

MJS Update

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Dear MJS Community,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTO meeting this past week, both in person and virtually. A special thanks to Superintendent Mark Schwarz for joining us as we discussed the middle school experience, both from the perspective of our students and as parents of middle schoolers.



We are looking for a parent BookFair Chairperson to partner with librarian Karen Bessin during our spring book fair this year and continue with the committee moving into next year. If interested, please get in touch with PTO co-presidents Christina Notaro at christina.notaro@yahoo.com or Irene Rodin at ibyrdin@yahoo.com. Join us as we build and foster the love of books in our students.

As always, if there is anything parents or guardians want to discuss with the MJS administration, please don't feel you need to wait for a PTO meeting. Parent feedback is invaluable and greatly appreciated; we want to hear where we can improve and learn what's going well! Reach out anytime via email, phone, or stop by.

Coming soon from Student Council...STUCO Advisor Maryana Kolinchak will be working with students on a 'sweet' after-school fundraiser to support victims of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. STUCO Advisor Kathy Siso is working with students to host a new event - a Pickleball Tournament, complete with pickles as snacks! Students requested MJS hold this event specifically to collect funds for recent earthquake victims. Details are coming soon.

SOUP-ER BOWL DRIVE

Now through February 12, we will be having a "Soup-er Bowl" food drive sponsored by the Student Council. The homeroom that brings in the most non-perishable food for the food pantry will win a prize.

SPRING MUSICAL MATILDA JR.

Tickets

Tickets are now for sale for our spring musical, Matilda Jr. Once the link for tickets is clicked, there is a list of cast members for each performance. [Click here for tickets.](#)

- Matilda Jr. Chocolate Cake Cast Friday, March 3 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 PM
- Matilda Jr. Books Cast Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 PM

Kiss the Cast

Beat the crowds and write your favorite cast or crew members a special message from the comfort of your home, and we'll deliver it after the show! [Click here](#) to pre-purchase your Kiss the Cast messages!

Parent Volunteers

And to our families with performers, the MMA will run our front of the house and need parent volunteers to help them for each performance. Please consider signing up for a time slot. We appreciate your help! [Click here to volunteer.](#)

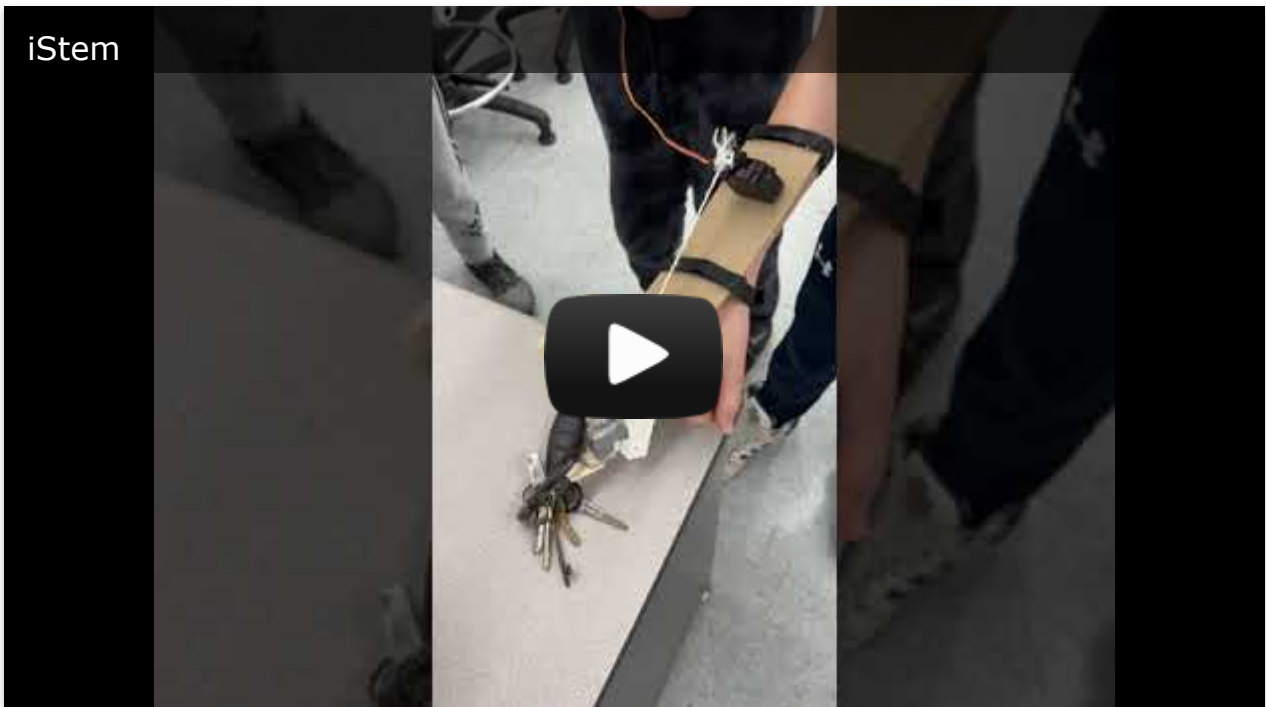
Brooke Phillips

Madison Junior School Principal



7th Grade Innovation & Design

iStem



6th Grade Social Studies



Students enjoyed a virtual history seminar provided by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. The class examined some of the private collections of primary sources and discuss their value to understanding history.

