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## Welcoming the New Principal, Ms. Balderramos



It is with great pleasure that we introduce the  
new principal, Ms. Balderramos!

She is so excited to be at our school and is thrilled to bring new activities and experiences. Her favorite part about being principal is seeing the students enter the campus with smiles every day. Ms. Balderramos' inspiration comes from her fourth-grade teacher who forever impacted her life and made her want to become a teacher as well. Ms. Balderramos started as a Psychology major, but eventually realized she wanted to pursue her career in Elementary Education and got her degree. She started teaching at Greynolds Park Elementary School, and she taught third through fifth grade. She was also the assistant principal at Parkview Elementary School. Her favorite subject is reading; she even keeps "Dr. Seuss" books in her office for kids to read! All in all, Ms. Balderramos is ecstatic to be part of the Bobcat family and looks forward to many, many more years at Ruth K Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

By: Cassandra Fernandez and Lauren Romani



## Respect Takes You a Long Way



Values Matter: September - Respect

By: Clarissa Borrelli and Felicitas Barenaspina

## Words of Wisdom



**"Be kind & respectful to others even if they aren't your friends."**  
Joaquin Teplixke,  
Ms. Baldriche, 3rd grade



**"Just believe in yourself."**  
Amara Samuels,  
Ms. Figueroa, 3rd grade



**"If someone does something to you, don't do it back."**  
Jodie Chapinck,  
Ms. McKinney, 2nd grade

By: Kali Heiken, Anna Kulenovic, and Bella Frye

## Clearing Champions League Confusion

With the Champions officially kicking off, many fans are confused about the new format being introduced to the tournament. The Champions league has always consisted of 32 teams in 4 team groups. Each team would play the other teams twice, with a win giving a team 3 points, a tie giving a team 1 point, and a loss giving a team no points.

The first two teams from each group would go on to the knockout stages. However, this year UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) has decided to change the format to an original league. Each team that qualified will play against 8 teams. At the conclusion of the 8 games, the top 8 teams qualified for the knockout round. The

teams placed 24-9 will play playoff matches to determine the next 8 spots in the knockouts. From there the tournament continues as previous years. This year's tournament will be known as the inaugural format change, and fans can't wait to see which team will be crowned champions of Europe.



By: Geronimo David and Mateo Robaina

## NEW in the School: Chess Elective

Chess is a complete strategic game that many students aspire to learn. This year our school has a chess elective, lead by Ms. Uribe for students to learn strategies, and further expand their learning horizon. She learned to play chess in elementary school, but this is her first-time teaching it. Ms. Uribe feels that the best part about teaching chess is sharing the experience with others. On the other hand, the students think that the best part about being in a chess class, is “actually playing chess!” – stated Sienna Fortier, 6th grade student. Another student said that his first impressions of chess was “It is a cool class, and I was surprised that it was an actual elective.” – Nathan Sragowicz. He also said that his chess idol, his third-grade teacher, Ms. Gilfoy, inspired him to play chess. Students are so excited that the school added Chess to their electives and look forward to becoming experts in the game.



By: Ruben Blumstein and Matvey Sulchanov

# Türkiye's Tradition

Sugar waxing, a traditional Turkish beauty practice, involves using a mixture of sugar, lemon juice, and water to create a sticky paste. This natural wax is applied to the skin, gripping the hair, and is then pulled off to remove it, leaving the skin smooth. It's gentle on the skin.



## **"A Small Guide"**

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 small saucepan
- A butter knife or popsicle stick
- Cotton or linen fabric, cut into 7cm x 15cm strips
- A heatproof container



**Instructions:** Combine the sugar, water, and lemon juice in a saucepan. Heat over medium and bring to a boil, then reduce to medium-low and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring constantly. The mixture should be slightly frothy but not fully boiling. Adjust the heat as needed. To check readiness, scoop a spoonful—if you can't see any sugar granules, it's done. Let it cool in the pot until it thickens to a honey-like consistency, then transfer it to a heatproof container and refrigerate for 15-20 minutes until lukewarm.

To wax, spread a thin layer of the mixture onto your leg using the popsicle stick. Place a fabric strip on top, pressing it down firmly, and pull the strip off in the opposite direction of hair growth.

