

Shrewsbury Middle Schools' Unified Program Updates



Review of the Unified Basketball Season

- We had a very successful 2nd full Unified Basketball Season at the Middle School Level.
- We had so much interest, we were able to field TWO basketball teams this season. Following the lead of SHS, we had a **BLUE** Team and a **GOLD** Team.
- Both team were comprised of students from in grades 5 through 8

Review of the Unified Basketball Season

- This year Special Olympics and the MIAA were able to help 40 different Middle Schools in Massachusetts participate in a Unified Basketball Season!
- We were told that our Channel 5 News coverage and Channel 5 EyeOpeners helped get more schools involved in Unified Basketball

Review of unified basketball season...

!!Blue team!!



★ Gold
team ★



OAK & SHERWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
2023 UNIFIED BASKETBALL - GOLD TEAM



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- Each team had a Home game and an Away game.
 - The **Blue team** hosted **Northbridge Middle School** and then traveled by bus to **Ashland Middle School**.
 - The **Gold team** hosted **Ashland** and then traveled by bus to **Melican Middle School in Northboro**
 - It was the inaugural season for all three of those schools and they were inspired by our program and will be creating Booster Clubs of their own, much like ours.

- The Booster Club, which was started by Coach Delaney and Coach Ponticelli last year was handed over to be facilitated by Mrs. Carey Davis and Ms. Brianna Bisceglia, both on 7 Gold.
 - The Booster Club created over 50 posters, one for each Unified Participant, which were displayed at Oak, Sherwood and eventually at SHS.
 - The Booster Club also sold Shrewsbury Unified Bracelets to help raise funds for our program.
- Our Season ended with our first ever **BLUE** vs. **GOLD** game at SHS on April 4th. It was an amazing evening!



UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM
SHREWSBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Unified Basketball Photos...



More Photos...



Even More Photos...



Unified Boosters!!



Oak Middle School Unified Social Club

- Unified Social Club, started by Erin Studivan and Jason Ponticelli met on the first Thursday of every month.
- It was an opportunity for students of all abilities to hang out and have fun.
- Some highlights included Decorating Holiday & Valentine's Day Cookies, Playing Mario Kart, Playing Board Games, and making Arts & Crafts.









Sherwood Unified Social Club

- The Sherwood Unified Social club was created to give more students of all abilities an opportunity to participate in after school fun and just get together.
- They meet on the second Thursday of the month from 3-3:45 pm after school.
- We like to play a game and do a craft of some sort so everyone can take their fun home . Our club has played bingo, made feather turkeys for Thanksgiving, created beaded snowflakes to hang in windows, decorated igloos, penguins as well as made valentines to share. Bubbles are always a hit!

Sherwood Unified Social Club

- We are working on giving all students more of a voice and presence in the school .
- We have done chalk art in the front of Sherwood so the next day everyone coming into school was greeted by our members' messages and pictures.
- We display our monthly projects in the main hallway display case to decorate for the season.
- Next year we look to increase the club's voice by having some students do a recorded morning announcement .
- We have used our SEF Grant money to purchase a parachute, kites and active games!

FUTURE PLANS

- ★ We also have tentative plans to be part of the first ever Middle School Unified Kickball or Soccer league with other local Middle Schools.
- ★ We plan on continuing our proud tradition of being **Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools** at Oak & Sherwood.

In order to be a Unified Champion School, schools must provide/create the following:

★ ***Inclusive Youth Leadership Opportunities***

- Opportunities for youth of all abilities to become agents of change within our Middle Schools
- Student Council and All Clubs offer these opportunities

★ ***Whole School Engagement***

- Facilitating socially inclusive school climate and engaging the entire school community
- Support of Unified Activities as well as involvement in Unified Physical Education

★ ***Unified Sports***

- Students develop athletic skills while forming friendships, fostering respect for each other and becoming leaders on and off the court/field

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The Mark Fidrych Foundation is a charitable organization that helps enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities and/or special needs through and with a focus on sports and sports education.

We were so thankful to form a partnership with this foundation thanks to Ann Fidrych and her daughter, Jess. They were guests at our away game at Melican Middle School and were also honored during halftime at our Blue vs. Gold Game at Shrewsbury High School.

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It is with tremendous gratitude that we ask the Shrewsbury Public Schools School Committee to accept the Mark Fidrych Foundation's generous donation to the Shrewsbury Middle Schools' Unified Programs.