

The Stampede

Happy 70th Birthday to MDE!! Est. 1949

November 30th will be the 70th day of our 70th year!



Buffalo herd growing

One of four buffalo offered to the city at Houston to graze along Buffalo Bayou gives Post photographer Dan Hardy a protective, motherly look after giving birth Friday morning. Fred Fox, a petroleum engineer who offered his herd of four buffalo to the city, said the calf now becomes part of the deal. The city is studying the offer.



Photo by Tom Corbun, CHRONICLE STAFF

Anniversary planting

These fifth-graders, all students at Memorial Drive Elementary in the Spring Branch school district, commemorated the 30th anniversary of their school by planting a young oak tree on the campus grounds. Pippa Sorley, 10, left; Sheryn Jageman, 10, and Martin Shearer, 11, were the class representatives who carefully planted the anniversary tree.





Meet Our New Principal, Dr. J! Interview by Gianna G. (5th Grade)



Meet our new principal, Dr. J.!

Here are a few things about her! She went to Rutgers and University of Houston-Clear Lake for college. She taught third grade for three years and K-5 math and science which in total is seven years of teaching.

Dr. J wanted to be a principal to positively impact student learning and the campus environment. In school her favorite subject is math and science. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Wolski in high school.

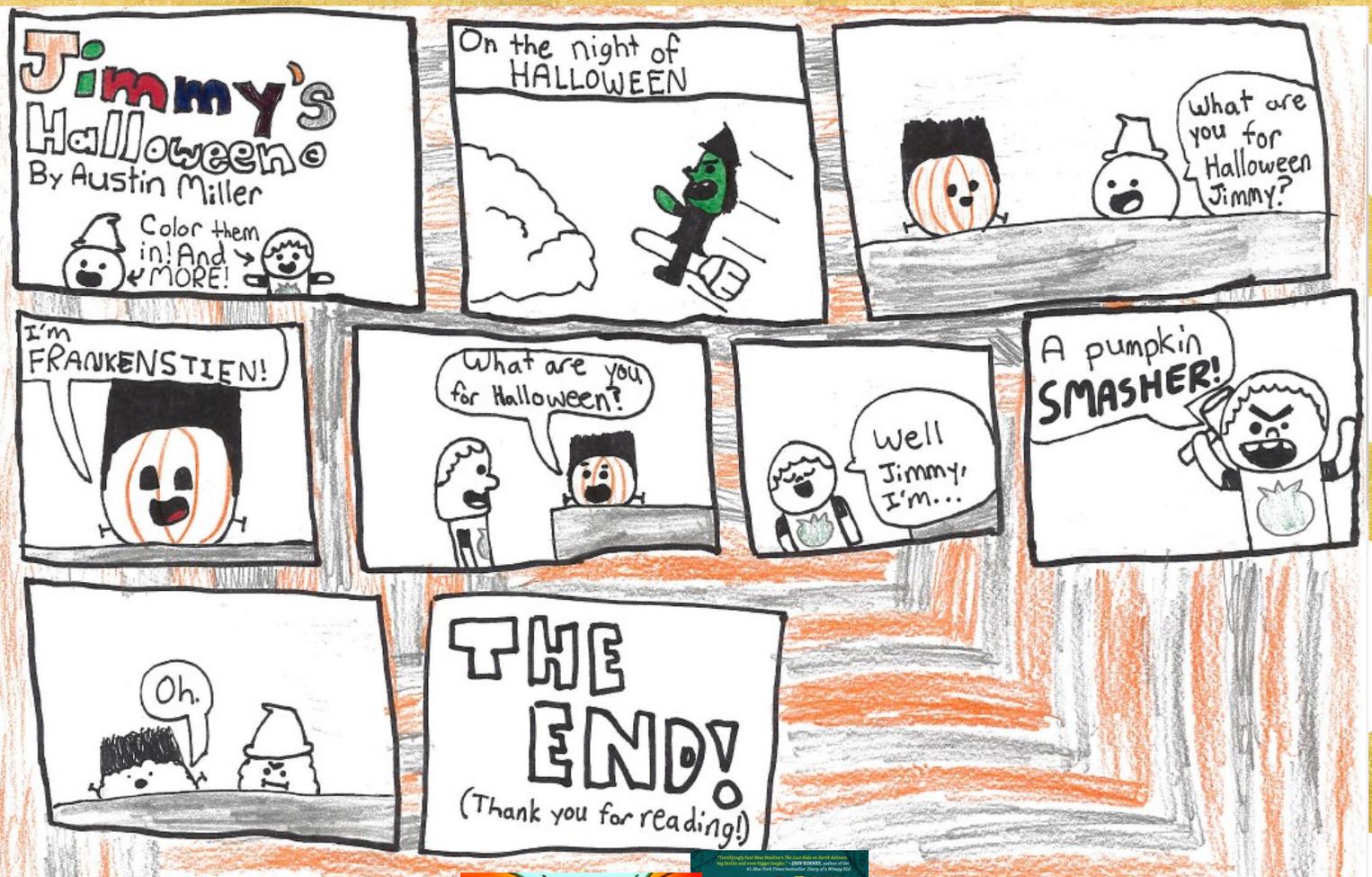
When she was our age she did not always enjoy school but she loved the library, learning, reading, and math and science.

