JDMS JOURNAL

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Spartan Pride!



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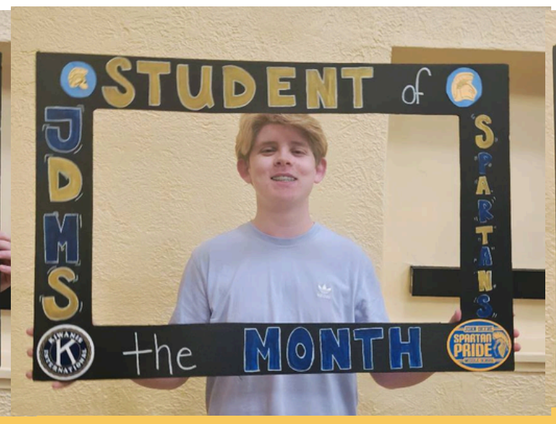
Embrace Race Field Trip

A group of JDMS students were invited to Augustana to attend the Embrace Race event. The boys represented John Deere well! They listened to a panel of Augustana students talk about how to be successful in college. Then they had lunch and time to network with community leaders. The afternoon ended with keynote speaker, Jamal Cole from Chicago and a tour of the campus. The message for the boys was "Do more than what people expect of you." It was a great day! Thank you, Ms. Noble for making this possible!

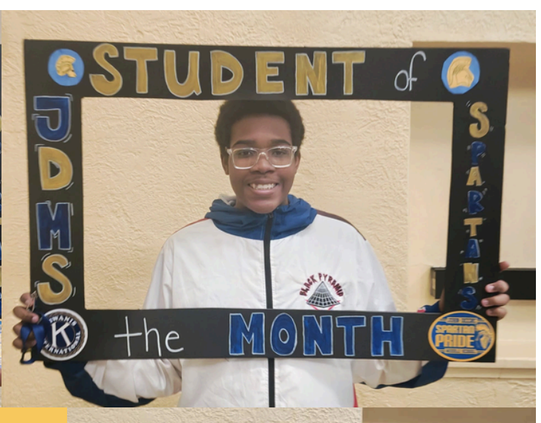
STUDENT OF THE MONTH











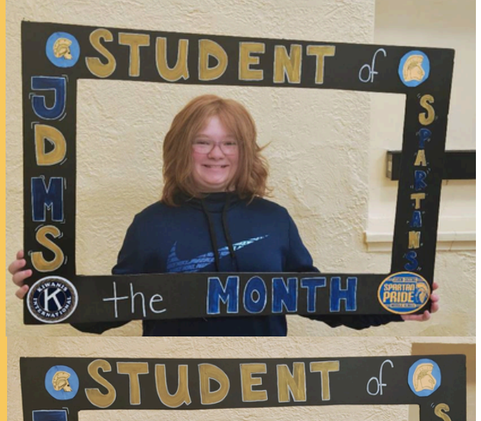




CONGRATULATIONS!!

Joselyn Villalobos
Rosemary Krack
Konnor McKenzie
Kaden Larson
Jentry Mock
Madisen Mueller
Maddux Lilliman
Scarlett Green
Graciela Martinez - Castaneda
Macyn Barrera
Wyatt Henry
Ulyses Rosas Vera
JT Lucas-McCart
Sincere Head





Spartan pride!

THANK YOU FOR BEING

RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, AND READY!





HAPPENING!

May 2025

JDMS Art Show



May 1st 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Half Day

May 7th

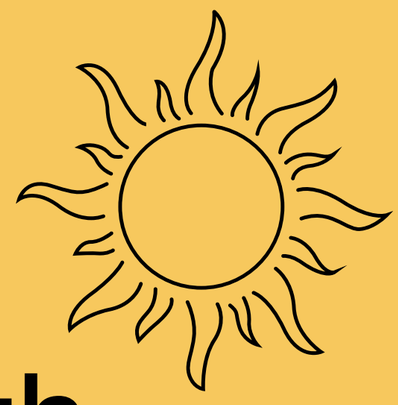
Frozen Jr.



