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ALUMNI C/O 2018



The Cornerstone Class of 2018 returned to campus this past May for the annual Alumni Night. Students shared memories, a few snacks, and received a tour of the campus.

From attending UF and USF to studying semi truck mechanics and joining the Air Force, these alumni have bright futures ahead. We are so proud of all their hard work and wish them well in their next adventures!





High Adventure Camps

Flying high above Mountain Creek Lake, High Adventure Camper Liam let out a loud "yahoo" as he sailed down the zip line at Georgia's Tree Top Adventure. Part of High Adventure Camp: FDR, zip lining has become the highlight of the trip for many of the campers. In addition to hiking to a local waterfall, campers visited Callaway Gardens, the FDR Little White House, and canoed in Lake Franklin.

The second High Adventure Camp took campers a little closer to home. Staying on St. George Island, campers explored local estuary habitats, and kayaked in Apalachicola Bay. Campers also visited the FSU Marine Lab where they examined the oyster hatchery and local marine life.

The final leg of this year's High Adventure Camps took campers to Black Rock Mountain in Georgia where they hiked part of the Appalachian Trail, swam in Lake Rabun, and visited local waterfalls



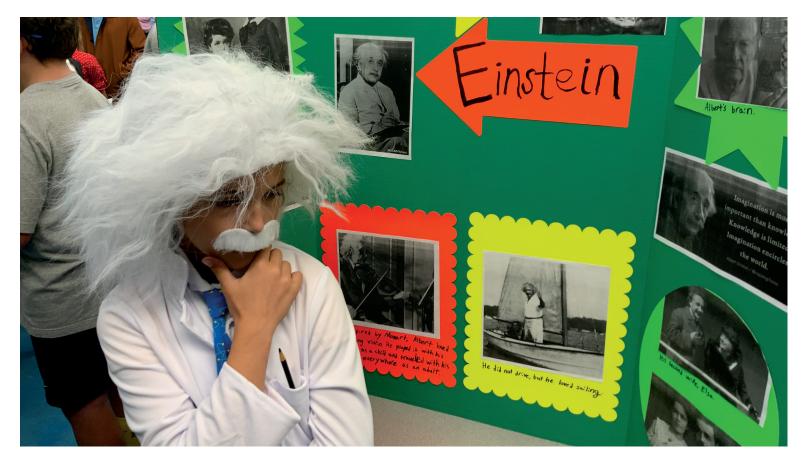
AUCTION RESULTS



This year's Spring Online Auction was a huge success! With a goal of \$30,000, the event brought in over \$32,000 for The Cornerstone Annual Fund in less than 12 hours.

It was a record breaking year for items donated, with over 150 items donated by local businesses and Cornerstone families. The auction included 92 packages available for bidding, including vacation get-aways, gift baskets, and class art projects.

Next year's Spring Online Auction is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023.



Wax Museum Debut

Even torrential rain couldn't put a damper on the 4th and 5th Grade Wax Museum, held this past May in the Anna Grace Redgate Art Studio on The Cornerstone School's campus.

For their final research project of the year, the students researched a historical figure they wanted to know more about, wrote a biographical report, created a display board, and presented a short speech as their historical figure in a "wax museum."

Students set up their display boards and then struck a pose that represented their historical figure. The students stood in silence as if they were a statue, and waited until someone walked up and tapped their button to start their presentation. Some of the "wax" figures on display included mathematician Katherine Johnson, surfer Bethany Hamilton, baseball legend Babe Ruth, Princess Diana, Norse explorer Leif Erikson, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Shoshone explorer Sacagawea.

"The debut of our wax museum was a huge success," said Fourth and Fifth Grade Teacher Staci Strait. "Every student was incredibly enthusiastic and showed up in costume with beautiful displays, ready to share the knowledge of their important person!"

The wax museum was one of the first events that saw families back on campus after the Covid-19 shutdown.

"It really was quite an experience," said Strait. "We had rave reviews from our parents and staff who had the opportunity to walk through our wax museum. I'm excited to carry this on as a new tradition for our upper elementary students."



