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Illustrator David Catrow Visits SJMS



Photos: A. Ruefle

Our Middle School students made sure to get their books autographed by David Catrow.

On January 15th, SJMS was honored by a visit from world-renowned children's book illustrator, David Catrow. After a delicious lunch with our teachers, he spoke at length to our students about being an illustrator, autographed books, and shared a fun day talking about books. He was welcomed by beautiful decorations created by our students in the library with Annie.



Photos: R. Holonitch

Bethany Torres (CH teacher) met her children's book hero.

Head of School for the Day



Photo: R. Holonitch

Nicholas celebrated his special day, with help from Shirish Parasa, James Messerly, and Matt Brenner.

For a day in February, Matt Brenner was able to take a break from his busy schedule as Head of School. On February 18th, Nicholas Olmstead (MS) stepped in as “Head of School for the Day.” He won that honor at Winter Festival as a raffle prize.

Subway lunch with Matt and two of his friends in Ryan Hall, passed out Mardi Gras beads and chocolates to the elementary building, and offered a special Fun Wednesday. He also shared a special raffle for the teachers, and Samary Cecchetti was the winner of movie passes.

On this exciting day, Nic shared a

Nicholas also received a special proclamation for this honor.

Book Donations Go to Hilliard-HeadStart

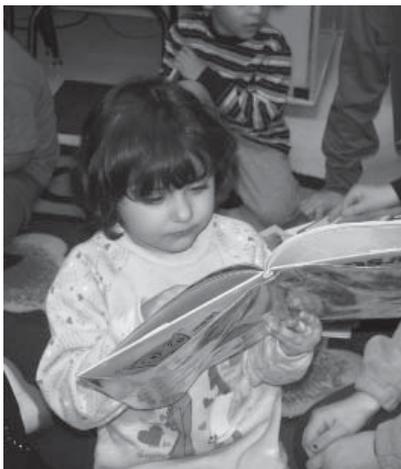


Photo: R. Holonitch

Our HeadStart friends appreciate the books for school and home.

Students at Hilliard-HeadStart are able to enjoy a new collection of books for school and home due to the generosity of our SJMS families

Our Middle School students collected books and then kindly shared them with under-privileged families in our community.

The gift of reading is greatly appreciated by the staff at Hilliard-Head-Start.

Dr. Squires Shares Lesson on Blood



Photo: K. McKenna

Dr. Squires discussed blood, and how it works in our bodies.

Dr. Squires, father of Simon in Middle School, shared a special presentation on the power of blood to the 6th grade class in February. He showed slides of the differences between all of the blood types and talked about how blood transfusions work, and the importance of giving blood.

Nic Olmstead said, “it was a very good presentation with a lot of information.”

Drawing for a Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the “Drawing for a Drawing” contest. Our library and David Catrow generously offered the drawings from his recent school visit (see page 1).

Sadie Mapes
Jackie Myers
Greta Kamhout
Eli Erlanger
Logan Synder

Caldecott Prediction Party



Photo: R. Holonitch

Owen Barry-Wilson, Max Shank, and Sean Slotterbeck (P1) enjoyed predicting the winners of the Caldecott Awards with cupcake. To celebrate the upcoming nominations for the Caldecott Award, Annie hosted a “Caldecott Prediction Party” for our Primary students.

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Chil-

dren, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Our students took the opportunity to review many books that were being considered for this honor. To make it a party, Annie baked delicious cupcakes.

A Visit from Service Dogs



Photo: M. Murphy

Logan Snyder (CH4) wore a smile while meeting the service dog.

The best way to learn to read is with practice.

With the help and planning of Molly Murphy (CH1 teacher), many of our Children’s House students enjoyed the opportunity to read to a service dog.

We hope to continue this great opportunity in the future.

Valentine’s Day Hat & Mittens Drive



Photo: R. Holonitch

Displays were set up in the school lobby, along with each Children’s House entrance.

To keep hands and heads warm this winter, SJMS prepared a winter supply drive for needy families. The drive brought in over 2 boxes of hats, mittens, and gloves for the Bishop Griffin Center.

