

Principal's Pen

Dear Jupiter Middle Family,

This is a very special edition of the Captain's Corner, the quarterly newsletter for our Mariner community, as it marks the first time this publication has been produced by the beginning journalism students. I want to thank Mrs. Linda Pike for her many years of dedicated service as the newsletter sponsor, and welcome Mrs. Jenni Vanderwalker and the young journalists from the Communications Academy to the helm as they practice their craft here in the pages of this authentic exhibition of their class work.

I'm excited to report that students are taking the helm of leadership throughout many organizations on campus, and I can't wait to be part of the myriad ways they are planning to take action, making their world and the world beyond them a better place, one that reflects our core principles of respect, responsibility, and resilience. Recently, I've met with leaders in the Student Council and those who serve as our Student Ambassadors. Members of our Student Council just participated in a day of learning and training with student leaders throughout the district; they came back energized and ready to work! The new cohort of Student Ambassadors just participated in a dynamic and meaningful training led by district personnel from the Department of Safe Schools. The training is designed to help our student leaders understand others' perspectives, communicate effectively and productively with peers, and take action to make our school an accepting environment that respects the dignity of all members of our community.

I look forward to listening to our students, learning with our students, and working with our students to help them make a difference in their world and beyond!

Thank you for your support of our students and our school community.

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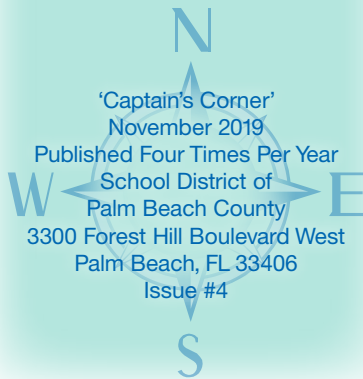


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Tree Huggers Making a Difference

By Casey Lichtig

The Tree Huggers club is a club at Jupiter Middle School sponsored by Mrs. Zern where students learn how we all can help the environment together. This year JMS is doing the Water Bottle Challenge. The Water Bottle Challenge involves fill-up water stations around the school counting how many water bottles are filled up. The goal is to see how many plastic bottles people avoided using. Mrs. Zern thinks that, "we might save about 20,000 water bottles this year. The idea is to encourage students to use reusable water bottles instead of plastic." Therefore, grab your hydroflasks and save plastic from being wasted!

The Tree Huggers were honored last year with a \$250 grant for community involvement at JMS. There's a bin in front of the school for clothing and shoe recycling that supports the club. Also Tree Huggers have lots of different recycling programs and promote beach clean-ups. Mrs. Zern watched a movie called "An Inconvenient Truth" that made her think about how climate change is harming the environment, and she decided to help.

One of the Tree Huggers, Ada shared, "I saw something on Twitter that showed how much pollution was in the past, and then showed how much pollution there will probably be in the future. Scientists are predicting that there will be tons more plastic in the future." People can help save the planet by eliminating the use of plastic, going to more beach clean-ups, and using bamboo, metal, or paper straws. Ada, really cares for the environment, so she committed to Tree Huggers. If you want to help the environment and make an impact commit to the Tree Huggers Environmental Club. They meet every Wednesday at 8:15 am in Mrs. Zern's room, building five, room 509.

Chorus Corner

By: Chardette Sainvil

The Jupiter Middle School Chorus, made up of 118 students, were preparing for this year's Solo & Ensemble Competition which was held on November 1st and 2nd at Lake Worth High School. They will also be having a Veteran State Event, to honor our Military Veterans, held on November 7th at the JMS cafe. This would not be possible if it was not for Ms. Leland the Chorus Director, and her beautiful singers. She says, "This will be exciting because they get to sing without a conductor and it will build up their independence."

Ms. Leland started music when she was young and both her parents were chorus directors. She also says that singing brings people together and joy. Ms. Leland says the expectations for chorus members are hard work, commitment, and to have fun. Although there is no direct competition they will still prepare for the New York trip which will be held May 21st-24th, 2020. The chorus has also been active on instagram and wix.com. <https://ashyleland.wixsite.com/jmschorus>. Overall, The plan for chorus this year is to grow the program and give back to the community.



GoTeach! Grant Winners

We are very proud to announce that our school received 3 grants from the Education Foundation's 2019-20 GoTeach! Program. Cheryl Huey and Brenda Joyce's "Coding for Innovation and Invention", Brenda Joyce and Juanita Deal's "Building Green - Living Clean" and Jaclyn Schaub and Linda Pike's "Electromagnetic Exploratorium" were each awarded nearly \$1,500. These funds will help enhance the engineering and science curriculum for our students.

