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Winter 2012 Newsletter



STRINGS PROGRAM AND ART SHOW

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Strings Program and Art Show



Melissa Robinson (TNSM parent of Grace, Sylvie, Henry and Fynn) is the maestro behind the first-ever TNSM Orchestra. We have 17 children enrolled in the After-School Strings Program which rehearses four times a week. The orchestra is very dedicated with 2 of their 4 rehearsals happening early in the morning before school.

The children and Melissa showcased their music in two concerts - one during the day for the student body and one in the evening. Concert goers enjoyed both music and art as the orchestra performed amid a background of beautiful drawings inspired by elementary students' impressions of stringed instruments.

[Click here](#) to hear a bit of their musical magic.

[Click here](#) to see more of the string-inspired art.

Melissa has years of experience leading orchestras and teaching strings to students of all ages. From 1996-2004 she was the Director of the Strings Division at Northern Kentucky University. Melissa loves introducing children to music - being the one to see their eyes light up as they learn to create beautiful sounds together as a group. We are pleased to have Melissa leading our strings program.

Community News



“When I grow up, I want to be a New School teacher.”

Tomasz (age 5)

Elementary to the Nutcracker

We are so proud of our three TNSM students who performed in the Nutcracker this year. The elementary students took a field trip to the Aronoff Center to take in a matinee of the Cincinnati Ballet's "The New Nutcracker" where they saw classmates **Raya** (6-9) and **Petra** (9-12) perform. **Amelia** (6-9) danced in a Nutcracker performance with the Ballet Theatre Midwest.

Staff Enrichment

Nancy Buchman served on an ISACS team in October. These volunteers serve as outside observers for other independent schools going through their accreditation process.

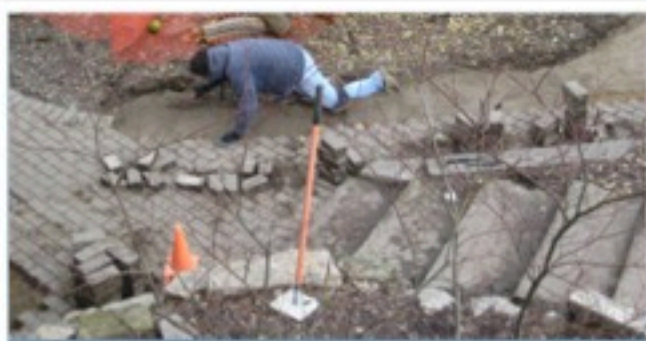
Jan Goings completed a 7-session course called *Fundamentals of Fundraising* sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She volunteered at National Philanthropy Day's annual luncheon where contributions of those active in the philanthropic community are recognized.

Mary Ohlinger-Pray attended an all-day workshop at Springer School and Center where she learned hands-on strategies that activate learning.

Many TNSM teachers, parents and others from around the Greater Cincinnati area were enriched by Dr. Jeff Stanzler's presentation about technology and community relationships. The New School Montessori was proud to sponsor the event for the broader community.



Photos of Walkway Construction



Invitation to: Ribbon-cutting and Walkway Dedication

**Friday, January 20, 2012
2:30 PM in the Growing Room**

Please join us for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the new walkway that connects the Mansion to our new Enrichment Center.

Enjoy a tour of the Enrichment Center following the ceremony and see how this new space will provide the children with new and ample space for music, art, Extended Day and foreign language.

Come and explore!





“The Auction is by far my favorite TNSM event of the year. It is a great opportunity to socialize with the TNSM community. It’s just fun!!”

Robby Lewis Ex-Day teacher



Envision the future.

We are pleased to invite you to our Gala & Auction on March 3, 2012 at the 20th Century Theatre. We’re providing dancing this year after the live auction so wear comfy shoes.

We’ve been gathering donations from area businesses and with your donations added too, we’ll have all sorts of interesting things to bid on. The students are excited to begin creating their annual quilt contribution and custom-painted furniture that is auctioned to provide important funds for the school.

Auction 2012



Auction Information



Donate Auction Item or Service



Buy Tickets To Event

- **These buttons on the left are “live”** and will take you to websites where you can:
 - get detailed information about the auction
 - can donate and
 - can buy tickets.
- These auction buttons can also be found on the school’s website at www.thenewschool.cc
- Before long, we’ll be adding additional buttons showing the vacation homes and community parties we have to offer at the auction.
- The kiosk in the mansion lobby has paper donation forms as well.

