



SKYLLS

February 2024 Update

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

Latest News



Apple Seeds

3rd Graders Graduate, 1st Graders Join the Program

The Apple Seeds team has been hard at work creating an inviting and enriching after-school program. Fourteen 2nd and 3rd graders visited the Jonnycake Center two afternoons a week and engaged in academic, social-emotional, and collaborative learning opportunities this past fall. Our 3rd graders graduated in December and will now move on to PALS Reading Program at Peace Dale Elementary School. First graders joined Apple Seeds January 29th!



PALS Launches

3rd - 5th Grade at PDES

Reading PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Strategies) launched January 29th as a new program at Peace Dale Elementary School. Children work with reading partners to improve reading achievement and motivation. Seventeen URI students and just as many community volunteers will serve as mentors and tutors and be guided by Principal Rapport and Assistant Principal Hubertus. The program runs Mondays and Thursdays after school.



GEMS Launches

As part of our efforts to improve attendance, several administrators, staff, and teachers joined the Jonnycake Center team to offer middle-school girls a new reason to come to school: *Girls Empowerment, Mentoring, and Skills*. GEMS combines fun activities, such as cooking and jewelry-making, with practical skills and relationship-building to provide a safe space to tap into their talents and make new friends.

1,464 Total out-of-school time hours since September

Upcoming Activities

February

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TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING with Merry Caswell

South Kingstown High School Teachers
2:25pm - 3:25pm @ SK High School Auditorium

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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



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