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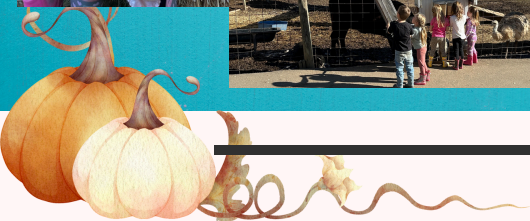
Spotlight

Hayride and Farm Field Trip

By Oliver Blair

Recently, students from Beginnings through Primary took a hayride to Baugher's orchard. The hayride picked them up here, at MSW, and transported them to the Baugher's Orchard.

First, they played on the special orchard themed playground. "The apple slide was my favorite." said Jayden from Mrs. Carroll's Class. The next stop was a petting zoo where students had the chance to interact with goats, chickens, and pigs. Arianna, who had previously visited Baugher's Orchard 5 times, loved feeding the animals. The wrap up their visit, they enjoyed a tasty snack called "vanilla bars" before returning to MSW!



EE Spotlight

By: Wren Wetherell



Students at MSW all love EE! We enjoy getting to be outside and learning, it is the best combo for students of all ages.

Mrs. Misner teaches Environmental Education (or EE). Kids love that EE is always different and exciting. Teaching outdoors is one of the most enjoyable aspects of EE for Mrs. Misner. Mrs.

Misner is supportive of her students, whether she is leading a club or helping them plan a large project. Mrs. Misner loves it when her students figure out the process of natural and artificial objects.

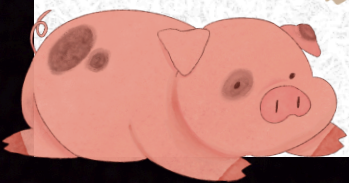
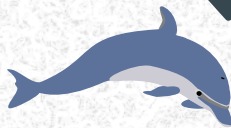
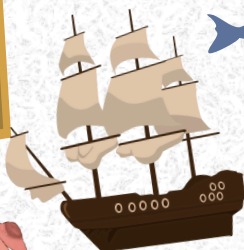
Whether the class is about deadly protists or rising sea levels, she puts an optimistic spin on it. She works hard at making it fun and more about how we can fix it rather than being all doom and gloom. One of the mottos she goes by is "It is okay to not know but it's not okay to not try." She hopes her students always take something away from each of her lessons.



The Research Fair

By: Sebastian Granite

On Friday, November 1st, 2024, the Lower and Upper Elementary classes held their Research Fair in the Field House. The Upper classes researched historical figures while the Lower classes researched animals. They all created poster boards and shared what they learned with parents and the rest of the school. Many of the Upper students were dressed as the person they learned about. I spoke to a few students about their research projects. Noah is in Mrs. Malcolm's Upper Elementary class and studied Marco Polo. Noah said that Marco Polo inspired Christopher Columbus. Another student named Cru, who is in Mrs. Neiko's Upper Elementary class completed his research project on Leonardo Da Vinci. He learned that Da Vinci had ten brothers and two sisters. He was famous for painting the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. I also talked to a Lower Elementary student in Mrs. Buchanan's class named Huck. He researched hippos. He told me that they weigh over two tons and are related to pigs, dolphins, and whales. The Research Fair is always a nice event, and you can learn a lot. It is also fun to see the students' progress and be more confident in their presentations over time.



Retreat to Lake Anna

by: Max Gold



On October 21st, the Middle Schoolers went on a week-long retreat to Lake Anna. The purpose of the retreat is to connect with each other and to slow the pace for a few days. Students go grocery shopping when we arrive and are responsible for cooking meals during the trip. The weather was so mild during our visit that students got to go swimming and kayaking! Each day, students were excitedly chatting about stay up night. On the final day at Lake Anna, the students always play bunko. A cute stuffed animal named Bunko Fish is given to the latest person to roll a bunko. This stuffed fish has been used in the Middle School program during bunko since 2000! For stay up night, everyone was up to 1 am before they had to go to bed! We played games, had a campfire, enjoyed a sundae bar and midnight snacks. On Friday morning, volunteer parent drivers arrived at the house, and we headed back to MSW. Everyone was tired, so it was a calm ride back to school. Everyone in Middle School looks forward to our Retreats in Lake Anna, where we make memories that last a lifetime!

