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Grandparents' Day 2009!

By: Kate Ferguson
7th Grade

Why was SJMS so busy on October 16? It was because students invited guests to the school for Grandparents and Special Guests Day. This is a day when guests come to the school to see the great work the students are completing in the classroom.



Garrett Thesing (P2) shows his Grandma some school work in the classroom.

The day started with a brief presentation in Ryan Hall and a concert from the band. Once that was

complete, guests were led to each classroom to experience a day in the life of an SJMS student. Classrooms even provided light refreshments to enjoy. The Primary 2 classroom made Apple Salsa to try. "Sharing my snack with my special guest was great," said Claire Ferguson from Primary 2.



Spanish classes in the Primary level put on a puppet show for their guests.

Grandparents and Special Guests Day is sponsored by the Family Association and organized by Deb Mak.

In the Primary level, students put on a puppet show in the Spanish room for their guests to enjoy. Senora Maria Phillips and Roxanne Holonitch helped make that project happen for the students and guests.



Isabella Reardon and Ben Ingraham-Dwyer (MS) showed his Grandpa a fun game to play.

Overall, Grandparents and Special Guests Day was a huge success for this school year.

Photos: R. Holonitch

Thank You for a Great Summer!

OCEA Convention in Cincinnati



We would like to thank all the students, staff, and families for another great summer camp experience at St. Joseph Montessori School.

Photo: R. Holonitch

The OCEA, Ohio Catholic Education Association, creates a convention every other year for Catholic school educators. This year, our staff traveled to Cincinnati for this 2-day convention.

Offerings included keynote speakers, smaller breakout sessions, exhibitors with new and exciting products, workshops, and hands-on activities.

No moment was left vacant, even the evenings were planned with dinners and live entertainment.

We look forward to seeing what ideas are used in the classroom from this great opportunity.

By: Moriah Miller-Gnann
7th Grade

Our school once again hosted the Scholastic Book Fair from September 14th through September 18th. Rita Dean and Linda Richter were the parent volunteers that coordinated the event.

While browsing the collection in Ryan Hall, you would have seen picture books, chapter books, and fun collectibles.

“The Book Fair is a great way to help a child’s interest in books and stories,” said Delaney Morphew, in the seventh grade.

Watch for information regarding our winter book fair with Scholastic. Keep reading!

We Love the Bookfair!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Andrea Richter (P1) and Rebecca Conrad (P2) look at all the books available with Linda Richter.

Lutheran Memorial Camp, Here We Come!

By: Cassey Addington
6th Grade

For the 25th year, our fifth and sixth grade students in the Middle School classroom spent three days at the Lutheran Memorial Camp in Mount Gilead, Ohio. Susan Walling and Nancy Addington led the group of students to many fun activities. Hiking, crafts, and nature identification are just a few of the activities available to the campers. This annual event is always an exciting experience for our students, and one they will always remember.



Photo: C. Addington

The campers and teachers enjoyed the "Great Outdoors" together.

Erdkinder Fundraisers

By: Kate Ferguson
7th Grade

Every year, the Erdkinder class goes on a class trip for one week. Throughout the year, the seventh and eighth grade students work hard to raise money for this trip. There are many ways to support this great cause and help Erdkinder meet their goal.

Every first Saturday of the month, Erdkinder offers Gallery Hop babysitting. While you are out and enjoying Gallery Hop in the Short North, you can rest easily knowing your children are safe at SJMS. Babysitting is offered to children in preschool to sixth grade. While Erdkinder students supervise, the children enjoy a snack, toys, games, and even a movie.

The Supply Store was open the first couple weeks of school. This was a chance for SJMS students to buy school supplies based on the supply list given to each family in August. Thank you again for your continued support of the Erdkinder class.

Yummy Apples for Primary 2!

By: Primary 2 Class

Apples don't just keep the doctor away: they bring a class together. The Primary 2 class started the school year off with a unit of study on this delicious fruit.

The students used many areas of study to complete this study. They used their graphing skills to monitor growth of a tree, fractions for cutting up apples, and plant identification during a taste test.

In Grammar class, they learned to use adjectives to describe the taste of an apple, such as tart, sweet, crunchy, sour, mellow, and juicy.

