

# Joseph F. Brandt Weekly

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Voting has gotten off to an amazing start! The main office ballot box already had to be emptied and I know the other two boxes located in our school are just as overflowing. I have seen children, moms, dads, grandparents, paraprofessionals, and so many staff members take time to think about which candidate should represent our school! I am excited for the results and I know you are as well. We will make the big announcement on Monday, November 14th during an all-school assembly! Our Week of Respect assemblies were so exciting. We were joined by our Brandt Buddies and they talked to us about how we build community and respect. The children had so much to share regarding how to be a great Brandt Buddy.....ask them about it. I wanted to add a piece to this newsletter to capture some thoughts from the children who participate in the Passport to Learning After School Program. They are so excited about all of the new and interesting learning that they are being exposed to and often share this with me while in the halls. Please read and enjoy their comments on the final page of this newsletter. What a great first month of school it has been!

## 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 5-8pm

10/31: Halloween Parade 9am

Week of Nov 20th: Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences



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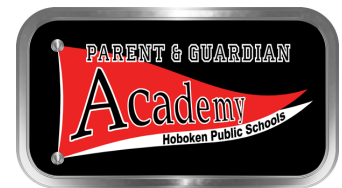


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## Parent Information



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



TOOLS  
OF THE  
MIND

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Theatre Arts



Our Brandt Tony Award Winning Class this month goes to Room 307, Mr. Sheridan's class. Each Brandt kindergarten and first grade class has an opportunity to win the Brandt Tony Award at the end of each month. Every theatre class, all students are expected to exhibit Ms. Traina's Smartest Actor rules: Raising our Hands, Following Directions, Hand and Feet to Ourselves, Staying on Task, and Using Kind words. The class with the highest amount of points gets the Brandt Tony.

In addition, each week Ms. Traina picks two Stars of the Week from both K and first grade classes who exhibited these same actor rules throughout class. Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week: from Mr. Sheridan's class, Matthew Flora and from Mrs. Marchesani's class, Elin Stoll.



## Visual Arts

Our online art gallery is live! Artwork from our K and 1st grade artists will be uploaded throughout the year. Friends and family can view work from students as well as comment on artwork and order keepsakes. Visit [Artsonia.com](http://Artsonia.com) and find our school gallery by searching Joseph F. Brandt in the search box. Parents, please check your e-mails for a code to unlock your student's work if you have not done so already. Please e-mail Ms. Forte, our art teacher at [gforte@hoboken.12.nj.us](mailto:gforte@hoboken.12.nj.us) with questions or to find out how you can access your child's profile.



## Brandt Week of Respect

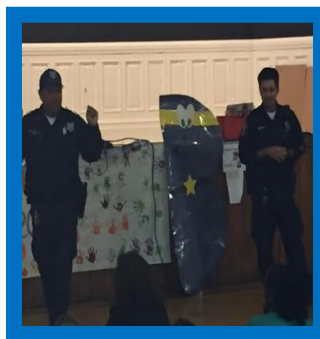
Our students had an amazing time during the Brandt Buddy assembly. Children were taught about kindness, respect, and empathy. Every classroom had lessons on conflict resolution, bullying versus conflict, and assertiveness. Please ask your children to tell you what they've learned this week!

**Brandt**



**B.E.L.I.E.V.E.S.**

## Brandt Welcomes the Hoboken Police Department

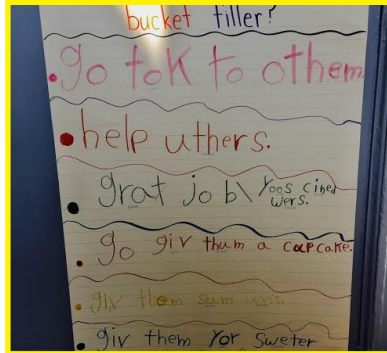


On October 6th and 7th we had a special visit from the Hoboken Police Department, who talked to our pre-K, K, and first grade classes about respect and safety. Students participated in this interactive assembly with two officers from the Hoboken Police Department.

## 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. Impeveduto's Class



Miss. Nadia's Pre K Class

## Meet the candidates!

The Brandt School election season has started 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



Bees

Beavers



## Meet our Teachers...

**Name:** Ashley Casella

**Schools:** Brandt

**Alma Mater:** New Jersey City University

**Favorite Book:** Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

**Favorite Color:** Green

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Favorite Sports Team:** Giants

**Favorite Animal:** Elephant

**More about Ashley:** I was born and raised in Hoboken and graduated from New Jersey City University with a BA in Early Childhood Education and English. I also have a 3 year old Shih Tzu named Willow. Teaching has always been my passion. I've been teaching Pre-K at Brandt for 4 years and I love it.



**Name:** Clara Morales

**School & Room #:** Brandt 021

**Alma Mater:** New Jersey City University

**Instructional Specialty:** Early Childhood Education and Special Education

**Favorite Book:** I love cookbooks!

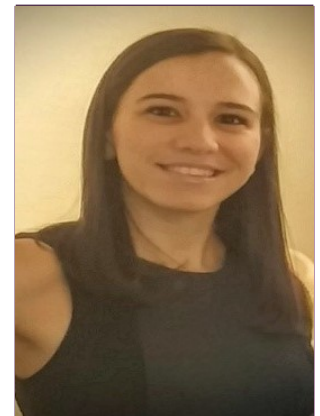
**Favorite Color:** White

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Sports Team:** Yankees

**Favorite Animal:** Tamarins

**More about Clara:** This is my first year teaching Pre K 3 at HOPES. This has become my second home, and I am enjoying everything I experience throughout the day with my students. Every year the objective I strive for in the classroom is to help each child socially, emotionally, and academically in the most positive and nurturing environment. The most rewarding experience for me is when I get to watch a child's growth from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year. My favorite words from a preschooler are "I did it Ms. Clara!" When I am not at work with my students, I am home with my daughter Cassia who just turned 3, and my 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Rocky. During my free time I enjoy staying home playing board games and dancing in my living room with my kids. We enjoy spending time together at local neighborhood parks and visiting our family in New York City on the weekends.



# Spanish News

Hola! Throughout September and now through October students will be able to describe why Hispanics celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage month is celebrated in the United States from September 15 through October 15. In addition, they will learn about why it is so important to preserve one's own customs and tradition. As part of this celebration we discussed Cesar Chavez' and Ellen Ochoa's accomplishments.

## BAILANDO CON BRANDT



AN ARTISTIC CULIMINATION  
FOR



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016  
AT 9 AM

PERFORMANCE BY:

ALL KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE STUDENTS



# PASSPORT TO LEARNING

## *What I love about Passport to Learning*

"I'm going to build a time machine and go back to see dinosaurs."-Dylan Kwok, Trial and Error

"I love playing on the roof!"-Jayden Martinez, Jump into Action

"We sing and it's fun!"- Louann Valentin, Instrumental

"I love going on Go Noodle!"- Ryann Emily Timpson,  
.....  
Jump into Action

"Playing games in Spanish on the rug."- Seren Powell, Letras

"I build robots."-Tevel Regev, Trial and Error

"I love doing the parachutes and handbells."-Maya Sabag, Kids  
Acting Up

"I like acting and playing with the bells."-Beatrice Holden, Kids  
Acting Up

"I like the books and the smartboard!" -Julian Petti, Literacy