

Alumni Newsletter

Please Vote for MICH



The Capital is once again running its Readers Choice Awards 2014 – and this year we would love to win! **There are two opportunities for you to vote for MICH, both on page three:** #56: Best Montessori School and #71: Best Private School.

Won't you take a moment and vote at contests.capitalgazette.com

Deadline for voting is Sunday March 30th. Please pass it on! Thanks!

30th Anniversary Fast Approaching!

2015 is our 30th Anniversary year! We will start our celebrations with the Auction in the Spring of 2015 and will let you know as soon as we have the actual date. [It's not too early to get your table together!] We could use your help – old pictures, stories, favorite snack recipes from years gone by – and most importantly connecting with our alums and alumni parents! So please, help us spread the word to your MICH friends: like, share and follow us on facebook, ask your alum to text/message their MICH friends to like and follow us on facebook. If they do not get the Alumni News or emails from school, please ask them to email Margo King at mking@montessorinternational.org so we can stay in touch!

Have you Seen the New Chick in Town?

Our Montessori International Chicken Hawk (MICH) has moved to its permanent home outside of Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge, located at 169 West Street, Annapolis.

There it joins the other *West Street Chicks*, a public art project of the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County highlighting the West Street Arts & Entertainment District.

Our international-themed bird has traveled the world but always returns to its home port of Annapolis after getting a flag from the countries he has visited. Nautical types will recognize that the flags creating his 'hawk' spell MICH!

Each student and staff member participated in the creation of "MICH" by gluing an international flag to our michen. He would not exist without the help of Jody Danek (Milla and Izzy's Dad & owner of Metropolitan), who brought the idea and the chicken to us; Adam Whitaker who fabricated the chick and provided invaluable help with technical issues; and CJ Ward (Abigail Ward's mom) and artist extraordinaire, whose time, talent, and energy brought MICH to life. Thank you!!



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@montessoriiinternational.org

Ryan Atkinson is in his 2nd semester at Monmouth University. He is majoring in Pre-Med/Biology and is a starter on their inaugural DI Lacrosse team. *[Ryan on right]*



Ben Atkinson is a sophomore at Indian Creek Upper School. He plays soccer and lacrosse.



Maggie, Martha, Mae Kate



Mae Kate at pipeline protest in DC

Mae Kate Campbell '07 is a freshman at Oberlin College majoring in Geology-- a subject she discovered and fell in love with while a student in Mrs. Mitra's primary class. Mae Kate was in DC the weekend of March 8th and 9th with some other members of the Oberlin Environmental Club protesting the Keystone Pipeline.

Martha Campbell '10 is a tenth grader at Broadneck High School and is playing Shelby in *Steel Magnolias*, BHS's spring drama production. She plans to attend the Summer Academy at St. John's College this summer.

Maggie Campbell '12 is in 8th grade at Magothy River Middle school and cannot wait to get to high school.



Miranda Schultz Durner '08 played a prim and proper mother complete with long skirt for the 1914 timeframe and then switched gears and slipped into a satiny flapper dress for a Roaring '20s scene of "Severn Steps" performed at Severn School this fall. *[Miranda - third from left]*

Gabe Haydar For his middle school "Do Something" project, Gabe teamed up with a friend to create a campaign to raise funds and awareness for research for Alzheimer's disease. It is an issue near and dear to his and his friend's hearts as Gabe has witnessed his grandmother suffer from the disease; his friend's Dad suffers with early onset AD. The two designed and created wristbands with the messages: "Unforgettable" and "Research for a Cure." They set up a stand at a local business and sent out an email "ask;" they raised over \$200 that they sent to the national Alzheimer's Foundation.



[Olivia, far right, marching with her Marblehead gymnastics team at the Marblehead Christmas parade.]

Olivia Haydar is now in fifth grade and continues to love school. She competes for the Marblehead/Swampscott MA gymnastics team and placed first in the floor exercise at her very first meet. She is still a feisty, can-do girl who proudly wears her tutu to school (paired with leggings, combat boots and a faux leather jacket).

Note from Pam Haydar: My husband Tarik and I continue to believe that their MICH experience provided them with the very best beginning in a school environment; they are confident, eager and hard working learners with very big hearts. Who could ask for more?

AJ (Allan Julian) Himes started at MICH when he was 3 years old, 1990. He graduated from Severna Park in 2006 and was on the LAX team that spring which won the State LAX title. He graduated on the dean's list from Washington College in 2012, and was on their lacrosse team. He works for Computer Technologies Consultants, which is an IT staffing firm, and is based in the Bowie office. He lives in Annapolis and is engaged to be married to Stephanie Carey on May 30, 2014. AJ and Stephanie met in middle school, so they have dated for over 10 years now. AJ continues to play club lacrosse but also coaches middle school lacrosse and qualified this spring 2014 to be a high school lacrosse referee too. Congrats!