On Thursday, September 26th, there was a reception hosted by Keiser University in West Palm Beach. Thanks to Dr. Fennoy and the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County staff and Board of Directors for recognizing them. Congratulations, ladies!

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ESOL Makes a Difference for Mariners

The ESOL team of Mrs. Darin, Ms. Baker, Mr. Vega Ortiz and Mrs. Nolf welcomes back our ELL families to Jupiter Middle! There have been some changes to the team this year, mainly with our ESOL language arts teacher. Ms. Bovino sadly had to leave us, but we are fortunate to have Mrs. Ali Mori teaching our newcomers and beginning speakers. Welcome Mrs. Mori! We also continue to have our wonderful support team of Mrs. McAlexander and Ms. Liu assisting our students in their classes.

The Unique and Powerful Girls have already begun their new year with Ms. Baker and El Sol leading the way. The girls meet every Tuesday afternoon in the media center. They have many new club members, but there is always room for more. Please see Ms. Baker if you are interested. You can also reach her at 745-7606. Currently the girls are reading "Merci Suarez Changes Gears" by Meg Medina. The girls will be attended Girls Aviation Day on October 5th.

The team also hosted the first ELL Parent Night of the school year on September 26th. The families received valuable information about school policies, and also learned about helpful community resources available from El Sol and Palm Beach State College. Nicki Viale from Choice Schools also provided information about upcoming choice programs, all delivered in Spanish.

Mr. Vega Ortiz has been reaching out to families in other ways as well. Along with The Giving Closet and the Welcome Center, he helped provide school supplies, clothing, and toiletries to twenty families of newcomers. On October 2nd, he hosted an Open Lab for SIS help, so that Spanish-speaking parents can better help their children succeed.

On the horizon, the 8th graders will again visit Palm Beach State College for a tour of its campus. They will perform a biology lab in the college's state-of-the-art facility. The lab will be facilitated all in Spanish.

We encourage all of our families to get involved with their child's learning. Should you need to reach us, please call Mr. Vega Ortiz at 745-7612 or Mrs. Darin at 745-7228 for assistance in Spanish, or Mrs. Nolf at 745-7620 for assistance in English.



¡El equipo de ESOL de la Sra. Darin, la Sra. Baker, el Sr. Vega Ortiz y la Sra. Nolf les da la bienvenida a nuestras familias ELL a Júpiter Middle! Este año ha habido algunos cambios en el equipo, principalmente con nuestro maestra de artes del lenguaje ESOL. La Sra. Bovino tristemente tuvo que dejarnos, pero tenemos la suerte de que la Sra. Ali Mori enseñe a nuestros recién llegados y principiantes. ¡Bienvenida Sra. Mori! También continuamos teniendo nuestro maravilloso equipo de apoyo de la Sra. McAlexander y la Sra. Liu ayudando a nuestros estudiantes en sus clases.

Además, Ya comenzó The Unique and Powerful Girls (club de lectura) con la Sra. Baker y El Sol. Las chicas se reúnen todos los martes por la tarde aquí en la escuela. Tenemos nuevas niñas este año, y siempre hay espacio para más. Consulte a la Sra. Baker si está interesado. También puede comunicarse con ella al 745-7606. El libro que están leyendo en estos momentos es Merci Suarez Cambia de marcha. También tenemos un paseo planeado para asistir al Día de la Aviación de las Niñas el 5 de octubre.

El equipo también organizó la primera Noche de Padres ELL del año escolar el 26 de septiembre. Las familias recibieron información valiosa sobre las políticas escolares, y también aprendieron sobre recursos comunitarios disponibles de El Sol y Palm Beach State College. Nicki Viale de Choice Schools también proporcionó información sobre los próximos programas de elección, todos fueron explicados en español.

El Sr. Vega Ortiz también ha estado comunicándose con las familias de otras maneras. Junto con The Giving Closet y el Centro de bienvenida, ayudó a proporcionar útiles escolares, ropa y artículos de tocador a veinte familias de recién llegados. El 2 de octubre, tendrá un Open Lab para la ayuda de SIS, para que los padres de habla hispana puedan ayudar a sus hijos a tener éxito.

En el horizonte, los alumnos de octavo grado volverán a visitar Palm Beach State College para hacer un recorrido por su campus. Realizarán un laboratorio de biología en las instalaciones de última generación de la universidad y será en español.

