

BOBCAT TIMES



Mrs. Castillo's and Mrs. Russo's Journalism Classes

Big...World...Recess!

Ruth K Broad Bay Harbor participated in the Boosterthon! Boosterthon is a character building fundraising company that helps impact the community and students in a positive way. This event began on the 9th of November and ended on the 19th of November. On the 19th of November, there was a color run as the final event. The color run was for the middle school students, teachers, and staff. They got to participate in a run that helped

raise money for our school. The middle school students, teachers, and staff were given color packets to throw on each other. There was also a fun run that was held for elementary students. During the runs, the students that raised a certain amount of money, or pledges, received a prize. Overall, everybody had a lot of fun and enjoyed themselves.



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Heroes of America

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Florida Chapter hosted a dinner at the Boca Raton Country Club on October 13th. This event was for the paralyzed heroes who put their lives at stake. Some of the people who attended this event were Charles Brown, the national Vice President, and Juan Perez, the Florida chapter president. They had a golf tournament and other

activities. We thank all veterans for their service and loyalty to America.



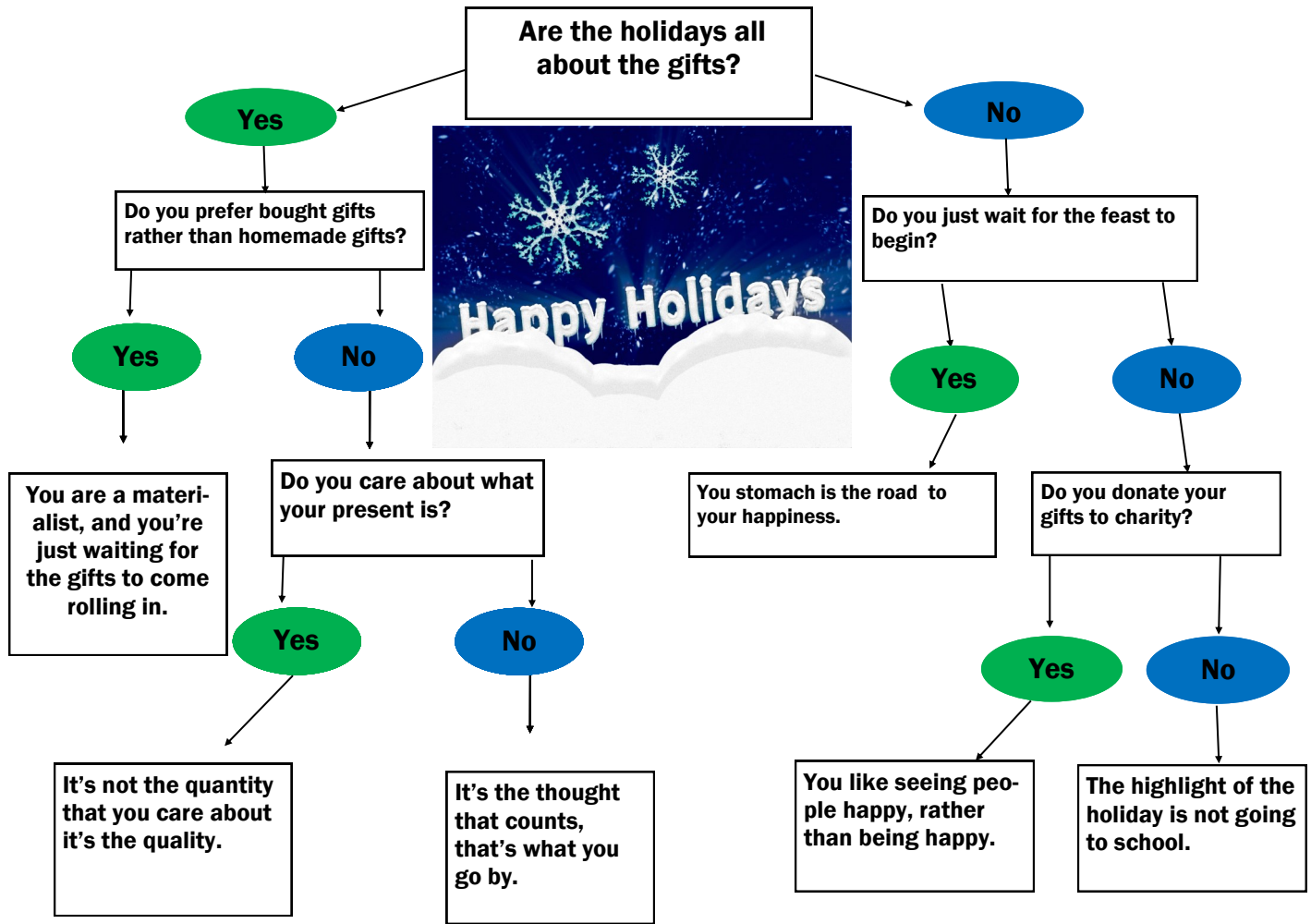
By: Noah Dorfman, and Sofia Iacobacci



This Thanksgiving, be thankful for everything you have in life. Spend time with your family and friends, and be grateful!

By: Yesenia Monserrate

Flowchart



By: Maxine Hyland, Paula Cortinez , Jonathan Souto, Sofia Losada,

Horoscope

By: Maxine Hyland, Paula Cortinez , Sofia Losada, and Valeska Lander

Aries



Date: 21 March-April 19
Element: Fire
Animal: The Ram

Taurus



Date: April 20-May 20
Element: Earth
Animal: The Bull

Gemini



Date: May 21-June 20
Element: Air
Animals: The Twins

Cancer



Date: June 21-July 22
Element: Water
Animals: The Crab

Leo



Date: July 23-August 22
Element: Fire
Animal: The Lion

Virgo



Date: August 23-September 22
Element: Earth
Animal: The Virgin

Libra



Date: September 23-October 22
Element: Air
Animal: The Scales

Scorpio



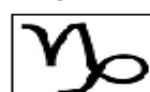
Date: October 23-November 21
Element: Water
Animal: The Scorpion

Sagittarius



Date: November 22-December 21
Element: Fire
Animal: The Centaur

Capri-



Date: December 22-January 19
Element: Earth
Animal: The Sea Goat

