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Winter Festival Fun!

Photos: C. Alexander

A neighborhood of gingerbread houses was created at Winter Festival.

By: Harper Daniel
4th Grade

'Tis the time of year for laughter and cheer, and don't forget a bit of popcorn, snacks, and knick-knacks to last a whole year!

On December 5th, our school held it's annual Winter Festival with many favorite attractions, along with a few updates.

Led by our Family Association, and the help of many dedicated volunteers, our Winter Festival was enjoyed by our entire school community.

Gingerbread houses, pictures with Santa Claus, silent auctions, and vendors with hand-made crafts are just a few of the highlights from this great event. We can't wait for next year!

Photos: C. Alexander

Tyler Addington (P1) tried his hand at mini golf in the Game Room.

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Congratulations Laura!

Photo: R. Holonitch

Laura Moser

We would like to congratulate Laura Moser (ERD) for her recent engagement to Caleb Frey. Their nuptials are planned for June.

Yum! Hot Chocolate!

Photo: R. Holonitch

Senora Maria led a toast to a great holiday and new year with our sixth graders.

Our sixth graders spent the last day of school before our holiday break in the kitchen. They used the time to learn how to make Mexican Hot Chocolate and Cinnamon Sugar Chips, with the help of Senora Maria.

To prepare for this hands-on lesson, the children watched "Christmas in Mexico."

The treats were even offered to the office staff as a holiday snack. Elma said, "it reminds me of my grandmother's cooking."

This is what we call a holiday treat.

Author Sarah Prineas Visits Middle School & Erdkinder

Photo: K. McKenna

Sarah Prineas showed the Erdkinder class examples of her manuscripts.

By: Lilykate Harpham
4th Grade

On October 28th, Sarah Prineas came to our Middle School and Erdkinder classrooms to talk about being an author. She showed the students pages from her first book, "The Magic Thief." It was covered with corrections from her editors.

Grace Reiser, in 4th grade, said, "Sarah has good books and we are looking forward to her next book."

She wanted the students to know that working as an author is a fun career to choose.

International Children's Day Events

By: Marlena Cook
4th Grade

This year, International Children's Day was on October 29th. Everyone from Children's House to Erdkinder participated in the days' events. Classrooms celebrated by sharing objects and facts from different nations. Food was also a big factor in the festivities.

The day started with a Costume Parade in Ryan Hall, where each classroom was showcased. A new feature was including speakers from different countries to come and talk to each level. Kanako Hirao spoke about Japan, Dayse Silva talked about Brazil, Ananya Chakraborty shared facts about India, and Seidu Flemister demonstrated African drumming.

To end the morning celebration, our own Penelope Roth, Sydney Roth, Fiona York (P2), Carol Durbin (CH4) and Courtney D'Angelo (ERD) shared their Irish Dance skills to the entire school.

This event is a great example of embracing our difference as a community.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Sydney and Penelope Roth (P2) demonstrated their Irish Dance skills, with Fiona York (P2), Courtney D'Angelo (ERD), and Carol Durbin (CH4).

Photo: R. Holonitch

Seidu Flemister entertained the crowd during the costume parade.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Danny Pyles (MS) stepped back in time as a Viking Raider.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Nick Smith (P3) waves to the excited audience.

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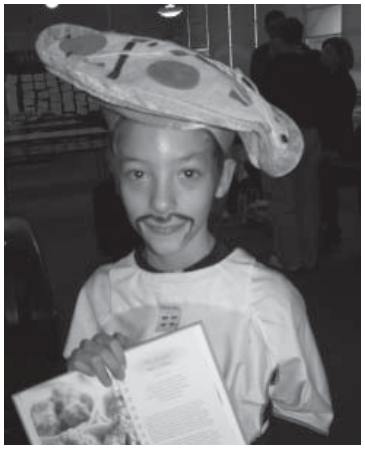

Photo: R. Holonitch

Michael Weaver (MS) became a pizza chef for his first International Children's Day.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Maika Danford and Katherine (P2) stay cool with their beautiful Oriental Fans.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Dayse Silva taught our students about Brazil and demonstrated the Salsa with her husband.

Inter-Faith Presentation

Photo: A. Walliser

Sandra Matheny led Mikhail Hunker, Andres Walliser-Wejebe, Carolyn Faller, Isabella Bocija, Lilly Kleban, and Sally Squires in this inspirational presentation.

On December 19th, our Honors Band was delighted to be part of the 25th Anniverary of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio. Located at the Epispopal Church, across the street from the Statehouse, our students were part of a celebration honoring many faiths with their rendition of " 'O Come, Little Children."

