



BFA NEWS

BRIGHT FUTURES ACADEMY

HOLIDAY SHOW TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

This year's Holiday Program will be one not to miss! With seasonal classics and special guests, the Palm Beach Children's Chorus, this year's show will have something for everyone. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 on each campus. We hope to see you all on Thursday, Dec. 17, at Palm Beach Gardens High School's auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. David Suarez and Mrs. Carolyn Williams have worked very hard with student singers, and the show will also feature winter poems recited by some of our third and fourth graders. The Middle School Band will perform, and the Giving Chain will be presented as well. This is a wonderful event and a great way to finish off the semester before the winter break. We look forward to seeing you all!

BRIGHT FUTURES
ACADEMY
PRESENTS



DEC. 17, 2015
PALM BEACH GARDENS
HIGH SCHOOL
6:30 PM

When Visiting Our Campuses, Remember To Lock Your Car Doors!

Unfortunately, there are many burglaries from cars this time of year. Please remember to take your valuable belongings with you and lock your vehicles securely when visiting our campuses.

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving Feasts an amazing day of fun, food, and friends!

We are currently accepting donations of food, new and unwrapped toys, and cash for our annual Giving Chain and Food & Toy Drive, to support BFA families in need during the holiday season.

Contact Mrs. Tracy Romp at tracy.romp@brightfuturesacademy.com if you are interested in these or other volunteering opportunities.

11/30- Diagnostic Testing Grades 3-5
12/11

12/11 Holiday Dance

12/15 Häagen-Dazs Scoop Night

12/17 Holiday Show @ Palm Beach
Gardens High School 6:30 PM

12/19- NO SCHOOL
1/4

1/5- Diagnostic Testing Grades 6-8
1/22

1/29 Choice Program Application
Deadline



Arts & Music



Taleia M., 1st Grade



Cooper F., 3rd Grade



Madison M., 1st Grade



Kiley C., 1st Grade

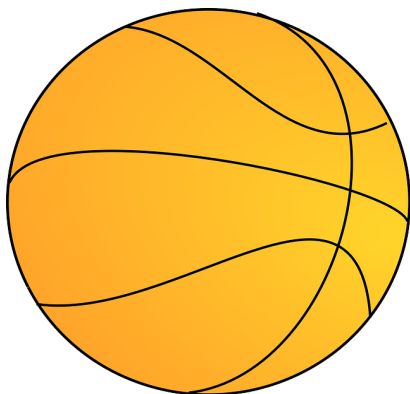
Integrating character education, language arts, math, and a craft activity, K-4 students created friend mobiles to reflect and illustrate how they are part of many different community "circles" in their worlds.

-Ms. Steier

SPORTS

The Bright Futures Academy Girls' Basketball team closed out their season Thursday in a 29-15 loss against Franklin Academy-Palm Beach Gardens. Sixth grader Gabi F. had 12 points in the game. Despite the Sharks' record this season, Coach O'Rourke is extremely proud of his student-athletes and their tenacity.

The Boys' Basketball team opened their season Friday with an overtime 35-31 win at home versus the Robots of Gardens School Of Technology Arts. Garret F. led the team in scoring, and Noam R.'s defense in the paint kept the



Bots on the perimeter. Ethan K.'s defensive rebounds limited the Bots scoring opportunities. In the first half, Gabe K.'s play helped the Sharks leap out to an early lead. A controversial call with seconds left in the fourth quarter gave Tech the chance to tie up the game, but the Sharks defense solidified the win in the extra time.

The Sharks are in action again Monday in an away game against Benjamin, at Franklin-PBG on Thursday, and then at home on Friday against Jupiter Christian.

ATHLETICS CALENDAR

12/7	Boys' Basketball vs Benjamin @ Benjamin 4 PM
12/8-9	Boys' Basketball Practice
12/10	Boys' Basketball vs Franklin @ Franklin (PBG) 4 PM
12/11	Boys' Basketball vs Jupiter Christian @ NPBRC 4 PM
12/15	Boys' Basketball Practice 4-5:30 PM
12/17	Boys' Basketball vs Gardens Tech @ NPBRC 4 PM
1/5	Boys' Basketball Practice

EDU-Garden News™



The EDU-Garden™ hosted our seasonal harvest day celebration and it was wonderful in response! With hay bales and scarecrows and the garden looking beautiful, no wonder autumn is my favorite time in the garden! Our environmental focus on birds proved informative and fun with a visit by

Vickie from the Audubon of the Everglades Society who brought their colorful banner depicting the outstretched wing span of our North



American birds. Several kids had fun standing in front of it for a photo to see how they measured up against our largest bird and one of the kids may even show up on one of their websites! Now, if you are guessing it is a great bald ea-

gle...you are incorrect! Another special guest was Cat from the Jupiter Tequesta Garden Club, who was also on hand to talk about native plants and bird and butterfly habitats. There was an exhibit of an owl house with friend and bird lover, Rex, who has promised to help students build their own owl house. Ms.Chellemi held an owl pellet dissection, which was a "wow" for sure! We even have a birding club in our plans! Birds are truly a barometer worth watching in understanding our environment!

As if that wasn't enough, Mrs. Kendall with her fabulous veggie chili, Ms. Catlin and her tasty turkey chili together with a wonderful salad courtesy of Trader Joe's made for a terrific lunch. "Happy" performed by our own BFA Singers and the Palm Beach Children's Chorus had everyone singing the Christmas carols too; and almost forgot, Mrs. Ancona's pinecone bird feeders and painting with Mrs. Fountain! I could go on and on!

So what bird has the largest wing span?

-Ms. Pat



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Shirts can be worn on Fridays



DECEMBER
2015

COLOR CODING

Blue– Days Off and Half Days Yellow– Special Days
Green– EDU & Environmental Purple– School Events
Trips Red– Board Meetings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	2 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	3 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	4 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	5 BOAT PARADE ANTARCTICA
6 Start of Hanukah	7 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	8 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	9 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	10 Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	11– WINTER DANCE Giving Chain ANTARCTICA	12 ANTARCTICA
13 JTAA PARADE HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD	14 End of Hanukah Giving Chain HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD	15 Häagen-Dazs Scoop Night Giving Chain HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD	16 Giving Chain HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD	17 HOLIDAY SHOW HOLIDAYS AROUND WORLD	18 END 2nd –9 Weeks	19 NO SCHOOL
20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Christmas Day NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		