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Elma Guevarra-Pundavela Named New Head of School



Elma Guevarra-Pundavela

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Elma Guevarra-Pundavela, our new Head of School for SJMS. She will begin her work here on July 1st.

She has been impressed with our school from her first visit, and wants to help continue to make this a “safe and nurturing community for the children.”

Elma feels she is a collaborative leader, and is the type that likes “to get things done.”

When she isn’t working, she enjoys reading, listening to music of all kinds, and bargain shopping.

Emilio, her husband, will join her later in Columbus this fall, due to career obligations.

One goal Elma has her eye on is to have our Erdkinder class travel overseas.

We welcome Elma with open arms to our school community, and wish her the best in this new challenge.

10 Questions with

Stephanie Speed



Photo: B. Heitz

Stephanie Speed

By: Lindsay Hester
& John Faller

1. What is it like teaching your own kids?

I can joke with them and the other students in different ways.

2. What has it been like teaching in a Montessori school?

It so much fun teaching students who are totally prepared for learning at the next level.

3. What is your favorite thing about SJMS?

The students love learning and are willing to work as hard as I am.

4. What have you learned from the students?

That our students really do live up to your expectations.

5. Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I've wanted to be a teacher since I was three years old – before I even met a teacher.

6. What was your back-up plan if you weren't going to be a teacher?

I didn't have one.

7. What kind of work do you see yourself doing in 5 years?

Teaching, hopefully.

8. What college did you attend?

Texas A+M University.

9. Who has been the most influential person in your life?

I have learned a lot from many teachers – probably the most from Susan Walling.

10. What is your favorite color?

Red! It's a Buckeye color!

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Newspaper Award

For the second year in a row, our school newspaper, *The Montessorian*, has won the first place award in the American Scholastic Press Association school newspaper contest.

Our staff works diligently to inform

our community on school news, local topics, alumni updates, and provide fun activities.

We hope to have you as a reader for many years to come.

Techno Trek!



Photo: R. Holonitch

At each lap, students checked in to get their cards updated.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Max Finley (P3) shows off his lap card.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Nate Beam (MS) gives Techno Trek two thumbs up.

What do you get when you mix walking shoes, water, and wacky music? Well, Techno Trek, of course!

On Friday, May 7th, our K-8th grade students walked laps around our parking lot to raise pledged money for our technology department.

“This is one of my favorite events of the school year,” said Roxanne

Holonitch.

From 12:30 - 2:30, our students walked laps and finished the day with a shiny Gala apple for each participant from Roth Produce.

Get your feet warmed up, the next Techno Trek is only a year away!

Scrap Rap Field Trip



Photo: A. O'Connell

Our Scrap Rap Club was excited about this fun field trip.

By: Bob Faller
4th Grade

Pack up your scissors and glue – Scrap Rap hit the road for a field trip. On March 26th, 18 club members, with the help of parent volunteers, visited the Memories Scrapbooking Convention at the Ohio Expo Center in North Columbus. They went to see all of the cool new scrapbooking tools available to the public.

“The Scrap Rap field trip was a blast,” said Ethan Mosure.

Hopefully this can become a regular event for our Scrap Rappers.

Happy Anniversary!

By: Ethan Mosure
4th Grade



5 Years
Barb Kimball

We would like to wish a “Happy Anniversary” to some of our staff members this year.

Celebrating five years at SJMS is Barb Kimball. She is one of our tutors.

Michelle Getz from Primary 2, Consuelo Green from Children’s House 2, and Roxanne Holonitch from our Art room are celebrating 10 years of dedi-

10 Years
Michelle Getz
Consuelo Green
Roxanne Holonitch



20 Years
Penny Shyjka

cated service at SJMS.

“The best part is working with the children,” said Consuelo Green.

Penny Shyjka, in our Children’s House 4, has enjoyed 20 years as a staff member.

Marsha Zinser, in Children’s House 1, dedicated 30 years of her teaching career to our school.

Thank you again for all of your time and dedication to our school community.

30 Years
Marsha Zinser



Diocese Art Show



Photo: R. Holonitch

Andrew Swart (ERD) was proud to be part of the Diocese Art Show.

