

AU REVOIR

french survey classes present on french countries



"My country for the project was Monaco. I learned that their flag was red and white, and that gnocchi, which is a potato puff, was a popular food there."
- Abbey Wiggins (7)



"I did Switzerland for my presentation. I learned a lot of interesting things like that Albert Einstein was born in Switzerland and 6.6% of the population is in poverty."
- Diego Herrera (7)



"For our French project, we drew countries out of a hat that we then had to research. We were given certain topics that we needed to research about."
- Elijah Worth (7)



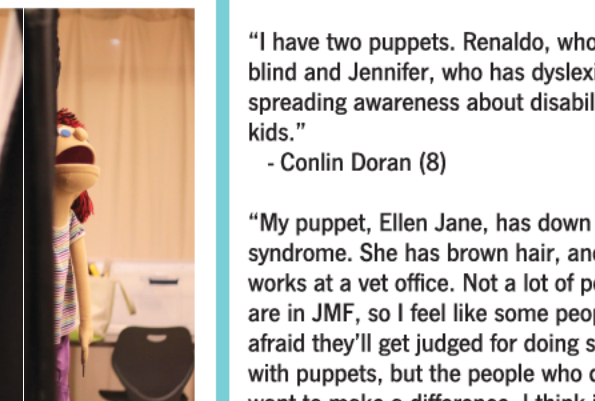
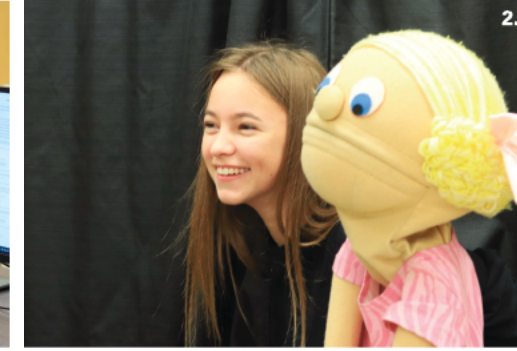
"The presentations took a lot of work since you had to make notecards, do your research and design the slides. I thought that designing was the best part about the presentation since I really enjoy working with Google Slides."
- Audrey Rawlings (7)

1. ZOOMING IN. The Media teacher Rhonda Johnson prepares a zoom meeting on Nov. 8. Due to Covid, JMF puppet shows had to be done via Zoom. "My job for JMF is basically to make the tech work and make sure Zoom is running properly," Ms Johnson said. *Photo By S. VOHS*

2. TAKE A BREAK. On Nov. 8, Annika Lawrence (8) shows off her puppet between skits. Her puppet's name was Brenda. "We do a couple different skits each time, and they all focus on teaching others about disabilities," Lawrence said. *Photo By S. VOHS*

3. PREPPING PUPPETS. Bailey Isley (8) prepares her puppet on Nov. 30. She was in the Green Troupe. "Doing the puppet shows is very enjoyable for me because I'm able to help younger kids be aware of disabilities," said Isley. *Photo By S. VOHS*

4. LAUGH AT YOURSELF. On Nov. 30, Natalie Smaagaard (8) performs with her puppet. She made a mistake during the skit, "Tutor Pals." "I couldn't stop laughing when I messed up one of the parts of the script," said Smaagaard. "What made it worse was that it was right in the middle of the performance." *Photo By S. VOHS*

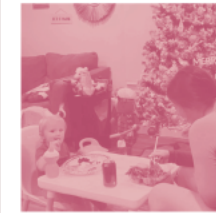


FLURRIES OF FUN

what did you do over winter break?



"I went to Crystal Beach, Texas for a week during Christmas. We had family over at the beach house, and at night, we set fireworks off on the beach."
- Ezree Franco (7)



"I went to California to see my two-year-old niece, Willow. I like watching her grow up because she does silly things. She's learning how to talk, so she doesn't always say words correctly, and it's very funny."
- Marley Elbert (8)



"My stepmom and I were at my riding horse farm before Christmas, and it was snowing. I never usually get to ride when it snows. It was really nice to have the snow coming down while I was riding around."
- Sophia Merriman (7)

Photos courtesy of pictured students

I LIKE TO

"My favorite animal is a hawk. I like that it can fly, and it has amazing eyesight."
mark hosier (7)

"Friday is probably my favorite day of the week. You get to go home for the weekend."
zachary klipp (7)

"I like the education we have in Westfield. There are really good teachers."
clara crane (7)

"My most favorite memory is getting my labrador puppy over quarantine. We had to go to a farm and pick her up, and it was fun."
grace cox (8)

"My family and I go to Myrtle Beach or Michigan Lake every year, and I like it because of the tradition."
harrison gapinski coon (8)

"My favorite hobby is to paint. I've been doing it for a year or two."
marlee mclaurin (7)

STRINGS ATTACHED

the jmf puppet troupe spreads disability awareness to elementary school students

"I have two puppets. Renaldo, who is blind and Jennifer, who has dyslexia. I like spreading awareness about disabilities to kids."
- Conlin Doran (8)

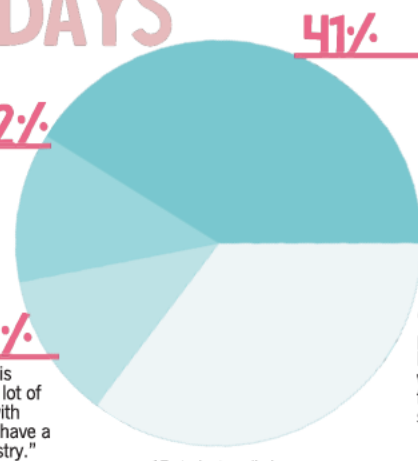
"My puppet, Ellen Jane, has down syndrome. She has brown hair, and she works at a vet office. Not a lot of people are in JMF, so I feel like some people are afraid they'll get judged for doing stuff with puppets, but the people who do it want to make a difference. I think it raises awareness and helps the kids understand it better and not judge others who have a disability."
- Hannah Yoder (8)

"I play Mark Riley, and he has a wheelchair and a helmet because he has cerebral palsy. It's fun, but I would love to do it in person and to see the kids reactions. My favorite skit that I have participated in is the camper skit. They go on a camping trip and have one of the blind characters try to feel their way through the path."
- Addelynn Price (8)

"My main puppet is Brenda. She's one of the few puppets who don't have a disability, and plays the role of an understanding friend. I feel like the best part of JMF is seeing the kid's reaction to our shows."
- Julia Brammer (8)

HOOPS FOR DAYS

how long have the seventh grade girls' basketball players played basketball?



17 students polled

1-3 years 12%
"I played basketball in Fifth Grade, but I quit. I decided that I wanted to start playing again this year, and I like it a lot more, especially since I know how to play."
- Brynn Sargent (7)

8+ years 12%
"Having the experience is really helpful because a lot of the girls I have played with them for a while, so we have a really good team chemistry."
- Ava Rodda (7)

4-5 years 41%
"I've been playing basketball for five years. Having the experience helps me improve every year that I play. Plus, I'm able to work on my teamwork skills."
- Peyton Saunders (7)

6-7 years 35%
"I have a lot of experience playing basketball. Since I know how the game works, I spend time focusing on improving my skills."
- Paige Rudolph (7)