



SHAKER ROAD SCHOOL SAPLINGS

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UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult Chalkable or your school calendar.

- 5/3:** Museum of Science – Grade 4
- 5/4:** PTG BBQ Picnic – 5:00-7:00 PM
- 5/10:** Band & Chorus Concert – 1:30 PM under the Pavilion
- 5/11:** Mother's Day Social – PreK 3
- 5/14-5/18:** Trip to Washington, DC – Grade 8
- 5/16-5/18:** Grade 5 to Lake Winnisquam
- 5/24:** Capitol Center for the Arts – Grades K-2 @ 10:00 AM
- 5/25:** Semi-Formal Dance – Grades 6-8, 7:00-10:00 PM
- 5/28:** SRS Closed Memorial Day
- 5/29-6/1:** Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K-3
- 5/30:** Eighth Grade Culminating Project Presentation
- 5/31:** Capitol Center for the Arts – Grade 5 @ 10:00 AM
- 6/2:** Spring Fling – PreK-Grade 2 @10:00 AM; Grades 3-9 @1:30 PM
- 6/4:** Advisory Reports – Grades 4-8
- 6/5:** Kindergarten Pool Party
- 6/6:** Kindergarten Graduation @ 6:30 PM
- 6/7:** Awards Ceremony Grades 6-8 @ 9:00 AM
- 6/8:** Eighth Grade Graduation @ 7:00 PM
- 6/8:** Last day of Classes
- 6/15:** Report Cards posted Grades K-8
- 6/18:** Summer 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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It Happened In Second Grade

The favorite field trip of the year in second grade is a trip to Mitchell's Salsa in Bow. The students had been learning about how food products get from the field to the market. At Mitchell's Salsa the students were able to see how fresh vegetables and some fruits are processed and turned into delicious salsa right before their eyes.

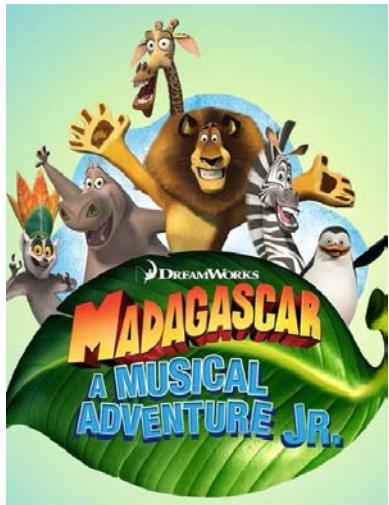
The tour of the Mitchell's Salsa factory included all aspects of the operation from purchasing the ingredients, washing and chopping the produce, adding extra flavor to the mix, and how the final product is packed and shipped to stores. The children were very excited in anticipation of the field trip and even more excited when they got there. Comments like, "This is the best field trip ever!" "Wow, this is great!" and, "This stuff is so good!" were common expressions we heard from the students. At the end, each student got to bring home a sample of the salsa they helped make. The second graders made a book to show how our appreciation for the visit and to thank owner Corey Mitchell and his crew.

As you know, the STEM Science Fair was a big hit with the second graders. They enjoyed the research portion of their project, were excited to make simple circuits, and were proud to create a display for their parents to see. Our goal for the Science Fair was to take the children through the research process and create a presentation to demonstrate their learning. The students' cardboard models were fun ways to show what they learned about how electricity flows in a simple circuit and how a switch can interrupt that flow.

Throughout second grade, we have focused on working and thinking independently as well as positively collaborating with classmates. As rising third graders, we have talked to the students about how important these skills will be for them next year. We are confident that they will enter third grade, ready to work together, attack challenges confidently, and think creatively.

Submitted by:
Sammi Daniels and
Roger Blazon





Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins bound onto the stage on April 13, in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.

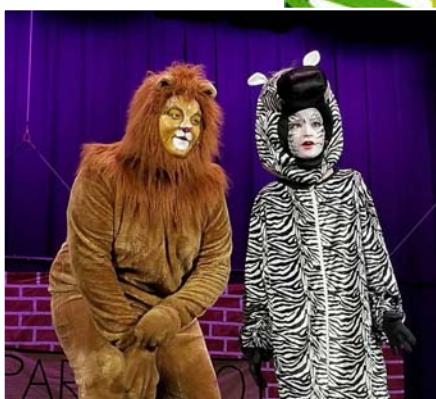
followed all the favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escaped from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and found themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. This production involved 35 middle school students who worked for months rehearsing their lines, performing songs, and practicing their choreography to pull off a smash hit in this year's spring production.

Alex the lion (Tobias Patterson) is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra (Evan Crandlemire), Melman the giraffe (Liam Taffe) and Gloria the hippo (Katherine Spencer) – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Zookeeper Zelda (Eve Hicks), Zookeeper Zeke (Hadley Cepiel), and Zookeeper Zoe (Rosie Curry), opened the show and revved up the crowd from the very beginning. The New Yorkers and Zoo Guests crowd around to view the animals with cameras in hand to take a keepsake picture. (Sierra Nieves, Sidney Magnus, Chili Cabot, Rollin Hughes, Nick Thissell, Connor McIntyre, Austin Dow, Anya Orzechowski, Ana Badau). The Subway announcer can be heard in the background calling out the departure of the next train. (Gus Raymond)

Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins (Natalie Daniels, Phoebe Hicks, Catherine Gettens, Lexie Spradling) – to explore the world. The other animals (Lionesses Fiona Elliott, Anna Kozikowski, Sidney Magnus) Mason the Monkey (Chris Grimbilas) throw Marty a surprise birthday party, but, when he shares his wish to go to the wild, they burst his bubble by telling him that he's crazy.

