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The Brandt Parent Consortium-sponsored book fair is in full swing and boy have our students and families come out to support literacy in droves! I am certain you have all seen the pirate caricatures of me in the hallways by now. I have made a pledge to dress up like the Pirate of the deep Brandt Sea for every goal we accomplish! The children are very excited and to that I give a hearty ARRGGHH!!! I know that we attain every school goal we set for ourselves and so I am dusting off the old eye patch in preparation for the big day. Also, we are getting down to the wire as it relates to the elections. It is looking really tight between the bears and the bees but those badgers won't stop forging ahead! Have you voted? Please remember to do so. On the 14th the winner will be revealed and our art teacher, Ms. Forte, will create an amazing representation of this mascot for us to share with the world. Lastly, we will be unveiling some informative Attendance Drive documents. We want all children in school everyday. Every day counts at Brandt and beyond!!!

Upcoming Events

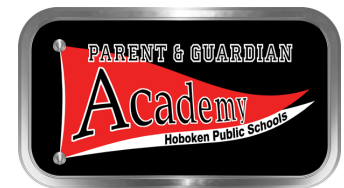
10/31: Halloween Parade, 9am

11/8: No School for Students, Election Day

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

Week of Nov 20th: Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Information



Upcoming Workshops will be announced within the next week.

Please remember to vote for Brandt School Mascot!!!



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Absences Matter



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

-Mahatma
Ghandi

In 2015/2016 twenty-five percent of our entire preschool population was chronically absent. According to the Center for Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes, (CEELO), chronic absences are defined as a student who misses ten percent of the entire school year. Our goal this school year is to increase attendance by ten percent.

Over the next few months, please look for monthly attendance incentives both for students and classrooms as well as other attendance promos that remind us why it is important to be present every day.



Brandt Book Fair



This week we had our Scholastic Book Fair held by our Brandt Parent Consortium. Our auditorium was decorated in a pirate theme with a ship, sails, and even Ms. Rodriguez as a pirate.

Classes and families visited the book fair during school as well as in the evening on October 26, 2016. We had a special guest visitor, Clifford, 'the big red dog', he was excited to visit our Brandt Scholastic Book Fair.

BAILANDO CON BRANDT



On Friday, October 21, at 9 am our Brandt auditorium was packed with parents and family members for our third annual Bailando Con Brandt. A celebration to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month as well as showcasing where our kindergarten and first graders are in the start of the process in our special classes: theatre, music, art, and Spanish. Students recited dialogue from, *Conejito*, a Panama Folktale, in Spanish, as well as danced a salsa to *Ran Kan Kan* by Tito Puente. Illustrations from the book *Conejito*, written by Margaret Read MacDonald, were displayed as our backdrop, designed by our art teacher, Ms. Forte.

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!



Ms Belinda's Class at St. Francis. "Guess how many seeds are in the pumpkin."

The Heart in Art!

In art class, artists have been busy studying the elements of arts- lines, shapes, colors, texture, value, form and space. We are beginning to explore a variety of art materials and techniques including collage, printmaking and painting! It is exciting and inspiring to see our artists pour their hearts into their work each week. Lyra, from Ms. Imprevduto's 1st grade class said, "When I look at my art, it makes me feel like an artist!" Lyra, as well as all the kindergarten and 1st grade artists are not only artists, but certainly my favorite!



READ FOR THE RECORD

On Thursday, October 27th, all of our Hopes and Mile Square classrooms participated in *Read for the Record*, a national campaign that encourages all preschool children to develop and enhance their literary skills. All classrooms read *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*, by Julia Sarcone-Roach and did a follow-up activity with their class. Huge thanks to Pearson books for delivering books to our pre-K 4 classrooms so that everyone could participate in this fun, literary event.



Vote for Our Mascot!

The Brandt School Mascot election almost finished; we close our ballots on November 7th. The results will be announced on November 14th! The candidates are:



Bears

Bulldogs



Badgers



Bees

Beavers



Meet our Teachers...

Name: Lauren Brunt, Brandt Room 301

Alma Mater: Gettysburg College & Montclair State University

Favorite Book: *Eat, Pray, Love*

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Sports Team: Philadelphia Eagles

Favorite Animal: My golden retriever Parker

More about Lauren: This is my twelfth year teaching and have taught Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. I enjoy watching my students thrive and succeed each school year. My husband and I are very excited to announce that we will be expecting our first child in April and are excited to begin our next journey as parents! During my free time I enjoy traveling, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. I also love spending my summers at my family's beach house in LBI.



Name: Dawn Civitello, Brandt Room 101 Pre K 3

Alma Mater: Kean University

Favorite Book: Alex Cross Series

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Sports Team: New York Yankees

Favorite Animal: My two cats, Mia and Gracie

About me: This is my 4th year teaching pre-K 3 in Hoboken. I always look forward to teaching and making new memories each year. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and 2 1/2 year old son, Joseph. We enjoy going to the park to play and feed the animals. Being a mother has so many rewards, most importantly, it has inspired me to be the teacher I am today.



Name: Ms. Faith Enrico

School & Room #: HOPES Room 111

Alma Mater: I attended Rutgers University where I received my bachelor's degree in English. I received my master of arts in early childhood education from New Jersey City University.

Instructional Specialty: Early Childhood Education

Favorite Book: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Sports Team: New York Rangers

Favorite Animal: Elephants & my 17-year-old Siamese cat, Frankie

This is my third year working with Hopes; every year is better than the last. I am a born and raised Hoboken resident and former Hopes student. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, especially my sister, Amanda, who is also a teacher at Brandt. During summer vacations, I love to spend time at the beach and going to different amusement parks. I love roller coasters! I am looking forward to having an amazing and extraordinary school year!

