



**UPCOMING
DATES:**

For more information consult
PowerSchool or your school
calendar.

- 2/4: PTG Meeting Room 101 @ 5:00PM
- 2/5: Capitol Center for the Arts Grades 3-4
- 2/6: Drama Production Grades 1-3 @ 6:30 PM Auditorium
- 2/8: SSAT
- 2/14: Valentines Day's Celebrations Infants through Grade 4
- 2/14: Valentine's Day Dance Grades 5-9; 7:00-10:00
- 2/20: Drama Production Grades 4-5 @ 6:30 PM Auditorium
- 2/24-2/28: No Classes; Vacation Camp and Child Care

**NOTES FROM
THE EDITOR:**

Look for the Saplings on *PowerSchool* 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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**National
Geographic Bee**

SRS students participated in the National Geographic Bee in February using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. Students in



fourth through eighth grade are eligible for this entertaining and very challenging test of geographic knowledge. This year eighth grader Paul Badau came out on top as the SRS champion!

Paul then completed a 100-question test online and is awaiting the results to see if he will advance to the next round. Congratulations to the finalists and all who participated in the event. Best of luck to Paul!

Submitted by Dr. Matt

**The Following Were
Top Finalists:**

- Nicolo Anastasy
- Paul Badau—SRS champion
- Jeffrey Bartlett
- Will Bartlett
- Nathan Beaucher
- Grace Burnett
- Calen Chaudhari
- Ben Larson
- Aidan Magnus
- Sidney Magnus

Skiing, Snowboarding and Snow Play!

Winter Fun at SRS

SRS students have treasured five weeks of skiing and snowboarding at Loon and Mt. Sunapee this winter season. On most days the conditions were nearly perfect, and many students went from non-skiers to their first trip on the chair lift. Those students not participating in the ski program have opportunities to take part in events on campus or on day trips off campus like winter hikes. Everyone is excited for these opportunities to get outside and embrace New England's winter.

Submitted by Patti Hicks





Nordic Skiing

The SRS Nordic program continues to grow as we enjoy our second year competing in the New Hampshire Nordic Coaches Association along with dozens of public and private schools and Nordic ski clubs. Although the snow has been limited, this winter we had 16 students compete in races and several others join the team for practices and dry land training.

In addition to several middle school races, for the first time ever we attended the league wide NHNCA Classic race and the Middle School Championships; we will finish the season at the NHNCA Freestyle race. Students (and parents and coaches!) have worked hard not only to improve their classic and skate technique but also to gain a better understanding of the sport.

This season has included many hours in the wax shop learning about which type of wax to use in certain weather and how to apply different waxes. Finally, SRS racers were able to step into all their races looking like an official team in their new Nordic race suits! Shaker Road School extends our deepest thanks to Dr. Matt and his wife Allyson and the SRS PTG for sharing the cost with us to make purchasing the suits possible.

Submitted by Nikki Stuppard

Adventures in the Craft Cabin

If you have a child in the primary grades, chances are you have heard about the Craft Cabin! Craft Cabin began with building small fairy houses outside with our “architect-in-residence,” Paul Marinace. [Ed.: he’s a real architect; we just aren’t sure how he became “in-residence.”] Over the course of a couple years, it has grown into mini-house architecture, with students building multiple-story homes out of cardboard and any other materials they can get their hands on! Students have the opportunity after school three days a week to visit the craft cabin and work on designing their mini houses and expanding their imagination. We thank Paul for volunteering his time and resources to this wonderful enrichment for our students.

Submitted by Nikki Stuppard





Second Grade Classroom of the Month—Flat Stanley

For many years second graders at Shaker Road School have been reading the book Flat Stanley and participating in the Flat Stanley Project. Dale Hubert, a third grade school teacher in London, Ontario Canada, started the Flat Stanley Project in 1995. The project provides an opportunity for students to make connections with friends or family from around the world.

The second graders began this project by reading the book and becoming acquainted with the story. A young boy named Stanley is accidentally squished “as flat as a pancake” when a bulletin board falls on him. Stanley is very flat but otherwise fine. The story goes on to tell how Stanley discovers some real advantages to being flat. He can slide himself under doors, go down into sidewalk grates, and even fold himself up small enough to fit into an envelope and be mailed across the country and beyond for an exciting vacation.

After reading and discussing the book, the students created paper Flat Stanley’s and mailed them to people who are asked to treat the figure as a visiting guest and document their time together. After a few months we asked for Stanley to be returned along with pictures, journals, or souvenirs he collected during the trip. Our Stanley’s have started to return to SRS. It is an exciting moment in second grade when we open the package and discover all the interesting places and adventures Stanley has been on. He taught us the birthplace of television is in Hastings, England. Stanley helped cook Thanksgiving dinner in Frisco, Texas. He even traveled 2,456.5 miles to Arizona and sent back pictures and postcards of cacti, the state house in Phoenix as well as the Grand Canyon. Highlights of



Stanley’s adventure in another part of England was visiting Platform 9 ¾, Buckingham Palace and helping with a marriage proposal.

Our class sent Flat Stanley to visit cities all over the country and even the world such as Tempe, Arizona; Frisco, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; California; Turks and Caicos; Hastings, England; Spain; Peru; and Ireland.

Submitted by: Stephanie Newbery



Socially Shaker 2020

The Denim and Diamonds Socially Shaker 2020 event held on Saturday, January 25, was the PTG's biggest fundraiser EVER!

After expenses, a total of over \$12,000 was raised. Ninety-nine parents, teachers, and staff came to the event to socialize and bid on an amazing array of silent auction items and creatively curated raffle baskets. Alan's Restaurant served delicious appetizers and attendees enjoyed music and drinks in their Denim and Diamonds garb.

A tremendous amount of work went into organizing Socially Shaker. Thank you to all the SRS families, parents, teachers, faculty, and staff who donated their time, resources, and energy. We are especially thankful for the SRS faculty and staff for their time and effort soliciting donations, decorating, setting up, and cleaning up. We are so grateful for this community and its passion for Shaker Road School and the students who learn here.

Please stay tuned for information about how the proceeds from Socially Shaker will be used to benefit the SRS community. If you have ideas, please come to the next PTG meeting on March 3 at 5:00 in Room 101.

Submitted by Stefanie Curry
P '17, '19, '22, '26
PTG Communications





Advisory of the Month

This month's theme is Identity and Belonging. Identity is related to our feelings of belonging or not belonging to our particular groups. Identities are varied and relate to the different roles that we have in life. They result from our biology, backgrounds, and personalities. We believe that identity is knowing who you are, which is represented by our personality traits. We all have different personalities; these make us unique. We also share traits that create bonds between us.

Mr. Lewis' and Mrs. Stuppard's advisory chose to create an identity tree. We chose to create this tree because it is one of our school symbols and we felt that it represented who we are in our SRS community. Each apple on the tree is a name in our advisory. Each leaf states two personality traits of that person.

Submitted by Nikki Stuppard and Jay Lewis





ANNUAL PTG

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 28

8:00 - 10:30 AM

Shaker Road School Auditorium



Pancakes, bacon, juice, and coffee prepared and served by our SRS Faculty

Featuring maple syrup made by Doug!

NEW THIS YEAR! GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

\$5 PER PERSON

\$20 MAXIMUM PER FAMILY

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

• 50/50 RAFFLE
 • \$1 for one ticket OR
 • \$5 for 6 tickets

