



### UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult Chalkable or your school calendar.

- 10/2:** Back to School Open House – Infants–Grade 1; 6:00-7:00 PM
- 10/3:** Back to School Open House – Grades 2–8; 6:00-7:00 PM
- 10/4:** School Picture Day
- 10/8:** Shaker Road School Closed for Columbus Day
- 10/9—10/12:** Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K–3
- 10/13:** SSAT test at SRS in 600 building
- 10/24:** Picture Retake Day
- 10/25:** Halloween Hayride @ 6:30 PM
- 10/26:** Halloween Parade & Parties Infants–Grade 4 @ 9:30 AM
- 10/26:** Halloween Dance Grades 5-8 @ 7:00—10:00PM

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for the Saplings 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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The annual election of student government members occurred on the last Friday of September. Students worked during a busy September to write speeches and campaign. All candidates are required to deliver a campaign speech for their classmates. Six 7th and 8th grade candidates vied for three officer positions. Rosie Curry ran for the first time and was elected Secretary. Eve Hicks, previously a representative in sixth and seventh grades, was elected Vice President, and last year’s VP Evan Crandlemire was elected President of Student Government. These positions were voted on by grades 5-8.

Each grade also elected two class representatives. Eighth Grade Reps include first timers Jackie Ruggles and Connor Roberts. Veteran two-time representative Nicolo Anastasy returns this year as 7th Grade Rep and is joined by Paul Badau in his first year on Student Government. The sixth grade elected two new representatives. Ali Cabot and Belen Bernal-Doggart will take their turns this year, joined by Fifth Grade Representatives Lily Campbell and Amelia Roberts. The SRS Student Government meets weekly with Mr. Matt and Mrs. Stuppard to discuss school matters and plan activities and events for the student body. Representatives and officers are required to report back to their constituencies after each meeting and lead Middle School Meeting on Tuesdays.

Submitted by: Matthew S. Hicks, PhD  
Principal, P’17, P’19

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| <b>President</b>                       | Evan Crandlemire                   |
| <b>Co-Vice Presidents</b>              | Eve Hicks                          |
| <b>Secretary</b>                       | Rosie Curry                        |
| <b>8th Grade Class Representatives</b> | Jackie Ruggles and Connor Roberts. |
| <b>7th Grade Class Representatives</b> | Nicolo Anastasy and Paul Badau     |
| <b>6th Grade Class Representatives</b> | Ali Cabot and Belen Bernal-Doggart |
| <b>5th Grade Class Representatives</b> | Lily Campbell and Amelia Roberts   |





After a quick first week of school, the eighth grade set off to Camp Bernadette in Wolfeboro for the Leadership Retreat. The week was packed full of discussions and workshops about leadership, followership, types of power, conflict resolution, and how leaders exhibit our school citizenship themes.

Most of the lessons involved practical applications: ethical challenges like deciding who deserved a financial award or whether someone made the right choice in a “daily dilemma.” The most difficult challenges facing this group of students focused on their skill at using consensus as a whole group to solve various challenges.

Each challenge through the week helped or hurt them in their quest to earn a trip to Wolfeboro on Thursday afternoon. This group of students pulled itself together in the last moments and earned the trip by the skin of their teeth. They recognized, finally, that though they have lots of leadership potential individually, and though they may work well with a few of their classmates to solve challenges, they need to practice working together as a whole grade.

Of course, the week was not without a measure of fun: capture the flag, swimming, basketball, s’mores by the campfire, a movie, preparing meals, mastering the industrial dishwasher, and bonding while hanging out in the...well, the “hang-out” room. Once in Wolfeboro, most students chose to spend their money on ice cream, baked goods, or candy, but a few decided to spend their money at the hardware store—that’s a first for our students over the years!

We are looking forward to watching the Class of 2019 put their leadership skills into action this school year.

Submitted by Tad Curry, Alex Hicks, Matthew Hicks, Cathy Linden







## ECOLOGY SCHOOL

As has become tradition, this past September Shaker's sixth graders journeyed to Saco, Maine for a week at The Ecology School. Since 2000, Shaker has made it a priority to give its students a week of field experience by traveling to various locales to study nature and varying ecosystems. For the previous six years, we have partnered with The Ecology School for their hands on,

fun, and educational approach.

Our sixth graders' days are broken down into small groups focused around three lessons: morning, noon and most unique, evening. Lessons include Jetty, Beach & Dunes, Abiotic Adventures, ABCs of Ecology, Forest, Tide Pools, Salt Marsh and Nature at Night to name a few. Most unique to The Ecology School is the presentation of information to the students. Each lesson is prefaced with a small skit put on by the Ecology School staff. For instance, the educators dressed up as sand, grass and waves to exhibit the system surrounding sand dunes. Students then take their learning and apply their findings through creative writing, journaling, art, song and skits of their own.

