

# Principal's Pen

Dear Jupiter Mariners,

I hope this edition of the Captain's Corner finds you well and enjoying the beginning of your summer break. I'm writing this column from my school office, as teachers come in to clean out and pack up their classrooms for the year. I can only imagine what is going through their heads and hearts as they work through this process. This is not the way they envisioned it, it is not the way you envisioned it, and it is unlike any other ending of a school year.

What strikes me today, though, is that a school is not bricks and mortar. It is not offices, or traditional classrooms or hallways or cafeterias or gyms or any of the other physical properties of a school building. Do we miss those things? Of course. But I know now – more than ever – that it really is what's on the inside that counts. It's the people, the students, the teachers, the staff members, the families... that's what a school is.

As we look to the future, I encourage you to remember that you are the STARRs of the school... and that being respectful, responsible, and resilient is more than just a slogan. These are values we need more than ever, and my hope is that we've helped instill these values in such a way that they will stay with you forever.

Eighth graders, we will never forget you. We will always remember you as a very special class, full of hope and vision and drive. You are well prepared for your next steps. I have faith in you, and I look forward to hearing about your lives in high school and beyond.

Sixth and seventh graders, you're now seventh and eighth graders! I can't wait for us to share your next steps in this exciting world we call middle school. You are ready for anything! And together, as one crew, we're ready for anything!

Here's to summer of smooth sailing!

Ms. Hastey

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## Honoring Jupiter Medical Center

By: Vanessa Kuznicki

It was Easter Sunday, April 12th and the light blue clouds were plastered across the sky as five families gathered across the street from the Jupiter Medical Center (JMC). The sun was shining brightly down on them and the wind was breezing swiftly as if to say hello. The families had decorated their cars with signs of compassion, happiness and love; colorful with letters and drawings glued on. The families wanted to do something special for the healthcare workers and patients dealing with the coronavirus at JMC. The families drove all around the Jupiter Medical Center Hospital with the signs on their cars and big smiles beneath their masks! The Kuznicki family stopped in front of the hospital, put their hands to the glass windows of their vehicle and prayed for the patients to be healed and they also thanked the healthcare workers! As a result of this act, some healthcare workers came out of the hospital and took pictures, even one of the security guards came out and said "This is phenomenal!" The staff were overwhelmed to see that someone was thanking them for their dedication and hard work. They had smiles on their faces and made hearts with their hands.

When Natalia Bohorquez, mother of a JMS student, was asked why she decided to come up with this event she responded, "I wanted to make them feel that we cared and that we are thinking about them. That they are not by themselves and that we are in this together." She was heartbroken that the families of the patients with coronavirus could not pay a visit to their family members. She wanted them to feel as if someone was by their side, holding their hands through each step of the way. Mrs. Bohorquez said that her mother taught her to be kind, saying "My mother raised me with strong values about helping people and sharing what you have with others. I always pictured her as my role model." Mrs. Bohorquez carried those lessons on as she planned her surprise for the Jupiter Medical Center staff and patients. She wanted to pass the warm love she had to others.

So the steps to the goal began, First of all Bohorquez "reached out to the HR department in the JMC, to find out if they felt okay with this event and that we were not disrupting anything. They told me to check with the police. I reached out to the captain of the police department and he was very enthusiastic about this idea, he said that we were allowed to do this with no more than 10 vehicles. We stopped 10 minutes at the front of the hospital and 5 minutes on the side. I prayed with my family for everyone in the hospital suffering from COVID-19 or any other disease, wishing them to get well."

More than a week later, Jupiter Police and some Tequesta first responders held a similar rally in front of the Jupiter Medical Center to thank staff for their hard work. They flashed their lights and honked their horns! Natalia Bohorquez responded, "an act of kindness causes ripple effects that can be felt all over the world."



Hugo Kuznicki



Natalia Bohorquez



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## Marino's Message for the 6th grade

This has been a great year so far at Jupiter Middle School. You guys have done such a wonderful job transitioning to 6th grade from elementary school. More than half of the 6th graders are honor roll students. Super proud of you! Last summer you were having all kinds of emotions about what middle school would be like and will I have any friends.

Life has a way of challenging us to be able to persevere, be resilient and grow to become more understanding of the world around us. As we moved into the 4th quarter and learned about the current pandemic affecting the earth, a sense of uncertainty began to creep into our life. On-line learning, working from home and sharing space with your family has been a challenge. Finding your sense of self, with time to think, has become part of our new daily lifestyle. We all have a chance to take charge of our life and adapt to the everchanging world around us. How are you doing through this life test?