Alentamos a todas nuestras familias a involucrarse en el aprendizaje de sus hijos. Si necesita comunicarse con nosotros, llame al Sr. Vega Ortiz al 745-7612 o a la Sra. Darin al 745-7228 para recibir asistencia en español, o a la Sra. Nolf al 745-7620 para obtener asistencia en inglés.



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Brownies, Flip Flops and Stickers! Oh my!

By Helena Dlabik & Nina Olano

Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas and left remarkable devastation. Many people lost everything and it was the strongest hurricane ever recorded on the Bahamas. Jupiter Middle School has made several efforts to help the Bahamas.

Chef Launel, of the Culinary Department, was inspired to help because the Bahamas are our neighbors. He had his 8th graders bake brownies and sold them throughout the school during Curriculum Night. The original plan was to raise \$100 so Chef asked parents to buy brownie mix. He said only five boxes were needed, but the parents contributed over 20 boxes so the students baked over 200 brownies. They decorated a shopping cart with Bahamian colors, blue, black and yellow, and rolled around selling them each for 1 dollar. In the end they sold all of the brownies and made about \$500 for the Bahamas. Helping the Bahamas made Chef Launel feel really good because it was not just his idea but his 8th graders, who did most of the planning.



Sticker Artist Casey Lichtig

The Jupiter Middle School band also made efforts to help our island neighbors. Mr. Destito, the Band Director, held a flip flop drive where he collected over 500 pairs and sent them over to the Bahamas. This was coordinated among the performing arts groups including band, chorus and drama. 7th grader, Riley Fox, did her part by donating flip flops. She feels good about doing this because "doing good for others feels good, especially when people are going through hard times."

Another fundraiser is the Bahamas sticker fundraiser. Mrs. Vanderwalker, journalism and AVID teacher, had her students design stickers and several were chosen. These stickers of many different designs will be sold for 1 dollar each and money will be donated to a Bahamian relief organization. Casey Lichtig, one of the artists said "It was a fun activity and I hope it makes a large impact!"

As you can see, our school has done many things to help people of the Bahamas here at JMS. Spreading kindness can create a huge impact on the world and Jupiter Middle School is doing just that.

Girls Make a Run for It!

By Morgan Berger



The JMS Girls Run Club can run two miles straight and have been reaching for three. The club has a mix of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and they are having a blast! This club runs from 4:15-5:30 every Tuesday. Mrs. Nouis is the director of the club and she is very proud of her girls! The girls change into athletic shorts and t-shirts and bring water bottles everywhere, to stay healthy and hydrated. Girls Run Club activities include running around the track, races and stretching. Sixth grader, Amber McClain, described one activity; "Every time the girls ran a lap they would get a bead to attach to a piece of string, this really helped motivate most of the girls to keep running," she said. If you love to run you should join Girls Run Club. The club meets on Tuesday and has a fee of 20 dollars, for snacks and a T-shirt. Contact Mrs. Nouis for more information.



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AVID Brings WICOR to Mariners

By Savanna Vinski

The AVID program was just introduced to Jupiter Middle School. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. This is an academic elective class that encourages students to look forward to college classes. Mrs. Vanderwalker and Ms. Freas teach AVID Elective courses and Mr. Hawkins is the adviser to the program. This past summer 14 teachers from Jupiter Middle School attended a 4 day conference in Orlando to learn AVID practices to incorporate into their classrooms. They learned the key components of AVID are WICOR. WICOR stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration and Reading. The goal is to incorporate these strategies throughout Jupiter Middle School. The purpose of AVID is to close the achievement gap and prepare students for college.

In August over 75 students committed to the AVID program. This commitment included committing to two hours of nightly homework, maintaining good citizenship, being organized and doing community service hours. Mrs. Vanderwalker says, "AVID is a great opportunity for students to learn how to learn and to discover their own potential." As a part of that discovery process the 8th graders just took a trip to Florida Atlantic University and the 7th graders are going in November. Students can join AVID as an elective class.

Finding Common Ground Through Comics

By Sophia Balleza

Some people think that reading a comic book is dumb or childish, but reading comic books is a good way to practice reading. Comic books have a lot of action in them, which makes them fun to read. Mr. Rivera, the advisor of Comic Book Club says, "I want to bring people together so they feel less alone." The Comic Book Club allows Mr. Rivera to talk about his student's favorite superheroes, he makes sure that everyone is having fun and that everyone is comfortable.