Alex, Gloria and Melman scour the city in search of their friend. Once they are reunited, everyone tries to remain calm, despite the commotion of the city and the threat of capture by the Animal Control Officers (Grace Joscelyn, Ashley Brust). The animals fall asleep and wake up on a ship bound for Africa.

They all reunite on land and are welcomed to Madagascar by a herd of Lemurs (Eleanor Taggart, Alannah Durica, Isabella Wang, Cammi Labrie, Didi Harding) and the famous King Julien the Thirteenth (Emma Labrie). The Lemurs start a party, and decide to come up with a plan to make friends with the newcomers so they can be protected from the catlike, carnivorous creatures known as Foosa. (Chili Cabot, Connor McIntyre, Nick Thissell, Austin Dow, Rollin Hughes). Finally, the animals are victorious in scaring away the Foosa, and they take the ship back home to New York.



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



Science Fair

The SRS 2018 Science Fair was engineering, the “E” in STEM. Students in prekindergarten through ninth grade studied several forms of engineering including agricultural, aeronautical, solar, marine, sound, solar, furniture, civil, mechanical, architectural, environmental, and structural. Middle school students worked collaboratively in multi-age groups of sixth, seventh and eighth graders, selecting which field of engineering they wanted to explore. More than two-dozen local experts were invited to SRS and shared their knowledge and experience. Off campus educational trips included the UNH Marine Science and Ocean Engineering Lab, Concord Municipal Airport, and the local water treatment plant. Science Fair 2018 was an amazing interactive event that encouraged students to think deeply, problem solve, and introduced students to the diverse and dynamic world of engineering.

Submitted by: Matthew Hicks



Story Pirates

The PTG generously sponsored a visiting enrichment group this month at SRS known as the Story Pirates. The Story Pirates writing workshops use theater and creative writing to teach concepts across a range of academic topics, including language arts, social studies, and science, with an emphasis on creative problem solving and nonviolent conflict resolution.



The Story Pirates Changemakers was founded in 2004 to celebrate the words, ideas and stories of young people. By pairing world-class teachers with first-rate actors and comedians, the Story Pirates offer a variety of tools to make learning more engaging and effective. The first pilot program was held in a single Harlem school, and since then Story Pirates have invited tens of thousands of students to see their words and ideas come to life on stage. The programs and services are now in place at schools from coast to coast.

Students in prekindergarten through fifth grade wrote stories and submitted them for consideration to the Story Pirates. The group selected four stories to act out demonstrating to students how their stories can come to life and have meaning. As the students were assembled in the auditorium, the Story Pirates first announced that Mrs. Stewart's whole class story was selected, as well as a story written by a group of second grade boys, Ben Larson, Matthew Moreau, and Connor Weeks. The individual stories chosen were written by third grader Evelyn Rosso, and fourth grader Kaylie Reeve. The actors performed these stories for the group as the entire audience was captivated by the show.

We would like to thank the PTG for bringing this exciting group to campus. It opened student's minds to the excitement and thrill of the writing process.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks

SRS MAPLE SYRUP

Throughout the year the fourth graders have Science with Doug. During these classes the students learn about tree and plant species around campus as well as harvesting and planting vegetables and flowers. This year they took on a new adventure with Doug; tapping maple trees. Fourth grade started out with four trees but this quickly grew to include all classes from fourth grade all the way down to toddlers, with a total of ten buckets spread over campus. Over the next few weeks the classes would go out and collect the sap. In total the students collected just about 50 gallons of sap.

Doug set up a system to boil the sap down to maple syrup. Throughout the day each of the classes went down to the boiling operation and Doug explained the steps and the process of making maple syrup. After hours of boiling there was now about a gallon of fresh maple syrup. To celebrate a successful boil, the fourth graders hosted a pancake breakfast for all of the classes that had helped collect sap. The students feasted on pancakes topped with maple syrup from Shaker Road School.

Submitted by:
Stephanie Newbery and Peter Daley



Naturalization Ceremony

The seventh and eighth grade classes were honored to be invited to the Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court in Concord, on April 20. The students watched as the Honorable Andrea K. Johnstone, U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge, presided over the ceremony. Congresswoman Annie Kuster joined-in with members of the SRS chorus as they performed a variety of patriotic songs to the group, followed by Anthony Huang reading a letter of welcome to the assemblage. Eve Hicks, Andrew Milnes, and Eliana Mlawski led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the ceremony concluded as all the students sang the National Anthem.