Mass Buddies



Photo: R. Holonitch

Justin Cockrell (MS) has become life-long buddies with Eugene Blaine (CH4).

Our Middle School students have new best friends in the form of kindergarteners. For the rest of the school year, our Middle School students will be paired up with a kindergartener for Mass. This partnership helps our Kindergarteners focus during the service.

Heart Dissection



Photo: K. McKenna

Our sixth grade class became heart surgeons by dissecting a deer heart.

A special delivery arrived in the form of a deer heart for our sixth grade class.

Senora Maria Phillips, a former parent and teacher at SJMS, stopped by with a deer heart to be dissected by our sixth grade class.

It was perfect timing, too. The class had just begun studying the circulatory system in science class with Karla.

Rice Bowls

By: Sawyer Mapes and Luke Messerly

During Lent, the students from our 5th grade class created a Rice Bowl Task Force to work on our Lenten Rice Bowl campaign.

By using the cardboard “rice bowls,” they collected money that was later donated to Catholic Relief Services to be distributed to help the poor and vulnerable throughout the world.

Friendship Bracelets for Children’s Hospital

Our Project Care Kids Club wanted to share the love this Valentine’s Day. As a gift to many children at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, the students in Project Care Kids Club created beautiful friendship bracelets.

Once completed, the students delivered them to the hospital.

“They were fun to make, and I hope they like them,” said Saskia Koe-Krompecher.



Photo: L. Miller

Project Care Kids made beautiful friendship bracelets.

Composer Workshop



Photo: R. Holonitch

Dr. Mark Lomax

February became a musical month with a visit from Dr. Mark Lomax, a musician and SJMS parent of Amirah (ERD) and Lailah (CH2).

Dr. Lomax made a special presentation to our Children’s House and Primary level students in Ryan Hall. He shared information about composers and made connections to Black History Month.

He played samples from many African American composers, and even a sample of some of his work.

CH1 Swims

Back by popular demand! The kindergartners in Children’s House 1 visited Tuttle Indoor Pool on Thursdays this winter. This was a great way to fight off the winter blues and cabin fever.



Photo: L. Miller

No more winter blues for CH1.

100 Books in 1 Hour



Photo: R. Holonitch

Look at all the books we read!

By: Maddie Keglewitsch
4th Grade

To help celebrate the 100th day of the school year, our Kindergarten and Erdkinder students read 100 books in 1 hour in our school library.

This was a great opportunity for our Kindergarteners to work with their role models in Erdkinder.

SLC T-Shirt Design Winner

Congratulations to Jackie Myers (MS) for creating the winning t-shirt design for our annual Summer Learning Camp t-shirt.

Jackie's prize includes seeing her work on everyone's t-shirt, her own summer t-shirt, and a gift card to her favorite store.

Watch for her work when the t-shirts are printed.

Guess Who?

Answer



Yiseul Chung
Primary 2

Guess Who? jr. Answer



Kyla Hammond
Middle School

Weather Assembly with ABC6



Photo: R. Holonitch

Phil Kelly, a Meteorologist from ABC6, shared facts about the weather.

On January 30th, our entire school got "schooled" on weather. Phil Kelly, a meteorologist from ABC6 stopped by to share what he knows about weather.

He told the school how he got his start in the business, what you should study in school to become

a meteorologist, and shared his forecast for the upcoming week.

Phil was quite impressed with the level of "weather knowledge" our students already had. Who knows, maybe someday one of our alumni will be a meteorologist, too.



The End, now GO TO BED!!!



Photo: R. Holonitch

SSSHHHH! They finally fell asleep...

...and the Oscar for best mini school play performed at Carpool Coffee goes to... the 5th Grade class!

At the March Carpool Coffee, the 5th graders shared their rendition of "Once Upon a Time, the End (Asleep in 60 Seconds)" by Geofrey Kloske.

The book shares mini versions of fairy tales to help children fall asleep. The class even dressed in their favorite sleep wear to help tell the story.

Interest Fair



Kieran Alexander (P3) learned about Pokeman.