They read stories about Johnny Appleseed in his adventures.

The class also had a field trip to Oakland Park Nursery.



Photo: M. Daniel

The Primary 2 students worked with Todd to plant the tree.

To complete the unit, the class planted an apple tree on school property with the help of Todd Hickerson.

Thank you to all that helped with this great life lesson.

New Smartboards in the Classroom

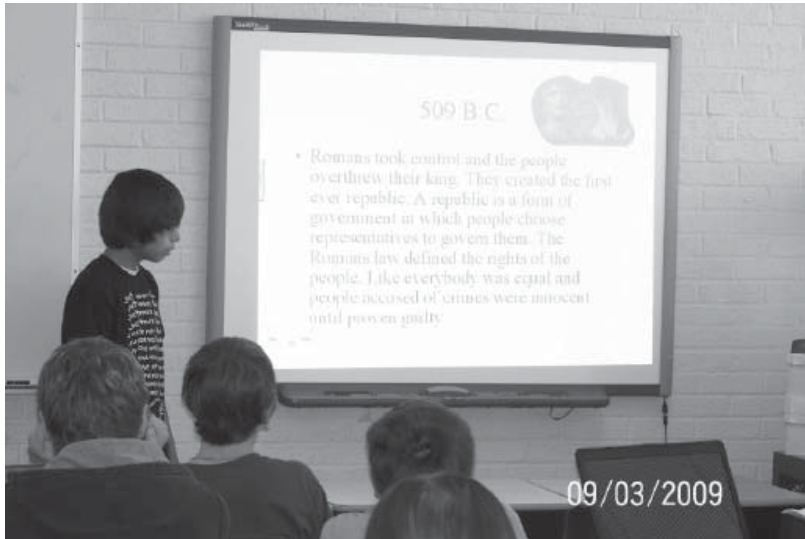


Photo: R. Holonitch

Michael Savino (ERD) uses the Smartboard to present his project to the class.

By: Elisabeth Spector
8th Grade

During the first weeks of school, you may have noticed that SJMS is stepping into the high tech world with new Smartboards in the elementary classrooms.

Because of the availability of NPSS funds, money made available to our school from the state government, we were able to purchase three new Smartboards. The first is located in the Erdkinder room, the next can be found in the Flex Room for Middle School, and the third is shared be-

tween the Primary level rooms.

There are many uses for this equipment. It is an interactive tool connected to a computer and projector, with special markers that work with the computer and the programs.

"I am excited to see what possibilities are ahead with this equipment," said Roxanne Holonitch, our Technology Coordinator.

If you would like to see a glimpse into the future, stop in one of our classrooms and check it out.

Baby Battisti Has Arrived!



Photo: L. Battisti

Hello Baby Leo!

Leo Matthew Battisti was born June 11, 2009 at 11:07pm. He weighed 6lbs 8oz. and measured in at 19.75 inches long.

Mommy and baby are home and doing well. Laura will return to SJMS in January.

First Grade Arts Night

Art, Music, Spanish, and Gym. Oh, my! These were the words chanted on Thursday, September 24th by the families of our first graders. On that night, students and their families were invited to visit the Special Subjects' teachers for an enlightening event.

The evening began with a group activity with Marty Gossett, our Physical Education and Health instructor. Once complete, the group was broken into three smaller groups which then visited the Music Room with Sandra Matheny, Spanish Room with Senora Maria Phillips, and then finally the Art Room with Roxanne Holonitch. Families had a chance to talk with the teachers and learn about the work their children do in the Special Subjects' rooms.

"This was a great event," said Bob Getz, father of Robert and Nicky Getz in Primary 1. We are happy to hear that so many families had such a positive experience.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Bob and Robert Getz work together on a mosaic project in the art session of the evening.

Welcome Zapata!

By: Maria Walliser-Wejebe
8th Grade

There is a new addition to our SJMS family. So let's give a warm welcome to Mr. Zapata Lyder.

Zapata works in the Children's House building, with mornings in Children's House 3 with Janet Myer and afternoons in Children's House 2 with Consuelo Green. Zapata decided to join our team because of our strong reputation and loyal staff.

"I like working here and everyone's been very nice," Zapata said. "I'm looking forward a snowy winter here."