This year, we were proud to include 18 pieces of art from the elementary building classes to the Annual Diocesan Art Show. This show is held each year in April at Holy Spirit School in Whitehall. The students who had art shown at this exhibit received a certificate of participation.

We hope to continue our participation with this great event.

Beginning Band Concert

On March 18th, our halls with filled with musical classics like “Hot Cross Buns.” That was the day that our Beginning Band held their first performance for family and friends.

After the concert, the performers and attendees enjoyed a light breakfast.

This annual event is special to all that participate.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Beginning Band: 2010

"At the Car Wash..."

Primary 3 Field Trip

By: Reid Mitchell and
Lilykate Harpham
Primary 3 student

The third grade students in Primary 3 took an end of the year trip to COSI, The Ohio Statehouse, and the North Market on May 27th. At COSI, they had a chance to see the new Titanic exhibit.

"I thought the trip to the statehouse was interesting to see," said Morgan Zucker.

The group really enjoyed this great field trip.

By: Kate Ferguson
7th Grade

A wide variety of cars came through our school parking lot to get a makeover.

The annual Erdkinder carwash, which supports the Erdkinder class trip, occurred on Friday, April 30th from 12:30pm - 6pm.

While customers waited for their clean vehicles, they could stop by the Bake Sale and enjoy a tasty homemade treat.

Lindsay Hester, an 8th grade student, said, "I had alot of fun while raising money for the class trip."

A grand total of \$1,398.50 was raised to support their program. A tasty profit from a busy day.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Quality car washes is the name of the game for Erdkinder.



Photo: R. Holonitch

The bake sale continued outside for our car wash customers.

Authors in Our Midst

We are fortunate to have a school community that holds a variety of talents and interests. That is how our "Authors in Our Midst" event was developed.

The author visit planning committee came up with the idea to showcase the authors and illustrators that have been part of our school.

Lisa Klein, alumni parent and writer, presented ideas and techniques to strengthen the Middle School and Erdkinder students writing abilities. Lisa is an accomplished author, best known for her historical novels.

Rick Reiser, parent of Grace in Primary 1, spoke to our Children's House and Primary levels, regarding his work with his recent book, *Percy, the Perfectly Imperfect Chicken*.

Greg Bonnell, father of Chloe in Children's House 1, also spoke with the Children's House and Primary level, but focused on the illustration side of publishing. His recent work includes illustrating the children's book *Mama Voted for Obama*.

We also were introduced to a set of published authors that currently attend our school. Sydney and Jordan Wurapa, sisters in Middle School and Primary 3, have recently written a book entitled *Mimi the Mermail and the Pearl Necklace*. They shared their experiences with writing and publishing a book.

The feedback from the students was overwhelming positive from this exciting day of visitors. We hope to continue this exercise in writing on a regular basis.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Lisa Klein worked with some Middle School and Erdkinder students to develop strong writing skills.

*Come and Explore Your Creative Side.
SJMS Summer Learning Camp*



Photo: T. Hickerson

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Chess Club Scores Big!



This has been a special year for our Chess Club team. In review, our 11-member tournament team has participated in 10 tournaments this year. The team earned four trophies, and six individual score trophies, often beating high school level players to get them!

Congratulations to all our talented team members, and a thank you our parent advisors who helped make this club possible.



Earth Day Concert

By: Isabella Reardon
4th Grade

Sing, dance, and have a fun time at the Earth Day Concert at SJMS. On Thursday, April 22nd, our Primary and

Middle School students performed a show for family and friends. The Primary level educated the audience about recycling. The Middle School students sang and danced to songs from around the world.

Olivia French, from our Middle School class, said, "it showed a timeline of American cultures, and I liked it."

We give it two thumbs for a great performance.



