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Mrs. Castillo's and Mrs. Russo's
Journalism Class

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Empowering Tomorrow:

Junior Achievement Day

On December 3rd, 2024, RKBBH had the pleasure of hosting one of the world's largest organizations, Junior Achievement, visit our campus. The organization is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. Students from Alonzo & Tracy Mourning did a fantastic job presenting to all grades. Their commitment in preparing the next generation with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed to succeed was truly inspiring. Students were empowered to dream big, think critically, and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. This event made a positive impact on their lives. It was an honor to have special guest David Lawrence Jr come visit our campus and walk into classrooms to see the presentations. A special thank you to Mrs. Castillo, Student Council Officers, and Homeroom Representatives for their enthusiasm and dedication in making this event a great success. Lastly, thank you to the entire Junior Achievement team for their tireless efforts in shaping the future of children all around the world.



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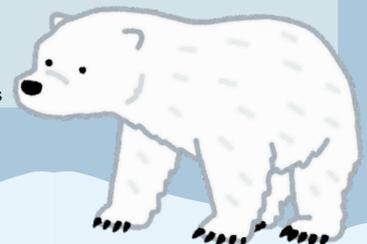
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Making Waves: The Rise of Swimming's New Star



Recently one of our own Bobcats "Penelope Lopez-Casula" had an article written about her incredible performances on her swimming team. When asked about how she feels about breaking swim records, and how she felt during her competitions, Penelope said that before her competitions she felt confident and would try her best no matter what. After Penelope was called another rising star, she felt accomplished and was proud of her hard work and dedication that she put into practice. After seeing her brothers competing in many swimming competitions when she was younger, she became interested and inspired in the sport. Which led her to start practicing and competing. In addition to this, even with Penelope's defeats in swimming she insists to keep going as it is a very complex sport. She takes inspiration from Kate Douglas as she is young and as she has won medals while having a great personality. With her swimming journey being nowhere close to its conclusion, she plans to win many competitions and practices every day in hope of swimming at the 2028 Olympics. At this moment Penelope is ranked 5th in the nation in 50-meter freestyle LCM. She only hopes to improve and has no plans to stop her grind to Number 1!

By: Mateo Robaina and Kai-Khalla Oexner

Shark vs Dyson: The Ultimate Hair Care Showdown

When looking for a way to either dry, curl, wave, or smooth your hair, an air wrap seems like what you would initially look for. So, when you go shopping, do you go for the cheaper or more popular choice? Well, a cheaper choice would be something like the Shark air wrap, while a pricier yet popular choice would be something like the Dyson air wrap. Consumer's priorities decide which one is better for them, but many don't consider all the pros and cons of each one before purchase. For instance, the Dyson air wrap is versatile, quick-drying, and safe to the touch. However, it doesn't come with a diffuser making it unideal for natural curls, and its bulky case makes traveling with it quite difficult. The Shark air wrap, a more controversial choice, provides a faster motor and durable storage. Yet, the Shark air wrap is reported to have a burning plastic smell and is hot to the touch, along with the fact that it doesn't have many longer barrel options for desired hair styles. After looking over some of the pros and cons of both air wraps, which would you choose for your hair, Shark or Dyson?

SHARK



DYSON

By: Emilija Slitere, Feilcitas Barenaspina, and Clarissa Borrelli



United by Music

Let's take a moment to congratulate Ms. Brown, the Bobcat Music Teacher, on the spectacular show she put together! It was true a testament of her creativity and dedication. The way she brought together students from different grade levels to showcase their talent and creativity was nothing short of amazing. It's evident that she inspires students to explore their full potential and express themselves through music. It is obvious all of her students felt so proud to be part of such an incredible experience!



By: Ruben Blumstein

Shaping Dreams with Play-Doh

Mr. Aneiros' Kindergarten class has been learning about chemical and physical reactions.

On the last Wednesday before the holiday break, the class conducted an activity in which they combined flour, baking soda, salt, water and oil to create a mixture of different matter.

The introduction of heat energy, via microwave, created a chemical reaction that resulted in a new material, Play-doh. Not quite the product you would buy at your local store; the kids still had plenty of fun while learning about how matter works.



By: Adam Aneiros

How the Grinch Stole the Holidays

The Drama elective of 24-25 school year performed a short, handwritten version of the Grinch Stole Christmas, which they named "How the Grinch Stole the Holidays". Though it was many of the Drama students' first time on stage, they created an incredible performance. The main character, the Grinch, was played by Stephanie Morejon. She did an amazing performance and really gave it her all. Cindy Lou, another main character, was played by Lyla Marrero. Martha May, the Grinch's childhood crush, was played by Victoria Alexopoulos.

