

# Panther Prints

Braden River Middle School

September/October, 2019

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Greetings Panther families,

We are off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year! We are maintaining our focus on the ABC formula for success and ensuring our students are receiving rigorous, relevant coursework while building relationships with staff and each other. This will be a great year!

Our students are not only dressed for success on a daily basis, they are acting the part and preparing for success in every way. Thank you, parents, for your role in this!

Please be reminded student arrival and dismissal always present safety challenges. Students should not be dropped off before 8:45 am or picked up after 4:40 pm as there is no supervision available before or after these times. Please use the parent loop for all car riders. Please be patient and pull as far forward as possible when dropping off or picking up students. Please refrain from entering the school parking lot through the exit, letting off or picking up students on River Club Blvd. or entering the bus loop area or staff parking lot as this is a matter of safety for all stakeholders. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We are asking all parents to activate a Focus account. It's easy to do, and you can find the link on our BRMS web page. Progress reports and report cards are sent to you electronically. Quarter 1 report card will be posted in the Focus portal on Thursday, Oct. 17th. You can review your child's progress at anytime using the FOCUS parent portal.

We are looking forward to a great school year. If, at anytime, you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

As always, thank you for your support of our school. Braden River Middle School is a great place because of you. We are the Home of the Panthers, where we believe and achieve!

Best regards,

Kimberlain Zenon-Richardson  
Proud Principal

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## **BRMS School Advisory Council (SAC)**

The BRMS School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people who help with the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan. SAC meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information, visit the school website at <https://www.manateeschools.net/bradenrivermiddle> and click on the page.

**SAC date: 11/14/19 at 5:30 pm in the Media Center**

## Reporting of Out-of-Field Teachers:

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Manatee County Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. All educators in the state of Florida are monitored to ensure that they meet certification and training requirements as mandated by law. All our teachers are certified to teach, although some of them are currently out-of-field and are working on additional areas of certification.

You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. Per Florida Statute 1012.42, when a teacher is assigned teaching duties out of the field in which the teacher is certified, the parents of all students in the class shall be notified in writing.

Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. The table below lists teachers who are currently out-of-field. If you would like more information, please contact your school at (941) 751-7080.

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Name	Course	OOF
Ann Bowers	Intensive Reading	ESOL
Christina Day	Math	MG Math
Christina Day	Science	MG Science
Alejandro Guardia	Band	Cert. in Process
Alejandro Guardia	Exploring Music	Cert. in Process
Alejandro Guardia	Instrumental Ensemble	Cert. in Process
Megan Klein	Language Arts	ESOL

Sincerely, Mrs. Kimberlain Zenon-Richardson, Principal

### Congratulations to Mr. Guardia & the band on their extraordinary Fall concert!



## Panther Pride Cross Country Style!

The boys' and girls' Cross Country teams have turned in strong performances so far this season. The teams won the East Side Hustle against Haile Middle School on September 23. Kim Cardenas-Gonzalez won the girls' race with Kasey Cardenas-Gonzalez, Adanna Wharton, Sarah Barkey and Faith Geluso rounding out the top runners. Alex den Boggende won the boys' race. The boys took the top 8 places in the race with Anthony Heath, Aidan Collins, Isaiah Jackson, Nick Cinelli, Carlos Elcoro, Aurelius Pena and Kyle Vaughn rounding out the rest.

Against Nolan Middle, the teams fell short of their goal of winning the "Rumble on Route 70" September 30th. The teams were once again led by Kim and Alex.

Next, our Panthers recently participated in a Manatee County Practice Meet at GT Bray Park. We had many outstanding finishes. Alex won the race against 92 competitors, Anthony was 4th and Nick 8th. In the girls' race Kim finished 2nd with 101 runners competing. Kasey finished in 8th place. Both teams finished in 2nd place of the 10 County teams!!

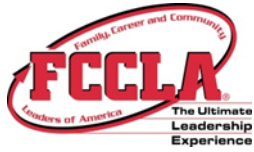
Next up is the Manatee County Championships being held on Saturday, October 19th at GT Bray Park in Bradenton. The girls will begin at 9:30 and the boys will start at 9:45. There will be an awards ceremony following the races.



