

# MJS Update

November 18, 2022

*Dear MJS Community,*

From all the faculty and staff here at MJS, we wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. A reminder that next week will be all [single session](#) days, with no lunch served and dismissal at 12:25 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

## **Team Building Day at MJS Next Wednesday**

MJS is pleased to bring back our annual Team Building tradition this coming Wednesday, November 23. We haven't hosted this event since November 2019, and we are looking forward to giving our students a great day before the Thanksgiving holiday.

*THANK YOU, PTO*, for supporting our students and helping us host this wonderful day!  
And *THANK YOU, YMCA*, for hosting our students in your wonderful facility!

All events will take place during our single session day:

- 6th grade will spend the day at MJS attending team-building activities throughout the school hosted by Madison High School Peer Leaders
- 7th grade will walk to the YMCA to attend team-building activities through the facility hosted by the YMCA Teen Staff
- 8th grade will walk to Stykes Bowling Alley to play some team-building bowling rounds with the support of the PTO

We are looking for parent donations for snacks for our 6th and 7th-grade students on this day; please click this [SIGNUP GENIUS link](#) if you can donate snacks. Our 8th-grade students are being served snacks at the bowling alley.

## **Report Cards/STAR Reports**

Report cards for marking period one will be available in the Genesis parent portal at 3 pm today. Fall STAR reports should arrive home to families in the mail Friday as well.

## **MJS Sports Spectator Permission Form**

We are excited to have our MJS Sports basketball season starting in a few weeks. For students to attend basketball and volleyball games this year, a Spectator Permission must be filled out by

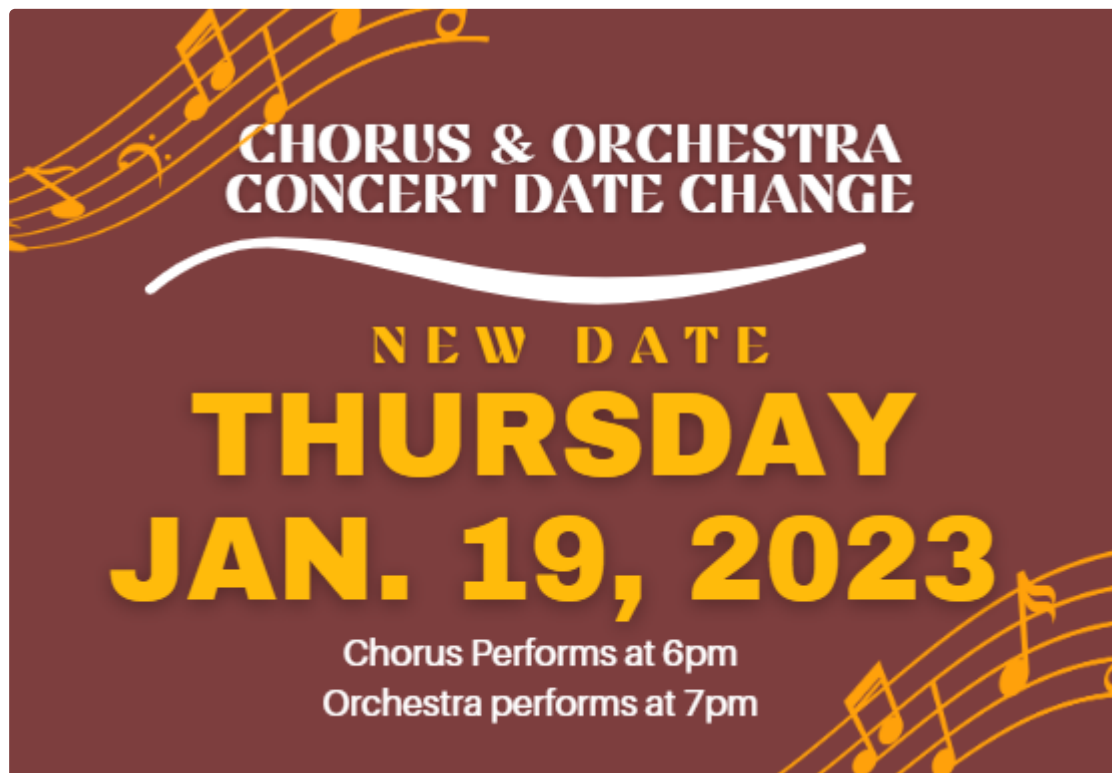
parents/guardians. Forms must be filled out once a year, which is suitable for all MJS sporting events in the gym. [Click here to be taken to the Permission Slip online form.](#)

