



BFA NEWS

BRIGHT FUTURES ACADEMY

A GREEN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE!

Many of you will remember that BFA applied for recognition as a Green School, as part of a program sponsored by Florida Atlantic University's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. There are different levels of recognition, as schools are evaluated on their programs that reduce our impact on our environment. Schools are rated based on their campus enhancements, sustainability, curriculum integration, community partnerships, and administrative support.

nouncement and we would like to thank all of our students, faculty, and staff who work hard every

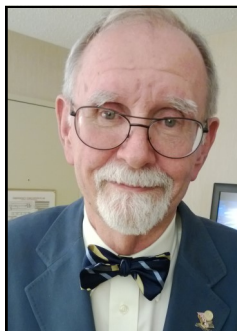
CONGRATULATIONS!

day to embody the Bright Futures Academy motto: "Who Will Stand Up For The Earth? We Will!"

The highest level is "A Green School Of Excellence" and we are so happy and proud to report that Bright Futures Academy has earned that distinction. We are amazingly pleased with this an-

This is a fantastic way to lead into our "Who Will Stand Up For The Earth Week!" which is April 18-April 23, and finishes up with our EDU-Garden® Day on Saturday! We have a lot of awesome things planned for that day, so we hope to see you all there. Mr. Suarez and Dr. Edwin Riley will be discussing mindfulness, Ms. Courtney will make green drinks, there will be exploration centers and art projects and of course music and food!

Last week, BFA welcomed a visit from Jack Richardson, who is interested in helping Bright Futures Academy expand its programing and mission of sustainable education to South Carolina. He was very impressed with our students and teachers!



If you know some one in South Carolina in the Columbia or Charleston area, please direct them to this link tinyurl.com/bfa4sc, and help bring BFA to South Carolina.



Music students practiced in the EDU-Garden, to the delight of the EDU-Garden staff, students, and chickens!

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

A volunteer is needed to be next year's yearbook manager. There will be several volunteer opportunities coming up! Watch this space for more information!

If you are interested in yearbook, helping with car line arrival or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Mrs. Tracy Romp at Tracy.Romp@brightfuturesacademy.com.

4/11 -30 FSA Testing Grades 4-8

4/15 Spring Dance Grades 5-8 @ PBGHS

4/18-22 Who Will Stand Up For The Earth ? Week

4/23 EDU-Garden Day

4/30 4th Grade St. Augustine Trip

5/14 Live Like Jake 5K Run/Walk



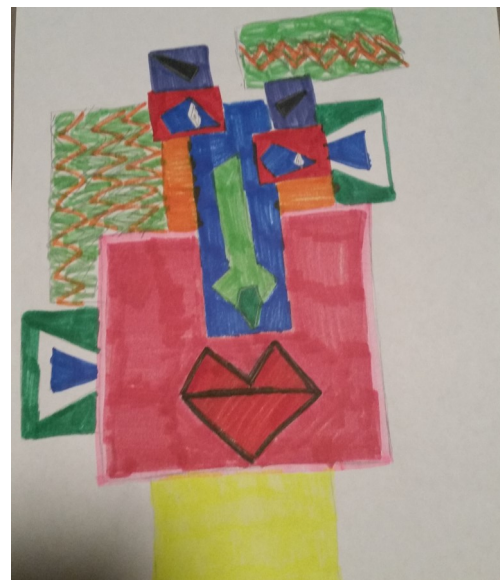
Arts & Music



Jonathan B., 1st Grade



Ava L., 3rd Grade



Madison G., 4th Grade

In the early 20th century, Pablo Picasso worked in a style that was radically different than what his peers were doing. As an abstract medium, Picasso focused on the basic geometric shapes of his subjects. This movement in art became known as Cubism. Elementary students used markers and crayons in lieu of paint, and created self portraits in the Cubist style.

—Mrs. Guzman



Dear BFA Families,

We're excited to announce our participation in the 2nd Annual Live Like Jake 5K Run/Walk which takes place on May 14, 2016! Whether you're a runner or a walker, this is a fun event that raises proceeds for the Live Like Jake Foundation. The Foundation is a local, nonprofit 501c3 organization committed to funding scholarships for survival swim lessons, as well as providing financial support to families who have lost a loved one or have a child with critical care needs. Our team name is "Bright Futures Academy" and the elementary team with the most participants wins \$250! We are hoping to gather a team of BFA staff and families for a fun Saturday morning! Twenty team points will be given to each student who registers and one extra point for every family member or friend who registers with them!

If you haven't registered yet, you can register and join the team here: tinyurl.com/j5u8ppt

If you've already registered, you can join the team here: my/events.active.com

Don't want to run or walk the full 3.1 miles but would still like to participate? No problem! Click on the following link, choose the option that works for you, and click "Join A Team". Then select the "Bright Futures Academy" team!

tinyurl.com/hkaakfh You can also find more information at the event website: tinyurl.com/hecy3jb

The registration fees are discounted thru April 17. After that date, they will increase. Looking forward to having you join us!



EDU-Garden® News



Biology class at Bright Futures Academy is so cool, especially with a fun teacher like Ms. Katie Chellemi! We just happened to be draining our fish tank for a remodeling project in our marine area when Ms. Chellemi entered the scene.

"Stop!" she cried. "My biology students, in the interest of pure science, want to experience cleaning a fish and dissecting them for a lab project they are doing!"

Every moment is a "teaching moment" here at BFA, particularly in the EDU-Garden®.

With that in mind, we invited Dr. Charles Rentz who was glad to come to share his "surgical knowledge" when it comes to dissecting (and filleting!) a fish as he is an accomplished fisherman as well as a dental surgeon. The kids were very excited and approached this experience with enthusiasm and maybe even a bit of trepidation.



None the less, despite such an odorous a subject as a fish, the kids had a terrific time as they made their biology book actually come to life! As soon as our remodeling projects are completed, we will

resume our marine program, most definitely in the fall. The kids really miss this part of the EDU-Garden® so we are planning to expand and improve the experience. We live in such a richly diverse coastal community that we want to increase our students' knowledge and participation in this most valuable ecosystem.

Remember too that the EDU-Garden® is absolutely beautiful right now and we are harvesting so much that there is plenty

for all who care to ask. We often have vegetables available as you pick up your kids from Aftercare, so please, just ask.

-Ms. Pat



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POPSICLES ARE 50 CENTS EVERY FRIDAY!**

APRIL 2016

COLOR CODING

Blue– Days Off and Half Days

Purple– School Events

Green– EDU & Environmental Trips

Red– Board Meetings

Yellow– Special Days

National Keep America Beautiful & Garden Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 FSA EUROPE	2 FSA NPB Heritage Day EUROPE
3	4 FSA EUROPE	5 FSA EUROPE	6 FSA EUROPE	7 FSA EUROPE	8 FSA EUROPE	9
10	11 FSA EUROPE	12 FSA EUROPE	13 FSA Thomas Jefferson B -day EUROPE	14 FSA EUROPE	15 FSA SPRING DANCE- EUROPE	16
17	18 FSA EARTH WEEK	19 FSA EARTH WEEK	20 FSA EARTH WEEK	21 FSA National Kindergar- ten Day EARTH WEEK	22 EARTH DAY FSA EARTH WEEK	23 EDU-GARDEN DAY FSA
24	25 FSA EUROPE	26 FSA BOARD MEETING National Audubon Day EUROPE	27 FSA EUROPE	28 FSA EUROPE	29 FSA Arbor Day EUROPE	30 4th Grade Trip to St. Augustine