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A Monthly Newsletter

WHO AM I?

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We'd like to thank Picture Day

helpers: Melissa Robinson, Julia Wadih, Karolina Lorry and Lora Jost for running up and down the stairs to gather each student from class, for fixing hair and for making the kids smile.

Special thanks to the parents and families who attended our fall workday.

The TNSM grounds look great! Thanks to: the Adkins family, the Meazle family, Scott Maring, Dean Oester, Prakash Velayutham, Jeff Sanders and Witt Dustman.

Thanks also to the many adults, alumni and children who helped with Harvest Moon. Special thanks to: the Lentz, the Lorry, the Kalin, the Cheng/Saio and the Sullivan families and to Jeremy Chapman, Ellen Monson, Kihana Van Diest, Mike Lamba, Sarah Lytle, Jane Keller and Jeff Mills, Parker Watts, Sherry Young, Debbie Elliott, Minh Thanh Nguyen, Dan Buchholz, Jeff Goodman, Bruce Swift, Sara Hedges and to others who helped make the event a wonderful success.

We appreciate the help preparing Friday Folders and thank Kelly Curry and Joyce Steiner for seeing to the Annex students' weekly folder updates.

The (9-12) students took a field trip to see TNSM 2nd level student Owen in Cincinnati Shakespeare Club's *Macbeth*. They'd like to congratulate Owen and thank Kelly Curry and her team for driving them there.

The (6-9) students are grateful to the drivers who made it possible for them to see The Wizard of Oz at the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati.

What a wonderful 6th grade trip to Washington D.C.

We thank all the parents who came along to chaperone and also thank Iris Siao, Reva Henderson, Kelly Curry and Tammy Maring for planning and preparing such a great trip.

We're grateful to Hope's mom, Dee Garretson, for talking with the Annex students about what kinds of books they like to read and for answering students' questions about what it's like to be an author. Thanks too for the donated copy of Dee's newest novel *Wolf Storm* to the class library.

Thanks to Liz Chapman for volunteering with the magazine/gift wrap sale.

The kindergartners would like to thank the parents who took them to their fall field trip to Krohn Conservatory.

The canaries are happy as larks with their new bird seed. Thanks to the Swift and Smith/Penn families for that gift.

Calendar of Events

November 4 - Friday

No School

November 10 - Thursday

Is there Life After New School?
7:00-8:30PM

November 12 - Saturday

10,000 Villages in O'Bryanville
Mention TNSM to have % come to us

November 13 - Sunday

Fall Open House
2-4 PM at TNSM
Invite your neighbors and friends and feel free to come along with them

November 18 - Friday

No School - Parent Conferences
Childcare during your conference (8-4)

November 18 - Friday

TNSM Shops Oakley
A percentage of sales at Blue Manatee and Spotted Goose goes to TNSM

November 22 - Tuesday

Elementary Thanksgiving Celebration

November 23-25 - (Wed - Fri)

No School Thanksgiving Break

December 10 - Saturday

Strings Concert and Art Show
10:30 AM

December 19-31

Winter Break

December 19-23 (Mon - Fri)

Vacation Care if enough participate
\$50/day

Celebrating Diversity at TNSM

As first graders learn about the continents and different cultures around the world, we realize we have diverse cultures represented here at TNSM. See below.

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| African-American | Greek |
| Australian | Guatemalan |
| Beninese | Indian |
| British | Italian |
| Cameroonian | Japanese |
| Chinese | Mexican |
| Croatian | Multi-racial |
| Dominican Republic | Palestinian |
| Dutch | Russian |
| Estonian | Syrian |
| Filipino | Ukrainian |
| German | Vietnamese |

THANK YOU

Fall Fundraiser Raises over \$7,000 for TNSM

Congratulations everyone! We sold \$14,392 worth of magazines and gift wrap this year. The school receives 50% of every sale and with so many of you participating, it doesn't take long to add up. Last year we raised \$6,000 in profits from the fall fundraiser and this year we've raised \$7,196 so far.

Total #	# participating
109 families	53
142 students	61
50 (9-12)	35
46 (6-9)	24
46 Preprimary	2

If you didn't get a chance to buy magazines or gift wrap and would like to email those in your circle to purchase magazines or want to place an order as a holiday gift, website orders can be taken through December 15.

1. Go to www.midwestfundraising.com
2. Click **Sellers Register Here** (on the left).
3. Enter Group ID: **w03612** (that's a zero) and click **GO**
4. To register your child, type child's first and last name and click **NEXT**
5. You are then assigned a seller ID. Write both group and seller ID numbers down to save for later orders or to give to family and friends or...
6. **Input friends' email addresses** if you want them to receive an "easy link" for ordering that automatically includes both ID#s and a link to the site.
7. Once registered, you can skip steps 2-6 and click **MCF Store** (on left) where you can choose magazines and/or gift wrap. To order gift wrap, type **GIFT WRAP** into the **SEARCH** box and select the button next to **ITEM NAME**. Then click **SEARCH**. Once selections are made, enter your billing info and address where the magazines or gift wrap are to be sent.

