome to attend PTG meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm starting in September (usually in Room 101). Join us then or watch for easy opportunities to help out during the 2019-2020 school year!