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Upcoming Events

June

- 1 - Children's Day
- 2 - Last Day of School
Early Dismissal
(1:30pm)
- 8 - Summer Learning Camp
begins
- 9 - Board of Trustees
Meeting

Acts of Random Kindness!



Our Primary and Middle School students learned the importance of kindness from our visit from ARK.

Representatives from the organization Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) stopped by to talk with our Primary and Middle School students in Ryan Hall on the morning of May 14.

ARK believes that one act of kindness, no matter how small, has the potential to change the world. Their mission is to inspire others to join in and perform random acts of kindness.



To learn more about this wonderful organization, visit www.arkprojectnow.com.

The ARK team is traveling across the country with good deeds in mind. One act of random kindness includes taking a group of students to DisneyWorld in Florida.

We plan to stay in touch with ARK while they continue on the adventures. We hope to coordinate visits via SKYPE to learn about what they have accomplished and to share our acts of kindness, too.

Our students asked great questions, and are ready to begin sharing their acts of random kindness, too.

Grandfriends Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

Emma Gullede (P1) enjoyed quality time with her Grandma.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Clara Guardia Perez (CH2) shared big hugs with her Grandpa.

The new title to this great event didn't change the fun that was shared between our students and their grandparents. Grandfriends Day, formerly known as Grandparents' and Special Friends Day, was a huge success.

Guests were asked to start their day in Ryan Hall with a short presentation, then were led to the classrooms where our students shared the work and materials they use on a daily basis. At noon, many families left the building for lunch and quality time together.

First Place for Madeline

Congratulations to Madeline French (ERD) who earned the first place trophy during the Power of the Pen regional competition this spring. With this award, she moves on to the state level. Good Luck!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Madeline French (ERD) with her trophy.

Techno Trek Puts the "Fun" in Fundraiser

Techno Math

Let's figure out how many miles we walked on Techno Trek.

Hint: 6 laps equal 1 mile.

- CH1 = 75
- CH2 = 118
- CH3 = 70
- CH4 = 142
- P1 = 773
- P2 = 543
- P3 = 388
- MS = 1,595
- ERD = 705

answer on page 9.

With a beautiful sky above and good walking shoes below, our students, parent volunteers, and staff enjoyed another awesome Techno Trek.

The combination of walking/running laps and collecting pledges create Techno Trek, which helps the school purchase new software and equipment for our students.

Our goal is \$10,000, and at press time we were at \$9,000. This event would not be a success if it were not for our students, volunteers, and staff at support it every year.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our dedicated volunteers helped mark lap cards and cheered on our walkers.

Fairy Tale Museum



Photo: R. Holonitch

Thomas Rivera announced guests with a trumpet call.

You may have felt like you were traveling in a time machine when you visited the library this April. Actually, our fifth grade prepared a Fairy Tale Museum for all to enjoy.

Different stations were created that focused on certain fairy tales. Some of these included Hansel & Gretel's candy house, "The Three Little Pigs," and "Little Red Riding Hood."

Guests were challenged to answer questions about each artifact to earn stickers. Once the challenges were completed, guests were invited to try some tasty fairy tale treats.

This was a great opportunity for our fifth grade class to work together and explore reading.

Spencer: State Champ

This spring, Spencer Arou-Rhees (MS) led for his team, the Ohio State Swim Club, in the 200 medley relay. He and his relay team won the State Championship in this relay! Spencer was also the state runner-up in the 200 free. Congratulations Spencer!

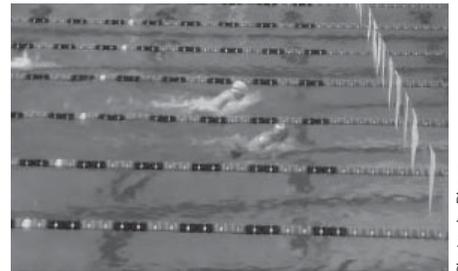


Photo: L. Rhees

Spencer takes to the water like a fish with his swim team.

Beginning Band Concert



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Beginning Band shared classic "four-note" hits with their loyal audience.

One of the highlights of the school year is to watch the first concert of our Beginning Band.

This is a special morning concert with an "invitation only" audience including parents, siblings, and SJMS staff.

Band members demonstrate their knowledge of "four-note" songs including "Hot Cross Buns."

Once the concert is complete, students and parents enjoy light breakfast fare as a refreshment.

Find the Dragon

Annie created a fun scavenger hunt that involved the entire school building and a dragon. Based on the story "Have You Seen My Dragon?" by Steve Light, students hung dragons throughout the building and were challenged to find them. For fun, we have hidden some in this issue of The Montessorian. Can you find them?

