

Spring Street Link

May 31, 2016

At our All School Meeting on Friday our Book of the Month, William B. Wigglebottom Learns We Can All Get Along, anchored our discussion related to friendships and flexibility. We spoke about the importance of being receptive to the ideas of others while at the same time not always needing to 'get your own way' and being 'the boss of others'. We shared examples of what this looks like during the school day and how this type of behavior is very appealing to friends and playmates and increases the likelihood of fair play and lasting friendships.

Also at our meeting, our Grade 1 students shared recent research work on honeybees. Our students developed three questions that drove their work; what's the problem with bees, why should we care, and how can we help? Students shared that they had learned about Colony Collapse Disorder potentially caused by pesticides and lack of an adequate supply of flowers for pollen and nectar. They also learned and shared that we depend on bees to pollinate flowers that produce fruits and vegetables. Students then shared that they created a flower garden at our school to provide flowers for bees to gather nectar. Students also shared other ways to help bees including reducing the number of pesticides we use.

This worthwhile and enlightening experience is one of the many ways our students are being asked to investigate and explain an engaging and complex problem or question. Students are guided by teachers but are working with peers to collaboratively research, problem solve, and present their findings and learning to an audience outside of their classroom. Students are developing a deep understanding of their research topic, are extremely engaged, and are developing critical skills that will serve them well during their education and eventually their careers. We are very fortunate that our teachers are providing these learning experiences for our students. Impressive!

Field Day on Friday

Attached please find information for our Field Day on Friday. Let's hope the weather changes before then. As a reminder our rain date is Monday, June 6, hopefully it won't be needed!

Reminder from Dr. Jane O. Lizotte, Principal, Sherwood Middle School

Sherwood Middle School invites incoming fifth grade students and their parents, as well as students new to Sherwood Middle School, to one of two Parent and Student Information Sessions being held on Wednesday, June 8th in the Sherwood Middle School gymnasium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend either the first session, being held from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., or the second session, being held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tours of the school will be provided by current students, followed by a brief presentation, facilitated by SMS administrators, counselors and students in the school gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 8th!

2016-2017 Bus Registration: DEADLINE JUNE 30TH

If your child plans to ride the bus next year, we urge you to register him/her now to **avoid the \$50 late registration fee**. Over 65% of riders are already registered and nearly 94% paid using the new and convenient online payment system. Registration and payment must be completed

via the Powerschool Parent Portal at the link below:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/transportation/>

Important Dates

Friday, June 3, Field Day (rain date is Monday, June 6)

Friday, June 10, 4th Grade Celebration (rain date is Monday, June 13)

Friday, June 17, Last day of school for kindergarten, regular dismissal (3:15pm)

Tuesday, June 21, Last day of school Grades 1-4, 12:15pm dismissal

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie