

BOBCAT TIMES



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

Fullbright Japanese Visit

June save the dates:

June 2-Dave & Buster's middle school Field Trip

June 2- End of the year celebrations for Pre-K, 2nd and 5th grade

June 3 - End of the year celebrations for Kindergarten, 3rd , and 6th grade

June 3— Kona Ice

June 4- End Of The Year celebrations for 1st , 4th , 7th June 5— 8th grade Graduation and prom

Ms. Vidal-Santos was selected as 1 of 24 teachers in the U.S. for the Fulbright Japan- U.S. Teacher Exchange for Educational Sustainable Development for 2013. Upon her return, she taught students about the Japanese culture through PowerPoint presentations, demonstrations and projects. This year Miami was the host city for the Japan -U.S. Teacher Exchange. Twelve Japanese teachers came to our school to visit and learn about our programs. The Japanese teachers were invited to the Japanese Festival that took place at the Surfside Community Center on Thursday, May 1st. They were also invited to a display of our students art work. The Japanese teachers performed a traditional dance. The visit was a great experience and we look forward to the next exchange!

On May 1st, 24 teachers from Japan came to visit Florida and were welcomed into our school. Mr. Rodriguez gathered all his music students to perform a Japanese song to the teachers. The song they performed was Suki Yaki by Kyu Sakimoto. The student performed the song in Japanese and a 7th grade student, Christian Calabresi, impersonated Kyu Sakimoto, the artist of the song. During the performance, the Japanese teachers were singing along and two of them cried. They said that the student's language was perfect and the performance made them sentimental. They said the performance was amazing and it reminded them of their home country. We hope the teachers had a wonderful time here and that they wave great memories of our school and an amazing experience to tell their students.



By: Nicole Boutureira ,Shelly,Max Ricart, and Paris Brock

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Principal For a Day

Give a round of applause to the principal and assistant principal for the day! Chloe Luczkow and Dylan Schucher were working in the office and working very hard just like Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Sosa would usually do during the a regular school day. Both girls were going into classrooms and discussing with other peers what it feels like to be principal. Chloe and Dylan said it was fun, but complicated to be in that type of position. When they saw somebody behaving badly, they would write their names down, then call them down to the

office and make them learn their lesson. They didn't eat lunch in the cafeteria like other kids. They ate lunch in Dr. Rodriguez's office like if they officially had the job. The girls became principal and assistant principal of the day because they chose the winning fake money out of a box. They were so excited to take part in such an exciting day and now recognize that being a principal and assistant principal is a lot of hard work and dedication.

By: Ilan Luczkow, Luisa Ritter, Marlon Mercado



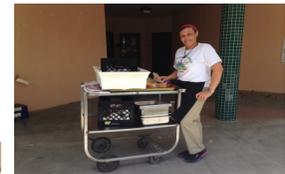
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all our teachers at RKBBH K-8 Center for their unconditional support and dedication to all of our students! We are so excited to have such a great team that is always eager to teach and enthusiastic in reaching for the stars!



Thank you to our security guards, custodians, and cafeteria staff. We appreciate the work you do to make the school a better place. Thank you to our security guards Mr. Bello, Mr. Arroyo, and Mrs. Draga; our custodians Fernando Wilkins, Yolanda Jimenez, Modesto Asuilar, Rosa Asuilar, Larry, Stanford, Booken, Abercrumbie, Severn Bradwell, Angela Alexander, James Colquitt; and finally our cafeteria staff Fernando Jean Simon, Nancy Garcia, Wanda Harris, Liz Hernandez, Diana Francois, Rochelle Beckmon, Jully Perez, and Ileana Ramirez.

By: Ian Krupkin, Shelly Albergel, and Isabella Sharifi



Playground

On Tuesday April 1st 2014, we were honored with the grand opening of the playground next to the field. The school had two events that day in order to officially inaugurate the playground and to thank all contributors that helped the playground's construction. The first event took place in the media center. During this event, Mr. Rodriguez's music students performed and Ms. Rubin's chorus group sang a song to celebrate. Afterwards, the student council gave a speech to thank all contributors. During the ribbon cutting for the playground, Ms. Lax and Ms. Lehman's classes were invited to be the first classes to play in the playground. The construction of both playgrounds were meant to be the 2nd phase of the school's improvement plan. The school thanks everyone who contributed to the playgrounds!

By: Nicole Boutureira and Christopher Carvalho

2014-2015 Nurses

We would like to thank Bay Harbor, Bal Harbor, and Surfside Commissions for making it possible to have our school nurses stay for one more year. It is good to know that we have two spectacular nurses that will always be there to help us when we get injured, and nurture us when we are in need. Also, we would like to thank Ariel Vazquez and Iveth Martinez for devoting their time and effort for making sure us Bobcats are happy and healthy.

By: Paris Brock and Lee Iaslovits

Costa's Garden

Ms. Costa has made a garden and planted different types of herbs and vegetables donated to her by the PTA. These include lima beans, green beans, beets, radishes, tomatoes, peppers, basil, cilantro, strawberries, etc. The garden is planted by the elementary cafeteria next to the greenhouses. She is planning to sell the produce or donate it to the homeless, she even sold some to Dr. Rodriguez. Mrs. Cendoya had started this idea before, but it did not succeed because her room was too far away from the garden compared to Mrs. Costa's. In total, they have made about \$40 through the sale. With this money, they are going to buy tools for the garden. She hopes to expand their garden and convince more people to contribute.