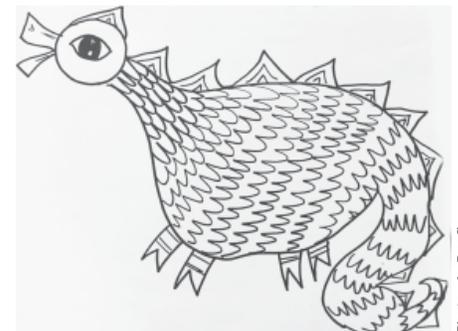


Photo: A. Ruefle

Can you find the dragons in The Montessorian?

Labrinyth



Photo: R. Holonitch

Students found peace while walking in the labrinyth.

With the generous loan from the Newman Center, our Primary and Middle School students were given a wonderful opportunity to walk a labrinyth.

Students were encouraged to try this material during their Religion time with Cathy Johanni. The time could be used for silent prayer, singing, and even deep thought.

Cathy hopes to bring the labrinyth back next year for more students to try.

SkateZone 71 Skate Party

With the help of Family Association, our school community was invited to the End of the School Year Skate Party at SkateZone in North Columbus. To get the school excited, Skato, the official mascot of SkateZone71 stopped by to say hello to our students.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Skato, our SkateZone71 friend stopped by for a visit.

Capital Square Field Trip

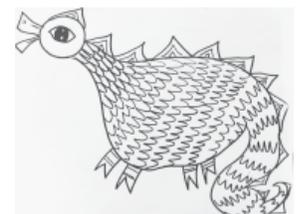


Photo: W. Reed

Our fourth grade class were in search of interesting architecture at Capital Square.

On Friday, May 15th, our fourth grade class ventured downtown to Capital Square on a search for interesting architecture. After giving the C-Bus a try, the group stopped at many differnt downtown landmarks including the Ohio State-

house, the Ohio Theatre, and many more.



"...for a Day..."



Photo: R. Holonitch

Kat Jolley (MS) led a lesson in the Middle School art classes. Matt Brenner even stopped by to give her clay project a try.

This year, many of our students have experienced "a day in the life..." for many positions at the school. These experiences were made available through our Spring Gala auction items. These students include:

Calvin Miller

Gym Teacher for the Day

Kyla Hammond

Art Teacher for the Day

Kat Jolley

Art Teacher for the Day

Nic Olmstead

Head of School for the Day

Cameron Hunter

Head of School for the Day

Jackie Myers

Art Teacher for the Day

Spanish Fiesta

Everyone shouted "Ole!" on Friday, May 1st to celebrate our annual Spanish Fiesta.

Students arrived in two groups: Children House and Primary in one group, then Middle School and Erdkinder in the final group.

Chips, salsa, and punch were on the menu, while games, crafts, and music filled Ryan Hall.

Each group ended with a rousing Pinata tournament. This year, as a treat, our Erdkinder classes created the Pinatas in art class.



Photo: K. Martin

Joseph Tinapple (ERD) demonstrated his master Pinata skills to the Middle School and Erdkinder classes.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Alex Green (CH2) stopped for a Kodak moment to show off his festive costume.

We came together on May 19th to support the Center for Childhood Cancer & Blood Diseases in the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The bells represents the milestone a child would reach once they receive their final chemotherapy treatment.

Some of our Primary 2 students helped ring the bells for this ceremony.

Bell Ringing



Photo: R. Holonitch

Happy Anniversary!



Consuelo Green
15 years



Roxanne Holonitch
15 years



Linda Miller
15 years



Penny Shyjka
25 years

Photos: HR Imaging

At our Annual Meeting in May, four teachers were honored for their years of service at St. Joseph Montessori School. Thank you for your commitment to our school community.

MathCounts Club Earns Gold Level Award

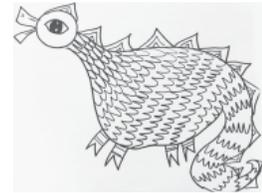


Photo: R. Holonitch

MathCounts Club

With hard work and dedication, our MathCounts team has earned the Gold Level Award. This is awarded when enough students score 80% or higher on the final math challenge.

Students in the sixth through eighth

grade are eligible to participate at SJMS, with Laura Frey as advisor.

We would like to congratulate our MathCounts students and Laura on this achievement.

John's TaeKwonDo

John Fox (MS) participated in a TaeKwonDo tournament this May in Dublin. John earned a gold medal in the sparring portion and a bronze medal in the forms competition. He has been training for four years at Perdue's TaeKwonDo studio in Westerville and Sunbury.



Photo: B. Fox

John with his coach, Jordan Slomovitz

monty jr.