May 8th - 9th

Mother's Day

Sun. May 11th



MAP Testing

Beginning Mon. May 12th

Memorial Day - No School

Mon. May 26th

8th Grade Field Trip/Recognition/Dance

Thu. May 29th



Last Day of School

Half Day - Fri. May 30th

Click here for the JDMS Calendar

GO Spartans!

SPARTAN SPORTS

Track & Field

JDMS Track is a season all about personal growth. The kids come to practice each day and are pushed to run faster, jump higher, and throw farther. It is a time to challenge themselves to find their limits and go beyond. Each meet brings about new competition. We see some of the same runners from the different schools, and our athletes continue to let that competitive spirit prevail. This season each athlete was able to gain a new PR (personal record) and really shine in their event. We are sad to see the 8th graders go, but we know they will find success in future MHS track years (or other sports). We are excited for next year and hope to bring out more athletes to expand our JDMS track team. Go Spartans!

Conference Winners-->

Bremontae Woods - 3rd place in triple jump

Griffin Clark - 3rd place in 1600m

8th grade girls 4 x 100m dash relay - 3rd place - Ella Harness, Krystal Young, Anika Lund, and Bella McIntyre

Scarlett Green - 2nd place in 400m run

And your Heartland Conference Champions

Bella McIntyre in 100m Dash (1st place)

Ella Harness in the 400m Run (1st place)





Girls Soccer

JDMS Girls Soccer team has 22 hardworking players. The team has practice every day with Coach O'Brien. The team is currently at 3 wins being all away games and all in a row.

Brooklyn Waeyaert - 6 goals and earned MVP at the Wilson game

Ivie Granado - has had 40 saves so far this season!

Brooklyn Waeyaert, Giana Johnson, and Natalie DePorter are the team Captains!

The team hopes to be 5-4 by the end of the season, which is next week! The final game will be against Wilson.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Ruettiger

1. What brought you to JDMS?
I wanted a change of scenery. I had been teaching for the previous 12 years in the high school setting.

2. Introduce your family/life (what you're comfortable with).
I recently became engaged to my fiancé Cammi Wallarab, and we are expecting our first child in October. I am the middle child

3. What are some hobbies? What do you like to do outside of work?
I enjoy spending time with family and friends. One of my favorite hobbies outside of school is going golfing. I also spend a lot of my free time coaching wrestling.

4. Where did you go to school? I graduated from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. I started my college career at the University of St. Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa.

5. Anything else you would like to share? Fun fact: My dad comes from a family of 14, 7 boys and 7 girls. His oldest brother, Danny, has a movie made about him, “Rudy”.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Miles

1. What brought you to JDMS?
My family moved to Rock Island 2 years ago. When I saw an opening for teaching at JDMS I was initially a little nervous, I have primarily taught younger students. I am so so glad that I was offered and then accepted this position! I have really enjoyed the students I get to work with and getting to know the teachers that I co-teach with. I can't wait to come back next year!

2. Introduce your family/life (what you're comfortable with)
I live in Rock Island with my husband, Vince and three kids. I have two daughters, Lennon and Presley. I have one son, Gus. Lennon is currently in college and Presley is a senior at Rock Island High School. Gus is 6 years old and a kindergartner at RICMS. We have two dogs, Peter and Winnie. As a family we love to travel and always have a new trip being planned. Our favorite place to visit is Denali National Park in Alaska. This summer we are visiting Costa Rica, we're all excited to see the wildlife!

3. What are some hobbies? What do you like to do outside of work?
I have a lot of hobbies and try to stay busy! I love baking, which is handy because I have an extreme sweet tooth. I spend a lot of time outside hiking, kayaking and camping. I also make stained glass art. I have a little Etsy shop, this keeps me pretty busy. I'm interested in learning more about sustainability and conservation, then trying to put it into practice in my home life.

4. Where did you go to school?
I attended Upper Iowa University and received my Bachelor's degree in elementary education. I also have a Master's Degree in Special Education and Occupational Programming, also from Upper Iowa University.







8TH GRADE WISDOM FOR UPCOMING STUDENTS!