### **Take Note - Revised Chorus & Orchestra Concert Date**

Our chorus and orchestra concert date has been moved to January 19, 2023. Chorus will perform at 6 pm, and Orchestra will perform at 7 pm.

*Brooke Phillips*

Principal, Madison Junior School



### ***Important Upcoming Dates***

Friday, 11/18 - Report cards available in Genesis Parent Portal

Monday, 11/21 - Single Session - 12:25 pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, 11/22 - Single Session - 12:25 pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, 11/23 - Single Session 12:25 pm dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, 11/23 - MJS Teambuilding Day for all grade levels

Friday, 12/2 - MJS Play Production, Order Up! 7:00 pm

Saturday, 12/3 - MJS Play Production, Order Up! 4:00 pm; Cast Party 5:30 pm

Sunday, 12/4 - MJS Play Production, Order Up! 2:00 pm (Snow date only)

Monday-Friday, 12/5-12/9 - Book Fair

Wednesday, 12/7 - TREP\$ Marketplace 6-8:00 pm (Snow date 12/15)

# Window TO LEARNING AT MJS



Remember playing the board game RISK?



7th-grade math students brought this boardgame to life in their math classes.



Students used the game strategies of RISK alongside their skills in solving inequalities.



8th Grade Accelerated English students hosted Socratic Seminars to discuss their shared novel by Agatha Christie, *And Then There Were None*. Students collaboratively engaged in debate to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.



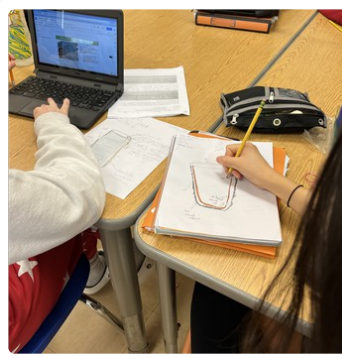
Get a birds eye view of 7th grade band preparing for the winter concert! [Click here to view the full ensemble practice lesson](#) - .



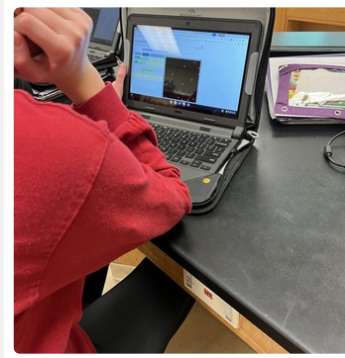
Students in 7th grade health played various board games together to learn about heart health. We hope everyone was a winner!



8th grade scientists are learning about different materials that can be used to build an insulated container. Students worked together to design their own insulated container to test how well it could keep water cool.



Before creating cups, students used their diagramming and modeling skills to set a solid plan in place.



Before doing this work, students used online tools to investigate how energy is transferred from particle to particle and how the matter in a substance behaves at a given temperature.



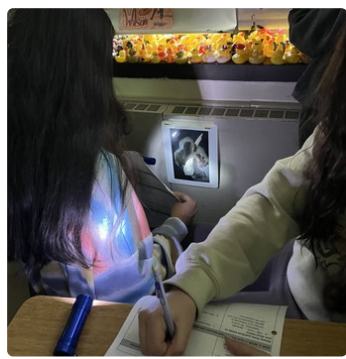
7th grade artists are working on their Alebrijes. **Alebrijes** are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical (fantasy/mythical) creatures.