Envision the future.



Our theme is “Envision the Future.” You don’t need to have perfect vision to enjoy the clever auction logo designed by TNSM parent **Tracy Clancy**. She’s also been working with the preprimary students on a one-of-a-kind photography project we’ll share on auction night.

We’re excited about offering another round of gatherings throughout the year for adults, families and children that we can all look forward to. If you’d like to host a party or join a hosting team, contact [Iris Siao](#), [Ellen Monson](#) or [Kathy Collins](#).

Thank you, in advance for your support in making this year’s auction a great success! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Jan Goings](#) or [Ann Baumgardner](#).

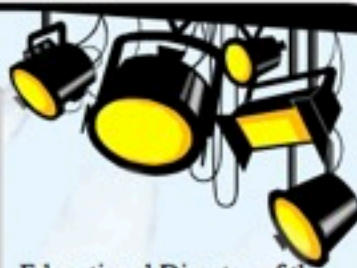
Staff Spotlight

Jeff Groh is a *Renaissance Teacher* - I don't mean simply that he teaches the kids at the Renaissance Festival, (although he does), but that he is a *Renaissance Man* with broad intellectual interests in many disciplines. Jeff loves travel, the theater, education, and has a passion for learning anything new.

Jeff and his girlfriend Raphaela spent last summer traveling in Europe and later took a trip to Kenya. While there, Jeff proposed and they immediately married in a traditional Maasai wedding with robes and jewelry.

While studying at the University of Toledo, Jeff received his undergraduate degree in recreational therapy with a focus on helping people with illness or disabilities. After graduation, he worked for a theater company in San Francisco where abled and disabled actors presented plays for audiences. He later toured the United States with a group that performed poetry in elite private schools, Indian reservations, inner city schools and even a Montessori school where he was first introduced to the Montessori philosophy.

Jeff had been considering teaching as another career and decided to return to Cincinnati for his Montessori training. While studying, he also worked as a full-time actor for the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. Jeff was invited to teach at Dater Montessori where he spent 4 years as a 4th-6th grade teacher. During his time there he had the opportunity to travel to Korea where he, Eric Dustman and others taught Montessori methods to Korean teachers. Jeff was offered a position as the



Educational Director of the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. This combined his interests of theater and education, but he missed teaching the kids. Dater created West Side

Montessori and asked Jeff to be their theater teacher for 7th-11th graders, which he did for 3 years before coming to TNSM. Jeff has enjoyed all of his life experiences, but is happy to be back with 4th-6th graders and to be part of the Annex team of teachers. Jeff teaches many subjects and enjoys them all; he works with TNSM students in Shakespeare Club where they are currently rehearsing *Macbeth*.

Jeff continues to be involved in Cincinnati theater and is playing the part of Greenwald in *Caine Mutiny* at the [Covedale Center for the Performing Arts](#) on the west side of town. He has co-created a production in town called [TrueTheatre.com](#) which features local citizens telling true stories based on a theme. They've produced several shows including trueHUNGER, trueBEGINNINGS, trueFEAR and this February will perform trueLOVE.



Audrey's Roasted Veggies

Slow-Cooking Veggies

- 2 med. white potatoes (skins on)
- 1 med. sweet potato (peeled)
- 2 cups carrots (peeled)

Fast-Cooking Veggies

- 1 med. onion
- 1 lg. zucchini squash
- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)

In large bowl

- 1 Tbsp oregano or Italian seasoning
- 1 clove garlic pressed
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Slow-Cooking Veggies: Use whatever slow-cooking veggies you have around the house. Peel, cut into chunks and steam or parboil them for about 5-10 minutes until they're half-cooked to give them a head start.

In large bowl: Combine oil, oregano and garlic. Then add your raw fast-cooking veggies. Stir. Once slow-cooking veggies are half-cooked, add them to the bowl and stir.

Bake mixture on a cookie sheet in 400 degree oven for 20 minutes.



The Recycling Times



Teacher **Nancy Buchman** is involving her 4th and 5th grade students in a research project that will complete her coursework for a graduate-level class she began last summer in Belize.

