

MJS WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 5, 2021

Dear MJS Community,

Spring is almost upon us! Please keep an eye out for an email from the district that will contain a brief survey asking for feedback about a transition to Phase II (full enrollment, 12:40 pm dismissal, no lunch). I encourage you to speak with your child before completing the survey, and please reach out with any questions or concerns. I will be sure to provide clear and detailed information about changes to any building procedures once we have a date set for this transition; other than changes to interior building procedures, a move into Phase II will not alter any schedules or classes for our students.

David Flood Assemblies

Through the generosity of The Madison Education Foundation (MEF) and The MJS PTO, we are excited to announce that all MJS students will soon enjoy a live, in-person assembly with motivational speaker David J. Flood.

David Flood was a hospice volunteer, and he worked with special needs children, including his son. These two things enable him to speak about human dignity and respect like no other youth motivational speaker in the industry. David has an ability to capture children's attention with appropriate humor, identifying the issues that they are dealing with and guiding them through both ways to address a situation that they find themselves in or see another person experiencing.

David's assembly with MJS will focus on student attitudes and the choices that they make every day. We are hopeful that all our students will find something in his story that they can relate to. His message covers dignity, respect, compassion, character, attitude, tolerance, understanding, leadership, and core values.

In-person students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will have their assembly on either March 16 or March 17. Full-time virtual students will watch the assembly via webinar on March 17, or they are invited to attend either day in person (reach out to Ms. Phillips if you would like to pursue this option.) Assemblies will take place in the auditorium, where social distancing protocols will be followed.

More details to follow!

Jr. Model UN

I recently had the opportunity to coach our eighth-grade Jr. Model UN team. From October through February, delegates and I met virtually to explore and learn about their assigned delegate countries. Students researched topic projects, including the right to clean water, equality for all, and the right to good health; they then wrote position papers to defend their suggested solutions with the hopes of being chosen for resolution. Once all papers were submitted, we practiced giving speeches following the hook, point, action model.

I'm so proud of the dedication and essay writing work these students completed. Secretly, I enjoyed jumping into the teacher role once a week to help these students become stronger writers and speakers. Delegates and their awards are noted below - congratulation to the MJS Jr. Model UN 2021 team!

Enjoy the weekend!

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CONGRATS JR. MODEL UN DELEGATIONS!



Evelyn Juliano &
Nina Todano



Macey Arnold &
Caitlin Jobe



Cassie Jennings
& Meredith
McKeever

A LOOK INSIDE A CLASSROOM...

MJS C.R.E.A.T.E.S.
Erdreich & St. Jacques



MJS C.R.E.A.T.E.S.

This year our Art and STEM teachers, Mrs. MaryAnn St. Jacques and Mr. Jason Erdreich, joined forces to create a cycle program to meet the needs of students during our hybrid schedule. MJS Creates is an innovative & integrated approach to learning that encourages students to think more broadly. Projects blend the worlds of art & technology while challenging students to think critically and explore the content that interests them most. MJS Creates grew from the desire to provide meaningful collaboration and empower students with CHOICES.



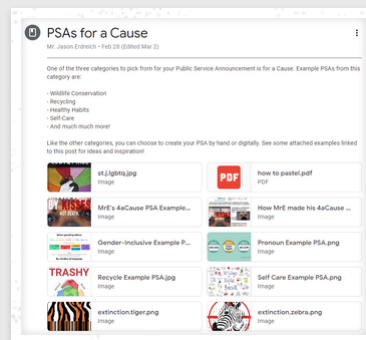
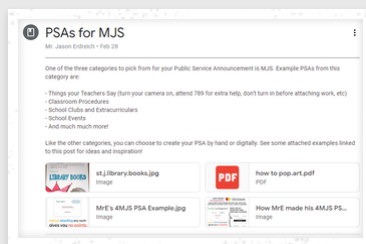
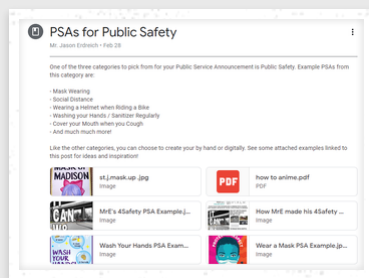
Check out their current project below, as well as last month's Story Quilt work.

