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WELCOME to the BOBCAT FAMILY!

September Save The Dates:

Sept. 2: Labor Day NO SCHOOL

Sept. 5: Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL

Sept. 11: Saks Night

Sept. 12-20 Book Fair

Sept. 18: Middle School Dance NO UNIFORM \$1

Sept. 27: Picture Day

RKBBH K-8 Center welcomes our new assistant principal Mr. Sosa. He is the kindest person you'll ever meet. Mr. Sosa wants to help students be as successful as possible. He plans to do this by facilitating an environment for parents, students, and teachers that is to the school's highest potential. Our assistant principal decided to work with students because he thinks that students are the leaders of future generations. For him it's a way to contribute to the education of students. Before working at our school, Mr. Sosa worked as an assistant principal at West View Middle

School and Lawton Chiles Middle School. So far, Mr. Sosa loves that in our school, there is a student population that will have lots of potential when they grow up. Mr. Sosa was born in Cuba and was raised in New York City. Things you would expect Mr. Sosa to enjoy are; spending time with his family at the beach, reading, and running long distances. His motto is "I practice the three L's: Live, Love, and Learn". Mr. Sosa is amazing and we are happy he joined our bobcat family.

By: Nathan Chiche, Paris Brock, Anton Weinberg and Louie D'Antuono



Assistant Principal
Mr. Sosa

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Fossil Fuel Pollution Prevention

Have you heard of Free Fossil Fuel Fridays? It is a program that focuses on preventing pollution. Students can make a difference in our community if we spent one day a week carpooling, biking, skating, or walking to and from school. Our school's Friday shirt was designed by Florencia Cardenas. She is a former student at Ruth K. Broad. Florencia was in Ms. Vidal-Santos' elective art class last year. The Friday shirt represents Free Fossil Fuel Fridays and how you should try to prevent pollution. Ms. Vidal-Santos and our PTA president, Julia, chose

the winner of the t-shirt contest. There were many great t-shirt designs submitted, so it was very hard to choose only one. Even Ms. Vidal-Santos participates in Free Fossil Fuel Friday, she carools on Fridays. All of our teachers and staff encourage all our students to participate for Free Fossil Fuel Fridays. It will have a great impact on our community. How can you make a difference?

By: Isabella Sharifi and Shelly Albergel



BOBCAT JOURNALISM TEAM

As reporters our mission in Journalism is to inform the students, parents, and teachers about what is happening around our school and our community. The Journalism team works very hard to make our newsletter extraordinary! We write about important events that take place each month and keep track of news going on around the school. The members of our journalism team are very dedicated and committed to their work. Our newsletter will increase students' interest about upcoming events and can inform them of events that they can participate in. It also acknowledges students and teachers who "Do the Right Thing" and help others. We will invite and interview special guests. We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Castillo, Mrs. Russo, and our journalism team for their continuous effort and support.

By: Lindsay Diaz, Eliana Donaire, Kara Perino, and Yoshi Petersson



PAL: VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER & FOOTBALL

Mr. G would like to welcome his newest or former players to this year's 2013-2014 season. He plans on practicing more than he did last year to improve this year's team. He plans on doing more cardio workouts to help with the team's movements and building their muscles. His goal for this year is to win the championship just like last year. They do a lot of running and various volleyball drills to improve stamina. This year's team is eager to play and are very supportive towards their teammates. If you want great success "do what you have to do now, so you can do what you want to later" Mr. G quotes. This year is going to be a great year for the volleyball team. This year compared to last year will be different considering there are more impressionable young peers. Congrats to our volleyball team for winning their first game 2-0!

Coach Carlos is the soccer coach for Varsity and JV. His plans on making this year's team better than last year is by making them practice and have more assistance from each player. Carlos is going to start going to tournaments next month. This year's players are different from last year because the players this year have good attitude and better assistance. To make his team win, he wants positive attitude. This year's team is going to have better success than last year with every player's talent and participation. Coach Carlos has been teaching soccer for three years, and has only taught at this school. The reason that he started to teach kids how to play soccer was because he was professional. He also wanted to share his knowledge with others especially the younger kids. The position he played was goal keeper and he had been playing since twenty-five years ago. His soccer career started in Peru. Coach Carlos' quote is "good discipline equals hard work".

By: Robert Behar, Timothy Rodriguez, Lee Iaslovits, and Ilan Luczkow

Mr. Villa has created a spectacular football team. This season, more students tried out for the team than last year. Coach Villa seeks players that play hard, fast, and smart. His goal is to help his team cut down on physical and mental mistakes. Another issue that he wants to lessen is the amount of turnovers in their games. Coach Villa predicts that the team for this year will be outstanding because there is a mixture of veterans and rookies on the team. His goal is to get a higher ranking than last year. One of the events that he is going to plan is the students vs. staff game. On behalf of the journalism team, we wish the football team a magnificent year.

By: Robert Behar, Timothy Rodriguez, Lee Iaslovits, and Ilan Luczkow



Mr. G



Coach Carlos



Mr. Villa

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST DANCE!



DJ SAGE
Main Brain Music!



Turn the Pages of Your Imagination: READ!



Ms. Garcia

Did you get a chance to visit the book fair this year? The book fair was opened on September 16th and ended on the 20th. The library was full of so many awesome books like *Dog Tags*, *The Moon over Manifest*, and *the Surprise Attack of Jabba the Puppet*. The book *Catching Fire* sold out within seconds! The lines were out the door!