Nancy shared with her students what she learned about research methods. Her students then took on the task of researching various types of recycling. Each group selected an element of recycling that interested them and then created a poster that mimicked a newspaper. Each publication had their own feature story, photos, and tables outlining the details of their research. One newspaper focused on recycling glass, another focused on paper and yet another detailed the process of recycling plastic. I enjoyed a cartoon called *My Trip to the Trash Hole* which

depicted the perils of an overstuffed landfill. There were a lot of "Eew!!!" captions with the main character coming to the conclusion, "I'm going to recycle!" If I'd had more time, I would have found a cup of coffee and sat down with the *Recycler's Word Search* to test my knowledge of what I'd learned by reading their posters.

Ann Gray from Rumpke Recycling came to talk to the class about recycling. She brought in examples of acceptable and non acceptable items for the Cincinnati recycling system. We learned that plastics #1-7 are OK but only plastic bottles and jugs. Those clear plastic strawberry containers and yogurt containers are not OK because it's not a bottle or jug.

Glass can be recycled any number of times and

is sorted according to color. I learned from one poster all about the history of glass and the ingredients and high temperatures required to make it. I also learned that for glass bottles, "the molten blob is put into a mold to shape. After the glass has dried, the mold is opened and there is one more glass bottle in the world."

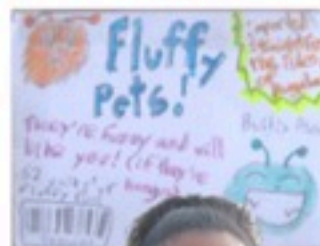
I'm so grateful that the 4th and 5th graders are learning research and presentation techniques while also teaching what they've learned to the rest of us so together we can make our world safer, cleaner and better. Like the cartoon character... "I'm going to recycle!"

And TNSM is busy recycling with new and improved recycle bins.



Geometry Has Applications to the Packaging World

6th grade geometry students are ready to start their own businesses. It all began with an intriguing math problem inviting students to package 24 cubes in a container of their own design that would have the least possible surface area. One-inch cubes were stacked in various configurations until students came upon the correct answer. They used the principles of geometry to keep their packaging costs to a minimum with the least surface area possible. Picasso, the father of cubism, would be proud of the creativity of these inventors who created imaginary cubed fluffy pets to fit within their cleverly designed boxes. Various cubed products sure to be available for gift-giving are hats for those with less than round heads, squared fluffy pets and even cubed tasty Horsie Chow for Giraffes. They'll be flying off the shelves. Buy yours today.



Once upon a time...

You've probably heard of Cinderella's glass slipper, but have you ever heard of a storybook created with pages made of glass? Brazee Street Studios offered an After School Program at TNSM where students created glass pages of their lives in story to be connected together into a book. Feel free to read from the pages of Claire's, Abby's and Katherine's books pictured here.

