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1,000 Cranes of Hope



Photo:

The class came together to support a member of the SJMS family.

There are many ways to show you care - a hug, or even a thoughtful card. When our Primary 1 class learned that PollyAnn Mapes, mother of Sawyer and Sadie Mapes, was going to the hospital for surgery, they wanted to do more than just a card to say they were thinking of her.

Since the class was learning about paper origami, they decided to send PollyAnn 1,000 folded paper cranes. This was a sign of hope for her surgery.

In their classroom and religion class with Senora, the Primary 1 students created these cranes and assembled the project to create one giant piece of art for the Mapes family.



Photo:

Thomas Rivera is an origami crane pro.



Photo:

PollyAnn Mapes was happy to receive and hang the cranes.

Saving Lives: One Pint at a Time



Photo: S. Allen

Elma Pundavela was happy to take part in this good cause.

By: Erin Miller

and Anna Rambo (4th Grade)

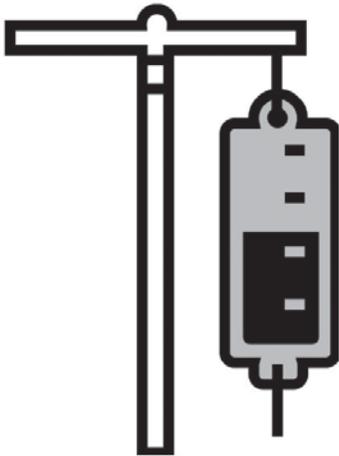
The friends of SJMS gave life and love to many people by attending our annual blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

We held this blood drive on January 24th from 11am - 5pm in the multi-purpose room.

Because of your help, the Red Cross received 28 more units of blood. When you signed up to give, your name was entered into a raffle. Kathy Mosca was the winner of a \$25 Kroger gift card.

We hope to continue this event each year and help even more lives.

Blood Drive Stumper



28 units of blood were collected at this blood drive. Each donation saves 3 lives. How many people did SJMS help?

Answer on Page 9.

Future Blood Donors

All of our elementary students learned about the blood donation process.



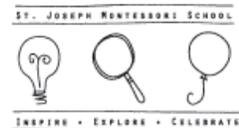
Photo: M. Phillips

Before the blood drive, our students had an opportunity to learn about the blood-giving process with a visit from Pint Size, a group within the Red Cross to educate children about giving blood.

This group visited each room and explained the process and steps needed in donating blood. Students even saw an actual bag that holds the donated blood.

Goals of this group include creating future blood donors and for the children to encourage family members who are able to donate.

The school is happy to be associated with such a worthy cause - saving lives.



Catholic Schools Week



Photo: R. Holonitch

Our Catholic Schools Week Food Drive brought in

567 lbs.

of non-perishable food to help the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Thank you!



helped the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

The school also held a Mass on Friday, January 28th to celebrate St. Thomas Aquinas.

This event is a great way for the school to remember of Catholic heritage.

Our entire school came together for a rootin', tootin' good time with a demonstration of the Cotton-Eyed Joe.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Fiona York (P2) got in the spirit with a hat and bandana.

We started the week of January 24th with an all-school assembly that set the mood for the week. Each child wore a fun hat to help demonstrate the "Cotton-Eyed Joe" for the spring gala video.

Posters were created in art class to share the theme and inspire visitors to give to our food drive, which

Montessori Education Week

We celebrated Montessori Education Week from February 22nd - 25th.

To honor this special week, each classroom was asked to create posters to hang in the hallway which showcase what makes them Montessori students. The classes also took time from their busy schedules to read a book about this great teaching philosophy - Maria Montessori.

To us, every week in Montessori Education Week.

