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President Barack Obama Addresses Euclid's Youth

by Ellen Ivory

The third grade students at Ss. Robert & William Catholic School, under the guidance of their teacher, Ms. Lura Spinks have been learning how to write a friendly letter. A recent assignment was based on the Flat Stanley project and the results were admirable.

The Flat Stanley project is described, as follows, on their website. "The basic principle of The Flat Stanley Project is to connect your child, student or classroom with other children or classrooms participating in the Project by sending out 'flat' visitors, created by the children, through the mail (or digitally, with The Flat Stanley app). Kids then talk about, track, and write about their flat character's journey and adventures. Although similar to a pen-pal activity, Flat Stanley is actually much more enriching-students don't have to wonder where to begin or what to write about. The sender and the recipient already have a mutual friend, Flat Stanley. Writing and learning becomes easier, flows naturally, and tends to be more creative. This is what teachers call an 'authentic' literacy project, in that kids are inspired to write of their own passion and excitement about the project, and given the freedom

to write about many things through the rubric of the Flat Stanley character."

As part of their project, the students took Flat Stanley for a week and wrote a letter back to the class about what they did with him. The final element of this assignment was to write a letter and send Flat Stanley to a famous person. Each child was allowed to choose anyone they wanted. Some of the children wrote to actors and actresses, others wrote to athletes.

However, SRW student, David, opted to write to President Barack Obama and the President responded!

"David was quite surprised when an envelope arrived from the White House," states Spinks. "It is so important for students to receive such positive feedback," she continues.

The letter told about Flat Stanley's adventures at the White House. A picture of the President and several other interesting items were included in the mailing.

As another school year comes to a close, teachers are hopeful that their lessons and projects have made an impact on their students. For this class, and especially David, it is certain that this will become one of those memorable moments.

Additional Contributor: Ms. Lura Spinks



David with his Presidential Letter

The Visual Art of Ms. Linda Ewing

by Laureen Deveney

A small retrospective of the visual art of Ms. Linda Ewing was shown May 1-31 in the "Art Corridor" of Euclid Public Library located at 631 East 222nd St. Ms. Ewing Re-entered college in her later years; she obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art from Cleveland State in 2008. However in her younger years she attended Columbus School of Art and Design. Today she continues to study as a "Project 60" student at CSU. This is a state sponsored program that allows people sixty years or older to attend college for free. Call your local university to inquire. When she first entered CSU no Chinese language classes were being offered, so she was able to also attend Case Western Reserve as a transient student, studying Chinese for four years in addition to her studies at her home institution.

The presentation contained her work in both water-based paints and drawing media. However for the reception, held on May 2, she brought in her ceramics. This show was retrospective and not new work; the drawings contained the nature of a paper quality that had the feel of coming out of storage. This was indicated by their slightly wrinkled character and some discoloration. Some of the works were sketched on what appeared to be non-acid free newsprint. This did not negate the content of the work, but rather imbibed it with more honesty.

Ms. Ewing shared her personal life throughout these works. Dedicated to her parents was the drawing "Joseph and

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"Peanut and Friends," by Linda Ewing.

A fresh face in Euclid

by Sherrie Zagorc

We now have a great opportunity to get just-picked produce direct from local farms when "City Fresh" fruits and vegetables come to Euclid Tuesday evenings 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm June 11 to October 22. City Fresh is a weekly produce delivery system organized by volunteers, farmers, and Euclid community members to bring the bounty of local farms directly to Euclid's neighborhood Fresh Stop at Bethlehem Community Church, 24490 Euclid Ave. Our citizens can take advantage of this delicious opportunity when they order a "share" of this 95% pesticide and herbicide-free or organically certified produce in advance to fit the family's summer and fall schedules.

City Fresh is a program of The New Agrarian Center (www.gotthenac.org/city-fresh), a non-profit organization and the only CSA (community supported agriculture) program in the area that accepts weekly payments, works in urban food deserts, provides a limited income discount and accepts the Ohio Direction Card. A Single size share will provide enough food for 1 to 2 people and costs \$15 (\$9 limited income) while a Family size share provides enough for 3 to 4 people and costs \$28 (\$16 limited income). This program lasts for 20 weeks, but is flexible. You can decide the weeks you want to receive your produce shares. Just remember to have your order in at least 1 week prior to when you want your share.

From the City Fresh website you can see an example of a Single share in July: 1 onion, 1 cabbage, 1 head Romaine lettuce, 1/2 pound green beans, 2 yellow squash, 1/2 pound pickling cucumbers, 1 zucchini, 1 bunch kohlrabi, 1 bulb garlic, 1 eggplant and 4 Lodi apples. A July Family share would include 1 onion, 1 cabbage, 1 head Romaine lettuce, 1 pound green beans, 2 yellow squash, 1/2 pound pickling cucumbers 2 zucchini, 2 bunches kohlrabi, 1 bulb garlic, 1 eggplant, 1 bunch of beets with greens, 1 pint grape tomatoes, 2/3 pound kale and 8 Lodi apples.

Euclid's City Fresh program encourages you to catch "fresh food fever" by ordering your shares, volunteering your time, and spreading the word about City Fresh – Euclid. When you participate you not only receive delicious seasonal produce; you close the distance between farm and table and you create a culinary adventure for your family. Community volunteers will help you with the ordering and pick-up process of your shares and they will even provide preparation tips to utilize the delicious produce you will receive.

