



MICH ALUMNI NEWS

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Get involved!
We are looking for a few good alumni to help us plan an alumni reunion. Call the office if you are interested.

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Thank You Dody Goldberg!

On a delightful summer's night in early June, over 170 MICH alumni and current students, current and alumni parents, and current and former staff members met to honor Dody Goldberg as she retired from MICH.

Seeing so many former students and their parents turned the potluck picnic into a joyous celebration honoring the 11 years that Dody was an integral part of the MICH community. Her dedication and love of her students was obvious to all who attended.

Dody's firm hand and creativity helped MICH expand to the 6th grade. Her love of nature and Shakespeare led to the 6th Grade Hike on the Billy Goat Trail and her students' performances at the Folger Theatre.

The birth of her first grandchild led to her decision to retire so she could spend more time with her family.

Check out the last page for alumni pictures from the picnic.

MICH Goes GREEN

It's official! "Resolved, That the PME Board of Directors endorses the Maryland Green Schools Program and pledges the support necessary to achieve the Green School designation for Montessori International Children's House."

We kicked off the two-year process toward becoming a Green School last Earth Day, April 22nd. The ceremonies included raising our new Earth Day Flag.

MICH is off to a good start. For years, we have recycled paper, junk mail, magazines, ink cartridges, and old cell phones.

Last year alone MICH recycled over 11 tons of paper! By doing so, we saved:

192 mature trees

78,890 gallons of water

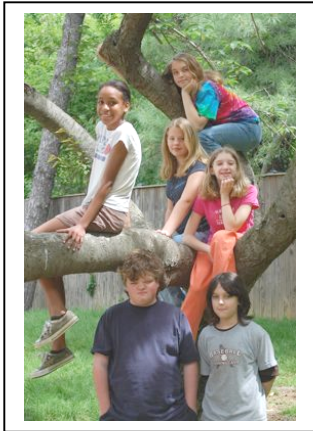
33.81 cubic yards of landfill space

22.54 barrels of oil

46,207 kilowatt-hours of electricity = enough to power the average American home for 4.695 years.

By putting the Friday Flyer online we saved over 22,750 pages of paper. You can help by putting paper in the Abitibi dumpster in the lower lot.

2008 MICH Graduates



Graduates:

Than Ament is at Bowie Montessori

Miranda Durner and **Lana Humes** are at St. Martin's in the Field

Claire Tucker is in the IB program at Annapolis Middle School

Lydia Outland is attending Severn School

Ryan Looft is at Magothy River Middle School

Their leadership, academic excellence, and winning personalities will be missed. Their next schools are very lucky to have them as students.

All our best to them and please stay in touch!

MICH Checklist Please . . .

Send in Alumni Updates

Sign up & shop to support MICH

Donate to the Annual Fund and help MICH continue its Excellence in Education!

Staff and Student Happenings

In addition to Dody, Barbara Wise and Josephina Chafe have left MICH. Mrs. Wise is looking after her grandchildren and Mrs. Chafe is now teaching at St. Martin's in the Field. We wish them the very best!

MICH welcomed new staff this year: Linda Thoms (upper elementary assistant), Jessica Carzon (Ms. Bolte's assistant), Mary Foley (Library assistant and afternoon Extended Day), Annette Horan (Technology and afternoon Extended Day.)

Extended Day students started sending care packages to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan last year and will be continuing this project this year.

Mrs. Kasimova had 4 MICH students (Miranda Durner, 2007 - Emily Gove, 2007 - Kobe Dellers - Leah Kasimova, 2001) selected to perform at the 5th American Fine Arts Festival in New York City!

MICH earned a Certificate of Recognition from JHU Center for Talented Youth for our support of students with high academic potential (2008 academic year).

MICH Auction - May 1, 2009!

The Auction for our School will take place at the N* Room at the Naval Academy Stadium. This new venue in town is a perfect spot for this year's theme - United We Can!

It is not too early to think about joining us for this wonderful

event that gathers our extended community to support MICH. Julie Russ, Auction Chair hopes that alumni parents will be able to join us for this fun evening of dinner, and silent/live auctions!





Last Year's Annual Fund Donations At Work On the New Sidewalk!



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This year's Annual Fund looks forward to everyone's support !