The theme of the event was "Calling for the Spirit of Peace-Moving from Coexistence to Cooperation."

Sharing the "Drug Free" Message

Photo: R. Holonitch

Our eighth graders helped spread the word about being drug-free.

By: Allison Sheehan
4th Grade

To help share the idea of being drug free, our Erdkinder Health class, with the help of Marty Gossett, created bookmarks with fun slogans to distribute to our school population. The slogans refered to being drug free for a better life.

"We made the bookmarks so we could promote drug awareness to the little kids. We don't want them to turn into people that use drugs," said Pauline Sohn, a seventh grader.

This is just another example of how our upper level students are great role models for the younger children.

Art Show for Todd and Roxanne

For the month of December, Todd Hickerson and Roxanne Holonitch had an artist collaboration. The prepared a joint show for CORE Fitness Studio on Parsons Avenue entitled "Make A Run For It." This show featured pottery created by Todd with shoetreads as texture, and Roxanne's outhouses.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Todd's pottery and Roxanne's paintings worked well together in the gallery space.

Flamengo Dancing Field Trip

By: Kate Ferguson
8th Grade

On November 8th, our Spanish students in the Erdkinder classroom went on a field trip to see a Spanish ballet. It was a performance filled with different dances from Latin America.

Afterwards, our students were invited to stay for a second showing.

The second show had dances that are traditional to Spain. There also was a workshop to get the audience involved in the fun.

Once the show was over, our students went to the Plantain Cafe in downtown Columbus. The restaurant serves traditional Cuban food. Senora Maria said, "it was yummy."

Photo: M. Phillips

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Our students observed, and participated, in various dance styles on this exciting field trip.

Parents Need Education Too!

Photo: R. Holonitch

To keep our parents up-to-date on the activities of the school, we have many evening events planned. We hope to see you there.

January 13th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Continuing Montessori Night
New Levels

January 25th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Parent Education Night
Children's House Only

February 3rd, 5:30pm
Music Education Night

Art Show at Columbus Metropolitan Library

The library isn't just a place to find books anymore. Our students in the elementary building created grid-drawing enlargements of five famous paintings to be displayed for the month of November.

Each student was given a small square of the painting to enlarge, and later be pieced together to show the entire painting.

Matthew Hohmann, in the fourth grade, siad, "this project was fun."

Photo: R. Holonitch

Our artwork was showcased on the main display wall in the Center for Discovery.

More Winter Festival Photos

Photo: C. Alexander

(L-R) Vendors sold their wears, Amiah Robinson (P2) was excited about her surprise box, Sidney Flynn (MS) and Callie Jones went shopping, and Fiona York had a chat with Santa Claus.

Classic Caroling at Cookies and Carols

By: Grace Reiser
and Mia Rivera
4th Grade

The Primary and Erdkinder levels played for a packed house on December 16th for our annual Cookies and Carols performance. Located in Sacred Heart Church, the audience was very pleased with the quality of the music.

Practice, Practice, Practice! For two months, Sandra Matheny has practiced with the students to create a festive show. With singing, our Bell Choir, the Honors band, and a surprise performance from Isaac Drew on violin in the balcony, everyone left humming their favorite tune.

To finish off the night, cookies were served in Ryan Hall. This is always a great way to start the holiday season.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Jasmine Nappier (MS), Mikhail Hunker (ERD), and Carolyn Thomas (CH2) wowed the audience with a fun song.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Primary classes sang some Christmas classics, including "Up On The House Top."

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The State of Word Searches

Find all the BOLDED words in our word search.

Answers on Page 9.

ALPINE Ski Area
Neil **ARMSTRONG**
BUCKEYE
CAMPBELL HILL
CARDINAL
CINCINNATI
COLUMBUS
FOOTBALL
James A. **GARFIELD**
John **GLENN**
Ulysses S. **GRANT**
Warren G. **HARDING**
Benjamin **HARRISON**
Rutherford B. **HAYES**
HOOVER Vacuums
KINGS Island
William **MCKINLEY**
OHIO
RUBBERMAID
SCARLET CARNATION
SEVENTEENTH state in the Union
SMUCKERS
William H. **TAFT**

Q: Where do sick horses go?
A: The Horse-pital.

Erin Miller (MS)

Q: What kind of dinosaurs go to tea parties?
A: A T-Rex.

Emerson Prond (MS)

Q: What did the hotdog say when he crossed the finish line?
A: I'm the wiener.