City Fresh order forms are available at www.gotthenac.org/city-fresh in addition to the information table at each Euclid Fresh Stop event. Join us on Tuesday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at

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Our Lady of the Lake School: Brick by Brick

by Jennifer Millett and Lauren Zbiegien

The enthusiasm surrounding Our Lady of the Lake School is contagious. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade participated in their annual STEM week. Each grade level chose a math-infused theme with the incorporation of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to present to the community. The community showcase also included grade level line dances. STEM week was made possible due to the dedication of Tracy Davis and a grant from the Talty Family Foundation. Students and teachers took learning to a whole new level.

The following is a sample of the projects completed by each grade level:

The kindergarten students traveled to the world of medieval castles. Students constructed a classroom-size castle using 3-dimensional building blocks. They also made and demonstrated the use of a catapult.

The first graders went back in time to explore science and mathematics on the Oregon Trail. Students did plenty of measuring while studying the different states of matter making butter, and other yummy treats.

The second graders explored shapes and patterns by solving the mystery of "Who Borrowed Mr. Bear?" Students studied footprints and performed



The castle constructed by the kindergartners of Our Lady of the Lake School.

different lab tests in order to gather evidence to solve their mystery.

Third graders blasted off into space studying rocketry, angles, and power. Students constructed pen rockets and discussed which angle and power was needed to get their rockets to fly the fastest.

The fourth graders of Our Lady of the Lake explored "Everything Penguins." They created power points telling about one of 17 species of penguins. Students also demonstrated how countershading helps protect penguins from predators.

The fifth graders were busy incorporating math into the sport of baseball. The fifth graders started off by visiting Classic Park in Eastlake to measure various distances. When they returned to school, they used these measurements to create "dot" art. A very exciting moment was when the students got to run a concession stand. The students discussed cost, profit, and inventory.

Sixth grade spent the week building tetrahedron kites and geodesic domes. The domes seemed to take over the classrooms! They are very strong

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Dialogue



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A message from Mayor Bill Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik
Dear Friends,

Summer is here and it's now time to enjoy spending time outdoors. There are many activities being offering and events taking place throughout the city. Here are a just few you won't want to miss:

City pools will be opening on June 10 and along with them is the new Spray Park at Indian Hills playground. This is the first such facility in the City of Euclid and a great alternative to the traditional neighborhood pool, especially for families with young kids. The park also has picnic tables, lounge chairs and an updated baseball field.

Passport to Euclid Walking Program

June 1-November 9, on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Meet your neighbors, make new friends. Walks are done at a leisurely pace and are 1.5-2 miles in length. Call the Euclid Recreation Dept. for more details at (216) 289-8114, option 8.

2nd annual Euclid Wind Festival takes place on Saturday, June 22, from 11 am – 7 pm on the grounds of Shore Cultural Centre at 291 East 222 St. This year's festival expands on last year's popular lineup of fun, food and activities for all ages. A variety of artists, musicians and community environmental partners will be on hand.

Touch a Truck Monday, June 17 1-3 pm outside of the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd Street. Kids of all ages will love to see the big, city vehicles up close and personal and are welcome to climb inside and see how they work.



Touch a Truck outside of Euclid Public Library on June 17.

Euclid Pond and Garden Tour Saturday, June 29 from 6-10 pm and Sunday, June 30 from 1-6 pm. Come and view beautiful ponds and gardens that your neighbor's around Euclid have to showcase. Tickets for self-guided tour \$5.00. Purchase tickets at Euclid City Hall, Recreation Dept or at Briardale Greens Golf Course.

I hope you enjoy strolling along the new walking paths throughout Sims Park and the soon to be completed fishing pier. Sitting on a park bench and watching the sun set over Lake Erie is something you don't want to miss seeing this summer. I hope to see you in the neighborhood.

Your Mayor, Bill Cervenik

Euclid Celebrates Memorial Day



Samira and Danielle Rivers Hang out with the Sunshine at Memorial Day Celebration in Euclid. Photo: Lauren Deveney

Student Meteorologists at Ss. Robert and William

by Mary O'Neill

On May 20, News Channel 5 Meteorologist Trent McGill came to teach the 4th graders at Ss. Robert and William about extreme weather. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Terri Rando said that McGill engaged students with the excitement of storms and unique weather patterns. During his presentation, he had students involved in simulating thunder and lightning using light and sound.

The Ss. Robert and William students enjoyed their experience learning about storms. McGill shared with the students some of the experiences he had chasing storms across the country. Students were

Congratulations Seniors!



What an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations, students & teachers! Photo credit: Liz Copic



News Channel 5 Meteorologist Trent McGill came to teach the 4th graders at Ss. Robert and William about extreme weather.

fascinated by this and really enjoyed this special class time.

When the students went home, they received another great surprise. Their class was featured on the 5pm News! During the weather, McGill featured their lesson in his forecast. What a special event for these students to see their knowledge featured on the news. This was a great time of fun and learning for the students at Ss. Robert and William.

How to Move a Community Garden

by Kelly Butauski

Euclid's Memorial Park Community Garden (MPCG) has to move to make room for the new jail construction. What a shock after three years of turning a grass plot behind the city jail into a third acre filled with thriving garden beds. However, you can't keep a good garden down; with a promise of the city's help, an experienced leadership team, and a crew of determined gardeners we are moving it all – within a one month deadline.