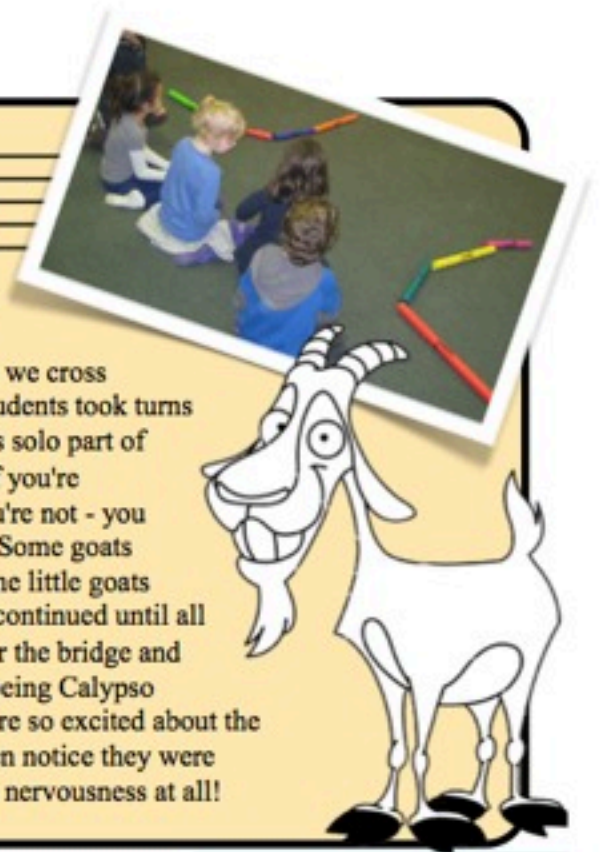


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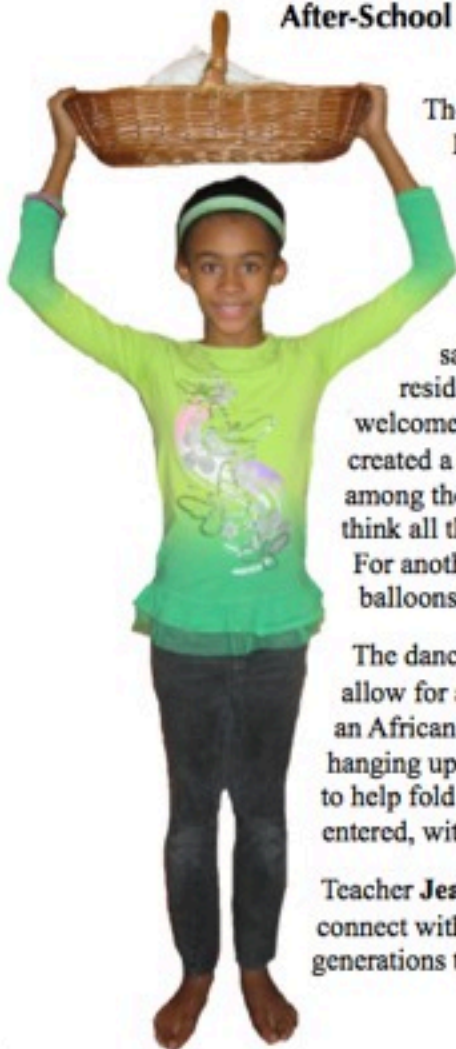
First level music students enjoyed hearing the story, *Three Billygoats Gruff and Mean Calypso Joe*, a rowdy island-flavored re-vamp of the traditional tale. Their wide-eyed anticipation of the "troll" (Calypso Joe) being bounced off the bridge by the big "Bill E. Goat" was a sight to behold!

The children enjoyed acting and singing a musical version of the story. They built a colorful bridge made of the plastic Boomwhackers they use as chime instruments. Trip trapping down that musical Boomwhacker-bridge was sure to waken a sleeping troll. Singing in their best billy goat voices on all fours, the children sang the

question, "Mr. Troll, Mr. Troll, may we cross the bridge, may we cross to the other side?" Students took turns singing the boisterous solo part of Calypso Joe, "Only if you're wearing green...if you're not - you better run and hide!" Some goats clamored across...some little goats hid...and the singing continued until all the goats crossed over the bridge and everyone had a turn being Calypso Joe. Because they were so excited about the game, they didn't even notice they were singing solos with no nervousness at all!



After-School Dance Club Visits Evergreen Retirement Community



The after-school dance club performed at Evergreen Retirement Community and is planning another performance there on February 13. The Activity Director of the Memory Loss Unit appreciated the love and attention given by our students who showed warmth and patience as they sang and encouraged participation from the residents. The students performed a Balinese welcome dance that not only entertained but also created a tactile experience for residents as students danced among those seated, tossing flower petals. One dancer said, "I think all the flower petals surprised them; they got all excited." For another number, the dancers encouraged residents to toss balloons back and forth with them.

The dance club members are continuing to develop dances that allow for audience participation. In February, they will dance to an African beat as they pantomime washing, wringing out and hanging up pieces of fabric to dry. Residents will be encouraged to help fold the clean laundry and the dancers will leave as they entered, with their laundry held high on their heads.

Teacher **Jeanne Speier** says, "We love using dance to interact and connect with people. It feels right to bring these two diverse generations together."



100%

Annual Giving Campaign 2011-12



Thank You What an Amazing Community!

This year, we put out a challenge to achieve 100% participation from our TNSM community for Annual Giving. As you can see by the long list of donors on the following pages, we are

getting closer to our goal. Already 74% of our current families have made a pledge or gift, and 100% of our staff has contributed. We are also grateful that our alumni community is participating as well.

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

To kick off the 100% theme of this year's campaign, Eric Dustman challenged the 5-year-olds to lift him off the ground. [Click here to see the results](#); this video is not to be missed. It took all of the 5-year-olds to accomplish such a big task, and to accomplish the goals of TNSM it will take the full support of our extended community.