Thank you 8th graders for three wonderful years at JDMS. We all hope you continue to grow and shine. Good luck in your feature endeavors!

I loved being here at JDMS and I hope incoming students will too. I want to say to not get into any kind of trouble it will not be worth it. Have a good time here at JDMS and enjoy every second of it. Because you won't be a kid for long. Make sure to keep your grades up and have good behavior. Not everyone will like you, not everyone will be kind. just make sure to be your best self and that no one can judge.
- Hayden Peters

I suggest you don't be fake with friends or try to change yourself for them if they are true friends they will love you for you
- Annaliah

"Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life," and "You'll never do a whole lot unless you are brave enough to try."
-Dolly Parton

The best way to meet the people who are meant for you is to BE COMPLETELY yourself!

The fact that I have too many words to say to the next class says a lot on its own. I'm not going to say something basic like "Don't stress" or something, because you will, its natural. Instead what I will say is, let it happen, You'll have bad grades, make bad decisions and you will forget them. Its school, stuff happens, life happens, who cares? Life will be the same no matter what, Try, but don't dwell on your wrong doings so much that you can't keep doing what you are meant to.
-Mason Ransom

BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS, AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL JOURNEY.
- SHANICE

Get involved!!

Whether you decide to join a club, team, or other organization, stay plugged in and build a supportive community!

Stay organized! Create a study schedule and find your own flow



RETIREES

"Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History"
- Eleanor Roosevelt

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"
- Nelson Mandela

Mrs. Williams
8th Grade Social Studies





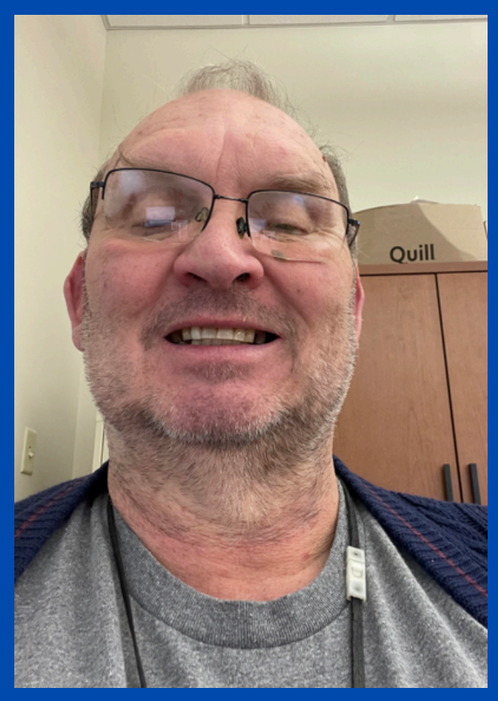
"Come to school each day and be passionate about the difference that you can make! Whether that be a warm smile, an encouraging word, a listening ear, or a laugh to share... Each is a treasure and a gift! ! Showing compassion is one of the most important lessons you can teach!! Before you know it you will be starting the next chapter of your life. Enjoy the journey and remember that each one of you truly makes a difference! "

Ms. Hayes
8th Grade English Language Arts

Congratulations

“The world is a great big place. Have an open mind. Meet new people, try new things. Don't limit yourself. Have fun and get outdoors!

Mrs. Bogart
6th Grade English Language Arts





“JDMS is a wonderful school with a wonderful staff. I have enjoyed working here and all the friendships that I have made. I will miss the day to day interaction with you. Keep in touch!”

- **Mr. Hill**
6-8th Grades Special Education

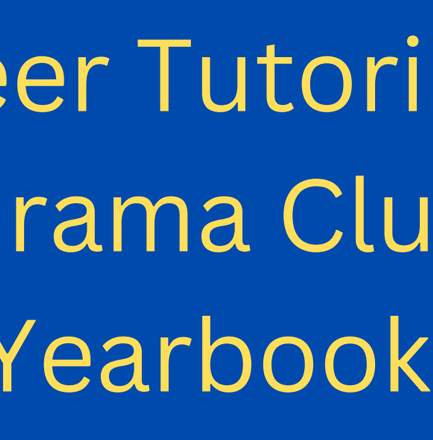
FOCUS ON CLUBS

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Clubs

Chess
Student Council
JDMS Journal
Peer Tutoring
Drama Club
Yearbook
Crimestoppers
Academic Team





