

Braden River Elementary

School of Innovation

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Spring 2022 Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Wow! What an amazing year with amazing students, staff, and school community. As we begin the fourth quarter of this school year, I can say that our school community has truly been impressive. We have faced many obstacles over the last two years, but we are working with the new reality of the pandemic with a fresh perspective and a renewed student focus. Our school has not missed a beat despite all the obstacles. Our school has been able to provide great school events this year like Trunk or Treat, Cookies with Santa, Fairytale Ball, Mother Son Kickball Game, and our annual Bonfire. We have also been able to include other events that had to be postponed for a few years like field trips, our first annual “Explore the Innovation at BRE Night”, daily tours to new families, and volunteers in our school. Our teachers and staff have continued to work in a collaborative way to plan grade level transformation days and school transformation days like Dinosaur Day, Distributive Doctors Day, Rock Your School Day to name a few. They have teamed up to make the HOUSE system more connected to our Spark Character Awards program along with a system that includes everyone in our school community in a positive way. A focus on school wide literacy has also been evident as we have branched out the Battle of the Books reading program K-5. This reading program provided a list of books for students to read and incentives for them to read from the reading list to earn prizes and recognition. All students will have the opportunity to participate in the Battle Bowl on April 29th. On top of these things our grade level teams continue to write and implement Problem Based Learning Units at each grade level. We are the only school in the district to be doing this work in this purposeful way for our students. As our school vision states, we want to be **Sparking Innovative Leaders and Thinkers!** These things all take time and dedication by our staff. They continue to do extraordinary things in this ever-changing time in education. We will continue through the fourth quarter with the same focus and responsiveness to our student and family needs. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out, we are always here to assist.

Joshua Bennett, Principal

Classes Are Being Formed for 2022/2023

We are beginning to form classes for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year. This process is one that takes a lot of work and is very well thought out. This includes considerations of academics, behavior, student needs, demographics and gender. If you feel your child may have a special need that we should be aware of when placing students in new classes, please let us know by conveying those needs in the form of a letter. The letter should include a description of your child's personality and special needs and give the characteristics of the kind of teacher you have found your child works well with. The letter should **not** include any specific teacher, or a list of friends. These letters need to be sent to Mr. Bennett by April 22, 2023. We will take this information into consideration when placing your child. Letters can be sent in or emailed to bennettj@manateeschools.net.

mark  your **Calendar**

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| April 15 th | No School, Good Friday |
| April 20 th | Early Out @ 1:50pm |
| May 24 th -26 th | Early Outs @ 1:50pm |
| May 26 th | Last Day of School |

News from our PTO...

Hello BRE Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break! Can you believe that we've already finished the third quarter of school? PTO has felt so much support this year already, and we are excited for some events that are planned!

There are just a few Spirit Nights set up. The first will be held at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, April 18th. The May Spirit Night will be held at Culver's on Monday, May 2nd. So skip cooking and help support the PTO. We will send an email if we add anymore! Be sure to sign up for PTO emails on our website brepto.com

We have three more events planned this school year. The Mother/Son kickball game will take place on Friday, March 25th from 6-8pm. It is happening this year! First one since 2019!

The Spring Fling and Auction is on Saturday, April 9th from 7-10pm. This is an adults only event. There will be dinner, drinks, live music and a live auction. Proceeds raised go directly back to BRE.

Our last big event is Staff Appreciation Week. This is going to take place the first week of May the 2nd-6th. We have many fun surprises and treats planned for our staff that week. Keep an eye out for a signup genius and more information that will be coming home with your student soon.

Upcoming PTO/SAC meetings will be on March 24, April 21 and the last one for the 2021-2022 school year on May 19. Both meetings start at 6:00 and will be held on campus in the library as well as via Zoom. Childcare will be provided in the cafeteria for school aged children. We encourage you to come see what our PTO is all about and try your luck during the raffle for a fun gift!

All the Best!

Nicole Kotlarczyk and Nicole Wells Co-Presidents

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Sunshine Yard Cards

Your sponsorship will support our school's vision by providing professional development trainings, materials, and community building experiences for our students and staff. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, please contact at BREPTO6125@gmail.com.