The MPCG came to life in 2010 with the help motivated residents, the city of Euclid, and a grant from the Ohio State University Extension Service. The garden's leadership team worked for months preparing the site. The garden opened in the spring of 2011 and since has grown to 40 individual beds, each with great soil. There are also two handicap accessible beds, two Euclid Hunger Center beds, a ten-foot-by-ten-foot shed, six compost bins with 50 yards of compost, flowerbeds, blueberries, and our sign. Gardeners must relocate all this across Milton Avenue to the new location, between the tennis courts and the volleyball courts.

To prepare for the move, the leadership committee developed a moving plan and

a garden design. City workers are using the plan to level the area and move garden soil from existing beds to the newly designated plots. Gardeners and helpers are moving their raised bed frames and any crops and plants. The city provided access to water and will soon move the heavy items. The plan is working: piece by piece, plant by plant, and plot by plot, the new MPCG is coming to life. Gardeners can plant crops as soon as their new spot is set. We should be mostly moved and growing by early June.

The MPCG mission is to provide a peaceful place for residents to garden, for hunger outreach, and for education on the value of sustainable gardening. In addition to donating more than 300 pounds of vegetables a year to the Euclid Hunger Center, we held a demonstration on how to grow vegetables in containers for their clients. Many young people work and learn in the garden. Several youth from Open Doors Academy built and planted the hunger center beds last June. This year, we sponsored an essay contest for the eighth graders at Central Middle School. The winner of the "What is the value of community gardening?" essay won a 10-hour summer job at the garden paying a total of \$75. Some of our education efforts include an exhibit at the East 200th Street Stroll and the Euclid Wind Festival. Visitors can stop by the booth for gardening information and activities.

MPCG's success is due to our dedicated gardeners, friends, volunteers and supporters. Many thanks go to Mayor Bill Cervenik, city leaders and workers for their help and support. Contact Lori Zupancic, MPCG garden leader at (216) 374-7499 or memorialparkcommunitygarden@yahoo.com to get more information, to donate or volunteer.

Health

Euclid Hospital Holds Cereal Drive for EHC

by Sabrina Powers

Euclid Hospital is taking a stand against hunger by hosting a cereal drive and donating all of the proceeds to the Euclid Hunger Center. The Cereal Drive will run until June 6.

In 2012, Cleveland Clinic Enterprise came in 4th in all the hospitals systems throughout the country that participated, collecting 71,908 servings. Euclid Hospital came in first with 22,000 servings, Main Campus was second with 20,000 servings and Hillcrest Hospital was third with 7,600 servings.

The Euclid Hunger Center serves 530 Euclid households per month. Thanks to donations and drives like the one

occurring at Euclid Hospital, local children who do not have someone at home to provide them with breakfast or lunch are supplied with nourishment. Euclid City Schools serve approximately 1,300 breakfasts to students each day at no cost to the students and also offer a Summer program for students.

To join the cause, donate online at www.euclidhungercenter.org or mail checks made payable to Euclid Hunger Center to: P.O. Box 23446, Euclid, OH 44123. The following non-perishable items are most needed by the Center and are deeply appreciated: canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, fruit juice, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, rice, soup,

spaghetti & sauce, tuna fish, toilet paper, shampoo and other toiletries. Drop off your food donations at these locations around the city: Curves, The Euclid Public Library, Eaton Family Credit Union or Euclid Lakefront.

Diet and Disease

by Joan Holmes

The Euclid Diabetes Support Group is pleased to welcome Roxanne B. Sukol, MD MS as the speaker for the June meeting. Dr. Sukol has experience in caring for patients with diabetes and the effects of the standard American diet on chronic disease. She uses her knowledge to help patients prevent and treat diabetes. Her blog, "Your Health is on your Plate," teaches readers how to tell the difference between real food and manufactured calories.

Dr. Sukol has recently joined the board of directors of the Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland. She is a staff physician at the Cleveland Clinic and clinical assistant professor at the Learner College of Medicine.

The meeting will take place at the Euclid Public Library at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 17th. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in her presentation.

In addition, at this meeting members will sign up for the annual July picnic, order bison burgers, and list their contribution to the potluck meal.

Free Medical Services at North Coast Health Ministry now available to Euclid residents

by Jeanine Gergel

North Coast Health Ministry (NCHM), a faith-based charitable health center located in Lakewood, is now offering its services to low-income, uninsured residents of Euclid.

Previously, NCHM services were available only to individuals who resided in 17 zip codes in northwestern Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain counties. In May 2013, NCHM eliminated zip code restrictions from its patient eligibility guidelines to be able serve all of northeast Ohio.

"Our mission has always been about increasing access to healthcare for the underserved," says NCHM Executive Director Lee Elmore. "The elimination of zip code restrictions will allow us to better meet our community's changing gaps in need as the health care environment evolves."

NCHM provides and optimizes access to health care for uninsured individuals below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. A vital part of Greater Cleveland's health care safety net for the past 27 years, NCHM provides primary care, prescription assistance, specialty referrals and health education. With the support of over 150 volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCHM provides preventive care and chronic disease management as well as care for acute illnesses and injuries. In February 2013, NCHM became the first free clinic in Ohio to be recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home, Level 3, by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).