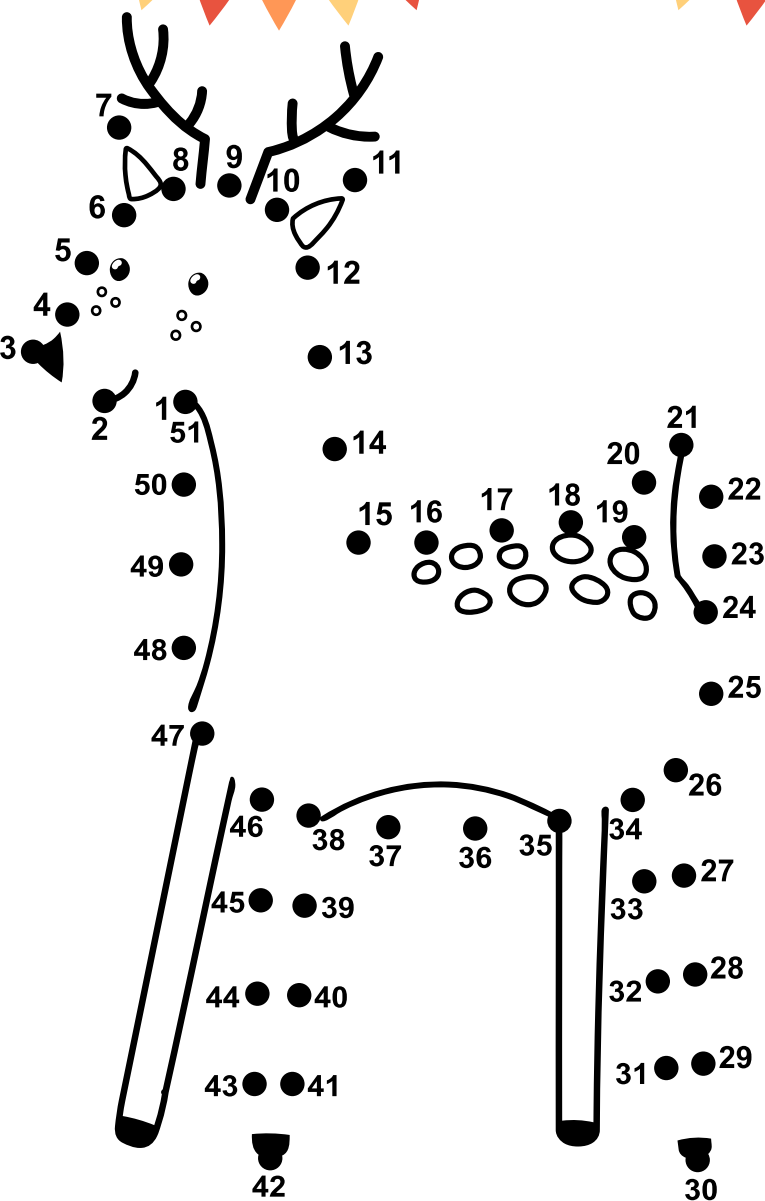


Grandparents Celebrate Learning at MSW!

By Aristin

Twice a year, MSW opens its doors to grandparents, inviting them in for a special visit with their grandchildren in the classroom. This event allows grandparents to see what their grandchildren are learning, and to connect with the community. Grandparents love to learn and see what their grandchildren are learning. In the fall event, we recognize Veteran's Day by holding a special Flag Ceremony and acknowledging Grandparents that are Veterans. Grandparents day is more than just a visit, it is a tradition that strengthens our community!





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