This club inspires students to be creative and some of Mr. Rivera's students bring and show him superheroes they made out of straws, toothpicks, or some other type of material that they found at home. This shows that they enjoy being part of Comic Book Club and that it brings out the creativity in them. Comic Book Club is currently watching the movie "SHAZAM" and observing to find out the meaning and the theme. The goal of Comic Book Club is to bring people together and makes sure everyone is having a good time while discussing and analyzing different types of comic books. Comic Book Club meets twice a month on Thursdays after school in room 4-2.



Acceptance and Leadership: What GSA is All About

By Imelda Felipe, Raphael Rahman & Michael Russo

The Gay Straight Alliance, or GSA, is an after school club that does fun activities, teaches acceptance and is a safe place for everybody. They play games and make friends. The GSA is sponsored by "Ms. Donni", Social Studies Teacher Donalda McCarthy. The members of GSA learn and talk about gender identity and issues that surround the LGBTQ+ community. The president Ben Levkovitz wants kids who are being bullied to have a safe place to make friends. The vice president Juliana Acosta wants students to feel accepted and to make more friends.

Jupiter Middle School will be the first middle school in Palm Beach County to send 10 delegates to the Youth Empowerment Conference. The Youth Empowerment Conference is an event on November 21st at Palm Beach State College meant to inspire, empower and motivate our youth. The club meets on Tuesdays in Ms. Donni's room from 4:15 to 5:30. Everyone is welcome.



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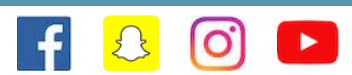
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Tasty Thanksgiving Recipes!

By Katherine Brown

This year, do you plan on having the best Thanksgiving meal and preparing tasty recipes including Pumpkin Pie? If you are anything like Mr. Laurel, the culinary teacher, you may be planning on "Having the family meet up and enjoy the Thanksgiving meal all together." But not all Thanksgivings are alike. The perfect Thanksgiving for Katherine Anglim, a 7th grade culinary student, consists of, "The salad. It really stands out for me because it was made by my Grandma traditionally and has all the right elements to it, like the dressing." Many Thanksgiving traditions center around food. Some of the best recipes have been passed down through family members and have a unique element that makes them better than the rest. For Mr. Laurel, that's "my Grandma's mashed potatoes. The texture is rich and creamy and consists of sour cream and cream cheese and it's so good." On the other hand Katherine Anglim recommends the following desserts.

Perfect Pumpkin Pie

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can of pumpkin (15 oz)
- 1 can (14 oz) of Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon of ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Mix sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices, and salt in bowl. Pour into crust and bake for 15 minutes.

Sweet Potato Casserole with Marshmallow and Pecan Streusel

INGREDIENTS

- 3 pounds of sweet potatoes peeled and chopped
- 2 tbsp of unsalted butter
- ¼ cup of brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup of all purpose flour
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 2-3 cups of mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

Peel and cut sweet potatoes, put in pot and cover with water. Bring to boil until tender. Drain and mash to make chunky. Season Mashed Sweet potatoes with butter, milk, cinnamon, brown sugar, and salt to suit taste. Mix topping of brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon, salt, and softened butter around the potatoes. Drop bits of streusel over marshmallows. Bake for 10-15 minutes.

This season, every kid is looking for a meal to remember. Perhaps, try a new recipe, or make some homemade meals! Everyone will also be looking forward to having family gather and celebrate traditions. Make this Thanksgiving a memory by trying something new. Ask the people in your family to share some of their favorite Thanksgiving memories.

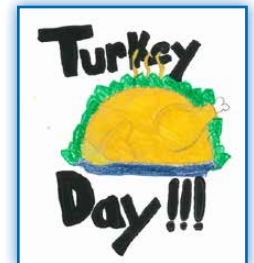
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By Lucy Eshelman & Amelia Anglim



the songs, they know the dances, and they know most of their lines." Mrs. Quigly, Jupiter Middle School's extraordinary drama teacher.

Mrs. Quigly is not alone, she will be joined by an experienced and creative group of people. Mrs. Powell, a JMS U.S. history teacher, and Mr. Powell, a recently retired musical director at Jupiter High School, have been helping backstage. Also joining the leadership is Mrs. Butler, who is planning the choreography, even though she is on maternity leave with her newborn, Brooks. Talk about dedication! Rounding out this team of faculty superstars is, Ms. Leland who is helping with the amazing music. We are so fortunate to have so many people involved in helping this play come together.

Mrs. Quigly expressed that JMS has a lot of talented kids, but what she looks for when casting is somebody who really acts out the character. Marchella Mugno, who plays Bolda, states that it is really fun to do the play, and she is making many memories with her peers.

