



## *Congratulations to our Newest Graduates!*

Laughter, joy, and a few tears marked MICH's graduation. Over 70 parents, relatives, current students, alumni, and staff witnessed the progress of our 6th year students - **Mackenzie Durner, Olivia Simmons, Carl Tucker and Amira Tuma**, as they graduated to being alumni.



Together these students have 38 years at MICH. This outstanding class has filled the classroom with their joy, creativity, insatiable learning and care for themselves, each other, and the school.

We wish them and their families well in all future endeavors and are very appreciative of their involvement in our community. We look forward to their continued support as alumni and alumni parents!

## *Jean Burgess Announces Her Retirement*

For over 21 years, MICH has been fortunate to have Jean Burgess at the helm of our school. Under her leadership MICH has grown from a start-up school to being the preeminent Montessori school in the Annapolis area.

Jean has overseen a multitude of changes since 1990 when she joined the staff. MICH has added an upper elementary program; reconfigured spaces and added new rooms; the toddler and upper playground have been renovated; the library has doubled in size; Spanish has been added to the curriculum; the extended day program has expanded and nappers now includes toddlers; fundraising is now an established part of MICH with the Greatest Need Campaign, the Annual Fund and biannual Auction providing necessary funds for continued improvements; our website now provides information to prospective and current parents. MICH has also become a certified Maryland Green School, and continues on a strong financial foundation.



*Jean leaves her mark on the renovated upper playground*

We wish Jean the very best as she 'retires' to travel and in all the new adventures that await her - - and our deepest thank you for making MICH what it is today!

## *Advertisement for Administrative Director Position*

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please pass on this information!

Montessori International Children's House (MICH) is seeking an **Administrative Director** for the 2012-2013 school year to replace the current Director who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. The ideal candidate will possess administrative experience including excellent communication and management skills, an understanding of fundraising, development, facilities management and a commitment to providing excellent Montessori education based on AMI principles.

MICH, established in 1985, is an independent not for profit AMI recognized Montessori school governed by a parent Board of Directors. MICH serves approximately 150 children ages 18 months through 6th grade. Our beautiful, well maintained, 4-acre campus is located in historic Annapolis, Maryland.

Please send resume and letter of interest to [searchcommittee@montessorinternational.org](mailto:searchcommittee@montessorinternational.org).

## Alum Updates ...

**Don't see your name? It must be because we don't know what you are doing and we want to! Please email information and pictures to [mking@montessorinternationl.org](mailto:mking@montessorinternationl.org)**

**Caroline Boehringer** is transitioning well to Cape St. Claire first grade and seems to forever ponder why it's so noisy in the classroom and she is confined to a desk.

**Claudia Boehringer** participated in the SPY Kids Triathlon on September 17, 2011 finishing first in the girls 9-10 age group (her 3rd consecutive year of winning the event). Claudia swims for the Naval Academy Aquatics Club and finished the 2010-2011 short course season ranked in the top 10 in the state for her age group. Claudia participated in the 2011 NAAC Open Water Swim on September 10. She swam a 1/2 mile course on the Chesapeake Bay finishing 2nd in her age group with a time of 16.44.19.



**Lucy Boehringer** also participated in the SPY Kids Triathlon in September and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the girls 8 and under age group.

*Lucy and Claudia Boehringer*

**Nicholas Bontempo** is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Bates in the Performing & Visual Arts Program. He is still playing the drums and loving the school. It seems MICH prepared him well, he was on the honor roll all last year. Nicholas is still playing football and really enjoys it.

**Sophia Bontempo** is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hillsmere Elementary. She is also playing soccer and loving it.

**Meghan Burgess** O'Brien and her husband Patrick just moved from San Francisco to Boston. Meghan, an AMI primary directress, is teaching at Computer Associates in Framingham, MA. They are proud new pet owners of a lab/German shepherd mix named Scarlett.

**David Burgess** - David recently returned from Cambodia where he has been teaching English at the Western International School in Phnom Penh. David has spent most of his time living in Southeast Asia since his graduation from the University of Rhode Island. He hopes his next stop will be Israel.