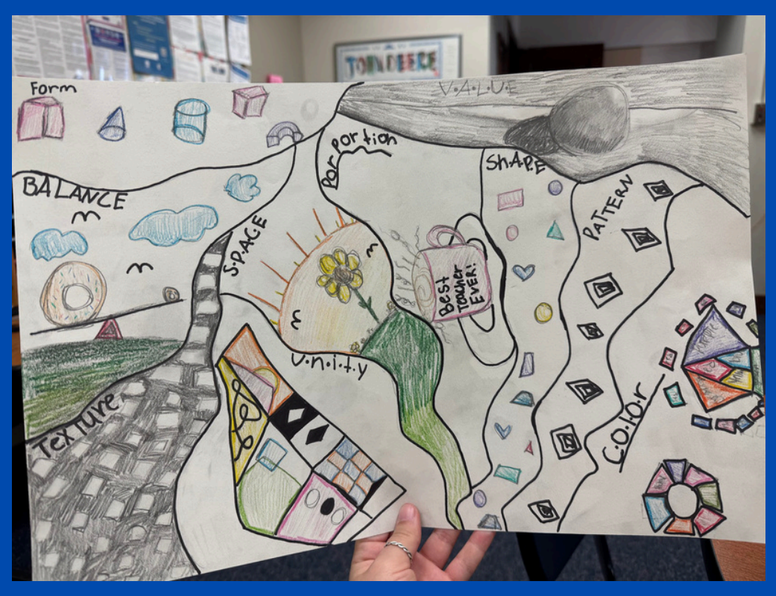
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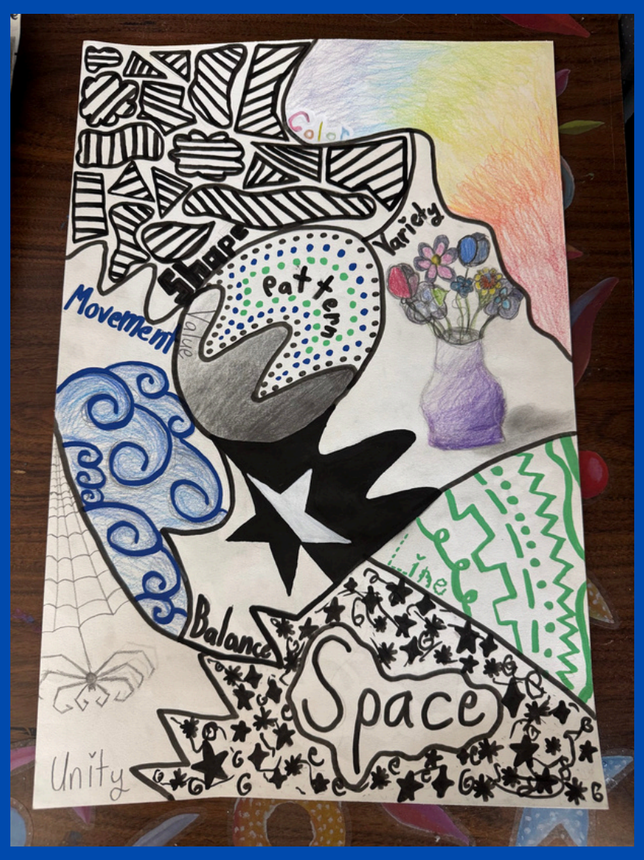
For returning students, consider joining one of the clubs that we featured this year! Being involved in a group activity, such as clubs or sports, is a great way to meet new people and experience new things! We hope to offer more clubs and organizations for the 25-26 school year!

