



Mathcounts

Congratulations to the SRS Mathcounts Club Members (sixth grade: Garrett Blake, Lily Campbell, Hazel Curry, Ethan Friedburg, Ari Mistretta, Maggie Szal, and Victoria Thissell; seventh grade: Mei-Ling Bielagus, Ali Cabot, Alli Como, Avery Sahr, and Alexa Wang; eighth grade: Nicolo Anastasy, Catherine Gettens, Sidney Magnus, Lucy Szal, and Liam Taffe) who have earned Gold Level Status in the National Mathcounts Club!

For the first time, Mathcounts offered a service project as a way to earn Gold Level as a math club. SRS club members were excited by this choice and quickly began brainstorming project ideas. At the time, social gatherings were already being discouraged so students designed a project that they could complete amongst themselves while making a positive impact on the Concord community.

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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The SRS Mathcounts Solve-a-thon was born! A plan was put in place to tackle 90 minutes of problem solving in small groups. Students gathered support of family members and friends who pledged to donate a dollar amount (of their choosing) for each problem that was answered correctly. Students quickly identified Friends of Forgotten Children as the recipient for any money raised.

Although plans were altered, remote learning did not deter these students from accomplishing the task—Skype meetings served as collaborative workspace for club meetings and project work. Members went above and beyond their new school day expectations to make this happen: a true reflection of their character and commitment.

Solve-a-thon by the numbers:

- All 17 SRS Mathcounts Club members participated.
- A collective 1,470 minutes (over 24 hours) of time spent working on project problems.
- Donations from 58 sponsors.
- Over \$1,360 raised for Friends of Forgotten Children.

Students, parents, families, and friends: I can't thank you enough for your support and hard work to make this happen!

Submitted by Chrissy Raby

Music Lessons

The music department has been hard at work this month! We have been teaching virtual private music lessons, brainstorming ways to showcase our students' hard work, and providing remote music experiences for all age levels.

Our private music lessons have been very successful, and we have had more than half of our students continue with their private music instruction virtually. Students are enjoying using technology to meet with their teachers, access sheet music, and record themselves playing. Sadly, our in-person recitals have all needed to be cancelled, but many of our students have been able to record their recital songs and we will be posting those to the SRS website to share with family and friends.

Mrs. Minsinger (Ms. Rachel to the little ones) has been busy recording videos of sing-along. Our youngest students have been enjoying watching these videos and singing along with our favorite songs! Each week, students are asked to create different types of instruments at home. We have made shakers, sticks, drums, rain sticks, and instruments that you rub. If you have any photos of your students participating in sing-along remotely, we'd love to see your photos. Please share them with #srssing-along.

While we can't wait to get back to school to make music together in person, we have been enjoying seeing how engaged and excited our students have been to make music at home. Keep up the great work!

Submitted by Rachel Minsinger



Ninth Grade Travels

This March, the ninth graders took a trip to Florida. The trip was focused around our Biology class, so while we were down there, we learned about the plant and animal life of the ocean and the Everglades. During the week, we climbed up the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, which has 134 stairs! We also went to the Mote Aquarium where we learned about the red tide, manatees, different kinds of fish, and giant squids. We also got to pet sharks, stingrays, and see otters, turtles, and manatees. Another highlight was going to Siesta Key Beach and collecting lots of shark teeth.

The biggest day trip was probably to the Everglades, where we took a boat tour and saw different birds, dolphins, and lots of alligators. At the end of the tour, a lady who works there taught us about the history of the Everglades. She led us in a debate about conservation vs. preservation, and she talked about how people are deciding how to best protect the Everglades today.

The week wasn't just all academic though. We were able to spend some time at the beach, where one of us got a little red (turned into a lobster)! In our down time we rode bikes around the neighborhood, and one of us learned how to ride bike. We made pancakes one morning and tried pickle flavored ice cream, which was actually really good. We also did some shopping in Venice. The weather was really warm, in the 70s and 80s all week. That made it even harder to go home!

Submitted by Rosie, Eve, Jackie, Didi, and Griffin







Pre-K Teddy Bear Picnic

The SRS Teddy Bear Social is a beloved springtime event when Pre-K4 students invite their families to the classroom for a teddy bear picnic and teddy bear-related activities.

This year's social was a little less so, yet the class connected with each other through a shared activity making teddy bear masks. They enjoyed a picnic at home with teacher-suggested snack ideas and listened to their teachers read teddy bear stories remotely. Miss Debbie even performed the Teddy Bear Picnic song just for the Pre-K students. We loved seeing photos from families! (The last photo is a drawing by Miles of a bear hug for Miss Melanee!)

Submitted by Caitlin Connelly





Cairn Challenge

The results are in for the Cairn Building Blue Heron Challenge! A total of 37 students and faculty participated in the challenge by making Cairns not only with rocks but also with household objects! The judges had a tough job choosing winners from all the amazing entries! Great work, everyone!

BEST ARCHED CAIRN – Lily C., Sixth Grade

MOST CREATIVE NON-ROCK CAIRN – Ben P., Kindergarten

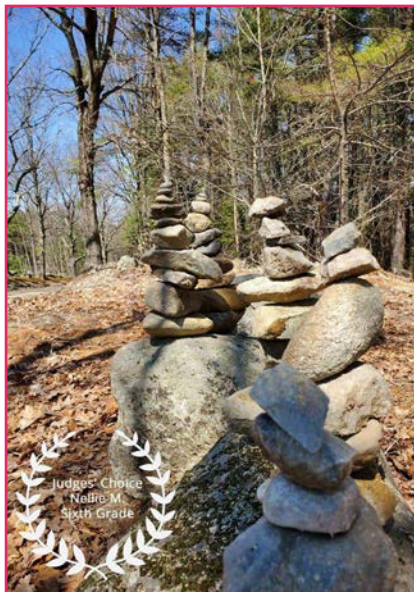
MOST ARCHITECTURALLY PLEASING CAIRN – Matthew Hicks, Faculty

MOST SYMMETRICAL CAIRN – Kiran P., First Grade

JUDGES' CHOICE – Daphne J., Kindergarten

JUDGES' CHOICE – Ruth C., First Grade

JUDGES' CHOICE – Nellie M., Sixth Grade





School Spirit Week

The annual SRS tradition of Spirit Week, which is the week before April vacation was no different this year, just a more virtual one! It was a fun-filled week for all our energetic students who sported all sorts of attire: SRS blue and white, class color day, crazy hat or hair day, show your passions/favorites day, and the all time Friday favorite pajama day!