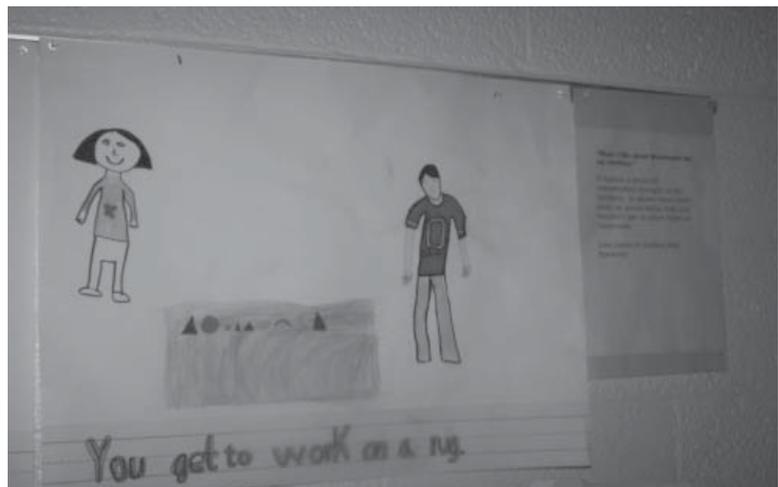


Photo: R. Holonitch

Classes made posters to show why they are happy to be Montessori students.

"While Strumming the Old Banjo..."



Photos: R. Holonitch

Jenna Anderson leads Moriah Miller-Gnann (ERD) as she navigates the hallway with vision-impairment simulators.

A learning partnership was created this year with thanks to a simple instrument - the banjo.

Because of a generous grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council, money was available to purchase kits to create cigar box banjos. We could have just made them in class, but this was a chance to join forces with other students in Columbus.

Sandra extended an invitation to the Columbus School for the Blind to help build and play this great banjos. Visits of both schools helped educate the students about their programs.

A high point was a trip to the Columbus School for the Blind, where our students had an opportunity to try vision-impairment simulators.



Photos: E. Pundaveila

Nancy Addington returned to SJMS to aid our guests.



Photos: E. Pundaveila

Jim Reese and Roxanne Holonitch watched as Sabrina tuned the banjo.

Spring Gala Helps Tuition Assistance Fund

By: Claire Ferguson
4th Grade

On March 5th, we had our Spring Gala at the renovated Student Union within The Ohio State University. Parents, staff, and special guests were invited to participate in both silent and live auctions to support our tuition assistance program. The MC for the event was Ellie Merritt, from NBC4.

Each classroom participated by creating art projects including paintings, wall hangings, and toy chests. Friends and families also donated items to be included in the auctions.

Dale Deubler, an SJMS alumni parent and volunteer, was awarded the SJMS Ambassador Award.

Guests celebrated a great cause at the Spring Gala.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Sonya Thesing and Scott Reifeis presented the Ambassador Award to Dale Deubler at this year's Spring Gala.

Interest Fair

By: Mackenzie Beam
and Mia Rivera
4th Grade

We pressed the "interest" button on February 24 at 6:00 o'clock thanks to Interest Fair. Students from first through eighth grade got out there and talked about their subject.

Erdkinder sold tri-fold boards to students. This would be one of their fundraisers for their trip.

One of the reasons we have Interest Fair is for everyone to learn something new whether it's a parent, a student or a teacher. Plus, everyone loves to see all the projects that we worked hard on.

Middle School and Erdkinder set up their projects in Ryan Hall while primary students were in their classrooms.

Mikhail Hunker, in Erdkinder, said, "the preparation was hard but the results were relieving."



Photos: R. Holonitch



Photos: E. Pundaveila

LilyKate Harpham (MS) transformed into Lucille Ball for her project.

Garrett Thesing (P2) took on the challenge of roller coasters as his theme this year.

Elias is a Champ at the Arnold Classic



Photos: S. Anderson

Elias Anderson posed with his new medals.

Elias Anderson is walking around with a lot more "bling" since the Arnold Class in March. That weekend, Elias competed and earned 2nd place in the nation for his age group for fencing. Congratulations Elias!

