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ROAD TRIP!



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WE ARRIVED! Our Erdkinder class saw many wonderful sites in Gettysburg.

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Our seventh and eighth grade students had a great time learning about American history in Baltimore and Gettysburg.

Their trip started on Monday morning before the sun even came up. On their trip, our students visited Gettysburg, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Fort McHenry, and Jeppi's Entertainment Museum.

This trip is the highlight of the year for our Erdkinder students.



Photos: R. Holmitch

Let's hit the road! The students were excited to go on their educational adventure.

Spanish Fiesta in Pictures



Photo: R. Holonitch

Amanda Jelley and Kathy Koehler served chips and salsa to Luca Paul (P3).



Photo: R. Holonitch

Francis Esker (MS) took a turn hitting the pinata.



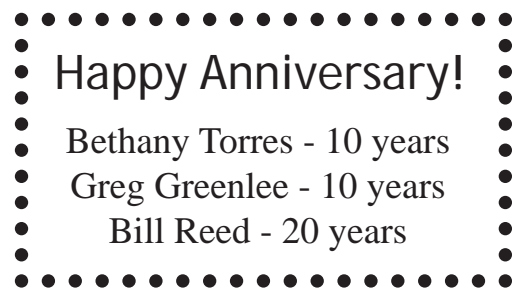
Photo: R. Holonitch

James Gullidge (P3), Lilly Surratt (P2), and Lane White (P3) helped plant apple trees in the playground.



Drew Benke (ERD) helped Simon Wirtz (CH4) with a craft.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Columbus and the retirement of Bishop Campbell, each school was asked to plant trees on their property. This was also a great opportunity for SJMS to work on our accreditation goal of "Care for God's Creation." In April, students helped plant three apple trees along the Summit Street fence line. With our care, we will soon enjoy delicious apples that can be baked into apple pie.



School Spirit Week



Photo: R. Holonitch

Xavier Ocheltree and Felix Plouck (P2) celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as characters from Harry Potter.

School Spirit Week was exciting for our students. Each day included fun and silly things to do to show school spirit.

Monday: Dress like a character from your favorite book.

Tuesday: Rock Your Socks Off - Silly Sock Day

Wednesday: Inside Out & Backwards Clothes Day

Thursday: Favorite Color & Wacky Hair Day

Friday: SJMS Spirit Gear Day and Grandfriends' Day (see page 5)



Photo: J. Warner

Henry Warner (P1) and Roxanne Holonitch (Art) shared their enthusiasm for crazy hair during School Spirit Week.

SJMS Celebrates Earth Day

The students and staff of St. Joseph Montessori School joined in the fun by celebrating Earth Day on April 18th with a variety of educational activities on our elementary playground.

These activities included learning about the importance of bees, gardening games, planting seedlings, and cleaning up our neighborhood with a litter patrol.

This event helped achieve our Catholicity goal of "Care for God's creation."

Sarah Weber (MS), along with her team of dedicated volunteers, planned a wonderful and thoughtful event for our students.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Heidi White, Natalie Reese, and Mauro Meleca (MS) investigated a beehive, as part of the Earth Day festivities.

Head of School for the Day *Lawrence Malhame*



Photo: R. Holonitch

Lawrence led SJMS for the day this spring.

On April 18th, Lawrence Malhame (P3) led our school as Head of School for the Day. He enjoyed lunch with Matt and his sister at Northstar, shared his talent as a violinist with a mini concert for the primary level, and offered a tasty treat at the end of the day. Lawrence received this honor as a Spring Gala silent auction item in March.

Rafael Rosado Visits SJMS



Photo: J. Appel

Rafael Rosado shared samples from his book.

On May 18th, our Primary level students were part of a special presentation by illustrator Rafael Rosado. Rafael is father of Avery in our Middle School classroom.

Rafael shared images from his recent book, as well as ideas for better drawing skills. At the end of the event, Rafael took time to autograph some books for our students.



Photo: J. Appel

Rafael took time to autograph some books, too.

“Anyone for a Game of Tennis?”



Photo: R. Holonitch

Adam Fellows (ERD) served up some zingers to his opponents.

Spring is the time to play tennis! Each year, Amanda Jelley, our Physical Education Specialist, plans a walking field trip to Goodale Park to play tennis with our Erdkinder class. This activity wraps up their tennis unit of study. Students played both singles and doubles matches that showed off their new skills.

Before the tennis tournament began, the class enjoyed their final lunch outing at the North Market.

Pulsera Bracelet & Purse Sale



Photos: R. Holonitch

Our Erdkinder students practiced their selling skills with this project.

Techno Trek is Techno-RRIFIC!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Jessika Casey (P2) gave Sage Olivia Casey a lift during Techno Trek.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Laura McCrady (MS) had her bracelet marked with each lap.



The weather was great for Techno Trek.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Lily Byrum (P2) gives Zoe Crum (P2) a ride on one lap.

