

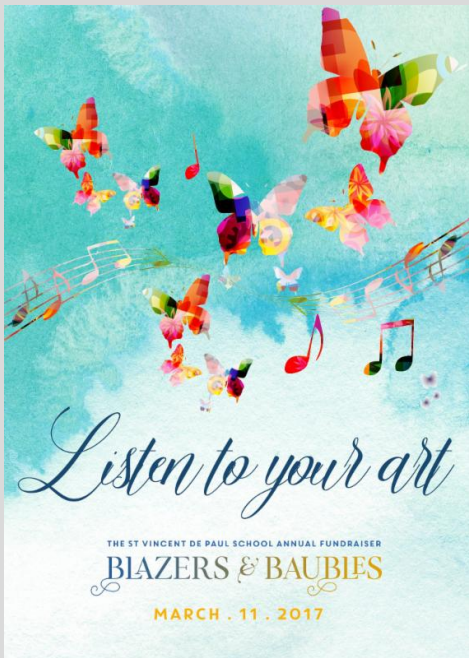
# VikingVoice

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**We LOVE our SVDP community!**



## Blazers & Baubles

The Blazers & Baubles Committee is working hard to bring you an evening of delicious food and beverage, fun, friendship, and fundraising.

[Buy your tickets now!](#)



### Good Neighbors

In December our 7th grade class did their own form of community service in our neighborhood. The class decorated gift bags packed with cards and homemade cookies. They delivered the bags to our neighbors on Pierce and Green Streets. Thanks to 7th grade mothers Kelly Burt Deasy and Beth McKillop for all their help.

### S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

SVDP hosted the annual Spelling Bee and the competition was tough. The 6th - 8th grade battle had to be completed on a second day. The winner was Seamus Ryan, 7th grade. For the 3rd - 5th grade, Brynn Slattery, 5th grade, took the title. We congratulate the winners. We appreciate Sue Della Cella for organizing this tradition.



## January was packed with field trips.

In addition to the learning opportunities listed below, we were thrilled to take the 5th and 6th grade classes to the San Francisco Symphony. We were also able to offer a special showing of the movie "Hidden Figures" to the 7th and 8th grade classes. We want to keep offering these experiences throughout the year and appreciate your support of Annual Giving. You can donate with a [credit card](#) or by completing a [participation form](#).



### 2nd Grade

The 2nd grade hiked to the Presidio one rainy morning to participate in the Presidio's Heritage Outreach program, "Whatchamacallits and Thingamajigs." They studied artifacts found in the Presidio and divided them into the three historic cultures known to have lived in that area: the Ohlone tribe, the Spanish settlers and the American military.

### 6th Grade

The 6th grade visited the Academy of Sciences on January 11, 2017. They toured all the exhibits and viewed a new show about the solar system at the Planetarium.



## Creepy Crawly Fun in the Classroom

The 1st and 2nd grades had a great experience in January when SaveNature.org brought their insect discovery lab into the classrooms. Children got to hold, touch and learn about different insects.





## 6th Grade Bio Columns

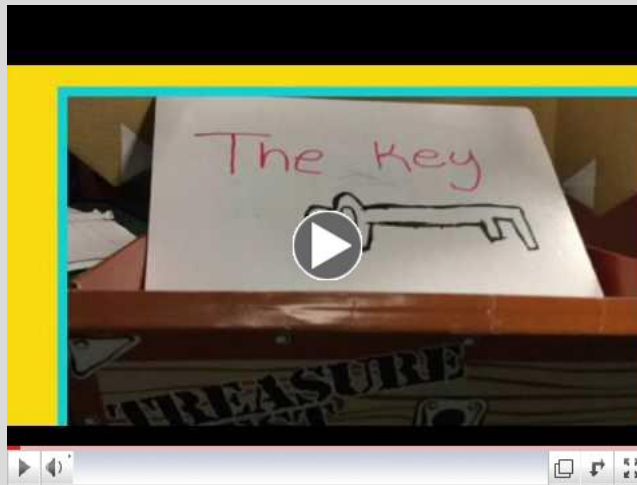
By Lucy Mahoney

In science class we made bio-columns. It was part aquarium and part terrarium. We took four plastic bottles and cut them to fit in each other. For the aquarium we filled the bottom bottle with fish rocks, water plants, and pond water. We were allowed to put in the following: fish, frogs, water snails, and krill. We put an upside down bottle on top of the bottle that the aquarium was in. For the terrarium we put a coffee filter in the upside down bottle and a wick through the coffee filter. Then we put in fish rocks and soil on top of the coffee filter. Then we put in sunflower seeds, radish seeds, and bean seeds. We watered the plants everyday and they eventually sprouted and grew tall! This project was a part of our ecology unit.

## iMovie Friendship Project

The third and seventh graders partnered to do a mini-unit on friendship, an important thematic topic both grades have been studying in literature. Together, they discussed friendship and wrote an original 10-word story that conveys a particular message about friendship. They then captured images around the school and added sound effects, music, headings, and words that helped bring their stories to life through their own iMovies.





## Community Service

4th grade spearheaded a sock drive and donated \$250 worth of socks to The Saint Vincent de Paul Society men's shelter. Lisa Handley, Director of Development of the SVDP Society, came and spoke to the students, thanked them for their contributions, and brought the socks back to the shelter.



Our sandwich drive continued in January, with our 6th grade class completing 350 sandwiches to be donated to those in need.

Our 8th grade class visited the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Anne's Home. The students played games and ate lunch with the residents. They sang their confirmation song too. They have been invited to return again.

before graduation.



## Sacraments

### 3rd Grade

Congratulations to the 3rd grade for celebrating their first reconciliation January 25th.

### 8th Grade

Our best to our 8th grade students who were confirmed by Bishop Walsh on January 28.

## MEET THE STAFF

### Leigh McMonigle

1st Grade Teacher

Mrs. McMonigle is also an SVDP graduate.

FUN FACTS:

**Favorite Food:** Her mom's homemade macaroni and cheese

**Something she would like to improve:** "Public speaking without turning red."

**Favorite article of clothing:** puffy vest

**Can't live without:** sleeping mask





## Leslie Carmignani

Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Carmignani is also an SVDP parent with her children enrolled in 3rd and Kindergarten.

### FUN FACTS:

**Favorite Children's Book:** *Good Night Moon*

**Theme Song:** *Don't Stop Believin'*

**Favorite Sport:** "I love to play volleyball, even though I am vertically challenged."

**Most grateful for:** her family

## KC McCabe-Isom

Student Life Coordinator

Ms. McCabe-Isom was born in Walnut Creek.

### FUN FACTS:

**Can't live without:** blow dryer

**Greatest Strength:** inner strength

**Favorite Board Game:** Clue

**Favorite Place to Shop:** online



## Sue Della Cella

Librarian

Look for Ms. Della Cella at the Giants games. She is starting her 18th year as an usher.

### FUN FACTS:

**Can't live without:** Her two sons, who are SVDP graduates.

**Favorite Food:** Pasta

**First Job:** Christmas job at the Emporium department store when she was 16.

**Currently Reading:** *Season of the Witch*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14 - CoffeeTalk with the Principals - 8:30 Parish Hall  
February 15 - 7th Grade Drama Performance "The 3 Musketeers"  
February 17 - Mass lead by the 4th Grade  
February 20 - Presidents Day (no school)  
February 22 - 24 - 4th Grade in Coloma  
February 25 - Father Daughter Dinner Dance - [tickets now on sale](#)  
February 27 - March 3 - 6th Grade at Caritas  
March 1 - Ash Wednesday

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