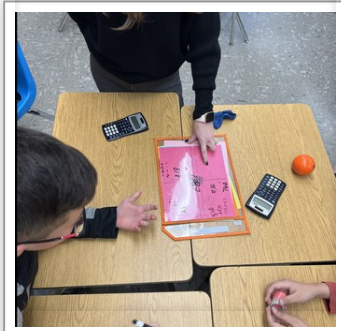


Students explored maps, virtual tours, and a diary entry from Benjamin Latrobe about visiting President Washington. Students got to ask some great questions and interact with the institute panelists.

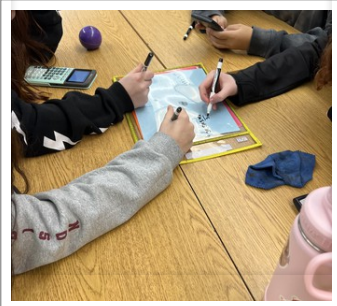


Last month MJS students got to meet virtually with a few members of the Broadway cast of Hamilton. Students asked questions and learned about the show from insiders!

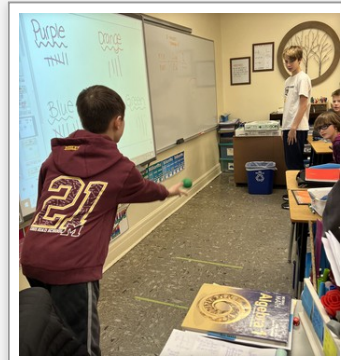
7th Grade Math



How is 7th-grade math made fun? Add some gaming and competition!



Students worked as teams to solve equations and earn points for throwing a ball into the basket.



Teams then took their chances at making a basket with the points earned. Math glory was given to winning teams.

National Read Aloud Day



Students enjoyed hearing a read-aloud from Assistant Principal Frank Perrone on National Read Aloud Day, February 1st. Other mystery readers included District C&I Director Donna

Gallo, Instructional Coach Shelly Emann, Librarian Karen Bessin, Counselor Libby Marotta, and Principal Brooke Phillips.

8th Grade Art



8th-grade students worked on self-portraits recently.



Using the grid method, students worked to create an accurate portrait.



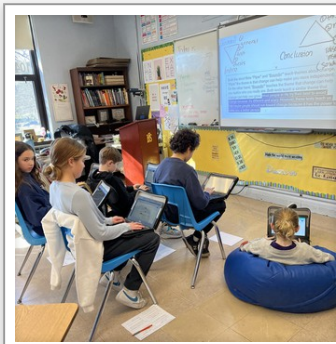
Another goal of the project was to create a monochromatic painting using one color and mixing in various tints and shades.

Italian

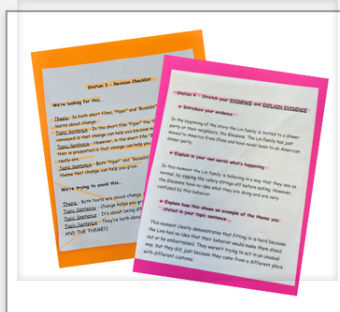
In Italian Novice Mid, students have been learning about the region Puglia all week as a part of their unit about travel and vacations. Today, when finished with their writing task, students watched a YouTube video about how to make the traditional pasta shape from this region, and practiced the technique with clay. Here they are showing off their homemade "pasta"!



6th Grade English



Students got up and moving while working in stations during a recent English class.



Each station stop had students working on a different aspect of narrative writing.



Stations included revision strategies, strengthening conclusions, conferencing with the teacher, and peer review.

Care Plus Wellness Corner

February is **American Heart Month**, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health. [Click here](#) to learn more about heart disease and prevention strategies.



Important Dates

Monday, 2/13 - Math Olympiad, 3:00 pm - Cafeteria

Monday, 2/13- Con Res Spirit Week - Pattern Day - wear polka dots, stripes, zig zags or squiggles

Tuesday, 2/14 - Con Res Spirit Week - Wear Red for Heart Health and Valentine's Day

Wednesday, 2/15 - Con Res Spirit Week - Mustache Day

Thursday, 2/16- Con Res Spirit Week - Patriotic Day - wear red, white and blue

Friday, 2/17 - Con Res Spirit Week - Dress to Impress, wear your best!