Book Fair Fun

Books, books, and more books! Our spring book fair was a huge success. By having it in the multi-purpose room, it was like a mini bookstore. Each day, two names were picked to receive a \$10 voucher to spend at the book fair.



Photos: R. Holonitch

Mikhail Hunker (ERD) takes a moment to browse through the stacks of books.

Support SJMS at the Grocery Store!



Great Lakes Scrip Center



Jordan Swims into the Record Book

Jordan is making waves, in a good way, outside SJMS. She has become a champion swimmer with her swim team, the Dublin Sea Dragons. At a recent tournament, she earned 2nd place in the state and holds 18 swim records for her age bracket. Way to go, Jordan!



Jordan Aurnou-Rhees

Photo: Interstate Photo

School Spirit Flash Mob



Photo: K. Martin

Our School Spirit Flash Mob entertained the elementary building at lunch time.

As quick as it came, it went. The School Spirit Flash Mob surprised our elementary building at lunch time to lip synch “Be True to Your School” by the Beach Boys. Keep your eyes and ears open for our next surprise event.

Congratulations Michael!

We send messages of “Congratulations” Michael, our Erdkinder teacher, and his family. Michael and his wife Joanna welcomed Baby James Alexander on January 30th at 1:23pm. He weighed in at 7lbs., 7oz.

New Changing Station



Photos: R. Holonitch

Our new changing station.

We are always working to keep our children safe, even our siblings. A new changing station has been installed in the guest/handicap accessible restroom by the school office. This equipment will aid parents in changing their infants.

Sitting in Style

Because of a generous donation from the Reese family, our Erdkinder classroom is sitting in style when working on the computer. Jim Reese coordinated a donation to replace all the computer work chairs in the Erdkinder and school library.

A big thank you goes out to the Reese family for all their support.



Photos: R. Holonitch

John Markiewicz and Colby Albanese (ERD) give the new chairs a try.