Dr. J comes from a very big family. This year she is looking forward to getting to know everyone at MDE better!

Her favorite part of Halloween is the candy corn and her favorite part of fall is all the decorations.

She has one daughter and one son they are both in college. In Dr. J's free time she goes out to brunch, spends time with family and friends, and hangs out by the pool and garden and reads mystery novels.

Hope you learned a few new things about our awesome principal!



Wings of Fire Series by Tui T. Sutherland

Wings of Fire is a must read for you dragon lovers out there! Wings of Fire is a book about individuals from the Dragonets of Destiny from Priyaa to Blue and others from the Lost Continent. It is about individuals who defeat Dark Stalker the evil Nightwing, such as Moon, Winter, Kinkajou, and Qilibu. More series are coming! Have fun reading!

- Iffah K. (4th Grade)

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Max Brallier's Last Kids on Earth book was an exciting tale of a goofy hero and friends that tended to always win with their monster pet. They fought zombies beyond belief. My favorite part is whenever June fights zombies. It truly looks weird when zombies get smacked in the face.

- Owen R. (4th Grade)



Library News

In October we enjoyed two visiting authors, Max Brallier and Megan McDonald. Students always enjoy hearing about real authors and their writing process.

Lessons in the library have focused on supporting reading in the classroom. We have focused on realistic and traditional fiction.

In November, students will participate in Digital Leadership lessons. Digital leaders are able to find and synthesize information they find online. They are able to act responsibly, collaborate, and grow ideas in the digital world.

• Artwork by Carter C., 5th Grade



THANKSGIVING JOKES *compiled by Ben D.*

Q: Why was the turkey in jail?

A: Fowl play

Q: If pilgrims travel on the Mayflower, then what do college students travel on?

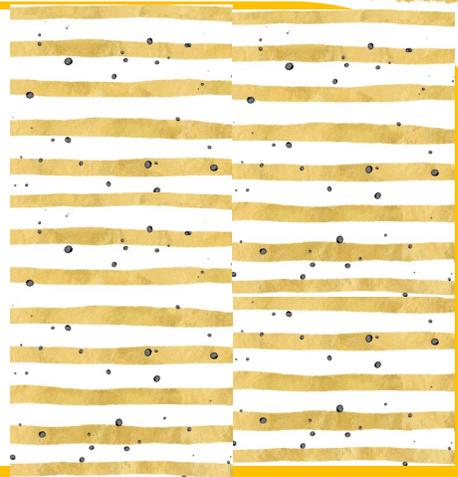
A: Scholar Ships

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

A: Because he was OUT STANDING in his field! HAHA!



Dia De Los Muertos - the Day of the Dead by Mrs. Kaya

Day of the Dead originated several thousand years ago with the Aztec, Toltec, and other Nahua people, who considered mourning the dead disrespectful. For these pre-Hispanic cultures, death was a natural phase in life's long continuum. The dead were still members of the community, kept alive in memory and spirit—and during Día de los Muertos, they temporarily returned to Earth. Today's Día de los Muertos celebration is a mash-up of pre-Hispanic religious rites and Christian feasts. It takes place on November 1 and 2—All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on the Catholic calendar—around the time of the fall harvest.

Día de los Muertos is a celebration of life and death. While the holiday originated in Mexico, it is celebrated all over Latin America with colorful calaveras (skulls) and calacas (skeletons).

On the first day, relatives put flowers on graveyards or in vases with cards. Then they create an alter somewhere in the house. These alters are not places of worship. They serve the same purpose as a scrapbook or a photo album. Pictures of the departed, along with favorite loved objects and other mementoes are placed on the alter. The rest of this day is spent making the favorite foods of this person (or persons.) On the second day, families have big celebrations at their homes. They serve the food they made the day before. They eat candies shaped like skeletons. Friends stop by and people dance and sing. This is a very happy holiday. On the third day, the holiday expands to the town. There may be parades and floats and costumed characters. Coffins are carried that have people in them dressed in skeleton outfits.