Your gift shows our children the commitment we all have for their education. If you haven't made a gift, I hope you'll consider doing so. I thank all of you for your generous support.

You can make a donation to Annual Giving online by [clicking here](#) or contact Jan Goings, Director of Advancement at jan.goings@thenewschool.cc.

Thank you 100%
Amanda Adkins



Datha Harrison (Board President) and Eric Dustman in Hanna Montana and white "Carrot Top" wig enthusiastically accepting Annual Giving pledges in car line.

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Annual Giving Campaign 2011-12

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* **Bold font signifies alumni, grandparents and friends**

THANK YOU



The TNSM staff is so appreciative of the holiday gift funds provided by the generous donations of TNSM parents. Thanks ever so much!

Photographs are always appreciated. Many thanks to **Tracy Clancy** for the face painting shots we used in the annual giving video and in the last newsletter.

Thanks to **Beth Barton** for caring for the Morning Room birds over the

Thanksgiving break and to **Colleen**

Blumer for caring for them over winter break. We are grateful to the **Robinson/Planet** family for providing crickets for our lizard Flap Jack each week and to the **Gilbreath's** for caring for Flapjack over the winter break.

We had wonderful parent presentations explaining various winter holidays. **Josefa Rangel** shared about Winter Solstice, **Sarah Lytle** gave a Hanukkah presentation and **Elizabeth Groppe** talked about the gifts of Christmas.

Special thanks to **Parker Watts**, **Lora Jost** and **Catherine Domka** for their help working with students in the Great Room classroom.

We all enjoyed the Thanksgiving presentations and wish to thank **Philip Theodosopoulos** for writing the Thanksgiving play and to **Jodi Cabanas** and **Josefa Rangel** for directing the play.

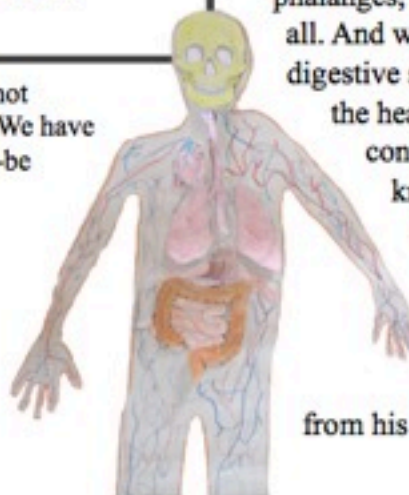
The strings concert was enjoyed by many, and we all appreciate the efforts of director **Melissa Robinson** and also **Kim Planet** and **Tom Allison** who prepared the Growing Room and tidied up afterward.

Kudos to **Colleen Blumer** who did a wonderful job of teaching for **Jennifer Shultz** who was out on maternity leave.

Please note: J.White, Civics Teacher was mistakenly not included on the annual report. Our sincere apologies. We have made the correction for our website copy and soon-to-be printed version.

Help Wanted:

The annex would like some new curtains to go under their pew and under the sink. See an Annex teacher for details.



Third Graders Know the Human Body Inside and Out

The third graders completed their biology study of the human body. They're not equipped to set a broken bone, but I am certain they could identify and name it for you. Mandible, carpals, sternum, phalanges, fibula, tibia - they know them all. And when we move inside to the digestive system, the circulatory system, the heart, the eye and the ear, they continue to amaze with their knowledge of human anatomy and physiology. To cap off the study, children created models of their own bodies. That's Christopher there on your left smiling from his incisors to his molars.

January 17 - Tuesday

Board Meeting - open to TNSM parents
6:30-9PM

January 20 - Friday

Ribbon-cutting and Dedication of Walkway
2:30 PM

The Enrichment Center will be open for tours following the ceremony.

January 21 - Saturday

Interviews for 3-year-olds

January 23- 27 Monday-Friday

Terra Nova Test for 5-12-year-olds

January 29 - Sunday

Open House 2-4 PM

Please bring or invite neighbors and friends to visit the school.

February 9 - Thursday

Montessori Night

7 -8:30 PM Children guide parents and family through their classrooms.

February 21 - Tuesday

Board Meeting - open to TNSM parents
6:30-9PM