# FCCLA

## Braden River Middle Family, Career & Community Leaders of America

This past summer nine students from Braden River Middle's FCCLA chapter traveled to the National Conference in Anaheim, California. There were over 8,500 students at the conference. While at the conference we attended numerous leadership workshops and sessions, had a little bit of excitement when we experienced an earthquake, and had some fun when we explored Disney Land. Students also participated in STAR events, (Students Taking Action with Recognition). The winners of these events were awarded medals at the STAR event ceremony on July 4th.



Congratulations to the following students:

Chapter in Review Portfolio: Vanessa Dong and Liliana Vazquez: Gold Medal

Interpersonal Communications: Tatianna Murphy and Alexandria Williams: Gold Medal

Chapter in Review Display: Skylar Rattana and Gianna Talerico: Silver Medal

Focus on Children: Makenna Bradley, Camryn Jenkins, and Katelyn White: Silver Medal

This year we have 40 members of the Braden River Middle FCCLA chapter. We are looking forward to a year full of leadership and service to our community. We recently installed our new officers including:

President: Lily Vazquez

First Vice President and Parliamentarian: Alexandria Williams

Vice President of Chapter Activities: Jade Lippincott

Secretary: Makenna Bradley

Treasurer: Andrea Mondragon

VP of Community Service: Skylar Armstrong

VP of Chapter Finance: Jenna Davis

VP of Recreation: Caylynn Mansi

VP of Public Relations: Camryn Jenkins

Historian: Rebecca Chupp

Refreshment Chairpersons: Edna Diaz and Alanna Hall



## Technology Student Association All The Way!!!

Braden River Middle School's Technology Student Association is off to a grand start this school year! On September 21, 2019 our TSA chapter attended the CTSO Rally at Braden River High School. We listened to motivational speeches about resilience, leadership and kindness. We also listened to Craig Hillier, who spoke about respect and responsibility. To end this great morale building event, we had fun competing in a "which group can scream the loudest" contest!

Our chapter is involved in many fundraiser and community service projects throughout the year, but our latest fundraiser, a car wash at Ace Hardware, was very successful. We raised \$823.00! These funds will be used toward the cost of our chapter attending the Florida TSA State Conference in Orlando on February 27, 2020.

Written by Abbigail Geiger, BRMS TSA Chapter Team Reporter



## News From Our National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Here at BRMS we inducted 30 new members into our chapter last March. These students were selected for their excellence in academics as well as their dedication to their school and community. At the end of their 7th grade year approximately 150 students were invited to join the BRMS chapter of NJHS based on meeting the chapter requirements – including having at least a 3.5 GPA for 5 consecutive quarters and no more than two 2's in conduct in any given quarter.

Throughout the school year NJHS helps with many campus events. They also volunteer at school spirit nights at local businesses to help our school raise money for club events and school-wide projects. In addition, individual members complete various service projects throughout the school year; these projects result in over 300 hours that NJHS, as a club, donates to the community each semester.

