

BOBCAT TIMES



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

#middleschooldance

February Save the Dates:

Jan. 26-Feb 5: Valentines for Veterans make cards give candy

Feb. 7: Teacher Planning NO SCHOOL

Feb. 14: Valentines pictures/ NO UNIFORM \$1

Feb. 17: Presidents Day NO SCHOOL

Feb. 25-26: FCAT Writing

Feb. 28: NO UNIFORM \$1

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The dance was a grand slam! Students enjoyed themselves so much! "It was the best dance of the year, the music was amazing!" stated 8th grader Jillian Do. Alissa Delcampo said "This is the most fun I have had in school." If you were not able to attend the dance, don't worry. It has been confirmed that this will not be the last dance of the year. You will have one more chance to go to the dance. There were approximately ninety-five kids who helped raise \$1,240; even though that number went down to \$840 after paying for the expenses, such as water, Coca-Cola, pizza, and DJ Sage. The profit was put into the middle

school account that is used for parties, Dave and Busters, graduation, prom, and field trips. Sabine Gutierrez, a PTA mom, said that she enjoys planning the dances because she wants to do everything possible to enhance education. She is looking forward to organizing the next dance. Mrs. Gutierrez will also be helping to make the next and final dance of the year unforgettable. We wanted to say a special thanks to Dj Sage for always mixing such fabulous music!

By: Anton Weinberg, Louis D'Antuono, Christopher Carvalho, Ian Krupkin, and Marlon Mercado



Rides, Rides, and More Rides

The Bobcat Carnival! The most exciting and enjoyable event of the school year! Each year, the PTA hosts the school carnival. This year, the carnival was rained out but thanks to our PTA president, the carnival was rescheduled. They sure did make up for it by including a zip line and other rides on January 17th. Rides, cotton candy, popcorn and games, and more were stationed at the carnival. There were also some new exciting rides. Some of the new rides included bumper cars and a rock-climbing wall that looked like a coconut tree. There was also face painting which many children enjoyed. There were thirty

to forty volunteers helping with the booths. Even some of the teachers helped out with this event! Some of the staff was Mr. Moss, Ms. Cano, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Prada, Ms. Arteaga, Ms. Fernandez, and Administration. Most students stated that most of the rides got their hearts pumping; for example the zip line and the bumper cars. There was also a bounce house that was created to look like a circus. We hope everyone had an amazing time at the carnival plus the additional ride day.

By: Brett Posner-Ferdman, Lindsay Diaz, Sophia Spurduto



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS



Dr. Rodriguez: "Focus on self-improvement and losing weight, working more as a team & meeting the needs of all the students."



Joyce: "Be healthy."



Mr. G: "To become limbo champion of 2014."



Mrs. Castillo: "To eat healthier and work out more."



Mrs. Mayorga and Mrs. Chip: "To take it easy."



Mrs. Calabresi: "To get mentally, emotionally, & financially prepared to send my daughter to college."



Ms. Singleton: "Try to improve upon myself as an individual; spiritually, socially, & emotionally."



Ms. Cordero: "Spend more time with my mother, and socialize her dog 'Mimi'."



Mrs. Mandel: "Enjoy family & friends & get organized."



Mrs. Alvarez: "To leave at a decent time from work."



Ms. Butler: "Pray to stay healthy, be blessed, bless others, enjoy my year & one day I'll lose weight."



Mrs. Delgado: "Enjoy more time with my family and friends and to stay healthy."

Bay Harbor's Bike Donations

The town of Bay Harbor and Police Department is happy to participate in a fairly new organization that provides bikes to families in our community. This organization was held during the holiday season. This foundation was created three years ago and is funded by an assembly of kind businesses and residencies. Bay Harbor police generously contributed three bikes to donate to kids at our school who are in need. From now on, bikes will be donated for the holidays thanks to the town of Bay Harbor and Police Dept. They also promoted a Bike Rodeo held at our school on February 22nd. Stay tuned and be ready to participate in Bike Awareness Week in May. Our school and community love to participate in activities that help people. It is important to always take action in supporting others.

By: Yoshi Petersson and Massimo Ricart

DJ SAGE

Looking for a DJ to have at your party, wedding, or bar/bat mitzvah? DJ Sage, also known as Mr. G, the Algebra teacher in our middle school, has lots of experience! He has DJ'd for celebrities, such as 'N Sync, Busta Rhymes, and Gabrielle Union. DJ Sage has been a DJ for 16 years and is the founder of Main Brain Music. He has DJ'd around the world at clubs, quinces, baby showers, corporate parties, and even our own school dances. DJ Sage has a variety of songs that he can play at any event from clean raps to pop music. If you would like to book DJ Sage for an event, visit his website, mainbrainmusic.com, or email him at djsage@mainbrainmusic.com. You may also call him at (305) 975 - 5024.

By: Isabella Sharifi and Shelly Albergel

Book Drive

The PTA is organizing another fundraiser. The PTA is collecting books to donate to students and encourage others to read. You can bring in any type of book that you don't need. Many books have been collected, but they want many more. The goal for the amount of books they want collected is more than a thousand books. The book collection started on the week before winter break and the end of the book collection will be the end of March. This is the first year that the PTA is doing this book fundraiser; they hope the fund raiser will be successful. Don't forget to bring in as many "unwanted" books as you can!

By: Camille Garcia and Eliana Donaire





Sparky meets his new friends

SPARKY VISITS BAY HARBOR!

WOOF WOOF! On January 7th, our school had a special guest visiting the building. Ms. Lisa, a worker from the local Humane Society, brought one of her furry friends. This fun, lovable animal is Sparky the dog. Sparky was found on the streets and was given food, water, and a place to

live. Sparky is now 7 years old and works as a therapy dog in hospitals and schools. When she was at our school, Ms. Lisa visited the 2nd graders to teach them about being safe around animals. Some tips for being safe around dogs that she gave us were, not pet a dog if its tail is between his legs, don't

run from dogs, and many more. We want to give a special thanks to Ms. Lisa for taking her time to talk to our students and educate them about animals.

By: Robert Behar and Lee Iaslovits



Joe DiMaggio: Teddy Bear Clinic

Teddy Bear Clinic is an event that is held every year at our school. This event is for kids to see how it is to go to the doctor. The first graders had a choice to bring a teddy bear to school and take care of them and pretend it was their patient. They used a reflex hammer, plastic needles and syringes, Band-Aids, and a stethoscope to practice being a doc-

tor. Before the event all the kids were nervous and scared. After the event, all the kids in first grade said they felt happy and more comfortable going to the doctor than they were earlier. One of the first grade students said that this event was to inform the kids what would happen when they go to the doctor. Doctors from the Joe DiMaggio hospital came to our school

and taught the first graders what it feels like to go to the medic, and they showed what they do on the Teddy Bears. The kids said they had fun, and now they are more at ease going to the doctor.

By: Maya Feldman, Nataly Pedrazzoli, Ana Mota, and Valeska Lander



The Pied Piper Opera Show
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The Pied Piper of Hamelin is a children's Opera in one act by Seymour Barab. The act is a story about a piper that used a magical flute so all the rats can follow him out of the city. This play was held in the elementary cafeteria on Thursday January 16th 2014. Grades second through fifth were elated to be

able to watch the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Some characters are Pied Piper, Woodland Nymph, Mayor of Hamelin, Policeman, and the rats. The instruments used in the Pied Piper of Hamelin were a piano, pretend flute, and other instruments. The purpose of this event was to introduce opera to our school, Ruth K Broad. The lesson learned

in the story is to always keep your promise. Ms. Rubin stated that "It is important for children to experience all form of arts. An Opera is an excellent place to start, if you go see a live Opera, you will be happy you did."

By: Nataly Pedrazzoli, Valeska Lander, Ilan Luczkow

PAL: Football and Volleyball

This year's football team is off to an amazing start. This team is stacked with strong eighth graders. Mr. Villa, the teams coach has helped this team on having less mental mistakes, dropping the ball less, and playing together as a team. Players such as Chris Contreas, Kai Colon, Lucas Agasse and Jonathan Akesson all wanted to complete their goal to win a championship but didn't succeed in season one. Brian Rasp, one of our talented player's goal this year was to score two touchdowns in one game for our Bobcats and he had completed it on September 26 2013, Vs. Gibson Charter. He had the last minute go ahead touchdown and the game winning touchdown;

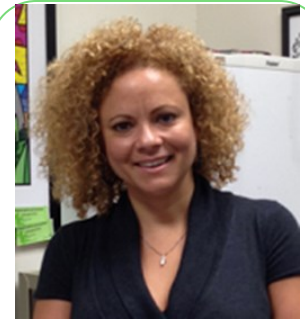
which accounted to a total of two touchdowns for the game. Brenden Lausell's dream has always been to be the starting linebacker. Mr. Villa trusted him and put him in! Brendan put his heart and soul to this football team and has been successful.

VOLLEY BALL

This year's volleyball team is off to a great start. "The girls have greatly improved and are a more tight knit team" stated the coach, Mr. Giordano. The volleyball team is filled with enthusiastic students and if it wasn't for all the team members, the team wouldn't be where it is now. Two of our 8th

graders, Caitlyn Grutzik and Kylie Curtis had personal goals to become better at serving and their mission is accomplished thanks to their dedication. Another pair of our talented volleyball players are Alexandra Abal and Armani Arrindell, their goals were to stay fit and be more active. Alesandra Andreozzi's objective was stay focused in games. This year's volleyball team is on fire and nothing will stop them from getting better and better!

By: Timothy Rodriguez, Nathan Chiche, Kara, Perino and Shelly Albergel



Mrs. Cuenca's Words of Wisdom

"Learn to see past your struggles to soar for a greater you and believe that your brighter days are on the horizon"

By: Justin Norris

FCAT: Ready to Write

February is an important month for the 4th and 8th graders. The writing FCAT is on February 23rd for the 4th graders and the 25th-26th for the 8th graders. The FCAT will take place on a Tuesday and it'll be the first writing FCAT for the 4th graders. Mrs. Lax, a 4th grade teacher, is preparing her students by doing activities such as exposing the students to good writing and practicing Narrative and Expository essays every day. Some of the 4th grade students stated that they can't wait until it's all over. Mrs. Lax said that they have prepared all year for the FCAT and that they should get a good night sleep and should just relax and they'll do great.

Dr. MacDowell is an 8th grade teacher who has been preparing for the FCAT writing by giving her students essays and making the revise and edit them. Dr. MacDowell thinks that her students are more than prepared and she knows that they'll do great. She says to eat a healthy breakfast, review your test tips, use your time wisely and you'll do great. Two eighth graders, Chris Schmidt and Chris Contreras, say that they feel prepared for the FCAT writing because their teacher gives them essays and makes her students edit them. Chris Schmidt says that he feels more comfortable with expository essays while Chris Contreras feels more comfortable with persuasive essays.



Good luck 4th and 8th grade student on your FCAT!!

By: Richard Lopez, Nicole Boutureira, and Jean Paul Davilla

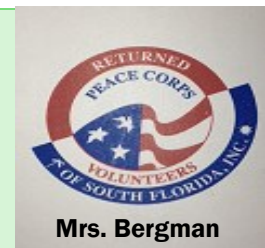
Honorable Mention: Mrs. Bergman & Stella Schlaeppi

Give a hand to Ms. Bergman and Stella Schlaeppi. Ms. Bergman was nominated for the Spirit of Service Learning award. This award recognizes individuals who build and create a healthy community through their contributions and commitments. She also became a finalist which is a great accomplishment. To become nominated you must have to

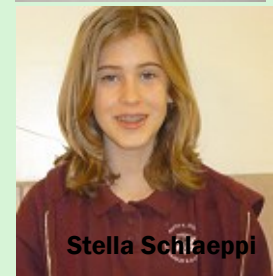
meet the requirements such as being a teacher. Your actions are motivated out of selflessness and respect. Teachers must welcome diversity of ability, culture, and age. They should encourage and support the vision and dreams of others. They encourage others to expand their vision. Stella Schlaeppi won in a literature contest held by the Reflec-

tions Awards Program. She wrote a poem, Believe. The poem is about how you should not give up in life and never give up on your dreams.

By: John Chirino and Maria Pirela



Mrs. Bergman



Stella Schlaeppi