All patients must register for services before an appointment can be scheduled. To register to become a patient, call (216) 228-7878 ext. 127 or visit our website at www.nchealthministry.org to print out an application form. NCHM is located at 16110 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood and is accessible via bus on RTA's route 26.


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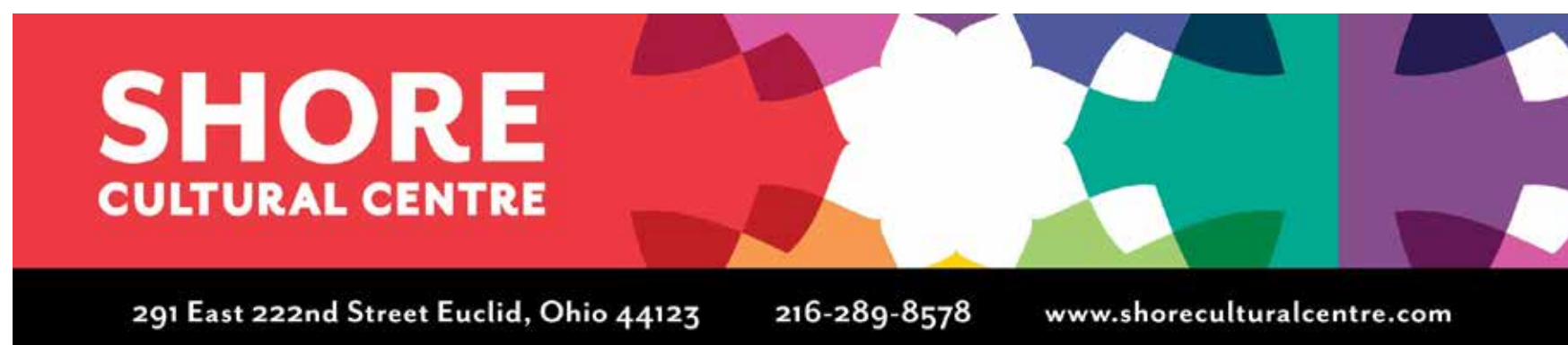
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Euclid Wind Festival On June 22nd To Feature Live Music, Food, Kids Activities



The City of Euclid, Shore Cultural Centre and the Euclid Chamber of Commerce have partnered together to present a new summer tradition, the Euclid Wind Festival. On Saturday, June 22nd, from 11am-7pm, the park will come alive with all things wind-themed, from kites to kazoos. There will be wind chimes, art installations, an expanded beer tent, food vendors, live music and much more, all in celebration of this special feature of our breezy lakefront location.

Bring the kids! The festival will in-

clude a 5K Fun Run in the morning, educational sustainability displays, community installation art projects, and much more to keep the whole family happy all day.

Join Euclid's First Annual 5K Fun Run: "Get Winded"

The race begins at the YMCA and runs through beautiful downtown Euclid before finishing at the Wind Festival.

Registration fee for adults will be \$25

and \$5 for anyone 18 years of age or younger. In an effort to promote family and youth activity, the purchase of each adult entry comes with one free child entry. The first 150 entries will receive a free race T-shirt. Registration will be available at clevelandymca.org/branches/euclid or by visiting the Euclid YMCA or Infield Chiropractic at 21898 Lakeshore Blvd.

Are you ready to help make Euclid a healthier, more active community for you and your family? Get up, Get active, Get winded!

Shore Gears Up For Parade The Circle

Shore has partnered with the Cleveland Museum of Art's Artist Outreach program to put together a group to participate in Parade the Circle on Saturday, June 8th at University Circle. Artist Wendy Mahon and our group of all ages has worked hard at eight separate workshops and created an ensemble entitled 'Nature in Motion', inspired by Athen's Tower of the Winds. We hope you'll come out to the parade!



Shore has a great lineup of classes for both kids and adults all summer long. Registration is now open for karate, dance, pilates, cooking classes and much more. Get in shape or pick up a new hobby! To register, visit shoreculturalcentre.com/programs or call (216) 289-8578.

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Instructor Profile: Eileen Sheehan



Eileen Sheehan grew up in Cleveland, now lives in Euclid and is an art teacher at Our Lady of the Lake School. Here at Shore, Sheehan teaches art classes and workshops including pottery, recycled art, watercolor, and mosaics. She is also currently managing a grant that allows for low-

cost afterschool programs for school age youth. She will be offering private art lessons starting this fall at her private studio at Shore. When asked about the arts community in Euclid, Sheehan said, "I love that Shore offers programs that enrich the lives and minds of our Euclid residents, children and adults alike." Her favorite place in Euclid is the lake. "Nothing is more relaxing and rejuvenating than being near the lake."

Shore Cultural Centre offers an array of arts and educational programming in the heart of downtown Euclid

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com

Community

Euclid Hospital: Your partner in good health

by Angela Smith

Euclid Hospital is so much more than just a hospital. Home to one of our region's leading orthopaedic and rehabilitation centers, including both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services, the 371-bed hospital offers a complete continuum of care including emergency services, acute and sub-acute care and outpatient care. But it's also a health and wellness facility, open to all members of the community in times of sickness and in health, located on a 17-acre campus – complete with a healing garden – directly on the beautiful Lake Erie shoreline. It is the medical home for the community of Euclid.

While the hospital has served the community for many years by providing quality care in times of illness or injury, healthcare is changing, and Euclid Hospital is at the forefront of that change.