Following these events, seventh and eighth graders participated in several exciting simulations that allowed them the opportunities to act-out two mock trials in one of the Federal Court rooms. Costumes were donned, and parts were played as the students used their existing knowledge, and learned some new, to argue their cases with the help of lawyers, legal assistants, and Federal judges. At the end of the day, we left with a deeper understanding of our Constitution and a greater appreciation for the beauty and true meaning of E Pluribus Unum.

Submitted by: Chris Dow

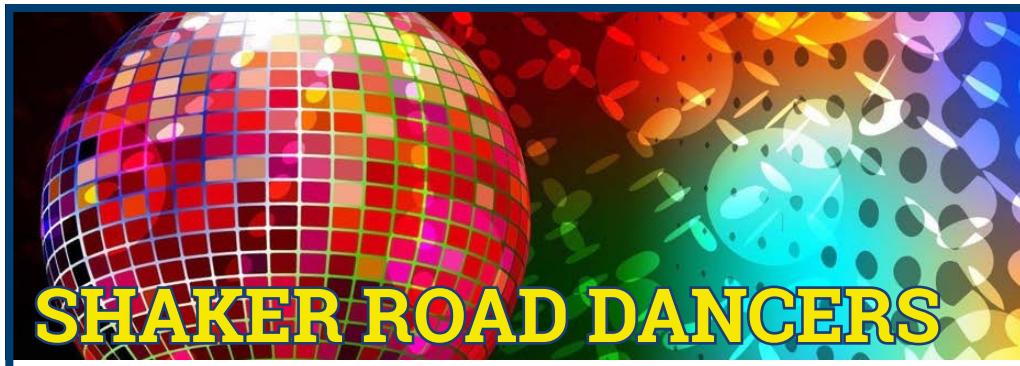


Advisory of the Month

The Citizenship Theme for March was Diligence. Mr. Hicks' advisory brainstormed examples of what it meant to be diligent. Each advisee in the group chose a word that they thought represented the meaning of the word. Together they put the words in order similar to an acrostic poem.

**Diligence
Intelligent
Listen
Increasing concentration
Great perseverance
Eager to learn
Not giving up
Courage
Effort**

Submitted by: Mr. Hicks' Advisory



SHAKER ROAD DANCERS

The Shaker Road Dancers wrapped up another successful dance season as they presented "Night at the Movies" at the Concord City Auditorium on Sunday, April 15. Nearly 80 dancers and tumblers performed to songs from movies such as *Toy Story*, *Dr. Doolittle*, *Men in Black*, and *Winnie the Pooh*. Costumes, make-up and performing on stage are a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the dance season.



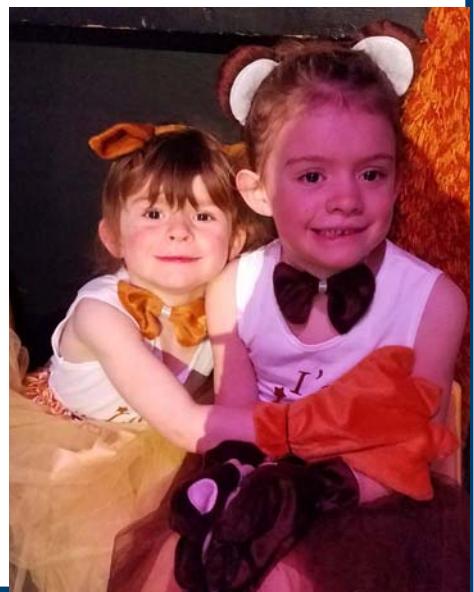
Graduating eighth grade dancers Natalie Daniels, Ashley Brust, Grace Joscelyn, Eliana Mlawski, Alannah Durica, Cammi and Emma Labrie, Izzy Wang, and Katherine Spencer were recognized on stage for participation in the dance program. Ninth grader Luna Hicks was acknowledged for her longevity in dancing since she was a preschooler. We wish them the best of luck as they move on to high school and hope they continue to dance!

There was plenty of action taking place backstage too. Thank you to all the SRS faculty and staff who worked behind the scenes helping with props, costume changes, hair and make up, shoe tying and keeping the dancers entertained until show time.

A special thank you to all the dancers, tumblers and their families for a wonderful

dance
season.
We are
looking
forward
to next
season!

Submitted
by:
Patti
Hicks



Teddy Bear Social

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 picture they drew, created a special teddy bear project, and everyone heard a story about a teddy bear picnic. The finale was a special treat with juice, tea, and Teddy Graham cookies for everyone to enjoy.

SPIRIT WEEK

One of the most entertaining school traditions occurs prior to school vacation known as Spirit Week. Each day of that week the student government selects a theme for the students to follow. This year spirit week started on Monday with the students' all time favorite, pajama day, followed by crazy hair or hat day on Tuesday, Wednesday was wear your favorite decade, Thursday was twin or triplet day, and the week ended with formal day on Friday.

The student government representatives visit each classroom assigning points for participation. At the end of the week the grade level having the most points is declared the winner, and earns the privilege of keeping the spirit week trophy until the following year. This year the eighth grade won the trophy for the first time ever! The excitement of the week concluded with a Blue vs. White indoor soccer game for the middle school students, and the entire school got to see the infamous teacher "talent-less show".



Submitted by: Patti Hicks