Tests – So much of your life will come down to tests. The tests your teachers ask of you with understanding the knowledge you

have learned. The tests you place on yourself whether you're worthy or not to accomplish some internal task you ask of yourself. The tests your parents place on you to help you become more independent as you grow older. If you stay positive, try your best with all you do and be mindful of others, by giving first, before taking yourself, then there is nothing that can stop you from success.

Moving into the summer months and the conclusion of your first year in middle school, I see opportunity. You all have made some incredible progress. Never let anything get you down. Always look for the positives in any situation. Never let fear paralyze you from moving forward. Always learn as much as you can. I want you to think about something I came across written by Tom Bodett, "The difference between school and life? In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

Thinking of you all...

Mr. Marino  
Assistant Principal

## ESOL Final Notes

#TeamESOL kept busy during this time of distance learning. We miss our ELL families, and have kept in touch through many phone calls and Google Meets. We're so happy to still see the smiling faces of our kids.

Even though in-person meetings were not possible for the last few weeks of school, The Unique and Powerful Book Club was still meeting, reading, and LEADING through Google Meets. Thank you to Ms. Baker for continuing this fabulous program! If you were a member last year, or would like to join for next year, please contact Ms. Baker.

Parents, please check your voice messages and mailboxes regularly this summer for news about possible summer programs and about next school year. While nothing is definite, we are still hoping to have summer school for select ESOL students and Map to Success for next year's 6th graders. Jupiter Middle School will send information home as soon as it becomes available.

Also, please remember to practice your English throughout the summer. A great, EASY way is to watch TV in English, and turn on English subtitles if possible. Another thing you can do is to try to read something in English EVERY DAY--something you enjoy! You can do these activities as a family!

Finally, we would all like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy summer. We miss you and look forward to seeing you IN PERSON as soon as possible!

## Departamento de ESOL Mayo 2020

#TeamESOL se mantuvo ocupado durante este tiempo de aprendizaje a distancia. Extrañamos a nuestras familias ELL y nos hemos mantenido en contacto a través de muchas llamadas telefónicas y Google Meets. Estamos muy felices de ver las caras sonrientes de nuestros estudiantes.

Aunque las reuniones en persona no fueron posibles durante las últimas semanas de clases, The Unique and Powerful Book Club seguía reuniéndose, leyendo y LIDERANDO a través de Google Meets. Gracias a Ms. Baker por continuar este fabuloso programa! Si fue miembro el año pasado, o desea unirse para el próximo año, comuníquese con la Sra. Baker.

Padres, por favor revisen sus mensajes de voz y buzones de correo regularmente este verano para noticias sobre posibles programas de verano y sobre el próximo año escolar. Si bien nada es definitivo, todavía esperamos tener una escuela de verano para estudiantes seleccionados de ESOL y Map to Success para los estudiantes de sexto grado del próximo año. Jupiter Middle School enviará información a casa tan pronto como esté disponible.

Además, recuerda practicar tu inglés durante todo el verano. Una manera excelente y FÁCIL es mirar televisión en inglés y activar los subtítulos en inglés si es posible. Otra cosa que puedes hacer es tratar de leer algo en inglés CADA DÍA, ¡algo que disfrutes! ¡Puedes hacer estas actividades en familia!

Finalmente, a todos nos gustaría desearles a usted y a sus familias un verano feliz y saludable. ¡Los extrañamos y esperamos verlos EN PERSONA lo antes posible!



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## No Shoes, No Shirt, No Mask! No Service!

By: Isabella Sodomini

Days pass as COVID-19 continues and boredom starts to cave in. With no school and friends to hang out with, 44 year old mother and photographer, Natalie Sodomini and her family start to do something about it. To cure their boredom Sodomini, with the help of her sixteen year old daughter, Gabriella, started making homemade masks. She used items that anyone could find at home originally to help her own family. But as the COVID-19 cases increased the Sodomini family started making more masks to give to people for prevention and protection. "I feel it is important to give to others especially in this time, since everybody needs them. Our original goal was to make 25 masks to give to people in need and around 15 to friends and family". High school student, Gabriella stated "I slowly started to realize the importance of wearing masks for others and my own safety shortly after stores like Target were requiring masks." They made masks from old t-shirts and fabric using a hot glue gun and a simple needle and thread "I wanted to create something [with household items] that are available to many people" Sodomini said.