Online Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year is NOW OPEN!!!

This is ONLY for new incoming students which include current VPK students. You may register your child through your Parent Portal in FOCUS. You will need to upload all required documents. Remember to add all contacts that may pick-up or drop off your child when registering. If you have any questions or need help please contact Julie Danke, Registrar at 941-751-7012 ext. 57011.

**New VPK students that have their approved seat through the Early Learning Dept. (sent out on the 11th) may bring in all paper registration & documents to the front office to register.



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| April 5-6 | 3 rd Grade FSA ELA Reading |
| April 6 | 4 th & 5 th Grade FSA Writing |
| May 3-4 | 4 th & 5 th Grade FSA ELA Reading |
| May 10-11 | 3 rd -5 th Grade FSA Math |
| May 17-18 | 5 th Grade Science |



Nurse's News

We are three quarters through the school year and the weather is warming back up. Staying hydrated and protecting ourselves from the sun are a must here in Florida.

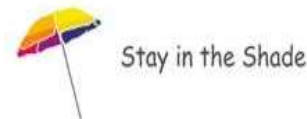
Please help keep your student hydrated and healthy by making sure to send in a water bottle every day. A refillable bottle is perfect, there are fountains available in the hallways for refills as needed throughout the day. If your student needs a bottle, we some available in the clinic that were generously donated by Carroll & Sutton Orthodontics. Thank you, Carroll & Sutton Orthodontics! Please let your student know they can stop by and pick one up before class starts in the morning.

The UV rate is also increasing, sun burn hurts and can be prevented. You can help prevent sunburn on your child by helping them apply sunscreen when outdoors for more than 15 minutes. Also, encourage them to wear protective clothing such as long sleeve swim suits and hats. Did you know that eyes can also get damaged by the sun? Wearing sunglasses that have UV protection can help prevent that sun damage. When the UV is higher than 6 it is best to seek shade between 10am and 4pm.

Thanks for your help keeping our students safe and healthy!

Beverly Roseman, RN and Nicole Wells, RN

BE SUN SMART



**SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY
WITH YOUR CHILD**

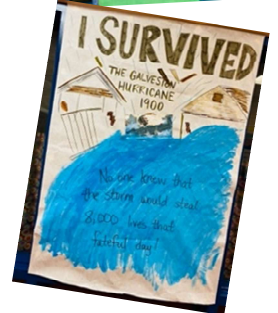
Battle of the Books

K-2 Books

We Are in a Book!
Rosie Revere, Engineer
We're All Wonders
Lulu & the Brontosaurus
Fly Guy Presents Weather
Who Would Win: Alligator vs Python
Nate the Great
Something Beautiful
Henry & Mudge: The First Book
Fly Away Home

3-5 Books

Dog Man
Who Was Walt Disney?
Wonder
I Survived The Galveston Hurricane
The One and Only Bob
Rosie Revere & the Raucous Riveters
Esperanza Rising
A-Z Mysteries: Invisible Island
City of Ember
Wings of Fire: Dragonet Prophecy



Battle of the Books continues.....Students will be competing against their classmates to gain the trophy of being the Battle of the Books Champion!!

All students that read at least five books so far participated in a Battle of the Books Party on March 10th! Student discussed the books, received some special treats and planned their next books to read to get ready for the Battle on April 29th. **Over 270 students attended, that means a minimum of 1,350 books have been read for FUN since January!!** We have some AWESOME readers!!!

BRE is proud to announce Trent Lucas, Gianna Gongo, Sarah Vargas and Leah Abrams as our school's STEM Fair winners in the areas of Life and Physical Science. They went on to compete in the county STEM Fair hosted by the Bishop Museum where **Gianna Gongo placed first in Life Science in the district!**



Congratulations to all these fine scientists and we wish them the best of luck in middle school where they can compete again next year. Special "thanks" to Mrs. Dragon for coordinating this for our BRE students.