"Traditionally, hospitals have been places where no one really wants to go," said Mark Froimson, MD, Cleveland

Clinic orthopaedic surgeon and president of Euclid Hospital. "But we are evolving from being a facility that provides sick care to one focused on health and wellness, where instead of caring just for those who become ill, we develop ongoing relationships with the people in our community and work with them to promote healthy living through education, routine screenings, and more."

The hospital is already connecting with the community, partnering last fall with the City of Euclid in a successful effort to make all city facilities smoke-free. Euclid Hospital provides smoking education, through cessation and support classes; and has been working more recently with Euclid City Schools to educate students about the importance of developing healthy diet and exercise habits for life.

To officially launch this next transformation of Euclid Hospital, and to welcome the official start of summer, the hospital will host a Summer Solstice

Health and Wellness Celebration on June 21, from 5 – 8 pm. All are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening filled with health screenings, physical activity, cooking demonstrations, visits with health professionals and more, all in a spectacular location.

According to Dr. Froimson, the Summer Solstice Celebration is an "opportunity for us to showcase our beautiful location, while at the same time increasing awareness of all Euclid Hospital has to offer, and to take a first step toward building long term relationships with those in our community to help them become advocates for their own good health."

For more information about Euclid Hospital visit euclidhospital.org.



Mark Froimson, MD

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Bethlehem Community Church 24490 Euclid Ave. for our first Euclid City Fresh and don't forget to check out <http://Facebook.com/CityFresh-Euclid>. To receive a share on June 11th, your order must be received by Tuesday, June 4. After that, you can sign up for the next week's share in person at the Fresh Stop or by mailing in your money to the P.O. Box on the cityfresh.org website. This Fresh Stop is supported by numerous Euclid area organizations, including the Creating Healthy Communities Program of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.



City Fresh Euclid

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structures that taught the students architecture for which you need all-encompassing math skills.

Seventh graders constructed theodolites using various materials supplied by the grant from the Talty Family Foundation. Students then took the theodolites out into the surrounding neighborhood to survey the land. They culminated the project by drawing a scale map of the neighborhood.

Eighth graders studied survival math in the South Pacific. Students applied algebraic thinking to real-life problem-solving. They also used literature,

reading works such as "Lord of the Flies" and "Not Without Hope," which helped them to see how STEM applies in situations of survival. They also talked about faith in survival, a welcome addition in our Catholic school.

This was truly an extraordinary week of learning on each grade level. Students also participated in math guestimations. The afternoon lent itself to Instant Challenges in which students worked as a team to construct an object using materials provided in seven minutes or less. STEM projects clearly take learning to a whole new level.

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Euclid High School Senior Art Show

by Janeen Hoggett

Euclid High School's senior art students held their annual art show at Euclid's Auditorium on May 22. Euclid's art program is part of the Lakeshore Compact Career-Technical Planning District and has students from Mentor, Wickliffe, and Willoughby-Eastlake as well as students from Euclid.

The show featured a culmination of the student's art work throughout their high school years. All of the students learned the art of matting, labeling and creating show cards for each individual piece, giving them the experience of a professional exhibit. The exhibits included textiles, photography, painting, pottery, and other forms of creative art work.

Art teacher, Edith Melon said that the students were overwhelmed by the turnout and the interest in their art work. The artists earned over \$4,000 by selling their work to family, friends and the public. Many of the students have won awards and honorable mentions at art competitions throughout the state. Many of this year's graduating seniors will be heading off to art colleges next year and have won substantial scholarships based on their portfolio of work. I wish all the students much success as they continue their artistic journey.



JUNE EVENTS

June 1	SAT Testing @EHS (8 a.m.)
June 1	8th Grade Dinner/Dance @ Forest Park (6-10 p.m.)
June 3-4	Senior Exams
June 4-6 & 7	Grade Awards Ceremony @CMS (6:30 p.m.)
June 5	NJROTC Awards Night @EHS Little Theater (6-8 p.m.)
June 5-7	Class Trip to D.C. (8th grade)
June 6	EHS Prom
June 7	Relay For Life of Euclid begins at 5:55 p.m. @ EHS Track
June 8	ACT Testing @EHS (8 a.m.)
June 9	EHS Commencement at CSU Wolstein Center (1 p.m.)
June 12	Promotion (8th Grade) @ EHS (6 p.m.)
June 13	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
June 14	Last day for teachers (final grading period ends)
June 16	Father's Day
June 17-19	EHS Summer Youth Volleyball Camp
June 21	First day of Summer!
June 24	Special Meeting of the Board @Fordyce (7:30 p.m.)

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Forest Park wins Play 60 Spring Challenge

by Leah Kraus

The Cleveland Browns' Play 60 Challenge, in partnership with the American Heart Association and in association with Medical Mutual, Cleveland Clinic and the American Dairy Association Mideast and Fuel Up to Play 60, is proud to announce Forest Park Middle School in Euclid as the 2013 Spring Challenge Top School!

Along with Forest Park, both Garfield Middle School in Cleveland and St. Christopher School in Rocky River showed a tremendous commitment to the Play 60 movement. Students from these top three schools logged over 2.3 million minutes of activity!

Over the course of the six-week challenge, nearly 2,000 students representing nine local schools, from Euclid to Painesville, logged over 4.5 million minutes of physical activity and committed themselves to living a healthier lifestyle.