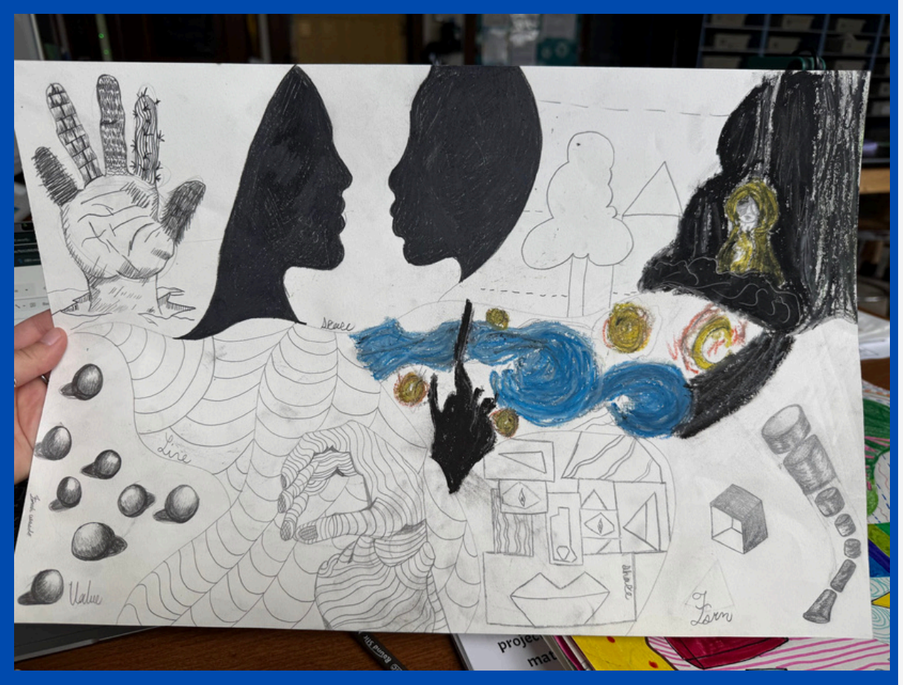
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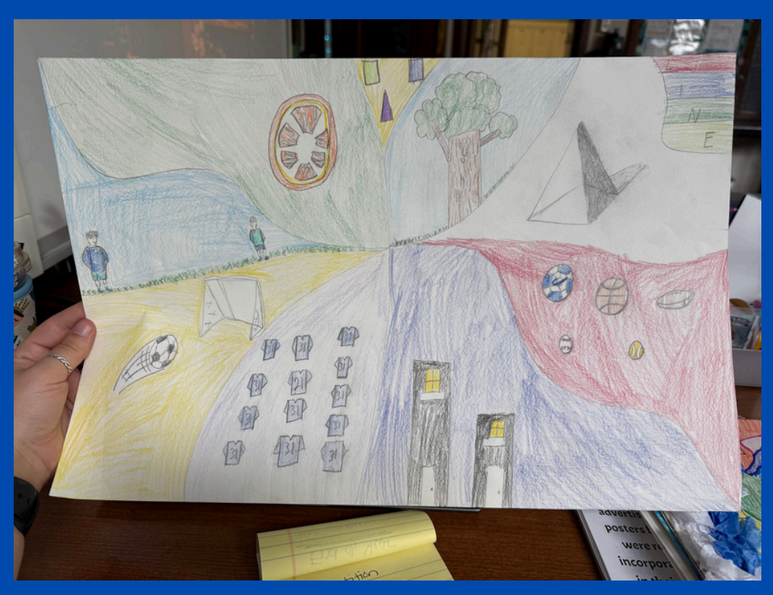