Interest Fair Breakfast

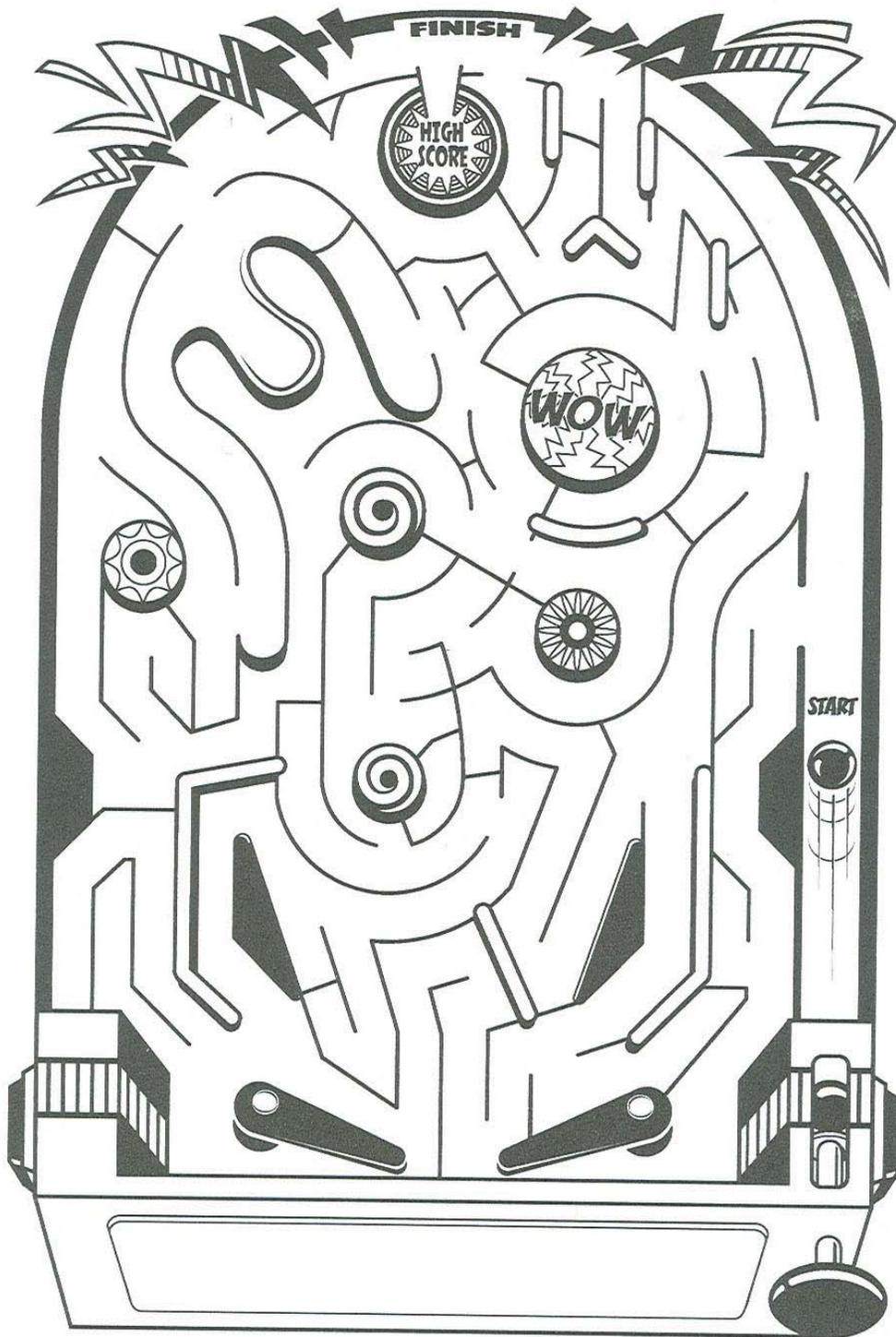


Photos: R. Holonitch

Sonya Thesing, Basia Nowak, Cia McQuaide (superintendent of the Columbus Diocese Schools), Elma Pundavela, Rick Logue, and Linda Richter helped celebrate Interest Fair with a breakfast.

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Be a Pinball Wizard!



Answer on Page 9.

“Montessori Madness” Author Speaks to Montessori Parents

Montessori parents, teachers, and friends had a wonderful opportunity on February 10th to hear Trevor Eissler, the author of “Montessori Madness” speak about the Montessori child.

Located at the Ohio Dominican University, this presentation was a joint venture for St. Joseph Montessori School, Columbus Montessori Education Center (CMEC), and Jane’s Montessori.

He discussed the very popular book, “Montessori Madness” with the audience.



Photo: T. Eissler

Trevor Eissler



10 Members of Paint Club Celebrate 10 Year Anniversary



Photo: L. Moser

2010-2011 Paint Club Members

For the 10th anniversary of Paint Club, it isn’t just a coincidence that we would have 10 members in the club. Paint Club, which is available to seventh and eighth graders at SJMS, has created countless paint-

ings in its short existence. To share the fun with other grades, Roxanne has made this club into a summer camp class. Cheers to many more colorful years for our Paint Club.

Happy School Nurse Day!

To honor our school nurse, Sue Casto, on School Nurse’s Day, received a giant nurse’s hat as a thank you gift for her continued service to SJMS.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Thank you for your hard work, Sue!

Delicious Coloring Contest for Jack!

Last summer, Jack Kokensparger (MS) was busy creating art while enjoying dinner. As his family waited for a meal, Jack completed a coloring sheet and won second place.

To celebrate his success, Max & Erma’s Restaurant awarded Jack with a congratulations letter, a second place ribbon and a promo card for a free meal.