To reward Forest Park for their success during the challenge, the Browns will host 100 of the top students from the school at FirstEnergy Stadium, Home of the Cleveland Browns, for an exclusive Play 60 Field Day where students will compete in various challenges such as a football toss and tug-of-war. The Browns also commend the top three overall teachers whose classrooms excelled during the challenge. Ms. Louise Robison from Stockyard Elementary, Mr. John Yuha from Forest Park Middle School and Ms. Kathy Valaitis from LaMuth Middle School all demonstrated a strong commitment to the Play 60 Challenge while helping their students achieve their physical activity goals.

The Browns congratulate all those schools that completed the challenge and look forward to the 2013 Fall Challenge!

Play 60 is the NFL movement for an active generation, focused on increasing the wellness of young fans by encouraging them to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. The Browns are proud supporters of this campaign to increase awareness for the need to stay active and healthy. Through programming committed to indoor and outdoor expansion projects, such as the annual Hometown Huddle, Fitness Zones and the Play 60 Challenge, the Browns aim to get everyone up and moving!

The Browns and American Heart Association will once again be offering the Play 60 Challenge this fall. The goal of the Play 60 Challenge is to excite kids while creating an active and healthy lifestyle that will last a lifetime. To get more information on the Play 60 Challenge or see how your school or classroom can become involved, please call the Browns' Community Relations Department at (440) 891-5000.

Shoreview fifth grade students bring home dancing silver and gold

Twelve Shoreview Elementary School fifth grade students were hand-picked to participate in the Dancing Classrooms of Northeast Ohio's "Colors of the Rainbow team Match Semi-Finals" at Tri-C May 4. These students used skills they acquired through the 10-week Dancing Classrooms program at Shoreview, skills of ballroom dancing and acting like ladies and gentlemen. Students gave up their recesses to practice their dances; they did an assembly for Kindergarten, first, and second grade students, and even practiced after school.

Shoreview was the "purple team," the girls wore purple sashes and the boys wore purple team cards on their backs. Students were asked to dress elegantly, the boys all wore shirts and ties, and the girls had on beautiful dresses. There were three professional judges that walked around on stage while students danced. Mrs. Rich recalls, "when they got on stage they were lined up by color (school) and every single Shoreview student had their fingers crossed and arms linked." It worked, they won GOLD! Students also received scholarships to Tri-C Summer Performing Arts Camp and were moved on to the grand finals.

For the grand finals, Shoreview was one of ten schools competing at Playhouse Square in the Ohio Theatre on May 19th. The theater was packed, with family and friends. Shoreview students danced their hearts out and received silver ribbons and goodie bags for their performance, energy and execution. Fifth grade teacher, Kathy Rich shared that the students, "grew together, they became such a close group and now in the classroom when we do activities they aren't scared to work together, they aren't scared to be themselves. They gained tremendous confidence in themselves. These kids had the opportunity of a lifetime, to be on a stage and to perform in front of hundreds of people and work together as a team."

Summer school schedule and O.G.T. registration information

Summer School Registration is June 20-21 from 3-5 p.m. and June 22 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Arbor Elementary School 20400 Arbor Avenue.

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Ms. Goerndt 216.797.2986

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June 24, 2013: Reading
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June 26, 2013: Writing
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June 27, 2013: Science
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June 28, 2013: Soc. Stud.
9:00 AM - NOON

O.G.T. Intervention Classes

June 17 - 21, 2013

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To register for the O.G.T., please call Lenore Stradbeck at 216-797-7825

To register for the O.G.T. Intervention, return the O.G.T. registration form with \$100 per class to Ms. Stradbeck in the EHS office by May 31, 2013.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please call: Kristen Goerndt at (216) 797-2986 or Adam Castrilla at (216) 797-5335.

Bluestone Living Wax Museum

Bluestone 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students hosted a living wax museum for family and friends. Students researched iconic or famous historical figures. They dressed up and put together a short biography to recite when people came around and "pushed their buttons."

These students did a marvelous job! The tour of the "museum" was followed by dinner. Take a look at the Euclid City Schools Facebook page at www.facebook.com/euclidschools to see all of the pictures!



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Tradition continues: Entire class college-bound

For the second year in a row, 100 percent of VASJ's graduating seniors are heading to college. In addition to this amazing accomplishment, the Class of 2013 earned over \$3.4 million in college scholarships!

During the Baccalaureate service held on Friday, May 24, VASJ President Richard Osborne '69 provided the opening remarks and addressed the graduates.

"In your time among us, the Class of 2013 has shown itself to be a class with class," Osborne said.

"Academically, spiritually and athletically, you are champions in every sense of the word."

The twenty-third annual commencement ceremony was held on Sunday, May 26, at Ss. Robert and William Church and the graduates couldn't have asked for better weather on their special day.

Valedictorian Julia Humensky, Salutatorian Domenic Nicholas, Jazmine Dowdley and Jasmine Ross were elected by their class to serve as the senior speakers at graduation.

Whether it was their parents who sacrificed to give them the gift of a Catholic education, their teachers who pushed them to reach their full academic potential, their coaches who taught them life lessons on and off the court, their religion teachers who helped them grow in their spirituality, or their classmates who helped fill the four years with wonderful memories, each of the student speakers had someone they wanted to thank for making their experiences at VASJ truly special.