[From left Miranda Durner, Lana Humes, Lydia Outland, Emily Outland]

Lana Humes '08 just returned from a week in France with Severn School's French Exchange. She traveled to Brittany and L'école Croix Rouge and was hosted by a French family in the town of Brest. Lana ended the trip with an overnight in Paris! Lana was also named a key player for Severn in the AA County Track and Field outlook by the Capital.



Sophia Kaplan is now 6 and and is almost done with kindergarten. Hawaii is still an exciting adventure with new tropical fruits, vegetables, animals, and of course beaches. Sofia is learning to snorkel & boogie board, and spends a lot of time building sand castles and looking for shells. Sofia also loves reading, writing, and making art, in no small part from her wonderful exposure to such at MICH for 2 years! We are so thankful for the great start she got at MICH! We often reminisce about our old friends and teacher, Ms. Gawell, back in Maryland. Among the many things we miss from there are the leaves in fall, the snow in winter, ice cream at the dock, and ice skating at Quiet Waters. If anyone ever wants to contact us or come out for a visit, they can reach us at kaplantrevor@gmail.com or 808-799-0643.

Aloha and lots of love!



Kyle and Trevor Kubaska are attending a public Montessori school in Denver, CO. They spend Saturdays on the ski slopes and are loving every minute of it!! [From left, Trevor, Kyle]

Maxwell Madden was named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He earned this recognition with very high combined score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test that was given in October of 2013.

Alexandra Mirarchi is at The School of the Incarnation. She is doing very well with her reading and writing. She has to print which drives her mad but sometimes says "I am just going to do it in cursive." Her teacher says she is a joy and so well behaved and considerate (Montessori). She is a shining star in math and aces her spelling tests every week. She, well actually all the girls, miss Montessori.



Katy Scruggs was featured as Teen of the Week in the Capital newspaper last year. She is now a freshman at Tulane University.

Read the full article at www.capitalgazette.com/news/local/teen_week/teen-of-the-week-annapolis-high-ib-graduate-well-rounded/article_f88cdb5e-f554-5fc5-b7c4-586130aee21f.html

Sienna Sallustio is doing well and enjoying the 4th grade at Arnold Elementary. She is in dance and likes it and is in Girls on the Run and is enjoying it this year.

Olivia Simmons '11 is at Spaulding where she has made the principal's honor roll. She studies a lot and says it's challenging. She is in all honors and is taking Spanish honors that she aced. She hasn't had Spanish since Montessori. She is in algebra 2 and trig.

Isabelle Simmons '13 is now at School of the Incarnation and loves it! She is doing theatre and is in the Spanish Club. She played field hockey this fall and they were undefeated. She made the basketball team. Her grading scale is tough so she studies a lot. She has made lots of friends and really enjoys her teachers.

Caroline Steele '12 is an 8th grader in the PVA Visual Arts magnet program at Bates Middle School. She's looking forward to attending Broadneck High School next year where she'll be in the PVA Vocal program. In May she will appear in "Making the Grade," a production of Annapolis School of Performing Arts.

Jackii Stomski '09 is a junior in the IB program at Annapolis High School. Jackii is the sole student representative on the Board of Education's International Studies Committee working to create a standardized process for establishing study abroad and exchange programs. She's hung up her lacrosse stick and joined the high school's track team as a three season distance runner. When she's not at school, studying or running, she's looking for any opportunity or excuse to travel. Perhaps it stems from her days at MICH planning going-outs.



... when last we heard

Claire Whitaker is one of 72 girls nationwide in grades 11 & 12 chosen by USA Water Polo to attend the National Team Selection Camp in Southern California in May. She looks forward to the camp and hopes to continue playing water polo in college.

Jacob Whitaker '12 received the Best Overall Chemistry Project Award from Anne Arundel Community College at the AACPS Science and Engineering Fair in March. His project tested which shape of hydrogel absorbs water most effectively.

The Naval Academy Aquatic Club hosted more than 200 water polo athletes from the East Coast this past weekend as they concluded a four-month long training regimen for the USA Water Polo — Olympic Development Program. Participating are, Ronan Williams (Severna Park High) Max Bethel (Severna Park/Gilman); **Jacob Whitaker (8th - Severn River Middle)**, Grace Doerfler (Broadneck) and **Claire Whitaker (11th - Broadneck** – four of the five athletes attended Montessori Schools!)



[Middle front row, **Jacob Whitaker**;
Right front row, **Claire Whitaker**]

Alumni Help Out!