**Mae Kate Campbell ('07), Emily Gove ('07), and Claire Whitaker** are very involved with the Environmental Club at Broadneck High School.

**Martha Campbell ('10)** was named Strawberry Princess at the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival this past summer.

**Mary Dean** is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Oak Hill ES where her love of the outdoors and unique fashion sense continue to be the hallmarks of her ebullient personality. Mary traveled to Canada this summer and recently went ice skating with **Sienna Sallustio**.

**Mackenzie Durner ('11)** is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Martins in the Field.

**Aaron Finkle ('04)** was named a National Merit Scholarship Winner, and graduated from Severn School in June. He is a freshman at the College of William and Mary.



**Tristan Fujimura** is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at McDonough.

The **Fujimura** brothers are doing well, continuing to thrive and playing water polo for McDonough and Navy.



**Willem Fujimura** is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at McDonough and is the project organizer at McDonough for Hope for Highlands which collects school supplies for Baltimore Highlands Elementary.

**Rachel Gawell** is living in Brookline, MA and is playing with several community symphonies, teaching at the Brookline Music School and performing at private events.

**Collin Habig** finished in second place in Geography 2010 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. He is playing soccer and is a basketball scorekeeper. He is also a boy scout 2<sup>nd</sup> class and a Chaplain Assistant. He plays soccer and baseball for Southern AA County teams year round.



**Gabe Haydar's** persuasive essay regarding eco-friendly trash bins for the school grounds was selected to be personally read by him to the town Selectman last Spring. We found out recently that the case that Gabe and other classmates made to him was received very well and their request will be fulfilled by the Town this semester.

**Olivia Haydar** was selected to participate in her second grade teacher's "Creative Classroom" presentation to the School Board for her "See Think Wonder" activity regarding Haiti.



*Gabe & Olivia Haydar in front of Marblehead Harbor*

Note from **Pam Haydar** - We are enjoying our time here in Marblehead, Massachusetts. It is so beautiful and the kids have adjusted so well, much of which we attribute to their experience at MICH. Gabe and Olivia's teachers and other adults in their lives often comment on how independently Gabe and Olivia work and that they make great leaders in the classroom. You will be happy to hear that both kids speak fondly of MICH and still count it as their school that was "home away from home." Tarik and I continue to be grateful to the MICH faculty and staff for this amazing gift to our children.

**Cate Hershfeld** is doing great at Arnold Elementary and is a real math wiz that the Hershfeld's attribute totally to Ms. Jiles. Cate has just started playing violin and is SO excited to be learning a real instrument!

Cate loves the fact that her younger sister, Sara, is in the same class as she was at MICH.



**Lana Humes ('08)** is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Severn School and is Captain of the JV Soccer team this year.

**Lana Humes ('08) and Miranda Durner ('08)** volunteered at Kinder Farm Park for the Fall Harvest Festival where they saw **Sasha Boles**, who was also volunteering!

**India and Reuben Johnson** who have returned to homeschool, are currently singing at the Kennedy Center with the Washington National Opera in their production of Tosca.

**Caroline and Jake Jones** have settled into their new home in Baltimore and are attending the Calvert School.



**Jack Logansmith ('09)** is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Annapolis High School. He is singing and performing with the Maryland State Boychoir.

**Ryan Looft ('08)** is now in 10th grade and he has moved to New Paltz, NY with his dad, stepmom and little brother and sister.

**Chloe Madison ('04)** graduated from Archbishop Spalding in May. She is now a freshman at Loyola University in Baltimore. She is a political science major with an ultimate goal of law school.

**Casey and Chandler Madison** are sophomores at Indian Creek Upper School. Both girls were honor roll students as freshmen. They are also varsity soccer players.

*... when last we heard*

**Katie Mussenden** Holquist presents Madeline Eloise Holquist, born on 6/3/2011, 6lbs 10oz. Katie has a Bachelors in Math from St. Mary's College of MD (2002), and a Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore (2006). Katie is currently a police officer and married her husband, Doyle, on 3/11/2010.



