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Beckham's Happenings!

By Elizabeth Rodriguez



Hey, Beckham Bears! Guess what's new in the Beckham house? Everyone has been busy selling CHOCOLATE, and many of you were also working hard selling Spend for Ed Bucks. Thank you for all who participated! March and April have been very eventful months. The primary grades were preparing to take the SAT, and our upper grades were practicing for the FCAT. We had all the tools, so I am sure we all did great! Our EKB Spirit Day was also very fun. Our Beckham Bears showed their school spirit, and had an awesome time doing It! Special thanks to our cheerleaders for making it all possible! Also, don't forget Field Day is coming up in May so I hope everyone is getting ready! I am positive all of our field day events will be fun, and exciting as they always are. Don't forget to put your order in for water bottles to quench your thirst in between activities!











Tune in: Chorus Corner

By: Angela Chan

Chorus members have been singing and practicing for their upcoming patriotic show in May at the Veteran's Hospital. Ms. Trujillo is very excited for the show. She can't wait for the performance since it will be a special way to thank the veterans for their courageous actions in keeping our country safe.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Fabiana Cueto and Laura Tovar:

Angela: What have you been doing to prepare for the

Fabiana: The Chorus members and myself have been learning the songs, and we have been singing them again and again until we get them perfectly. The veterans already know the songs we are performing, so we need to get them just right in order to impress them.

Angela: Have you had fun preparing for the show in May?

Laura: Yes, we all have fun because we practice a lot by singing and that is what we all enjoy doing in chorus.

That is all for now, thanks for tuning in!

BEARY Good Test Taking Tipel

By: Kalia Torres and Gillian Garcia

Your teachers have been going on and on all year about what you need to do to ROCK the FCAT, and the SAT. They gave you all the tools you needed to do great. Here are some last minute tips to remind you how to be a SMART Beckham Bear and don't forget to FOCUS:

Stay focused!

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- M-Mark the right choice!
- Always do your best! Α-
- R-Recheck your work!
 - Take your time!
- FCAT can be challenging but you can do it!
- O-C-On time!- Be on time to school!
 - Cancel everything else on your mind!
- U-Use your time wisely!
- SAT has nothing on us Beckham Bears!



Spring into a GOOD LAUGH!

By: Hailey Ospina

The day for jokes, pranks, and fun April 1st better known as:

Knock, knock Who's there? T-REX T-REX who?

There is a T-REX at your door and you want to know its name? RIDICULOUSNESS!

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Don't be MEAN- GO GREEN!

Earth Day is on April 22nd. It is a special day for recognizing how important it is to protect our planet. Everyday should be celebrated as Earth Day so remember to do your part in GOING GREEN! EKB's GAB ambassadors are doing their part to celebrate Earth Day by planting our very own garden. Happy Earth Day, everyone!







What Pre-K Has To Say!

By: Ashley Sanchez

I'm here with Pre-K and these students have been learning about the cities and the countries. They are also finishing up learning about the alphabet. These students are getting ready for the next step! That's right ,folks, they are getting ready to move up to kindergarten! Congrats, Pre-K, and keep up the great work!



What's Kickin' in Kinder? By: Ms. K. Leiva

Our EKB Kindergarten students were very busy during their SAT crunch time! They blew that test away! They were working hard and learning many new things such as getting to know the "nickel", and the "penny". They learned to count money, and they had a great time doing it! Pretty soon, these kindergarteners will be first graders and I think they are definitely ready!



What's Fun in **Grade One?**

By: Gillian Garcia

I have been hanging out with 1st grade, and they spent the month of February getting to know our presidents. I had the pleasure of interviewing an actual first grader, Haile Pascual, who said, "I loved learning about Abraham Lincoln. He is my favorite president!" Meanwhile, they are kicking off the spring season with studying the butterfly's life cycle. Keep it up, First Grade!



Two's News!

Bv: David Castineria

Second grade has spent the past few months preparing for the SAT. They studied hard, and their teachers are confident that they did great! You will be ready for third grade in no time! The students have also been singing beautifully during their music classes, and they have also been studying the elements of art. Sounds like fun!



Third's Word!

By: Paris Rayneri

Third grade is working extremely hard. FCAT started on April 16th so they made everyday count as the test got closer.