### How cloth face coverings work:

"Cloth face coverings prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community. Since people can spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering can protect others around you.

Face coverings worn by others protect you from getting the virus from people carrying the virus."

"In addition, CDC also recommends that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, regardless of whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease, even when they don't have any symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance." CDC.gov/coronavirus



Mrs. Vanderwalker sports her own homemade mask.

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## Science Fiction Goose Chase

By: Chase Baxter

In my 5th period Thoman Language Arts class, we were able to connect to the novel we are currently reading, called *The Illustrated Man*, through a scavenger hunt on an app called "Goose Chase." This app can be used in many different ways, especially educational. We could choose groups and divide and conquer to complete all 10 tasks, each worth a different amount of points. It was very enjoyable, because the class was racing against each other to have the best and most creative ideas for each of the missions in this "Science Fiction Exploration." Ms. Thoman could even distribute bonus points among those who she thought deserved it, for particularly clever or creative submissions. Through this scavenger hunt, my peers and I were able to have fun while collaborating with each other, and the app was very organized. I would recommend this to everybody, and I would love to do it again!

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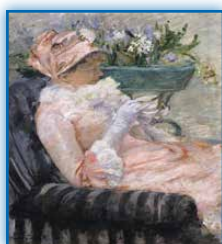
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Teacher: Mrs. McAlexander  
Title: *Jeanne (Spring)*, painted by Edouard Manet in 1881.



Student: Gabriela Hernandez Garcia  
Teacher: Mrs. Snodgrass  
Artwork's title: *The Cup of Tea* by Mary Cassatt

## Fashion Through the Pandemic

By: Helena Dlabik - 2nd period journalism

Do you have a passion for fashion? Well I do. Fashion is something I love to do! Especially through this whole pandemic it has really kept me busy. I know that fashion comes with shopping and shopping comes with money but... Sometimes you can do it yourself! Over the course of the past few months I took the time to DIY some of my old clothes and turn them into trendy fashion. I created looks everyday with my new clothing and some of the outfits are to die just for!

Fashion isn't just an everyday hobby it's a job. It's a passion. I love fashion and I know that I'm not the only one who does. Fashion gives people the chance to be creative and have fun with their style as Heather Dlabik said especially through this rough time fashion gave me a fun outlet to cope with things. It may sound weird but I made a wish list and created Pinterest boards to help me cope with stress and anxiety. "Fashion can make them feel happy because they can do whatever they want without people bossing them around."- Marley Levine. Fashion is a way to make people happy.

"I don't like how there are trends and everyone follows those. I think people should find what they like and not what other people like."- Heather Dlabik. Ahh yes the whole trend setting debacle had to come into play here. With fashion comes trends. So through this pandemic I didn't worry about finding a new trend to try out or a trendy hairstyle to wear. I took old clothes and painted them to create something new and extraordinary that nobody else had. I don't like trends. At one point I only followed trends and didn't have any sense of my own creativity. I was like Romeo without his Juliet except in my case I was without creativity. It took me a while to realize that. Honestly this quarantine had brought me to my senses and I got my Juliet back. The outfits I put together were my pride and joy!

"Fashion in the 80's was one of our best decades," says Marley Levine. It was weird to think that Fashion back then was better then it is today. Think about it, everything seems to be getting better. For example technology is always advancing. In the fashion world it seems we went backwards. I asked Heather Dlabik what trends she noticed were coming back and she simply said "Kids wearing collared shirts under crew neck sweatshirts are making a comeback." I think it's so cool having new trends come back. I just wish there were less of them.

Therefore Fashion is such an amazing thing. I love creating new and different outfits that not many people have. Fashion can really get your creative juices flowing in so many different ways.

## AVID End of the Year Review

By: Mr. Brandon Hawkins

Last summer, 13 JMS staff members embarked on a journey that would change the lives of 45 JMS students during the 2019 -2020 school year. After a week of rigorous summer training, those 13 staff members began implementing the AVID program for the first time on our campus. Of course, this implementation required skillful navigation from all parties involved, which allowed the JMS AVID program to be successful in its first year.

I would like to take this time to recognize the time, energy and effort put forth by the JMS site team and especially our AVID Elective teachers Mrs. Vanderwalker and Ms. Freas. The impact those teachers made on those 45 students during this school year has been amazing! Their students were steadfast during a year of academic growth through the frustration, realization and growth brought through weekly tutoring sessions, agenda checks and WICOR. I also am ever so grateful for our classroom tutor Nancy Wilkes. Nancy's support was a true blessing.