By: Sophia Spurduto, Valeska Lander, Louis D' Antuono, Yoshi Peterson, and Maya Feldman





Homeless Donations For Those in Need

Every month, Mrs. Chipy donates hygiene items, shampoo, toothpaste, soap and sunscreen to the homeless. The very 1st outreach was in July 2013. The purpose of the homeless donation was to promote helping the homeless. Most people forget that homeless people are the same as the rest of the public

and have the same needs as everyone else. This event happens at Wynwood Miami, FL. This was started by a group of musicians who donated all their money to buy items for the homeless. The musicians have a crew of volunteers who help and distribute food, clothing and the donations. Mrs. Chipy ex-

pects there will be about 50 people at the next outreach. We hope there will be many more outreaches during the rest of this year. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this helpful event.

By: Maya Feldman and Valeska Lander



Once a Bobcat, Always A Bobcat!

Our Bobcat family would like to say goodbye to Mrs. Dennard and Mrs. Reyes because they will be retiring this year. Mrs. Dennard has been working at Ruth K. Broad since 1983 and Mrs. Reyes has been working here for almost 28 years and is the school treasurer. Mrs. Dennard thinks it's time to retire and would like to do other things; Mrs. Reyes would like to take care of her health. When Mrs. Reyes came to America she wanted to learn more vocabulary, she first went to a school called Feinberg Fisher until

someone discovered her and asked if she wanted to be a school treasurer. Mrs. Dennard was in Detroit and her son had chronic ear disease and has exhausted the surgeries he had in Detroit, so the principal of the school she was working for suggested for Mrs. Dennard to go to Florida and see if she would like it and help her son. So they recommended the best school in Florida and it turns out that it was our school. Mrs. Dennard stated "Saying goodbye is a difficult thing to say, even if it's for a special occasion like retirement. It has been my pleas-

ure to be a part of the Bay Harbor family. To the students, I know your futures are bright and are filled with possibilities. To the staff, I'll miss the inspiration, your smiles, the laughter, your encouragement, and the three decades of wonderful memories. When you think of me, I hope the thoughts are filled with music and laughter and I hope you will dance. "

By: Sophia Spurduto Maya Feldmann Valeska Lander



H.O.P.E. Contest

Over the years Mrs. Castillo has always participated in the annual H.O.P.E Contest, this year is no different. H.O.P.E Contest stands for "Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia." Every year there is a different topic and this year the topic was "The value of pet ownership." We even got to talk to the director of the H.O.P.E. Contest Dr. Martin Karp. Unfortunately he is such an important and busy man, that we did not

get a chance to interview him. Even though we didn't get to interview him we were very fortunate to speak to him over the phone. For the H.O.P.E. Contest kids were required to answer five questions, create a flyer that promotes pet ownership, and write an essay describing the flyer. The H.O.P.E. Contest is overall a creative and inspirational project that helps many pets get adopted.

By: Louis D'Antuono, Ilan Luczkow, and Camile Garcia



PAL: HEAT Game!!!

Let's go Bobcats! Our very own Bobcat basketball teams and cheerleaders went to the American Airlines Arena on Wednesday, March 12th, to play against River City before the Heat game took place. Our Bobcat varsity team won 49-19, but our junior varsity team suffered in defeat. It was a great honor for our team to play at the American Airlines Arena. Brendan Lausell states he com-

pleted his goal by scoring more than ten points. Our team had tons of confidence towards the game. The basketball team's great effort helped them succeed together as a team. Timothy Rodriguez, a varsity player, also completed his goal in shooting a NBA three-pointer. Good job Bobcats.

By: Timothy Rodriguez, Kara Perino, Jhon Chirinos, Jeanpaul



Words of Wisdom
Ms. Russo

“Education exist in the process of teacher and student learning together with the teacher drawing forth the student’s potential and raising him or her up to surpass the teacher.”

By: Justin Norris and Yoshi Petersson

MUSIC



MR RODRIGUEZ AND HIS TALENTED MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORMED IN AN EVENING OF FINE ARTS! THEY WERE OUTSTANDING!!

MR. ANDRADE

CONGRATULATIONS for winning the Surf Bal Bay PAL is the MDCPS Civic/ Nonprofit Dade Partner of the Year !



SPIRIT Week



And the Green Team takes the win!!! It was a close competition all along but the Green Team won 118 to 98

Honorable Mention: Lee Iaslovits and Abby Oppenheimer

Give a hand to two of our wonderful Bobcats! One of our Bobcats named Lee Iaslovits had found \$100 on the second floor near Ms. Colorado's classroom. Lee Iaslovits was feeling sincere for the student that accidentally lost the money because it was a huge amount. He then gave it back to a student named Sean Berning.

Sean Berning had commented that he was glad that someone would do such a great thing! Lee had encouraged all of us to do the right thing this month. Another one of our great Bobcats named Abby from Ms. Lehman's class had gone on Sunday to her girls soccer team and played in a soccer championship. Her and her soccer team

had won 1st place and won 3-2. Abby says that it was a great experience to share with her soccer mates.

By: Maria Pirela, Luisa Ritter, Nathan Chiche

