



# The Montessorian

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## Grandfriends' Day



Students and grandfriends were so happy to share these special days together at St. Joseph Montessori School.

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How do you make the best school event better? Have it on two days instead of one! This year, Grandfriends' Day was celebrated on both Thursday, April 21st and Friday, April 22nd. Our Toddler and Children's House guests attended on Thursday, while guests for our Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Middle School visited on Friday.

The guests enjoyed breakfast refreshments, arts and crafts, our spring book fair, and a photo booth to capture this special day. The craft station offered a fun popsicle picture frame activity, as well as a home-made birdfeeder made from pinecones, birdseed, and peanut butter. We can see why both our students and special guests love this day.

## Rafael Rosado Visits Middle School Art Classes

On April 8th, noted illustrator and storyboard artist, Rafael Rosado visited the art classes for our 7th and 8th year students.

At this visit, Rafael shared a slideshow with samples of his most recent work, and some of his work with shows like Scooby-Doo, Batman, and Animaniacs.

Rafael also discussed the process of writing and illustrating a book. He stressed the importance of skills in problem-solving, collaboration, and persistence.

This was a great opportunity for our students to hear about real-world career options for their bright futures.



Photo: MacMillan Publishers

Raphael shared information about the creative process of writing a book, like "Monsters Beware."

## OMEA Band Contest



Photo: H. Greer-Young

Our band students were all smiles at the OMEA Band contest.

In April, five students from our Middle School classroom performed at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Ohio Solo and Ensemble. at the Canal Winchester High School.

The students performed very challenging music that stretched their abilities. They each received valuable feedback from the judges to continue to grow and improve their performance.

## Spring Book Fair

This spring, our school was blossoming with new books at the Spring Book Fair. This year, the bookfair was located in the library and library hallway, with books for all ages and genres. From the youngest of picture books to the fanciest of chapter books, every student could find something to enjoy. To support the classrooms, families could donate money into an e-wallet to purchase books for classrooms. The bookfair is always a fun, and educational, event for our students.



Photo: J. Appel

Ellis J. shared a book with his friend, Johan R. (LE2).

## Special Guests Visit Band

The SJMS band hosted two clinicians in April. Dr. Sterling Tanner, professor of trombone at The Ohio State University and Mr. Rick Eckler, retired band director of Northland High School. Both of the special guests answered questions and shared their talents with the group. This was a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to learn from other individuals who are passionate about music.



Photo: H. Greer-Young

*Dr. Sterling Tanner shared his time and talent with our students.*

## Annual Art Show



Photo: R. Holonitch

*Soraya D. (CH) admired the artwork at the annual Art Show.*

On April 26th, our families enjoyed an art-filled evening at the annual Art Show.

The event was held at The Kitchen on Livingston Avenue. Each student - from Toddlers to Middle School - had a piece of artwork displayed for families to admire.

They could also eat tasty tacos cooked by the Kitchen staff. This was a great way to highlight the artistic talents of our students.

A special thank you goes to Anne Boninsegna and Amy Mullins and the Kitchen staff. This was a wonderful event for our families to enjoy.

## Spirit Week

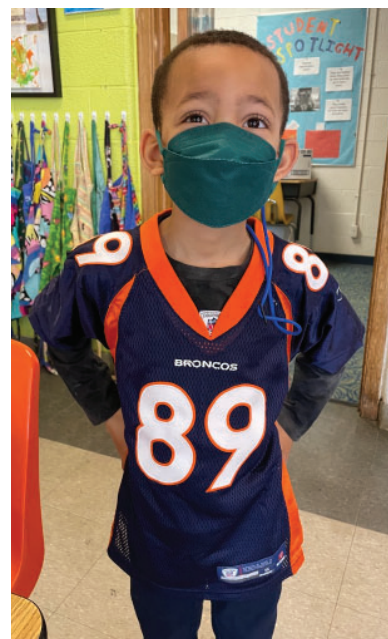


Photo: R. Holonitch

*William H. (CH 3) sported his Broncos jersey for Jersey Day during Spirit Week.*

SJMS celebrated Spirit Week with a bunch of fun themes. These themes included Mix-Match Color Day, Jersey Day, Backward Day, and School Spirit Day. Our students, and even the staff, had fun with this spirited week.

### Portrait of A Graduate Characteristic & Virtue for April

**Global Citizen** - Each child is involved in activities and opportunities which broaden his or her vision of the world. Through collaborative work, care of the environment, global education, and conflict resolution, the child gains an appreciation of personal and social responsibilities and acceptance of human differences.

**Generosity** - Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.

# Alumni News

## Class of 2001

**Chelsea Clark**



In April, Chelsea Clark starred in “Under the Lake,” a one act play written by Ryan Skinner and directed by Ken Wolf. The performances were shown at the Chain Theatre in New York City.

## Class of 2015

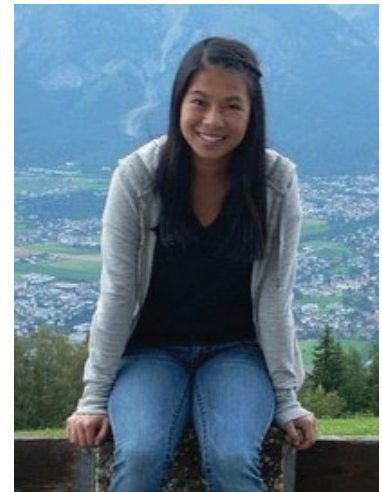
**Emerson Prond**



England continues to be an exciting location for Emerson. She earned an internship in Bath, England and will sightsee and work until May. On this trip, Emerson has traveled all over Europe including historic sites in Greece.

## 2003 - 2007

**Rose Hokanson**



After graduation in May at Indiana State University, Rose accepted a genetic counseling position at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus.

## Class of 2009

**Keiko Wilkins**



Keiko has recently accepted a new position as the Program Director Assistant for the international non-profit organization Black Women in Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Science. She is also a second year PhD candidate at the University of Hawaii in Manua for Marine Biology.

## Class of 2019

**Garrett White**

Garrett White is a junior at Bishop Waterson High School, and was part of the stage production of “Beauty and the Beast” at The Little Theater. He was part of the ensemble.

## Class of 2020

**Arya Chabria**



Arya appeared on NBC4 in March to promote her tennis program for children with autism.

## 2003 - 2009

**Olyvia Myers**

Olyvia Myers and her fiancée, Dylan Knecht, have just purchased a new home in Groveport.



### St. Francis DeSales High School Honor Roll

Katherine Jolley (Class of 2018)  
Madelyn McCurdy (Class of 2018)