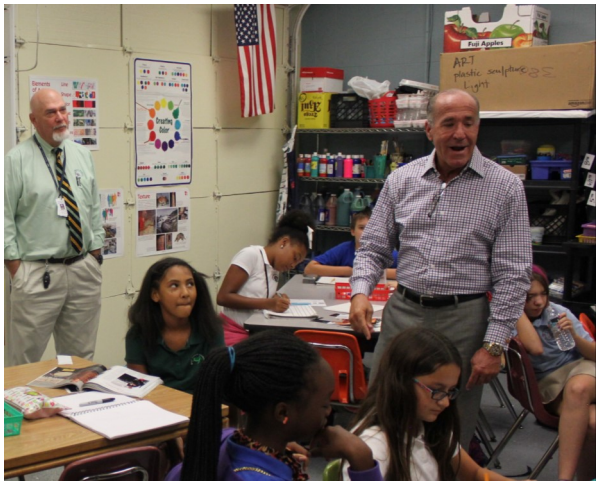
BFA NEWS

BRIGHT FUTURES ACADEMY

FRANK BIDEN VISITS RIVERSIDE

Mr. Frank Biden, the brother of Vice President Joe Biden, visited the Riverside Campus of Bright Futures Academy on Thursday and Friday, and spoke to several classes about the importance of civic education. Mr. Biden, a noted charter school advocate, talked about the opportunities that students have in America that children in other countries do not have.



"She's going to be governor," Mr. Biden said, pointing out a student who had told him what she wanted to be when she grew up. "In any other country in the world, she would be laughed at- but not here. Here, if she has enough talent, and enough schooling, she can be governor."

Thursday was Constitution Day in the United States, and Riverside students participated in several lessons about different aspects of the Constitution.

Mr. Biden quizzed several students on their knowledge of the document and the Founders, and was impressed with the results.

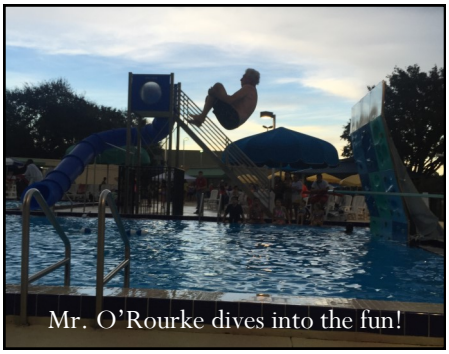
"It's wonderful that your school is focusing on the Constitution this week," Mr. Biden said.

Back To School Bash A Splashtastic Success!

Nearly 200 students and scores of parents swam, dived, and splashed to welcome in the new school year at the Palm Beach Gardens Aquatic Center.

Students enjoyed the splash pad, the rock wall, and took turns showing off their cannonball skills on the diving board.

Thanks to the efforts of BFA staff and volunteers, a great time was had by all. Even a fast-moving thunderstorm couldn't dampen the fun, as the party moved inside for a bit while the storm blew past. A big thank you to all who helped make our first K-8 event of the year a success!



Mr. O'Rourke dives into the fun!

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We wanted to highlight a few things going on in the volunteer world of BFA and hope to get as many families as possible involved this school year and what better way to start working on your required 15 hours of volunteer service (30 hours per family):

9/24 - 8:30 a.m. Help With Picture Day @ Riverside
9/25 3rd and 4th Grades Harvest Fest

Contact Mrs. Tracy Romp at tracy.romp@brightfuturesacadey.com if you are interested in volunteering.

9/23	**NO SCHOOL**
9/24	**School Picture Day**
9/25	**3rd and 4th Grades Harvest Fest**
9/29	**Board Meeting @ Lighthouse 6:30 p.m.**
9/30	**Dads Take Your Kids To School Day**
10/1	**Choice Program Night**
10/8	**Early Dismissal - 11:15 a.m.**

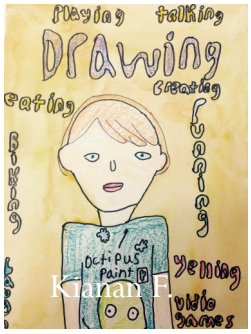
Arts & Music

Amaya B.

Colm F.

This week, 5th graders finished up their Self-Esteem self portraits. They learned about facial proportions and incorporated words into the background of their portrait to showcase their best traits. This process used wax crayons and watercolor paints to create a beautiful wax-resist image with color and texture.

Samantha S.



Kiahan F.

SPORTS

The Girls Volleyball team continues their impressive play, but fell short this week with two tough losses to Somerset Canyons of Boynton Beach. On Tuesday, the Girls led, but ended up losing the first set 25-23. The Sharks rallied in the second set, winning 25-20 led by team captains Lucy B. and Wana J.

Building on their momentum from their strong showing in the second set, Somerset Canyons took the third set with ease 15-5.

On Friday, the Sharks tried again to conquer Somerset Canyons, but victory eluded them. Despite the losses, Julia M. and Natalie T. continue to lead the team with their effort and enthusiasm.

The Girls Volleyball team is back on the court Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Franklin Academy of Boynton Beach.

In other Athletics News, tryouts for the Co-ed Soccer team will be held Oct.12. There will be a tryout for the Girls Basketball team on Oct. 14.

ATHLETICS CALENDAR

9/21	Girls' Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 PM
9/22	Girls Volleyball vs Franklin Academy 4 PM @ Franklin (Boynton Beach)
9/28	Girls Volleyball vs All Saints 4 PM @ All Saints (Jupiter)
9/29	Girls Volleyball vs Franklin Academy 4 PM @ Franklin (Palm Beach Gardens)
9/30	Girls Volleyball Practice 4-5:30 PM
10/1	Girls Volleyball vs Franklin Academy 4 PM @ NPBCC

EDU-Garden™ News

Our compost area is going through some major changes!

We are adding a solid stone floor in order to keep the nutrients locked in and to boost moisture content to aid in decomposition. The kids are building brick walls to separate the sections of heap compost. The kids will mix in lawn waste and lay drilled-out pipes in between the layers to provide adequate aeration. In some areas we will have vertical composters for the hay.

The mist house is getting a brick paver floor as well. We have had so much rain that we are standing in wet soil even inside the mist house- a very messy planting condition! The weather has given us a chance to involve our 7th grade students in doing much needed maintenance in the garden and they love doing it.

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Shirts can be worn on Fridays

Picture Day

Thursday 9/24 on both Riverside and Lighthouse Campuses.

Students must be in uniform!

Click HERE to learn more!

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