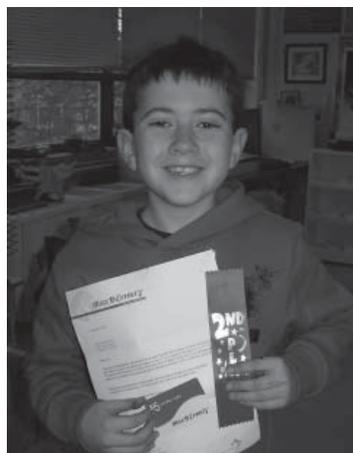


Photo: R. Holonitch

Jack Kokensparger shows off his ribbon and coupon.

“Come On In! The Water’s Fine!”



Archive Photo: L. Miller (Summer 2004)



SJMS Summer Learning Camp

www.sjms.net/slc



Photo: S. Wurapa

Project Earth

By: Sydney Wurapa
5th Grade

Project Earth is made up of students who want to make a difference in saving endangered species. This group meets every Wednesday at recess in the Flex Room.

A current goal is to help the Orang-utang.



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.

3D Boards Sale...	\$440.00
Soda Machine.....	\$36.10
Spaghetti	
Dinner.....	\$1537.00
Bake Sale.....	\$134.00
Gallery Hop.....	\$476.00
Interest Fair	
Cafe....	\$746.00



Celina Thomas (MS) chooses a dessert at the Bake Sale.

Photo: R. Holonitch

Blood Drive Stumper Answer

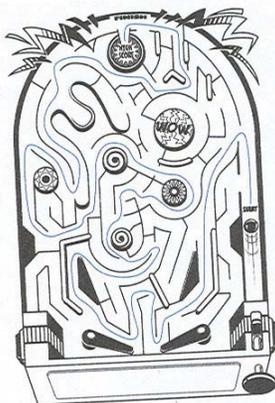
SJMS helped

84

people with our
28 units
of blood collected.

$$3 \times 28 = 84$$

monty jr. Answer



Guess Who? Answer



Photo: Interstate Photo

Barb Kimball
School Tutor

Alumni News

Class of 1993

Matthew Nilsen



Photo: M. Nilsen

Matthew Nilsen

Matthew Nilsen (SJMS 1993) has fond memories of Music class with Sandra and Aesop's Fables, his favorite class play. Matthew attended Bishop Watterson and Ohio State University. He currently works at Battelle Memorial Institute as a Research Scientist.

Recently, Matthew returned to SJMS to judge for our annual Interest Fair.

Class of 2001

Charles Rinehart

Charles Rinehart was featured in the University of Cincinnati's online magazine. He has been active with Alpha Kappa Psi and participating in Fisher Biz Quiz at OSU. Charles is a finance major with goals of traveling abroad and having a job offer before graduation.



Photo: U. of Cincinnati

Charles Rinehart

Class of 2002

Cameron VanTilburg

Over the Christmas holiday, Cameron became engaged to his girlfriend, Amanda Katherine. Congratulations!

Class of 2003

Sam Blakeslee



Photo: S. Blakeslee

Sam Blakeslee

Sam will be graduating from Youngstown State University in the summer with a degree in Jazz Trombone Performance. Since his time at YSU, he has been active on the Cleveland freelance scene and is a member of the Mojo Generations Big Band, The Cleveland Heritage Orchestra, has led his own small groups, and has played with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra.

Last summer he was selected to attend the Steans Institute for the Young Artist at Ravinia. It is a jazz residency that consists of 15 young musicians from all over the country and is by invitation only.

After graduation, he is looking forward to returning to Columbus for a year before attending graduate school.

We Want to Hear from You!
Is something exciting happening in your life? Let us know. Just drop us an email at rhonit@cducation.org and we will let the entire SJMS community know your good news!