"I never thought I would attend a high school that would enhance my



Janae Potts, Jordan Walker and Matt Bergant, all members of the National Honor Society, pose for a picture before VASJ's twenty-third annual commencement ceremony held on Sunday, May 26, 2013, at Ss. Robert and William Church in Euclid.

values, spirituality, and offer a genuine family community," said Jasmine Ross during her speech. "Those are characteristics that I believe uniquely set us apart from any other high school."

At the conclusion of the commencement ceremony, after the diplomas had been distributed and the graduates were singing the alma mater together one last time, it became clear just how close the Class of 2013 had become to one another when the tears started flowing during the song.

They came into their high school career at VASJ as classmates but there is no doubt that the Class of 2013 is leaving the Viking Village as a family.



Members of the VASJ Class of 2013 proudly display their diplomas at graduation.



Marisa Crissman, National Honor Society member, and Aaron Martin.

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Ursuline president addresses students

VASJ was fortunate to have Sr. Susan Durkin, OSU, the President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, visit the school on May 9 to speak to the students.

In her address to an all-school assembly, Sr. Susan brought to life the Ursuline charisms that VASJ students learn about all year long.

Sr. Joan Petersen, OSU, led the school in prayer before introducing Sr. Susan Durkin, who was elected President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland in 2012.

"Sr. Susan has been blessed with a unique gift," Sr. Joan said. "Her ability to relate to people of all ages and all backgrounds is outstanding."

"You are our legacy," Sr. Susan said. "You are our champions as Ursulines and Marianists."



Sr. Susan Durkin, President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, visits with some of VASJ's students during her visit to the school on May 9.

Found on the walls of the hallways and in the classrooms are the Ursuline Core Values and Marianist Charisms which students learn about in class and put into practice during service work and class projects.

But Sr. Susan doesn't want it to stop there. "I want them to mean something to you," she told the students.

"I want them to remind you that you're special." As the only school

in the world sponsored by both the Ursulines and Marianists, she added, VASJ and the students who fill its classrooms are part of something truly special.

"Being a part of our Ursuline family means you have 171 sisters who pray for you always. You are never alone," she said.

"We pray for your success in all that you do and we're really excited about your futures."

Students honor vets

A group of VASJ students have once again honored local veterans for Memorial Day by decorating graves with American flags at All Souls Cemetery.

VASJ math teacher Gary Minadeo '74, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, has been taking a group of students to All Souls for the last few years for this worthy tradition.



VASJ students, along with math teacher Mr. Gary Minadeo '74, spent the day decorating veterans' graves with flags at All Souls Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Duane Gibson named PD's Player of the Year

Duane Gibson Jr. '13, VASJ's point guard who helped lead the team to its fifth basketball state championship in March, was named the Plain Dealer's Boys Basketball Player of the year for 2013.

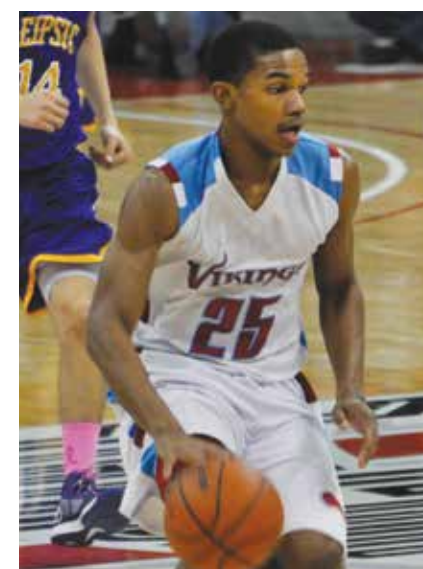
Gibson, who also represented the school in the North-South All Star game played in Columbus in April, will go on to play Division I basketball at the University of Evansville.

Gibson, as well as his senior teammates Patrick Mastalski and Demonte Flannigan, proved to be a

great leader for the team, both on and off the court. He attributes this success to his coach.

"Coach thought I had potential to be a leader," Gibson said of Vikings basketball coach Babe Kwasniak '94. "He just wanted me to bring it out in myself."

Other team members from VASJ to receive special mention were sophomores Carlton Bragg and Brian Parker, and senior Demonte Flannigan, who will go on to play Division I basketball at Cleveland State.



Duane Gibson '13 averaged 11.9 points per game for the boys basketball team.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

At the Baccalaureate ceremonies for the Class of 2013, I was struck by thoughts of the thousands of assemblies, games and other functions that have taken place in the same very gym since our building was built in 1950.

I told the graduates that as they joined the ranks of our alumni, they now shared a special bond not only with their classmates but all of us who are graduates of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and VASJ.

From this point forward, we are members of one family. And the Viking Village will always be our home.

Scanning the gym, I saw myself as a student at dances, assemblies, basketball games and school plays. I saw memorable teachers such as Tim Robertson, Joe Farrell, Joe Radican, Jack Veasey, Frank Macuga, Gene Oberst, Mike O'Grady and so many others as they enjoyed the functions as much as we did.

I thought of rallies and games where legendary coaches such as Bill Gutbrod, Bernie Guilfoyle, Jim McDonough, Ted Kwasniak, Bob Straub and Mike Moran shouted encouragement and made our spirits soar. Longtime coach John Storey still does that for us at football games.

