

ST. COLETTA NEWS

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SUMMER 2014



On Top of the World

The students and teachers of St. Coletta Day School are on top of the world, or at least on top of the US Bank building, on one of our many field trips this year.

OUR JOURNEY TO TREEHAVEN

By Ms. HAUF

Right on the return of the Polar Vortex, close to the end of February, our school began possibly our biggest adventure yet. Earlier in the year, Ms. Tory Bahe, one of the teachers at the Urban Ecology Center, put us on a ballot to give us a chance at the opportunity of a lifetime, the rest of the UEC staff voted unanimously in our favor! St Coletta School was going to get the chance to go to Treehaven in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, a place where most of our children would never dream of going to. Treehaven is an organization run through the University of Steven's Point that helps students and others in the community learn more about our environment and to help those seeking degrees in environmental fields.

The day of the trip finally dawned; it was the beginning of another round of the Polar Vortex. Needless to say, the people of SCDS were probably the only people glad to have the wintry chill; we were about to enjoy three days worth of fun in the snow.

During our trip, we had many great opportunities. Riding to and from "Up North" in a Coach Bus made for exciting transportation. Our students were able to build shelters in the snow, feed wild birds out of their

hands, snowshoe, cross country ski and snow tube. Yet, even with all of these and other great winter activities, the most memorable experience for our kids was the wolf call.

One night, after dinner, we went on a night hike to the edge of an ice-capped lake. The way was extremely dark and most of our kids enjoyed the fun of being both scared by the dark

s'mores. As our trip ended and we all packed up to go home, I reflected on the difference of my time at Treehaven versus my time working at a Summer Camp. Treehaven was a far more amazing experience. All the kids who came wanted to be there and were beyond appreciative of the experience. These weren't kids that came from affluent families whose parents wanted them sent away. These were our students, used to buses and streetlamps who had an experience that they will remember fondly forever.

When we arrived back at school, we quickly dispersed back to our waiting families. All of our students were elated and could not stop talking about the trip. The next week of school we commiserated that we were back in Milwaukee, not enjoying the

wonders of the wilderness or the fabulous food served up there. Even weeks later, we were still discussing it, not only of how great it was but how wonderful it was that our school, The Urban Ecology Center, everyone at Treehaven and all of the chaperones on the trip made it amazing.

We will forever be in gratitude to the staff of Treehaven and the Urban Ecology Center, for this once in a lifetime opportunity.



Mr. Bill and Alondra enjoying tubing with the help from Treehaven staff.

and excited about the atmosphere of adventure. When everyone had arrived at the lake, we stopped and listened. One of the teachers at Treehaven had gone a little ways ahead to make a wolf call, the sound through the trees was amazing. When no wolf answered his call, each of the students (and adults) got a turn to call. The disappointment of not hearing any wolves return our calls was soon alleviated with the help of a bonfire, complete with camp songs and

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Savanna, left, and Madison, right, are creating art that will be auctioned off at this year's Colettascope on Saturday November 1st.

Looking Ahead ▶

BY BILL KOEHN

I LOVE summer! I get to do all sorts of fun stuff like work in my garden and go for bike rides. But what really gets me excited is thinking about all the new and fun things we'll be doing at school in the fall. Just at the end of this school year, our new iPads arrived! I can't wait to start using them in school and watch how excited the kids will be. Some of our students already have iPads and have been using them in school. They are so interested and engaged in learning, that it's hard to get them to put away their tablets. In the fall of 2014, all of our students will have access to a tablet! That's exciting!



We love admiring art at the Milwaukee Art Museum, as much as we love creating our masterpieces.

Another program that I am looking forward to is our new association with Mount Mary University. St. Coletta Day School and St. Sebastian School will be host to Mount Mary students who are studying to become Occupational Therapists. As a host site, we will offer the opportunity for our students to receive OT services. This is a new venture for all of us and we are very excited to be a part of it.