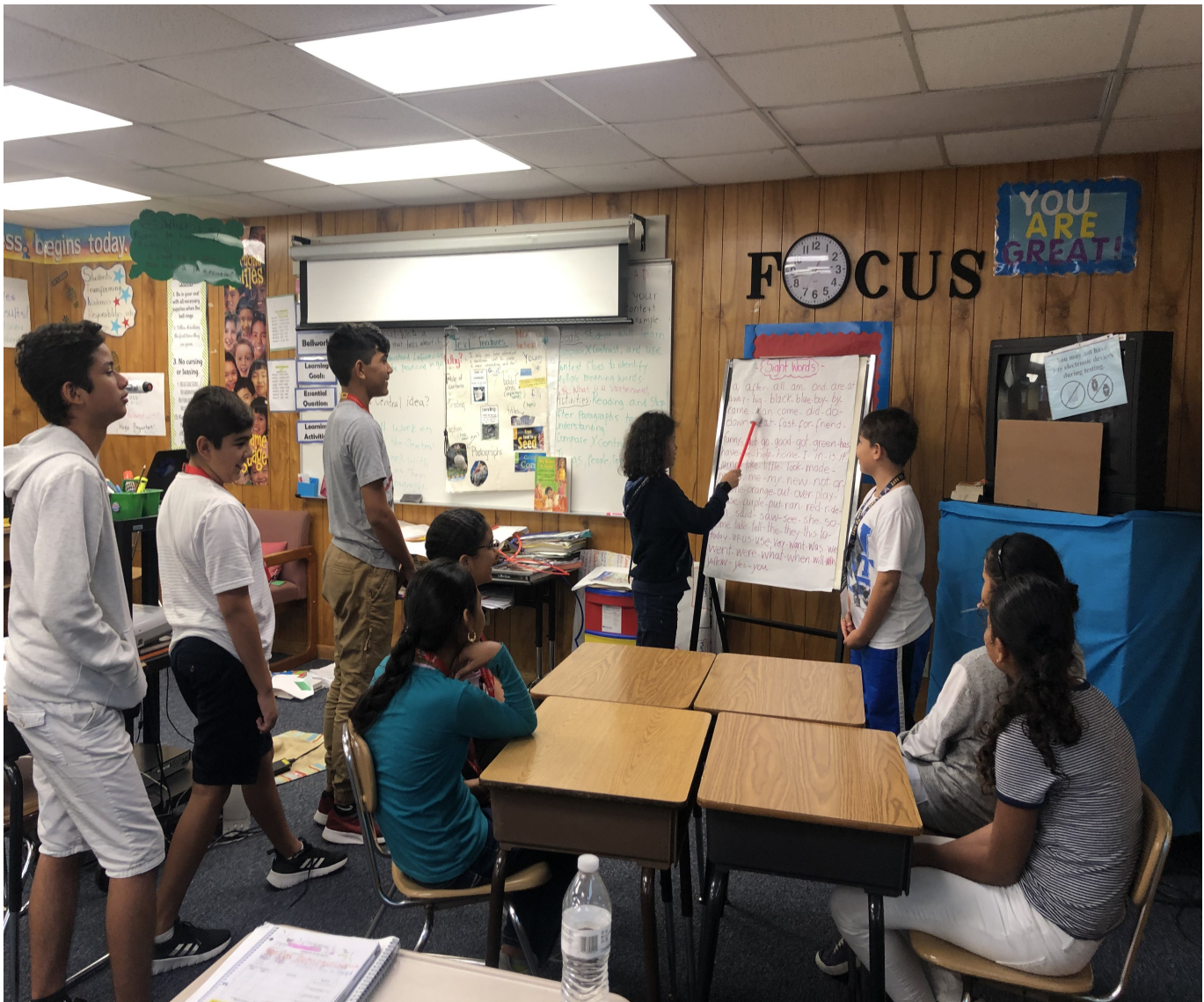
### New Members at Induction Ceremony-March, 2019



## ESOL Parents' Night - Mrs. Dacosta

BRMS held the first ESOL Parents' Night on September 5, at 6:00 PM. Twelve families were present with their children. During the event, Mrs. Dacosta explained what the term ESOL means, what programs/books are used in class, the importance of being fully present daily at school, and how to get involved with their children's education. Each family learned about their children's daily routine. Books were given away as well as website addresses about phonics and reading to help students and families practice their English skills at home. Parents were invited to be part of our SAC Committee and were encouraged to join. Parents were informed about our upcoming April ESOL Night Event. Invitations will be sent home with specific date and time.

In the picture below, English Language Learners study phonemic awareness and how to take ownership of their reading skills. The picture shows a 6th grade student saying the sight words aloud and the class repeating after her. Students learn and have fun at the same time while completing projects and presenting to the class for questions and clarification.



**Home of the Panthers**

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### **BRMS Mission Statement**

Braden River Middle School is an innovative community of engaged learners. We embrace the quest to use new ideas, model respectful behavior, and communicate effectively to create dynamic leaders.

### **Manatee School District Mission**

The mission of the Manatee School District is to inspire students with a passion for learning, empower them to pursue their dreams confidently and creatively while contributing to their community, nation, and world.



**Panthers believe!**



**Panthers achieve!**

## **A Builders Club Announcement!**

# **BUILDERS CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

8:30 AM

Braden River Middle School

Media Center

Please join the Honorable Edward Nicholas, Mrs. Jane Beach, & Ms. Kelly Flynn as they induct students into the Braden River Middle School Builders Club. We hope you can join us as we celebrate our students and their commitments to bettering their communities through service.