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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont Junior High Students Create History

History came to life on March 11 at Mariemont Junior High School. On that morning you could run into William Shakespeare, Andy Warhol, Lucille Ball, Michael Jackson and Socrates – all in the same hallway.

It's all through the junior high's Sculptors of History project. Each 8th grader chooses a past, recent or long past, who has made an impact on American and/or world history. The students then research their subject, develop a timeline and a set of probing questions and answers about that person's personal and professional development and their contribution to history. The ultimate goal is to attain a thorough knowledge of their subject, culminating in a final performance where they actually portray this person. The presentation includes a two-minute biographical sketch, a question/answer period, a visual display of some kind, and appropriate costume.

The Mariemont Junior High Sculptors program incorporates language arts, social studies, and computer classes. On the final day, the Sculptors of History Fair takes place where volunteers from the community evaluate the students' presentations. The students also come together to discuss and determine which "sculptors" had the greatest impact.

This project not only develops research and presentation skills, but also allows the students to see how it's possible to make a difference and an impression in the world in which they live.



Photos:

JHSculptorsEmperor – Emperor Constantine appears in 2010 through the portrayal of Mariemont Junior high 8th grade student Jon Bezney.

JHSculptorsAusten – Jane Austen (aka Mariemont 8th grader Sarah Blatt-Herold) shares her many writing accomplishments.



JHSculptorsPoe – Mariemont Junior High student Cate Donahue brings Edgar Allen Poe back to life.

JHSculptorsHandshake – Louis Pasteur (MJHS 8th grader Summer Harris) introduces himself to volunteer judge Bob Grove during Mariemont Jr High's Sculptors of History fair.



JHSculptorsShakespeare – Lindsey Seiberling, Mariemont 8th grader, channels the Bard himself, William Shakespeare for her Sculptors of History project at Mariemont Junior High.

JHSculptorsWarhol – Andy Warhol (aka Mariemont 8th grade student Hans Hinebaugh) was part of the Mariemont Junior High Sculptors of History fair.

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