The money that the book fair raised is going to be used to buy more books for the Media Center and for many classrooms. The students and the volunteers from the PTA helped organize and setup the book fair. The main purpose for the fair was to encourage children to read more books. The book fair's theme this

year was Egyptian. Ms. Garcia was so enthusiastic in helping students choose their books. Thanks to all the students who contributed to the Book Fair. This year's book fair was spectacular and no doubt was the best one yet.

By: Justin Norris, Jhon Chirinos, Valeska Lander, Maria Pirela and Ana Mota

Super Bobcats Attend Science Camp!



Ely Jrade, David Lopez,
and Paris Brock

This past summer three of our scientific Bobcats attended a six week science camp at the University of Miami. The three students' chose different activities to participate in. One student, Paris Brock, decided to work with monkeys. They studied if monkeys have relative quantity judgment. Relative quantity judgment is the ability to judge quantities. Paris decided to attend this science camp because he thought it would look good on his high school resume and he loves science. One thing he found interesting was that

monkeys are very similar to humans. The next student, David Lopez, he decided to study the idea for distribution and he tested with turtles. David decided to attend this camp because it seemed like fun and he thought he would have a good time. His favorite part about the camp was all the friends he made. The final student that attended this camp is Ely Jrade, he decided to study how to search for GMOs. GMOs are organisms that have been genetically modify organisms; they were looking to see if different types of food had been

genetically modified. He decided to attend this camp because he loves math and science and he wants to have a career involving math and science. His favorite part about the camp was that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, he got to swim in the pool. Overall everyone learned how to correctly apply the scientific method, use lab equipment, and use college level statistics. All of the students had a terrific time!

By: Louie D'Antuono, Christopher Carvalho, Massimo Ricart, Kara Perino, and Louisa Fritter

PTA: PLAYGROUND MISSION

It has been more than a year since the PTA started planning on rebuilding the playgrounds. The elementary playground's construction will be finished and open on October 31st. The field's playground construction will be finished two weeks later. Both playgrounds had to be demolished and reconstructed because the city considered them a safety hazard. The new elementary playground will be available to grades 2 and under. The new field playground will be available to grades 3 and up. There will be several sunshades on both playgrounds. The colors of both playgrounds will be blue, yellow, and red. The elementary playgrounds will have tunnels, slides, monkey bars,

and tables to sit at. There were about four schools that helped to contribute to the Dannon contest. These schools donated their Dannon codes to RKBBH when they realized that they weren't going to win so they wanted to help some other school. The PTA would like to announce a special thanks to Tiffany Cannava who is no longer a PTA member at RKBBH but continues to help us achieve our goals, the Gibb family, all of the PTA parents, and everyone else who helped us win the Dannon contest. After the playgrounds are finished with construction, the PTA will be saving up money to fix up the

track, field, and the basketball court. Thank you PTA!

By: Joshua Laufer, Nataly Pedrazzoli, Jean Paul Davila, Nicole Boutoureira, and Federika Rutten



**Dr. R's
Words of
Wisdom**

Quitters always have an excuse; winners always have an idea. Quitters fix the blame; winners fix the situation. Quitters make promises; winners keep commitment. Quitters let it happen; winners make it happen. Quitters say, "Why don't they do something?" winners say, "Here's something I can do." Bobcats: be winners and make a positive difference in all you do!

By: Camille Garcia and Richard Lopez

Helping Hands

Mrs. Chipy has been helping an organization called Operation Helping Hands. This organization helps the homeless in community. Mrs. Chipy is collecting hygiene items, such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, hairbrushes, wipes, etc. Mrs. Chipy has volunteered to do the hygiene packets over the summer and has so far been doing it herself. She welcomes any hygiene donations from the school. "I think it's important that we recognize how fortunate we are to have all these

things that we take for granted. This has been a big reminder for me and how lucky I am." She states. Mrs. Chipy hasn't been doing anything for awareness other than informing people about it. Operation Helping Hands has a Facebook page online. There are musicians who usually play on the streets, holding a sign that states that they are collecting donations. "I admired the people who worked in the organization and decided that if they can do all of that, I can at least do

a small part." She gives one of the co-founding volunteers the donations she has collected which they deliver to the needy. Each month Helping Hands has a new goal for example; September's goal was to help at least 60 people, the goal for this month has been raised.

By: Lindsay Diaz, Eliana Donaire, and Marlon Mercado

Honorable Mention: Kids Stopping Crime!

Over the summer Matthew Zuckowski, Anton Weinberg, and Sebastian Gutierrez, all 7th graders, participated in a police training summer camp for eight weeks. The camp was two hours every Thursday. At the summer camp they would meet at the Surfside police department. They learned how to identify different finger

prints and how to pull over cars. The camp group members also enjoyed the visit from some of the members of the S.W.A.T. team. They went on field trips to the fire station, town hall, and empty jail cells. Sebastian states: "I had good experiences in the summer camp". Matthew said "It would be fun to learn about what

our crime stoppers do and how I could be like them!" It was quite a small camp with around 15- 25 kids. This has influenced some of our own students to become police officers when they grow up.

By: Brett Posner-Ferdman, Nicole Boutoureira, and Maya Feldman



**Matthew Zukowski,
Anton Weinberg, and
Sebastian Gutierrez**