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Bobcat Times

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

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Values at the Heart of Action

On February 14th, students at RKBH-8 had the perfect day to have fun with peers and enjoy an hour of exciting activities out on the field. Whether they were looking to play sports or just relax and talk to friends, there was something for every student to do. Students had the chance to interact with others who were in different classes. Some showed off their basketball skills, played a game of volleyball, or even tried horseshoeing. For students who love mind games, there was Connect 4, Ping-Pong, and Jenga. The best part was giving students the chance to meet new kids and make long lasting friendships. Music was played throughout the event and even dancing occurred when the "Electric Slide" song came on. A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Castillo, the Activities Director, for organizing the event and giving out prizes to each student. Let's not forget to thank the amazing PE Dept, Ms. Perez, Mr. Diaz, and Mr. Dusek, for coordinating the games. Overall, Unity Day was a huge success and students look forward to next year's event.



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Values Matter





Literature Week: Sparking a Love for Reading



Literature week brought back the joy of reading books at our school! It was celebrated in many states and everyone at RKBBHK-8 were excited to have it here too. Each day, a specific theme is picked for students to follow. A huge hit was reading on the lawn when students were able to read outside of their classrooms and get fresh air. This event was organized by Ms. Isnady with the help of Ms. Valentina. It was a true benefit to do this at our school because students of all grade levels had the opportunity to read and share their favorite books with peers. It also encouraged students to learn, and improve their reading skills. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, we were able to create an engaging and inspiring atmosphere for all.

By: Emilija Slitere and Feicitas Barenaspina

Remembering the Past: Eighth Graders Reflect on the Holocaust



On January 10 th , RKBBH's Eighth Graders went to the Holocaust Memorial to learn about the horrific chapter in modern history. Students were able to meet with Laszlo Selly, a Holocaust survivor, who now works as a photographer. Laszlo is a Hungarian Jew who lived through the Holocaust as a young child, he described his experiences as frightful and filled with fear. Bobcats then met with Dr. Helen Chaset and Pamela Behar, who both showed 8th graders pictures and information from the Holocaust and gave excerpts from their families who lived during that time. After the presentations, students were taken to the Botanical Garden to have lunch. This trip to the Holocaust Memorial informed students of this grim chapter in history, showing what humanity can do to themselves, and how we can hopefully prevent it from ever happening again in the future.

By: Adam Aneiros



Spreading Smiles: A Sweet Success for St. Jude's!

On February 4, the Spreading Smiles Club started a \$2.00 ticket sale. Students who purchased tickets had the chance to win a giant jar of tasty M&M's. The club members were excited to announce that they raised a total of \$359, and all of it went to St. Jude's Research Hospital. This is a big deal because not only will it help pay for important research, it will also help pay for treatments for kids that need it. The winner was Alyssa Frankel from Ms. Miller's class. She guessed 3,456 M&M's! The real number was 3,486, so she was super close! We also had two other awesome guesses: Arielle Pierre guessed 3,436 and Nurse Miriam guessed 3,490. They each got a Starbucks gift card for being so close. Everyone in the Spreading Smiles Club was super proud of how this event turned out. It brought everyone together and helped St. Jude's do their important work for kids who need help!



By: Emily Frankel

Memory Book Sale!

2024-2025

Memory Book

FOR SALE NOW!

FEATURING PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE!



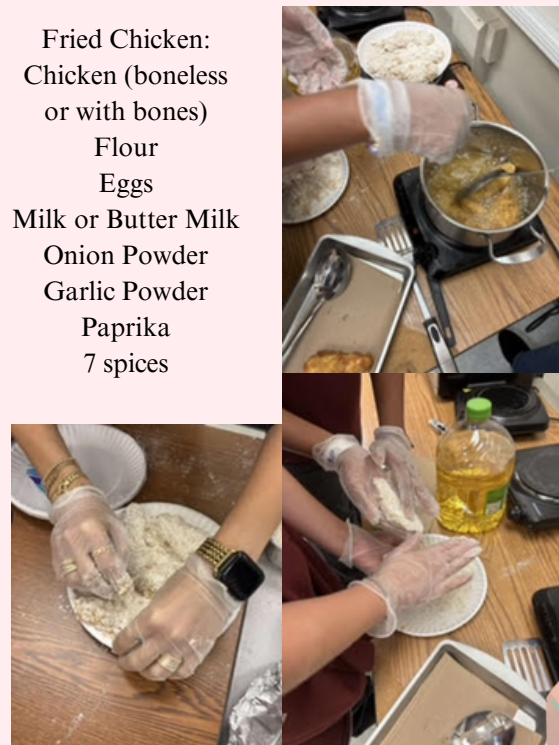
ATTENTION RKBH PARENTS:
You can now purchase this year's memory book! The price is \$25.
Last Day to buy Memory Book:
5/21/25

HOW TO PURCHASE:
1) Login to your Student/Parent Portal.
2) Click on Apps/Services/Sites.
3) Click on OSP parent link.
4) Click on your child's school level.
5) Click the Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8-0241.
6) Click on 2024-2025 Yearbook Book.
7) Click on Add to Cart.



