

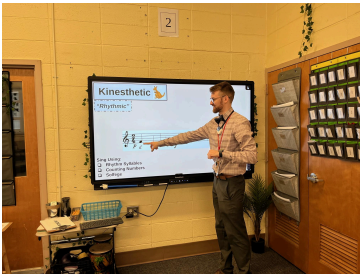
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NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS



Mr. Natiello, Music Teacher

By: Noah.Finkelstein and Johann Chiri



Mr. Natiello is the new music teacher at Sandshore school. He hopes his students love music like he does. The most interesting thing about him is that he teaches kindergarten

through fifth grade old classic songs.

Mr. Natiello thinks "music is one of those things you can't do by yourself and it makes a lot of memories". He chose this school because he worked here 3 or 4 years ago and he grew up around here. He started liking music because he always had a musical family. He likes Sandshore School because everybody is open minded to music and students do their best to follow directions. He loves this school and enjoys music and his students love learning about music. He used to work at another school called Osbornville. He also worked at two high schools. The whole school is glad to have you back!

Mrs. Velasquez: Guidance Counselor

By: Noah.Finkelstein and Johann Chiri

Mrs. Velasquez is the school guidance counselor and she loves to help students. She stands up against bullying around the state of New jersey.

Mrs. Velasquez really wanted to help others and staff with resources. Mrs. Velasquez came from a serious field but she was looking for a change, so she interviewed with other schools. She really enjoyed meeting the staff at Sandshore and

hearing about things in Sandshore school. She thinks the school is right for her because she feels it is "a cup of positive community" and everyone shows companionship for working with each other. She believes she's gotten a lot of feedback from students and staff. Mrs. Velasquez loves being a counselor and she loves working in schools. She loves working with different people. She worked in different towns like Jersey City, Paterson, Newark, Passaic, and Springfield. Welcome to Sandshore, Mrs. Velasquez!



Mr. McKenna, Third Grade Teacher

By Kylie Huber, Braelynn Furman & Alisha Vaidya

Questions	Answers
Have you ever taught at a school before?	Yes, he used to teach private school
What was it like there?	It was in a city so it was not very open spaced.
How do you feel at Sandshore?	He feels very excited to go to work every day.
Is third grade the grade you wanted to teach?	Yes, he wanted to get third grade because he gets to see the progress.
What is something you like about Sandshore?	He likes the people he works with and how they all work together.
Do you want to stay at Sandshore?	Yes, he would love to stay at Sandshore.

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Miss McCrea: Our Amazing Gym Teacher

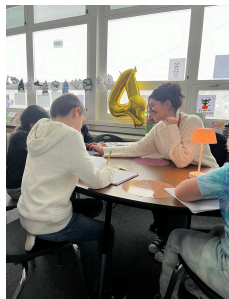
By Kylie Huber, Braelynn Furman & Alisha Vaidya



Questions:	Answers:
What was it like at the middle school?	Interesting she taught 5 classes
Did you play any sports when you were growing up?	Yes she played 2 sports growing up.
Which ones?	She played soccer and softball.
Why did you come back?	Because it's different, the people that were in kindergarten are now in 4th grade
What is something you like about Sandshore?	She likes that it's later time so she gets to sleep in and the people she works with and how they all work together.

Miss Aydin, New 4th Teacher

By Kylie Huber, Braelynn Furman & Alisha Vaidya



Questions	Answers
Is fourth grade the grade you wanted to teach?	Miss Aydin wanted to teach 1st but she likes 4th

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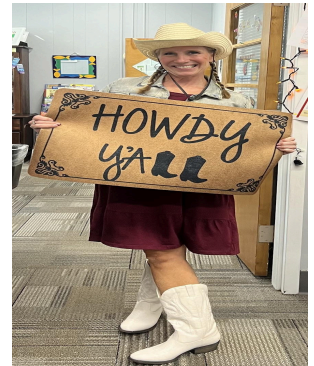
What is something you like about sandshore?	She loves all the people and kids at Sandshore.
What do you teach?	Miss Aydin said reading and a little bit of everything.
Do you want to stay at Sandshore?	She loves it and really wants to stay.
What's your favorite subject?	She loves Math and writing
How does it feel to be a full time teacher?	It's crazy and Miss Aydin loves it

ALL ABOUT OUR PRINCIPALS

All about Mrs Curry

By Vinayak Rane and Sreehan Kotturu

So if you are wondering who Ms. Curry is and would like to know her, this is all about her life as a principal so far.



