

SCHOOL & YOUTH NEWS

# Emerson Elementary news

By Kristin Meyer

On May 16th Emerson Elementary School celebrated the arts through musical performances, poetry readings, and an art show showcasing handmade books at the school's first Fine Arts Night. In March Emerson students worked with paper artist Shawn Sheehy during a two week artist-in-residency called Paper Capers. Students made sheets of paper, which they then formed into different styles of books and filled with poems they wrote, an autobiographical author's page, and decorations and embellishments. These books were on display at Fine Arts Night for students, parents, and the community to view. Madison School Board Member Arlene Silveira and the MMSD Fine Arts Coordinator Julie Palkowski were among the guests who visited the exhibit that night.

Also during the evening, under the direction of teacher Susan Van Sicklen, select students performed the

poems they wrote as part of the artist-in-residency. 3rd through 5th grade students worked with the Spoken Word poetry performance group from East High to develop their own poems which were included in their handmade books as well as performed at an all-school assembly.

Janet Larkin, Emerson music and strings teacher, led the 3rd -5th graders in a musical performance at Fine Arts Night which included a wide variety of music with a central theme of friendship and positive behavior. Song lyrics reflected being a good influence on one's peers when conflict or hardships arise. A Mexican and Zulu folk song were performed, and older students also played a medley of songs on the recorder.

### Important Dates at Emerson

Thursday, August 24th 11-6pm - Emerson Registration Day for new and returning students

Tuesday, September 5th - 7:30 am - School Starts!

# Northside youth earns Eagle rank



**Eagle Scout Tobias Harrison-Noonan stands with Megan Cain, former Director of Troy Kids' Garden. Toby organized the construction and placement of this chicken coop as his community service Eagle Scout Project. Plan to visit it this summer.**

On Thursday, April 20, Boy Scout Troop 23 held a Court of Honor at St. Peter Church to present Scouting's highest rank of Eagle to Tobias Harrison-Noonan. In addition to the troop's scouts and their family members, the solemn ceremony was attended by Toby's parents, Nancy and Dennis Harrison-Noonan as well as his maternal grandparents, Gwen and Dr. Aix Harrison of Stillwater, OK.

Toby, who attends East High School and is employed at Pierce's Northside Market, successfully completed all the requirements necessary to ascend to the rank of Eagle Scout. After participating for 3 years as a Cub in Pack 27, Toby joined Troop 23 in 2000. He worked his way through the ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving in various leadership positions and completing his community service project.

We are all proud of Tobias and challenge him to continue his active role in the community and to live out the ideals and values of Scouting.

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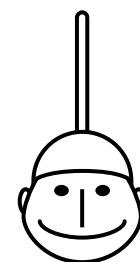
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