Aquarius



Date: January 20-February 18
Element: Air
Animal: The Water Bearer

Pisces



Date: February 19-March 20
Element: Water
Animal: Fish

Words Of Wisdom



“Don’t count the days,
make the days count” -
Bryan Portuondo

By: Nelson Parra and Kelsey Varona

Plants Off to Space!

Mr. Moss’ Agriscience and Career Planning class are growing plants for N.A.S.A.; they’ve built a hydroponics system. Next time you see them in the hallways, ask them about this project. PLANTS OFF TO SPACE!



By: Grace Pajon and Kayra Yuzbasioglu

Chocolate Winners

This year, our school had a fundraiser to raise money for the fieldtrips at our school. The students sold chocolate boxes. Everyone that participated had their names put into a raffle, to win a hoverboard. Six grader, Juliana Prat, won. She sold seven boxes and raised \$420 for our school. She quoted, “I was really surprised and excited that I won.”

By: Marie Agasse, Oriana Simone



The Land Share was an exhilarating event that most eighth graders participated in on November 23rd, 2015. The students who attended learned many facts about marine biology and sea life. Three experiments were held in the bus that came from Mast Academy, and three experiments were held outside under three tents, where the students rotated every two minutes. First, the students entered a

Land Share Visits!

bus that had computers and desks, and most importantly, marine animals! This bus was located in the car-pool lane near the elementary school shelter. From a scale from 1 to 10, students rated it an 8/10 or higher. We would like to thank Mast Academy for making learning exciting!

By: Sarah Utrera, Ella Simon .
Christopher Carvalho



Cans for Fams!

From November 2nd to the 19th the canned food drive event was held. The Canned Food Drive is an occasion held annually at our school. The purpose of this event is to provide food for families in need. Each grade was given a choice to either bring in an assigned food or one dollar. This year with all the contributions and

donations, our goal was to be able to purchase and donate a Publix gift card along with a turkey for families that don’t have a chance to purchase food for Thanksgiving. All the food received gets sent out one week before Thanksgiving. The towns of Surfside, Bay Harbor, and Bal Harbor gave out vouchers to the families in order to receive a

free turkey. We would like to thank Ms. Cuenca, Ms. Deleon and everyone else who made a contribution to those families in need. Remember sharing is caring!



