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**Mrs. Castillo's and Mrs. Russo's Journalism Class
2013-2014**

ACADEMY DAY: OUR FUTURE CAREERS

January Save The Dates:

All Jan.: Prescription Eye Glass Collection

Jan. 16: Arts Night/ NO UNIFORM \$1

Jan. 17: Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

Jan. 24: NO UNIFORM \$1

Jan. 26-Feb. 5: Valentines for Vets-make cards and candy

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The Journalism team had the opportunity to visit FIU's North Campus School of Journalism & Mass Communication. When they first arrived, students were asked basic questions about journalism and what journalists do. They sat in a college classroom and observed students presenting their projects and promos based on

a television series that they created. The students also had the opportunity to participate in a virtual investigation in a computer lab where they had to be investigative reporters. They had to find the cause of a sickness at a local school. In addition, the journalism students participated in a news report where they controlled the cameras, broadcasting, and became

newscasters! They took the roles of weathermen, sports reporters, anchor-men, controlled the cameras as filming the reporters, and moved the teleprompter. The journalism class would like to thank Mercedes Vigón for personally organizing the best field trip ever!



Journalism was not the only group to go on a field trip. Robotics got to go to LEGO Land! There they worked with Dr. B on special programming missions, which included medical and computer programming quests. After lots of hard work at programming they had the chance to go on rides, which included Driver's License which is a Lego car, The Dragon which is a rollercoaster, and Tomb Raider where you had to hit a target with a laser gun. Sounds like robotics had an enjoyable experience at Lego Land! For Academy Day Mrs. Praschnik's intensive reading class went to various places, including Praschnik Jewelers, Bay Harbor Fitness, City Hall, the Police Sta-

tion, and Ocean Reef Pre-K. Other classes that joined Mrs. Praschnik on this adventure included Ms. Boundy's speech and debate, and Dr. McDowell's ESOL class. They decided to go on this trip to show the kids future career opportunities within the community. Dance decided to have many speakers come in and talk to them about their professions. These people included Luz Reiley a nutritionist, Ilialeena Cortes a Zumba instructor, and Darren Buckner a Martial Arts instructor. Intensive math also joined them. Mrs. Carpenter did Career Planning on Academy Day. Continuing with the theme of Japan, Art decided to have June Sato-Scherr a parent

demonstrated and worked with students on Japanese calligraphy. Drama had Voices United come in and they worked on team building activities and problem solving activities with movement. Music had Master Classes come in. Some of these people include Luz Alas who is a recording artist and saxophone player, Roberto Obregon who is a guitarist and flautist, and Wells Cunningham a cellist and author. Overall we are looking forward to our next academy day in May.

By: Paris Brock, Ian Krupkin, Lee Iaslovits, and Louis D'Antuono

Principal for a Day

Jordan Leonard, the vice mayor of Bay Harbor Islands, was principal for a day at Ruth K. Broad! He was contacted by Dr. Rodriguez, who invited him to our school to be principal for a day on November 26th, 2013. When Mr. Leonard was given the invitation he thought that it would be a wonderful opportunity to be principal for a day at his old school. He said that it was fun to introduce himself to the kids and teachers. Jordan had to go class to class making sure everything was okay. He said that he still remembers some teachers that he had growing up, for example Mrs. Kramer. "This school was a major influence in my life" he states. One thing he likes about the school is that everyone is happy and nice and it reminds him of when he was growing up as a child. When we asked Jordan why he decided to run for Vice Mayor, his response was "I grew up in this neighborhood, and wanted to give back to the community." At the end of the school day, he announced that there wouldn't be any homework for the day. We can't wait for the next principal for a day.

By: Maria Pirela, Shelly Albergel, Ana Mota, and Lindsay Diaz



Playground Dedication

Guess what Bobcats? Our new elementary playground is finally done! Dedicated workers from the ARC Miami Dade School Board, started building the playground in the commencement of October and was completed on the last week of November. The \$600,000 donated from Danimals contest, town developers, evening events, Bobcat's parents, St. Regis donations, and PTA collections was used to construct both playgrounds. The PTA decided to use the money to make new playgrounds because they thought it was hazardous for the kids to play and they believed that the kids needed an improved place to play. We hope you enjoy Ruth K. Broad's new playground!

By: Massimo Ricart and Valeska Lander

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the 15 science fair winners! Only 5 students per grade were chosen to participate in the science fair. It will take place at the Miami Dade College on the North Campus on January 25th. In 6th grade, the people going to science fair are Matthew Prada, Karla Baldriche, Yoshi Peterson, Rafael Bengochea, and Katie Garcia. The 7th graders participating in science fair are Shelly Albergel, Isabella Sharifi, Paris Brock, Jordan Frank, and Carlos Santos. The 8th graders taking part in science fair are Cameron Behar, Gabriella Rivera, Isabella Larder, Olivia Larder, and Kalani Barreras. Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Prada, and Ms. Barros chose the science fair winners. They based their decisions on the originality of the experiment, how well they collected their data, and how the experiment applies to society. Let's all give a round of applause to all of the science fair winners because they all did an astounding job!

By: Isabella Sharifi, Christopher Carvalho

Art Week Celebration

Painting, recycled paper rolls, live sculptures, 3D art, tires, and more. These are some of the fun activities during art week that took place. This week is a week to get kids who are excluded from art a chance to get into it. Art Week is a week full of awesome art activities for second through eighth grade students. Art Week took place in the second week of December after school every day for an hour. For elementary students it costs five dollars to participate for each activity. For middle school students, the tire dragon did not cost anything to create. Ms. Vidal Santos and Ms. April Pullos are the ones who organized this event. The tire dragon will be installed behind room 83 in the elementary building. This is for parents who are watching sports on the field and need a place to sit down.

