



Braden River Elementary

School of Innovation

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Spring 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Principal

As we embark on the fourth quarter at BRE we have accomplished so much and look forward to even more success. I thought I would provide a look ahead so that we can thank those that are making things happen at BRE.

- We will be starting the process of hiring for staff at BRE for next year. If you thought about joining the school district in some capacity, please feel to reach out Dr. Stancil or me to learn more. The district has teaching, para-professional, cafeteria, and many other positions available for hire these upcoming months.
- BRE's third consecutive Battle of the Books will be held at the end of March. Students that have participated in this school wide reading initiative have thrown themselves in the mix of great books and fun. They will battle it out Jeopardy-style to see whose comprehension of the book list is best.
- PTO is continuing to support BRE in a variety of ways. They will be hosting several more Spirit Nights at local restaurants. They also have the Spring Fling and silent auction on the horizon that will truly be an exciting time for parents. It is themed "A Night at the Derby" and will take us to a Kentucky Derby-like experience. They also will be celebrating staff the week of May 1st.
- Our school will be hosting an exciting first-of-it's-kind event to showcase the Innovation at BRE. Our first annual "Innovation Expo" will be April 20th from 6:00-7:30. Parents will be able to come and learn about their students learning in our Project Based Learning units and participate in several hands-on adventures together as a family.
- We will continue to have fun as we close the year and begin preparing for the next. We will also close out the year with FAST State testing for K-5. These assessments will be last of the year and will be the most important, as a summative assessment of the learning for the year. Students should score at a proficiency rate for the grade standards they are in. We know that our students, staff, and families have all been diligent in working with our students so they can do their personal best on this round of testing.

We always want to acknowledge and show appreciation to parents. As a parent myself, I understand that it is truly the hardest job any of us have. What we do as parents to shape, instill, and support our kids at school really matters. The BRE staff appreciates all those extras you have provided all year to support your child, other individual children, and our school as whole. You have helped to make this school year truly a success in so many ways.

Joshua Bennett, Principal

Classes Are Being Formed for 2023/2024

We are beginning to form classes for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. This process is one that takes a lot of work and is very well thought out. This includes considerations of academics, behavior, student needs, demographics and gender. If you feel your child may have a special need that we should be aware of when placing students in new classes, please let us know by conveying those needs in the form of a letter. The letter should include a description of your child's personality and special needs and give the characteristics of the kind of teacher you have found your child works well with. The letter should **not** include any specific teacher, or a list of friends. These letters need to be sent to Mr. Bennett by April 21, 2023. We will take this information into consideration when placing your child. Letters can be sent in or emailed to bennettj@manateeschools.net.

mark  your **Calendar**

April 7 th	No School, Good Friday
May 24 th	Early Out @ 1:50pm
May 25 th	Early Out @ 1:50pm
May 26 th	Early Out @ 1:50pm
	Last Day of School

BRE PTO NEWS

Our PTO mission is a community of parents, teachers, families and administrators working together to positively impact our school by promoting volunteerism, supporting students and staff, and building community relationships.

Upcoming Spirit Nights

Chick fil A 3/28

Culvers 4/13

Bubba Ques BBQ 4/25

Chicken Salad Chick 5/11

4th Quarter PTO/School Events

Mother/Son Event Friday, March 24

An exciting evening for our boys and their moms (or other special lady!)

Spring Fling April 15

Adults only event at the River Club Golf Course. Join us for dinner, drinks and dessert! There will be live music & entertainment. A chance to win prizes & participate in the silent & live auctions.

This is our biggest FUNdraiser.

Staff Appreciation Week May 1-5

A week long celebration of our fantastic teachers and all the staff at BRE.

We still need volunteers to help make this week special

Upcoming PTO Meetings

March 23 @ 6:30pm

April 20 @ 6pm

May 11 @ 6pm

Meetings are held on campus in the media center & childcare is provided by the BRHS Key Club for school age children in the cafeteria

Reminders

We ALWAYS need more help with events and would love to see new faces! Please consider attending one or more of our meetings, volunteering at an event, and/or sharing ideas on how to improve our efforts.

email brepto6125@gmail.com



Online Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year is NOW OPEN!!!

This is ONLY for new incoming students which include current VPK students. You may register your child through your Parent Portal in FOCUS. You will need to upload all required documents. Remember to add all contacts that may pick-up or drop off your child when registering. If you have any questions or need help please contact Julie Danke, Registrar at 941-751-7012 ext. 57011.