Nick Reiser (MS)

Q: What is an alligator's favorite drink?
A: Gatorade

Lilykate Harpham (MS)

Q: What do you get when you cross an artist with a water balloon?
A: A Pablo Pi-Splash-O

Allison Sheehan (MS)

Q: Why did the chicken cross the playground?
A: To get to the other slide.

Joel Samuels (MS)

Q: What do you call four Spanish bullfighters in quicksand?
A: Quatro Cinco.

Adam Sorrels (MS)

The Great Pumpkin Trip

Photo: N. Sethi

Students found just the right pumpkins for their home.

By: Claire Ferguson
4th Grade

This year, on October 19th, our Children's House students went to Lynd's Fruit Farm for a pumpkin adventure.

The children and parents were given a hayride and allowed to choose their favorite pumpkin to take home. This is always a fun trip for our Children's House students.

Allison Wins First Place in Art Contest

To promote fire safety, K-Mart stores sponsored a coloring contest at each store.

Allsion Sheehan, in Middle School, was one of the lucky winners of that contest. She won a $25 giftcard to K-Mart and a ribbon for her efforts.

Congratulations Allison!

Zoo-Mazing Concert

Even though the temperatures were in the single digits, our school band was hot with the holiday tunes.

On Thursday, December 9th, our Honors band had the pleasure of playing for the crowd at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium during Wild Lights.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Allison with her winning poster.

Project Care Shares Holiday Joy with Carols

Photo: M. Phillips

The Fashion Police are on the case with this mystery.

Our Project Care Kids Club shared the joys of Christmas with the residents of Westminster Thurber by singing holiday carols.

"Up On the House Top" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" are just two of the songs sung that day.

"It got me in the holiday spirit," said Adam Sorrels in Middle School.

Support SJMS at the Grocery Store!

There are many ways to help our school, and most are at the grocery stores you use everyday. By participating in these programs, you are helping our school with additional funding and supplies.

Great Lakes Scrip Center

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.

Dance.....$1260.00

December
Gallery Hop.$140.00

Winter Festival
Santa Room..$200.00

Game Room..$1400.00

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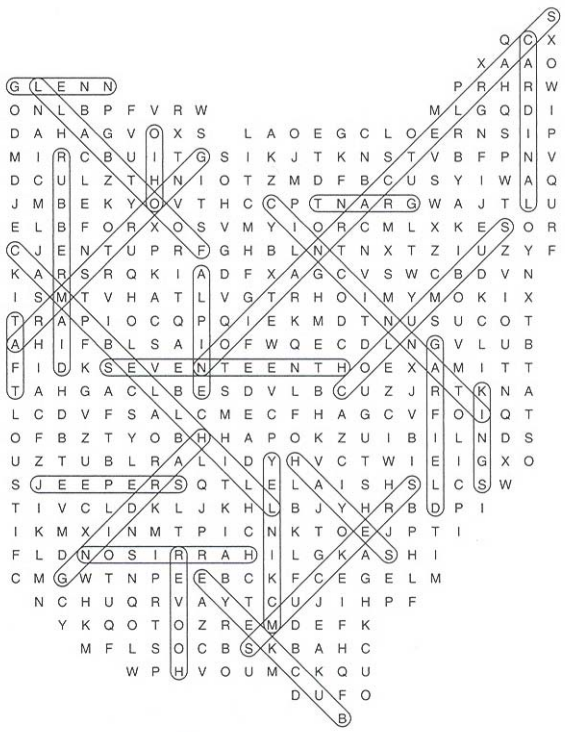

Guess Who? Answer

Zapata Lyder
Children's House

Alumni News

Class of 1983

Melissa Jackson

Photo: R. Holonitch

Melissa earned the "Oldest Alumni" Award in the Alumni Room. She returned with her son and daughter to refresh many memories and support the school. Currently she is a retired fire fighter and enjoying her time with her children.

Class of 1999

Bethany Torres

Bethany is working on her Montessori training.

Class of 1997

Peter Sheppard

Peter is currently employed at OSU, but is working towards a job at OSU Medical Center.

Class of 2001

Chelsea Clark

Chelsea Clark (SJMS 2001) performed in Don Zolidis' "Dr. Funk's Christmas Explosion," which is an Adam Roebuck Production, in November. Her performance was located in the Times Square Arts Center on 43rd Street in New York City.

St. Charles State Champs in Water Polo

Photo: Catholic Times

The St. Charles Water Polo Team with their new trophy.