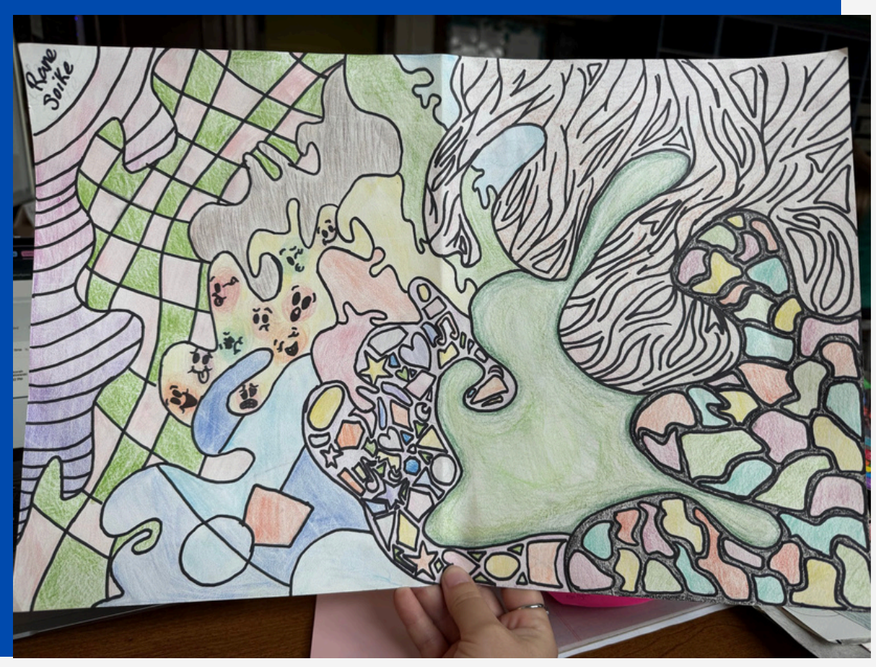






Quarter 4 is off to a great start!







THE ARTS



JDMS ART SHOW

The following students were featured in the 2024-2025 JDMS Art Show.

Great job Artists!

7TH GRADE

- Mila Armenta
- Anne Dykhuizen
- Madisen Mueller
- Rane Soike
- Rylynn Whitmire
- Brooklyn Waeyeart
- Zariah Woods
- Mireya Rivera
- Giana Johnson
- Joanna Rivera
- Korbyn Thomas
- Alannah Herrera
- Giselle Raya
- Amira Escobar
- Ava Senatra
- Olivia Buckallew
- Kholie Parker
- Adonai Gonzalez
- Brylee Kepple
- Natalee Wilson
- Kelly Hellestad
- Payton Glass
- Kinley Carver
- Gracie Gibson
- Paleh Moo
- Scarlett Green
- Elliana Haile
- Josiah Tapia
- Emma Russell
- Chris Coverdill
- Justyce Kane
- Bryana Rivera-Garcia
- Adrian Byrne
- Amelia Kipp
- Levi Merry
- Cian Hillbloom
- Cambree Anderson
- Cristian Oliva
- Mariah Harris
- Hayden Hoover
- Ashton Campbell
- Madeline Robertson
- Brinley Bonjour
- Nalley Vallejo
- Jentry Mock
- Jiovanni Farias
- Lila Bellinger
- Elliana Lopez
- Britta Soucinek
- Liyah Simon
- Aldion Peterson
- Konnor Murphy
- Avery Muller
- Nicole Rico
- Evelyn Behrends
- Juan PIzano



THE ARTS



JDMS ART SHOW

Ms. Malzewski will miss you all and your creativity! Thanks for a great 2 years of Art!

8TH GRADE

- Kadence Miller
- Lucja Pilichowski
- Brooke Bartels
- Karson Hansen
- Natalia Gutierrez
- Evalyn Hurtado-Ortiz
- Elijah Dick
- Brylee Rasdall
- Kasandra Padilla
- Nyeli Stoner-Avery
- Dyan Del Hoyo Maldonado
- Sofia Cruz
- Brynn Herrick
- Laryssa Watkins
- Sam York
- Avagail Gustafson
- Kaidyn Meldrum
- Harrison Pancrazio
- Sophia Tapia
- Lizbeth Pizano
- Camila Ramirez- Sancen
- Syd Mills
- Sydney Hoyt
- Austin Gonzalez
- Adam Ballali
- Emmanuel Almanza Troche
- Jocelyn Wolmack
- Marianna Gutierrez
- Macyn Barrera
- Allyssa Chaffee
- Emily Elisondo
- Ty'Meria Broadway
- Hayden Peters
- Julianna Guinn
- Joshua Nguyen
- Xavier Gutierrez
- Arely Torres
- Isabelle Wright
- Alondra Tapia - Perez
- Nahja Cunningham
- Wyatt Henry
- Sophia Schadel
- Charlee Martinez
- Isaih Sodeman
- Lucas Gomez-Contreras
- Rosalie Galindo
- Mark Hudson
- Keaton Buckley
- Ialyana Duran Agular
- Haylee Smith
- Atzhiri Espinoza
- Kairi Ruby
- Lay Lay Htoo
- Lillian Puebla
- Thaili Ruiz Carapia
- Ta'Liyah Shelton
- Kaya Pena Tellez
- Liliana Ehrmann
- William Key
- Aidra May
- Macey Hogren
- Ella Jackson
- Karolyn Martinez-Hernandez
- Natalie DePoorter
- Elizabeth Roberson
- Nevaeh Neff
- Payton Pham
- Aminatou Diabira
- Anna Sagovia