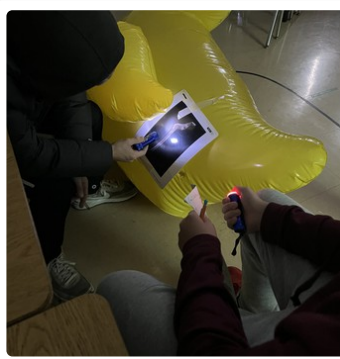
The first alebrijes, along with the invention of the term, originated with Mexico City artisan Pedro Linares. Using inspiration from this artist, students designed and constructed an animal that most matched their personality.



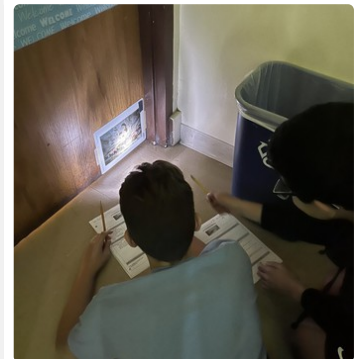
Check out some of the final products below!



7th-grade social studies students are learning about prehistory and how history is not always clear, but we can infer meaning from observations.



Classrooms turned into ancient caves complete with cave drawings.



Using flashlights and notepads, students practiced their skills of artifact analysis and then created presentations to share their findings with each other.



**MJS Sports**  
**BASKETBALL**

**Home Game Schedule**

- 11/22 Ridgedale @ Madison
- 12/2 Whippany Park @ Madison
- 12/14 Frelinghuysen @ Madison
- 1/4 Assumption @ Madison
- 1/13 Livingston @ Madison
- 1/18 East Hanover @ Madison

Once a year spectator permission slip must be filled out for students to attend MJS basketball or volleyball games. Click this photo to access the permission form link.

**THANKSGIVING SCAVENGER Hunt**

What are you grateful for?

TAKE A PHOTO OF...

<input type="checkbox"/> one food that you love	<input type="checkbox"/> something that makes sounds you love
<input type="checkbox"/> something outside you enjoy	<input type="checkbox"/> something you need every day
<input type="checkbox"/> something in this room you are thankful for	<input type="checkbox"/> something that smells wonderful
<input type="checkbox"/> a person you are grateful for	<input type="checkbox"/> one toy you are grateful for
<input type="checkbox"/> a place you are grateful for	<input type="checkbox"/> something in nature that you love
<input type="checkbox"/> something that keeps your body healthy	<input type="checkbox"/> something you couldn't live without
<input type="checkbox"/> something beautiful	<input type="checkbox"/> a book you love reading
<input type="checkbox"/> something that makes you feel safe when you are scared	<input type="checkbox"/> something new you learned
<input type="checkbox"/> an activity you enjoy doing	<input type="checkbox"/> something that makes you laugh
<input type="checkbox"/> something that cheers you up when you are sad	<input type="checkbox"/> something that you share and it makes you feel good

## Care Plus Wellness Corner

As Thanksgiving nears, consider taking time as a family to complete a "Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt." Take a moment to recognize the things for which you are thankful and appreciate having in your life.

[Click here for a printable version!](#)

It's time to Order Holiday Cards and Support the Madison Junior School! Order your cards on Minted using the link below and use code FUNDRAISEMADISONPTO for 20% off your purchase. Follow this link to order - <https://www.minted.com/>

### PTO DUES

Back to school has been better than ever with all of our parent community support and donations. Thank you! We are on our way to our PTO dues goal, please take a minute to donate below if you have not done so yet.