Parents were invited to watch their children perform. The director of the show and Drama teacher, Ms. Mayorga, said that her favorite part of the show was the sound effects. She also said that even though it took lots of preparation and practice and stress to perfect every little thing, she ended up loving the show. Another person to recognize is Amy Alvarez, who controlled the sound system and did an amazing job.

Overall, the story they created was outstanding.



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Infinity and Beyond: Math Competition

ALGEBRA - 4th PLACE



GEOMETRY - 5th PLACE



6-8 GRADE - 6th PLACE

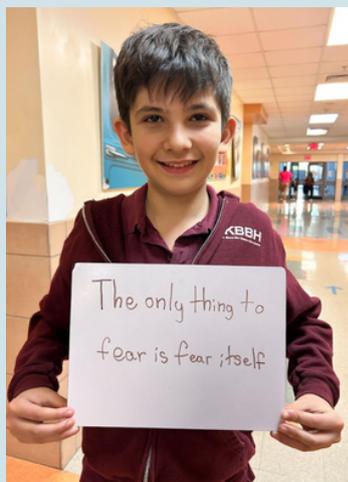


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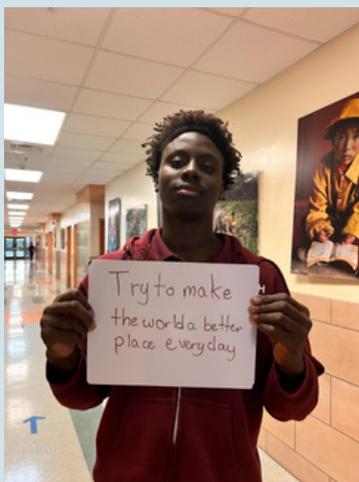


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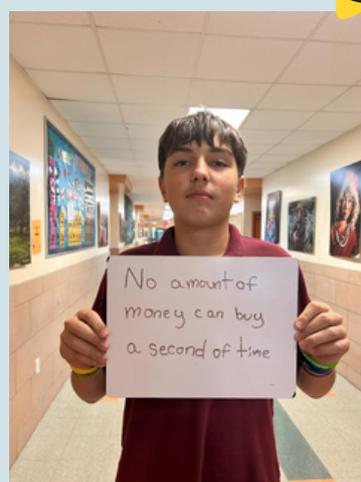
“The only thing to fear is fear itself.”

Dylan Rocklin
7th grade, Ms. Edwards



“Try to make the world a better place every day.”

Elliot Obeng
8th grade, Ms. Prada



“No amount of money can buy a second of time.”

Bernardo Vieira
8th grade, Mr. Harris

By: Anna Kulenovic, and Bella Frye

Holiday Treasures



for All

This year, our school opened a Holiday Shop. This shop gave our students the opportunity to pick out thoughtful gifts for their loved ones, while also creating a festive and joyful atmosphere throughout the school. Thanks to the PTA for their efforts in planning, organizing, and volunteering to make this event happen. It was a special and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Ms. Mawa's Cooking Corner

*Recipe for
Hot Cocoa Milk:*

- Dry milk
- Sugar (your choice of amount)
- Cocoa Powder (no sugar)
- Marshmallows
- Boiling Water



By: Penelope Lopez-Casula



Gifts of Joy: Annual Toy Drive

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MS. CUENCA AND THE SPREADING SMILES CLUB FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A TOY DRIVE.

Their goal was to encourage people to come together, give back, and support those in need, fostering a sense of unity and generosity during this holiday season. The club members reached out to our school and community to help by donating a new (unwrapped) toy so they can bring a huge smile to children. Offering a chance for children to experience the joy and excitement of receiving gifts was inspiring to all of us.



Winter Dance: The Ugly T-shirt Bash

Thank you to everyone who made our Winter Dance such a memorable event! A special shoutout to DJ Sage for keeping the dance floor alive with amazing music and to Ms. Barros, Ms. Mayorga, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Klahr, Ms. Castillo, and the PTA for their hard work and dedication in organizing everything. Your efforts made this event a huge success.

Stay tuned for the Spring Dance!



By: Geronimo David

Dear Bobcat: Advice Column

“How do I not procrastinate?”

There are many ways to stop procrastination. For starters, it depends on what you procrastinate with. For example, if you have to do chores, one thing that can help you get in the mood is listening to your favorite music. If you procrastinate with school work, then one great way to help is by having a routine or to-do list. Chunking the homework in bits every day also makes it easier. Lastly, make sure to be in an environment without distractions so you can do it correctly.

Hope this helps!

“How can you join the journalism club in Elementary?”

At the current moment, Journalism is not a club, but instead it is a class/elective. The only way to be able to get into the class is you have to be in middle school.

By: Danika Padron, Valentina Fernandez, Yeseniya Verloka, and Matvey Sukhanov