Ms. Curry is the principal of Sandshore Elementary School in Mount Olive Township, New Jersey. She used to be a teacher at Tinc Elementary School but then she saw the opportunity to be a principal at Sandshore Elementary School. She has to watch over 400 students!!! She came to Sandshore Elementary School to help kids who need a good school to be in.

Mrs. Curry works hard to make Mount Olive a better place by teaching people how to be good

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citizens and getting them ready for the next grade that will come soon. Sandshore Elementary has something called Caught Being Good and it helps kids be kind to each other and to recognize students.

Sandshore also has a tradition of giving birthday books that Ms. Curry gives out. The principal before her started this and she thought it was a very good practice and will help kids with reading and enjoying books.

Ms. Curry came to Sandshore Elementary School in the year 2019 to be a principal. She also said that being a principal is super hard work because there are a lot of students and staff members asking her questions all the time. When she became a principal, everybody started to love her because she is organized, helpful, kind and supportive.

**Scan here to join Sandshore's team
for kids heart challenge.**



Starts on 12-5-24 to 1-31-25

All About Mrs. Reyes

By: Rose Wolfson, Natalia Hanna & Kara Tingole

Mrs. Reyes is the Vice Principal of Sandshore School. This is her first year as a Vice Principal. She is very excited to be a vice principal because it was her dream.



As a vice principal, Mrs. Reyes helps teachers, students and parents. She also helps with planning the new activities and events that help Sandshore. Another way she can help is she makes schedules. Last year, Mrs. Reyes was Mrs. Curry's intern. When Mrs. Mcfarlane's job (which is Vice Principal) opened up, Mrs. Reyes applied for the job and she got it!

Mrs. Reyes's birthday is on April 1st. She has a son named Mihalias, who is two years old. Her favorite colors are pink and red. She also likes sushi as her favorite food. Also her favorite animal is a penguin. Her favorite subject is E.L.A. Miss Reyes also wanted to be a principal when she was younger, Now she's a vice principal. This is her 7th year at sandshore. Another fact about her is she likes the beach and shopping. She also loves to bake, and make her favorite pastries. She loves cakes, cookies, cupcakes, cake pops, and rice crispies.

One of her quotes is " If you follow your dreams, You can do anything". And that is all about Mrs. Reyes! 😊

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SEASONAL EVENTS

The Marvelous Holiday Shop

by: Madison Figueroa & Emma Tamayo



Kids of Sandshore get ready for the amazing holiday shop. The holiday shop has a lot of good stuff. It is located in the gym and is open between December 6th-10th. This

year the holiday shop has squishmallows, jewelry, blankets and so much more! The SHSP gives kids the time to shop for small presents for family and friends.

Items in the holiday shop are priced between \$1-\$20. The holiday shop is an annual tradition and it has been going on for a long time in Sandshore School. In the holiday shop there are also Marauder hats. They are so cool! Also Beanie hats at \$12 and Baseball Hats at \$18.

Your parents can help volunteer at the holiday shop too. They have to fill out a form and give it back to your teacher. The holiday shop is looking forward to a lot of volunteers this season.

The holiday shop is looking forward to seeing you. May everyone have a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and wonderful gifts!