ROCKET TEAM UPDATE



The Cornerstone School's inaugural Rocketry Teams had an amazing year! In addition to qualifying and being invited to attend the American Rocketry Challenge in Washington, D.C. this past May, the Sixth Grade Team finished in 12th place overall and the Seventh Grade team finished in 85th place overall.

"The success of both Cornerstone teams is due not only to the students' hard work, but to the dedication of their families, and the work of Mr. Peter Zaloom and Mr. Joe Moseley," said Development Coordinator Brooke Schultheis. "Everyone put their heart and soul into making this club extraordinary and we are so proud of what they have accomplished."

Shadow Box Theatre



During the second semester, Second Grade students studied different endangered animals and their habitats. In this cross-curricular unit, students researched an endangered animal, wrote essays, and created posters with images of and facts about the animal. The blue whale, giant panda, and cheetah were

just a few of the animals chosen.

As part of their final project in the unit, students took the knowledge from their research and wrote a play about their endangered animal. Students used shadow puppets that they created to perform their plays for their families during the Second Grade parent night.

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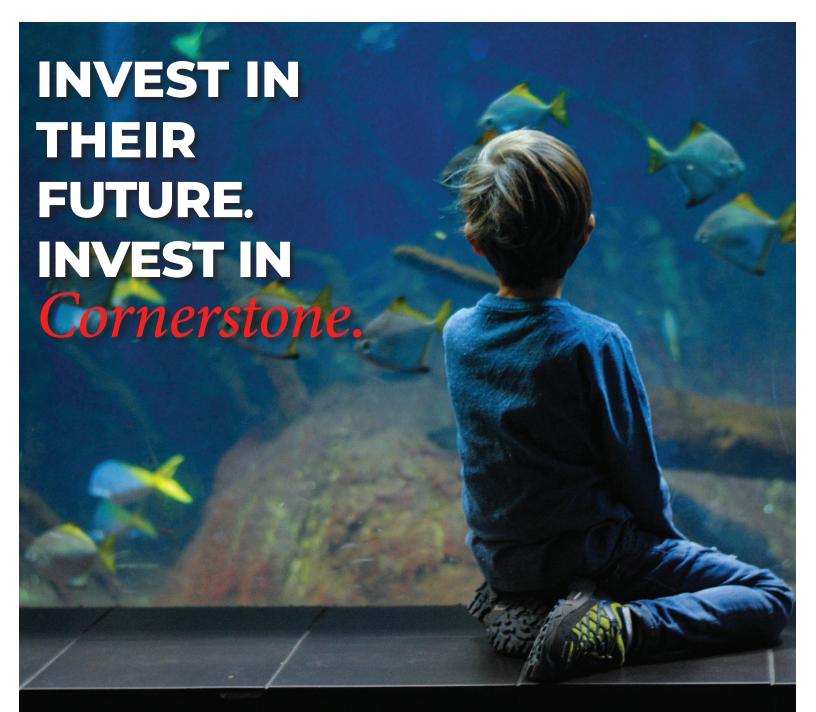
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In its first appearance since 2019, the school-wide Tribes Square Off did not disappoint! In the Tribe vs. Tribe field day events, students pair off and complete fun activities, such as stacking cups, jumping hurdles, and a shaving cream high five, to gain a color coded popsicle stick. The Tribe who collects the most popsicle sticks during the event wins, however, for the first time in Square Off history, two Tribe tied! In a winner-takes-all sack race, the Eighth Graders from the two Tribes, Aquanos and Incendia, hopped their way down the field. In the third leg of the race, Aquanos took the lead and never looked back, crossing the finish line in record time. Congratulations to the Aquanos Tribe and thank you to all our parent volunteers for another great event!





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The Cornerstone Annual Fund ensures that The Cornerstone School maintains its reputation of providing an unprecedented educational experience to all its students and provides financial assistance to many school programs. In addition to the day-to-day operations of the school, The Cornerstone Annual Fund supports the Athletic program, Art, classroom technology, clubs, extracurricular activities, Music, and STEM projects.

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