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Spartan Families:

After ten years as principal of John Deere Middle School, I want to share that I will be stepping into a new role as principal of Morrison High School beginning with the 2025–2026 school year.

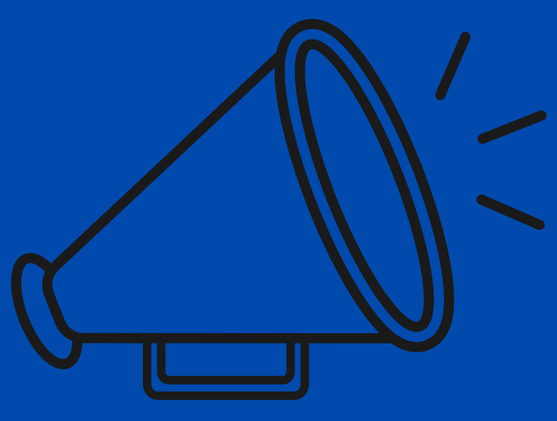
While I'm excited for this next chapter, leaving JDMS is not easy. John Deere is not just a building or a workplace. It is a family, a place of growth, and a community built on pride and resilience. The relationships, memories, and shared purpose will always stay with me, and I am confident that the incredible work happening here will continue to thrive and grow in the years to come.

I'm grateful for the dedicated staff, supportive families, and incredible students who made each day meaningful. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your principal. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my career. #SpartanPride

With gratitude,

Dr. Dusti Markham



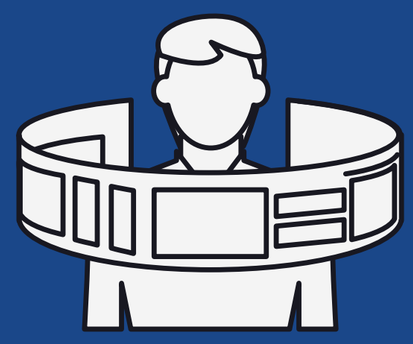


Farewell to Dr. Markham

We wish you luck on your new adventures and appreciate all you've done for JDMS!

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TECH AND MEDIA NEWS



- Switch 2 to be released in June for $450 after a delay on pre-order’s due to tarriffs.
- New and exclusive nintendo game, Mariokart World, being released along side the Switch 2. Mario world will cost users $80 or can be purchased in bundle with the Switch 2
- Bezzo’s Blue Origin took a group of women into space for an 11 minute round trip
- NBA Playoffs are underway!
- Celebraties took the stage during the Met Gala on May 5th.











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IN OTHER NEWS

- The pope has died at the age of 88 on Easter and a new pope has been appointed.
- For earth day, the Indonesian government have opened up waste banks in an attempt to mitigate open dumping
- Public toilets in the capital of Estonia, Tallinn, are becoming coin operated. They now need coins to be unlocked for use, this negatively affects their tourist season, as most tourists only carry visa cards.
- A defunct water park in Utah is being converted into a wide nature park to become a habitat for local animals.
- A ceasefire has been made in the Ukrainian war.



