

MECCS

A newsletter for Mother Earth's Children's Charter School to share its successful traditional and innovative programming.

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MECCS Fun Day

Our staff decided the entire school needed a day to celebrate together after the challenges of the past year with a year-end Fun Day.

We rented what is called The Jumpy Thing, which was enjoyed by students and staff alike for hours. Mr. Wittchen, our superintendent, helped the owner put the 45-foot-long apparatus together on the lawn. It is easy to set up—just plug it in and watch it fill up. Taking it down is a little more work for the company, as once it is unplugged you have to get all of the air out of it before it can be rolled up and put back on the trailer.

A few of the older boys got to try it out once it was set up so they could show the little ones what to do. Students took turns and some made as many as 30 trips through it. They challenged each other to race through the course and it was heartening to see all ages having

Madeleine Roan-House enjoying her turn on The Jumpy Thing on Fun Day.





The students all waited nicely in line for their turn to have fun on The Jumpy Thing.

Above: The first student to try it out was Darius Raine-Mackinaw.

Getting The Jumpy Thing all set up:

- 1. Unloading.*
- 2. Unrolling.*
- 3. Inflating.*





Naomi Anderson



Amira Bird



Mark Ehnes

fun together. Kudos to the older students for setting a good example and sharing the good times. Students were having so much fun they felt obligated to challenge some teachers to join in. Naomi Anderson and Mark Ehnes made enough trips through that it is safe to say they might have had some sore muscles the next day.

Lunch was a wiener roast, including a bag of chips and a juice. The older boys looked after the fire and made hot dog sticks for the younger students.

In the afternoon, there was a special treat as Janet House arranged to rent a snow cone machine and supplies. Everyone made repeated trips for this cooling treat. Maxine Hildebrandt handed out bags of theatre popcorn and buckets of cotton candy.

The day had some interesting and perhaps unexpected aspects to it. It was the first time in over a year that we could really celebrate like this. The kids showed their resilience while they interacted as if the hardships of the past year had never happened.

This was definitely a highlight for the staff, as well as things like a young student coming up and thanking us and saying this was the best day of his year.

What a great way to celebrate and end the year, and to send the students off to what we hope is a normal summer holiday for the most part. It also sent the staff off on a high note for a well-deserved break.

Have a fun summer, everyone!



Left: Shelton Raine-Mackinaw and Tristen Lafleche having a wonderful time on The Jumpy Thing.

Below: Waiting patiently for a turn.





Clockwise from above:

1. *Evelyn Tompkins-Bird enjoying popcorn and cotton candy, two of the many special treats offered to the students on MECCS Fun Day.*
2. *Mr. Ehnes hanging out on the grass with some of the kids during a break.*
3. *Janet House and Yvonne House helping to set up lunch supplies.*
4. *Keilan Wiede, Nancee Tompkins-Bird, Azarie Rain and Arrazola Bird enjoying the sunny day and each other's company.*
5. *Janet House and Maxine Hildebrandt making snow cones and setting up bags of popcorn.*