Despite a morning of torrential rain and some initial hesitation about being away, by the end of the week, and now back on campus, students are rejuvenated and excited by their week in Maine. As always, we had a fantastic group of students and are extremely proud of their willingness to participate and dive into the Ecology School way of life.

Submitted by: Barbara Morrison

## Heralding the Heron

Heralding the Heron recognizes students for their embodiment of Shaker's mission as it relates to Citizenship. People who notice students "living the mission" may nominate them for the award. Recipients receive special recognition at Shaker Meeting, the monthly gathering of grades K-8, in order for the community to celebrate and thank the students for their contributions to the community.

Last year, Emma Larson, received the distinction for her contributions to pursuing her environmental passions and urging two classmates to join her in a competition to improve conservation efforts at school. Her efforts led to the installation of three new water bottle fillers in the 400, 500, and 600 Buildings. At October's Shaker Meeting, Seamus McIntyre became the first Heralding the Heron recipient this year. During the summer, Seamus was observed selflessly assisting a fellow camper who was struggling. His compassionate behavior captures the essence of Shaker's mission and the monthly Citizenship themes, particularly respect for others, kindness, and integrity - October's theme. Please thank these students for their contributions to creating a stronger Shaker Road School community.



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# AMC

On Tuesday, September 18, the 7th graders loaded up their gear and headed to the mountains for an adventure. Starting at the Highland Center at Crawford Notch, the students were divided into groups and wasted no time heading into the woods for a day



hike around Mount Willard, group bonding, and a trail side lunch. After returning to the Highland Center, the groups participated in a “gear shake-down” which lightened some packs of unnecessary gear and provided a lesson in proper packing. Family style dinner was served, and the groups continued to bond over a full course meal, giving opportunities for all to try new things and clean their plates thoroughly!

The following morning, the gear laden hikers took a quick van ride to the trailhead in Franconia Notch State Park and made their second trek into the woods to travel to Lonesome Lake Hut for the next two nights. They hiked through the woods and around the lake over the bog bridges with their full packs, stopping along the way for team bonding, group activities, reflection, and lunch. Once arriving at the hut, the hikers found their rooms and had a few minutes to get settled before dinner followed by more activities with their fearless AMC leaders.

After breakfast on Thursday, the hikers packed their backpacks with gear needed for a full day of hiking. Sharing the responsibility of carrying lunch and snack items, they loaded up and headed out to either Cannon Mountain or North Kinsman. Along the way were plenty of team building activities, riddles, journaling, and reflection. The groups shared the jobs of trail leaders, hydrators, and navigators, taking the opportunity to explore and enjoy the adventure outdoors. With perseverance and cooperation, the hikers were able to bag a peak, and for many it marked the achievement of climbing their first 4,000-foot mountain!

Despite the light rain on Friday morning, the hikers packed their bags, cleaned their rooms, packed lunches and donned rain gear to participate in one last full group activity before breaking into groups to head down from the hut to the trailhead for their ride back to Shaker Road School. They returned to school tired and ready for a shower, but full of enthusiasm and “you had to be there” stories that will be remembered and shared for a long time to come.

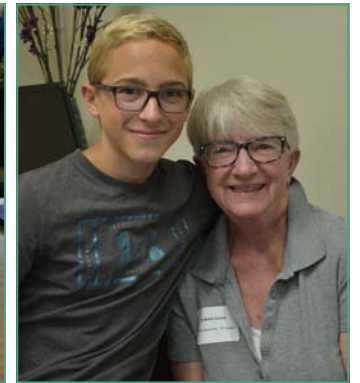
Submitted by: Gillian Berry















## Advisory of the Month

In September, Mrs. Linden's 6th grade advisory discussed the Citizenship theme for the month: Cooperation. Last year middle school students in grades 5 through 8 were split into two teams, Blue and White, and worked together to complete tasks throughout the spring. One of our favorite events last year was a whole campus Capture the Flag game on the last day of school. Teams worked together to strategize how to get the flag or free their teammates from jail.

This year, the Blue and White teams expanded to include all students from Kindergarten through grade 8. Our first competition was a relay event. Teams completed five different relay races throughout the afternoon. We needed to use cooperation during each competition. Older students guided younger students during the races. All team members cheered their teammates on and were engaged in the activities. Teams worked together to achieve a common goal. Dictionary.com defines cooperation as, "an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit." Our Blue and White games are a great example of how students from all grade levels use cooperation. We look forward to participating in more competitions throughout the year.

Submitted by: Mrs. Linden's  
6th Grade Advisory



**Be sure to join the PTG for lots of spooky fun in the auditorium during the Halloween Hayride on Thursday, October 25th! We will have face painting, Halloween arts and crafts, and festive snacks for everyone. The fun begins at 6:00 PM! See you there!**