But, being in the play is not all fun and games from the start. Helena Dlabik, a member of the backstage crew, states that, "It is very hard to work backstage and we all have new things to learn." But, after they learned their new jobs, it is a lot of fun to be part of the play. The backstage crew is creating props, running sound and lights, cleaning up the stage and having just as much fun as the actors.

Mrs. Quigly said her inspiration to start the play was that all the kids seemed to know the songs and they loved the "sisterhood" idea it embraces. The first private performance will be on November 20th for Lighthouse Elementary School students. The general public may join the cast in the Jupiter Middle School Cafeteria on November 21st & 22nd at 7:00pm. The tickets are ten dollars and sold at the door. Keep calm and let the storm range on!

This year's cast and crew of sixty-five students are hard at work preparing Disney's Frozen Jr., an inspiring play about friendship and sacrifice. Since try-outs, the chosen cast and crew has been working four days a week on singing, choreography, and learning their lines. As of October, the cast had completed rehearsing half of the play. "They know

Benson Steps Up as New Intramural Coach

By Vanessa Kuznicki

Jupiter Middle School has many club opportunities and one of these clubs is the Boys Soccer Intramurals. This club is about learning soccer fundamentals, making new friends and having fun while doing it. They compete against other kids in the school. They bring cleats, comfortable clothes, water, and shin guards. Team names vary when playing soccer games, since the boys can be put on different teams every game. "It's just about having fun" states Coach Chandra Benson. Games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Intramurals are open to all JMS students. These boys also do conditioning that includes running laps and stretching. The focus of intramural sports is on being healthy and fit and learning soccer tricks! The boys are very excited to be participating in Boys' Soccer Intramurals. "I really like the club and I am going to tryout for the soccer team" stated one of the soccer players.



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Softball Succeeds Over Rivals

By: Brynn Dion Catusus

The 2019 JMS softball team has been very successful this year with 7 wins and 2 losses, which placed them first in their division. They had a great season and won against Independence Middle School and Watson B. Duncan for the first time in 3 years. During these games the pitcher, Mallory Wheeler, and the catcher, Madison Quinn, made a great duo! At the end of the games, the girls cried with joy. Coach Carl Steele responded after the IMS game with, "It's too early to tell how well our team will do this year, but this team has demonstrated that it has talent, a high skill level and a desire to excel. We have high expectations for this team to do very well and it could prove to be one of the best, if not the best team, I have ever coached."

The 2019 JMS softball team members are:

- Lilly Cording
- Madison Quinn
- Stella Rinehimer
- Mallory Wheeler
- Jillian Hannah
- Annalise Mauceri
- Jenesis Spence
- Lilly Ozendas
- Taylor Gale
- Taylor Gjertsen
- Journey Bennett
- Sam Basen
- Lainey Hall
- Brynn Catusus
- Kylie McGovern
- Sasha Sidel
- London Gomes
- Jada Davis
- Bonnie Small
- Aubrey Gillis

The team is grateful for Coach Carl Steele, Coach Neil Rinehimer and all the parents who donate their time and efforts to make this season a success.

The 2019 Baseball Team Makes a Dramatic Comeback!

By Bonnie Small and Connor Smith

The baseball team beat their rival Independence Middle School for the first time in two years. Coach Joey Santiago believes that the team is both more mature and more experienced compared to last year's boys and that they have a good chance of winning the championships with their hard hitters Cameron Codio, Ben Kapper, and Andrew Todd. So far, the team has made many improvements says eighth grader, Mason Barela, the shortstop, who claims to have "refined" his swing-path and started training "better, smarter, and harder." The team is working towards beating Duncan, who they previously lost to. Coach Santiago believes that this year Andrew Todd who plays pitcher, catcher and outfield has most improved in his skills and Coach hopes he will continue to play this way.



The Jupiter Middle School baseball team has been very successful this year. **The athletes on the JMS baseball team are:**

- Brody Ball #32 3B
- Mason Barela #24 SS
- Chase Baxter #5 Catcher
- Anthony Bothe #4 SS
- Drew Buchanan #14 3B
- Cameron Codio #10 SS
- Liam Fitzgerald #12 2B
- Luke Fykes #2 2B
- Gabe Graulau #31 RF
- Jack Horsewood #23 LF
- Ben Kapper #15 3B
- Kaden Soll #28 1B
- Conner Sorge #26 3B
- Troy Spano #18 Catcher
- Andrew Todd #1 CF