Monday, 2/20 - School closed - President's Day

Tuesday, 2/21 - School closed - Staff In-Service

Friday, 3/3 - MJS Musical, Matilda! 7:00 pm

Saturday, 3/4 - MJS Musical, Matilda! 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday 3/5 - MJS Musical, Matilda! 2:00 pm



*** MHS TENNIS *
CLINIC**

Date: Thursday April 27th
Rain Date: 5/16

<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>
Grades: K-4	Grades: 5-8
Time: 4:00-5:30	Time: 5:30-7:00

**\$50 per
\$75 siblings**

Run by Girls and Boys MHS tennis
players
All proceeds go to MHS Tennis
Booster Club

Sign up by emailing carreraa@madisonnjps.org
for the link!

MJS Sports

VOLLEYBALL



Home Game Schedule

- 2/6 vs WAMS - Boys
- 2/14 vs Mendham Township - Boys
- 2/15 vs East Hanover - Boys
- 2/16 vs RMS - Boys
- 2/21 vs Easter Hanover - Girls
- 2/28 vs RMS - Girls

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Mark your calendars.
We will be having the
District Chorus Concert
On
March 29th at 7:00 pm
At
Madison Junior School**

More details to follow.





MADISON SEPAG

**Is your child a
different learner?
Do they have an IEP, 504 or
receive special services?**

The Madison Special Education Parent Advisory Group provides support and advocacy for families of children with special needs. The SEPAG seeks to develop effective communication between parents, faculty, and special services personnel in the schools, and it also provides programming and content on current topics in special education.

If your child has an IEP, 504, or receives special services, we invite you to join the Madison SEPAG and our community of parents, educators, and community members.

*Join
Us!*

**Register via
our Website**

WWW.MADISONSEPAG.COM



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MADISONSEPAG

Parent Meetings are held virtually
bi-monthly at 7.30pm

2022/2023 Meeting Calendar
October 5th
December 7th
February 1st
April 5th
June 7th

**Coldwell Banker and
The Spelker Real Estate Team**
present



*Explore museum
quality sea life
specimens!*

*See, touch, and
learn about sharks!*

*Participate in
a seashell and
fossil dig!*

Saturday, February 25th at 9am or 11am
Madison Community Arts Center
(10 Kings Road)
Tickets: \$25
mefnj.org or
scan QR Code



Yearbooks are available for ordering, they are are \$52. Order now to reserve your yearbook for June! [Order Yearbooks by clicking here.](#)

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TOP REASONS TO ORDER THE 2022-2023 Madison Junior School Yearbook

- ☒ Printed pics of all the things.
- ☒ Your future self will thank you.
- ☒ Pay in 3 easy payments.
- ☒ SO. MANY. MEMORIES

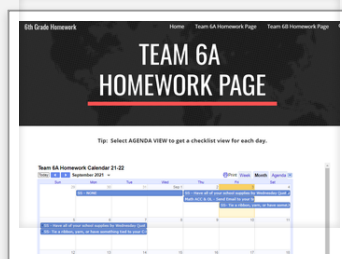
\$52 Yearbook

*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.
Tax and handling will be added if applicable.

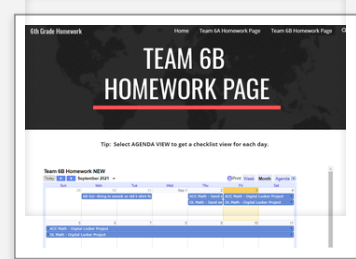


1. Scan code with iPhone camera or QR Code Reader.
2. This takes you to your school's online site to purchase a yearbook directly.
3. Pay with a credit card and/or with three installments.
4. Sit back and relax!

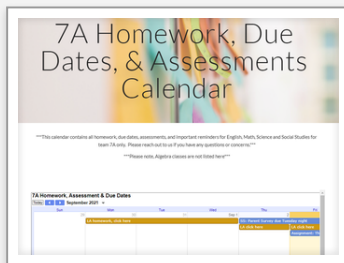
Homework Calendars



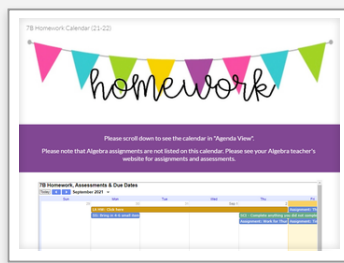
[Team 6A Homework Calendar](#)



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[Team 7A Homework Calendar](#)



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[Grade 8 Homework Calendar](#)

MJS Schedules

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[A/B Yearly Rotation Schedule](#)

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!



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