

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mariemont Junior High Students Revisit America's Progressive Era**



The students at Mariemont Junior High turned back the calendar about a hundred years or so. Each 7<sup>th</sup> grade student was assigned an identity and an event relevant to the time period from 1890 – 1920, or America's Progressive Era.

The roles included ship builders, suffragists, immigrants, politicians, working children, coal miners and athletes. From the Titanic to Texas oil, from muckraking to moving motion pictures, the range of significant events was wide and varied.

Each student researched their role and event, wrote an essay and assumed that identity to present their findings. The language arts assignment was given in conjunction with studying Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*.

*Photo: Mariemont Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Rosie Ecker, Sally Portman, Oliver Mauk and Erik Flynn assumed the roles of Progressive Era characters.*

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