**Emily Outland** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Severn School and a member of the Middle School Cross Country team.

**Lydia Outland ('08)**, sophomore at Severn School, has taken up photography as a hobby in addition to playing her guitar.

**Madeline Outland ('04)** started Georgetown University this fall and is a declared Foreign Language & Linguistics student, majoring in French.

**Paige Perchinsky** is playing select soccer and is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Severn School.

**Zak Perchinsky** is playing on the Green Hornets 80-lb select football team and is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Chesapeake Academy.

**Sam Renaut ('92)** is eagerly awaiting the results of the Arizona Bar Exam he took in July. Keeping him busy is his job with Gaylord Sports Management in Scottsdale, AZ. He hopes to be certified as an NFL agent by August, 2012.

**Kelsey Repka** graduated UC Berkeley with honors and a degree in Ethnic Studies. She is in Hazelhurst, Mississippi teaching elementary school with Teach for America.

**Rik Repka ('99)** graduated University of Pittsburgh, cum laude, with a dual degree in Japanese Language and History. Rik completed a year of teaching English in Mokpo, South Korea and is now looking for a teaching position in Japan.

**Olivia Simmons ('11)** is attending Bates in the Visual & Performing Arts program for vocal. She was just elected secretary for the Student Government Association.



**Christina Sughrue** Gardner and her husband proudly present Haley Ruth Gardner born on September 8<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 7 lbs 9 ounces and 19 1/5" long.

**Carl Tucker ('11)** is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Annapolis Middle School in the IB program.

**Amira Tuma ('11)** is attending St. Andrews.

## Thank You to Everyone

who donated to last year's Annual Fund and who supported the Auction. Your generosity finished the upper playground renovation – a space that your grandchildren enjoy every day! Please consider our business donors – our website under Supporting → Business Supporters and MICH Auction when shopping or selecting services.

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Stay Tuned ..  
We're no longer playing around...  
Annual Fund news coming soon!

## *Alums - We Could Use Your Help*

### **Secret Shop – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

There are a variety of ways that you can help – Shopping Assistants with the younger students, Check-in, Packaging gifts, etc. Please email Margo King if you are interested – [mking@montessorinternational.org](mailto:mking@montessorinternational.org).

### **Ask the Experts – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Alumni and alumni parents are needed for this. You are our experts on our elementary program and what it is like to transition from MICH to the next school. We would like to have alums that represent Middle School, High School, College & Beyond, as well as Alumni Parents to share their perspective. Please email Margo King if you are interested – [mking@montessorinternational.org](mailto:mking@montessorinternational.org).

### **Post us on your Facebook Page**

We would love to know what MICH alums are doing but can't contact them because we do not have emails. It would be great if you would note on your page that we are trying to get updates on everyone. They can email Margo King at [mking@montessorinternational.org](mailto:mking@montessorinternational.org).



## *Join Team MICH*

Dear Alumni and Alumni Parents,

I would like to invite you to join "Team MICH" on our quest to raise \$10,000 for Maryland Special Olympics. This will be our fourth year to have a Polar Bear Plunge Team; the 16th annual plunge will be held January 28, 2012 on the beach at Sandy Point State Park.

We started with a small, but committed team and have reached over 35 members, who last year raised a whopping \$7990! It is a fun, invigorating and very worthwhile event; we have our own bus and parking pass - no need to wait in cold lines at the Community College. Many of our team members have plunged multiple years; the main conversation on the bus returning to school is "can't wait for next year!"

We are looking for new members - bring a friend, parent or sibling and make this our biggest year ever. Join your "old" teachers and staff members, current parents and students for a very "cool" day.

Check us out and register at: [plungemd.com](http://plungemd.com)>sign me up>cool school>register for the cool school challenge here>register here. You can also earn "service hours" by participating. You can e-mail me any questions at [tettermer@comcast.net](mailto:tettermer@comcast.net).

Love to see some alum friends,

Colette Tettermer