



# SKYLLS Community Leadership Spotlight

March 2024

## South Kingstown Year-Long Learning Supports

SKYLLS is an out-of-school time partnership between the Jonnycake Center for Hope, URI College of Education, South Kingstown School District, and the Town of South Kingstown. It is made possible by Governor McKee's LEARN365RI initiative and has three primary objectives:

- Raise English Language Arts (ELA) achievement at the elementary level
- Increase middle school attendance
- Increase FAFSA completion rates and access to post-secondary education

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The Learn365 SKYLLS success reflects the commitment and collaborative spirit of more than fifty volunteers and mentors including URI students, South Kingstown School District administrators and staff, and community volunteers. Together, they are improving outcomes and opportunities for South Kingstown students. Pictured above are Broad Rock Middle School Assistant Principal Gina Haberlin, School Counselor Lisa Fontaine, and ELA teacher Kristen Precious (and Bentley) who founded and volunteer with the GEMS enrichment program for middle school girls every Friday afternoon.



### Reading PALS

Reading PALS meets Mondays and Thursdays at Peace Dale Elementary School and is supported by twenty URI students and twelve community volunteers, most of whom are retired educators, administrators, and academic specialists. A total of eighteen third, fourth, and fifth graders participate in the research-based reading intervention program.

### Apple Seeds

Fifteen first and second grade students are enjoying spring enrollment in Apple Seeds, which focuses on school readiness, social emotional health, and academic concepts. Nine volunteers, along with coordinator Patty Pontarelli, bring energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to every session.



### Tutoring

Tuesday afternoons several volunteer tutors are available to help middle and high school students with their homework. We appreciate the former educators who have come forward to offer their assistance with math, ELA, science and other core subjects.

**2,375** Total out-of-school time hours since September

## Upcoming Activities

March

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### FAFSA Application Assistance

Students and families can get assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
4pm - 6pm @ Jonnycake Center 22 Kersey Road

April

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### URI College Access & Experience

South Kingstown students will hear from URI students, faculty and advisors and explore the Innovation Labs. Free event. Transportation and lunch provided from 10:00 am - 1:00pm @ URI Library, Kingston, RI



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