With many years experience from the Columbus Montessori Education Center (CMEC) in North Columbus, we wish Zapata the best and many happy years here at SJMS.



Zapata Lyder

Photo: R. Holonitch

Enjoy a Cup of Joe at Carpool Coffee



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our parents enjoy the conversations and coffee at Carpool Coffee.

By: Kate Ferguson
7th Grade

What happens the first Friday morning each month that gets our parents so excited? It's Carpool Coffee!

hosted by the Family Association and located in the multi-purpose room. Coffee and breakfast refreshments are provided to parents while they mingle.

Sounds good, doesn't it? Will we see you there next month?

Carpool Coffee is sponsored and

All School Mass

On a bright morning on September 11th, the school community came together for an opening school Mass. The Sacred Heart Church opened its doors and hearts to the students of SJMS.

Father Metzger led the service. During his Homily, Father Metzger reminded us of the tragedy of 9/11, but hoped and prayed for peace in the future.

The service was accompanied by our Guitar Club, which was led by Karla McKenna.



Photo: E. Spector

The singers were accompanied by lovely music from Guitar Club.

After the Mass ended, everyone returned to their work, but with peaceful thoughts in their minds from the service.

Spirit of America!

By: Lindsay Hester
8th Grade

In September, the Erdkinder class had a wonderful opportunity to go see the "Spirit of America" performance at Nationwide Arena. This show was created to teach guests about the American Armed Forces and battles, beginning with the Revolutionary War.

Along with reenactments of each war, information was shared. Felix Mak, an eighth grade student, said, "it was very informative and interesting."

All the presenters were connected to the Armed Forces. The audience was often reminded that they were not actors, instead they are the "real deal." Throughout the show, singers lead the audience in sing-alongs of classic American favorites.

The show was not entirely serious. The ending included "The Broom Team," which clumsily cleaned up the stage. After the Spirit of America show, the Erdkinder students received another special treat by going to the North Market for lunch. All Erdkinder agrees it was a very fun, educational, and exciting day.

Student Poetry

Clouds

By: Anna Reed

Shifting, changing
floating by

Different sizes
in the sky

Bleached to white
what a sight

Clouds are raising
to a new height

If you would like a poem featured in The Montessorian, please send your work to Roxanne for review.

Winter is Coming!!!



The Winter Festival that is...

Sunday, December 6, 2009 Noon to 5:00

FOOD * MUSIC * CRAFTS * SANTA

monty jr.

What Is So Funny?

Check out these fun jokes.

Q: What do ducks have with their soup?

A: Quackers

Q: Why did the kangaroo cross the road?

A: To go to the hopital.

Q: What do cows listen to?

A: mooosic

Q: What happens when you cross a bird with an elephant?

A: A lot of broken telephone lines.

If you have a joke to submit to monty jr., drop it in Roxanne's mailbox in the office.

"Sweets for My Sweet" Poll

With the Halloween season upon us, it is time to think about one of our favorite things: CANDY! Please complete the poll below, and place your tally in the box by the office. We will publish the results in the next issue.

My favorite candy is:

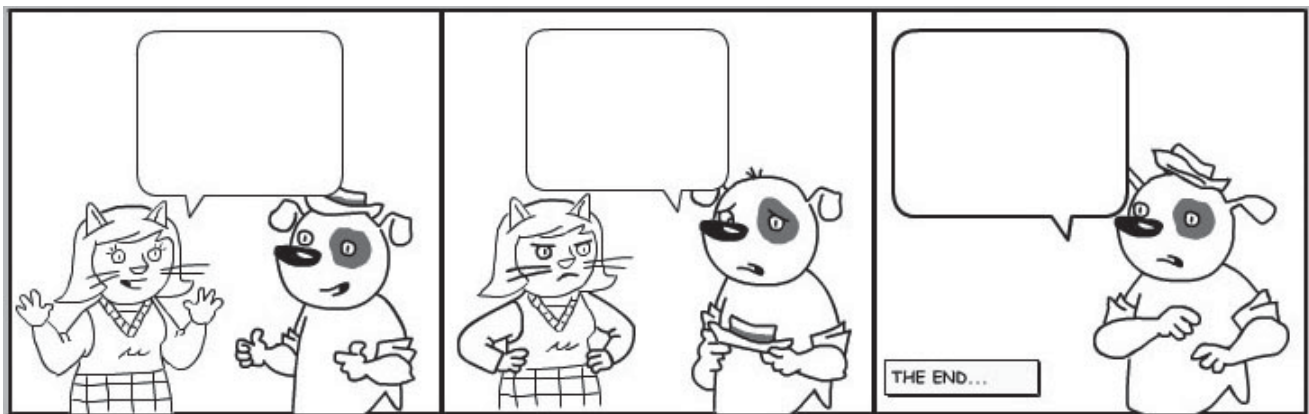
___ M & M's

___ Skittles

___ Starbursts

What Would You Say?

Using this comic template, fill in the words to complete this comic strip.



What is Montessori?

We have asked our students what Montessori means to them, and below are some of their thoughts.

A place where it is peaceful.

Hands are for helping, not fighting.

Move around and choose a seat.

Rights and Responsibility to do stuff.

Teachers give you more than one chance.

Everyone is welcome!

Work on REAL work.

People care for each other.

Belief in peace and love.

Look for more thoughts on Montessori education in the upcoming editions of The Montessorian.

Spanish Class Heads to the Kitchen

By: Kate Ferguson and
Isaac Drew

!Ole! In September, the seventh grade Spanish class took their lesson an extra step to become immersed in the Spanish culture.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 6-7 medium potatoes, peeled
- 1 whole yellow onion
- 5-6 large eggs
- 2-3 cups of olive oil for pan frying
- Salt to taste

Preparation:

This “tortilla espanola” or “tortilla de patata” makes 8-10 servings as an appetizer. It serves 5-6 as a main course.

Cut the peeled potatoes in half lengthwise. Then, with the flat side on the cutting surface, slice the potato in pieces approximately 1/8” thick. Make sure to separate the pieces that stick together. It is not necessary to slice the potatoes paper thin and it is best not to use a food processor because most will slice the potatoes too thin. If you slice them a bit thick, don’t worry – it will simply take a bit longer for them to cook.

Peel and chop the onion into 1/4” pieces. Put potatoes and onions into a bowl and mix them together. Salt the mixture.

In a large, heavy, non-stick frying pan, heat the olive oil on medium high heat. Drop a single piece of potato into the oil to ensure it is hot enough to fry. Carefully place the potato and onion mixture into the frying pan, spreading them evenly over the surface. The oil should almost cover the potatoes. You may need to turn down the heat slightly, so the potatoes do not burn.

Note: If the oil is too hot, the potatoes will brown rapidly on the outside, but still be raw on the inside.

Leave in pan until the potatoes are cooked. If you can poke a piece of potato with a spatula and it easily breaks in two, your potatoes are done. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon or spatula. Some cooks like to place the potato and onion mixture in a colander for a few minutes to allow more oil to drain. If you do this, place a plate underneath to catch the olive oil and you can use it again.

While the mixture is draining, crack the eggs into a large mixing bowl and beat by hand with a whisk or fork. Pour in the potato onion mixture. Mix together with a large spoon.

Pour 1-2 Tbsp of olive oil into a small, non-stick frying pan (aprox. 9-10”) and heat on medium heat. Be careful not to get the pan too hot because the oil will burn - or the tortilla will! When hot, stir the potato onion mixture once more and “pour” into the pan and spread out evenly. Allow the egg to cook around the edges. Then you can carefully lift up one side of the omelet to check if the egg has slightly “browned.” The inside of the mixture should not be completely cooked and the egg will still be runny.

When the mixture has browned on the bottom, you are ready to turn it over to cook the other side. Carefully take the frying pan to a sink. Place a large dinner plate (12”) upside down over the frying pan. With one hand on the frying pan handle and the other on top of the plate to hold it steady, quickly turn the frying pan over and the omelet will “fall” onto the plate. Place the frying pan back on the range and put just enough oil to cover the bottom and sides of the pan – approximately 1.5 tsp. Let the pan warm for 30 seconds or so. Now slide the omelet (which is probably still a bit runny), into the frying pan, using a spatula to catch any egg mixture that runs out. Use the spatula to shape the sides of the omelet. Let the omelet cook for 3-4 minutes. Turn the heat off and let the tortilla sit in the pan for 2 minutes.