Photo: R. Holonitch

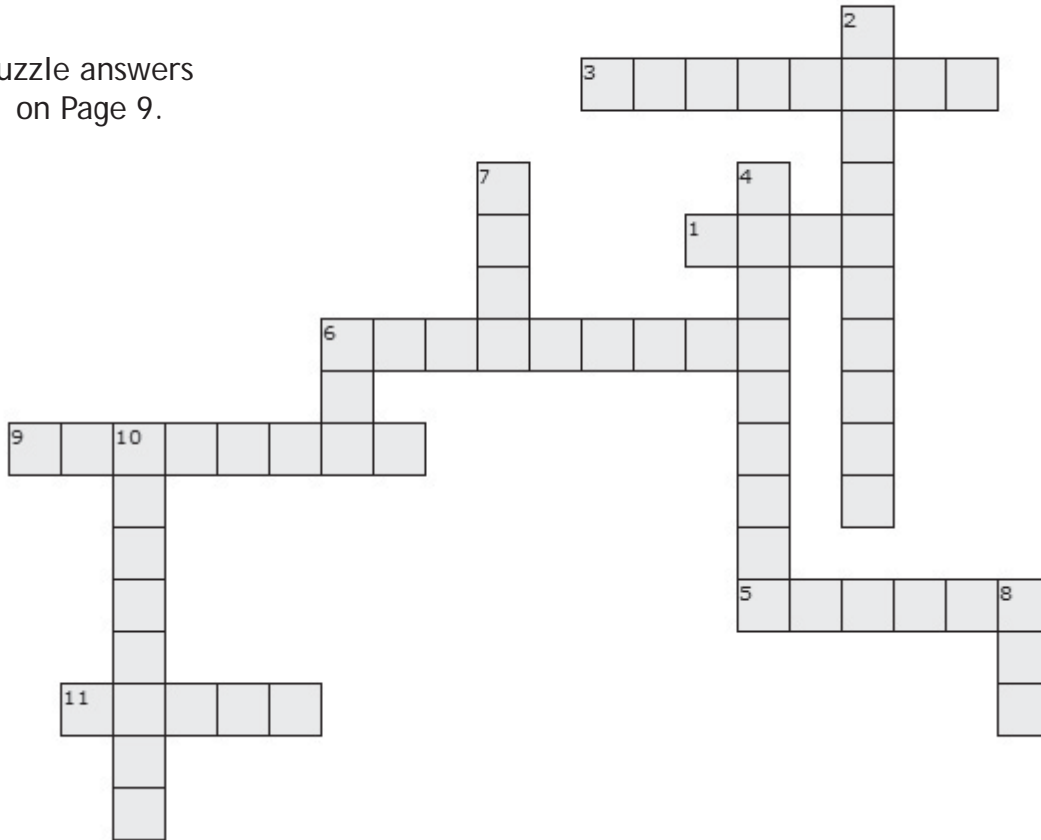
Our Primary level performers helped spread the word about saving the Earth with recycling.

monty jr.

Summertime Crossword!

Please complete the crossword puzzle below

Puzzle answers
on Page 9.



Across:

1. a place you go to swim where the water is chlorinated
3. what you wear to swim
5. baseball, soccer, tennis, and volleyball
6. what people usually wear on their feet, with flat bottoms and a strap
9. what people usually do in the water
11. the place you go to swim where the land meets the sea

Down:

2. special things you wear on your face to protect your eyes from the sun
4. cold, icy, sugary treats
6. what you have during the summer, especially with friends, or while doing activities
7. a place you go where you can stay the day or overnight,
8. the bright yellow thing in the sky during the day
10. I scream, you scream, we all scream for...

Prairie Day

By: Dawn McCombs
& Michelle Getz



Photo: R. Holonitch

Primary 1 students made candles.



Photo: R. Holonitch

The Erdkinder class made soap.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Students helped comb a sheep.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Emerson Prond (P1) got in the spirit of the day.

As a part of our school accreditation process, every four years the teachers look at ways in which we can improve our program. We wondered how our students viewed learning and their perception of how they learn. Teachers and students were surveyed about their thoughts on curriculum integration, cross level learning and how students apply their knowledge to every day life. The results of these surveys indicated that teachers at SJMS are integrating subjects (for example, integrating math with geography) and across grade levels (for example, Middle School working with Erdkinder students). However, students were not aware that we were integrating across levels or subjects, nor could they see how this applied to their every day life. As a result of these findings, we are implementing these as part of our school improvement plan.

A committee of teachers formed a plan to implement the student accreditation goals. Teachers have been busy documenting lesson plans, discussing with students how learning at school applies to their every day life, as well as seeing the connection of these subjects across the curriculum and with other levels.