I interviewed Paulina Rodriguez in Mrs. Alvarez' class, and this what she said:

"We are working hard on our Reading Plus, and AR. We are also having fun learning about the solar system."

Paulina Rodriguez

Paulina also had great things to say about Mrs. Alvarez!



f.Y.I - "four" Your Information By: Melanie Lopez

Fourth Grade really tried their best to beat that CAT!

On Feburary 28th, the fourth graders had their FCAT writing test! I had the pleasure of interviewing Sadie Lopez, a fourth grader in Mrs. Ureta's class. This is what she had to say about her experience:

Q: How did you feel the morning of that big day?

A: I was nervous, but I knew I was going to do great because I have the best teacher in the world!

Q: After the FCAT, were you sure that you beat that CAT?

A: I'm positive! I used a lot of the great writing tools that Mrs. Ureta taught my

That's all for now! Stay tuned!



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Live with Grade Five!

By: Giovanni Gonzalez

The fifth graders went on a field trip to Biscayne National Park on March 2^{nd} , 2012. The field trip was fun. We were split up into six stations with different learning activities. Here is what we did at each station:

- 1. Identify fish and birds
- 2. Sea Life Food Chain
- 3. Mangrove Information
- 4. Identify Leaves
- 5. Information about Biscayne National Park
- 6. Corals and Sponges Observation





Drop by to 'Disk' over...

By: Sebastian Ospina and Ms. K. Leiva

'Disk'overy had an amazing time during the Tampa Field Trip in March. The students kicked off the field trip at the MOSI Museum, where they were able to experience many different scientific things. They learned more about the ocean's coral reef in the museum's IMAX theatre. They also had fun feeding the giraffes at Bush Gardens. The last day of the trip was also very exciting as they were able to see Dolphin Tale's famous dolphin, Winter, at the Clearwater Marine Hospital, as well as, visiting the Florida Aquarium. Everyone had a blast! This field trip is proof that learning can be fun!

Third, fourth, and fifth grade 'Disk'overy classes have been very challenged these past few months. FCAT crunch time was not easy but they did it! The students did their best to be ready for the exam. The teachers also did an excellent job preparing them so I know everyone did great!



Explore Your Horizons

By: Christopher Molina

Horizons went to Universal Studios in Orlando on March 9th, 2012 and they had a great time!

To get more scoop on what is going on in Horizons, I interviewed Peter Flores, a Horizons' student, and this is what he had to say:

Q: How are the students doing on their Accelerated Reader tests?

A: We have been busy reading to get to our goals! We are also reading many Sunshine State books.

Q: How are you doing in class?

A: I am doing very good. It has been getting tougher because of the FCAT, but I know everything will be fine!

Q: How are things going in Math class?

A: We have been doing weekly multiplication quizzes and our classes have been doing really good.

Sounds like Horizons has a lot going on! Keep it up, and good luck on the FCAT!



Style Watch: Spring into Fashion

By: Carolina Ramirez

This season is one of my personal favorites. The sun is shining and the flowers are in bloom. Spring is the perfect time to look gorgeous and be in style. Here are some tips:

GIRLS: Put on a light pastel colored dress (light pink, baby blue, light yellow) with some white flats and a flower that matches your dress. Accessorize and add some finishing touches with gold jewelry, and add some light blush to your cheeks.

Boys: Put on a baby blue t-shirt with blue jeans and black or blue Converse® sneakers.

These tips will leave you looking amazing this spring 2012 season! Stay tuned until next time \odot !





Spring Poem
By: Rosana Pasto

Spring makes the world a happy place.

You see a smile on every face.

Flowers come out and birds arrive.

Oh, isn't it grand to be alive?



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Spring Word Search

By: Jorge Santos

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GREEN **FLOWER** BLOSSOM SUNNY BLOOM BREEZE BUNNY HATCH SPRINGBREAK

GRASS



Dates to Pencil in..

April 30th:

- Kinder & 1st Grades Field Day
- 4th & 5th Grades Awards Assembly

May 1st:

- 2nd & 3rd Grades Field Day
- Kinder & 1st Grades Awards Assembly

May 2^{nd} :

- 4th & 5th Grades Field Day
- 2nd & 3rd Grades Awards Assembly

May 3rd:

Take Your Child to Work Day!

May 4th:

- FCAT Carnival
- Pre-K Award Assembly



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