**\*\*Before attempting any new procedure, it's important to thoroughly research the process and consult a professional or expert to ensure safe and effective results.\*\***

By: Noyemi Ataca

## Culinary Corner

### **Making Different Types of Eggs:**

#### **Sunny Side-Up Eggs:**

1. Put a piece of butter on a hot pan.
2. Once the butter has melted, crack the egg and dump it into the pan without breaking the yolk.
3. When it is fully cooked, place it on a plate and enjoy.

#### **Scrambled Egg:**

1. Put a piece of butter on a hot pan.
2. Once butter melted, add egg to pan.
3. Mix the eggs from the pan until scrambled.
4. Once fully cooked, place on a plate and enjoy!

#### **Omelets:**

1. Put a piece of butter on a hot pan.
2. Mix the egg(s) in a bowl.
3. Once butter melted, add the eggs to the pan.
4. After a few minutes, flip the omelette.
5. After another few minutes, put the omelette on a plate and enjoy(add cheese if wanted)!



By: Penelope Lopez-Casula and Arielle Barcelo-Jeffer

# New Members of the Bobcat Family

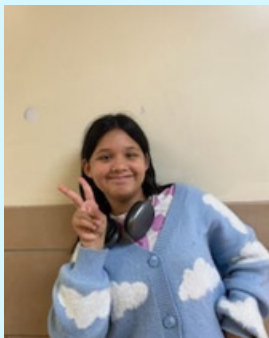
## Middle School Addition

The new school year has already begun. With each year bringing in new students from all over, it is best to teach them what our school is all about. This year, a large majority of our new students are from foreign countries, many of which do not speak English. On top of this, they are being introduced to a new middle school environment that is drastically different than what they have been exposed to before.

It is good to welcome the new students with open arms, and to try to relate to them so they can feel like they are at home. Be sure to show them the ropes around our school and help them with anything.

For most of us, we may not understand how they feel, as many of us have attended this school for a while. It is good to keep an open mind when talking to new students, and try to make them feel comfortable in school.

So, let's wish the new students a fun and educational school year!



By: Adam Aneiros, Kai-Khalla Oexner and Tomas Souza

## Summer Adventure

Over the summer, some of the amazing students at our school participated at the 2024 summer reading program.

Students had a good time and learned a lot. They did cool activities like going on field trips and participated in reading events. The 4th and 5th graders read a book called Simon B Rhyming. It teaches them about embracing their talents. The 2nd and 3rd graders also read a book called Sadiq and the Clean Water Crew, about a kid who sees a dead fish and investigates why the fish died. I had the opportunity to interview Mika Thielen. When he went to the reading program, his favorite thing that they did was the field trip to a roller-skating rink.

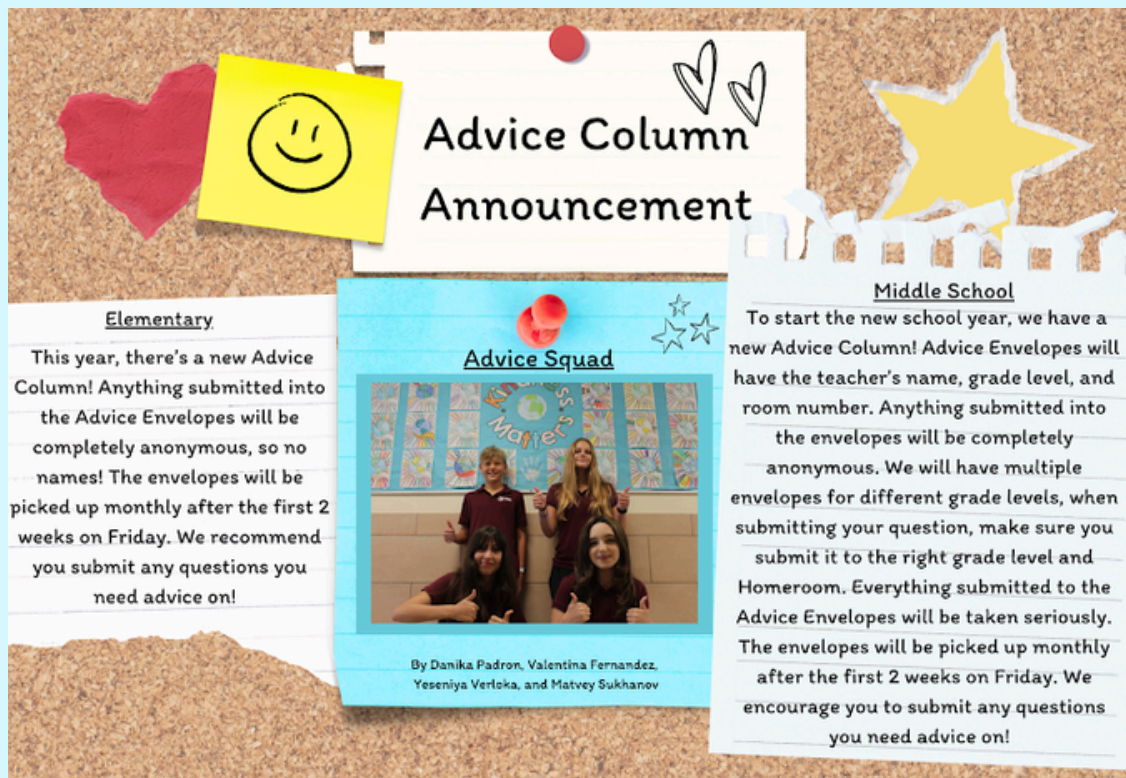
Mika read a book called Sadiq and the Clean Water Crew, which was a realistic fiction story. He described the program as fun, interesting, and inspiring. Mika is very proud that he made a cool model rocket while at the program. He said his least favorite thing was the lunch and he wanted to spend more time outside. Mika said he had the absolute best time there and it was very fun. He made some new friends at the reading program, but some of his friends from last year were also there. Mika said that the environment of the program was very nice. He loved the reading program and would definitely go back!



