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Mardi Gras Festival in Ryan Hall



Photos: R. Holonitch

Each class visited the Mardi Gras stations, which included arts & crafts (left) and dancing (right).

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There is no better way to celebrate Mardi Gras than with a festival. On Fat Tuesday, also known as March 1st, our school enjoyed a jam-packed event in Ryan Hall. Stations were created by our Special Subjects' teachers that included arts and crafts, dancing, story time, authentic refreshments, and a religion lesson. To prepare for this special day, each classroom created a cardboard float to decorate the stage. This was a spectacular event, enjoyed by all.



Photos: R. Holonitch

Each classroom created a float that filled the school's stage.

Down syndrome Day American Montessori Society Convention

On March 21, SJMS recognized World Down syndrome Day by wearing colorful socks. The #LotsOfSocks Campaign was created by Down Syndrome International to bring awareness to Down syndrome.



North Market Lunch for Middle School

As a great practical life experience, our Middle School students ventured to the North Market for lunch. This is an opportunity for them to practice interacting with others, managing money, and walking together as a group. It is also an favorite activity for this level, since there are so many tasty options for the students to try.



Photo: M. Holmitch

There are many tasty choices at North Market for our students to enjoy.



Photo: B. Huth

Team: SJMS were excited to travel to Nashville for the AMS Convention this spring.

During our spring break, eleven staff members from SJMS ventured to Nashville, Tennessee to participate in the American Montessori Society conference. At this event, they attended interesting lectures, keynote speakers, and workshops.

Pizzuti Collection Tour for Lower Elementary 1

On April 1, the students of Lower Elementary 1 ventured to the Short North for a tour of the Pizzuti Collection, a museum dedicated to modern and contemporary art. Once their tour was complete, the group visited Goodale Park for lunch and outdoor playtime. It was a fun and enriching experience for the class.



Photo: J. Castaneda

Lower Elementary 1 enjoyed their tour of the Pizzuti Collection in the Short North.

UE Student Spotlight

BGSU

Honor Band

Congratulations go to ten talented SJMS musicians! These students were accepted into the Bowling Green State University Middle School Honor Band.

They will travel to Bowling Green, Ohio on May 2nd to participate in this special event.



Photo: R. Holmitch

“Student Spotlight” display hangs in the upper hallway.

There are so many great things going on in each of our classrooms everyday. One way our Upper Elementary co-horts are sharing this good news is with a “Student Spotlight” bulletin board in the upper hallway.

This board showcases a nominated student with a photo and information about their learning style. The co-horts have received great feedback about this display, and many additional students have now been nominated to be included.

Community Service Learning Project

This year, we have partnered with our K-Kids Club and the Short North Kiwanis to develop a meaning service learning project. Our goal was to collect items to help furnish rooms for families moving from unstable housing to permanent housing through The Homeless Families Foundation. Our school community collected materials for bedrooms, bathrooms, or the kitchen while The Short North Kiwanis Club joined us in providing the cleaning supplies needed for the kitchen and bathroom kits. In addition to the collection, each classroom created a child’s tie-blanket to be put into the Bedroom kit. This project aligns with our current accreditation goal of a deeper



Photo: T. Chabria

Our Middle School students helped organize the materials by room.

understanding of the Corporal works of mercy, particularly Shelter the Homeless. Once all the materials were collected, the

7th and 8th years helped sort and pack up the materials to prepare them for donation.

Alumni News

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Leah Finkelman



Leah Finkelman happily said “I Do!” when Rob Kagan popped the question on February 12. The couple resides in Brookline, Massachusetts, and are planning their nuptials for 2023. Leah works as an Engagement Manager for teens at CJP: Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

Class of 2005

Mark Schmidley

Mark and Aislynn Schmidley welcomed twin babies on February 3rd.

Danielle Kathleen arrived at 3:05am at 5lbs. 15oz and 19.25 inches long. Delilah Sara was born at 3:22am at 6lbs. 1 oz. and 19.25 inches long. The entire family is doing well.



Class of 2009

Nikki (Dean) Schafer



Nikki and Ethan Schafer welcomed their new baby to the world on February 15th. Josephine Mae arrived at 10:46am at 7lbs, 12oz. Mama and baby are both happy and healthy.

Class of 2011

Sidney Allen



Sidney Allen is a third year Clinical Psychology doctoral student at the University of Indianapolis. She is providing psychotherapies and neuropsychological screeners at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her research focuses on the psychological well-being of black graduate students. She is also the co-founder and president of the Association of Black Psychologists on the university campus.

Class of 2019

Kyla Hammond



Kyla received the Silver Key Award from the Central Ohio Scholastic Art Exhibition for her piece entitled, “Le Pigeon.” Kyla is a junior at The Wellington School.