For another year, St. Joseph Montessori School hosted an exciting evening of learning at the annual Interest Fair.

Students from Middle School and Erdkinder presented their projects to a team of judges that scored their projects, presentation, and work.

This project challenges students to use a variety of skills: research, arts & crafts, writing, and public speaking.

The next day, the entire student body was invited to walk through Ryan Hall to see the projects and talk with these creative students. There was a great variety of topics this year on display.

"I am always impressed with the quality of the projects and the topics explored," said Roxanne Holonitch.

P3 Field Trip

By: Jackie Myers
4th Grade

Have you been to COSI before? Our Primary 3 classroom recently visited 'COSI in the Classroom' fieldtrip. The students learned about black holes and stars in the planetarium. The students also saw things that were used in the 1800's and 1900's. They saw the changes in cars, bicycles, and how electricity was used long ago.

The class then visited the Explosion show where they learned about chemical reactions. Balloons blew up and bottle caps were blown in the air.

It was fun for the students to see, touch, and experiment with science.



Meena Lee (MS) created a bridge as her 3D project.

Photos: R. Holonitch

Alumni News

Bundles of Joy!

SJMS Faculty

Shawn Kinney

Shawn Kinney, our former long term substitute teacher for music, welcomed his son Patrick Michael Kenney on January 29th. He was 5 pounds 15 ounces.



Class of 2001

Kendra (Smith) Ryan



Kendra (Smith) Ryan, and her husband Pat Ryan, welcomed Virginia Ann Ryan into the world on February 10th at 1:36 am. She weighed in at 7lbs 6oz and 18 in long. Congratulations to Kendra and Pat for their new bundle of joy.

Class of 2002

Sarah (Schadek) Naurato

Let's welcome Leo Anthony Naurato to the world! Sarah (Schadek) Naurato, with her husband Brandon, delivered Leo on Saturday, February 21st, at 5:12 via C-section. He was 8 lbs 12 oz and 21.5 inches long at birth.



Class of 2004

Ariel Powell-Miller

Trip to India!

Ariel Powell-Miller is on the adventure of a lifetime. She is traveling abroad in India for an internship. First stop: New Delhi. She has seen Humayun's Tomb, the Taj Mahal, Parliament, the India Gate, and the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.



Class of 2006

Cassie Berry

Engaged!



Photo: C. Berry

Cassie Berry will soon marry her high school sweetheart. She recently became engaged to Gerontaye. They went to high school together as best friends then dated in college. "He's wonderful and we are both very excited," said Cassie.

St. Charles Preparatory School Honor Roll

For the second 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 * after their name, it indicates a 4.0 or better GPA.

SJMS Class of 2011

Sam Kukor*

SJMS Class of 2012

Michael Flynn

SJMS Class of 2013

Michael Weaver

SJMS Class of 2014

Paul Hensley

Calendar of Events

April

3 - 12: Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

13: Classes resume

17: Spring Picture Day
Fun Friday!

20 - 24: Bookfair

24: Grandfriends' Day

May

1: Carpool Coffee
Spanish Fiesta (AM)
Techno Trek - (PM)

8: Fun Friday

11-15: Erdkinder Trip
Optional Conferences

12: Annual Meeting

17: Commemorative Mass

25: Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

June

2: Last Day of School
1:30 dismissal

Guess Who?

Read the clues and check out the picture to the "Guess Who?" in this issue. The answer is located on page 5.

1. "Guess Who" has traveled to 9 different countries.
2. "Guess Who" plays the flute.
3. "Guess Who" loves tomato ketchup, marinara sauce, dried tomatoes, and any other tomato food, BUT they do not enjoy raw tomatoes at all!!!
4. "Guess Who?" enjoys extreme sports such as bungee jump and skydiving.



Guess Who? jr.

1. "Guess Who? jr." wants to be an art teacher when she grows up.
2. "Guess Who? jr." loves to play soccer.
3. "guess Who? jr." wants to learn cheer.
4. "Guess Who? jr." loves to eat pasta for breakfast.

The answer can be found on page 5.



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