

# BOBCAT TIMES



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

## Honoring Veteran Mitch Herbets

### December Save The Dates:

All of December: Toys for Tots (donate toys)

Dec. 5: Class Pictures

Dec. 9-13: Art Week

Dec. 11: Earth Day

Dec. 18: Middle School Dance

Dec. 20: Techno Hop/ NO UNIFORM \$1

Dec. 21- Jan. 5: NO

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Every year the President of the United States urges all Americans to honor the commitment of our Veterans through appropriate public ceremonies. Veteran's Day is a day to give a special thanks to those who fight for our country. Every year it's celebrated on November 11th. Veteran's Day was established as the anniversary for the end of World War I and it's considered a federal holiday. One of our own journalists, Anton Weinberg, personally knows a veteran Army Ranger named Mitch Herbets. Though Mr. Herbets did not serve in a war, just being on stand-by is honorable enough. The branch of the armed forces that Mr. Herbets served in was a Ranger. The Army Ranger is a group that gives quick reinforcements and helps provide immediate support. Mr. Herbets went to a College for the Army. This school offered him a full scholarship, but in return he would have to serve for

the military. Most of the veterans go overseas for many years. Mr. Herbets was overseas for two years. For Mr. Herbets, the most amazing moment while serving in the Army was driving a tank. Also, he remembers how the guns were light weight, but the water and ammunition were extremely heavy. Mr. Herbets wanted to enroll in the Army because he wanted to follow in his father and grandfather's foot steps. When Mr. Herbets came home, he opened a company named T.H.A.L.E.S. This company created hand radios for the Army. The equipment was used in Transformers I, II, and III the movie. Mr. Herbets earned medals that he is extremely proud of himself. We want to thank Mitch Herbets for protecting our country.

By: Anton Weinberg, Jean Paul Davila, and Massimo Ricart



## Ruth K.'s Got Talent!

A little rain didn't scare our Bobcats away! It was that time of year again when our outstanding Bobcats show their talents! Out of the 36 kids who participated in the auditions, only 12 kids performed in the show. This year's talent show included singers, musicians, a dance group, and an acrobat. Sydney Landsman, the acrobat, stated "Sometimes I get nervous before performing, but as soon as I am out there, I love it!" Stella Schlaepfi, one of the performers, said that she participated in the talent show because she

loves to support the school and it's a great way to practice for her future dream career as an actress. Donna, our school office clerk, believes that the talent show is a way for our students to express their talents and show the world how much they can achieve. Our Bobcats have so many wonderful talents, it's so hard to only pick a handful!

By: Luisa Ritter, Brett Posner-Ferdman and Richard Lopez



# TEACHER and ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR!



Put your hands together and let's congratulate Ms. Dennard for winning Teacher of the Year! She has been teaching for 33 years. Ms. Dennard currently teaches 2nd grade at our school and is very dedicated to providing a healthy learning environment for the students in her class. Ms. Dennard believes that every cupcake has the opportunity to become a whole cake. She stated that the students at our school have an opportunity for greatness because the atmosphere in this school provides daily opportunities.



Drum roll please! Congratulations to Ms. Delgado who won Rookie Teacher of the Year. Ms. Delgado has been teaching and working here for three years and she is a third grade teacher. Ms. Delgado says that she was completely surprised when she won. To win, she says you must be nominated by another colleague and the administration must vote between you and the other teachers that got nominated. This year they even had to re-vote! Hopefully in later years, she will win the teacher of the year award.

By: Isabella Sharifi, Shelly Albergel, Lee Iaslovits, & Jhon Chirinos

## PAL: Lacrosse, Cheerleading & Soccer

This year, Mr. Andrade is going to introduce a new sport. He wants to introduce lacrosse to our school. Lacrosse is originally played by North American Indians, in which the ball is thrown, caught, and carried with a long-handled stick having a curved L-shaped or triangular frame at one end with a piece of shallow netting in the angle. Not many schools play lacrosse, but we want our school to be one of those rare schools who have this sport. The lacrosse team is being assisted by the Aventura Lacrosse Program. Lacrosse is a rare sport that people participate in, so this year we would like for many students to join the team. This sport will be held on the field during hours of participation. This sport will take place in January of 2014. By January 2014, we will have the necessary equipment to make the lacrosse team.

This year, Mrs. Francis and third grade students are creating a cheerleading squad. Mrs. Francis is coaching third graders because she likes to teach, so she decided to go with it. This is her first official year coaching any physical team and she is eager to start. To teach her cheerleaders, Mrs. Francis is going to get them to follow the beat and enjoy dancing. This will allow her squad to get the feel for what cheering is really like. She was chosen to do this activity and she will not let her team down. This is an opportunity for the third graders to have a chance to have an amazing experience before they enter middle school. We want to wish them an exciting first year and we will be there to support them!

This year's soccer team is going to be a huge success. This year's players are very athletic and are experienced. Our Bobcat team plans on having an extraordinary year. Luis Garcia, a very talented and experienced player, has a dream to become a professional soccer player but if he wants to get there he needs to win a championship in Bay Harbor first. Hugo Schneider, another Bobcat player, hopes to accomplish a championship with this year's soccer team for the first time in school history. This year is sure to be a special year for soccer. We hope that many accomplishments are going to be made! We wish you much success!

