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This week has brought a lot of fun and excitement to Brandt. We celebrated our Brandt Halloween parade and finished out our book fair. Thank you to all parents who helped out and contributed to the book fair. More books were sold than expected and it was truly a success. We look forward to more events with the Brandt Parent Consortium. Please be reminded that next week we are off on Tuesday, November 8 for Election Day and professional development for all staff members and on Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 for the New Jersey Education Association convention.

I look forward to coming back from my wedding and hearing about the exciting happenings at Brandt!

-Principal Rodriguez

Upcoming Events

11/8: No School, Election Day

11/10, 11/11: No School, Teacher Convention

11/17: Brandt Milesquare Multicultural Feast

Week of Nov 20th: Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences

11/23: HOPES Pumpkin Pie Day

11/24, 11/25- School Closed for Thanksgiving Break



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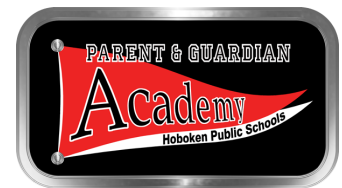


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Parent Information



"Everything you want to know about child discipline"

Tuesday, November 15, 5-7pm

A.J. Demarest School

158 4th Street

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Golden, Clinical Psychologist



Moving with Pre K!



“The future depends on what you do in the present.”

-Mahatma Ghandi

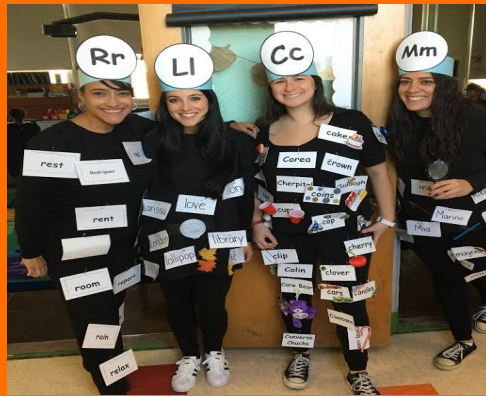
In Ms. Traina's class you will find our HOPES and Mile Square classes learning about spatial awareness through movement exercises with props. Students are learning how to gallop, skip, march, and chase while staying in a circle. These exercises allow students to enhance their gross motor skills and strengthen coordination and balance.

Brandt's Scientists Explore!



In first grade science we are learning about how light and sound travel. We have been testing our theories by using flashlights and mirrors. Using these tools we found that it creates a reflection and still continues to travel in a straight line. We have also tested with colored lenses, in which we have found translucent light!

Halloween Parade Fun!



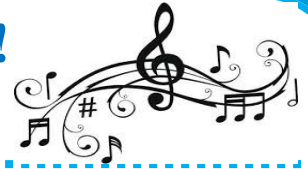
Our annual Brandt Halloween Parade was a huge, thrilling success. Our families were gathered around Park and Garden to see our Pre K 3, 4, Kindergarten and First Grade classes dazzle our school community with their fantastic costumes. Our teachers and staff were dressed as a word wall, emojis, and the Incredibles and our Hoboken High School Marching Band led our parade with festive music and dance. This was a 'spooktacular' way to celebrate the creativity and fun of this time of year!



Brandt Drivers

- * At Brandt we will establish a common vision and language in a community of schools.
- * At Brandt we will refine progressive early literacy practices through rigorous and developmentally appropriate lessons anchored in powerful coaching.
- * At Brandt we will develop resilience in the youngest learners through the use of positive praise and social interactions between students and teachers.

Inside Our Classrooms!



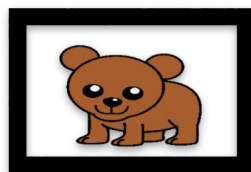
As part of our **Presidential Physical Fitness Test**, students participated in a shuttle run which measures endurance and agility. The test also emphasizes how students can follow linear patterns, running in a straight line, while keeping their balance and coordination. The shuttle run test represents movements reflected in soccer and football. Students learned how to use their arms while running to increase their speed.

Since the beginning of the year, music students in Grades K and 1 have been learning Solfege note names and hand symbols. In learning Solfege note names and hand symbols, students gain valuable skills including critical listening, pitch estimation, and improvisation. Students are also learning how to read and write melodic notation (music notes on a staff). Students first distinguish if the note they see is a line note or space note, and then count up to find the correct letter-name of the note. Students are also learning how to read, write, and perform rhythmic patterns. Since the start of the school year, students have learned the values of whole notes, half notes, and quarter notes as well as whole rests, half rests, and quarter rests. In analyzing rhythmic patterns, students write the correct number of beats under each note value as well as a dot indicating where they should clap. Students have been performing rhythmic patterns as a class and composing their own rhythmic patterns using these note values.

Bravo to all of the music students and keep up the outstanding work!

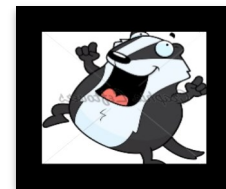
Vote for Our Mascot!

The Brandt School Mascot race is coming to a finish; get your votes in! The results will be announced on November 14th! The candidates are:



Bears

Badgers



Bulldogs



Bees

Beavers



Meet our Teachers...

Name: Christina Spadaro
School & Room #: Brandt 100
Alma Mater: Rowan University
Instructional Specialty: Early Childhood Education & Reading
Favorite Book: The entire Harry Potter series and *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Sports Team: NY Yankees
Favorite Animal: Koala
More about Christina: This is my third year teaching, but only my first year teaching preschool. I love it so far! In my free time I like to read, hike, shop, and hang out with my friends. I'm excited to continue to get to know my coworkers and see how much my little ones grow as the year goes on!



Name: Andrea Tesoriero,
Brandt Room 305
Alma Mater: The College of New Jersey
Favorite Book: *Angela's Ashes*
Favorite Color: Purple
Favorite Season: Fall
Favorite Sports Team: New York Yankees
Favorite Animal: Elephant

More about Lauren: This is my first year teaching and I am loving it! I enjoy traveling with my friends and family, photography, and baking with my younger sisters. My sisters and I also enjoy spending time with our dog, Angel. We live near the beach and spend most of our summers in Ocean Grove!

