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

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Broad Family Legacy Visits Uribe's 5th Grade Class

Students in Ms. Uribe's fifth-grade class recently took a deep dive into local history—using microphones, curiosity, and a special family connection to bring the past vividly into the present.

As part of an innovative classroom podcast project, the students were given a unique opportunity: to interview Deborah Bussel, the granddaughter of Ruth K. Broad, a key figure tied to the founding and development of Bay Harbor. The excitement didn't stop there. The class was also honored by a special appearance from Ann Bussel, who shared personal memories of her father and his role in shaping what would become the town of Bay Harbor Islands. Her firsthand stories offered students a rare glimpse into the determination and vision behind the community's creation.

During the visit, Deborah Bussel brought along meaningful artifacts connected to her family's history. These items served as powerful symbols of the town's origins, helping students better understand not only the historical facts but also the personal stories and values that contributed to its development. The podcast project allowed students to step into the role of journalists—researching, preparing interview questions, and recording conversations. Through this hands-on experience, they strengthened their communication skills while building a deeper appreciation for local heritage.

Ms. Uribe's class demonstrated that history is more than dates and textbooks—it's a living story, carried forward through voices, memories, and meaningful connections. The podcast's goal was for listeners to appreciate the history of Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour, and Surfside. In this episode, Emily, Lilliam, Nicolas, Mikaela, and Patton were the leaders of the podcast.

Through the voices of Ann Bussel and Deborah Bussel, the legacy of Ruth K. Broad became something personal and meaningful. For Ms. Uribe's class, this project was not just about learning history—it was about preserving it, one story at a time.

By: Nathanial Carrasco

Crêpe Creations with Chef Mawas

Ms. Mawa's class recently focused on a classic crepe recipe that is straightforward and easy to follow. This recipe is great because it uses basic pantry staples that most people already have at home. To make the batter, you combine one cup of flour, two eggs, and one cup of milk. A pinch of salt is added to balance the flavors, while two tablespoons of sugar provide a hint of sweetness. Finally, two tablespoons of butter are mixed in to give the crepes a smooth, rich texture. This specific ratio of ingredients results in a light, thin batter that is essential for making traditional crepes. It is a reliable recipe for students to learn because the measurements are simple and the results are consistent. Having a go-to recipe like this is a great way to build confidence in the kitchen without needing complex ingredients.

By: Geronimo David & Martin Portillo

Middle School Spring Bash

The spring dance took place on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the elementary cafeteria. The event featured a "blackout" theme, where students dressed entirely in black. Admission was free for eighth graders and $5 for sixth and seventh graders, with pizza and drinks included. Students had a wonderful time dancing to their favorite songs. Nicolas Lacker-Anton shared that he thoroughly enjoyed the evening with his friends, noting that DJ Sage played many of his favorite songs. He described an energetic atmosphere where he and his friends were jumping and screaming along to the music. Ultimately, the dance was a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy music and build memories with their friends and teachers.

By: Tomas Souza

The Commissioners Cup Championship

Our very own, 7th grader Kai Oexner, who plays for Barca Academy Pro Miami, competed in a soccer tournament called Commissioner's Cup. The tournament consists of many teams around Miami/Florida who are competing to win it. Commissioner's Cup is a tournament that if any team wins, they proceed to move on to another tournament called President's Cup which is statewide and if any teams wins from there, the team moves to the final tournament called National Cup which is across the whole USA. Barca Academy Pro Miami performed well in the Commissioner's Cup. They opened the tournament with a strong 6-1 win against West Pines United FC. They kept their momentum going with a 6-0 victory over Hollywood FC and a 4-0 win against Royal Palm Beach Strikers. During the tournament, Barca Academy Pro Miami faced Key Biscayne SC KBSC Premier, for quarterfinals, and the match ended in a 0-0 draw, but then proceeded to penalties in which they won 3-1. They are having an upcoming game against Miami Stars Soccer Deportivo Cali for the semi-finals, which has not occurred yet. Overall, the team showed impressive skills and teamwork throughout the tournament.

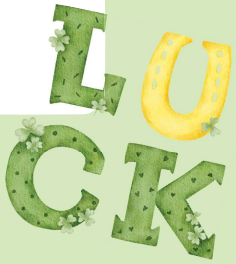
By: Kai-Khalla Oexner

Bobcat Advice: Student Support Line

"How is it like to be in middle school?"

Middle school feels like a rollercoaster, but in a good way. One minute, you are excited about a new class or hanging out with friends. The next, you are stressed about homework or a surprise quiz. It's a big shift from elementary school. You have different teachers for each subject, and you get to move from class to class after every 50 minutes, which is pretty cool. You also gain more freedom, but that means you have to take on more responsibility. You need to keep track of your things and manage your time. There are many new peers to meet, and you start to figure out who your real friends are. Sometimes there is drama, but you learn how to handle it. It's a time when you get to try new activities, like sports or clubs, and find out what you're good at. It can be tough at times, but it's also a lot of fun! I am sure you will do great!

By: Kai-Khalla Oexner & Matvey Sukhanov



Spring Break Adventures

“What was your spring break destination?”

“Spain”
Kareem Kobeissy
7th

“Italy”
Enrico Raso
8th

“Michigan”
Noah Jacobi
7th

“Italy”
Jacob Loyfenfeld
1st

“Colombia”
Allison Mendoza
5th

“Japan”
Sasha Lerner
1st

“Orlando“
Sofia Rakusa
5th

“Thailand”
Emmanuel Edri
7th

By: Mila De Cespedes & Arella Pelleg

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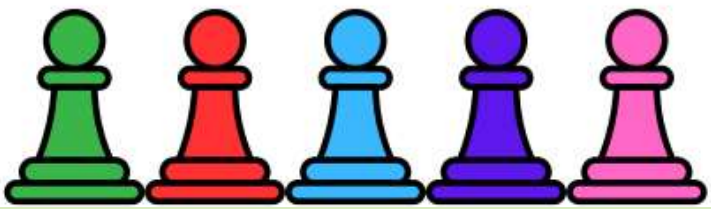

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1) Login to your Student/Parent Portal.
2) Click on Apps/Services/Sites.
3) Click on OSP parent link.
4) Click on your child's school level.
5) Click the Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-0241.
6) Click on 2025-2026 Yearbook Book.
7) Click on Add to Cart.