Cooking Corner

Fried Chicken:
Chicken (boneless or with bones)
Flour
Eggs
Milk or Butter Milk
Onion Powder
Garlic Powder
Paprika
7 spices



By: Penelope Lopez-Casula and Arielle Barcdlo-Jeffer



100th Day of School

On January 31st, our school celebrated the “100th day of school”. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes enjoyed the day with fun activities. Some students came to school dressed as senior citizens! The 100th day of school is also a day for students to celebrate their academic achievements. It is common for classes to do 100 acts of kindness on this day to show their appreciation for their teachers, schools, and friends. Whether it was through new skills learned, friendships formed, or challenges overcome, our Bobcats truly made this year something special.



By: Mateo Robaina

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration held in February in the United States and Canada, dedicated to recognizing the significant contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history. It honors the struggles, triumphs, and cultural impact of the African American community, highlighting figures who have shaped politics, culture, science, art, and more. This month serves as a time to reflect on the ongoing fight for equality and justice, while also celebrating the rich heritage and resilience of African Americans.



Martin Luther King Jr.



Simone Biles



Zendaya



Jesse Owens

By: Geronimo David

Words of Wisdom



"Hope is not for the people that are scared to lose, but for the people that believe to win."

Veronica Andre
Ms. Cox 5th grade



"Life is a rollercoaster, ride it."

Yael Rosen
Dr. Balzano 5th grade



"It's not about how many times you fall down, but about how many times you get up."

Reese Schnaider
Ms. Miller 4th grade

By: Emily Frankel and Zoey Ader-Zablelins

Glow from the Inside Out: How a Healthy Diet Can Transform Your Skin



If you want to have clear, healthy skin, you don't only need the right products, you need a healthy diet as well. A healthy diet can do wonders for your skin, reducing inflammation, protecting against sun damage, and increasing facial hydration. Some crucial ingredients to look for are "plant pigments" or carotenoids (like lycopene and beta carotene), minerals (like zinc, selenium, and potassium), vitamins, and omega-3 fatty acids (found in fish and can reduce inflammation and preserve collagen). Being a little more careful about your diet could be extremely beneficial to your overall physical health as well as your general appearance, with long term effects such as fewer breakouts and more hydrated, smoother, clearer skin. So, if your skin is dry or prone to breakouts and sun damage, ingredients like these in your diet could be a lot of help.

By: Clarissa Borelli

Super Bowl 2025:Eagles Soar to Victory.

Sunday, February 9th, 2025, the Philadelphia Eagles take home the win of Super Bowl 59. The Eagles won with a score of 40-22; with Jalen Hurts getting MOTM (Man of the Match). Hurts had an inspiring quote saying, "Defense wins championships". The Chiefs failed to win back-to-back Superbowls, as they won the previous one while losing this one. Patrick Mahomes, the favorite player on the field got 257 passing yards while Jalen Hurts got 221 passing yards. Moreover, Jalen Hurts got two touchdowns and one interception, he completed 17 passes out of 21. In rushing yards Hurts, got one touchdown, 11 carries, and 72 yards, these are the amazing stats that got him MVP. For Super Bowl 59, the halftime performers were Kendrick Lamar and SZA. This pick was surprising because many fans weren't expecting this after what happened with him and Drake. Kendrick performed "Squabble Up," "Humble," "DNA", "Euphoria," "Man at the Garden," and "Peekaboo". Additionally, Kendrick performed "Luther" and "All the Stars," with SZA. Furthermore, he played his most famous song, "Not Like Us" that got 1.08 billion streams. All in all, this was a great thriving season for the Philadelphia Eagles; they will continue to play strong in the next coming years.



By: Kai-Khalla Oexner, Tomas Souza, and Mateo Robaina

Heroes in Action: Celebrating National Crossing Guard Day



On Wednesday, February 12, it was National Crossing Guard Day. National Crossing Guard Day is a day dedicated to our amazing crossing guards who help us cross the street safely every day. They save hundreds of lives by creating a safe route to cross the street and make everyone feel safe, as well as stopping traffic to allow people and vehicles to safely cross the street. Many people don't realize how dangerous it is to be a crossing guard. They risk their lives every day just to create a safe path for us to walk on. Crossing guards also help us by looking out for suspicious activity or unsafe situations. Many pedestrians are hurt every year in car accidents but crossing guards are a big help in preventing these tragic accidents from happening. Even though they don't wear capes, they are still the real heroes. You should thank crossing guards every day.

