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Greetings From the Head of School

We are happy to welcome warmer weather (sans tornados of course :) this March. We are also excited to bring back our Japanese student exchange program. We will be welcoming them at the Erdkinder Spaghetti Dinner on March 14th. The Japanese students will be staying here with us through the 22nd of March. If you see them, feel free to greet them!

The Spaghetti Dinner is also serving as a microeconomics project for our Juniors and Seniors. Each student in Erdkinder earns profits working in businesses (like Cafe) and chooses a trip of their choice with a teacher of their choice. This year our seniors, Kyle Riffner and Alayna Faiz are traveling to Iceland with Ms. Erika. Exciting things are afoot here at school!

Dozin with the Dinos - by David Azaran

The elementary classes recently went on a field trip to the Field Museum. This was a student + parent overnight sleepover. This is one of the most famous museums in Chicago and contains a lot of cool information about many animals and animal fossils, especially dinosaurs. This is one of the three museums that elementary students rotate through. The other two are the Shedd Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry.



Bake Sale - by Stella Frolick

The Erdkinder theatre group hosted a Valentine's Day bake sale in an effort to raise money for their individual Erdkinder accounts. Those who were assigned baking jobs made hundreds of brownies, sugar cookies, snickerdoodles, fudge, and much more while advertisers made sure that word of the sale got out. Additionally, the group auctioned off a Valentine's Day basket, filled with goodies such as champagne, squishmallows, and bath bombs. Ultimately, the sale was a rousing success, with a profit of over \$600!



Flower Sale - by Kyle Riffner

This Valentine's Day, Alayna and I, the two Erdkinder seniors, worked together to coordinate a flower sale in an effort to raise money for our senior trip. The project required a lot of prep work including creating fliers, preparing order forms, writing emails, and collecting Valentine's Day-themed supplies and decorations. After receiving final order numbers, we purchased flowers before channeling all of our artistic senses into bouquet arrangement. Ultimately, despite having differing numbers of flowers, each bouquet possessed its own charm!

Erdkinder Theatre Billy

Elliot - by Stella Frolick

On February 21st, the Erdkinder theatre group went to see Billy Elliot: The Musical at the Paramount Theater in Aurora. Billy Elliot: The Musical tells the story of a boy who falls in love with ballet, but is barred from doing it due to the prejudice he faces. He faces impossible odds but continues to pursue his passion regardless. Before attending the performance, the class watched the original Billy Elliot film and completed pre-performance worksheets. On the big day, The group arrived early at the theater to meet a member of the production team to discuss how everything works in a professional theater company. They then enjoyed a marvelous performance which featured exceptional choreography and set design!

Erdkinder Gardening Trip - by Layla Morrissey

Erdkinder's Gardening class went on a fun-filled trip to Menards to prepare for the spring season. The students purchased a variety of seeds and multiple bags of soil to get their planting started. After a long day of shopping, the gardening class stopped by Naf Naf, a middle-eastern restaurant, for lunch. After returning to school, the class learned about what kinds of soils were best for each plant, and how each seed should be planted.



Campus Corner: Monthly Paragraphs

Fun Episodes of Freeman East and Fascinating Work at Freeman West

Erdkinder, Elementary, and Primary alike worked hard on practicing for international day! Not only does dance help kids develop important motor skills, it's also fun to do! From the Scottish Highlands to the American south, children this year have had opportunities to explore many rich cultures through dance.

Huntington Happenings

For this edition of the newsletter, Erdkinder students visited and observed everyday life at Huntington. They visited during recess and observed the ways that Montessori education is implemented during recess to make learning fun. Children at the Huntington campus practice motor coordination and social skills through play.

Classroom Focus: Huntington Campus

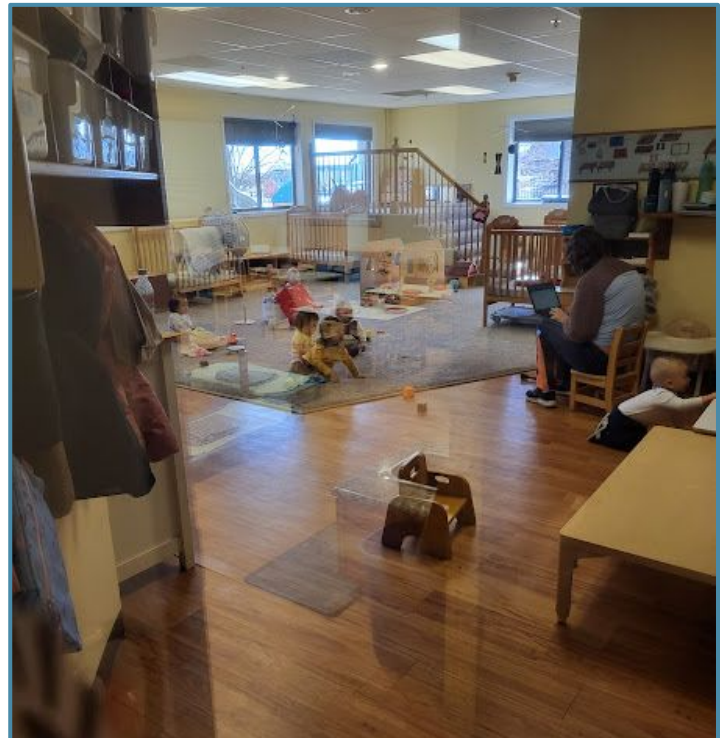


A Day in the Life for the Primary - by Layla Morrissey

Throughout the past few weeks, Huntington's primary classes have been practicing their dances for International Day. While this holiday is soon to come, work time is still the biggest focus of the school day. Ms. Laura's class in particular boasts a variety of works that teach astronomy, anatomy, spelling, and much more! After work time, the students gather in a circle in the center of the classroom in preparation for the remainder of the day!