SJMS has a strong connection to the state championship the St. Charles recently earned in Water Polo. Our Chris D'Angelo (SJMS 2008), Caleb Jack (SJMS 2007), and Thomas Phillips (SJMS 2007) are part of the team.

Class of 2006

Abby James

Abby is currently attending Oberlin, and participates in Bell Choir and Varsity Softball. Her favorite class is Freshmen Seminar.

Kayla Hartford

Photos K. Hartford via Facebook

Kayla and her family welcomed new baby, Jack, to their home. Jack is doing well with Mommy at his side.

Class of 2007

Photo: R. Holonitch

SJMS Class of 2007

Brooke Alexander

Brooke participated in her first gymnastics meet in Michigan.

Jaime Grinch

Jaime is part of the Paintball Club and baseball at Wellington.

Elizabeth Miller

Elizabeth will play Motormouth Maybelle in the Bishop Hartley showing of "Hairspray" in Febraury.

Thomas Phillips

Thomas is attending OSU, while a senior at St. Charles, for an advanced Latin class.

Frankie Robinson

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For her senior year, Frankie Robinson (SJMS 2007) is captain of the Bishop Watterson High School Dive Team and is a Varsity Tennis Player.

Matthew Sorrels

Matthew is a senior at Wellington, where he helped the soccer team, as the goalie, go to the district semi-finals.

Alumni News

Class of 2008

Photo: R. Holonitch

SJMS Class of 2008

Rachel Brenner

Rachel wrote a play, and the her school may perform it. Her favorite class is Algebra II.

Ninita Coleman

Ninita is part of the Math League at Metro.

Tara Miller-Gnann

While attending The Graham School, Tara has an internship at Wilson Hills, a horse barn in Sunbury.

Annie Minner

Annie volunteers at the local library and tutors young children. Her favorite class is Math.

Anna Recchie

Anna is on the staff of the school newspaper at Columbus School for Girls.

Ruby Smith

Ruby is the co-editor of the school paper at Wellington. Her favorite class is AP Music Theory.

Class of 2009

Photo: R. Holonitch

SJMS Class of 2009

Nikki Dean

Nikki lettered in varsity golf at the Columbus School for Girls. She is also in all honors classes.

Finlay Hessler

Finlay's favorite class is Biology, and is in varsity soccer.

Eleni Rigsby

Eleni played the "Lilac Fairy" and "Blue Bird" in the ballet "Sleeping Beauty."

Kevin Smoot

Kevin earned his varsity jacket for tennis at St. Charles. His favorite class is honors geometry.

Anna Toborg

Anna is student council representative for her homeroom class. Her favorite class is English.

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Class of 2010

Photo: R. Holonitch

SJMS Class of 2010

Lindsay Hester

Lindsay received the "Golden Boot" for the most goals scored in JV soccer. Her favorite class is Foundation Art.

Amelia Palmer

Amelia is on the swim team and plays flute in the band.

Elisabeth Spector

Elisabeth is crafting her skills as a baker by selling cupcakes. She also loves her new school, Metro.

Andrew Swart

After graduating from SJMS, Andrew Swart (SJMS 2010) and his family moved to Cincinnati. Andrew has now received High Honors from Sycamore High School for the first grading quarter. He had a great season as Starting Center for the freshmen football team, and still enjoys playing the bassoon.

Maria Walliser-Wejebe

Maria Walliser-Wejebe (SJMS 2010) has finished the fall showing of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Columbus School for Girls. She played Noodle the Lobster. World History is currently her favorite class.

Calendar of Events

January

17 - NO SCHOOL, MLK Day

20 - Interims mailed for K-6th

24 - 28 - Catholic Schools Week

25 - Parent Education Night

February

3 - Parent Music Education Night

4- Carpool Coffee

8 - Board of Trustees Meeting

16 - Interims mailed for Erdkinder

18 - Contracts mailed for 2011-2012 school year

21 - NO SCHOOL - Pres. Day

22 - 26 - Mont. Education Week

24 - Interest Fair

March

Feb. 28 - Mar. 4 - Spring Book Fair

1, 3, 9, & 10 - P/T Conferences

4 - Carpool Coffee

7 - Contracts due back to office

8 - Board of Trustees Meeting

9 - Ash Wednesday Mass

25 - Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL

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 received a pair of skates before they could walk.

* Guess Who's is Canadian, eh.

* Guess Who went to the 1986 World Series, Boston Red Sox vs. The New York Mets, and met Hank Aaron.

* Guess Who has traveled to 47 of the 50 states in USA.

* Guess Who helped deliver oldest daughter in the kitchen of their house with the assistance of a mid-wife.

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