Information if you'd like to donate magazines to this charity:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati
 Lisa Davis
 350 Erkenbrecher Avenue
 Cincinnati, OH 45229

TNSM's Front Porch Productions Presents... Broadway's "Annie" and "Grease"



I make my rounds each week with "press pass" and camera at my side, roaming The New School play yards looking for photo ops and exciting new discoveries. I often find students climbing among the honeysuckle, creating huts of dynamic proportion or drumming rhythms on overturned buckets. The other day, I discovered some additional talent in seven singer-dancers who wanted me to record two of their latest Broadway numbers. I sat on the porch's painted pew and had my socks knocked off by the amazing choreography and musical talent right on our doorstep. The girls have practiced these numbers on their own as a recess project aided by their friend and fellow performer, Annabel who learned the routines from the musicals *Annie* and *Grease* at summer camp. As TNSM's reporter and Broadway reviewer, I recommend the show wholeheartedly. It's amazing what talent can be found in the trees, the sandboxes and on the front porches of The New School Montessori.

Preprimary and Elderly enjoying yoga and letters.

The Non-Napping Preprimary Yoginis are not only stretching their muscles, but are doing the same with their minds and hearts as well. Teacher Jennifer Frank has begun a partnership between her Yogini students and the residents at the Hyde Park Health Center where Jennifer teaches movement to seniors through the Cincinnati Ballet's outreach program. Throughout the year, Jennifer's students will write letters and draw pictures for their pen pals at the Center. Both the seniors and the preprimary students are enjoying getting to know one another through shared interests in yoga, art and writing.

A preprimary student looking for an "envelope" to mail a letter asked instead for "antelope."



Warrior Champions

Students See Veterans Overcoming Obstacles

The 6th level students took a field trip to Xavier University where they viewed the movie, Warrior Champions. This movie told the emotional and inspiring story of a group of wounded American soldiers as they competed for a spot on the US 2008 Paralympic team. The students said, “

Student-Led Research on Recycling

Teacher Nancy Buchman’s summer research experience in Belize included a student-led research project to be conducted once the teachers returned to their classrooms in the fall. Nancy’s 4th and 5th level students have taken on the topic of recycling and are approaching it with a scientist’s eye and ear. They are making visual observations of TNSM’s current recycling - noticing what’s working well and what could be improved. They are listening to determine what TNSM staff and students currently know about recycling as fellow students are asked to take a survey and sort materials as recyclable or non-recyclable. The students will be learning about landfills, about ways to conserve and about various recycling methods. We look forward to hearing more about their learnings and look forward to improving our recycling process. Once complete, Nancy’s students will travel through TNSM to talk with younger students to ensure they too are doing their best to recycle.

Teachers Need Modeling Supplies

Art and modeling supplies that might be useful for the Annex history and science model projects.

TNSM Traditions:

Who Am I?, D’em Bones and Senior Projects

There are many traditions and experiences at TNSM that we all enjoy. There’s “Who Am I?” where Elementary students dress on Halloween as famous characters from history or literature and we guess their identity. There’s also the crowd-pleasing choral-anatomy lesson performed on the Mansion steps to the tune of ‘Dem Bones, and another fine tradition at TNSM is Senior Projects presented in the spring.

Annex teachers have given us a list of student topics to whet our appetites for the spring presentations. The 6th graders spend the entire school year working on their Senior Projects. They begin at Cincinnati’s downtown library where students learn how to use the vast resources available to conduct focused research on their topics. Teachers instruct and review with the students the skills necessary to conduct their research. They also check in throughout the year to ensure that students remain organized and manage their time effectively. Once the research paper is complete, students practice an equally important skill of summarizing a 10-page (or more) paper into a well-rehearsed 5 minute powerpoint presentation. This year we will enjoy hearing about:

Senior Project Topics 2011-12

Nathan Allison	The World Cup
Amanda Bossert	Helen Keller
Allie Cheng	Albert Einstein
Carter Creviston	The Wright Brothers
Samuel Curry	Steve Jobs
Grace Gilbreath	Hawaii
Sam Kaliski	Video Games
Stefan Lamba	Teotihuacan
Eeva Lentz	Homing Pigeons
Matthew Maring	Cincinnati Union Terminal
Alex Mills	Climate Change
Hope Oester	Money
Avery Plummer	Cryptids
Grace Robinson	The Theramin
Zoey Seibert	Yoga
Catherine Wadih	The Eiffel Tower
Kendall Young	Stevie Wonder
Noah Ziemba	The Hubble Telescope