Graduation Word Search 2015

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ADAM	ALLISON	ANNA	CHLOE	CLAIRE D	CLAIRE F
EMERSON	ERIN	GRACE	HARPER	JACOB	JOEL
KIERAN	MATTHEW	MAX	MIA	MORGAN	NICK
REID					

(wordsearch answer found on page 9)

Erdkinder Hits the Road



Photo: R. Holmitch

Your support helped make their trip possible.

Our Erdkinder class “hit the road” for a week to see some exciting sites in Virginia.

The money raised from the pizza sales, bake sales, Winter Festival activities, the Spaghetti Dinner, and many more helped pay for this great trip.

Some of the sites included: Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, and Monticello.

“This was a great week: I loved every minute!” said Amirah Lomax.

Diocese Art Show



Photo: R. Holonitch

Jacob Eismann (ERD) proudly shared his foam mosaic mask in the Diocese Art Show in March.

For another year, the artwork of 18 SJMS students was featured in the Diocese Art and Poetry Show.

Every Diocesan school is invited and encouraged to participate in this show each March.

The show occurred on March 7th and 8th at Holy Spirit School on the eastside of Columbus. Students and families are invited to see the beautiful artwork created by students from around Columbus.

We proudly displayed a variety of work from each level, including foam mosaics, watercolor paintings, and many more techniques.

Rice Bowl Collection

To help support the work of Catholic Relief Services during Lent, a group of SJMS students started a collection. With the generosity of friends and family, we collected \$317.40 to help with their mission.



Children's Book Week

From May 4th - 8th, our school was transformed into a reading headquarters. This was when our school community celebrated Children's Book Week.

Each day students were encouraged to participate in a variety of activities. Monday started with "Hats Off to Reading" by wearing fun hats. On Tuesday, students showed off their crazy socks with "Sock It to Me with a Good Book Day." Wednesday was "Word Day" that asked students to wear a word. "Read a Shirt Day" was a chance to wear some really creative shirts. The finale for the week was "Dress as a Favorite Book Character Day." Students were very creative in their costumes.

This is a great week of events that really puts the fun in reading.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Students enjoyed dressing as their favorite book character for Children's Book Week.

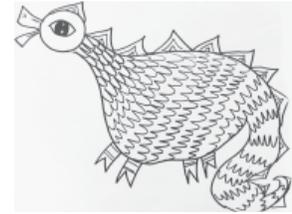
Erdkinder Fundraising Balance Sheet

Thank you for all your support this school year.

Your contributions helped make our trip to Virginia a huge success.

See you next year!

Support SJMS at the Grocery Store!



Graduation Poem

Here we are again
as another school year ends.
This poem is a letter
to my graduation friends.

Please don't you fret,
And please don't you fear.
I will do my very best
to hold back the tears.

Not so long ago,
you were a bunch of little tykes.
With loose teeth, and gum,
and bruises from your bikes.

Over the years, you grew
healthy, big, and strong.
As well as learning lessons
on what is right and wrong.

Talent and skill are
not areas you lack,
Even though I often
beat you at "Trivia Crack."

On our walking trips downtown,
you'd always shout and blast,
"Hey, Roxanne, slow down.
you're walking too FAST!!!"

Now these children have
become young adults.
With all your hard work
success will be the result.

A crystal ball now shows me
your futures are looking bright
My only request to you is
that you don't forget to write.

<3 Roxanne

Techno Math

Answer

Add the lap totals from all the classrooms, which equals 4,409. Then, divide the total by 6 laps per mile. The answer is: 734.834 miles walked. This represents the distance from Columbus, Ohio to Lincoln, Nebraska.

guess who? jr.

Answer



Photo: HR Imaging

Madelyn McCurdy
Middle School

wordsearch

Answer

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guess who?

Answer



Photo: HR Imaging

Mamta Singh
Children's House 4

Alumni News

Class of 2011

Our friends from the Class of 2011 are moving on to college this year from four exciting years in high school. Here is a list of their future plans.



SJMS Class of 2011

Courtney D'Angelo

Courtney will be attending The Ohio State University Arts Scholar Program for a degree in Fashion Merchandising.

Elizabeth Lindemann

Elizabeth Lindemann is pursuing a degree in Statistics, with plans for law school after graduation.

Sidney Allen

Sidney Allen will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall. She will be majoring in Psychology and possibly minoring in marketing. She also plans to take ARMY ROTC.

Ali Dean

Ali plans to travel to the "Bluegrass State" to attend The University of Kentucky.

Colby Albanese

Colby will attend Columbus State Community College in the fall with a plan to major in Sports Medicine.

Lee Richter

Lee will be attending The University of Cincinnati this fall. She is currently undecided on her major, but wants to explore options in the entertainment industry.