By: Emily Frankel and Emilija Slitere



## Advice Announcement




**Advice Column Announcement**

Elementary

This year, there's a new Advice Column! Anything submitted into the Advice Envelopes will be completely anonymous, so no names! The envelopes will be picked up monthly after the first 2 weeks on Friday. We recommend you submit any questions you need advice on!

Advice Squad



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

Middle School

To start the new school year, we have a new Advice Column! Advice Envelopes will have the teacher's name, grade level, and room number. Anything submitted into the envelopes will be completely anonymous. We will have multiple envelopes for different grade levels, when submitting your question, make sure you submit it to the right grade level and Homeroom. Everything submitted to the Advice Envelopes will be taken seriously. The envelopes will be picked up monthly after the first 2 weeks on Friday. We encourage you to submit any questions you need advice on!

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

## Breathtaking Ballet

On September 11, 2024, the Art Ballet Theatre of South Florida came to our school to perform a ballet demonstration for the Pre-K and 2nd grade students. The demonstration consisted of what dancers do in a ballet class. It also included many different cultural dances from around the world. The demonstration also consisted of an excerpt from the Nutcracker, which was The dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The dancers also explained the uniform for the boys and the girls. Next, the main speaker introduced the things that all the dancers do at ballet class. Kirsty Walker was the main speaker. The amount of practice that ballet dancers must do is insane! Kirsty has been practicing since the age of 3. Now, at 24, she is a professional dancer. She practices 5 hours a day, 6 days a week. That is around 30 hours a week! Crazy! Sara, one of the amazing dancers, does the same. They also talked about where & when ballet originated, which was around 500 years ago in Italy. This show also showed that all people can be ballet dancers, even boys. Because of this, many boys were inspired to start ballet. Even Ms. Rivero said that so many boys, who have always been told ballet is for girls, learned that ballet is for everybody. All in all, the ballet demonstration was an enormous success that taught students about ballet.



By: Kali Heiken and Anna Kulenovic

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**OCTOBER 4, FRIDAY**

**3:05 - 3:45**

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YOUR LOVE FOR PIZZA!

**Turns out, your dream is coming true. Our school, RKBBH, on the first Friday of every month, is going to sell fresh, delicious pizza right after school. Walking to the park or wherever you are going after school, you will never feel more motivated when you have a slice of pizza in your hand. Cheezy pizza is going to be right here for you to buy for only \$2 per slice. Did I mention how much this will support the 8th graders' experience during the school year? By purchasing this mouth watering pizza every month, for only 2 dollars a slice, you will make sure our 8th graders at RKBBH will have the ultimate school year! From the ceremony to the dance, yearbook signing breakfast, and all the amazing 8th grade activities will be supported by you buying pizza. It started on October 4th and it was sold out. Stayed tuned for next month!**