Carefully slide the omelet onto a plate! To serve as a main course, slice it into 6-8 pieces like a pie. Serve sliced French bread on the side.

If you are serving as an appetizer, slice a baguette into pieces about 1/2 inch thick. Cut the tortilla into 1.5” squares and place a piece on top of each slice of bread.

It is simply delicious served with sofrito, fried tomato sauce that is made all over Spain. Tomatoes, onions, garlic, green peppers and olive oil sautéed in a frying pan.

Renovations: Before and After

Over the summer, students may have been enjoying the sun and the outdoors, but big renovations were underway at SJMS for the upcoming school year.

The office is the first place you will notice changes. By consolidating files, the walls opened up an area to display our school logo.

A new ceiling and floor were installed in the main hallway of the Elementary building, with a new coat of paint.

We added a new Primary level classroom for up to 18 students and one teacher by moving the Spanish classroom into the previous science room for Erdkinder.

Since Erdkinder is enjoying their new classroom, Middle School created a Flex Room and Peace Atrium in the open area.

Lastly, The art room now has two sinks in the main work area.

Many thanks go to Scott Reifeis and Havens Construction for their hard-work on this project, as well as Diane Rambo and her team with the office decorating.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Before

The day before the renovation began included moving furniture and paperwork.



Photo: R. Holonitch

After

The office now features a large school logo and new file cabinets.



Erdkinder Fundraising Balance Sheet

The Erdkinder class is working hard to raise money for their class trip in May.

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

School Store...	\$410.55
Soda Machine....	\$16.10
Gallery Hop....	\$275.50

Total =	\$702.15
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Guess Who?

Answer



Sue Casto
Nurse

Project Care Update



Photo: J. Hawley

Michelle Getz accepts the check from Callie Jones in honor of Project Care.

By: Michelle Getz
Club Advisor

Last year, the SJMS community rallied together in support of the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The Mid-Ohio Food Bank supports many local food pantries, churches and soup kitchens throughout central Ohio. We kicked off a food drive during Catholic Schools Week and continued through the springtime. Together our school community donated over 800 pounds of food! In May, the Project Care Kids Club Bake Sale raised over \$140 to donate to the food bank. In the springtime, Project Care

Kids Club member, Callie Jones, organized and developed a project to raise even more funds to help the food bank. "Pennies for the Pantry" was a penny drive that raised \$206.97 to help feed hungry who are supported by Mid-Ohio. Thank you to Callie and the entire SJMS community for supporting Project Care. Your service to our community makes a difference to many!

Alumni News

Class of 1990

Annie (Early) Stephens

Annie (Early) Stephens graduated from SJMS in 1990, then moved on to graduate from Bishop Watterson High School.

After high school, Annie attended the American Institute of Alternative Medicine. She is now the owner and massage therapist of Bliss Bodyworks in Westerville.



Photo: A. Stephens

Annie Stephens

She is married and has a 7-month old child with her husband, Robert.

Class of 1991

Josephia Morris

Josephia Morris headed to Liberty Union Thurston High School after graduating from SJMS in 1991.

She is now an operations manager of a test lab for Converge Global Tradinf Company. This company is #1 in the world for refurbishing computer paertrs. She lives in Baltimore, Ohio with her husband and 11-year old child.



Photo: B. Barnhart

Brian Barnhart

Class of 1993

Jessica Hazelbaker-Buell

Jessica's favorite memories from SJMS are the Erdkinder class trip and the Children's Carnival.

After SJMS, she graduated from Bishop Watterson High School in 1997, then attended Otterbein College and completed a bachelor's degree in Creative Writing. Then, she traveled to Canterbury, England for a Master's degree in European Literature from the University of Kent.

Neal Robinson

Neal Robinson just graduated with his MFA in Photography from Cranbrook Art Academy in Bloomfield Hills MI. He was the Diamler Financial Scholar last year and was featured in the Detroit Free-Press as the outstanding young emerging artist this year.