Posters for the Public!

The current project assigned to students asks them to choose, design, and create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for a cause of their choosing. Like the previous project, Story Quilts, students can pick from countless techniques and styles as they create their PSA. Categories to choose from include:

- PSAs for Public Safety (mask-wearing, social distancing, wearing a helmet on a bike, etc)
- PSAs for MJS (Classroom procedures, Clubs, Fundraisers, Events, etc)
- PSAs for a Cause (Wildlife conservation, Recycling, Healthy Habits, Self-Care, etc)

Students are currently working on projects ranging from heart health, recycling, kindness,



Story Quilts

Last month the MJS Creates students celebrated Black History Month with creations that brought history and culture to their class. Students created a "Quilt" square that embraced the themes of Black History month like peace, equality, perseverance, justice, freedom, and so on. Students were introduced to artist Faith Ringgold. Ringgold took the traditional craft of quilt making and reimagined its function to tell visual stories of her life and the lives of others in her community.

Quilts could be drawn, painted, coded, or digitally designed. Whichever method students chose they had to use some color and include a message with words. This could be a single word, phrase, quote, poem, or anything else that portrays a student's theme.

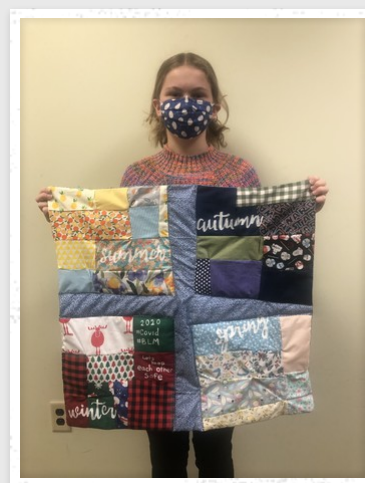
Please check out these beautiful and creative projects below - the work our students completed with their MJS Creates teachers is impressive.





It is wonderful when a teacher and the work they assign inspires students to carry learning beyond the classroom. Eighth-grader Elizabeth Kandziolka was taken with the story of how mentor artist Faith Ringgold sewed her first story quilt with her mother. Following in this artist's footsteps, Lizzie and her mother sewed the quilt seen in this photo. Lizzie used fabric from all the masks she wore during the seasons this past year to tell this beautiful story quilt tale.

A big thank you to Mrs. St. Jacques and Mr. Erdreich for inspiring our students with creativity and purpose!



CONGRATULATIONS

Mia Maser

Music Student of the Month for March 2021.

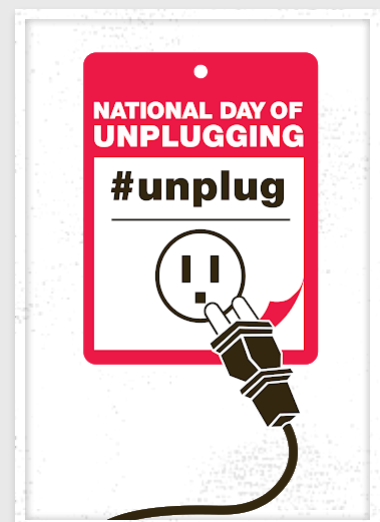
From Orchestra Director Mrs. McCormick: I am lucky to have many outstanding orchestra members in my ensembles, however, one student has stood out to me since the beginning of the year. Mia Maser, an 8th-grade violinist, is my nomination for Outstanding Orchestra member based on her ability, dedication, determination, and consistent leadership within the orchestra. Our school district, like many others, is currently serving both in-person and virtual students at the same time. Therefore, the instrumentation at each rehearsal is constantly changing. Mia has shown remarkable flexibility as I've asked her to fill in for violin 1, violin 2, as well as learn solo parts for our concert with hardly any notice. She never complains and welcomes any suggestions to improve her playing. Her hard work earned her a place in our Honors chamber group this Spring and at our most recent rehearsal, she demonstrated her proficiency on a difficult piece after only receiving it a few days ago. I am so impressed by Mia's musicianship, work ethic, and overall enthusiasm. I, therefore, without hesitation, nominate Mia Maser as my Outstanding Orchestra student for this month.



