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Joseph F. Brandt Weekly

A Message from the Principal

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Even though it has been a short week, there was a great deal of excitement. The children were busy preparing for Bailando con Brandt to commemorate and close all of the events of Hispanic Heritage Month. This cross-curricular and cross-specialty area event will display the artistic abilities of our youngest learners. We are firm believers in the arts and want to provide a wide range of expressive avenues for our students. We are also engaging with Square 1 Art in partnership with both the Brandt Parent Consortium and our Art teacher, Ms. Forte, to have students create an artistic piece and have it memorialized in the form of a wonderful keepsake that you will certainly appreciate. This organization is the only art fundraising company directly tied to the National Art Education Standards. Lastly, all kindergarten and grade 1 students are reminded that on the 19th you take your school pictures. I cannot wait to see how amazing you all will look. Lastly, please all students and families remember to vote. Make your voices heard as you make your selection for our Brandt Mascot!!!!

Upcoming Events

10/20: HOPES Annual Fundraiser

10/21: K and 1st grade Bailando con Brandt 9am

10/26: K and 1st Parent Teacher Conferences
1:45-3:00pm, 5:00-6:30pm

10/31: Halloween Parade 9am

Week of Nov 20th: Preschool Parent Teacher
Conferences



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Parent Information



Tools of the Mind Workshop: 10/25

9-11am at Demarest

Led by Master Teachers

Evening Session 10/25

5:30-7pm at Rue School

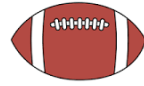
Led by Lisa Montoya



“Play is the highest form of research.”

-Albert Einstein

Physical Education



In Physical Education class students are starting to practice the sport of football. Students are learning the skills of throwing and catching. Students will learn how to throw with accuracy and catch the ball using proper hand placement. Football requires balance and coordination, components that are essential for many fine and gross motor skills.

In the spirit of football season we took a poll in our physical education classes and the two teams that tied for favorite NFL team were the Giants and the Jets.

Peacekeepers at Brandt



In room 311 we discussed being "peacekeepers" . We talked about ways to keep the peace while being respectful to our friends and families. We created peace sign hats to symbolize our dedication to being "peacekeepers" in Brandt School.



Student of the Month Luncheon



BAILANDO CON BRANDT



AN ARTISTIC CULIMINATION
FOR



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016
AT 9 AM

PERFORMANCE BY: ALL KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE STUDENTS

BRANDT AUDITORIUM

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.

Science Soars!

In Mrs. Pecoraro's kindergarten science class, the students are hard at work on their first Project Lead The Way module, Structure and Function: Exploring Design. After reading Jack and The Beanstalk, they were challenged to design and build a beanstalk.



The Brandt School Mascot election is still underway and runs until November 7th. We will tally and tabulate the data. The results will be announced on November 9th! The candidates are:



Bears

Bulldogs



Badgers



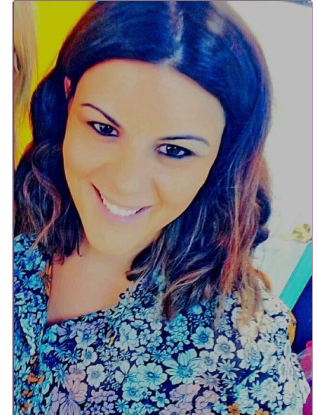
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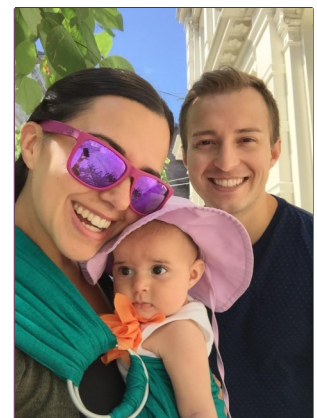
Meet our Teachers...

Name: Polly Makris
School & Room #: Brandt 022
Alma Mater: Montclair State University
Instructional Specialty: Early/Middle Childhood Education
Favorite Book: Anything written by Eric Carle
Favorite Color: Brown
Favorite Season: Fall
Favorite Sports Team: Islanders
Favorite Animal: Giraffe



This is my 12th year teaching PK-3. Every year is special and unique and I owe this to the children and the families I meet. I was raised in Greece. Speaking and teaching our native language to my children is very important to me. My girls Felice 4 and Sofia 3 speak Greek fluently and love visiting our relatives in Greece every year. Therefore, I respect everyone's cultural background and strive to include it in everyday activities. Promoting social skills development is an equally important aspect of my teaching philosophy. Activities that incorporate respect, showing empathy, generosity, communicating with others and respecting one another are ways to lay the foundation for future success along with literacy, math and science instruction. During my free time, I enjoy taking my girls to small theatre productions or setting up play dates with friends.

Name: Mrs. Marina Gavin
School & Room: Joseph F. Brandt School, Room 303
Alma Mater: I attained my English major and elementary education BA from Kean University.
Favorite Book: *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Season: Spring
Favorite Sports Team: NJ Devils
Favorite Animal: Sea Otter



My absolute favorite thing to do is to go on little adventures with baby Zoey and my husband Andrew.

It has been so fun getting to know the students in my class and I'm really excited for all that we're going to do together this year.