Class of 1996

Brian Barnhart

Brian graduated from SJMS in 1996, then headed to four years of success at St. Charles Preparatory School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Material Science Engineering at The Ohio State University.

In May, Brian graduated from Carnegie Mellon with his M.B.A. His exciting plans continue with a new career as a consultant in St. Louis with his wife. We invite you to follow Brian's plans on his blog at: <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/BrianBarnhart>

Class of 1998

Laura Barnhart

In 1998, Laura graduated from SJMS, then moved onto great success at the Columbus School for Girls. She then attended the College of Wooster with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Geology. She worked summers in the National Forests and National Parks of Idaho and Washington building trails, fighting fires, and back country rangers.

The last two years she has been in China first teaching English at a college and now interning at a research center. She plays soccer, Gaelic football, travels around Southeast Asian countries on her holidays and blogs her thoughts and findings at <http://www.eastversusmidwest.blogspot.com/>

Anna Shailer

Anna Shailer received her Master's Degree in French Literature from Indiana University on May 9th, 2009. She will remain at the university as an Associate Instructor in French for the next two years pursuing her PhD. Anna started taking lessons in French at SJMS as a student in Children's House in 1987.



Photo: A. Shailer

Anna Shailer

Alumni News

Class of 2006

Reunion at Donato's Pizza for Class of 2006

They felt it was only appropriate to have their reunion at the place where they spent most of their time at SJMS. The SJMS Class of 2006 reunited the weekend before their senior year of high school at Donato's Pizza on High Street.



Photo: A. James

Our friends from '06 met for food, fun, and a drive down "Memory Lane."

Alumni Work at SJMS Summer Learning Camp



Photo: R. Holomitch

Anna Recchie (SJMS 2008) worked with Ben Ingraham-Dwyer during Math week.

This summer, we were honored to have so many wonderful alumni assist our summer camp program with their many gifts and talents. Our workers included: Cameron VanTilburg (SJMS 2002), Alexander Reifeis (SJMS 2004), Amanda Maxfield (SJMS 2004), Bobby Jones (SJMS 2004), Bethany Torres (SJMS 1999), Anna Recchie (SJMS 2008), Adam Henderson (SJMS 2008), Chris D'Angelo (SJMS 2008), Andy Speed (SJMS 2008), and Ninita Odwarka-Coleman (SJMS 2008).

Class of 2003

James Darbee

James Darbee is currently attending Ohio Dominican University working on his degree in Sociology. He is also considering joining the army to follow his dream of becoming a pilot.

Class of 2004

Rebecca Brenner

Rebecca is enjoying college life at the University of Cincinnati while majoring in Ballet. On a quarterly basis, she participates in a ballet performance for the entire campus to see. She is currently planning to participate in a co-op program with the Louisville Ballet or the Cincinnati Ballet.

St. Joseph Montessori School
Winter Festival: 2009

Alumni Room

Sunday, December 7th
12:00noon - 5:00pm

When you visit the alumni room, you will receive a \$2 coupon for the Food Court in Ryan Hall.

We Want to Hear from You!

Fill out the biography form on the Alumni Page at sjms.net, and soon you will see yourself in our Alumni News features.

Calendar of Events

November

- 11 - Mystery Dinner - Erdkinder
- 12 - Curriculum Night
- 16 & 18 - Parent / Teacher Conf.
- 23 & 24 - Parent / Teacher Conf.
- 25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL

December

- 2 - 7th & 8th Grade Interim Reports mailed
- 6 - Winter Festival
- 17 - Cookies & Carols
- 21 - Jan. 1 - Christmas Holiday
NO SCHOOL

January

- 4 - Classes resume
- 7 - Ski Club begins
- 14 - Continuing Montessori
New Levels Meeting
- 18 - MLK Day
NO SCHOOL



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.

* Guess Who is the shortest person in their immediate or extended family, except for their daughter.

* Guess Who's favorite hobbies are reading and knitting.

* Guess Who grew up on Lake Erie in Port Clinton, Ohio.

* Guess Who Went to college in Boston, Massachusetts.

* Guess Who worked as a diener in the morgue.



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Would you like to contribute to The Montessorian? We are always looking for new writers or photographers. Join us Tuesdays at recess in the Art Room for our Brainstorming Meetings.