



BFA NEWS

BRIGHT FUTURES ACADEMY

BFA ANNUAL SPELLING BEE!

Bright Futures Academy held its school wide Spelling Bee Final on Thursday, Jan. 28. Students from grades 2 through 8 have been competing in their team rooms, narrowing down the contestants to just 36. After ten rounds of spelling, eighth grader Estelle B.



emerged victorious, correctly spelling "paragon." Shane P., another eighth grader, came in second. Both students will advance to the next round of the contest, to be held at the Benjamin School on Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m., and receive a year-long subscription to kids.britannica.com.

We Hope You Enjoyed This Morning's Sweet Treat!



Bright Futures Academy participated in the 5th Annual Local Munch and Mingle at the Palm Beach Gardens Recreation Center. This was a fun and free event for families with samples, coupons, and prizes from local vendors. Marina C., 4th, sang at the event and wowed the crowd!

82% of voters believe that all public school students whether attending charter schools or district-run schools should receive equal education funding

For more on this story, follow [this link](#).

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

Congratulations to Katherine Sodl! Her entry in the #ILoveBFA contest was selected, and she got 2 hours of volunteer credit for it! If you would like to win 2 hours of volunteer credit, contribute your reasons you love BFA at <http://tinyurl.com/iheartbfa>!

A volunteer is needed to be next year's yearbook manager. Volunteers are needed to assist with car line arrival at the Lighthouse campus from 7:30-8 a.m. each day. 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.

- 2/3 4th Grade Field Trip To River Center
- 2/4 Early Release Day
- 2/11 Art Students Field Trip To Norton Museum
- 2/12 3rd Grade Poems and Pasta
- 2/15 No School
- 2/23 Early Release Day
- 2/23 Board Meeting @ Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM



Arts & Music



Julia M. 7th



Lucy S., 6th



Dean E., 7th

Middle school art history students have been studying the periods of Greek Art, from the Geometric style patterns on Pottery to the dramatic and emotional sculptures of the Hellenistic Period. They learned about the Red-figure and Black-figure techniques and types of imagery that occurred on up to as many as 20 different varieties of Greek vase styles: each with its own function, each perfectly formed for its purpose and most of them were exquisitely decorated. Students selected a vase style and designed one figure to be represented on their Greek Vase, choosing from the pantheon of gods, goddesses and creatures of Greek myth. They created their images, inspired by the styles and patterns that still influence the Western world today.

—Mrs. Fountain



SPORTS

The BFA Sharks bested the Benjamin School Buccaneers in a double overtime 41-39 victory. Led by 8th grader Garrett F.'s 12 points, the balance was tipped by Josh D., who came off the bench for both over-

times and whose defensive rebounds allowed the Sharks to secure a lead.

With the win, the Sharks tie their all time best record of 9 wins and no losses, and look to close out a perfect season when they take on All Saints Academy on February 3.

In other athletics news, co-ed golf (grades 5-8) will begin on Feb. 17, using the First Tee Program with instruction from PGA professionals. Boys' Volleyball will also start on Feb. 17, and is open to boys in grades 6-8. For more information, please contact Coach Laders.

ATHLETICS CALENDAR

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| 2/2 | Boys' Basketball Practice 4-5:30 PM |
| 2/3 | Boys' Basketball vs All Saints Academy @ All Saints 4 PM |
| 2/17 | Co-Ed Golf Begins |
| 2/17 | Boys' Volleyball Begins |



EDU-Garden™ News



This week's EDU-Garden™ News is by our special correspondent Ms. Courtney!

-Ms. Pat

This Tuesday the EDU-Garden™ was full of hustle and bustle as we had the pleasure of hosting the elementary students for their monthly field trip. In the midst of the multitude, I was reminded of a quote - "There's joy and wonder everywhere when you see the world through the eyes of a child."

To the unsuspecting observer, the day's activities may have looked like organized chaos – children scattered throughout the garden, the sound of excited chatter and laughter filling the air. However, to each child there, the garden wasn't just a garden, but a landscape of



amazement and new experience.

As they stepped off the bus, they were transported to a place where there are no desks to sit still at, no books to write in, and no tests to pass. Where else can a child go to sit under the shade of a tree for story time, sample a fruity green smoothie made with freshly harvested kale, or have an up close encounter with rabbits and chickens? Our very own EDU-Garden™ offers all of this and so much more!

As we grow older, our vision can easily become clouded by so many things. I hope that we can all take a moment to step back, and see the world through the eyes of a child, so we don't miss the simple magic

that lies right in front of us.



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FEBRUARY 2016

COLOR CODING

Blue– Days Off and Half Days

Purple– School Events

Green– EDU & Environmental Trips

Red– Board Meetings

Yellow– Special Days

Black History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ASIA	2 Ground Hog Day EDU-VISITS ASIA	3 ASIA	4 Early Release Day Rosa Parks Day ASIA	5 ASIA	6 ASIA
7 Super Bowl ASIA	8 Chinese New Year ASIA	9 ASIA	10 ENVIRO TRIPS ASIA	11 National Make a Friend Day ASIA	12 Abraham Lincoln B-day DANCE Poems & Pasta 3rd ASIA	13 ASIA
14 AFRICA	15 NO SCHOOL AFRICA	16 EDU-VISITS AFRICA	17 AFRICA	18 AFRICA	19 AFRICA	20 Everglades Festival Lake Worth Street Painting Festival AFRICA
21 AFRICA	22 AFRICA	23 Early Release Day - No After-care BOARD MEETING AFRICA	24 ENVIRO TRIPS AFRICA	25 AFRICA	26 AFRICA	27 Cultural Diversity Day 5th & 2nd Grade AFRICA
28 AFRICA	29 FSA Writing AFRICA					