*** SAFETY PATROL APPRECIATION DAY ***

On Monday, May 23rd our wonderful BRE Safety Patrol group will enjoy a day of MINUTE TO WIN IT games, Arts and Crafts, Lunch Bunch, and a FUN Kickball game. This is all to show APPRECIATION for their hard work this year. The event will be held from 9:20am-2:00pm. Thanks for your service BOYS and GIRLS!

BRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION STATION

During Physical Education your students will be practicing HONESTY, COURAGE and CREATIVITY over the next few months.

In the months of March and April our classes will be working on the 200 meter Run, 400 Meter Run and the 800 Meter run. This set of runs is part of our BRE Track Meet that will take place in April.

Your students will also be practicing Tennis-Bowling-Volleyball, as well as other FUN activities during their 50 MINUTE Physical Education time.

Coach B & Coach Stilson



Braden River Elementary Track Meet

Our BRE TRACK MEET is making a BIG comeback this year!

Your students are qualifying now for the 200m Relay-400 Meter Run-800 Meter Run

4/14/22 - 800 Meter Run (2nd & 3rd GRADE)

4/18/22 - 800 Meter Run (4th & 5th GRADE)

4/19/22 - 400 Meter Run (2nd & 3rd GRADE)

4/21/22 - 400 Meter Run (4th & 5th GRADE)

4/22/22 - 200 Meter Relay (2nd THRU 5th GRADE)

If your student qualified for a race, you will receive more information on race day procedures. STAY TUNED!



ATTENTION

Please have your child wear sneakers (no sandals, Crocs, heels, boots, etc.) on days that he/she will have P.E. Proper attire will help us keep your child safe. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to P.E., especially during the hotter months. Please send in a note or doctor's excuse if your child cannot participate in P.E. because of an injury or illness. This will help us monitor the situation and keep your child as safe as possible.

Safety Reminder for Students

Students walking to school—check your paths for safety, observe traffic signs, and cross the road inside of crosswalks.

Bike Riders don't forget: WEAR A HELMET! IT'S THE LAW!

Students may not be dropped off in the Middle School parking lot.

If parents choose to do Parent Walk Up, parents MUST accompany the students while in the parking lot and through the crosswalk up to the designated drop off area.



Your students have been creating amazing art this past quarter. We have had several students' art displayed in the county fair. They are:

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| Saylor King (2 nd) | Wesley Helm (2 nd) |
| Anna Mylett (3 rd) | Maggie Neary (3 rd) |
| Brook Winch (4 th) | Lailah Aljukic (4 th) |
| McKenna Wilson (4 th) | Ella Stephen (5 th) |
| Madison Barker (5 th) | Ava Buttery (5 th) |
| Ally Ridenour (5 th) | Brooklyn Williams (5 th) |
| Abby Bowers (5 th) | |

On March 30th the following students will have their art on display at Braden River High School. This is part of a collaborative project with Braden River High School students. Monster Factory art exhibit is from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the high school.

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| Paige Royce (2 nd) | Abby Stephen (2 nd) |
| David Zebelys (2 nd) | Isabella Oliveira (2 nd) |
| Declan LeRoux (3 rd) | Dexter Maidhof (3 rd) |
| Micah Vilayoung (3 rd) | Dylan Kardos (3 rd) |
| Garrett Dailey (3 rd) | Rachel Tumasian (3 rd) |

We are all looking forward to a wonderful 4th Quarter.

Mrs. Kushmer



music notables

2022 All-County Elementary Music Festival Picture featuring our 2 Orff Ensemble Participants Brady Colcu (Middle Row) and Maya Tran (Back Row) and our 3 Chorus Participants-Ava Stambaugh, Sarah Vargas and Charlotte Wright (Front Row l-r). I was honored to serve as this year's piano accompanist for the chorus.