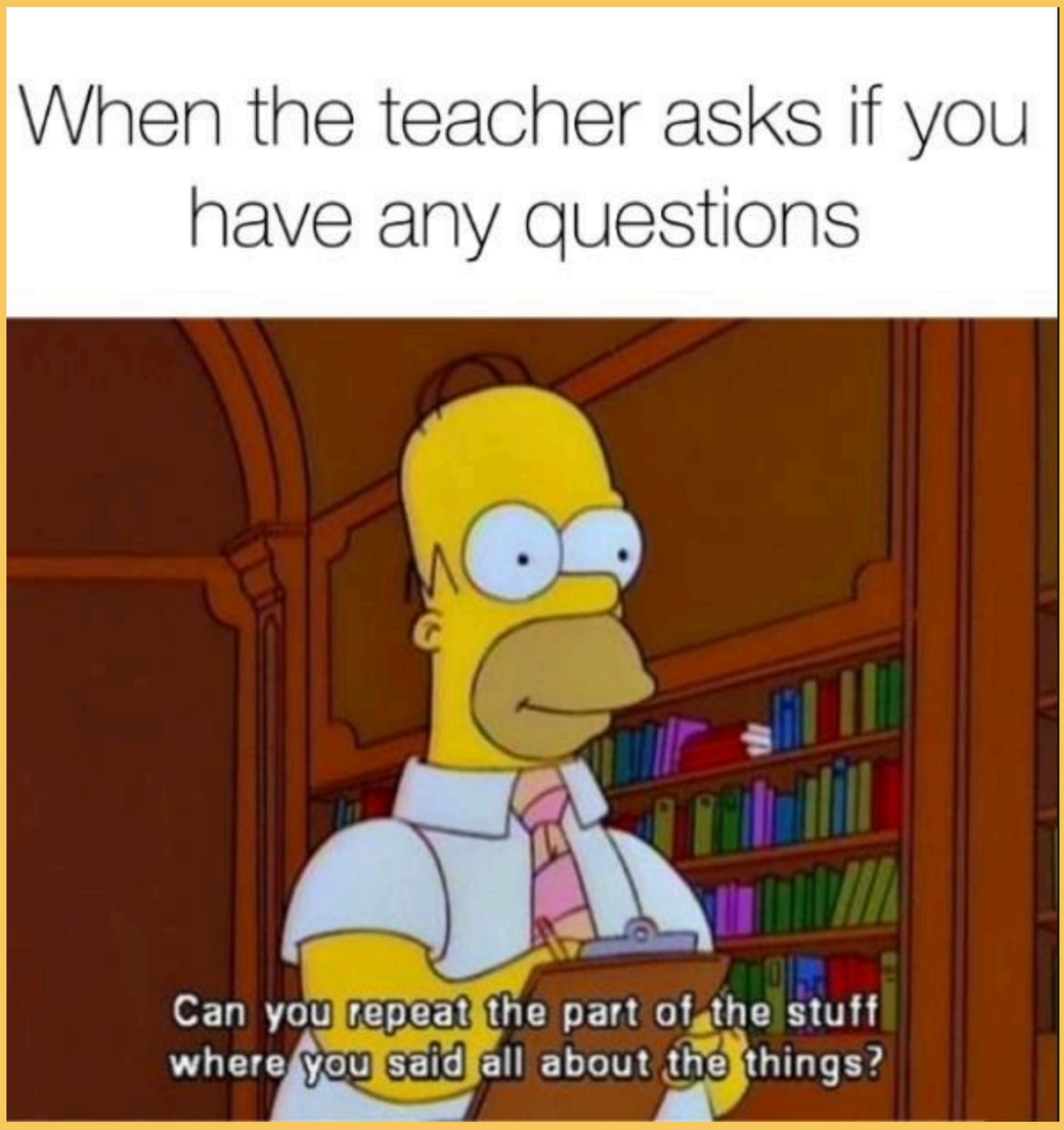


RELATABLE?


LEAVING SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY
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HA HA HA




When the teacher asks if you have any questions
Can you repeat the part of the stuff where you said all about the things?


Teachers
Beginning of the year
End of the year



FUN AROUND JDMS

CHECK OUT OUR

JOHN DEERE MIDDLE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

TO SEE HIGHLIGHTS OF COOL THINGS GOING ON INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM!

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