A Day in the Life for the Infants and Toddlers - by Eli Nelson

At the Huntington campus, recess is the highlight of students' days even when it's too cold to go outside. For the toddlers, they get to practice important motor skills with bicycles, bouncy balls, and indoor play toys. They also practice important social skills by engaging in cooperative games with their friends. In the infant room, children are able to practice cognitive skills through puzzle toys and exploring their environment. In the end, however, the most important part of recess for all students, no matter the age, is to relax and have fun.



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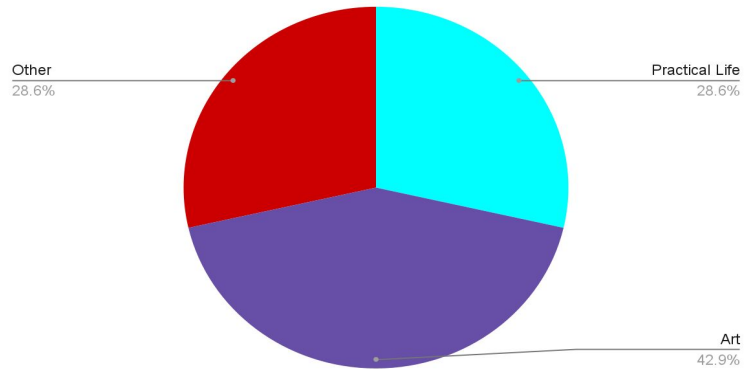
Interview with Ms. Novelli - by

Kyle Riffner

Ms. Novelli is the site director at the toddler-kindergarten Huntington campus. As part of her job she oversees staff, observes classrooms, coordinates parent communication, conducts campus tours, assists in student learning, and ensures the proper functioning of the Huntington community. She has worked at MANH for a total of ten years, and throughout her journey, she has always seen great value in Maria Montessori's child-centric approach. Through such principles, she hopes to help each child unlock their highest potential. Additionally, she revels in the joys of her job: the students' aha moments as they begin to understand the materials and the times when older students jump at opportunities to become leaders in their individual communities (like helping the younger ones put on shoes and correct work).

Ms. Novelli is also proud of the campus's use of outdoor environments. Not only do the students find joy in the playground, but they are also able to utilize fenced-in outdoor spaces where they can work on classroom materials throughout the day. Over the next few years, Ms. Novelli is hoping to improve these spaces as well as the playground in order to further enhance the Huntington experience.

Favorite Works in Huntington



After polling many of the Huntington primary students, these were the results. Art and practical life are the two most popular works found in the class. Some of the art works include working with play-doh, painting on an easel, and drawing while practical life works include brushing fake teeth, using a coffee grinder, and practicing with hand-eye coordination skills. Other activities that students enjoyed were reading, math beadwork, and the maze work.



Meet the Erdkinder Students!

by Alayna Faiz and Eli Nelson



- Madeline is a 7th grader in the Erdkinder class who has been attending MANH since she was in first grade. She loves to ice skate and is part of a professional synchronized ice skating team where she competes in various competitions.
- Madeline also loves theatre and enjoys acting. In her free time, she listens to pop music and watches her favorite movie, Blood Fest. She is also looking to travel to L.A. sometime in the future.

Roya Jimenez is a 7th grader who has attended MANH for 6 years. She lives in Barrington with her parents and younger brother, Jahan. In her free time, she enjoys fencing, swimming, and soccer, and at school, her favorite subject is ELA. Additionally, Roya is a huge fan of the sugar cookies at Jewel Osco, and she knows how to use stilts.



Meet the Teachers + Staff!

by Nozomi Kato

Ms. Cait has been a teacher at the Huntington campus since 2019 and loves to guide her class of toddlers. Outside of life at MANH, she spends her time on various adventurous activities with her wife and daughter like scuba diving, hiking, and traveling. One place she loves to travel to is Tanzania, where she helps run a school. Whether here with MANH or halfway across the world, she has a passion for education.

SPAGHETTI DINNER!



March 14th at
Freeman West



2 seatings → **5:00 PM** or **6:15 PM**



Presales: **\$12** per person or **\$45** for a family of 4
\$15 per person at the door



CASH ONLY



Three course meal:
Salad, spaghetti with garlic bread, and choice of cookie or jello!

RSVP NOW!



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
3/7-8/24	AMS conferences	All day	All campuses
3/12/24	Early Dismissal	2:30pm	Freeman East and West
3/25-31/24	Spring break	All day	All campuses
4/3/24	Erdkinder EME potluck (M-Z)	5-6:30pm	Freeman West
4/9/24	Early Dismissal	2:30 PM	Freeman East & West