By: Brett Posner-Ferdman, Maya Feldman, Robert Behar and Anton Weinberg





Bolt The Turtle

'The New Hope Turtle' Exhibition

It has been over one year since the Sandy Hook tragedy. We donated our statue of Ruth the turtle to Sandy Hook Elementary as a sign of hope and to show that the students' loss after the shooting will forever be in the hearts of the students at Ruth K. Broad. On the 1st anniversary of the donation of the turtle, we had a big ceremony honoring Ruth. While

the ceremony was taking place, we got a surprise from the town of Surfside. Surfside donated one of their turtles to Ruth K. Broad. The turtle's name is Bolt. Maggie Vidal-Santos, the art teacher, was in charge of this event as well as a major contribution from the PTA, Mr. Rodriguez, and all the wonderful Bobcats that performed at the ceremony. According to the note on

Bolt's statue, he is the fastest turtle of all. Slowly, Sandy Hook Elementary school is healing with the help of Ruth the turtle and the support of Ruth K. Broad.

By: Brett Posner-Ferdman, Jean Paul Davila, and Anton Weinberg



Mr. Rodriguez's Winter Spectacular

Bobcats had their first concert of the school year. They have been practicing for nearly four months. A lot of hard work and dedication was put in by the students' performance this concert. The event took place the 12th of December 2013, at 6pm. Some of the songs they played were, "Courtly Dance" and several Holiday songs. It wasn't the first concert for the 8th graders and 7th graders, but it was for the 6th graders, so they were a

little nervous. The instruments they played were violins, flute, trumpet, and cellos. The concert lasted for an hour at the elementary cafeteria. There will be more performances during the year. We would like to congratulate all of our Bobcats on an amazing performance.

By: Nataly Pedrazzoli, Ilan Luczkow, and Camille Garcia



Jump Rope for Heart

Our school did a phenomenal job raising money for the American Heart Association this year. We raised over \$16,000 and the physical education staff would like to thank all students and parents that participated in this event. Our school has participated in Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart since 1996. Our contributions will help find cures for heart disease. The

top fundraisers include Lucas Fernandez, Alberto Martinez, Evanthia Dimitropoulos, Isabella Slezzynger, and Olivia Tavarez. Together these students raised \$1,568. The American Heart Association truly appreciates our efforts and donations. The Bobcat's goal was to raise \$17,000, but unfortunately our goal wasn't met. The students that raised the most money for their grade level were able to

pick a P.E. teacher and pie them in the face. This year the events were amazing and it encouraged all the students to stay active.

By: Yoshi Petersson Jean Paul Davila, and Maya Feldman, Shelly Albergel

PAL: Cheerleading & Basketball

On December 10, 2013 our basketball team played against River City. The game was played at 3:30 at our school courts. Both teams played very hard and their hard work paid off because Bobcats won 26-6. Bay Harbor Bobcats basketball team is going to have a great basketball season. Chris Contreras, a member of the varsity team stated, "We destroyed the other team". The coaching staff explains the plays very well. All of our basketball team players have confidence in this year's season. Devin Hall a member of the JV

team, thinks his team is very talented but needs to work together in practice and games. He has great confidence in this year's JV team. This year's team is going to be a great success for basketball.

By: Timothy Rodriguez, Nathan Chiche, Marlon Mercado and Kara Perino

We competed against schools such as, Florida City, Lake Land and Lake Whales. Parents were very involved with the cheerleaders and spirited them with passion. Out of all the teams competing, our proud Bobcat team came in third place and went home with satisfaction!



On December 6, 2013, our cheerleading team set out to Daytona, Florida to compete against other very talented schools in the PAL programs.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots are a great way to brighten someone's day! Toys for Tots is a fundraiser where our students donate new and unwrapped toys. During Christmas time, children who can't buy toys in our neighborhood are given these toys for free. This year, Ms. Cuenca and Mrs. Arteaga are in charge of the fundraiser. Toys for Tots runs

from December 9th, 2013 through December 17th, 2013. Most teachers have a box in their classrooms set up so the students can donate toys. Once the toys boxes are full, the toys are given to Mrs. Arteaga and Ms. Cuenca to give it to the Bay Harbor Police Department and they distribute it to the children in need. Our goal is to

raise at least 100 new and unwrapped toys. We hope we make many children's Christmas special with these toys.

By: Richard Lopez, Nicole Boutoureira and Luisa Ritter

Honorable Mention: Donna Greco & Grecia Gomez

Students, teachers, and staff members of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center gives a round of applause to Donna Greco who won secretary of the year, and Grecia Gomez who won para professional of the year. "When I won secretary of the year I felt surprised, very blessed, and loved", stated Don-

na . Our paraprofessional of the year, Grecia Gomez, stated that being chosen as paraprofessional is the biggest reward. "It's a nice feeling to be chosen." stated Ms. Gomez . She has won this position twice, once from this school and once from the district. To become paraprofessional of the

year or secretary of the year you must be nominated by a coworker then the faculty must vote between you and the other nominees.

By: Jhon Chirinos, Eliana Donaire, and Lee Iaslovitz



Ms. De Leon's Words of Wisdom

Always remember that what you say and do will affect you today and always, so make the right choices and you won't live with any regrets. Treat others the way YOU want to be treated. Being a friend means being there for that person in good times and bad. Life is short, so make it a good one!

By: Justin Norris