By: Anna Kulenovic, Kali Heiken, and Bella Frye

Pages of Possibilities: Ruth K. Broad's Book Fair

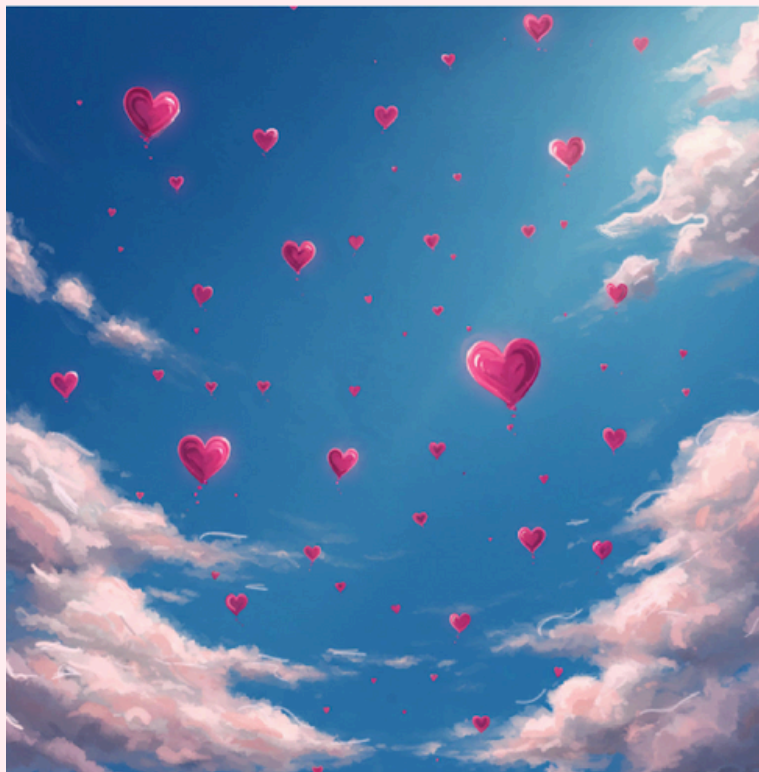
Inspires Young Readers and Supports Our School!

The week of February 24th through February 28th, a book fair was held in the recently renovated library. The book fair had many options of books to read including many scholastic novels. Not only were books sold, but also journals, pens, and posters. All grade levels had a variety of options for them to read and chances to visit the book fair many times. PTA members, parents, and even some students volunteered to help at the book fair. Two volunteers, Jennifer Baumann and Rikki Heiken, said that it is very rewarding and selfless to have the opportunity to help our school by devoting their time to monitor this event. They love helping our school and believe that it benefits Ruth K Broad by inspiring many children to read. It allows them to browse many different genres and explore new kinds of books, while also raising money. Many children enjoyed the book fair and got multiple books. Also, there was another event after school on Wednesday February 26th. This event was a family night where all members of a family were invited to the book fair. Many parents loved the experience and enjoyed seeing their children interested in many books. Overall, the book fair was an incredible event that greatly benefited our Bobcats.

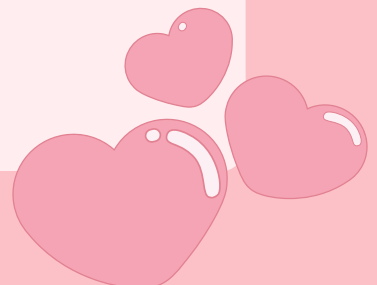


By: Anna Kulenovic, Bella Frye, and Kali Heiken

“Love is in the Air”



Art of the Month by Marissa Hyka





Dear Bobcat, I need your advice.

“What do I do when my friend takes stuff from me and doesn’t give it back?”

When your friends are taking things from you or taking your supplies and not giving them back, it is best to talk to them about it. Communication is the key to every friendship. It could be possible that when your friend borrowed something from you, maybe they forgot to give it back. A perfect solution would be to just remind them. That would fix your problem. But if your friend is doing it on purpose, it can become a real issue. It is a good idea to tell an adult, especially your parents. I am sure they will give you a good way to have your belongings returned to you.

"Are the teachers in middle school scary?"

The teachers at middle school aren't exactly scary, but they're mostly strict. They all have the same goal which is to educate you and making sure you are making the right choices. Middle school is for young adults so they expect students to be mature and able to behave rationally. The reason you might think the teachers at middle school are scary is that they have high expectations. Good behavior is important because you are allowed to participate in all activities such as the Orlando Field Trip and end of year Scott Rakow Field Trip as well.

“People try talking to me when I’m trying to do my work in class, what can I do to stop them?”

I know you do not want to send the wrong message, but completing your work is very important. It would be good to confront your peers who are distracting you directly. If that doesn't work, you can always talk with your teacher about your situation. I am sure they would not have a problem with switching your seat, especially if you are trying to stay on task. Teachers are here to help you learn and get your work done.