Dr. Katz



3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

3rd Grade

All A Honor Roll

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| Tyson Bailey | Elijah Lin |
| Isabella Busenburg | Peter Mattei |
| Carys Cannon | Anna Mylett |
| Lucas Dicesare | Mattelyn Obey |
| Autumn Dougherty | Parker Royalty |
| Kyle Draper | Alexander Sues |
| Texaco Guess | Micah Vilayvong |
| Trey Hamer | Jordan Williams |
| Jasmine Johnson | |

A / B Honor Roll

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| Ellis Ackerman | Christian Jones | Henry Nolan |
| Garrett Dailey | Dylan Kardos | Abigail Patton |
| Jacob Dorin | Brady Kerr | Nataly Perez-DeLima |
| Ruben Flores | Gabriel Malacarne | Abel Ramirez |
| Vanessa Garcia | Lia Martinez | Grady Rankin |
| Chase Gephart | Kevin Medina | Arabella Rojas |
| Isabelle Hall | Sterling Moffitt | Eva Sladky |
| Kelly Huynh | Charlie Mulvihill | Jacob Tatarintsev |
| April Johnson | Karl Nehring | NeVaeh Williams |

4th Grade

All A Honor Roll

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| Corbin Bennett | Camryn Killingsworth |
| Jovan Cikota | Anneliese Schroeder |
| Wayne Comegno | Harper Silliman |
| Madeline Cooper | Logan Walker |
| Parsiya Cyrus | Mikenna Yermak |
| Jaxon Hofius | Kara Young |
| Jillian Kenney | |

A / B Honor Roll

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|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Aaron Attari | Christopher Hanamean | Chloe Scott |
| Hanson Choung | Bentley James | Evan Sorrentino |
| Elliot Conaway | Phoebe Jessop | Autumn Spence |
| Ariel Coyle | Brinna Jones | Colt Surline |
| Milo Deihl | Ebere Kouam-Kamdem | Vivian Szekely |
| Laylah Delk | Chase Lovely | Cassie Willett |
| Calder Duff | Simona Mazzucco | Brooke Winch |
| Cooper Eidson | Kaelyn Naumowicz | Charlotte Wright |
| Sophia Faircloth | Kinsey O'Neal | |

5th Grade

All A Honor Roll

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| Leah Abrams | Caden Hook | Kelly Scher |
| Tessa Buchek | Emily Huynh | Franchesca Simeon |
| Camden Chalmers | Trent Lucas | Stella Sladky |
| Jaidon Chhith | Jasper Mulvihill | Timmy Sulkowski |
| Hezekiah Coblentz | Ryland Neary | Tommy Sulkowski |
| Brady Denault | Elias Nehme | Nathan Tatarintsev |
| Hunter Dragon | Akshar Patel | Maya Tran |
| Tamea Gibson | Rylan Post | Sarah Vargas |
| Paige Hegemier | Liam Rankin | |

A / B Honor Roll

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|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Noah Blair | Daniel Hernandez | Ferran Santa Maria |
| Abby Bowers | Wyatt Hindman | Kason Scarlett |
| Colton Cahill | Manuela Jimenez | Logan Snyder |
| Soledad Cerrillo | Fedor Kuchmak | Ava Stambaugh |
| Sariyah Cherenfant | Sam Lucey | Ella Stephen |
| Brady Colcu | Daniel Markoski | Liam Warren |
| Anna Dorin | Taedonae Pusey | Brooklyn Williams |
| Tyler Ebeling | Ally Ridenour | Julian Williams |
| Charlie Gurski | Cameron Rohani | Brody Withers |

Students in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade can achieve honor roll by receiving all A's and B's and Satisfactory and above for Responsible Learner. Students are recognized each quarter in the newsletter and on the Honor Roll bulletin board in the cafeteria.

What's "growing" in PreK?



BRE's littlest learners are working hard on their year-long Garden Project. Our PreK students researched what it takes to create, grow, and maintain a garden year-round. They quickly put their muscles to work to clear the area and prepare garden boxes for seedlings. With the support of Farmer Tiffany from **Honeyside Farms**, the students have prepared a clean and organized garden. Following the PreK curriculum, they learned how plants grow from seeds and can identify the parts of the plants they are growing. During the fourth quarter students will focus on soil research and begin composting to learn how to help vegetables grow healthy and fast. From vegetables they have never heard of (bok choy) to the biggest of fruits (watermelon) to rainbow flowers....PreK is growing it all!