Valeska Lander , Ayelen Posada, Emilie Sharma

Math Genius

Have you ever wondered who Miya Scherr is? Miya is a 5th grader who accomplished something many kids her age haven’t done yet. Miya attends Mr. Moss’ Atomic Brain Stem Club. She joined the club in September of 2015. She joined the club because she has a passion for math.

Miya feels proud of winning the 5th place mathematics award which took place at John A. Ferguson High School in November of 2015. This was the first competition for the Atomic Brain Stem club this year, Miya plans on getting more awards as a team and individually. At this mathematics contest,

50 other 4th, 5th, and 6th graders attended coming from all different schools. Any time you see Miya in the hallway don’t forget to congratulate her.



By: Jean-Paul Davila, Matias Wainfeld, and Alessandro Simone

Academy Day

On November 20, 2015, the whole middle school had Academy Day. Every student stayed with their elective class the entire day. Each class went on different field trips or did many different activities at school. This event occurs every year, so students can see the different jobs that are available for their electives. This year, Coach Perez and Coach Villa combined their classes' and took them to the Fredastaire Dance Studio, and they had numerous different presenters visiting.

Art and Music also had presenters coming in. Mr. Giordano, Mr. Moss, and Mrs. Cox went to the Everglades. Mrs. Boundy, Mrs. Praschnik, and Mrs. Mac got together and had different presenters visit their class. Mrs. Mayorga and Mrs. Chipy's drama class went to the Miami Book Fair. The robotics group went to LEGOLAND in Orlando, Florida. Last, but not least our journalism class went to FIU's Journalism Department. Juan Fernandez was quoted "I enjoy Academy Day and we

should have it every year. It gives students a more interactive learning experience for our electives."



By: Marie Agasse, Grace Pajon, and Oriana Simone

Teachers of the Year!

This year, Ms. Stewart (kindergarten teacher) won teacher of the year and Mrs. Barros (6th & 7th grade teacher) won rookie teacher of the year. Ms. Stewart has been teaching for 21 ½ years. Mrs. Barros has been teaching for 5 years. Both of these teachers have worked very hard to win this award and feel honored. Ms. Stewart says, "Winning this award was a dream come true and I am honored to know that I am making a difference in students' lives". Mrs. Barros stated, "I feel honored,

proud, and thankful that the hard work I dedicate to my students has many rewards, this being one of them." These two brilliant teachers also gave advice to other teachers that would like to win next year. Ms. Barros explained, "If you love what you do, your passion will shine through and people will notice too." After all, both of these teachers have worked very hard to win this award. Let's see what happens next year!



By: Daniel Caro, Gregory Kelly, Daniel Santana, and Kayra Yuzbasioglu

Dear Alicia

Welcome to Dear Alicia! Our first question is: Why are some people bullied just because they're different and they don't do anything wrong? This depends on the bully and their situation. They could be jealous of the person for having something they don't. In other cases, the bully could have been treated wrong or even bullied themselves and they release their anger on someone. Most people comfort the victim of bullying and label the bully as the bad guy, when we really should help both people in

their time of need. We should find all common ground to not hold resentment against one another. Instead we should love one another and enjoy our differences. If this happens to you, don't be ashamed, embarrassed, or afraid to approach an adult with your situation. Our second question is: **Why do schools make us wear uniforms?** This is mostly due to a safety reason; if we didn't have uniforms and something was to happen, we wouldn't know who is a student and who to look out for. Another safety reason is when going on field

trips you need matching uniform so you know what group you belong to. This could also interfere with the classroom environment if someone came in inappropriate clothing. So it is best for all of us to wear uniform. On the bright side we have no uniform day for one dollar. That's it for this Dear Alicia! If you want your questions answered, drop them off in Mrs. Castillo's room, 265 in the middle school building.

By: Christopher Anderson, Alicia Jitta, and Emilie Sharma

Did You Know?

Anthrophobia- Fear of people or society.

Bibliophobia- Fear of books.

Chrematophobia- Fear of money.

Epistemophobia- Fear of knowledge.

Heliophobia- Fear of the sun.

Lachanophobia- Fear of vegetables.

Mnemophobia- Fear of memories.

Papyrophobia- Fear of paper.

Phronemophobia- Fear of thinking.

Selenophobia- Fear of the moon.

Verbophobia- Fear of words.

By: Emilie Sharma

Field Construction



The field will be completed soon !