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# BOBCAT TIMES



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

## Former Bobcat Makes it to "El Factor X" Finals

### November Save The Dates:

Month of Nov- Food Drive

Nov 4-6- Ruth K's Got Talent

Nov. 8- Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL

Nov.11- Veterans Day NO SCHOOL

Nov. 18-22- Carnival Ticket Sales

Nov. 22- No Uniform \$1

Nov. 23- Carnival

Nov. 24-27- Turkey Gram

Nov. 28- Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

Nov. 29- NO SCHOOL

Former Bobcat, Vivian Valls who now attends Miami Beach Senior High, was a finalist on "El Factor X". Vivian describes her experience as "life changing". She originally had no intentions of joining El Factor X. Instead, she wanted to audition for the English version, but her mother persuaded her to try and audition for the Hispanic one. When Vivian was just eleven years old, she had auditioned for The X factor and didn't make it. After that, Vivian watched videos of Beyoncé and changed some of her vocal strategies and sang every day. When she was competing in El Factor X, she had made many friendships with the contestants. "Every time a contestant was eliminated, they would come back stage and we would all hug & cry. We all lived as a family." During the competition only one parent was allowed to stay with her so, that was hard for her staying away from her family. On the bright

side, the company did pay for everything, gave them one-hundred dollars for food, she got to go sight-seeing every Saturday, bought a souvenir (that she sometimes wore for good luck), and got to practice in a comfortable home. Vivian had to rehearse every day for six hours, three hours for her vocals, and the other three for choreography. Her favorite performance out of the whole competition was "Listen" by Beyoncé; her favorite costume design was a golden dress with a red rose. In her opinion, the contestant that should've won the competition was Rafael who made it to the final four. Teachers from her Bobcat family helped Vivian get votes by assigning it as homework, coming up with other creative ways to advertise her, and posting the link on their Facebook page. Sadly, Vivian did not win, but when she came back from her long journey, her friends had a warm welcome for her. They were all very proud of her and congratulated her accomplishment. For her, it was hard to adjust back to

reality. Vivian might land a recording contract with Sony. "If I still don't get a recording contract," she states, "I will still keep pursuing my dreams. I promise you that you will see more of Vivian Valls." Not bad for a fourteen year old!

By: Lindsay Diaz, Valeska Lander, Isabella Sharifi, and Paris Brock



Vivian Valls

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## Bobcats Celebrate at Hispanic Parade

Baila! Hispanic Heritage month began Sunday, September 15th and ended Tuesday, October 15th. Mrs. Rodriguez, the elementary Spanish teacher, coordinated the Hispanic Heritage Parade on October 9th where Hispanic students from grades K - 5th grade participated by dressing up in their cultures clothing and walked around the elementary and middle school showing everyone their culture. Students also made dolls, posters, and brought food into their class to taste. Mrs. Costa was in charge of the dolls, the food, and the posters. The students worked very hard in making Hispanic Heritage month a successful way to share each other's cultures.

By:  
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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN BOBCATS

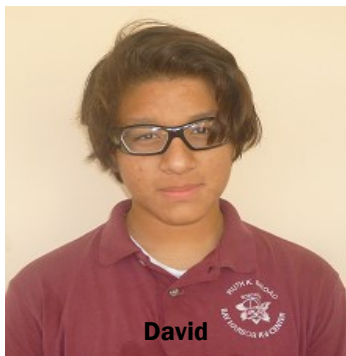
## Box tops Pictures

## Haunted House



## PAL: BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

This year's 2013-2014 Bobcats' basketball team is going to be outstanding, no doubt. Reggie, the basketball coach is planning on training harder and longer to push this year's team to perfection. Reggie is trying to get our Bobcats enrolled in a travel tournament. We have many fresh players who are dedicated to win! Reggie stated "if you study hard and work hard you, can achieve anything". He believes that his team can and will win 1st place in upcoming tournaments. He predicts that this year's team will be immensely successful. One of the basketball's star David, is very devoted to the basketball team. His favorite part about basketball is that adrenaline rush he gets when he's playing. Another of the team's basketball player is Jamie. He started playing basketball at the age of 9 and has loved it since. His future plans are to go pro. This year's team looks devoted and is going to succeed!



David



Coach Reggie



Jamie

This year's 2013-2014 cheerleading team will be a dominate one. This year's squad is a large assembly of excited full youngsters. Our cheer crew is planning on more events that will benefit everyone's energy! Most cheerleaders from last year have progressed a lot and the new cheerleaders are training really hard. Ms. Delgado and Ms. Chippy are both the cheerleading coaches and believe that the cheerleading squad will try their best and always be positive. When the tournaments start, they both are planning to take the 1st place spot! The cheerleading squad is going to go cheer at away football games. Both teams this year have joined to make one massive varsity squad. Janny Perez, one of the rookie cheerleaders, chose to enroll in cheerleading because she loves her school and wants to support her team. So far, cheerleading has been amazing! Janny thinks that if the whole squad works together, they can achieve anything. Our veteran cheerleader, Jillian Do, has been cheerleading for three years. She hopes to win first place in all upcoming competitions. This year's cheerleading squad is going to be the best one to come.

