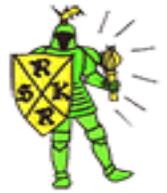


JMI's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear JMI Families,

It's hard to believe that it's May already! Even though there were only 16 school days in April, we were busy with many exciting events!

Our students are beaming with pride at the success from our St. Jude Math-A-Thon event! When we kicked off the event, we set a goal to raise \$5000. As a school community, we exceeded our goal and donated **\$7000** to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! Thank **YOU** for your generosity! The plaque we received from St. Jude will proudly be displayed in our lobby.



Throughout the month, Mrs. Abatamarco read the book Each Kindness to every class to emphasize the importance of being kind to each other every single day. Students took time to reflect how they can show other students and adults kindness on a daily basis. During the discussion, Mrs. Abatamarco tied in how we exceeded our goal with St. Jude and that together, as an entire school community, we can accomplish any goal we set. Therefore, as a school, we are setting goals of being kinder to each other every single day!

April is also National Autism Awareness Month. Mrs. Mosko and Mrs. Benson led fundraising efforts by hosting a painting party with Color Me Mine. The money will be used to purchase sensory equipment to support the Autism programs at FDR and JMP.



On April 16, JMI hosted our annual Family Reading Night celebration. This year, Mrs. Hong, our Reading Specialist, kicked off our event with a read aloud in our multi-purpose room. Students and their parents then visited different classrooms to enjoy reading different books while utilizing various reading strategies. Students could also participate in a book swap or shop at the PTO



Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Hong, Mrs. Apruzzese, Ms. Hunter, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Coscarelli, Mrs. Landrove, Ms. Beni, Mrs. Feldman, Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Hollis for volunteering!

On April 12, students from our 3rd grade enjoyed Fun Night! Dressed in pajamas and with blankets and pillows in hand, students got cozy and watched Mary Poppins Returns. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring the event.

Our 4th Grade students and Ms. Siegel's class left JMI for a day for their class trip! Our 4th graders enjoyed STEM activities and learned about kinetic energy at the Bounce Factory. Ms. Siegel's class had a great time learning and experiencing all the wonders at Liberty Science Center! Thank you to Mrs. Feldman and Mr. Cummings for organizing both trips and thank you to all the parents who volunteered as chaperones!

On April 17, JMI students showcased their many talents at our 3rd Annual JMI's Got Talent show. The acts included students singing, dancing, playing instruments, comedy bits, theatrical skits and glow-in-the-dark performances! We are so proud of all the students who participated! Thank you to Mrs. Mosko, Ms. DiVila and Ms. Gu for organizing the event, Mr. Hackworth for being our emcee, and all the staff members who helped decorate, collect tickets and helped chaperone!



Finally, April marked the grand opening of our makerspace and the feedback has been phenomenal! Every class has a dedicated makerspace time and use that time to build, create and problem solve. Thank **YOU** for your support in sending in donations because without the donations, the students would not have materials to use to create and build. Special thanks to Mrs. Golias and Mrs. Furrilla for all the work they put into organizing the materials, developing the work stations and turning the idea of a makerspace into a reality at JMI!

May is looking to be another busy month for the entire JMI community. Please look at the calendar on the back for all important events in May.