[Click here for the PTO Square Pay Site](#)

[Click here for the PTO Venmo Link](#)

MJS PTO Co-Presidents

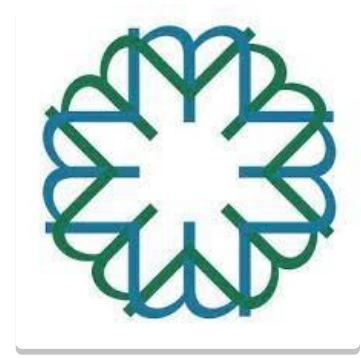
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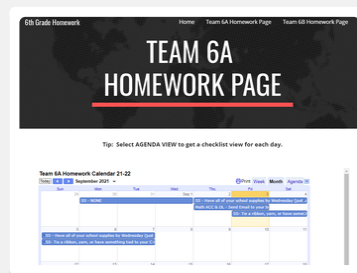
The advertisement features a light beige background. At the top left is the MJS logo, which consists of a red circle with 'MJS' in white and a red rose below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'MINTED'S FUNDRAISING PROGRAM' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the main message 'You save 20%, We donate 15%' is displayed in a large, bold, black serif font. Underneath the main message, a smaller line of text reads 'Use code FUNDRAISEMADISONPTO to support Madison Junior School PTO'. The bottom half of the ad shows two holiday cards. The card on the left features a photo of a young girl in a red dress, surrounded by a green holly wreath with red berries. The card on the right shows a couple walking down a long, arched hallway, with the text 'happiest holidays' in a cursive font and 'with love from THE PARKERS' below it. A red envelope with white cursive text is partially visible at the bottom right, reading 'The McKinley Family', '3621 Spruce Street', 'Chicago, Illinois', and '2019'. The 'MINTED.COM' logo is at the bottom left.

### MEF News

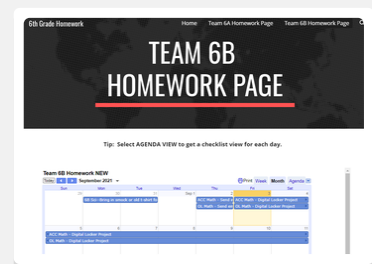
The MEF wishes everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving holiday. We sure are thankful for you, and all of your generous support throughout the year!



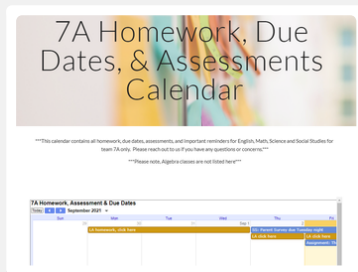
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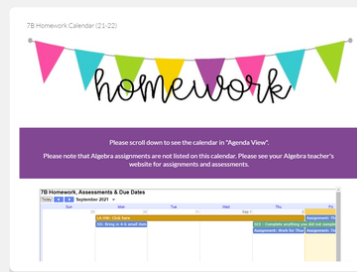
[Team 6A Homework Calendar](#)



[Team 6B Homework Calendar](#)



[Team 7A Homework Calendar](#)



[Team 7B Homework Calendar](#)

Homework Week of August 30					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L.A. Mrs. Young Mrs. Mena	None	None	Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13) Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13)	Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13) Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13)	Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13) Bring your own for weekly writing assignment. (Due 9/13)
S.S. Mr. Perkins Mr. Mitchell	The unit review is completed by the end of the week.	Complete student self-reflection and have a parent/teacher conference by the end of the week.	Complete student self-reflection and have a parent/teacher conference by the end of the week.	Complete student self-reflection and have a parent/teacher conference by the end of the week.	Complete student self-reflection and have a parent/teacher conference by the end of the week.
Sci. Mr. Kowach Mrs. Brady	Optimal: Find a partner and complete a project. (Due 9/13) Complete a project. (Due 9/13)	None	Sign and return the safety contract by the Friday. (Due 9/13) Complete a project. (Due 9/13)	Sign and return the safety contract by the Friday. (Due 9/13) Complete a project. (Due 9/13)	Sign and return the safety contract by the Friday. (Due 9/13) Complete a project. (Due 9/13)
Math 8.1	None	None	None	None	None

[Grade 8 Homework Calendar](#)

## MJS Schedules