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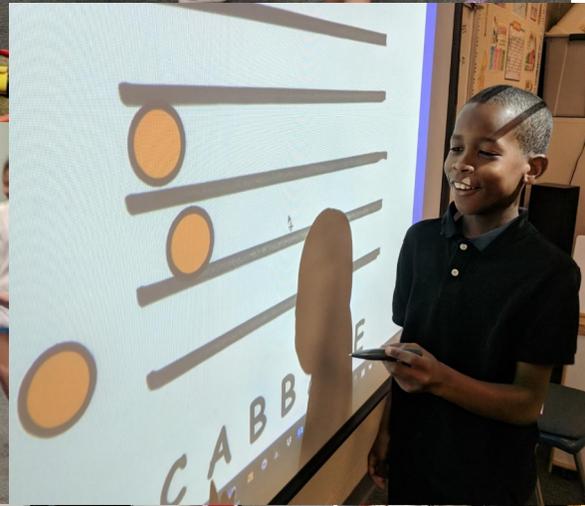
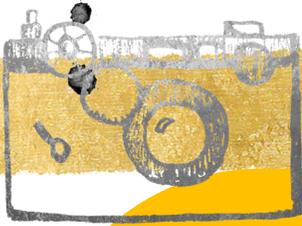
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Coloring Activity:

Print this out, color it using color pencils or markers and turn it into Mrs. Kaya and you'll be recognized on Morning Announcements as well as have it displayed in the Art room this month so all MDE STUDENTS will see your creation in the Art Room!



Music News



Interview of Mrs. Dixon by Jack M. (5th Grade)

1. How long have you been teaching at MDE?

This is my 20th year!

2. Can we expect more performances this year?

Oh yes! We have an exciting Halloween Mini Musical and the 70th Anniversary Party for MDE featuring the 4th Grade Dancers on November 30th.

3. What college did you go to?

The University of Houston Moore's School of Music and before that I went to HSPVA , The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts for Piano!

4. What was your job before a Music Teacher?

I enjoyed working in various Restaurants!

5. What do you like to do on the weekends?

I like to go Running with my running group and I'm going to the Texas Renaissance Festival– you should go!

6. What are you going to be for Halloween?

I'm going to be the artist Frida Kahlo!

1. How many pets do you have and what kind?

I have 4 cats! Cats are my favorite!

Third Grade Musical

"Groovin' with The Grimms"

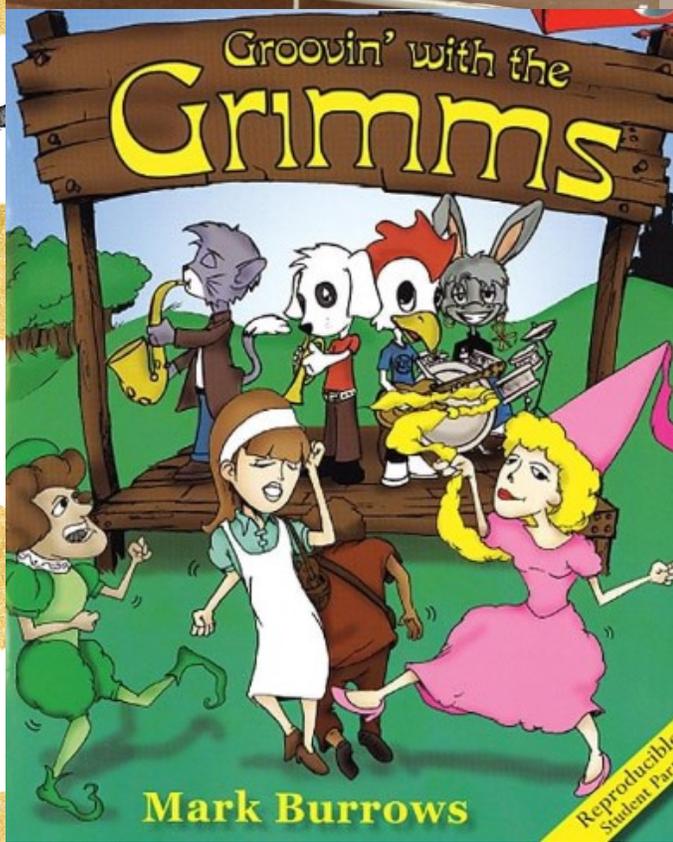
Thursday, November 8th

3 Shows!

8:15 a.m. & 8:55 a.m. for Students & Teachers

5:30 p.m. for Parents & Community

(5:00p.m. Call Time)



Elijah's "One Bowl" Chocolate Cake

-5th Grade

My cake is called The One Bowl chocolate cake!

