

South Bristol School "Home of the Mariners"

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Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Monday, April 29-

Tuesday, April 30-

12:15pm 7th and 8th graders to BCS to race CO2 cars
1:30 K-2 Lincoln County Communications visit for 911 safety awareness
Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 1 -

K "Bike Safety"

Thursday, May 2 -

5:00 7th grade Parent Washington DC fundraising meeting

Friday, May 3 -

K "Bike Safety"

Battle of the Books at LA w/ Ms. Glidden

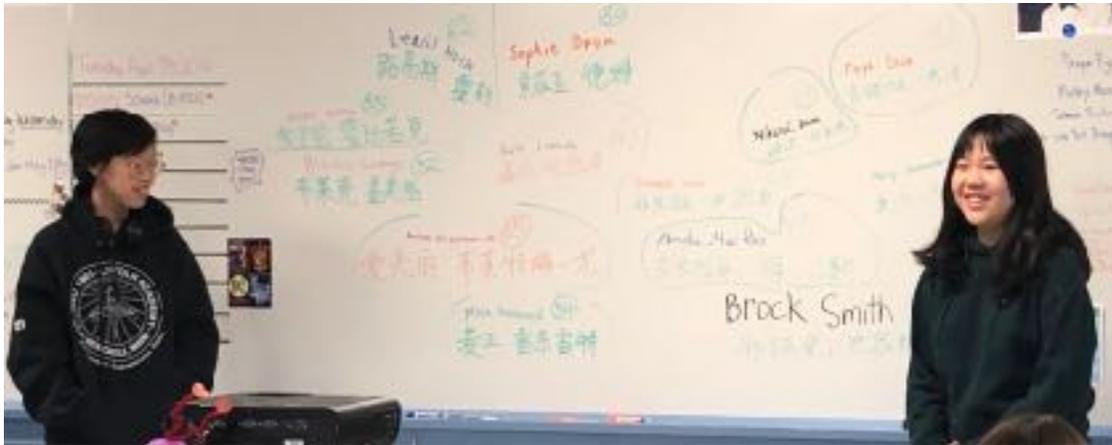


Top Right: Lila B's beautiful watercolor/silhouette from a recent art class
Bottom Left: Linda Nichols from Readfield proudly stands with her new skiff! She bought her winning ticket last summer at Pumpkinfest. Middle: Violet B and Sophia E. show mutual support during their Kieve adventure. Right: Chewonki Educator Outreach visited Ms. Packard's K and Mrs. Flewelling's first and second graders to discuss the important role that nature plays in our world and even brought with them a turtle, lizard, and this snake!

The South Bristol School Running Club took to the streets of Freeport last Sunday and put their hearts into running the Dash for Dyslexia 5k. About 90 runners joined our team to raise funds for dyslexia services. Quintin E. ran to a 14th place finish in 27:01. Violet B. ran a time of 28:46, good for 19th place. These veterans have been great leaders on our team this season. Paul Leeman III and Paul Leeman IV, team members from Bristol Consolidated School, ran the race together. Paul IV finished his 1st 5k race ever in a time of 25:41, an 11th place finish. His dad finished 3 seconds later. Michael Mitchell, also running his 1st 5k race, finished in 31:40, an improvement of 3 minutes on his best training run on Rutherford Island. His mom, Sara Mitchell, joined the kids and ran a time of 38:23. Coach Jason Bigonia ran to a 6th place finish in 24:38. He ended up running an extra mile after repeating part of the course accidentally. It was a lovely day for running and the kids represented SBS well on this challenging course. The next race for the club is the Race the Runways 1-miler in Brunswick on April 27th.



Several of the SBS jump ropers took a road trip Saturday, April 6th to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to join other enthusiastic jumpers from around Maine and New Hampshire. Within the first 45 minutes, each of our Spindrifters learned multiple new skills! We are so fortunate to the Burns Foundation for allowing us to use the funds to attend this workshop led by the Air Extreme Team! This was a wonderful opportunity for these students.



From Mrs. Wright - On Tuesday the 5/6 class were visited by Rohan and Selena, two Lincoln Academy students from China. Here are some of the facts we learned and takeaways we had:
 "Chinese is a tonal language." -Amelia
 "They spell with characters instead of an alphabet." -Gabe
 "The Chinese characters can be horizontal or vertical." -Sophie
 Violet said, "I appreciated that they came because this was their first time giving this presentation and they didn't seem nervous."
 Avalee enjoyed the presentation because "they interacted with us and I learned that I have the longest name in the class with sixty-five characters!"



My Memories of DC

Prior to vacation I had the opportunity to join our 8th graders, along with Mrs. Wright, Ms. Sykes and Mrs. Farrin on their class trip to Washington DC. I had been a couple of times before many years ago, but wondered if the memories of feeling proud of our country would return this time around.

Instead of providing a detailed account of each day, I'll list the some of our highlights so you can get a sense of our experience:

Plane ride to DC

American Museum of Natural History

Meeting with Senator Collins

National Art Gallery

Arlington National Cemetery

Metro Rides

Plane ride home

Midnight Tour of Monuments in Arlington and DC

Tour of the Capital

Quick shopping at one of the malls

Holocaust Museum

Delicious Meals at various restaurants

National Museum of African American History and Culture

I am thankful for this opportunity as it was nice to see and interact with the 8th graders outside of the school setting. I am also thankful for the leadership and teamwork shown by our chaperones. On a personal note, some of the memories which will stay with me include: the sometimes hectic nature of the Metro, the "pit in the stomach sadness" yet historical significance of the Holocaust Museum, showing card tricks in the hotel room, appreciating the beauty in the Art Gallery, overwhelmed with information throughout all the museums, amazed at the discipline shown during the Changing of the Guards, marveled at the acoustic trick in the Capital thought to have been used to gather information from opposing sides, and so much more.

Whether this was a once in a lifetime trip or the first of many more to come, I hope the students look back fondly on this trip. They worked hard selling tickets, the parents worked hard collecting and returning bottles, and the chaperones worked hard to provide a great experience for the students. I hope each student truly harvested the fruit from the labor so many put forth.

And yes, despite the political corruption and continued growth towards "all men are created equal", I am still proud to live and work in America. It was a great trip and I hope to go again soon.

Mr. White

From the Boosters Club - May 6-10 is Staff Appreciation Week!!!! Please find a meaningful way to thank those who make a difference for your child(ren).