Thank you to all the first year AVID Mariners students, without you, our program would not exist, thank you for being risk takers and innovators! I look forward to seeing what happens next in the AVID world at JMS.

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## Cooking Through Covid-19

By: Lucy Eshelman



As all of us know, these are hard times we're going through and I didn't want to get swept away by laziness. So instead I started cooking dinner for my family. I am the youngest in the family and I have the least busy schedule. My parents are still working and my sister is doing her first year of high school partly online. I love cooking because it's a great use of time and after, I get to eat something delicious. Well, that is of course if I don't mess up. Steven Eshelman, my father, and Director of Alumni at Palm Beach Atlantic University said, "I love cooking because it is a very creative process. You can stick to a recipe or try something new."

My favorite thing to cook is chicken pot pie. It is healthy and tastes amazing. It's full of vegetables and delicious tender chicken. It was my favorite thing my mom used to make for me when I was little and now I cook it for her. Rachel Eshelman, my mother, and Manager of Quality and Regulatory Affairs at Nutramedix stated, "I really do enjoy cooking but usually find I don't have enough time." My sister, Olivia, and I love to cook together to strengthen our bond as sisters and best friends. In the kitchen our goal is always to cook up something that looks and tastes amazing. Olivia Eshelman stated, "I love cooking because I get to combine ingredients to create a delicious final product."

The first thing I always do is send a list of what I need, to the store with whoever is going shopping that week. This is what my list contains: pie crust, a bag of broccoli, carrots, one can of cream of chicken soup, chicken breast, and one onion. There are no promises what you are going to find at the grocery store these days because of Covid-19. "Sometimes we have to substitute [ingredients] like getting different brands or even getting canned chicken instead of fresh chicken." We always make it work.

Like every chef we want feedback, critique. So that next time we know what to do differently or what to keep the same. Steve Eshelman said, "My favorite part of the chicken pot pie is always the vegetables. Especially this time because they were cooked very well. And well, I love vegetables." The vegetables were surprisingly delectable because they were so flavorful and delicious. Rachel Eshelman also said "The broccoli was my personal favorite. It is always more flavorful than plain broccoli mixed in with everything else!" Olivia Eshelman declares, "The crust was my favorite part because it was crispy and flaky, just how I like it!" I agree with her.

Chicken pot pie is one of the many delicious things I love cooking for my family. I also love cooking spaghetti, but I add a fun twist to it. I put fully cooked pasta noodles in a glass dish, with tons of tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, and a sprinkle of parmesan. Then I put it in the oven for a few minutes and then I have a delicious Italian dinner ready. All in all cooking has helped me and my family through these hard times, and I will continue doing it!

### My Family Recipe for Chicken Pot Pie:

- Pie crust for top and bottom of the dish
- can of cream of chicken
- half a bag of broccoli
- quarter a bag of carrots
- half an onion
- sprinkle of salt
- sprinkle of pepper
- 2 chicken breasts

Chop up the onion, carrots, and broccoli. Put the cream of chicken, carrots, onion, broccoli in a bowl. Mix them together. Cook and shred the chicken breasts and add to the bowl. Then add the salt and pepper. Put the pie crust in the pie dish on the bottom. Then put the mixed ingredients from the bowl into the pie pan on top of the pie crust. Then put another layer of pie crust on the top of the ingredients. Cut two small slits in the middle of the top layer of the pie crust. Put in the oven for about an hour at 375 degrees.



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## Bake-Off Brings Family Together

By: Alysha Kennedy

Everyone knows that feeling of boredom, it happens when you have nothing to do and TV, video games and books just aren't doing it for you anymore. That is how it was for this Jupiter Middle School family until they came up with an idea to get past their boredom spell; a Kennedy family quarantine bake-off. After about a week of planning, hype, and smack talk on Facebook the Kennedy family was ready to bake their Great Grandmother's recipe for jelly thumbprint cookies.

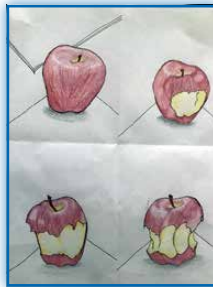
"I think the happiest moment was tasting the cookies. One of the cookies tasted exactly like [Great Grandma's] and brought back a bunch of happy memories." said a family member. So not only was this story one of how they dealt with boredom, it is also about keeping a relative's memory alive. "It was really special. I learned so much from her. I learned most of my baking from [her] actually." confided Alexandrina Kennedy.