We had great alumni elves helping at this year's Secret Shop!

[From left: *Caroline Steele, Martha Campbell, Miranda Durner, Jonah Svendsen, Olivia Simmons, Martha Campbell, Isabelle Simmons*]

Extraordinary Open House volunteers included some very impressive alums (according to our prospective families).

[From left *Jackii Stomski, Claire Whitaker, Martha Campbell*]



Remember . . .

If you are not getting our emails, it is because

1 - We do not have your email address! Send it to

mking@montessoriiinternational.org

2 - It may have gone to your Spam, Junk/Bulk mail folder – add the above email address to your address book to prevent this.

3- Alumni news and pics can be sent all year long – we'll keep it for the next issue of the Alumni News.

Annual Fund 2013 - 2014

Renovating the Lower Level!

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who has donated already.

Remember – donations for this year's Annual Fund can be made through June 30, 2014.

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montessori-International-Childrens-House-MICH/231693043558550>

and follow the butterfly!



Help us open the door to a renovated lower level!

An Adaptable Floorplan

Better Lighting

More Bathrooms



The lower level is the only 'untouched' part of the original school building and as you can tell it looks a little sad.

Your donation will brighten it up!



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Isabelle Simmons, MICH Class of 2013,

Wins 2014 Anne Arundel County Spelling Bee!



Excitement was the flavor of the day as 32 students spelled words such as quiche, incorruptible, foliate – they seem like easy words, except when you are in front of a packed house and saying them, not writing them.

Isabelle stayed cool, calm and collected as she battled through 12 rounds of competition – outlasting 32 contestants from public, private and home schoolers - finally winning on the word “infinitesimal”. Isabelle is the second Simmons to triumph at the Bee; her sister Olivia (MICH Class of 2011) won the 2012 AA County Spelling Bee.

As we congratulated Isabelle and her whole family, Francesca, her mom, wrote back to say “...and thank you Montessori for raising champions. We love MICH. Our girls are the students they are because of the education, guidance, and love you provided. To all of you at MICH - thank you!!!!”

To see Isabelle in action, spelling her winning word, go to our MICH facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montessori-International-Childrens-House-MICH/231693043558550?ref=hl>

While on our facebook page, please Like, Share and Follow us!

We're Always Home for Alumni!

[From left Josephina Chafe, Leona Schultz, Ben Chafe]



[Skylar Deichmann, Madeline Myers]



Amaya Wengernuk came back to UE's Poetry Festival



[Far right Lizzie Sughrue stopped by]



Katy Scruggs, Sarah Baker and Mae Kate Campbell 'bridged' from being scouts to adult members. All three of them earned their Gold Awards (the highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouts).

[Standing from left Mae Kate Campbell, Sarah Baker; Seated far right Katy Scruggs]

MICH Community Supports Ovarian Cancer



NOCC/Central MD Chapter's 5th Annual 5KRun/3KWalk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at Westfield Annapolis. **Join Us!** Enjoy good company for a great cause, and get some exercise – note: most of us do the walk!

The mission of The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) is to raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer. The Coalition is committed to improving the survival rate and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. More than 20,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year, and approximately 14,000 women die annually from the disease.



2014 Summer Camp & Programs at Montessori International

Summer Toddler Program

Tu/Wed/Th from June 17—July 24

18 months—3 years

8:30—11:30

Camps for ages 3-5

	Camp	Age	Hours
June 16-20	UK Elite Soccer Camp	3—5	9:00—10:30
June 23-27	Brick House's Lego Little Builders Camp with Spanish	3—5	8:30—11:30
June 23-27	Stay and Play	3—5	11:30—3:30
July 14-18	Space Camp	3—5	8:30—11:30
July 14-18	Stay and Play	3—5	11:30—3:30

Camps for ages 6-12

	Camp	Age	Hours
June 9-13	UK Elite Soccer Camp	6—12	9:00—3:00
June 16-20	John Fishback's Nature Camp	6—12	9:00—3:00
June 23-27	Silver Knights Chess Camp	6—12	8:30—11:30
June 23-27	Lunch Buddies, for students in AM & PM Camp (No Charge—sign up on attached form)	6—12	11:30—12:30
June 23-27	Brick House's LEGO Simple Machines Camp	6—12	12:30—3:30
July 14-18	Around the World in Five Days	6—12	8:30—11:30
July 14-18	Lunch Buddies, for students in AM & PM Camp (No Charge—sign up on attached form)	6—12	11:30—12:30
July 14-18	Hands-On Learning Services' Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp	6—12	12:30—3:30

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www.montessoriinternational.org