

# THE KNIGHTLY TIMES

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## Behind the Scenes!

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## The Guest Author

By Sanvi Shah

Have you heard the latest news in J.M.I.? On March 6th, 2019, the J.M.I school had a guest author visit. Each class came to the assembly and probably learned something new. Every class walked down down to the gym single file while the teachers would guide them on where to sit. After 10 minutes the show finally started.

First, there was an introduction of what the assembly was about. Then the man introduced himself. His name was Mr. Joe and he had glasses along with whitish hair. Then, he started to show everybody the next part.

After that, he kept giving information. The quote that really got stuck in everyone's head was " You need to read to write." Mr. Joe also talked about how he was an amazing book writer because of his teacher.

Now you might think that this was a boring assembly right? well NO!!!!!! Mr. Joe had many interesting stories in his head that he shared with the school. Not only that but he made everyone do cool actions. Also, he made very amazing drawings which turned even bigger when he showed a bigger version. It was really cool. Most of the kids really liked it and got surprised by this one. Bubbles and disco lights came on sometimes while music played. Pretty interesting huh?

To sum it all up, the guest reader Mr. Joe, did a really nice job in explaining what you need to do and the steps you need to take in order to become a author or illustrator. To me, it seemed like most of the kids love the way Mr. Joe did his presentation. I really enjoyed it as well. He was super creative. In my opinion though, it really helped kids understand what it takes to be a book writer in a very fun way. Thank you Mr. Joe!

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## JMI 5th Grade Fun Night

By Sonia Kulkarni

On February 15th, JMI had its annual 5th Grade Fun Night! It was almost two fun-filled hours spent with the 5th graders sitting together, watching the action-packed *The Incredibles 2*, munching on popcorn, ice cream, and pizza, all snuggled in their blankets and sleeping bags!

Along with us, Mr. Mirfield brought his son to join us on this very memorable night. As it turns out, the 5th graders will be attending middle school next year and can be able to cherish this irreplaceable elementary school memory with their peers!

Thank you for the dedication from the chaperones, Mrs. Abatemarco, and Mr. Mirfield for ensuring everyone had their snacks, was safe and accounted for. This event would not have been possible without the participation of the people who came!

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# MakerSpace

By: Ujali Patel



JMI has just started a MakerSpace. Kids can donate many types of recycled items such as empty water bottles, straws, newspaper, pencils, scissors, paper towel rolls, etc to put our MakerSpace activities together. A Makerspace is a area/space where kids can learn, create, design, experiment, invent, engineer, and tinker with all types of materials and even with technology. MakerSpaces have spread to numerous schools around the country. Now including ours, thanks to Mrs.Golias. Once our MakerSpace is complete students will have fun using their imaginations. A MakerSpace takes usually takes place various times throughout a month, preferably once a week. Ours will take place in our school library. A MakerSpace encourages students to build, create, and innovate. Thanks to the MakerSpaces in America kids are using their imaginations to create and invent many more things. MakerSpaces can bring amazing things to our world!



You can donate to our MakerSpace through our blue MakerSpace monster. →  
Thanks to your generosity our MakerSpace is open! (It's still up for donation)

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## About MakerSpaces

### Q - What is a Makerspace?

**A** - As mentioned before, a Makerspace is a area/space where kids can learn, create, design, experiment, invent, engineer, and tinker. But, instead of using brand new store-bought objects children can use basic recycled things that people may not need or want. Students may even use their chromebooks or other sorts of technology.

### Q - How did they start?

**A** - MakerSpaces are largely inspired by Maker Faires. These are events that give people a chance to share their creative projects and about 250,000 people attend. People today have finally realized that imagination is important and getting children interested in creating, designing, experimenting, inventing, and engineering now can make a positive change on our future.

### Q - Why a Makerspace?

**A** - Schools know that MakerSpaces can help encourage students to build create and innovate as I said before. A MakerSpace brings out all the potential a kid has. In other cases MakerSpaces can teach kids problem-solving for their future. Schools like that they are hands-on and that they teach students various different things. MakerSpaces give kids a chance to use their imagination.

### Q - How do they help and make an impact?

**A** - A MakerSpace encourages kids to build, create, and innovate, as I said twice before. It also really helps them use their imagination. MakerSpaces allow kids to learn, create, design, experiment, invent, engineer, and tinker. Using those things kids can come up with amazing ideas for our future. Now our future is guaranteed to be full of amazing new ideas you've never seen or heard of.

# JMI Science Fair!

**By– Keya Patel**

Do you really enjoy science and working with others? Well this is the perfect activity for you, it's time to join the JMI Science Fair! Many students do it every year at JMI. You can learn about any topic you want and present it to everyone who attends including teachers and other peers. You present to other people about the topic you chose and show them your hard work.

The best part of all is that you can show your peers how it works through an experiment. In addition, you can give other people samples like slime and ice cream that you made while you were learning about your topic.

There are many topics that were interesting and urged you not to leave school! Who would have thought! Some of the experiments actually persuaded other students to do the same thing next year. The people that were looking around and presenting their project had fun. You are probably thinking if you present a project, you can't look around. Well, that is not the case if you want to go and look, you and your group can take turns to go check everything out. Those are all the reasons why you should do the science fair. Even if you didn't do the science fair this year, doesn't mean that you can't do it next year! Your chance is coming around... go and grab it!

# Interview!

An interview with the teacher of the year:

Mrs. Mosko!

You probably know that Mrs. Mosko won Teacher of The Year. But did you know she was a 3rd-grade first and now she is a 5th-grade teacher? So, I became curious and decided to interview her.