On a beautiful, but windy day, our students worked together to raise money for school technology. On May 4th, they tied up their shoe laces to collect pledges. These pledges will help update some classroom technology equipment for next year. After a great walk, the students enjoyed a cool popsicle as a “Thank

you” for their walking efforts.

This year, we launched a new program called Everyday Hero. It is an online fundraising site, to help with the collection of pledges from families members out of town.

Grandfriends' Day!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Nick Keglitch (MS) showed his grandfather a Montessori math material.

On April 27th, our school building was filled with proud grandparents and friends. On this day, we open our doors to celebrate Grandfriends' Day.

The morning started with a short presentation in Ryan Hall with speeches, refreshments, and door prizes. Next, our guests were invited into the classrooms to learn about our Montessori Method. Families were encouraged to tour the building to see the special subjects' classrooms, as well as stop in the Spring Bookfair for a new book.

As a keepsake for the day, a photographer was set up in the library to capture the great memories of the day.

We are so happy to have so many grandparents and special friends visit our school, and learn about the wonderful program we offer our students on a daily basis. We can't wait to see you again next year.

Band, Bells, & Choir Concert



Photo: R. Holonitch

Brad Shank accompanied our Middle School choir at our spring concert.

Ryan Hall was filled with joyful music on May 3rd with our Band, Bells, and Choir Concert. Our Middle School and Erdkinder students shared their talents with family and friends.

The evening started with songs sung by our Middle School Choir,

which were accompanied by Brad Shank on the piano. Next, both our Middle School and Erdkinder bands shared tunes everyone enjoyed. Finally, our Bell Choirs hit all the right notes with their song selection.

The show was led by our Music Specialist, Connor McMonagle.

Real Eyes Presentation



Photos: R. Holonitch

Lindsey Miller (P3) showed how eyes dilate with a small light.

Our Children's House, Primary, and Middle School students learned about the importance of eye health with a presentation called Real Eyes by the Ohio Optometric Association.

Art Exhibition



Photo: R. Holonitch

Liam Chapman (P2) showed his mom the project he created for the art exhibition.

The hearts of our parents were filled with joy as they viewed the artwork created by our students at our annual art exhibition at Angela Meleca Gallery downtown.

Thank you to all our students, parents, and friends that attended our art exhibition.

It was wonderful to see everyone appreciate the wonderful art created by our students. We extend a very special thank you to Angela Meleca for sharing her beautiful gallery space with SJMS.

Honoring Maria and Sister Anne



Photos: R. Holonitch

We honored Maria Montessori, the founder of the Montessori Method, and Sister Anne McCarrick, the founder of St. Joseph Montessori School, with a display in our Library hallway. Friends were asked to write messages on red balloons that hung above the table.

Alumni News

Class of 2014

Our friends from the Class of 2014 are moving on to college this fall from four exciting years in high school. Here is a list of their future plans.



Photo: R. Holonitch (Archive: 2014)

SJMS Class of 2014

Paul Hensley

Paul will be graduating from St. Charles Preparatory School, and will soon be playing soccer at Otterbein University with a major in Business. He received many scholarships including the Alumni Scholarship, the Cardinal Grant, and the Ammons-Thomas Award.

Maxi Nelson

Maxi will be studying Communications and Psychology at Wittenberg in the fall.

Chloe Haydel Brown

Chloe will be attending Stanford, but has not decided on a major.

Katie Reed

Katie will be attending Wright State University to study Nursing.

Benjamin Ingraham Dwyer

Ben will be attending the University of Cincinnati with plans in Allied Health with the goal of continuing on to a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Bob Faller

Bob will be attending Case Western Reserve, and plans to play basketball.

John Faller

After graduating from The Wellington School, John will head to Maryland to attend Loyola University.

Olivia French

Olivia hasn't decided on a school yet, but plans on earning a degree in Environmental Science.

Sidney Flynn

Sidney plans to attend the University of Cincinnati for a business degree.

Bishop Ready High School Honor Roll

First Honors

SJMS Class of 2016

Madeline French

Second Honors

SJMS Class of 2015

Claire Ferguson

SJMS Class of 2014

Olivia French

Ryan Spoon

St. Charles Preparatory School Honor Roll

SJMS Class of 2017

Braeden Singleton

SJMS Class of 2016

Joseph Tinapple (4.0+)

SJMS Class of 2015

Matthew Hohmann (4.0+)

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Ryan Spoon

Ryan will head to the University of Cincinnati to study Allied Medicine. His intent is to go into Physical Therapy.

SJMS Class of 2014

also included:

Charles Clayton

Luke Flynn

Isabella Reardon

Anna Shuff

Calendar of Events

June

1: Last Day of School ~ Early Dismissal @ 12noon
1: Bowling Party

12: Summer Camp begins

August

20: Back to School Open House

23: First Day of School



Hidden Picture Fun!

