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Congratulations Drew Howard!

Drew Howard, a sixth year student in Room VIII, placed first in both the Geography and Spelling Bee at Providence this year . He competed at the State level in the Spelling Bee and will participate in the State Geography Bee later this month. The Geography Bee will include 4th through 8th graders and may compete against two past Providence students.

MMUN PROJECT

Mrs. Snider accompanied six students from Providence to New York City March 2-5 so they could participate in the Montessori Model United Nations. Daniel Brenzel, Briar Campbell, Tom Hafley, Henry Hesseldenz, Lucy Macfarlan, and Lydia Newton debated with other Montessori students from all parts of the United States on issues such as free trade, the global orphan crisis, and world poverty. The final session was held at the United Nations where students voted on their resolutions. Those resolutions will be received by Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in the coming days. The trip was a culmination of months spent researching and preparing positions. The delegates convened with the purpose in mind to work together to find solutions to world problems. Congratulations Daniel, Briar, Tom, Henry, Lucy and Lydia and thank you Mrs. Snider for the many months of afterschool preparation time.

Ice cream treats for sale! For the next three (3) weeks!

To support the MMUN fund the children will be selling ICE CREAM TREATS for 50 cents for the next **three** Fridays at lunchtime for lower and upper elementary. The funds raised will help offset the expenses for the trip. The children love ice cream - and it's for a great cause!

March 13, Friday (Tomorrow) – **Indian Heritage Night** – 5:30pm – 7:00pm – Bring the family to experience Indian heritage. The night will include henna body art, special chalk drawings and many other Indian activities that the whole family can enjoy. Indian food and drink will be served. Lakshmi Sriraman will perform Bharatanatyam, classical Indian dance. Her performance will begin at promptly 5:30pm. This event is a great opportunity for our Providence families to learn more about Indian culture. Money will be collected at the door (\$10 for an adult, \$5 for a child and \$20 for a family). There will be some **Chick-fil-A** chicken nuggets and Papa John's cheese pizza available for the children as a second choice.

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April 17, Friday - 3rd Annual "A Vine Affair" at Talon Winery - Please join the Parents and Supporters of Providence for a Fundraising night of fun at the Talon Winery Barrel Barn. The night will include entertainment, food, cash bar and a live auction.

Please take the time to read and help if you can!

Help us make A Vine Affair a success! We are looking for families who can donate specific items for the live auction. Do you have great seats for basketball, football, Churchill Downs or Keeneland that you could part with for one game or race day? Do your child's grandparents own a vacation home they might consider donating for a week's stay? Could you cook a fine dinner for eight or ten people in the home of a Providence family? Do you have a connection to a business that might consider donating items such as limousine service for an evening or Spa Day for a group of friends? We are also looking for items to complete our door prize baskets, so if you would like to donate a gift certificate to a favorite fine dining establishment or a great bottle of wine, we will be happy to accept food or wine items. Cash donations to complete our wish list for this event are always welcome!

Please contact Marialyce Gradek m.gradek@insightbb.com.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee!

One of our featured items this year is a Home in the South of France! More information to come.....

Dear Providence Friends & Teachers,

I wanted to extend an invitation to all of you (and/or anyone you know who might be interested) to join me on Saturday, March 21 from 10 – 4 for a Nature Journaling Workshop at the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center at The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of KY, in Lexington. After introducing the concept of the Nature Journal, I will lead several exercises in observing, writing, and sketching. No matter your experience level, I think you will find something new and inspiring in this workshop, especially as we share and learn from one another.

The Nature Journaling workshop is especially appropriate for people who work with children. Nature Journaling is a wonderful way for children to deepen their observation skills and experience the

interconnectedness of all living and non-living things. The official description of the workshop is below – please feel free to pass this along to anyone you think would enjoy this workshop.

Nature Journaling Workshop

Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Take time to observe, reflect, sketch, and write in the beautiful surroundings of The Arboretum. Artist and naturalist Roberta Burnes will have you thinking about the journal in creative new ways as you draw inspiration from nature. Writing and drawing exercises will focus on observing and interpreting what you see, deepening your awareness of the natural world and your connection to it. This workshop is appropriate for both the seasoned journal-keeper and those new to journaling, artists, and educators who work with children. No prior art or journaling experience is required. Wear appropriate clothing for gentle excursions into the garden. Bring your own journal, pens and/or pencils, and a sack lunch. ***Pre-registration required by calling 859-257-9339. Cost: \$40 (Friends of The Arboretum \$35)***

Roberta Burnes is the Education Coordinator at The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky.