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Toys for Tikes



The Student Council is organized their annual toy collection and it was a success as always. The toys collected were donated to the Mystic Force Foundation, and then given to pediatric hospitals in Miami. Toys will also be donated to Miami-Dade County schools for less fortunate children. A special "thank you" to all who donated and made Holiday cards to the children.

By: Valentina Garcia and Valentina Suarez

Skyping with Shira T. Center!

Shira T. Center took part in a skype interview with the Journalism class, where they learned about her career and all the hard work involved with Journalism. Shira T. Center, is currently a politics editor for the Boston Globe. After college, she moved to Washington D.C., and began to pursue her career in Journalism. There, she learned all about the insights on politics. She later moved to Boston for personal reasons. Shira enjoys being an editor rather than a reporter because being an

editor challenges her to be creative and resourceful. She also shared that her favorite cable news channel is CNN because they ask very intelligent questions. Some advice she would like to share with people looking into journalism is "to always have editors look over your work" and to read the article out loud to yourself. This will give you a better sense of what the article sounds like. She believes that the most challenging aspect of journalism is constantly figuring out what's worth the reporters time, and what will be

the best story to work on. Journalism can be a frustrating topic because of its unpredictability. However, despite the challenges, Shira loves it and strives everyday to be the best journalist she can be.



By: Alyssa Brafman and Emely Bravo

Congrats to Our Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the Year!

Every year, a teacher is noticed for their dedication and hard work, and is then nominated for Teacher of the Year. This year, Ms. Miller, a 3rd grade teacher, was chosen to receive this prestigious award. When announced, Ms. Miller was in shock, and had no idea she was going to be recognized for an award only one teacher a year receives. She was thrilled! After Ms. Miller found her love for teaching, other jobs brought no interest to her. While she underestimated the amount of work needed to be a teacher, she overcame the difficulties and now it seems to have been paid off!

Another deserving teacher, Ms. Gilfoy was nominated as Rookie Teacher of the Year. Ms. Gilfoy was honored, humbled, and excited, for she never thought she would receive this nomination. Every school year, she puts her heart and every ounce of dedication toward the education of her students. School was not always easy for Ms. Gilfoy, as she had to learn to overcome dyslexia as a child. With the help of her family and teachers, she was able to overcome it and it even allowed her to understand the importance of having a willing and dedicated teacher. Ms. Gilfoy wants to remind all students to, "Keep on trying and never give up. The rain always brings a rainbow. Soon, it will be your time to shine."



By: Lauren Herzfeld and Peter Roca



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



If you would like to recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, bottle caps, Capri Sun juice boxes, or batteries, bring your items to room 69. You can also go to the mixed and paper bins outside of the lower academy cafeteria to recycle boxes and cardboard.

Always remember to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

By: Jed Hoffman and Valentina Suarez

Ms. Miller's Chimichurri Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2 cups chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil
- 1 teaspoon of sugar
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon of salt and pepper
- Grilled chicken strips

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly.
2. If necessary, add extra salt or pepper.
3. Serve over grilled chicken strips, and enjoy!



By: Jed Hoffman and Alessio Fleites

Bobcats Take On the Holidays!

On December 13th, Mr. Bracken-Tripp and Mr. Rodriguez, the RKBH music teachers, had their upper academy students participate in the winter concert. At the concert, they had all of their classes perform at least one song and some of them were mixes of various classes. These classes included the Orchestra, String orchestra, Concert band, Guitar ensemble, Singers (soloists), Pianists, and Mr. Rodriguez's American Sign Language performers. The concert also included a special graduate performance. The

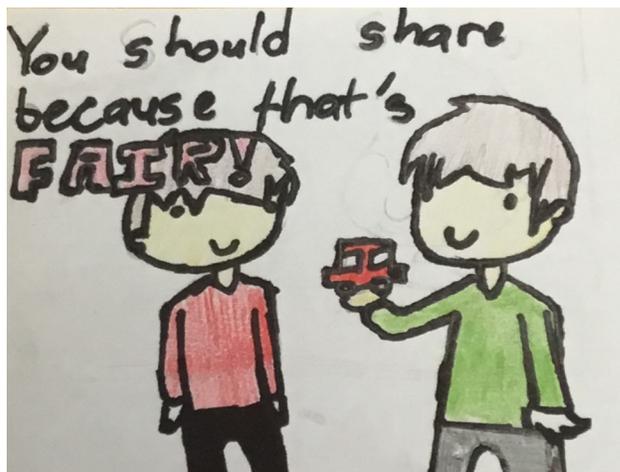
performers use instruments such as flutes, trumpets, trombones, tubas, clarinets, euphoniums, and other percussion instruments, including drums, cymbals, xylophones, gongs, bells, and rattles. According to Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Bracken-Tripp, a total of around 100 instruments were used at the concert. There were about 20 songs as well as solos. The concert took place in the lower academy cafeteria and parents, children, and other students came to enjoy the performances. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he was very nervous before the concert occurred. However,

once he heard his students play, all of the nerves went away. The students were both anxious and confident before the concert, hoping they would do well. The students believe that their teachers have taught them well, and they have learned a lot throughout the year.



By: Matisse Oswald and Malik Meneill

Values Matter: Be Fair



By: Noah Rey

In your day to day life, you should be considerate of other people's feelings. Being fair is very important as everyone is equal. One way of being fair is by sharing with everyone. It is not nice to select people based on their popularity or only if they are your friends. Making someone feel like they belong and are a part of something is a nice gesture. Try thinking of something you can do to make someone feel great for the day... maybe share your supplies or maybe even your lunch! Being FAIR is the key to everyone's success!

Dear Valentina,

Dear Valentina, do you have any tips or advice on how I can get better at making friends?

Making friends can be difficult for various reasons. It could be because you are new to the school, or maybe you're simply just not the best at approaching and starting conversations with people. Joining clubs is one way to make more friends because the people in that club may have shared interests with you, giving you all something to talk about. Don't ever try to be someone you're not to just to please someone else. Making

friends is not something you can really plan, it just happens.

Dear Valentina, how do I get better grades in school?

The phrase "good grades" can sometimes vary from person to person. Studying and staying on top of your work is a great way to make sure you don't miss any necessary work. For example, try to do all your homework right after you come home from school and then after, you can make other plans so you

don't have to worry about doing homework in a rush. Different people learn in different ways. Depending on your learning style, you may have other studying preferences than classmates. Be sure to find what studying habits work best for you! Always remember to never stress yourself out too much because all you can do is try your best.

Need advice? Make sure to drop off your questions to Mrs. Castillo's class: 265.

By: Valentina Garcia