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SJMS Celebrates Kathy Koehler

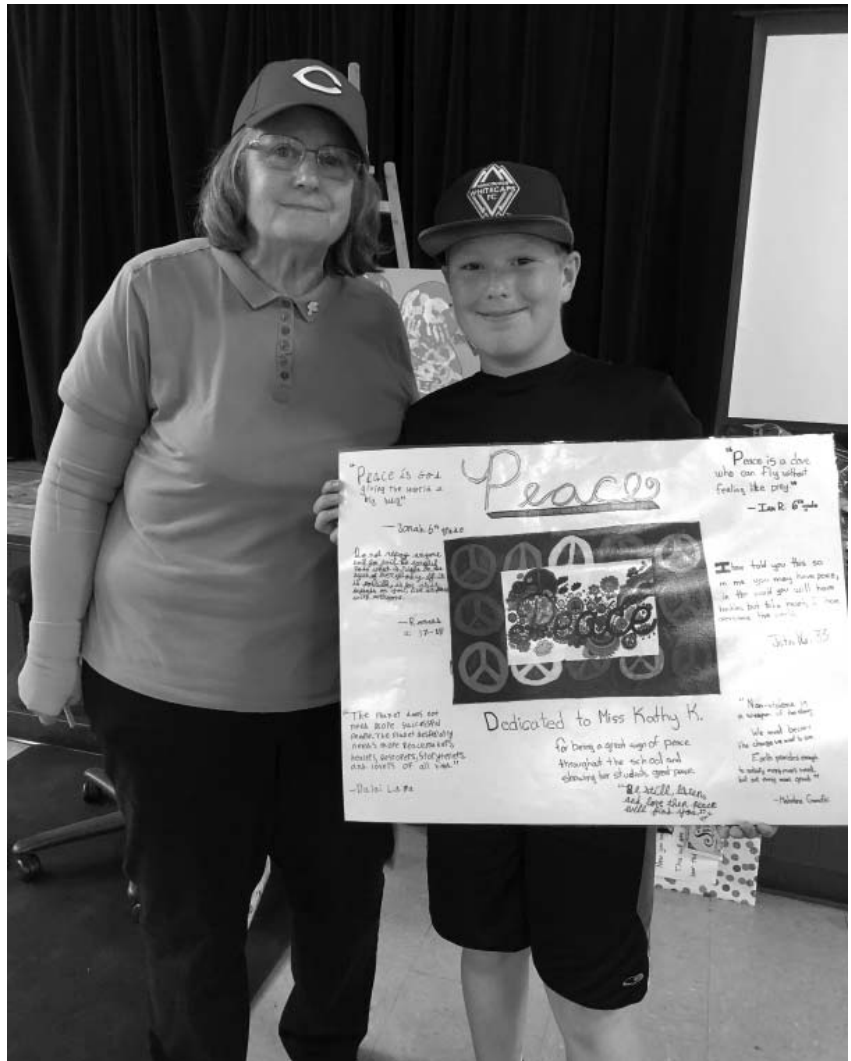
In honor of Kathy Koehler's 42 years of dedicated service to the students of St. Joseph Montessori School, we dedicated the month of May to her with a variety of activities.

Our teachers and students tracked the amazing things they do to help others with Random Acts of Kindness for Kathy.

On Tuesday, May 7th, we celebrated Kathy's retirement with a party after the Annual Meeting. We invited all current and former staff, students, parents, board members, alumni, etc. A video was created that featured images from her years at SJMS.

Our traditional Cookies & Milk celebration with the students became "Popsicles with Kathy" on Tuesday, May 21st. Because Kathy loves baseball, our school community wore caps to school and we called it "Hats off to Kathy." The K - 8th graders were invited to Ryan Hall and presented Kathy with their group art projects. Each class had a chance to recognize her, and then enjoyed a popsicle treat.

Thank you, Kathy, for sharing your lifelong love of learning with our students.



ABOVE: Jonah Hunter (MS) presented Kathy Koehler with a card and thanked her for her service to SJMS.



RIGHT: Kathy Koehler (third from left) and her peers as she earns her Montessori certification with COMET.

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Spanish Club Raises Money for "Food for the Poor"

Our Spanish Club members decided to raise money for El Salvador. The students spent a couple of weeks learning about this country and its needs. El Salvador is overpopulated and is one of the poorest countries in the world. Food for the Poor is an organization that helps the poor in different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. They help with basic needs like housing, water, medical services, and education. Our students had different activities on Tuesdays during the month of April to help with this fundraiser, including a raffle and Popsicle sale. Their goal was to raise \$600, and they exceeded it by raising \$623.50!!



Photos: R. Holonitch

Anthony Bocija buys a raffle ticket from Maddy Wood (ERD).

We are "ABUZZZZ" with Bees



Photo: A. Stewart

Kindergarten students wrote their observation notes in their journals.

SJMS is "abuzz" with activity now that our beehives are in place. Thanks to the hard work of our Laudato Si Club, Cathy Johanni, Linda Miller, and a team of dedicated parent volunteers, the hive is now thriving with bees. Students and teachers have taken this opportuni-

ty to learn from our new neighbors by monitoring their flight paths and habits. This also became a community service opportunity when our Laudato Si Club distributed seeds to our neighbors and informed them of our new bee colony.