I thought of the wonderful nuns such as Sister Naomi, Sister Rosemary Hovevar, Sister Angela Marie, Sister Ursula and Sister Irene Charette who guided their students at the "old" VA, the "new" VA and here at VASJ.

Not a week goes by that we do not have alumni visitors who pop in to the school simply to stroll down Memory Lane. At some point in the first-floor hallway, they stop to gaze up at their class portrait. Often they take a picture of their picture, yet another way to preserve the memories of some of the best years of their lives.

Don't get me wrong: By no means do we suggest that the high school experience – no matter how uplifting and spirited and inspiring it may be – represents the high point of anyone's life. We look at it more as a lifelong influence on all the experiences to come. Time and time again, our alumni remark that the most important things they think and believe came from their families, their church and this school.

Now another class joins this special group. We wish them well and we look forward to their future visits back home in the Viking Village.

Richard Osborne '69 is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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Arts

“Gibsonburg” opens at Atlas Cinemas

by Bob Mahaffey

Last week, if you passed by the Lakeshore Cinema in Euclid you might have done a double-take and wondered why a large white RV was parked right in front of the Cinema.

The full-length feature film, GIBSONBURG, will be playing at the Cinema from June 7 through June 13 and the RV was part of a promotional tour on the film. The members of the tour are visiting each of the 30+ theatres in playing the film in Ohio and are autographing books and handing out t-shirts and posters.

Bob Mahaffey, Director the film explained that “Gibsonburg” is a baseball movie that is based on a true story that took place in Ohio.

Mahaffey explained, “At a holiday get-together, I heard this crazy story about a high school baseball team that won the State Championship with a regular season record of 6 wins and 17 losses. They had a first year coach that got them to win 8 post-season games in a row to win the State Championship. When I heard the story, I thought this would make a great movie.”

According to Mahaffey, “The story of how the film was made is almost as good as the story of “Gibsonburg.” The film was produced with 50 college students and limited financial resources. Against all odds, “Gibsonburg” premiered in Hollywood, received a major distribution deal, and is now booked in over 30 theatres in Ohio.”

Kyle Rase, Coach of the 2005 Gibsonburg baseball team threw out the opening pitch when the Indians faced the Reds on May 29th.

Mahaffey is quick to point out that the film is not all baseball. There is a wonderful love story and an amazing mystery woven in the film.

When asked if he could tell people one thing about the film he explained the “Gibsonburg” is all story, with no special effects. He feels that too many Hollywood films focus on special effects and the art of telling a story is fading away. He explained, “If you like a underdogs, if you like baseball, and like a good story, you will enjoy “Gibsonburg.”

GIBSONBURG will be running at the Lakeshore Cinema in Euclid from June 7 through June 13.

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Mary.” It was mounted upon a mirror, the text involved in this one read, “We See Ourselves in Them, They See Themselves in Us.” It hung from a yardstick with a red band that asked, “How do we measure their love?” A very narrow canvas, “Mary Beth,” measured about six inches in width. Here her mother is shown as a lithe young woman wearing a tennis outfit. This image defies the position of her now Alzheimer’s state. Captured in “Peanut and Friends” is the love of her life, Danny, playing his accordion with their now dead beagle dog, Peanut.

In glancing through the guest book, I spied a comment written by Tom Podnar, an old friend of hers from CSAD; he’d written, “Linda that’s exactly the memory I have of you from 1971.” He is referring to a drawing of a couple of high school boys who are engrossed in thoughts of their muscle cars or looking out the window at a youthful teenage girl who is hanging out by a tree. Not quite diptyches, but acting as one, were two portrait drawings of Chinese friends: a side profile, “Mr. Zhang (pronounced Chang) and “Son of Zhang.” These were hung extremely close to each other. However the gaze of Mr. Zhang faced away from his son. One would think he should be positioned looking towards his son. Ah! But this Chinese father has disowned his son, due to him having revealed his sexual orientation. The artist had therefore deliberately positioned the father’s gaze away from his son.

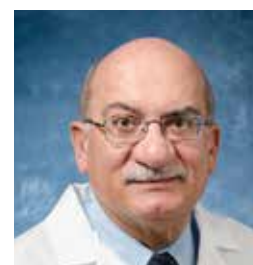
Unlike some art shows that are held together rather rigidly, her work is assorted. Stylistically, there was a simple “Untitled” graphite drawing that had a lovely organic line quality. It depicted the rear view of a seated female torso, whose wave-like pony tail integrated with her flowing shirt. This was placed next to the brightly colored “Cherokee Nation.” This was a good-sized abstract painting. It revealed some fish forms hidden among predominantly bold irregular rhythmic strokes. If one stepped back and studied this pair of diverse neighbors, one could sense a very similar flow between them. There were several pieces of “Text Art.” A large rainbow hued “Noah,” also text in origin, was sold as she was installing her show. Two canvases, “Surrounded by Joy and Peace” and a larger one, “Untitled,” were both comprised of dominant golden yellow palettes and had similarly square grids. In each of them the outer perimeter had incorporated handwritten Bible quotes which acted as a form of positive affirmation. Ms. Ewing’s artwork revealed things that were personal to her. Her concentration or direction is based on her personal life. It demonstrates who or what occupied her mind, mostly family and friends; other than that, Ms. Linda Ewing’s art expressed and showed us that she is also the lover of a Christian God.



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