BRE Houses of Strong Character



Thank you to all our grade levels. Our first House Chant Off was a great success. Our 4th grade students wrote new chants for this year and created videos to teach others. Our Student Council members lead their House in the Chant off event. Congratulations to House Reveur, they won the Chant!



April's trait of the month.

COURAGE

To choose what is good, right, and kind even when it is hard or scary.

Dinner Table Conversation Starters

- Talk with your child about what used to frighten you as a child. Be open about how you courageously worked to overcome that fear. Talk about who helped you or what strategy helped you along the way.
- Talk about the things that frighten you as an adult today. Open up an honest conversation about how you work intentionally to show Courage often.

May's trait of the month.

creativity

Using your imagination to create something or solve a problem.

Family Fun!

Plan ahead for the "I'm bored" blues and create a family fun jar that is filled with creative activities. Grab a mason jar, popsicle sticks, and permanent markers. Brainstorm with your family about simple ideas to write on the sticks that can bring some creative fun to your family. The next time someone is feeling bored, grab a stick from the jar!

Sparks of the Month!

January - Kindness

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| Constanza Alvarez | Madeline Cooper | Daniel Hernandez | Kayden Marlowe | Jacob Rodriguez |
| Jaxon Bader | Isabella Cz | Omar Hernandez | Parker Merritt | Owen Sauchinitz |
| Kalix Behringer | Leela DeLazzer | Caden Hook | Lucius Mihaly | Francesca Scafario |
| Corbin Bennett | Madeline DeLuca | Emily Huynh | Rilin Myers | Cooper Sheffield |
| Cameron Breslua | Easton Edixon | Finleigh Jahn | May Nafziger | Jule Shirley |
| Riley Buttery | Maria Fabri | Rosie Johnson | Sofia Oliva | Eli Sturm |
| Ana Caceres | Olivia Fenton | Sebastian Jones | Isabella Oliveira | Alexander Sues |
| Emory Cai | Madelyn Finan | Declan LaBonte | Rebecca Oliveria | Vivian Szekely |
| Sariyah Cherenfant | Ruben Flores | Adrian Llorca | Suri Patel | Viviana Turner |
| Brady Colcu | Cayleigh Greer | Logan Leffel-Anderson | Gabrielle Pedler | Aiden Warcewicz |
| Lilly Colcu | Trevor Hamer | Nathalie Lopez-Chang | Benjamin Riggs | Olivia Whitman |
| Tiffany Contao | Ayden Hawk | Gabriel Malacarne | | |

February - Perseverance

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| Jaxson Abbuehl | Mateo Cruz | Sophia Jent | Alma Miller | Amara Rzonca |
| Robert Altman | Faith Dawson | Brady Kerr | Rocco Minasi | Declan Rzonca |
| Elijah Arias | Karlah De La Torre | Ellie Kil | Ben Morrison | Diodio Schnaeidr |
| Matteo Cabrera | Kevin Dong | Aiden Kinyon | Callan Muir | Dekker Streator |
| Carmen caceres | Calder Duff | Carter Krasinski | Elias Nehme | Ava Sues |
| Camden Chalmers | Juliet Fernandez | Noah Langman | Kinsey O'Neal | Rachel Tumasian |
| Artyom Cherepanov | Jack Fix | Elijah Lin | Isabella Orduno | Daylon Vandermije |
| Hanson Chuong | Alisa Hage | James Liu | Lillian Ploger | Aiden Vila |
| Hanson Chuong | Isabelle Hall | Sam Lucey | Carson Powers | Sophia Whalen |
| Sofie Cikota | Logan Himes | Andres Maradiaga | Victor Quintero | Brooklyn Williams |
| Giselle Collier | Wyatt Hindman | Peter Mattei | Emma Russell | Vivien Williams |
| Elliot Conaway | Bentley James | Elyssa Mihai | Kylee Russell | David Zebelys |