



JAPHET SCHOOL

AWARD-WINNING NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER



Children created many oceanic art projects and crafts and hung them about the classroom.



A student delights in the finds of a “treasure chest” with shells to count and a map.



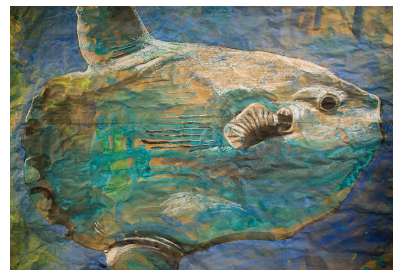
Two students play with “whale blubber” — a semifluid, tactile substance.

Dive in!

Anyone who wandered into Preschool in January or February might have tickled a floating jellyfish, explored the texture of a bumpy octopus tentacle, or admired the life-size, hand-painted green sea turtle, bottlenose dolphin, or ocean sunfish in the room. The theme — explored with meaningful ties to science, math, and language arts — was the ocean. The room was filled with shells to touch, sand to sift, water to splash, oxygen tanks (repurposed 2-liters) with

which to scuba-dive in a coral reef, and miniature ocean creatures to animate.

Japhet’s philosophy states that



Ms. Jackie painted the outline of this ocean sunfish, and Preschoolers infused it with color.

“Students learn best when information is shared with creativity,” words by which Preschool teacher Jackie White abides every single day. It is impossible to encapsulate the richness and depth of this unit, but the

beauty of these photographs can give you a glimpse into the oceanic world of Japhet’s Preschool.

Upcoming Events

Spring Sharing

May 14, 15, & 16

Graduation Ceremony

June 6

Cruise for Character

June 8

Fore the Kids Golf Outing

June 23

Message from the Head of School

You might remember the days when students were taught technology as a skill to learn keyboarding and word processing. Today technology is integrated across disciplines and presents a completely different picture as it deepens comprehension and



enhances the learning process. Let's take a closer look at our Upper Class (7th/8th grade):

Students work on our new Chromebooks, laptops connected to the Cloud, on a daily basis allowing them to access their academic work and planning calendar both at school and at home. Collaborative work is shared using Google Drive. The availability of Google Docs allows student learning to occur spontaneously as assignments and work are shared with teachers and peers.

Access to the Internet along with social media is here to stay, and Upper Class students are taking part. Students assess the integrity of websites and hone their skills in researching. Our students, however, are not merely consumers of the Internet as a gateway

**“One's destination is never a place, but rather a new way of looking at things.”
— Henry Miller**

to information, but thoughtful critics and contributors.

Vital Internet resources such as those from Teaching Tolerance, PBS, the Library of Congress along with primary sources enhance a project-based curriculum. Students share their

research and knowledge with a broad audience about inventions, preservation of fresh-water resources, the benefits of mini-loans for women entrepreneurs in Africa, and the effects of urban sprawl in the United States. Communication apps such as Kidblog, Skype, and Prezi strengthen cross-cultural and academic connections.

We are preparing students for today and the future. I invite you to come visit and see what's happening at Japhet School.

— Cathy Mohan



SUMMERTIME CELEBRATIONS

We're planning two fun summer events to support Japhet, and you're invited to take part!

Cruise for Character Sunday, June 8



AHOY!
Make Your
Reservation
Now!

The Ovation Yacht will be the setting for the maiden voyage of the Japhet School “Cruise for Character”! In June we will have completed our first school year in our new building, and the Sunday after Graduation we'll set sail on a fundraising dinner cruise. There will be delicious fare, an open bar, and live music. We will board at the Jefferson Beach Marina at 6 PM and set sail promptly at 6:30 PM. First-class passage is \$125 per person, or \$100 for Japhet alumni. This event is for guests 18 and over. Sponsorship packages are available as well. To learn more and get your boarding passes, call Japhet School or email cruise@japhetschool.org.

Fore the Kids Golf Outing Monday, June 23

Think GREEN ... putting greens! Plans have begun for our annual golf outing at Western Golf & Country Club. Sponsorship packages are available. Think about gathering a foursome! To register and learn more about sponsorships, call Japhet School, email golf@japhetschool.org, or visit the golf outing website: www.tournevents.com/japhet. The QR code on the right will take you there.



Scan this with your smartphone to go straight to the golf registration website.

Thank You for Your Support

The year 2013 brought unprecedented financial need. We are grateful for generous donors who met the challenge and donated to our Annual Appeal, to our Capital Campaign, or with a gift-in-kind. As of March, we have received \$375,000 toward our \$1.5 million Capital Campaign goal, with another \$230,000 pledged to come in. Tuition alone covers only 75% of the cost

to educate each child. Moving forward, Japhet School will continue to need financial support for annual expenses and for our new building. To donate, please mail your gift to Japhet School, or you can donate online via PayPal at www.japhetschool.org/Donate. **Thank you for your assistance in sustaining our award-winning school for generations to come.**

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Alumni News

Graham Ives – J'01

Graham Ives is currently serving in the U.S. Army. He is the lead mechanic for his platoon and is a member of the 10th Mountain Division, which is a rapid-deployment unit based at Fort Drum in upstate New York. Graham and his company recently returned from active duty in Afghanistan.

Graham, his wife Samantha, and his two children Clare and Jimmy recently visited Michigan. He came by to see the new Japhet building and to talk with the students at a Monday morning InSPO. Graham shared maps and pictures of the Afghan landscape and local children. He talked about the importance of justice in the Army's mission to help the Afghan people determine their own destiny. Japhet School salutes Graham's patriotism and thanks him and his family for his service.

Melissa Clark – J'82

Melissa Clark sends her greetings! Melissa spent years as a Japhet student and has fond memories of her Japhet connections and family. After graduating from Japhet and high school, Melissa came back to work in Japhet's Daycare for several years, caring for the children of several current Japhet faculty and staff members when they were young.

Melissa and her husband Dave live in St. Clair Shores and enjoy traveling when they have the opportunity. In the past few years, their travel destinations have included Alaska and Germany. Melissa has worked in the corporate travel industry for 20+ years. She especially enjoys the relationships she has built with clients over the years and the opportunity to work with people daily. Looking back, she appreciates the close-knit Japhet family and remembers a team effort where everybody helped each other. Melissa tells us that recently she has connected with several former Japhet schoolmates via social media and has enjoyed catching up with them.

Alumni: Join the Cruise for Character!

We welcome all Japhet alumni 18 and over on the inaugural Cruise for Character! Be a part of this fun, celebratory event and reunite with fellow alumni at a special discounted price just for you. Friends of alumni are welcome, too! The cruise takes place Sunday evening, June 8, aboard the Ovation Yacht in St. Clair Shores. Questions? Contact cruise@japhetschool.org.



Japhet alumnus and Private First Class Graham Ives, U.S. Army, spoke to Japhet students about justice and the Army's role in helping the people of Afghanistan.

Do You Have Alumni News to Share?

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