



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

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### **Superintendent's Office**

**Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer III**

Happy St. Patrick's Day! This is probably the last thing you expected to read today with all that is going on in the schools, community and world. However, this is my one opportunity to restore some sort of normalcy to our routine.

I wrote to you yesterday, thrilled to report that our first day of remote learning went better than anyone could have imagined. A number of our families wrote me back and echoed the same sentiments. Everyone has been phenomenal. Our teachers and support staff have been conducting quality lessons under the most difficult of situations. Our administration has organized our buildings and district to take some of the stress off of our faculty and families by creating procedures and a plan to conduct business. Food service and transportation has been preparing breakfast and lunch for students who would like it and we have been delivering meals to families unable to get to a school. Special education and Child Study Teams have been conducting meetings and developing accommodations to help students wherever possible. Secretaries, aides, nurses and many others are performing their regular responsibilities while also adapting to new tasks that did not exist prior to this week. Our custodians and maintenance workers are keeping our buildings especially clean and getting a head start on some projects that could not be done if we had students in the schools.

As we enter this temporary new world order, our students and their parents and guardians have really stepped up to the plate. We know many of you are facilitating our instruction at home, especially with our youngest students. Our curriculum department has developed some additional strategies, in this newsletter, that you can do with your children, both educationally and to help replace all of the extra activities that have been cancelled.

Much of the following newsletter was written before we ever considered shutting our doors and going to a remote learning model. However, the purpose of this newsletter is to highlight some of the great things that have happened recently in our schools. The partnership between the Bordentown families and schools is second to none and we will continue to work with you during, and long after, this crisis is finished. Stay safe and stay healthy!

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Over the past few days, we have all had to adjust to a different lifestyle. The advent of social distancing and remote learning for all of our children, combined with the absence of our normal daily activities leaves us at home for extended periods of the day with a great deal of “free” recreational time. As such, the district curriculum team has developed a list that provides several activities in which students and families can engage.

The Burlington County Library (<https://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/>) has purchased access to Tumble books an online e-book system for children. Go to the link above to access. All you need is a current library card!

Anyone with an Instagram account can hear daily read alouds from their favorite authors! Check out Oliver Jeffers ("Stuck," "Here We Are") reading daily at 2 p.m. EDT and Mac Barnett ("Sam and Dave Dig a Hole," "Mac B: Kid Spy") at 3 p.m. EDT.

Arcademics ([www.arcademics.com](http://www.arcademics.com)) is a fun way to practice basic math skills and concepts in an “arcade” setting. You can play by yourself or against other players.

For children and parents looking to continue mindfulness and Yoga practices, subscribe to the Youtube channel Cosmic Kids Yoga (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>).

If you are an art lover or want to explore museums while at home, the following will take you to virtual “tours” of museums.

- [The Louvre](#)
- [Holocaust Museum](#)
- [Tower of London](#)
- [Roman Art Museums](#)

As concert venues and other spaces for artistic expression are currently closed, you can access the links below to interact with music and poetry in a variety of ways.

*Live Music Channels - YouTube:*

- [Jam in the Van](#)
- [KEXP](#) - Seattle Radio Station
- [Sofar Sounds](#)

*Poetry Channels - YouTube:*

- [Slam Poetry, Inc.](#)
- [Button Poetry](#)

And of course, if even though the parks are closed, you can experience a virtual vacation at Disney World by clicking [here](#).

We hope you are able to enjoy a few of the links above and encourage you to spend time outdoors as well. While we may need to maintain a safe distance, the natural world around us can still provide hours of wonder and enjoyment.

# STEM

## FAIR FAMILY NIGHT



**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

6PM - 8PM



Bordentown Regional High School

**Come Explore the World of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**

- 💧 Celebrate the accomplishments of our PMES, MIS and BRMS STEM Club students
- 💧 Explore student-created projects, including our *Girls Who Code* at the middle school
- 💧 Computer challenges
- 💧 Participate in hands-on activities
- 💧 Interact with community organizations
- 💧 Video games and robot challenges

Concessions will be sold to support our BRHS Technology Student Association



# STEM SUMMER CAMPS

Enroll online at: [cda.asapconnected.com](http://cda.asapconnected.com)

Enroll by April 30<sup>th</sup> for our Early Bird Pricing!

## CYBERSECURITY

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

June 22 - 26

The Air Force Association CyberCamp is a new addition to CDA's offerings. Students will learn computer security basics, how to find vulnerabilities and will work with cutting-edge technology to make the computer world safer. Discover a demanding and growing career.

## SUPER STEM I

Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

July 6 - 10

Super STEM Camp offers campers a jam-packed week of creative design, teamwork and problem solving. Discover STEM careers such as space, forensics, health and medicine, architecture & food science. Students will also explore Coding with littleBits Coding Kits.

## KIDS DIG STEM!

Grades K-3

July 27 - 31

This one-week camp introduces students to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through games and problem-solving activities. This year's themes are Dinosaurs, Oceans, Space, Earth and Structures.



**CDA SUMMERCAMP** June 22 through August 7

ART • ADVENTURE • MUSIC • SPORTS • SAT PREP and much more!







# BORDENTOWN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Teen Arts Festival 2020



**Yearbooks:** The 2020 Fabella is available for sale online. Last Chance offer to purchase the 2020 Fabella for \$90.00 will run from February 1, 2020 - May 29, 2020.