This was true for most of our family; it was a tradition to bake and to learn traditional recipes from family. This one recipe was always hard to master, though they had been trying for years, since their great grandmother's passing. Although the recipe seemed simple enough, with ingredients such as flour, sugar, butter/crisco, and jelly (actual measurements shall not be shown to keep this family recipe a secret). Great Grandma Kennedy's original cookie's majesty is impossible to replicate, the Kennedy family feel they have honored their great grandmother's spirit, and made the best of time spent in quarantine.



## Treehuggers Foster Green School of Excellence

Jupiter Middle School is once again a Green School of Excellence. Because of our status we are able to apply for green seed grants which we just received! The grant is for \$300 and will go towards adding another compost bin to our garden. It will also help replenish the soil and plants in our school garden. Please encourage your child to join the Treehuggers Club when we return in the fall. The club works to maintain the school garden and works on projects to keep our Green School of Excellence status. Contact Mrs. Lisa Zern or Mrs. Kathleen Carr if you are interested in learning more.



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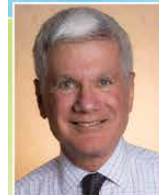
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## JMS Girls Basketball End 2020 Victorious

Before an abrupt ending to the season, the JMS girl's basketball team was poised to make their 4th appearance in the county playoffs in the last 5 years. This team was led to an 8-1 regular season record by a stellar group of 8th graders. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this team was not able to complete their quest for a county championship which would've been the school's first in a decade. I would like to take this time to say thank you to the students, athletes, families, and fans who supported this team. Most importantly, I want to thank all of my 8th graders who brought a winning mentality every day, on and off, the court!

- Stella Rinehimer 6
- Audrey Libkie 5
- Lilly Gumson 11
- Amy Manzano 8
- Elena Oberst 10
- Sophia Drumm 33
- Adreyona Smith 1

By: Marrin Rotonda

Imagine, walking through a shelter filled with small kittens and puppies waiting for a home, a family. Cold and damp and trapped in a cage, scared and hopeful that they might get chosen to go home. But, what if you could take those poor animals home? What if you could help shelters and have fun with a new animal in your home? Well, you can by fostering animals at your local shelter or pet store. Fostering is very beneficial to our community because it takes stress off of shelters and gives animals a second chance.

Kyan Blair is an employee at Furry Friends and is a foster parent as well. She has been working there for 8 years and is so grateful for all of her fosters. Blair stated, "I love fostering because it makes me happy knowing I helped another life and that those animals got a home." Blair has always been around animals and is touched by their love. She thinks that fostering is the best way to know if you should get a pet. It helps people see if they are ready for a new family member or if they want to become a full time foster parent. She stated, "I love animals because they are so kind and they are always your friend."

Fostering also helps kids and families learn responsibility. Blair stated, "Fostering has definitely helped me learn some life skills like prioritizing." She also learned that taking care of a foster pet is not just about playing with them and feeding, but making sure that they will be comfortable in a new home. "To successfully foster an animal, you should keep them healthy, make sure they are happy, and

comfortable with their surroundings." Fostering is also very beneficial to shelters, especially in times like these because of supplies shortages. Blair stated, "My first time fostering was kind of scary. But in the end, the kittens I fostered were so happy and I knew that they went to a good nice home."

But, fostering can be scary sometimes. Blair talked about how fostering is a lot of work and can be scary when something may be wrong with your foster, but don't sweat it! The fostering community has a very good support system and will give you help if you need it.

Rebeka Steinhauer is a foster parent who recently fostered two kittens since our quarantine started. "I love fostering because kittens are cute and every animal needs a family." Steinhauer has always loved animals. She grew up around them and loves helping the community by fostering. "I decided to foster because I wanted to help shelters and kittens and I wanted to help my kids experience something fun during quarantine." Just like Blair, fostering has benefited Rebeka, "It helped us by bringing positivity during quarantine and helped my family to be educated on fostering."

With shelters and adoption programs being physically closed, fostering is needed more than ever right now. Fostering helps you and your family have fun indoors with a new friend and takes stress off of shelters and begs an answer for Steinhauer, "There is no better time than now, what are you waiting for?"