Class of 2006

Amanda Maxfield

Amanda has the pleasure of sending us her update from a Costa Rican jungle. She is spending a semester away from Kenyon College as part of a tropical medicine and global health program. Last semester, she took Spanish, 20th Century Irish Literature, and Narrative Lives in the Viking World. She is active on the soccer team and volunteers in the molecular biology lab. She is applying for a fellowship/scholarship through that research lab for summer experience.



Photo: A. Maxfield

Amanda Maxfield

Alumni News

Class of 2007

Will Moore

Will is a senior at Bishop Ready High School, and a member of the Rugby team. His favorite class is English.

Shannon O'Leary

The last thing you would expect to happen when traveling in Europe is to see a similar face. Not so for Shannon O'Leary (SJMS 2007). When traveling with a group of friends, she ran into her favorite SJMS teacher, Brande Heitz.



Brande and Shannon in England.

Photo: S. O'Leary

Joey Ruggiero

Joey played a key part in the recent Division IV championship win for Bishop Hartley Football as starting Left Guard against Chagrin Falls.

Class of 2008

Piper Rasmussen

Piper's been crying a lot - on stage. This March she'll be performing as Andromache in the Greek tragedy "The Trojan Women," CSG's collaboration with The Actor's Theatre.

Last fall she played the Mock Turtle in CSG's "Alice in Wonderland". She sings anywhere and everywhere, loves all her classes, and reminisces about all the time she spent sitting in a circle at SJMS.

Class of 2009

Adele Anderson

Adele has been active with her school Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams, and a part of the costume crew for various school plays. Her favorite clubs are the Environmental Club and the Robotics Club.

Luci McCombs-Byrne

Currently, Luci has an internship at the Global Gallery. Her favorite class at Bishop Watterson is Photography. She is part of the Recycling Club and the Pie Club, which makes and eats desserts. Fun!

Chris Perry

Chris spends some of his free time with a Comic and Movie Club at Metro High School. He is part of the Math League, even though his favorite class is History.

Keiko Wilkins

Keiko's favorite class is Chinese, as well as favorite club. She is also part of the swim team at The Columbus School for Girls.

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Are you on Facebook?

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

Class of 2010

Claire Alexander

Claire dove right into high school life by joining the varsity swim team at DeSales High School. She is also maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Audra Banfield

Audra has earned the right to call herself a USA Swim League Champion.

Tyler Getz

Tyler signed on for freshman football at Grove City High School as Defensive End. His favorite class is History, because of the nice teacher.

Olivia Jack

Olivia is interested in signing up for spring track at Columbus School for Girls.

David Lindemann

David is now a Scholar Athlete at Grandview High School because he maintained good grades while participating in football and wrestling. He earned all A's in the first quarter and is on the Honor Roll. David also received his first letter in Football.

Felix Mak

Felix is a freshman at Metro, but also part of the Whetstone JV soccer team. He is excelling in his classes with a 4.0 GPA.

Anna Reed

Anna is a freshman at the Graham School, and really enjoys it. On a weekly basis, she experiences real life by participating in various internships.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1: Carpool Coffee
- 4 - 8: Spring Flower Sale
- 12: Board of Trustees Meeting
- 21: Interims mailed K-6
- 22 - 29: Spring Break

May

- 5: Band and Bells Concert
- 6: Carpool Coffee
- 6: Spring Clean-Up (3:30pm)
- 6: Techno Trek
- 9 - 13: Erdkinder Class Trip
- 10: Annual Meeting
- 16 - 20: Optional Conferences
- 22: Commemorative Mass
- 26: School Mass
- 27: Children's Day
- 30: Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

June

- 1: 8th Grade Graduation
- 2: Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 1:30
- 2: Bowling Party (2pm)

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 taught third grade and met her husband, who taught sixth grade, at the same school.
- * Guess Who has traveled to fifteen European countries.
- * Guess Who has a rescue Boston Terrier and three Siamese cats.
- * Guess Who used to live in Florida.
- * Guess Who used to teach in a van parked on the SJMS parking lot.



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Do you have ideas?

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

