

Bruno Blast

Joseph Bruno Montessori Academy

Reflections from Ms. Rebecca

September, 2016

As fall arrives, I am particularly thankful that our campus is surrounded by so many acres of wooded land, with beautiful trees, plants and wildlife. Fall brings with it an array of sights, sounds and other sensorial delights. It is important to stop and observe, to remind ourselves of the beauty that surrounds us and how fortunate we are to gather here as students, parents, faculty and staff. I can honestly say that this is the most aesthetically pleasing environment I have ever had the pleasure of working in over the course of my career. I hope that the children will look back over their time here as students and feel the same way about their JBMA school years.

Taking care of the outdoor environment is a valuable activity for the students and the rewards can be very

positive! Students can be seen on our campus planting flowers, raking or pulling weeds. Gardening provides a way for the children to participate in the indoor and outdoor classroom.

Learning to care for living things will help the children appreciate nature and form connections to our beautiful wooded campus. Creating learning opportunities for the students that involve nature and being outside will serve as lifelong practical life lessons.

We are so excited to move forward with our outdoor learning environment improvements. We greatly appreciate the work done by the community to support the JBMA PTO which in turn will fund components of these improvements. If you have not done so

already, please take the survey generated by our Outdoor Environment Learning Group by following this link:

<https://surveyplanet.com/57c5c8713cf9070c2a955aec>

Stay tuned for more information on the feedback we receive from the survey results!

The Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 23rd and there is no better time to appreciate our campus and explore the outdoor environment with your family. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Festival.

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Three Weeks at Davidson College

By Zane Peacock

This summer I attended a three week course on the fundamentals of engineering at Davidson College through Duke TIP. In the class I learned advanced math, physics, and how to build strong structures. Some of the math that was taught at the camp was trigonometry and calculus. For physics I learned about Newton's Laws and free body

diagrams. Almost every afternoon we had a building challenge. Most of the time it was a bridge building challenge. One time my group built a 30" long freestanding bridge out of hot glue and Popsicle sticks that held 97 pounds! The course taught me a lot of information and I would definitely attend another class like this.

Quotes by Maria Montessori

"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."

"The greatness of the human personality begins at the hour of birth."

"The development of the child during the first three years after birth is unequalled in intensity and importance by any period that precedes or follows in the whole life of the child."

"Knowing what we must do is neither fundamental nor difficult, but to comprehend which presumptions and vain prejudices we must rid ourselves of in order to be able to educate our children is most difficult."

"There is no description, no image in any book that is capable of replacing the sight of real trees, and all of the life to be found around them in a real forest."

"The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."

"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child itself."

For Art's Sake

For Art's Sake – RECYCLE

We can use it before you toss it. So bring it on – ribbon, buttons, yarn, fabric, old jewelry, nuts, bolts, containers, paper, any small pieces of furniture, mirrors, vases, hats, gloves, etc. etc.

Items may be dropped off in the fine arts building.

Top Ten Reasons to Recycle:

10. Creates new demand
9. Protects wildlife
8. Reduces water pollution
7. Preserves landfill space
6. Saves energy

5. Good for environment
4. Reduces waste
3. Creates jobs
2. Good for our economy
- 1. Provides art materials for JBMA Art Students!**

"RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE"

Middle School Visits Art Exhibit

On Tuesday, September 27, the middle school went to Samford University and saw Dr. Mary Ann Culotta's "Past to Present" Art Exhibit. We got to see the architectural and abstract art that she created. Her artwork is inspired by the Victorian time period. She also explained the stories behind the creation of her beautiful pieces. We learned how her work was created and the materials she used to create the pieces. Most of Dr. Culotta's pieces included old and recycled pieces

which she transformed into unique artwork. We all enjoyed the exhibit and meeting Dr. Culotta. We appreciate Ms. Bev for arranging this amazing opportunity!

Student Reviews:

"I enjoyed this field trip because we got to hear the stories behind the artwork. My favorite piece was "the Girl in My Dreams," and I was not surprised to hear the girl in the painting was a girl from her own dreams." Aleah Ward

"My absolute favorite painting was the "Guardian Angel." The head was 3D and the flowers in the background were a shade of purple that I have not really seen before. It was really interesting." Cameron Khleif

"My favorite piece was "the Girl in My Dreams," because when she told us her story of why she named the piece, I found it interesting she had the same dream for a long time." Melanie Nunez



Legos Competition



Harshil and Aditya Mehta competed in the 2016 North Shelby Library Lego Competition. Aditya, a 5K student, got 1st place for his project "Spike in the Park." Harshil, 7th grade, placed 2nd for his project "Littlebot", a robot that keeps the community litter free.

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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Upcoming Events in October

- 4 PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM
- 6 Open House 6:00-7:30 PM
- 7 Preschool Trike-A-Thon
- 7 End 1st Quarter
- 10 Columbus Day – NO School
- 12 1st – 8th Progress Reports Go Home
- 13&14 1st – 8th Dismiss at 1:00 for
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 18 PTO Coffee 7:45 AM
- 18 Toddler and Preschool Pictures
- 19 1st – 8th Pictures
- 21 Toddlers and Preschool – NO SCHOOL
- 21 Toddler and Preschool Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- 23 Fall Festival 1:00-3:00 PM
- 24 Old Baker Farms – 5K
- 31-Nov 4 Fall Book Fair