



Footsteps



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Fall 2013

New Teachers in FJS

by Diane Aviles



Elizabeth Rodriguez

This fall one of the new teachers in FJS in the 5-6 grade classroom is Elizabeth Rodriguez. She was

born in Puerto Rico

and raised in the Dominican Republic before she came to the United States at the age of 12. Since then she has lived in New York.

Recently in her life a lot of people have told her that she should teach. Loving to work with kids she prayed for God to show her what to do. After a few years of praying she was asked to work at FJS. Even though it is challenging to handle the 5-6 grade classroom of nine students, she loves to interact with the students and help them learn more about God's Word.

One of the many things Ms. Rodriguez likes about FJS is that her daughter attends the school and loves it. She likes that all the kids learn Bible memory and learn more about the stories in the Bible. She believes that it is the best edu-

cation to have. The way that the school involves the parents and informs them how to help their children more with their learning is another one of her reasons that she loves the school that she is working in. we are blessed to have her working here.

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Student Council

By Joshua Allert

It is a new year and now we have a all new student government. Joshua Allert was voted President. Dina Bu is now Vice President. Abigail Allert was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Shianne Hartzler and Kencel Andrews are the Members-at-Large.

This year will hopefully will be an exciting one as these students have the goal to have a fun year by planning activities.

1st Quarter Honor Roll

Principal's List (97%-100%)

Kaylah Wharwood (3rd)

A Honor Roll (93%-96%)

Amaryllis Rodriguez (3rd)

Deborah Vega (3rd)

Logan Herschberger (4th)

Jaedon Mast (4th)

Benjamin Schwartz (4th)

Keanna Wharwood (4th)

Zachary Hartzler (5th)

Abigail Allert (8th)

Shianne Hartzler (8th)

A.J. Vasquez (10th)

B Honor Roll (85%-92%)

Heidi Bu (4th)

Jackson Good (4th)

Xavier Worrell (7th)

Isaiah Vega (7th)

Dina Bu (9th)



The New Student Council (from left to right) is Dina Bu, Kencel Andrews, Josh Allert, Abigail Allert and Shianne Hartzler

Grandparents Day

by A.J. Vasquez

On October 23, FJS had their annual Grandparents



Linda Gavin and her "grandchildren"

Day. Grandparents Day is a very exciting time of year for most students. The students get to spend time with their grandparents, show them their school, and eat delicious food!

The day started off like any normal day. Then around 11 a.m., grandparents started to arrive. The students were still in class, so the grandparents had the privilege of observing their grandchildren in their classes. Now, they were sure to be on their best behavior.

When lunchtime arrived, the grandparents went to the basement with their grandchildren and teachers went down with the students who did not have grandparents there. Some students had other family members or friends come in as a grandparent figure. Everyone found their seats and the afternoon's events got started.

It began with the grand-children introducing their grandparents

or their family member that came.

Before the meal, a short video about the school explained what the school does for their grand-children. When the presentation was over, Mr. Gochnauer personally introduced each teacher and faculty member. After that, it was finally time to eat.

Then it was time for the students' presentations. It started off with the 1-2 graders reciting Psalm 23, their Bible Memory verses. After they were finished, the 3-4 graders recited their memory verses. When the lower school students were finished it was time for the Bible quiz team to demonstrate their knowledge on the book of Hebrews. The grandparents were impressed with all the time and effort that was put in by all the students.

Grandparents are a very important part of our lives. They have a lot of advice to give us because they are older and wiser.

New teachers

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Linda Herschberger started working at FJS as a teacher aide last year for Miss Detweiler and Miss Graybill.



Linda Herschberger

This year Mrs. Herschberger has taken on a whole new role – she is the second grade teacher. Mrs. Herschberger has two sons in the school and they are happy to have her around.

Miss Graybill has fifteen students in her classroom this year and there are four second graders and eleven first graders, having Mrs. Herschberger as the second

grade teacher has been a big blessing. She has a lot of work cut out for her this year but her kids enjoy her as their teacher.

Ruthi Gochnauer is not new to FJS, but she did take on a new role. For the past few years she has been the librarian and the supervisor of the high school afternoon study hall time.

This year she has taken on a bigger role – teaching the high school Pre-algebra class. She strives to help her students be successful.



Ruthi Gochnauer

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher Needed

FJS is looking for a 1st and 2nd grade teacher for the 2014-15 school term. After 16 years at FJS, Miss Graybill is taking a one-year Leave of Absence.

Urban Christian education provides a challenging ministry opportunity for teachers whom God is calling to the city. FJS has a multi-cultural student body from a variety of local churches. About 1/3 of the students come from Followers of Jesus Mennonite Church, the sponsoring church.

Highly motivated individuals with lower school teaching experience and a firm commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord should email the principal.

The position is a one-year, salaried position with the option of continuing longer, if a position is open.

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:2 (NIV)

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Fall Celebration

by Lisbeth Landrau

On September 27, FJS had their annual Fall Celebration at Highland Park on a nice fall day. The purpose of fall celebration was to allow the upper school kids and the lower school kids to have time together and have fun as a school.



Zacarias Delgado and Logan Heschberger run the three-legged race.

Not only were there enjoyable games but the younger kids and the older kids got to spend time together.

Students completed three activities. First they went on a



Students getting ready for the three legged race



Whole school playing "Ship-Shore"

scavenger hunt across the whole park. Then they had a race between two groups in which upper school students had to be tied up to a lower school student to race. Everyone had fun with this activity. The last game we played was called "Ship-Shore" where the students run between the "ship" and the "shore" while following instructions from a caller.

Fall Celebration was organized by Miss Jen, Ms. Nazario, and Ms. Rodriguez. It was an enjoyable time and was well organized.

I was chosen to be one of captains and I think that it was a good experience because I don't really spend any time with them. It was a really cool to be with the lower school students. I enjoyed my time with them and I thank the people who organized it.

Biggest High School Ever In FJS

by Shianne Hartzler and Abigal Allert

This year FJS has the biggest high school class in the history of the school. The previous largest high school homeroom was in the fall of 2006. In that year they started out with 16 students and we now have 17 high school students.

In 2006, Arlin Roth taught the FJS high school home-

room of 16 students. Mr. and Mrs. Gochnauer, are teaching this year's high school homeroom, with two senior, two juniors, seven sophomores, and six freshmen.

Mr. Gochnauer's goal for the year is that all of the students would learn to know Jesus better and desire to follow him in obedience and service.



High school class of 2013



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Mark Your Calendar

November 27
Thanksgiving feast

November 28-29
No School

December 12
Christmas Program
7:00 p.m.

December 20
Early dismissal, 12 noon

December 23-January 1
No School

January 2
Back to school