

SANDPIPER NEWS

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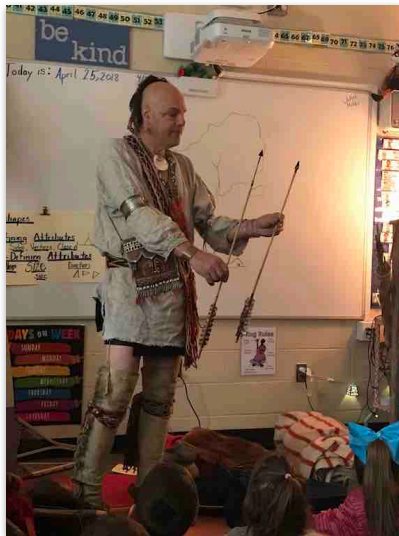
Important Dates

April

30 - May 5th - Arts Fair Week

May

- 1 - School Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 3 - Third Grade Chorus and Arts Fair Presentation
- 4 - Talent Show at Shapleigh
- 10 - Kindergarten Registration by Appointments, 8:30-2:30
- 15 - School Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 16 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm
- 22 - Kindergarten Registration by Appointments, 8:30-2:30
- 24 - District PBL Parent Advisory Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 28 - No School- Memorial Day



First Grade Students have a Powwow

The first graders learned about Native American culture this week with a visit from Ed Bullock from the Wampanoag tribe, and Ken Hamilton a Native American historian and blacksmith. The entire first grade started the morning with a powwow in the cafeteria. The students got to hear drumming, singing and even participated in some dancing. The morning continued with the students dividing into groups to learn more about Native American culture. There was story telling by Ed Bullock with students listening while seated on real buffalo and deer skin rugs. The first graders also got to learn a bit of history and see authentic tools used by Native Americans with Ken Hamilton. Finally, the students were able to create their own wampum necklaces by stringing beads in patterns representing friendship, peace, or unity. Some students chose to make an original design representing their own message. It was a fun and educational morning!





Parent Teacher Conferences:

We would like to thank the parents for attending your child's parent teacher conference. We had 94% of our parents able to come in to talk with their child's teacher. We understand how important it is to maintain open communication with your child's teacher to hear how your child is doing. We also understand that due to busy work schedules and family commitments that not all parents can make it during the conference nights. If you were not able to attend and wish to meet with your child's teacher they will be willing to do a phone conference or set up a time that will work for you! The teachers here at Mitchell work very hard to be flexible to make it possible to talk with each child's parent or guardian. Once again, my thanks go to the parents and teachers to have 94% participation!!!



Visiting Authors at Mitchell School Grades 2nd and 3rd

Sponsored by the PTA

The students in 2nd and 3rd grade had the opportunity to meet two prominently know Maine authors. We are so excited to have such talented educators work with our students.

Third Grade

Lynn Plourde mesmerized the 3rd graders as she shared with students how to create a story. She had a different theme with each class as they created a class story. She taught the students a process she called the 3P's of writing: 1. Problem 2. Pattern(story structure) and 3. Promise (Conclusion). Each class completed a story and then acted it out as a group.

Lynn Plourde is the author of more than 30 children's books, mostly picture books, but also a graphic novel and a middle grade novel. She's a teaching author who has done hundreds of visits to schools where she shares her books interactively, acts some out as plays, and teaches writing mini-lessons to students. Lynn is a native Mainer who frequently uses her home state for inspiration when writing. She currently lives in Winthrop, Maine, with her husband. You can learn more at her website: www.lynnplourde.com

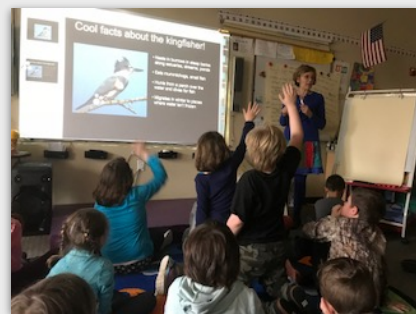
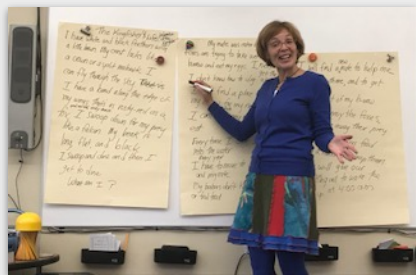




New lost and found

2nd floor by music room

We have relocated our lost and found to make it easier for students and parents to see and access. All students go to the cafeteria daily as well as go to music and library weekly so this may help students see their lost items. Many parents come to visit for lunch as well as pick up children from our after school programs in the cafeteria. We are hoping the new location is easier for children and parents to find their lost items!



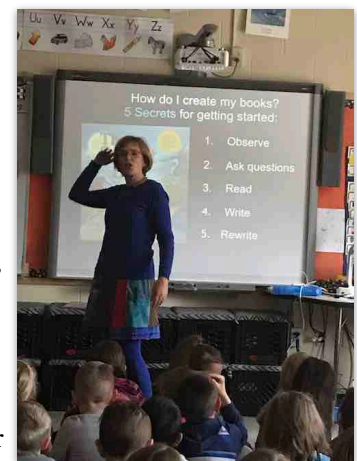
Second Grade Author Visit

Kim Ridley connected her presentation with our 2nd grade science curriculum. Kim's school programs bring together science and creative nonfiction writing using *The Secret Pool* as a launching pad. Students will:

- **Discover** the amazing ecology of vernal pools
- **Learn** secrets of great writing
- **Write** their own science-based stories using research and their imaginations

These interactive programs reflect Common Core Standards and help students make new connections and deepen their understanding of the world around us.

Kimberly Ridley is a science writer and former magazine editor whose debut picture book, *The Secret Pool*, won the 2013 Lupine Award from the Maine Library Association and a Riverby Award from the John Burroughs Association, among other honors. To find more about this author visit this website: <http://www.kimberlyridley.org/school-visits/>



A special thank you goes to the Kittery PTA for sponsoring this opportunity for our students.

In May we have authors scheduled for our Kindergarten and First Graders!

Share your books!

Kittery Rotary Book

Swap..... Coming Soon!

The Annual Kittery Rotary-, After Hours Group, will be gathering books for students in June. If you have books your children have out grown this is an opportunity to share these books with other students as well as select books for your child. So if you have books that would be appropriate for children from kindergarten to fourth grade we will be collecting books when children return from April break. What a great way to pair down all the books in your child's room, in the closets, under beds, in boxes, in the attic, or basement. Great way to get started on Spring Cleaning! More information and dates will be coming

Parent Drop Off in the Morning PRIOR to 8:15

The whistle blows at 8:15 for students to enter the building from the playground to start the day. We are asking parents to be here by 8:15 for students to be on time for school. If parents **are here after 8:15 you may come up the bus lane to drop of children.** We are noticing many parents coming at 8:15 or after so this is delaying Mrs. Torr, our cross walk monitor, from coming in with students to start her day as well as students arriving late to school. So please try to be here prior to 8:15. This will help you child be ready for the day with the other students



Writers Celebration

Ms. Peternell's class hosted a Writers' Celebration this week. The students were so proud to show off their informational books. A lot of hard work went into writing these books! The children chose a topic that they are an expert on and then wrote in a style that would teach others. They created a table of contents to organize their ideas, then used topic sentences to begin each chapter. They also included text features, such as graphs, diagrams and maps to make their books even more interesting. Well done, third graders!



Japanese Visitors!

On Wednesday, we had six visitors from Japan tour Mitchell School. These visitors are traveling with a group of students visiting Shapleigh School from Japan. This is the 25th year of this wonderful program!

It's finally here!!! Join us **FRIDAY, May 4th**, at **Shapleigh School for Kittery Kids LIVE!!!**

4pm Doors Open

4:30-5:30pm Mitchell Student Performances

5:30-6pm Intermission and a Mitchell Staff Performance

6-7:30pm Shapleigh Student Performances

Ticket Prices for Entry: \$4 per Person, \$15 for a Family of 4+

The **BASKET RAFFLE** is back! Come check out the amazing selection generously donated by our incredible parent and local business community. Please see the links below, there's still time to contribute!

And don't forget to feed the family... this year featuring **PIZZA!** Also serving popcorn and ice cream.

Come support our talented kids and help the Kittery K-8 PTA fund great programs for our schools.

This will be a **CASH/CHECK** only event!

We still need you! If you're willing to help staff the event please contact Kari at karieconomou@gmail.com.

Basket Raffle Sign-up Links:

Kindergarten – Arts & Crafts

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20181>

1st Grade – Summer Fun

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20182>

2nd Grade – Baking Fun

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20183>

3rd Grade – Ice Cream Party

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20184>

4th Grade – Coffee and Tea

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20185>

5th Grade – Family Game Night

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20186>

6th Grade – Family Movie Night

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20187>

7th Grade – Tailgating Fun

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20188>

8th Grade – Camping

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod44a8a62babfdo-20189>



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Dear 3rd grade parents:

Our annual Arts Fair Week is next week!! It is Monday, April 30th through Friday, May 4th.

Every Arts Week 3rd graders get a special artist in residence that works with students for about 45 minutes each school day. This year we are fortunate to have local choreographer Sarah Duclos working with students and Mrs. D'Arezzo to perform a choreographed song and dance to various Disney songs.

The week concludes with a concert on **Thursday, May 3rd at 6 PM** in the Mitchell School all-purpose room. This will also be when the **3rd grade chorus** performs the two pieces they have been working on every Monday and Wednesday morning. The 3rd grade will perform this same concert Friday, May 4th at 1:40 PM for the rest of the school (grades K-2).

We're keeping it simple with concert outfits! The dress code is "concert best", much like our normal Winter Concert "Holiday Best." That means students should wear something clean and a bit more dressy than normal. They should wear their concert best next Thursday night (not to school during the day) and to school on Friday. It doesn't have to be the same outfit Thursday and Friday, but can be if that's easier!

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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REJECT

→ ACCEPT

A DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECT BY RUTH THOMAS-SUH

Movie & Discussion

Monday, April 30 ★ 6:00pm

Kittery Community Center ♦ Community Room

REJECT examines the impact of social rejection. Weaving together expert findings from neuroscientists, social psychologists, early childhood educators, law enforcement experts and personal testimony, the film sheds new light on the universal human experience of rejection. From racial bias to parental neglect to school bullying, REJECT reveals the multidimensional link between interpersonal rejection and the neurological experience of physical pain. In so doing, it uncovers a path towards violence prevention and emotional recovery. Film not meant for young children.

**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR AGES 5+ - MUST REGISTER**

For More Information or to register for childcare Contact:

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