Congratulations to the 2011-12 Student Board as they represent their community

Fall Board (Oct-Jan)	Spring Board (Feb-May)
Kendall Young (6)	Grace Robinson (6)
Allie Cheng (6)	Matthew Maring (6)
Shelby Ewing (5)	Hope Neyer (5)
Sam Lorry (5)	Maggie Leahy (5)
Julia Grace Dunn (4)	Navia Palmer (4)
Abby Schwartz (4)	Zoe Sullivan (4)

Audrey's Squash Soup



- 2 butternut squashes
- 1/4 c pureed fresh ginger
- 3 to 4 c veggie stock
- 1 tsp diced sage
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp sweet yellow curry powder
- 1 T chopped garlic
- 1 onion
- 2 T canola oil
- 1/4 c cream (optional)

Squash Prep: Cut squashes in 1/2 lengthwise and remove seeds. Roast cut sides down on sheet pan in 350 degree oven for 40 min or until soft. Once cooked, scoop soft parts out. You can use it lumpy, mashed or pureed.

In soup pot: Saute onion, garlic and ginger in oil on med-low heat until soft. Add curry, nutmeg, pepper, sage, veggie stock and mashed squash. Simmer on low for 20 min - stir occasionally. Add heavy cream (if desired), stir and garnish with parsley.

100%



Annual Giving Campaign 2011-12



To accomplish the important goals of TNSM, it takes the support of the whole community. One of the school's greatest strengths is the way we support our community through volunteering and participating in fundraising activities.

Your financial contributions to Annual Giving are used for everyday-school expenses that are not covered through tuition alone. We appreciate and utilize every single dollar to further the mission at TNSM.

Please watch your mailboxes for a letter about our Annual Giving Campaign and look at the school's website (www.thenewschool.cc) for even more information. We are working toward having 100% participation this year from parents and staff because...

It takes all of us to do great things!

*Amanda Adkins
Chair of Annual Giving*



We've collected \$190 in box tops from the first day of school until now! Let's see how many we can gather before the end of the school year.

(You can bring your box tops to the collection box on the Mansion Lobby mantel).



The Greater Cincinnati Foundation renewed a grant to expand our bird observatory in the Preprimary Play Yard. Teacher Sunny Rhein designed the bird area to include several well-placed holes in our wooden fence creating instant "bird blinds" that hide the children so they can observe up close without startling the birds. We now have many different kinds of feeders to attract different types of birds too.



Visiting with Friends - Community Weekend / Harvest Moon 2011

Friday Night Party

Last year, during our 40th Anniversary celebration, we decided to extend the fun of our annual Harvest Moon Festivities and created a Friday night get-together for adults. This year we continued the tradition and enjoyed a Friday evening party in the Enrichment Center with over 50 alumni, parents, staff and friends. It was great to visit with those alumni parents we don't see as often, now that their students have graduated. Old friends reunited and new friendships were made as we all reveled in what TNSM does best - creating community. We spent the evening catching up with one another while enjoying the homey atmosphere, the hors d'oeuvres, the beverages and the music prepared by alumni parents, Grace Hill and Kathleen Bedree.

Saturday Harvest Moon Festival

Although the weather was unseasonably cold during Saturday's Harvest Moon, we bundled in our hats, scarves, jackets and sweaters and continued on with the festivities. As long as cheeks and faces were available for painting, the face-painting artists never ran out of canvases to decorate. There were many tiger, puppy, princess, and pirate faces walking about - not to mention a few adults with facial adornments as well. Dinner, as usual, was excellent. Potluck delicacies beckoned as we sampled goulashes, soups, pastas, cheeses, breads, salads and desserts. We sat at tables or set up blankets and lawn chairs to sit picnic-style on the lawn. As the night grew darker and colder, friends chatted on - sharing flashlights and draping picnic quilts across each others' laps to extend our time together. Eventually we folded up our chairs, returned borrowed scarves, said our goodbyes and gathered the family walking back to the car by flashlight under the beautiful Harvest Moon.



Haunted House Architecture 101

Art teacher Robin Hartmann reports that once again, another subdivision of shoebox-haunted houses has been created in time for Halloween. Thanks for bringing in your shoeboxes to serve as the basic building blocks for these frighteningly bedazzled homes. Over the weeks of construction, countless plastic spiders, bats and spiderwebs have been affixed to cardboard ceilings and walls. Red and black paint supplies are at record lows as the student decorators were drawn to those popular color schemes. Pointy nails and R.I.P. headstones provided that refreshing "lived in look" to these 21st century haunted homes.

The students had so much fun decorating their shoebox houses that they easily made the transition to dressing a black and white drawing of a turkey for the "Dress the Turkey" contest hosted by the Cincinnati Enquirer. We'll watch the Enquirer's website to see if any of our turkeys win the "best dressed" prize.

Next the elementary students are beginning an "instrument-inspired study" where they will create pastel drawings based on images of various stringed instruments. Their projects will be on display before and after the December 10 stringed instrument performance.