This took a long time to make this with my mom. You could make this, too.

2 white sugar

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 1/2 teaspoons of baking powder

1 1/2 teaspoons of baking soda

1 teaspoons of salt

2 eggs

1 cup of milk

1/2 cup of vegetable oil

2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

1 cup of boiling water.

Mix all of the ingredients and bake in an oven set at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



The Taylor Swift Concert

A Review By The Smooke Family



Madison and I went to the Taylor Swift concert on Saturday it was the most amazing concert I have ever been to. They had snakes coming out of the stage. Also she had some really cool costumes. They had all these cool special-effects. She is such a fabulous entertainer!



Health Fitness News

Hello MDE Ponies! Coach Nguyen here, Please disregard the letter that was sent home regarding the "Kids Heart Challenge" (formerly known as Jump Rope for Hearts). It has been cancelled, sorry for any confusion!

Keep Moving Ponies!!



MEGA Mini Talent Show Review

By Parker Nelson

The first act was done by Emily Hill, singing “Do Re Mi” with Ms. Dixon on the piano. If you ever want to learn that song then go to Emily because she knows how to sing it great.

Act two was done by John Deboben playing “Hedwig’s Theme” on the piano. You could tell by his performance that he puts in a lot of practice.

Act three was done by Caitlin Chang who played “Song of the Troubadour” on the piano. She had an outstanding performance.

The fourth act was done by two third grade girls, Elnaz Shirazian and Sabrina Askari, who dance to “Magic”. They were some of the best kid dancers that I had ever seen.

Act five was done by Emma Smalling-Cardona dancing to “I’m in Love with a Monster”. She really put on a good performance. She was lights out.

The sixth act was third graders – Shayley Dubey, Taylor Harting, Addison Womac, Meadow Morales, Sophie Klimchuk, Thy Pham, Currie Bechtol, Haden Granmayeh, Allison Lee, David Puga, Jillian Berend, and Keller Parr – who sang “The 6-Un-Wicked Witches”. There were witches, farmers and towns people. It was a great “peek” to the upcoming musical.

Act seven was a fourth grade dance group who danced to “Ghostbusters Mashup”. The dancers included MaryAlan Reeves, Izzy Pilegge, Zoe An, Gigi Gompers, Aurelie Bissig, Claire Loggenberg, Ellie Potosky, Allie Parrish, Audrey Zatorski, Liv Hash, Adie Eagle and Anna Vera Lagers. Their outfits were fun.

Good Times at MDE! Check out our pics from the MEGA Mini Talent Show!

Missed it? Check out these links!

Emma S.-C. Dancing to “I'm in Love with a Monster”:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/C5F9gEFRsjF9g3t3A>

4th Grade Dance Group Dancing to “Ghostbusters”:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3QqhADSxqd36A1iB6>



The Haunted House by Carter C.– 5th Gr.



Tentative Week Schedule

Cultural Arts “India” Schedule

| | Monday November 12 | Tuesday November 13 | Wednesday November 14 | Thursday November 15 | Friday November 16 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Theme for the Day | Colors of the Flag (Saffron, White, Green) | Indian Sport Teams | Festivals | Bollywood - Movies | Celebrate India |
| All day | Tour Room 406 Each class will go on an interactive visit to “India” in Room 406. Check with your teacher or class parent for day and time. | | | | |
| 7:30 | | | Indian Breakfast (on deck) 3rd & 4th grade dance performance | Indian Wedding Horse on Deck | |
| 7:50 – 8:00 | MDE TV | MDE TV | MDE TV | MDE TV | MDE TV |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | | | | Recess Activities | |
| Lunch 1:10 – 1:55 | | Market Day Dance Performance | | | |
| 2:05 – 2:50 | | Dance Performance | | | |
| 3:00-3:15 | | | Holi Celebration | | |
| 6:00 pm | Bollywood Night | | | | |

S'mores Cake by Hannah H. (5th Grade)

Ingredients:

Half loaf pre-baked Angel Food Cake

2 Hershey's Chocolate Bars

1 Sleeve of Graham Crackers

Mini Marshmallows

Directions:

1. Line a pan with foil and heat up the oven to 350 degrees. Melt the chocolate and the marshmallows.
2. While the oven is heating up and melting the chocolate and the marshmallows, break up your angel food cake and place it in the bottom.
3. Then break up the graham crackers and place it on top of the angel food cake.
4. Next, you break up the chocolate and place it on top of the graham crackers.
5. Finally, you pour some mini marshmallows on the very top.
6. Bake it and ENJOY!