****New VPK students must have their approved seat through the Early Learning Department to register for next school year.**

Nurse's News

Hello Braden River Elementary Parents,

Reminder that students are NOT ALLOWED to transport medications in their back packs. This includes medications that are going to be used during school hours or medications that may need to travel between two households. If a medication is needed during school hours, even an over the counter medication like Benadryl or Tylenol, a Manatee County School District Medication Authorization form needs to be signed by a medical professional and parent *before* a medication is dropped off (by a parent or guardian) at school. This form is available on the BRE website in the clinic section and a paper copy can be requested from the clinic at anytime. Thank you for following the rules and keeping all of our students safe.

We are three quarters through the school year and the weather is warming back up! Staying hydrated and protecting ourselves from the sun is important.

Please help keep your student hydrated and healthy by making sure to send in a water bottle every day.

The UV rate is also increasing, sun burn hurts and can be prevented. You can help prevent sunburn on your child by helping them apply sunscreen when outdoors for more than 15 minutes. Also, encourage them to wear protective clothing such as long sleeve swim suits, hats and sunglasses. When the UV is higher than 6 it is best to seek shade between 10am and 4pm.

Thanks for your help keeping our students safe and healthy!

Laura Schuyler, RN and Nicole Wells, RN



Braden River Elementary Track Meet

It's Race Time, BRE will be having its ANNUAL TRACK MEET for 2nd Grade THRU 5th Grade Boys and Girls very soon. Your students have been practicing and attempting to qualify in the 200 meter, 400 meter and 800 meter runs over the last few weeks.

The TRACK MEET will take place on the BRE field.

The TRACK MEET dates are as follows:

MARCH 23- 400 METER race/4th and 5th GRADE

MARCH 24- 400 METER race/2nd and 3rd GRADE

MARCH 28- CLASS RELAY race/2nd-3rd-4th and 5th GRADE

MARCH 30- 800 METER race/4th and 5th GRADE

MARCH 31- 800 METER race/ 2nd and 3rd GRADE



If your student qualified for a race, you will receive more information on race day procedures (You will receive a slip of paper with the TRACK MEET SCHEDULE). STAY TUNED!

Safety Reminder for Students

Students walking to school—check your paths for safety, observe traffic signs, and cross the road inside of crosswalks.

Bike Riders don't forget: WEAR A HELMET! IT'S THE LAW!

Students may not be dropped off in the Middle School parking lot. If parents choose to do Parent Walk Up, parents MUST accompany the students while in the parking lot and through the crosswalk up to the designated drop off area.

ATTENTION

Please have your child wear sneakers (no sandals, Crocs, heels, boots, etc.) on days that he/she will have P.E. Proper attire will help us keep your child safe. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to P.E., especially during the hotter months.

Please send in a note or doctor's excuse if your child cannot participate in P.E. because of an injury or illness. This will help us monitor the situation and keep your child as safe as possible.

Robotics Vex Competitions





Congratulations to
our BRE Sparks
that has their
artwork displayed at
the 2023 Manatee
County Fair!

Avery Nolan
Reese Middleton
Ricardo Cruz
Simona Mazzucco
Jovan Cikota
Milo Diehl
Sara Coleman
Katie Finn
Jillian Kenney
Charlotte Wright
Phoebe Jessop
Ernso Veilard
Owen Sauchinitz
Kalleigh Miller
Silas Freed

We are all looking forward to a
wonderful 4th Quarter.

Mrs. Kushmer



music notables

2022 All-County Elementary Music Festival featuring our 3 Orff Ensemble Participants

(Top to Bottom) Jillian Kenney, Anna Mylett, Jordan Williams and our 5 Chorus Participants

(l-r) Christian Jones, Alessandro Hernandez, Madeline Cooper, Anneliese Schroeder, Charlotte Wright.

I was honored to serve as this year's conductor for the chorus.

Dr. Katz



3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

3rd Grade

All A Honor Roll

Eleanor Bercaw	Kylie McCurry
Gabriella Busenburg	Nicolas Norwood
Emma Curry	Paige Royce
Leela DeLazzer	Abigail Stephen
Emily Haas	Logan Titus
Eleanor Mattei	Penny Wells

A / B Honor Roll

Channing Barker	Avalon Duff	Analía Ritter Gonzalez
Sabatini Begani	Lorenzo Faundez	Micah Sower
Easton Bowling	Liam Gil	Zara Szekely
Carsyn Carter	Andrew Gongo	Melissa Vallor
Owen Chancey	Wesley Helm	Eric Veillard
Ella Cochran	Aubrey Kane	Ella Walker
Lilly Colcu	Adrian Llorca	Raelynn Wilson
Gennaro Cucci	Knox Newman	David Zebelys
Jefferson Drohan	Aarna Patel	