We have assessed our goals, after a four-year learning process. Students and teachers took a final survey to see if we'd reached our goals. Overall, the survey scores were higher, students seemed more aware and the staff is more conscientious about integrating subjects.

The Prairie Day Festival, planned for April 23rd and April 26th, was the culmination of this integration process across levels, and across the curriculum. Our school's prairie wildlife habitat was the perfect setting for our event. Activities celebrated the culture of the early Ohio prairie. Activities included visiting folk musicians, folk dancing, wildlife explorations, storytelling, prairie spelling bees, Lily the sheep, and arts and crafts. Many of the activities integrated the curriculum; for example, the children made paper quilts, which applied geometry skills as well as art and history.

It was a joy to watch the children, of all age levels, work together in such a peaceful and cooperative way. The staff also shared that they enjoyed the day, as well, and it gave them a chance to work with children from kindergarten through eighth grade. This event was a reflection of the sense of community that we all share at St. Joseph Montessori School.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Middle School class tried the "Cotton-Eyed Joe."



Photo: R. Holonitch

It was an authentic atmosphere with a banjo and violin.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Michael shared Tall Tales to an eager group.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Maria teaches the art of felting to students.

D.A.R.E. to be Drug Free!



Photo: R. Holanitch

Moriah Miller-Gnann (ERD) received a DARE t-shirt at her graduation ceremony.

On Thursday May 20th, our school came together to honor our 5th and 7th graduate DARE graduates.

The graduation ceremony included a slideshow of images from the classtime together with their DARE officer, Officer Jim Vince.

Graduates received t-shirts, bumper stickers, and certificates.

Our school was honored to have Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes be part of this celebration.

This is another step for our school to help raise strong and independant individuals.



Erdkinder Fundraising Balance Sheet

The trip was a great adventure for all the Erdkinder students.

We would like to thank you for supporting us now and in the future. We appreciate your continued support and participation in our fundraisers.

Spaghetti	
Dinner.....	\$1537.00
Gallery Hop.....	\$383.50
Spring Dance....	\$1764.00
Carwash &	
Bake Sale....	\$1398.50



Photo: R. Holanitch

Bake Sale



Great Lakes **Scrip** Center

Talent Show

By: Lindsay Hester and John Fallor

Each year, we celebrate the talents of our students at our annual Talent Show. Everyone in the elementary school is invited to tryout and participate in this exciting show. The funds raised from putting on the show help support the Erdkinder class trip. Singing, dancing, and acting were just a few of the talents showcased for an excited audience on Thursday, May 27th.

monty jr.

Answer

guess who?

Answer

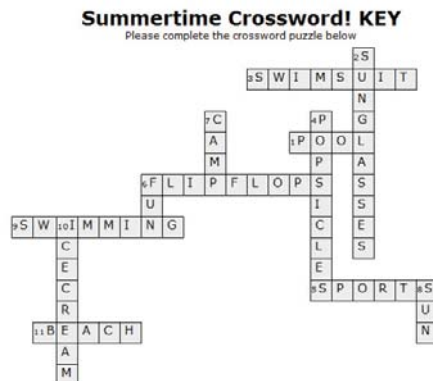


Photo: L. Hester

Michael Graham Erdkinder

Alumni News

Class of 2006



SJMS Class of 2006

Our friends from the Class of 2006 are moving on to college this year from four exciting years in high school. Here is a list of their future plans.

Nora Anderson

Nora will be attending Ohio Wesleyan with a major in Anthropology. Nora received two scholarships that total \$72,000 for four years.

Phoebe Beall

Phoebe will be heading to San Diego to attend The University of California. She hasn't decided on a major yet.

Cassie Berry

Cassie will be going to the Honors Program at Bowling Green State University. She will be majoring in Biology through their PreMed program.

Kavya Dalavayi

Kavya will travel north to attend The University of Concordia in Montreal for a major in Psychology.

We were unable to contact:

Ben Anderson
Nina Brower-Wyngaard
Alex Kegelmeyer
Gus Murphy
Alex Powers

Luke DeJarme

Luke is graduating from St. Francis DeSales High School with many honors and will be attending Norwich University, a private military college. He will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He will also be a member of the Navy ROTC program.