MJS Wellness Corner

Today is National Day of Unplugging, a campaign aimed at fostering connections without the use of technology. Each year, on the first Friday of March we are encouraged to power down our devices and reconnect with the world.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to explore 50+ ideas of how to spend your time.





MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 3/8 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 3/9 **B Gold**

Wednesday 3/10 **A Gold**

Thursday 3/11 **B Maroon**

Friday 3/12 **A Gold**

GREEN TEAM

HASBRO®  
TOY RECYCLING PROGRAM



A collection of various children's toys. On the left is a Monopoly board game box with the word 'MONOPOLY' in large red letters. Next to it is a yellow My Little Pony toy. In the center is a blue elephant-shaped toy. To the right of the elephant is a Mr. Potato Head toy with a green body and a yellow head. Further right is a Peppa Pig toy, which is a pink piglet. In the foreground, there is a doll with brown curly hair wearing a pink and white patterned dress. To the right of the doll is a blue and green Connect Four game board. In the background, there is a framed picture of a man with a large nose and a red shirt.



Hasbro's Pilot Toy & Game Recycling Program

Need help identifying Hasbro toys and games?
Below is a list of many of the beloved products
currently manufactured by Hasbro over the years
or [click this photo to view a website list](#):

Action Man	Child Dimension	The Game of Life	Koosh
Aggravation	Chomp Squad	Game of the States	Kre-O
Ants in the Pants	Chutes & Ladders	Gator Golf	Larami
Avalon Hill	Clue	GI Joe	Lite Brite
Axis & Allies	Connect 4	Giggle Wiggle	Littlest Pet Shop
Baby Alive	Cootie Games	Go For Broke	Lucky Ducks
Barrel of Monkeys	Cranium	Go to the Head of the Class	Magic the Gathering
Battleship	Crocodile Dentist	Guess Who?	Mail Madness
B-Daman	Crossfire	Guesstures	MASK
Bed Bugs	Don't Spill the Beans	Hanazuki	Memory
Beyblade	Don't Wake Daddy		Micro Machines

Please do not include:

- Batteries
- Playpens, car seats, high chairs, swings, bouncy seats, etc.
- Bicycles, tricycles, scooters, skateboards, etc.

Questions? Email fowlers@madisonnjps.org
or dalessiod@madisonnjps.org



MEF Corner

Join us on Saturday, March 13th for the first-ever MEF Pickleball Tournament! Enjoy a fun-filled day packed with pickleball to benefit MEF and Madison Public Schools.

- Competitors grouped by skill level.
- Registrants must be 18 years or older.
- Clinic for beginners.
- Prizes!

Click [HERE](#) to register for a fast-paced, fundraising day of round-robin style play.

MADISON EDUCATION FOUNDATION



**Saturday, March 13, 2021
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Madison High School Tennis Courts
170 Ridgedale Avenue**

**Entry fee: \$50
Register by Feb. 26th at www.mefnj.org**



Proceeds from tournament benefit Madison Education Foundation

REMINDER

**All tech support
questions should
be emailed to:**

mpstech@madisonnjps.org



HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

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HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

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HW Calendars

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

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Upcoming Dates

March 16 - David Flood Assembly - Periods 2, 3, and 5

March 17 - David Flood Assembly - Periods 2, 3, and 5

March 22 - Single Session - regular 12:40 pm dismissal - No Periods 789

March 23 - Single Session - regular 12:40 pm dismissal - No Periods 789

March 29 - April 2 - Spring Recess

I'd like to know about...

Please feel free to use this [Feedback Link](#) to ask Ms. Phillips to include certain information in a future update. It's helpful to know what you would like to learn more about.