## MOCK TRIAL

Our Mock Trial team won the Central Jersey Championship in a close match against Kent Place of Summit, NJ. Only three schools remained for the state championship. Bordentown won in the semi-finals and will compete for a state championship.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> was an exciting day for the BRHS Jazz Ensemble. Twenty bands from NJ, NY, and PA performed and participated in masterclasses with Temple University Jazz Faculty. Please congratulate our students for winning best rhythm section and best saxophone section. The following students also won outstanding soloist awards: Nik Romano, Nick Demkowicz, Kevin Ritter and Lucas Schuck.

**The Boys and Girls basketball teams made the playoffs for Group 2 Central Jersey. The boys hosted the first round and lost in the semi-final round to Manasquan in a tough battle.**

# Bordentown Regional Middle School



## News & Notes March 2020

### BRMS Celebrates National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



We are grateful for our BUS DRIVERS! Our tradition continues to bring light to our bus drivers here at Bordentown! We are grateful for their early morning rising, greetings with a smile each day, bringing us to and from home safely, and just for being YOU! BRMS Student Council celebrated our bus drivers with bagels, juice, and coffee! Just spreading kindness like confetti to the people who do so much for our community!

### BRMS Read Across America Week

During the last week of February, BRMS celebrated Read Across America. Students took part in various dress up days and participated in a door decorating contest. The entire school also took 15 minutes on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> to "Stop Everything and Read". Stories are powerful, memorable, and help us understand who we are. Stories began with the tradition of reading aloud and are still passed on by being heard and retold time and time again. At our Middle School we focus on encouraging each of you to choose your book from a wide variety of authors, illustrators, and genres. We use stories in our classrooms to create awareness, and share culture, morals, and kindness. As a community, we value the written word and encourage all of you to make some time and read.





## MacFarland Intermediate School News

### Kindness at MIS

Last month at MIS, students and staff focused on the UNITY word “Be Kind” chronicling acts of kindness and posting them on a bulletin board in the main office hallway. Each day at MIS students and staff can be observed engaging in acts of kindness both large and small so it was decided that a challenge would be issued starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. **-One hundred acts of kindness by Valentine’s Day-** Teachers, aides, students and support staff all got to work both performing and recognizing kind words, actions and deeds. Needless to say, the bulletin board filled up quickly! It also served as a springboard for conversation as people stopped to read and discuss the many acts of noted kindness. Although we are no longer listing kind acts in a formal way, it’s great to know in our hearts that these acts will continue long after our counting ended on 2/14.

Stay tuned for our upcoming hallway display... Making SENSE of the 2020 CENSUS.



## Clara Barton School Loves February



CBS had a very busy February! We began by finishing up our competition for our collection for the St. Mary's Food Pantry. We collected 1682 items which were donated to the food pantry. The top three teams were Silva/Mostak, Suggs/Takacs, and Farina/Martin. Congratulations CBS!



We spread kindness and love this month. For the 100 day of school we tried to commit 100 acts of kindness. We achieved our goal! Our Kindergarten teachers let their students to invite a Special Person to CBS. Together they played BINGO, sang a song, and received treats. It was a wonderful time for the students and their special person.



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Mrs. Kelly Gray brought back a great event to Clara Barton Elementary School! Under her leadership Jump Rope for Heart raised \$3,984.14 for The American Heart Association during this event. The heart association's Kids Heart Challenge partners with physical education teachers to bring early awareness of heart-healthy habits. During the three-week program, the students participated heart awareness curriculum and instructions for a physical education jump rope event. The event also creates the opportunity for kids to learn about community and kindness. The students at Clara Barton were very determined to jump rope. They achieved success by their determination and practice of the skills. Not only were our students determined, but also all of the staff joined in and participated. One fun aspect was watching Mrs. Gray and the entire grade perform the Cha-Cha Slide at the end





## **Peter Muschal Elementary School News**



The Buddy Bench project started back in 2017 when Julianna Pado and Alexa Kraus came up with an idea for creating a buddy bench for Peter Muschal Elementary School. The buddy bench is a place where someone that is injured or does not have a friend can sit. The girls knew it would take a lot of work and effort. Julianna and Alexa came up with the buddy bench because they noticed a lot of kids had to sit out of recess, even though they could have gone outside and enjoyed a nice spring day. They felt the kids shouldn't have to stay in because of sprains, and broken bones so instead, they would have a place to sit with a friend. They also wanted to encourage kindness and friendship among the students. The girls fundraised for two years, selling bracelets at Bordentown's Community Day and selling personally designed vinyl stickers at the PMES Holiday Shop and Breakfast. Together with the support of the community, they raised close to \$600! Finally, in December they met their goal and ordered the rainbow, friendship themed bench for PMES! It will be placed near the playground for all of the students to enjoy and use as a safe place to find friendship. Not only is it a big accomplishment for the girls, but it shows you to always keep trying, never give up and to always think of others.

## **READ ACROSS AMERICA FUN**





## This Month

March 4 – Board of Education Meeting

March 18 – Board of Education Meeting

## Next Month

April 1 – Board of Education Meeting

April 10-17 – Spring Break – SCHOOL CLOSED

April 22 – Board of Education Meeting



**“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”**

*~Barack Obama ~*

*Thank you for checking in with The Bordentown Bulletin!*