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Alumni Notes ...when we last heard

Gavin Floyd had a great season as a starting pitcher for the Chicago White Sox.

Devon Litherland (1999) is spending a semester in China, studying and traveling.

Matt Sanders (2001) started US Air Force Academy this year and will be playing lacrosse.

Liya Kasimova (Fr at Towson) was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Co-Runner of the week for her record-setting performance in the Towson Invitational Cross Country Meet championship.

Stacia Archibald (1997) is attending Expression College of Digital Art.

Her brother **Jonathan Archibald** (2000) is studying engineering at Penn State.

Aaron Finkle (2004) is a Soph at Severn School.

Katie Woods Sevon is married, living in Neavitt, MD and is a Family Advocate with the Family Support Center of Talbot County. She and her husband, Matt spent two years with the Peace Corps in Bolivia.

Joseph Mihoces graduated from USNA in 2006.

His sister **Jessica Mihoces** graduated from Penn State in 2007.

Katie Joyce (2002) will be graduating from Archbishop Spalding HS next June.

William Joyce (1999) is studying political science at Northeastern U.

Brandon Powell (2005) is at Severn School and thinks it is awesome!

David Melton (2001) is at North Carolina State University studying biology with an eye towards medicine.

Katy Scruggs is at Indian Creek School.

Mae Kate Campbell (2007) is at Magothy River Middle School.

Lindsey Gardner (2004) is attending Annapolis High School.

Kevin Bolger (2004) is going to Severn School.

Amanda Callender (2006) is living in Fredericksburg VA and going to Dixon Smith Middle School.

Carlos Christensen (2002) will graduate from Broadneck High School in June '09.

Carissa Lipton (2006) is at Broadneck High School.

Madeline Outland (2004) is at Severn School.

Sarah Baker attends Indian Creek School.

Seth Baker (2003) is in the IB program at Annapolis HS.

A.J. Bruninga (2001) started Yale University this fall.

Laura Wilmot (2004) is living in Alexandria and attending West Potomac High School.

Lily Schneider (2005) is at Spalding.

Geoffrey Eckert is a Soph at Broadneck HS & is working on his Eagle Scout.

Emily Gove (2007) is at Magothy River Middle School. Emily was awarded first place in the poetry division of the Anne Arundel county Reading Council's Young author's Contest for her poem "Icarus".

Ethan Goodman (2004) attends Gunston Day School.

Max Anselm ((1999) is spending a semester in Budapest, Hungary studying mathematics.

Joanna Gawell (1993) is getting her MA in Arts Admin at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Rachel Gawell is in a Masters program in music (cello) at CODARTS, Rotterdam NLD and finds time to be part of 3 musical ensembles!

Pictures from Dody's Picnic



To view pictures in color → www.montessorinternational.org -
Alumni → Alumni Newsletter, October 2008.

SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT MICH

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- Go to www.montessorinternational.org, Click on the Amazon.com logo on the bottom right.

Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks

- Register each year either online at www.giantfood.com/APLUS or in person at any Giant store.
- You will need your Giant Bonuscard number and you need to select Montessori International Children's House as the school you wish to support.
- MICH's number is #01674.
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- Register each year online at www.escrip.com and click on Yes! Renew! or in person at any Safeway store.
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- MICH's number is #6538996.
- Use your Safeway Club card when you shop at Safeway!

Food Lion MVP Card

- Register online at www.foodlion.com (select Lion Shop & Share).
- We are registered as Montessori International Children's House, Annapolis MD.

General Mills Boxtops

- Boxtops may be dropped off or mailed into the main office at any time.
- Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a listing of products and to download coupons!

Office Depot 5% Back to Schools

- Buy student and office supplies at Office Depot in store or on-line
- Designate MICH to receive 5% of your qualifying purchases in credits the school can use for free supplies
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Target Red Card

- Use at a Target store or on-line at www.target.com with MICH as your designated school generates 1% of your purchase for MICH
- MICH's number is #26582

Searching On Line

- Use **goodsearch.com** as your search engine.
- MICH will benefit if you have selected Montessori International Children's House as your charity to support.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Your unwanted trash can be a treasure for MICH:

- Drop empty inkjet or laser cartridges, empty toner cartridges, unwanted cell phones in the office.
- Recycle paper, magazines, junk mail in the yellow Abitibi recycle bin in the lower parking lot!