4th Grade

All A Honor Roll

Ellis Ackerman	Trevor Hamer	Abel Ramirez
Gabriel Alvarez	Alessandro Hernandez	Parker Royalty
Isabella Busenburg	Kelly Huynh	Abby Smith
Carys Cannon	April Johnson	Alex Sues
Lucas Dicesare	Kevin Medina	Ernsó Veillard
Autumn Dougherty	Anna Mylett	Micah Vilayvong
Kyle Draper	Abigail Patton	Jordan Williams

A / B Honor Roll

Tyson Bailey	Trey Hamer	Peter Mattei
Beau Buchek	Blake Imhoff	Charlie Mulvihill
Garrett Dailey	Jasmine Johnson	Karl Nehring
Maria Fabri	Christian Jones	Henry Nolan
Emily Fitzpatrick	Dylan Kardos	Grady Rankin
Ruben Flores	Brady Kerr	Arabella Rojas
Leo Freyre	Noah Langman	Owen Sauchinitz
Vanessa Garcia	Kiernan Lemmons	Eva Sladky
Riley Gephart	Elijah Lin	Eli Sturm
Texaco Guess	Gabriel Malacarne	

5th Grade

All A Honor Roll

Corbin Bennett	Brinna Jones
Madeline Cooper	Camryn Killingsworth
Ariel Coyle	Annie Schroeder
Sophia Faircloth	Harper Silliman
Jaxson Hofius	Mikenna Yermak
Phoebe Jessop	

A / B Honor Roll

Lailah Aljukic	Elliot Conaway	Jillian Kenney
Dylanger Appel	Parsiya Cyrus	Kaelyn Naumowicz
Desmond Barfield	Milo Dehil	Lillian Ploger
Sydney Burghardt	Justin Diaz	Autumn Spence
Riley Buttery	Calder Duff	Colt Surline
Mariah Castellanos	Cooper Eidson	Vivian Szekely
Viktoriya Cherepanova	Boston Epperson	Brooke Winch
Jovan Cikota		

Students in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade can achieve honor roll by receiving all A's and B's and Satisfactory and above for Responsible Learner. Students are recognized each quarter in the newsletter and on the Honor Roll bulletin board in the cafeteria.

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Your sponsorship will support our school's vision by providing professional development trainings, materials, and community building experiences for our students and staff. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, please contact at BREPT06125@gmail.com.

Fun Run was a HUGE success!



Thank You for supporting BRE!



Sparks of the Month!

January - Empathy

Danyil Barykin	Alexandra Doodnaught	Julie Knaus	Sofia Oliva	Amara Rzonco
Hazel Bercaw	Gabriel Fajardo	Ashlynn LaGasse	Suri Patel	Alexa Scafario
Cameron Breslau	Natalia Faundez	Ebba Lambert	Daniel Philpotts	Owen Schultz
Ruby Button	Jacob Gallaway	Lia Lescano	Ellis Quintanilla	Wyatt Silliman
Emory Cai	Braxton Gallon	Liam Lopez	Adam Ramierez	Jalanni Simmons
Sabalie Campbell	Trevor Hamer	Anastasia Marsh	Elyssa Riggs	Micah Sower
Angella Chirinos-Sierra	Emma Hindman	Mila Martinez	Analia Ritter Gonzalez	Blaine Taylor
Isabella Cz	Trey Ivey	Marko Miscevic	Parker Royalty	John Warcewicz
Leela DeLazzer	Courtney Johnson	Anna Mylett	Hailey Royce	Lexann Zavala
Liam Diaz	Aiden Kinyon	Christian Nehme	Nikolai Ruzenov	

February - Perseverance

Lily Anderson	Benson Chen	Abdiel Figueroa	Peter Mattei	Ellie Rimer
Alexander Ayende Schmitz	Gwenyth Coffin	Andrew Gongo	Nicholas Mihalos	Paige Royce
Benjamin Baker	Giselle Collier	Chris Hanamean	Reghan Miller	David Sarda
Madeleine Barker	Tiffany Contao	Kristen Hoang	Julius Mobley	Harper Silliman
Sibella Begani	Jordan Cramer	Sophia Ivey	Isabella Monroy-Fernandez	Leo Vizcarrondo
Tristan Bekishev	Luis Cruz	Paisley Johns	Brendan Morton	Daylan Weerappulige
Lorenzo Benenati	Bella Dagel	Ava Jones	Henry Nolan	Lucy Wells
Ryan Burchett-Negrete	Madeline DeLuca	Ekele Kouam-Kamdem	Jameson Parker	Cassie Willett
Brayleigh Butler	Lucy Edmunds	Carter Krasinski	Harrington Reynolds	Adam Youssef
Emma Castillo	Olivia Fenton	Aiden Martinez		