We have another connection with

Mount Mary that I am happy to tell you about. Mount Mary University will be hosting "ColettaScope" this year on Saturday, November 1. "ColettaScope" is becoming so popular that we needed to find a different location to hold the event. There will be ample parking for all of our guests! Watch for your invitation in the mail and email. We think that Mount Mary University will be a great place to hold our auction and introduce even more people to the wonderful student artists we have.

We continue to have a great relationship with Alverno College for art education and art therapy students to share their

talents with us. Our Urban Ecology Center partnership at their Washington Park location is one of our favorite programs to participate in. Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter, which describes our awesome trip to Treehaven courtesy of our friends at the UEC. And we are looking forward to another year of service at the Interchange Food Pantry. All of these programs enhance our students' opportunities to be the best they can be!

A new school year is just around the cor-

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ner and I am excited for all of the possibilities that are waiting for our students, parents, staff and board of directors.

A New Opportunity

As we continue to look toward the future and develop our long-range strategic plan, we are fortunate to become a partner school with PAVE (Partners Advancing Values in Education). Their mission is to offer assistance to schools



Left to right: Madison, Capri, Ms. Hauf, and La Tonja'na danced the night away at our Prom this year and enjoyed our night in "Hollywood"!

such as ours to help provide the best resources and exceptional board governance. Our school has formed a team consisting of board members, parents and staff to work cooperatively with the staff from PAVE to develop goals and strategies that will keep the school moving in a forward direction.

SCDS Mission Statement

To provide an academic and social, functional curriculum to meet the needs of students with special needs that will prepare them to realize their full learning potential and become productive and contributing citizens.

GETTING TO KNOW ME

BY UMENIA WHITE

"I have to accept, and embrace my unique qualities and characteristics in order to define and move towards my success."

-Anonymous

This year, in order to promote self-awareness and advocacy, we decided to have a Disability Awareness Fair instead of an Issues Fair. In preparation for the fair, our students were assigned to disability awareness groups. Each group utilized iPads to conduct research, complete

participate in simulated disability activities, receive accurate answers with reference to students with disabilities, and appropriate ways to interact with students with disabilities. Parents had an opportunity support their son/daughter amazing efforts. Sister KD and her students provided

Pictured right: St. Coletta student, Cuvee. St. Coletta Day School is dedicated to providing students with special needs, an education with integrity since 1956.



presentation forms, and design self-advocacy posters. Upon completion of the projects students presented their project to Saint Sebastian's 6th and 8th grade Religion Classes and parents.

Everyone benefited tremendously. Our students were able to learn more about their challenges and share ways that others can contribute to their success. Saint Sebastian students were able to ask long awaited questions,

positive reviews about student oral presentation skills, mastery of content, and neatness of presentation boards and posters. It was also suggested that we schedule the Disability Awareness Fair, annually, at the beginning of the school year. We are taking this suggestion into consideration.

Our sincere thanks to our supportive parents, Sr. KD, and the 6th and 8th grade students for their awesome letters.

Class Motto

Today is a new day.

Today I will try to get along with everyone.

Today I will try to follow the rules.

Today I will try to do my best.

Today I will try to make better choices.



Pictured above from left to right: LaTonja'na, Franny, and Jakobe. This year we received an amazing opportunity to travel to Treehaven in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The staff and students spent 3 days and 2 nights away from their families and the city, communing with nature and learning in an outdoor classroom.

International Visitors

BY MARIA NOGUERON

Last April our great school was visited by a group of education administrators from the National Curriculum Division of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Georgia. They were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program to learn about the trends and challenges in special education in elementary and secondary education and the role of nongovernmental organizations in providing educational opportunities to people with disabilities.

