

Bruno Blast

Joseph Bruno Montessori Academy

Reflections from Ms. Rebecca

May, 2017

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to thank all of you for your support and to wish you well for the summer. Thank you to the JBMA PTO Board for your efforts in support of the teachers and students. I would like to give a special thanks to our outgoing PTO President Kimberly Bauman for her hard work this year. I appreciate the support of all the parents and I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming years. As always, I truly appreciate the efforts of our teachers and wish them a relaxing summer.

Farewells

Congratulations to Ms. Chelsea and her husband as they are expecting a baby in the fall! Chelsea has decided to stay home with the baby and we wish her the best. She will always have a place here at JBMA when the timing is right for her and her family.

Ms. Julia Gibler has been a member of our JBMA parent community since 2014. She has taught for two of those years in our preschool division. While Julia has decided not to

teach next year, she will return as a JBMA parent to Audrey and Sam, and we look forward to having her remain a part of our community. We thank her for her dedication to our school as a JBMA parent and faculty member.

JBMA Faculty Notes

Each year at this time we assess our needs for the coming year. Our goal is always to have our faculty resources best serve our children. We are pleased to say that Ms. Shweta will be serving our kindergarten and first grade students next year. Her role will focus on building a seamless bridge between Kindergarten and Lower Elementary. Ms. Rachel Latham will assume the Lead teacher position in the preschool classroom as Ms. Shweta moves into her new position.

Ms. Kate will be in Cincinnati most of the summer working on her Montessori Certification in Secondary I. She will assume the lead next year in the Middle School and we look forward to all of the innovative ideas that she will bring back from her training this summer!

Ms. Chris will continue to work in the Middle School, but will also devote her talents to working some in the Upper EL. She will also help to prepare our 6th grade students for the transition to Middle School the following year.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Andrea as a full time teacher next year in the preschool. She recently graduated from college and has been working part time this year. She will be training this summer in Chicago to receive her Early Childhood Montessori Certification.

We are looking forward to a great school year next year. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

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2017 Kindergarten Graduates

Aksh Amin
Arteen Arabshahi
Ayaana Budhwani
Shanaya Jalali
Evelyn Jamison
Robert Jones
Aiden Khan
Juliana Latham
JJ McDowell
Aditya Mehta
Annelise Nordlund
Ansh Nair
Liam Pope
Dhanvi Potluri

Raneel Punjwani
Cooper Reynolds
Inaaya Sultan
Jakson Traylor
Lena Westerkamp



2017 8th Grade Graduates

Ariana Ascarzadeh
Maxwell Mefford
Melanie Nunez
Zane Peacock
Caleb Phillips

Congratulations!!



Little Free Library

We would like to give a special thanks to Pam Clemmons for her donation of a Little Free Library (LFL) for our campus. Pam's granddaughter, Savannah is in lower elementary. The LFL will be located just off the sidewalk by the library and upper elementary buildings and will be available for our JBMA community to use. Ms. Bev has agreed to paint the LFL and we will have it up and running by the beginning of next school year.

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. We will be sending out more information at the beginning of the school year about the LFL.



Box Tops for Education

General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools, so Box Tops for Education™ was born. You can find Box Tops on hundreds of items throughout the grocery store. Some examples are: Big G Cereal, Pillsbury™ Old El Paso™, Green Giant™, Ziploc®, Hefty®, Kleenex® and Scott® to name a few.

JBMA PTO will start collecting Box Tops in the upcoming school year. Start this summer clipping Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them into the school. Tops are worth 10¢ each and they add up fast.

To learn more about Box Tops for Education™ or for a list of products go to

their website,
www.boxtops4education.com

JBMA Summer Camps

JBMA Summer Camps are always a fun, exciting time for preschool children. Each week is a new adventure with a different subject and activity.

The Preschool Camps are:

Life in the Garden: Creepy Crawlers and All

Community Helpers

CAMP BRUNO

Down on the Farm

KIDZ Art Camp

Travel the Fifty-Nifty States of the United States of America

Connecting in the Kitchen

Elementary students also enjoy exciting and active Summer Camps. They spend lots of time outside enjoying sports and games with STEM challenges mixed in.

The Elementary Camps are:

All About Sports! (2 sessions)

Fun in the Sun: Full STEM Ahead (2 sessions)

Arts and Crafts

There are some available spots in both the Preschool and Elementary camps.

If you would like to sign your child up for camp forms are available on our website or in the school office.

For the forms on our website go to www.jbma.education

Go to the Programs tab and click on Summer Camps.

Thank You from JBMA PTO

JBMA PTO would like to thank all the families that donated their time and items toward the toddler/preschool outdoor project.

The outdoor area is looking great with the new addition of pavers made by the students, flower beds replanted with

a variety of colorful plants and flowers, new bird feeders and new river rock. New seating will soon be built and the pavers put in place. New bird baths and rain chains will also be added to the outdoor areas.

PTO would also like to thank everyone who contributed items to the PTO yard sale. It was a great day for a yard sale and almost all of the items were purchased.

Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy

Mission Statement

The community of the Joseph Bruno Montessori Academy provides the opportunity for all students to grow to their fullest potential:

- Cognitively
- Socially
- Emotionally
- Spiritually
- Physically
- Aesthetically

Vision Statement

The vision of Joseph Bruno Montessori Academy is to provide children and families with an education according to the Montessori philosophy and curriculum. Our focus is not only to provide cognitive education for our students, but to also model a commitment to creating peace and care for the environment for years to come. In theory and practice, we will explore how the traditional Montessori curriculum can be combined with current best practices in education as well as technological advances in order to develop a successful group of 21st century learners. At JBMA we treat each child as an individual, building on their strengths and abilities to become life-long global learners.

The Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy's Core Values Statement:

Respect- We embrace with respect all students regardless of racial, cultural or religious background, gender or the physically or mentally challenged.

Peace- We create an atmosphere that will promote the development of peaceful individuals. All students will become committed to creating peace, and taking care of the environment in their homes, school, and communities.

Collaboration- We provide each child a foundation for a lifetime of learning by having multi-age classrooms and multi-level collaboration.

Independent Thinker- We foster students' development of positive self-esteem; so they will become independent thinkers and accept leadership roles in the world of tomorrow.

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Have a Great Summer Break!