Praise for Our Newsletter!

We asked our
5th Graders what they liked about the Newsletter!

I liked the recipes for the food. Yes I learned about the mini school talent show. I would like to see some interviews maybe about sbmsa sports.

-Paige P.

My favorite part was all the positivity in the newsletter. I did not learn anything new about the events. I already knew about the events. I would like to see more events listed in the newsletter. If I did want to contribute, I would try to ask kids about what they like at MDE.

Pierce J.

My favorite part of the newsletter was the comic that Austin Miller drew it was really funny :) I learned about who did the talent show and what they did. I learned about the mini talent show because I wasn't at school that early. In future newsletters I would like to see a comedy page. I could maybe do a comedy page if I join the newsletter team.

-Tanner D.

My favorite part of the newsletter is the comic. I learned about the mini talent show for one of the reflections. I think that a calendar of events should be added. I will not add to the newsletter, but am looking forward to the next one!

Conrad S.

I would like to see more recipes and maybe some more coloring pages or more cross word puzzles.

-Karli D.

My favorite thing in the newsletter was Austin's comic. I would want to add some football scores baseball scores and basketball scores.

-Grant H.

I like the newsletter because it is all about what has happened to MDE in the past few months. It is so cool because it is up to date! Keep up the good work!

-Gage S.

My favorite part of the newsletter is how we get to learn about other people's hobbies, sports, recipes, (etc.).

-Claire D.

My favorite part of the newsletter was the mini talent show. I learned what time and dates that mini talent show are so next time I could watch it. I would like to see more interviews so I can learn more about our teachers. I would also like to see kids writing about their experience at mde and how much they like it. I contributed last newsletter.

-Gianna G.

My favorite part of the newsletter is Sophia. A drew a coloring picture and I liked Austin's comic strip. I never knew there was a mini talent show...I learned that many people did the first mini talent show by looking at the picture. More stories...I would like to write a realistic fiction story! I will definitely try to do Mrs. Dixon's almost Pinterest perfect ghosties they look so easy to make, fun, and yummy! 😊

-Anita C.

I think there should be more activities` such as another coloring page and more reviews. I think my fav part was the recipes.

-Mary B.

My fav part about the newsletter was Austin's comic. I didn't learn anything but I would love to see some sports. I can't contribute to the newsletter because I have work to do. But I am excited for the next one.

-Cate T.

My favorite part was seeing my painting that was exciting! I learned that the book fair was a great success. More recipes contributed by students. I would be happy to give you one but right now I cannot think of one.

-Mazie R.

I would like to see logic puzzles, seasonal stuff and links to find stuff.

-Sophia A.

I would like some fun facts about history like for China (I can also do a bunch of other country) paper, printing, seismograph, silk and more and I can tell the origin of why they did it and how they did it.

-Kevin G.

My favorite part was Sophia's drawing. In future newsletters you guys should add a few short stories that are only a few paragraphs.

-Olivia M.

My fav part was Sophia's drawing that she did y'all should make a little story about something's about music and art

-Elizabeth S.

My favorite part of the newsletters was the reviews on the book fair and the mini talent show because if you missed one of those two you would be able to find out what had happened. I learned about what happened at the mini talent show because I was late to school that day. I would like to see some more delicious recipes in the newsletter. I would like to contribute to the newsletter and do my review on Mrs. Dixon and maybe some other people.

-Jack M

Save the Date

November

8- 3rd Grade Musical

8:15 a.m.. & 8:55 a.m.

Program for Students &
Teachers

5:00 p.m. Call Time

5:30 p.m. Performance for
Parents & Community

**12- 4th Grade Dance
Bollywood Cultural Arts
Program 6-7 p.m.**

November 12-16

Cultural Arts Week

November 14-4th

**Grade Dance Cultural
Arts Performance @**

7:30 a.m. in Cafeteria

**November 30-Happy
Birthday MDE Party @**

7:30 a.m.

December

**6-SBMS Holiday Fine Arts
Tour (Choir, Orchestra &
Band) Visits MDE's 4th & 5th
Grades.**

**13- 4th Grade Hand Bell &
Choir Concert**

8:15 a.m. & 8:55 a.m.

Program for Students &
Teachers

5:10 p.m. Call Time

5:30 p.m. Performance for
Parents & Community

December

TBA-

**MDE Fiddlin' Ponies
Winter**

Violin Concert