Alec Griffin

Alec is getting a head start by beginning his work at the Ohio State University this summer with a major in Computer Science and Engineering.

Kayla Hartford

Kayla will be attending Columbus State Community College for a degree in Business, with a planned transfer to Sarasota in 2011.

Abby James

Abby is graduating from Bishop Watterson High School, and will attend Oberlin to study Engineering or Biochemistry. To help with the tuition, Abby received a \$10,000 scholarship.

Sarah McFarland

Sarah will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Honors College. She received the Chancellor's Scholarship, which includes full tuition, room & board, fees, a stipend for books and a grant for studying abroad. She is considering majors in education, psychology or sociology.

Ariel Powell-Miller

Ariel will be in the Honors Business Program at the University of Cincinnati with the help of a generous scholarship.

Tom Ross

Tom's future plans include attending Marietta College with a major in Theatre and minors in Astronomy, Mythology and/or Philosophy.

Dustin Williams

Dustin is working towards a degree in civil engineering at The Ohio State University - Newark branch, with a transfer to the main branch in 2011.

Alumni News

Class of 2002

Hans Hill

Hans has finished his last season on the Grand Valley State University Swim Team with the conference title for the second time. He graduated in May with a degree in Bio-medical Science, and will work at Van Andel Research Institute as a lab tech. He is also planning a career in amateur boxing.



Photo: H. Hill

Class of 2004

Atticus Jack



Photo: A. Jack

Atticus is attending the College of Wooster. His favorite courses are Logic, Philosophy, and Software Engineering. In his free time, he is developing a video game with classmates.

Chris Demuro

Chris is currently attending Bowling Green State University to study glass blowing in the School of Art. On April 4th, BGSU hosted, and won, the Glass Olympics, which is an event held every year.

Also, in May, Chris travelled to Arizona to live and work on a Navajo reservation for two weeks in a cross-cultural exchange.

Class of 2007

Maya Pederson



Photo: M. Pederson

Maya Pederson (right)

Maya is part of the track team at Bishop Hartley High School. She is the first leg in both the 4x2 and 4x4 relays. Last year, they won at the district, regional, and state levels. Her team travelled to California this spring for more competitions.

Thomas Phillips

Thomas was chosen by the American Legion to attend Buckeye Boys State this summer for a week of leadership training at Bowling Green State University.

Are you on Facebook?

Join the SJMS Alumni Group on Facebook to keep in touch with all your buddies from SJMS.



We Want to Hear from You!

Is something exciting happening in your life? Let us know.

Just drop us an email at rholonit@cdeducation.org and we will let the entire SJMS community know your good news!

Elizabeth Miller

Elizabeth played Francesca, a shark girl, in the Bishop Hartley production of "West Side Story" in February. She had a solo part in "I Feel Pretty."

She then took on the role of Aphysa in "Children of Eden" at St. Charles in April. Ironically, Thomas Phillips (SJMS 2007) played her husband in the show.

Jaime Grinch



Photo: A. Ruiz

Jaime, who is a junior at The Wellington School, recently earned his Boy Scout Eagle rank in December 2009 through his Grandview Heights troop. He completed 27 badges, which is six more than required.

For his service project, Jaime organized and led a project where he and 40 volunteers planted over 1,800 trees in reclaimed mining land.

Class of 2008

Christopher D'Angelo

In a recent swim meet, Chris placed 12th in the 100 meter breaststroke.

In April, Chris, along with Adam Henderson (SJMS 2008), Anderson Speed (SJMS 2008), and Thomas Phillips (SJMS 2007) performed as a jazz band at the Columbus Jazz Festival.

Calendar of Events

June

2 - Graduation Ceremony

3 – Last Day of School
Early Dismissal (1:30pm)

14 – Summer Learning Camp
begins



SJMS

guess who?

Read the clues and check out the picture to the “Guess Who?” in this issue. The answer is located on page 9.

* In college, **Guess Who** drove to Alaska in three days with a friend.

* **Guess Who** took an 8-hour test, and passed!

* **Guess Who** took part in “Cease-Fire Operations” of Operation Desert Storm as a Navy Midshipman.

* **Guess Who** was in show choir in High School. I actually sang and danced!

* **Guess Who** once went “crowd surfing” at a concert.

