

SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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LITTLE HANDS, BIG LEARNING MOMENTS

I had such a fun visit this week in Jackie Dolan's Kindergarten classroom with Michael Goudreault, a SHHS student who is interning there in the afternoons. Thank you both for inviting me in! Students were exploring 3-D shapes by recreating them with Play-Doh and talking about they are different from flat 2-D shapes. We even had time for a dance break in between tasks, making it a wonderful mix of hands-on learning, creativity, movement, and fun.

School Building Committee Meeting — Monday, May 11

The School Building Committee will meet on Monday, May 11, for an important next step in the Mosier School Building Project. Over the past several months, the committee has been reviewing a range of options, including feedback and information gathered through community sessions held in December and February. More recently, three additional options were presented for consideration, and the MSBA submission timeline was extended to the end of June to allow additional time to evaluate these possibilities.

In order to complete the necessary materials for the end-of-June submission, the School Building Committee will need to select a preferred option to move forward at Monday's meeting. This decision comes after multiple years of planning, research, and discussion, and it will help shape the future direction of South Hadley Public Schools.

If you have not been able to attend a meeting or review the options, I encourage you to visit the School Building Committee page [HERE](#). Meeting presentations, recordings, and project updates are available there for the community to review.

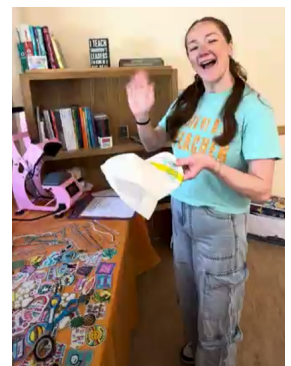
Teacher Appreciation Week

This week, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week across South Hadley Public Schools. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our teachers and to all of our staff who support, care for, and educate our students each day.

I see how hard our staff work. I see the connections they build with students, the extra check-ins, the thoughtful planning, the patience during difficult moments, and the many quiet acts of care that often go unseen. These relationships are not extra; they are the foundation that allows students to learn, grow, and feel that they belong. Our staff create moments of joy, encouragement, and connection for students every day.

I also want to thank our students, families, PTOs, building principals, School Committee, and community members who took time this week to recognize and celebrate our teachers and staff. Those gestures matter and reflect what makes South Hadley such a strong community.

We are stronger together, and I am grateful for the care, commitment, and heart our staff bring to our schools every day.



To celebrate our teachers and thank them for wearing so many hats, the HJSS PTA set up a DIY hat bar at Skala!

Upcoming Dates

May 14: Fine Arts, Music & Career Tech Exhibition 6pm at SHHS

May 20: School Committee Meeting 7pm (Hybrid) SH COA & Zoom

May 21: Mosier Art Show 5pm - 7pm

May 25: No School - Memorial Day

May 28: HJSS Art Show 5pm-7pm

May 29: SHHS Graduation

June 2: Community Conversations 9:30am at Thirsty Mind

June 3: School Committee Meeting 7pm (Hybrid) SH COA & Zoom

June 12: MESMS 8th Grade Step-up

June 17: Mosier 4th Grade Send-Off

June 17: School Committee Meeting 7pm (Hybrid) SH COA & Zoom

June 18: Half Day - Last day of School



Mental health matters, this month and every month

Take time this month to check in with yourself and others, practice self-care, and remember that support is always available. SHPS is committed to creating a school community where everyone feels safe, supported, and valued. Need support or resources? Visit our Mental Health Resources webpage linked [HERE](#). In crisis? Call or text 988 anytime.



Families can access local food support year-round
Click [HERE](#) for info

Protecting every student's right to a public education
[Click HERE](#)

The South Hadley Health Department is hosting a blood drive.
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Leading with Inclusion SHHS Earns Statewide Recognition [Click here for more](#) & Had a TON of Fun at the Games



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