

Sue Gerding



The Gerding family moved to the Jordan area in 1990. Their five children attended Lourdes school, and mom became an active member of the Parents Club. In 1998 Sue was hired as a teacher's assistant for the primary room. In her first years as a teacher assistant she joined the battle to save Lourdes school and helped with the organization of the Lourdes Public Charter School. During this time she also attended Willamette University and received a MA in teaching. For the next four years she job shared in the primary room with Deanne Sumpter. When DeAnne retired she took the full-time position. For the last two years she has job shared with Mrs. Poverud, who will take the full-time position this fall. Sue's comment at her retirement party were "Students and parents made it the perfect job." During her retirement she plans to enjoy grandchildren, volunteer (hopefully at Lourdes), and travel.

Beyond the Curriculum

The middle grade students had the opportunity of several professional guest speakers this year.

Dr. Guesly Dessieux, OD---7th/8th grade boys, Adolescent Health and Body Changes

Theresa Hutchinson, RN---7th/8th grade girls, Adolescent Health and Body Changes

Susan McGovern Duman, MD, PhD---6th-8th Radiation Therapy

Joseph Duman, PhD---6th-8th, Effects of Marijuana on the Brain

General Julie Bentz Plapp---7th/8th Fission, Fusion, and North Korea

Norm Chaffee, NASA engineer---4th-8th, NASA Hardware



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the right way for each"*

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Brain Gym

This year the 7th/8th grade students began each day with Brain Gym exercises. These activities gave the students a chance to have fun, and also were meant to improve their listening, critical thinking and motor skills while increasing their fitness levels. Brain Gym comprises very easy body movements which have been designed to coax the two hemispheres of the brain to work in synchronization. Adding music to these exercises makes it even more fun!

Kindergarten

This year Lourdes re-instated their kindergarten. The students were provided a balanced program with academics and learning through play. Mrs. Haner and Mrs. Witt assisted the primary teachers in providing this program. The students have had a very successful year and are ready for a smooth transition to first grade.

Artist in Residence

Lindsay Huitt, from Dolce Dance in Molalla, taught the students dance. The students were divided into three separate age groups, and each group was given three, one hour sessions. Students created their own movement interpretations, learned cultural dances, did group choreography, and all began to feel the beat.

Graduates

Ryan Hendricks attended Lourdes School from 5-8 grade and was promoted in 2007. He went on to graduate from Stayton High School in 2011. After high school Ryan started a mobile auto detailing service alongside his full time job. In 2015, Ryan opened his first storefront auto detailing location, Finishing Touch Auto, in Stayton and within the first two months hired his first two employees. Just two years later he had outgrown his first location so he moved his business to a 5,000 square foot location on the corner of Water and 2nd in Stayton. Ryan received the Chamber of Commerce rising Star award in 2015. Six months later he opened his second location on Portland Road in Salem. Ryan will also be opening a new main office location at 320 N. 1st St. in Stayton in July. At 25 years old his company now employs eleven people. Ryan is also active in the community and serves as a Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce board member.

Coyote Omkara graduated from Lourdes School and Stayton High School. Coyote went on to pursue her Bachelor of Arts degree at University of Oregon. She specialized in Linguistics and Romance Languages, Italian and Spanish, being intrigued with communication methods around the world. She was able to study abroad for a summer in southern Italy after her first year at U of O. Graduating magna cum laude, she earned awards from her coursework in Linguistics and continues to study independently. After graduating from college, she traveled through Europe with her brother Eli. Coyote is currently living in Tennessee and running a hand-carved wooden spoon business with her partner Austin.