Janny Perez



Janny



Jillian

By: Marlon Mercado, Nathan Chiche, Timothy Rodriguez, Massimo Ricart



## A Healthy Me is Drug Free



“A healthy me is drug free!” This year’s Red Ribbon week and United Way collection was outstanding. We raised \$3,287! Our Red Ribbon week started off with a bang when our Bobcats dressed up for twin day and bright colored clothing day. The next few days were also a big hit. On Tuesday, it was a crazy hair/hat day. Followed by Jean-i-ous day, and ended with favorite sports team day. “Red Ribbon week is not about dressing up, it’s about saying no to drugs. Elementary students made banners and had a parade to present their hard work.

By: Brett Posner-Ferdman, Kara Perino, Maya Feldman, and Eliana Donaire



## BOBCATS Participate in Community Service!

Mrs. Bergman’s 7th grade class is working on an assignment called Sterling Bobcats. This assignment is a community service project. Mrs. Bergman was inspired to do this because of the Ann Bussel Foundation. For those of you that don’t know her, Ann Bussel is the daughter of Ruth K. Broad! Mrs. Bergman has been doing this project with her classes for the past 3 years but the program has been going on for 6 years. This project starts

on October and ends in March. The amount of hours the kids have to do depends on the project they are doing. The 7th grade students benefit from this project because it’s a pre course for the requirement in high school. It also helps the students learn how to think for themselves. The project is also made to help the kids get involved in their community. It is open to all middle school students but it is a requirement for all of the 7th graders. One of the best

projects presented so far is a group of boys that did a car wash for the breast cancer foundation and gave out bracelets. It was really inspiring to see such dedicated students. Good luck Mrs. Bergman’s 7th grade class! The Sterling Bobcat project will be a huge success!

By: Robert Behar, Justin Norris, Louisa Ritter and John Paul Davila



President Kylie Curtis

## Bobcat Election Winners: 2013-2014

Congratulations to our schools election winners! All middle school students had the opportunity to vote for whom they thought would make the best school President, Vice President, and Secretary. Kylie Curtis was nominated President for our school. She felt very proud of her accomplishment. Her goal is to make a difference in our school by considering our Bobcat’s opinions. Kylie was super excited to have won since she has always wanted to be Pres-

ident of our school since the second grade! Jillian Do, our Vice President, stated “Since this is my last year in Bay Harbor, I want to do something productive.” Our new secretary, Tali Peretz, says ‘Becoming our school’s secretary makes me feel amazing and feels nice to be noticed at our school.’ Our school wishes the best for these candidates!

By: Tim Rodriguez, Massimo Ricart, Marlon Marcado, Nathan Chiche, Kara Perino



## PTA Chocolate Sales

Thanks to all students who sold a box of chocolates. Our goal was to raise \$6,500 and we actually raised \$5,000. The money that was collected is going to lower the cost of the Dave and Busters field trip in June. The school bought these boxes from "The World's Finest Chocolate". The chocolate flavors included Caramel, Milk, Dark Almond, Almond

and W.C Crisp. Each chocolate was sold for \$1.00. Students had fun selling to their family and friends. They were enthusiastic salespeople! The leftover chocolates are going to be used for turkey grams. The turkey grams are going to be sold on the week of Thanksgiving.

By: Ilan Luczkow, Ana Mota, Nataly Pedrazzoli, and Camille Garcia



Words of  
Wisdom

*In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.*

## Mandel's Class!

A special thanks to Mrs. Mandel's class for picking up trash around the school!



## Special Appearance



**Councilwomen S. Bruder read the story "Otis" to Ms. Stewart's K Kindergarten class.**

## Special Recognition



Kailani Barrera is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who took the PSAT while she was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She scored a total of 1,375 points. The test contained 3 subjects and it took a gruesome four hours long! We are really proud of her accomplishments!

## Honorable Mention: Robert, Zach, Alad

Give a drum roll to... Alad Perez, Robert Behar, and Zachary Matz for finding money and returning it immediately! This random act of kindness made two people very relieved and grateful. Because these boys were so honest, their good deed did not go unrewarded. Alad was given a free

school t-shirt. Robert and Zachary were rewarded with being Super Bobcats for the week. Alad found a \$100 dollar bill outside the PTA office looking for a school polo with his mom. Alad returned it the next day because he gave it to his mom for safe keeping. Then, it happens once again

during a Middle School dance when Robert and Zachary found a purse. One second later, they gave it too Mr. Sosa. We are so proud of the type of students we have at our school. We are truly a Bobcat family!

By: Yoshi Peterson, Jhon Chirinos, and Anton Weinberg