The first question I asked her was how did winning teacher impact you and your student?

She replied with "I'm not sure it did, being Teacher of the Year is an honor, but it didn't change the way I teach, or how I interact with my classes."

"What are your thoughts on teaching a 5th-grade class?" I asked Mrs. Mosko next.

"Teaching 5th grade has been super exciting! I love that I get to see two sets of classes during the day! Double the students, double the fun!" She responded.

The 3rd question I asked was, "What is the best part of being Teacher of The Year?"

"Being Teacher of The Year is an honor, and I enjoy that my colleagues chose me to represent JMI this year," she answered.

The next question I asked her was simple. It was, did you and your class celebrate?

She said, "My classes were very sweet and after it was announced, I was given cards and flowers to celebrate."

Next, I inquired, "Were there any steps that lead up to this achievement?" She said that she had been teaching for 11 years now, and she really tries every year to give her students and the curriculum, that she teaches, her best. She also thinks that working hard each year, since she started teaching, has led her to this achievement.

The 6th question I asked her was, "Is this your first time being teacher of The Year? If so, would you like to be it again and why?"

She replied, "This is my first time being Teacher of The Year! I plan on teaching for many more years, so hopefully at another time, years from now I will have the opportunity to be awarded it again."

The following question I asked was, "If you could give the title, "Teacher of the year", to a teacher, who would it be and why?"

"If I could give the "Teacher of the Year" to a teacher, I don't think I could pick just one. Here at JMI, there are so many amazing, hard-working teachers that truly care about their students! I don't think I could pick just one!" she remarked.

"If you could describe how you felt on winning in one word what would it be and why?" I questioned her.

She answered, "If I could pick one word to describe how I felt on winning Teacher of the Year, it would be grateful. I feel very grateful to be acknowledged this year, and appreciate it very much."

I was a little sorrowful when the interview ended because I wanted to learn much more about her. But, I had to end it or this interview would be endless. I enjoyed interviewing Mrs. Mosko and I hope she enjoyed it too.

Pictures!

## JMI 5th Grade Fun Night



Setting up



An opportunity to talk

## Wingman



Yes, those are toothpaste drawings.

# Out of My Mind!

BY: ANUJA SHARMA

I'm sure a bunch of you have heard of the book Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper, but how many of you have actually read it? The name and cover of the book can really fool you, but trust me when I say this, all two hundred and ninety-five pages are not just about a fish jumping out of a tank as the cover suggests. If you're debating whether or not to read the book, well then you have stumbled across the right article!

This book was written in 2010 and ever since then, it has blown up tremendously! I had no good books that were my level to read, so my older sister recommended this one! At first, I wasn't sure but I soon saw some of my peers starting to read it so I thought it would be a good choice. From the minute you read this book, you will be drawn in and urged to read further. It is about a ten-year-old girl who has something called "Cerebral Palsy" which is a disease that makes it hard to do anything that involves moving your muscles which includes anything from picking up a book to saying a word.

This book is told from the point of view of Melody the girl who is fighting the disease. She talks about her struggles of not being able to get her thoughts out to the world and how it feels to have everything clogged up in her brain. I was really interested to learn a little bit about her illness and it was interesting to see the point of view from someone who can't have their voice heard. For me personally and I'm sure many of you, I love talking and I can't even imagine what it would be like to not talk, let alone move.

A little towards the middle of the book, Melody starts telling the reader about how people sometimes think of her as someone "dumb" and a person who just because of their small disability "is a lower standard." She expresses how everyone in her school thinks like this and on top of that one of her doctors!

This book really hooked me from the second I picked it up and kept me there so I never want to put it down. I could spend an hour just sitting and

reading about Melody's experiences. I wouldn't want to give away too much, and since I haven't finished it I really can't! Overall, I really recommend this book to someone who is looking for a good quality book and is at a 5th-6th-grade reading level. Melody's stories are calling, are you going to answer?

## **MVP Tickets for Everyone**

**By: Akshath Nagaraju**

Did you know about the new MVP tickets that came out in November? Do you know how to get them? Do you know anything about what happens if you get one? If you said no to any of these questions, then you're in luck. You are in the right place!

MVP tickets are tickets you earn for being safe, respectful, responsible, or kind. If you help your classmate or a friend, you can get a ticket. For each ticket, you just have to write your name and your homeroom section you are in, and that's it! Doing that will help later! That's how you get an MVP ticket.

You might be wondering what happens if you get one. Well, there's a bucket or container in each class. At the end of each week, or the first day of the next week, the teacher picks out a MVP ticket. That is where writing your name comes in, the name that gets picked, and gets a class prize! You even get your name written outside your class!

After you pick a prize, you put the names in your grade bin. At some point of the school year, there will be a assembly. At the assembly, the guidance counselor or principal will pick a name from a class. That is where writing your class comes in. If your name gets picked, then you spin a wheel. The prize that you land on is the prize you win. This happens multiple times in a year.

The main purpose of a MVP ticket is to encourage you do the right thing. It makes the school a better place! When you are doing a good thing, you don't always get an MVP ticket, but that's the point. You have to be kind, even when no one is looking. MVP tickets is a fun way to be encourage people to be nice. If you only do nice things just for MVP tickets, then you should change that. For example, I am nice, but barely noticed. I am still doing the right thing. If you are accidentally mean to someone, just say sorry and accept your mistake. I hope you be safe, responsible, respectful, and kind. Follow the motto, and you just might get a ticket!