Student Art Show



Photos: R. Holonitch

SJMS families enjoyed the art show.

On April 23rd, families visited The Kitchen for tasty tacos and to preview beautiful artwork created by students at St. Joseph Montessori School. The Kitchen, owned by the parents of Harper and Phinn Bonisegna-Mullins (MS), hosted this show in conjunction with the monthly Taco Tuesday. Artwork from our Kindergarten through Erdkinder classrooms was on display.

To prepare for the show, Roxanne Holonitch, our Art Specialist, asked students to choose a piece of art that represents their skills in art or the piece they really enjoyed making in art class.

Spanish Fiesta



Photos: R. Holonitch

Fubiam Neyou (MS) tried hitting the pinata.

The Spanish Fiesta was filled with fun activities, tasty refreshments, and arts and crafts. It included something for everyone! Thank you to Elba Martinez-Rosado and our Spanish Club for their hard work.

Grandfriends' Day

Grandfriends' Day is one of our most special days at SJMS. Our students look forward to sharing their school with their special friends and our special friends are able to get a glimpse into our students' daily lives. The day is filled with smiling faces and excitement that creates happy memories for everyone involved.

Our morning began after carpool with snacks and plenty of coffee! After a brief presentation at 9am, our guests were released to visit with their students. Along with touring the classrooms and experiencing Montessori curriculum, there was also complimentary pictures taken in the Library, the Book Fair was open, and Hip Hues was on-site helping us screen print shirts and tote bags.

The school dismissed at Noon during Grandfriends' Day when the program ends. We encouraged families to plan something fun for their Grandfriends and students to enjoy together. Perhaps enjoy lunch in the Short North or head to the park for a picnic. Whatever you decided to do, they had fun



Photo: R. Holonitch

Sophia Celebrezze (P2) made a t-shirt with her grandmother.

and made memories! After all, according to American Writer Alex Haley, "Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children."

Heimlich Heroes!

Nurse Chris has taken two Fridays to teach our older students the Heimlich Maneuver using Heimlich Heroes, dolls specifically created to help teach the Heimlich maneuver. The curriculum includes four mannequins she uses when teaching. Chris wants to prepare students of all ages to recognize and respond to a choking emergency with the Heimlich Maneuver. To make it fun for our students, there was a contest to name our dolls. After counting the votes, our new Heimlich Maneuver dolls are now called Ima, Kathy, Joe, and Tigger.



Photo: C. Corlett

Nurse Chris made a new friend!

Thank You, Matt!



Matt and Sebastian Conrad (MS) enjoyed the party.

We celebrated Matt Brenner's service to SJMS with a hawaiian themed party. Students learned how to hula, enjoyed tropical snacks, and presented Matt with a gift basket with many hawaiian-themed treats.

Techno Trek is Techno-RRIFIC!



Photo: R. Holonitch

The weather was perfect for a walk-a-thon.

Another awesome Techno Trek is in the books for 2019. Students walked laps to raise money for new technol-

ogy in our school. We appreciate the support of our families in this fun endeavor.

Alumni News

Class of 2015

Our friends from the Class of 2015 are moving on to college this fall from four exciting years in high school. Here is a list of their future plans.



SJMS Class of 2015

Jacob Eismann – With his talents in the pool, Jacob earned a swimming scholarship to attend The University of Kentucky.

Claire Ferguson – Claire will head to Pittsburgh, PA to attend Point Park University for a degree in music.

Matthew Hohmann – Matthew will move to the east coast and attend Dartmouth to earn a degree in Political/Social Sciences.

Erin Miller – Erin will enjoy the sun in Florida as she earns a degree in nursing at the University of Tampa.

Reid Mitchell – Reid has interests in teaching and accounting, and plans to pursue these interests at Florida A&M.

Emerson Prond – Emerson graduated from Dublin Coffman High School last spring, and will attend Denison University this fall.

Anna Rambo – Anna will graduate from The Wellington School and plans to attend Ohio University for a degree in Musical Theatre.

Grace Rieser – Grace will attend The Ohio State University in Newark to study criminal justice.

Mark Nick Rieser – Nick will start his pursuit of higher education at Columbus Community College, then transfer to The Ohio State University for a degree in Cyber Security.

Mia Rivera – Mia graduated Westerville High School with Honors, and plans to attend Miami University of Ohio.

Joel Samuels – Joel will be saying “O-H-I-O” while earning his degree in Political Science at The Ohio State University.

Allison Sheehan – With a very generous scholarship, Allison will attend Hamilton College in Clinton, NY to earn a degree in Government.

Adam Sorrels – Adam plans to earn a degree in Bio-Chemistry at Boston College.

Max Thesing – With the support of a soccer scholarship, Max will reside in Philadelphia, PA and earn a degree in Business at Drexel.

Chloe Tussing – Chloe will add to her art experience by attending Bowling Green State University for a degree in Digital Art.

Morgan Zucker – Morgan completed her ACPA internship at SJMS in the artroom with Roxanne. Morgan graduated from ACPA and will start at Columbus State Community College, with future plans at The Ohio State University, for a degree in Art Education.

SJMS Class of 2015 also included:

Harper Daniel
Kieran York

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