Kate Ferguson

Kate plans to attend The University of Akron in the fall, with a major in Biology and a minor in Spanish. She received the Scholarship of Excellence for \$5,000 a year, as well as a scholarship for her acceptance into the honor's program. Kate also plans to join the STEM program.

Spencer Odwarka-Coleman

Spencer will attend The Ohio State University this fall with plans to major in Secondary Education, with a concentration in History. She received the Morrill Scholars Program Excellence Scholarship covers the cost of her tuition.

Jenna Anderson

Jenna will be attending Washington University in St. Louis this fall with plans to eventually get her Ph.D in Psychology. She received the Eliot Scholarship, an academic scholarship from the university.

Bianca Tucker

Bianca will attend The Ohio State University to study Marketing at Fisher College of Business.

Isaac Drew

Isaac will graduate from Geneva Community High School in Geneva, IL this month. He plans to attend Marian University in Indianapolis this fall. He recently participated in the Barry Roubaix, a cycling competition. He completed the 36 mile challenge in 1:51, 14 minutes faster than last year.

Congratulations to all our graduates! We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!

We were unable to contact:

Sam Kukor
Moriah Miller-Gnann
Palesa Carle
Ethan Perkins
Carolyn Faller
Delaney Morphew

Alumni News

Class of 2004

Leeanne Hester

Leeanne Hester recently earned her Master's degree in Public Health from George Washington University.



Photo: L. Heater

Rebecca Brenner

Rebecca is living her dream of being a ballerina by being part of the dance company at Ballet Nebraska in Omaha.



Photo: W. Brenner

We Want to Hear from You!

Send us your good news to share!
rholonit@cducation.org

Class of 2007

Thomas Phillips

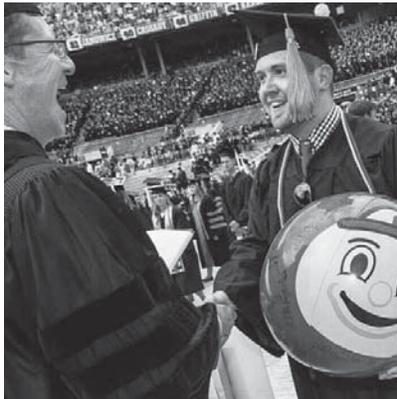


Photo: The Columbus Dispatch

Thomas made history by appearing on the front page of The Columbus Dispatch during the graduation ceremony at The Ohio State University. He graduated for the John Glenn School of Public Affairs under the watchful eye of Trevor Brown, director of the college and parent at SJMS.

Class of 2010

Audra Banfield

Audra has found a new home... on the runway of many local fashion shows. She recently walked the runway at the Columbus Idea Foundry for the Anti.Label collection. This was during the Alternative Fashion Week 2015.



Photo: Sen Bai

St. Charles Preparatory School Honor Roll

For the third quarter, many of our SJMS alumni have earned Honor Roll status at St. Charles Preparatory School. To earn Honor Roll status, students must earn a 3.50 or better GPA. If they have an 4.0+ after their name, it indicates a 4.0 or better GPA.

SJMS Class of 2010

Elliott Narcross

SJMS Class of 2011

Sam Kukor (4.0+)

SJMS Class of 2012

Michael Flynn

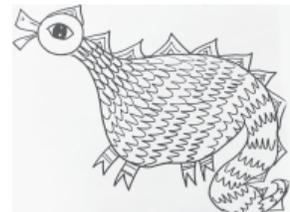
SJMS Class of 2013

Michael Weaver

Class of 2013

Connor Johnson

Connor has started planning for his junior year of high school. This fall, he will begin the Graphic Design program at Eastland Career Center. This program allows him to still graduate from Gahanna Lincoln High School with his classmates. Currently, his favorite class is History.



guess who?



- 1) Guess Who? was born on the same day as Maria Montessori. (but a different year)
- 2) Guess Who? has lived in 6 countries.
- 3) Guess Who? has been a vegetarian for 20 years.
- 4) Guess Who? went for 10 days with talking or communicating to anyone... successfully!

guess who? jr.



- 1) Guess Who? jr.'s favorite color is purple.
- 2) Guess Who? jr. loves to dip their french fries in a Frosty.
- 3) Guess Who? jr. has been practicing gymnastic since they were 2 years old.
- 4) As a baby, Guess Who? jr. would wake up at 4am to watch TV.

Read the clues and check out the pictures for the "Guess Whos?" in this issue. The answer is located on page 9.

Learn Global. Experience Local.
St. Joseph Montessori School
Summer Learning Camp

2015



Summer T-shirt Design by: Jackie Myers (MS)



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