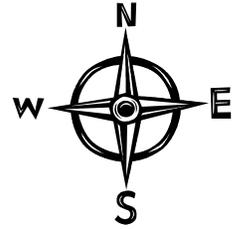


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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14-18 (library)  
All School Book Fair
- Oct. 18 - JMUG @ 9 am
- Oct. 21-25 Character  
Counts Week
- Oct. 23 - Parent Meeting  
(Title 1) & JMAP  
General Meeting  
@ 5:30 pm
- Oct. 28-31- Red Ribbon  
Week (Drug-free  
America)
- Nov. 1 - Elem. Carnival  
(2:40pm)
- Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day -  
(No School)
- Nov. 15 - JMUG @ 9 am
- Nov. 14-15 - Parent  
Teacher  
conferences  
(elementary)
- Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving  
Break (No School)
- Dec. 4 - Paideia Pizza  
Night and JMAP  
General



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## John Muir is a Paideia School.

So what is Paideia? Through Paideia learning strategies, students are challenged to analyze, to question, and to think critically. Cultural awareness is stressed through an expanded social science program that includes communication and collaboration with students in other classes. School-wide programs address the skills and knowledge needed to understand worldwide traditions.

Through Paideia seminars, students venture more deeply into areas of study. They draw connections between subjects. Then they construct meaning in a personalized manner.

Seminars are actually done in three steps. Seminars begin with pre-seminar activities. Students review the selected seminar text for a few days before the seminar. They set their own goals for the seminar. The seminar itself begins with identification of main ideas from the text, then moves to focus or analysis of textual details, and closes with personalization and application of ideas from the text.

**The school-wide Paideia topic for October is friendship and relationships.** Ask your student about what happened during their seminar experience on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

For a personal experience and deeper explanation of the Paideia philosophy, all parents are encouraged to come to Paideia and Pizza night on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## JMAKE brings art into the classrooms.

The mission of JMAKE is to immerse students in art, as it is an integral part of education. We believe ART should enhance learning by making connections between their world and the world of others. We will provide every student with fun and inviting experiences for becoming life-long learners.

The program will provide an opportunity for self-expression and communication. We'll encourage diversity and the acceptance of self and others. Classes will be 30-45 minutes each month for k-6.

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***Please turn in any Box Tops for Education and/or Labels for Education that you have collected to your child's classroom or 1<sup>st</sup> period class, no later than Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.***

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## Robotics Club

The Robotics Club is in full swing. They are getting new robots, laptops and accessories thanks to a grant from Art Pratt Foundation of Old Mission Rotary.

The Robotics Club meets in the library on Tuesday after school. All students from ages 9-16 are welcome to participate.