Trunk-or-Treat

By: Jocelyn Koehler and Tara Sekagya

On October 27, 2024, Trunk or Treat happened. Trunk or Treat happened at Sandshore. If you don't know what a trunk or treat is, it is like a trick or treat but people park their car there and they open their trunk, decorate it and give out candy to the trunk or treaters! Kids go to Trunk or Treat to get candy and have fun with their friends. Teachers go to Trunk or treat to give out

candy to kids and they like to do it with teachers or maybe they like to do it alone and watch the kids have fun! How you are going to get there is you drive to school and park in the parking lot and you're going to walk to the Trunks and start having the time of your life.

After Trunk or Treat, students at Sandshore school were interviewed about their favorite trunk with a poll. The results of the poll are:

- 5 votes for the My Singing Monsters trunk
- 9 votes for the Devil Trunk
- 8 votes for the Angel Trunk
- 5 votes for the Thing 1 thing 2 Trunk
- 3 vote for the Spider Trunk
- 5 votes for the Jurassic park Trunk
- 8 votes for the Space Trunk

Spirit Weeks

By: Emily Toto and Misha Iyengar

We interviewed Mrs. Roman to learn more about Spirit Weeks. Here are some questions we asked her:

1. What are your ideas for Spirit Weeks? Week of Respect.
2. Can we change anything? We could try.
3. Why are Spirit Weeks so important? Bringing Awareness.
4. Can there be Spirit Weeks more often? Mrs. Roman would like that.
5. What made you think of Spirit Weeks? To make kids and teachers appreciate differences in different people.
6. Can there be some Spirit Weeks about how you act? Yes.
7. Can we do different color weeks? We could try.
8. Can we do different holiday themes? We could try.
9. How did you organize the days of the Spirit Weeks? Already built into the calendar

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STUDENT CLUBS/ ACTIVITIES

Robotic Masterpieces

By Jacob Strzpek and Deetya Billava

Hello this is coming straight from Sandshore school First Lego League: We have 15 missions to complete. Missions are problems that can be solved with coding robots made out of spike lego. Spike lego is a special coding lego set. We completed this project with the help of Mrs. Giusto and Mrs. Marques. Mrs. Giusto teaches more on the days we do research. Mrs. Marques teaches more on the days we do code. We meet every Tuesday morning and Friday after school. We meet at the Library where the lego table is.

Some students in fourth grade do lego club. It is where you learn how coding legos work. First, you have to build your base, called a Driving Base. Second, you build the code and that is the fun part. You use a computer and go to the spike lego app to work on your project. You work to build the code to make the robot move.



Make sure to check out First Lego League at their Regional Competition at MOHS on Sunday December 15!

Chorus is a Singing Hit!

By Brynn Backman, Lana Brofsky, Courtney Young and Mckenna Neidhardt

Mr. Natiello and the chorus crew have some news for you! Chorus meets on Fridays during recess in the music room. Mr. Natiello has a quote for you! "Together we can make something greater than ourselves", Mr. Natiello said while we interviewed him. He also said "The oldies are the goodies!", in case you're wondering why almost all of the songs are older. Chorus meets on fridays at their recess time.

Chorus is open to 4th and 5th graders. If you're in 3rd grade and you're interested, next year you could join the chorus crew! I shall warn you... YOU WILL LOVE IT!! We always come out of the music room singing Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree! Sometimes we sing the whole day!

Mr. Natiello always starts with a warm up. He gives us this piece of a song and we have to name the notes and then sing them. At the last two chorus practices before a concert we would gather 4th and 5th graders to practice songs together. The concert dates are below if you are interested. We interviewed some of the students



that do chorus and here is what they said about how they like chorus! "You get to make a ton of good friends, and Mr Natiello is sooo nice!" said one of the 4th graders we interviewed.

When Mr. Natiello was in middle school, he fell in love with music and now to this day he still

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loves music! He also played a lot of different instruments like his first instrument, the clarinet. He loves all music! Chorus is so fun! You should have fun with us in fourth and fifth grade too! Cause after all chorus is a singing hit!!!

The songs that will be performed in the winter concert are Happiest Christmas Tree, Hanukkah, Hanukkah, Winter Wonderland, Home for the Holidays, Frosty the Snowman and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. We practice a few songs everyday. Lately, we've sung all the songs and mastered most of them! Also we do stuff with band.

December 9th, 2024 is scheduled as our first, amazing and fantastic concert of this school year! Our spring concert is on May 9th 2025 with 5th grade and 4th grade so it's going to be crazy loud.

Art Recess Club

By: Angeline Gonzales, Emma Vogel and Reyansh Bhattacharya



Mr. Heckman and students are a part of the art recess club. The art room is where the art recess club is held. During art recess club the students work hard to make beautiful art.

In October, the art theme was watercolor. In November, the art theme was printing. The art recess

club started due to students coming out of recess to be creative. The ideas of art recess club are sometimes related to class work or it can not be related to class at all. The students can sign up on google classroom that Mr. Heckman posts every

ART CLUB CONTINUED...

Sunday. Once the students sign up for art club they will meet every Tuesday.

If the art club is canceled Mr. Heckman will post it in his google classroom.

His google classroom code is shared with everybody in fourth grade at the beginning of the school year.

Every month Mr. Heckman will open a new form for new students to sign up. This cycle makes sure that everybody that wants to join the art recess club gets a chance to make art. Our interviews with Mr. Heckman inform us that the art recess club is a great place to create art. At the end of the day it is a great day for the art recess club!



Gym Recess Club

By: Jalen Hills, Zachary Tyburski & Achaki Anyangwe

Gym recess club is for games that you do not play



in gym. It is also for people that like sports like football, soccer or wiffleball. Mr. Falkman runs a gym recess club with Miss McCrea. Gym recess club is for any age. It takes place at the back

fields of Sandshore. It starts at the beginning of 4th grade recess. Gym recess club can be competitive, but it also can be for fun. And it is an opportunity to experience sports but have fun playing sports. Mr. Falkman doesn't only

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run gym recess club for 4th grade he also runs it for 5th grade. If you want to sign up in December you can, it's only on Mondays. But if it is not an out day there is no gym recess club that day.

Band & Orchestra

By Emily Martino & Anvita Kundarapu

We are talking about band and orchestra. What is your favorite instrument? Would you want to be in a band or orchestra? We are introducing Mr. Spendly, the orchestra teacher and Mrs. Cardillo, the band teacher.



Orchestra:

Instruments are played with strings and you have to use a bow. There are violins, viola, cello, and also the bass. Mr. Spendly is the teacher of orchestra in Sandshore school and orchestra practice is on Thursdays.

Mr. Spendly wanted to be a music teacher because his high school music teacher inspired him to teach. He wanted to be an orchestra teacher because he came from an orchestra background. His favorite thing about music is that it brings everyone together. Mr. Spendly's favorite instrument is the Hammond B3 Organ. A lot of people say that Mr. Spendey is funny, respectful, silly, cool, kind hearted, and amazing. Some people that play instruments said that the violin is popular, the violin is cool to play, the bass is big and it is way different than a violin.

Band:

The instruments are played with air from your mouth. There are flutes, baritones, clarinets, saxophones,

trumpets and tuba. Mrs. Cardillo is a band teacher at Sandshore School and she teaches band on Wednesdays and Fridays.



Mrs. Cardilo wanted to be a music teacher because you can always find something you like. She picked band to teach because she is better at it. Her favorite instrument is the flute and the piano. She also loves music. A lot of people say that Mrs. Cardillo is clever, loving, helpful, interesting, sweet, kind hearted, and amazing. We interviewed some band students: She said "The

baritone is unique, clarinet makes fun sounds, saxophones make funny sounds, flute makes smooth sounds."

THANK YOU to all who helped make this newspaper possible! We appreciate *all the staff* who welcomed interviews, allowed for photos and were overall, a big help!

Right: Don't forget our Sandshore Spirit Days leading up to