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

Mrs. Francis



Luis Garcia



Hugo Schneider





## A Can A Day Can Make Hunger Go Away!

This year's food drive started November 12th and ended November 20th. Our school decided to start the Food Drive to help families in our community. Each grade was in charge of bringing a certain type of food item such as, canned corn, sweet potatoes, stuffing, canned green beans, rice, mashed potatoes, canned gravy, and canned cranberry.

This food drive benefited families in need of food, some which go to our school. This reminds us of the benefits we have that are taken for granted. "Last school year, there were over 6,000 homeless students in Miami-Dade County," Mrs. Deleon stated. Our goal is to help as many families as we can. Each school year, our students make about 30 baskets. The journal-

ism team believes that for next year our goal should be to try to feed even more families and make more baskets. The volunteers that helped pack and collect the items are none other than our own Bobcats; K-kids, Builders Club, and Student Council.

By: Camille Garcia, Lindsay Diaz, Eliana Donaire, Maya Feldman, and Nataly Pedrazzoli



A special thanks to Ms. Cano for inspiring her 2nd grade class who performed "Charlotte's Web" for many of our students. The theme for this play was to have her students learn about the importance of friendship. The play lasted for twenty minutes; and was performed from October 28th to No-

## Cano's Characters!

vember 1st. In the play, there were eighteen performers and it took place in Ms. Cano's class. Thank you to K-4th graders for attending the play. Great job Ms. Cnao! We are proud of your 2nd graders!

By: Ilan Luczkow, Robert Behar, Isabella Sharifi, and Shelly Albergel



Atomic Brain STEM Club

This year Mr. Moss decided to try something new! He entered his club, The Atomic Brains, in the Middle Mentory Bonanza competition. They competed on November 17th, 2013 at Ferguson High School. Mr. Moss stated, "I'm really excited to see these brilliant students compete. We have great competitors here at our school. They are enthusiastic in math and love to be challenged with other schools. GO

## Math Maniacs!

BOBCATS!!!" The purpose of this club is for kids to enjoy learning math and science in a fun and interesting way. This club takes place every Monday at Mr. Moss's class. Former president of this club, Ely Jade and current president David Lopez quoted "I hope we do great." The results of the competition weren't expected. No one from our school won. Mr. Moss was disappointed, but he knew the kids did their best. The Atomic

Brains will spend their time preparing for the next competition and their goal is be first prize winners next year!

By: Luisa Ritter, Valeska Lander, Jean Paul Davila, and Ana Motta

## Mrs. Prada Brings Mast to Bay Harbor!

On October 29, 2013 the MAST Academy Land Sharc bus came to our school. MAST stands for Maritime and Science Technology Academy. The main focus in this particular high school is Marine Biology. The people who attended the activities were the 7th & 8th grade Physical Science classes and the 8th grade Biology class. Sharc stands for "Science Hands-On And Related Careers". The awesome science teacher, Mrs. Prada, organized this educational experience for the exceptionally intelligent Bobcats. Some activities

included classifying organisms, locating virtual manatees, chemical reactions, light refraction, and taking a virtual tour of the sea, etc. Overall, the Bobcats had a liberating and mind-blowing experience! Even Dr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Garcia made a special appearance!. They wanted to be part of all the fun!

By: Ian Krupkin, Paris Brock, Maria Pirela, and Louie D'Antuono



**Mr. Sosa's  
Words of  
Wisdom**

Listen to your inner voice, follow the four "L"s: live, love, laugh, and learn. Always help others. Sacrifice now, pays off in the future. Every action that is done now, comes with a consequence, it can be a good consequence or a bad consequence. So always follow the four "L"s and live on!

Thank you Ms. Delgado for your hard work in making out school GREEN!



## Drama Parodies!



**GREAT  
JOB  
DRAMA CLASS!**

The drama students are full of talent! Most of them are experienced singers and dancers, but even the ones without experience are still outstanding. The drama students were given a task to take an existing song and change the lyrics to make it a humorous parody. To get the highest score possible, they would have to go to all stage positions, have facial expressions, have costumes/props to fit the lyrics, memorize their performance, and have a creative dance. Some of Mrs. Mayorga's favorite performances were, Hudson Feinberg - blurred lines,

"She's a cougar" and Armani Arrindell, Jamil Martinez, Natalia Rodriguez - Thrift shop "Fast Food Eating." The top parodies will be turned into videos; these videos will be recorded and put together by Carlos Santos, their tech guy. If you would like to see the drama students perform, they will be doing their interpretation of A Christmas Carol as "A Holiday Carol." There will also be an end of year play, which has not been decided yet. But it is sure to be spectacular!

By: Richard Lopez, Louie D'Antuono, Lee laslovits

## Honorable Mention: MICHAEL FOX

Congratulations to.....

Michael Fox! Michael is a fourth grader who auditioned for the All-State Chorus singing competition and got through the auditions. When Michael heard that the contest would let fourth graders audition for the competition this year, he knew right away that he had to go

and audition. When Michael found out that he had been chosen to move on from the auditions, he was shocked and elated. Michael has to compete against 2 other people to move on to the All-State performance. The contestant who wins will be given a trophy and they will travel to Tampa for

three days to perform a song. The winning contestant will be informed what song they're singing a few days before. Keep following your dreams Michael!

By: Jhon Chirinos and Yoshi Petersson



**Michael Fox**