Leading the group was Ms. Mariam Chikobava, Head of the National Curriculum Division, who was accompanied by Ms. Ekaterine Dgebuaдзе, Head of the Inclusive Education Development Division, Ms. Ekaterine Lejava, Deputy Head of the National Curriculum Department, Ms. Tamar Zhghenti, Senior Specialist in the Inclusive Education Development Division, and Ms. Ana Zurabashvili, member of a multidisciplinary team that is working in special education reforms in Georgia. The group had two interpreters, Ms. Marika Lomtadze and Ms. Nana Zhvania, to facilitate the communication in English.

The same day they were at WI FACETS to learn more about the organization and talk with some parent leaders about their experiences with their children and the American educational system. At the end of the discussion, I realized that all the comments about the wonderful students they had met in the morning were directed at no others than our great kids. Since they did not know that my daughter Isabel was a student at St Coletta their admiration for the school and its extraordinary students was not a social courtesy but authentic appreciation of all the hard work of the teachers, students, and parents.

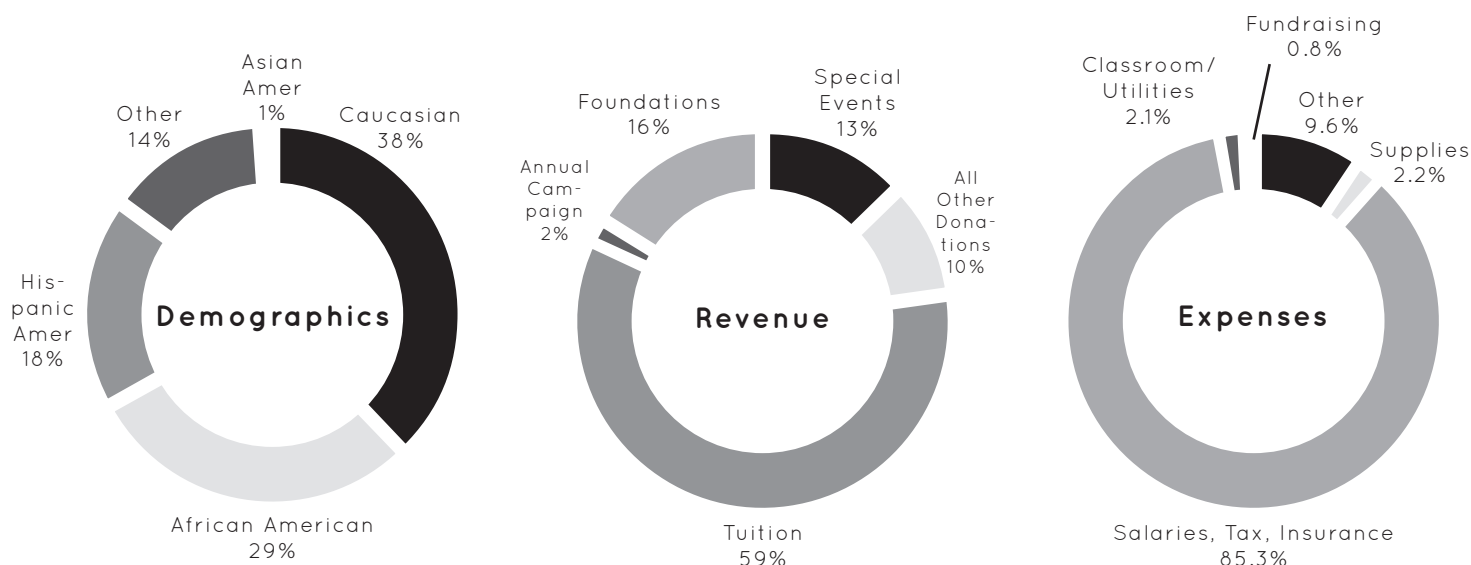
Pictured left to right: Ms. White, Ms. Hauf, Oscar, Chris, Mr. Bill, Capri, Zachary, James, and Ms. Rachel.

Five of our friends are moving on and we wish them a bright future full of good choices. We are sad to see them go, however we are excited to welcome new students to the St. Coletta Family.



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