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Brandt Weekly

A Message from the Principal

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It has been another spectacular week in early childhood across Hoboken. The children are excited as the weather is getting colder and there is talk of snow. We were so happy to welcome so many Mile Square Early Learning Center parents to the Brandt school on Friday to showcase the children's hard work putting together shows. In addition, our kindergarten and first grade students have been busy practicing for their holiday show. Their show is an ongoing effort of cross curricular learning between Theatre (Ms. Traina), Spanish (Ms. Trinidad) and Music (Ms. Monblatt). We are looking forward to seeing how it all comes together on Friday the 23rd.

We look forward to welcoming Jessica Hosbach, our new school counselor to the Brandt school. She will join us soon to continue the work of our very holistic approach to educating the youngest learners.

Principal Rodriguez-Gomez

Upcoming Events

12/19: Last day for Brand Bears Holiday Supply Drive

12/23: Brandt Holiday Show, K and 1st grades @ 10AM in the auditorium

12/23: 1pm dismissal

Parent Information

The Brandt Parent Consortium (BPC) meets the first Friday of every month at 9AM in the Brandt School Cafeteria. The next meeting is on January 6th. Please see Facebook for more information.



<https://twitter.com/HobokenSchools>



<https://www.facebook.com/hobokenpublicschools/>



<https://hobokenschooldistrict.wordpress.com/>





Mystery Reader Surprise



Ms. Rodriguez-Gomez read to our friends in Room 106 about Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist.

The children were so excited to spend time with the principal, ask her questions and learn about Frida Kahlo.

Who's classroom will she pop into next?



Inside Our Classrooms



In Ms. Brooke's class, students brought in their favorite book from home and recreated the front cover on their own. Check out their interpretations!



Our Pre K 3 MSELC teacher, Mrs. Dawn Civitello, recently wrote a book, 5 Fingers and 10 Ten Toes. The book is inspired by her son, Jo Jo and is available on Amazon.

Brandt Winter Wonderland Holiday Show

Friday, December 23, 2016

At 10 am

We invite our K and 1st grade families to our
Brandt Auditorium for a Holiday Theatrical Event!

Its the holiday season in Brandt Winter Wonderland and all Brandt friends are meeting at the Winter Festival to decorate and celebrate the holidays. They realize their new mascot, the Brandt Bear, is frozen. It's up to Brandt friends to warm up their mascot by spreading good cheer through music, dance, and stories.

Come celebrate this festive event with
holiday music, theatre, and dance!



A Brandt Theatrical Collaboration of
Theatre, Music, Art, & Spanish

Brandt Drivers

- * At Brandt we will establish a common vision and language in a community of schools.
- * At Brandt we will refine progressive early literacy practices through rigorous and developmentally appropriate lessons anchored in powerful coaching.
- * At Brandt we will develop resilience in the youngest learners through the use of positive praise and social interactions between students and teachers.

Nurses Corner: First Aid for Head Injuries

Fortunately, most childhood head injuries are minor and hurt only the outside of the head. While these can be scary-looking, they usually aren't dangerous. On rare occasions, a severe head injury can cause bruising or bleeding in the brain. (This type of head injury requires immediate medical attention).

Signs and Symptoms of a mild head injury: minor scalp swelling, cut on the scalp, mild headache, vomiting two or three times.

The scalp is rich with blood vessels, so even a minor cut there can bleed a lot. Sometimes the scalp's veins leak fluid or blood into (and under) the scalp. This appears as a "goose egg" or swelling on the head. It may take days or even a week to disappear.

If your child is not an infant, has not lost consciousness, and is alert and behaving normally after the fall or blow: Apply an ice pack or instant cold pack to the injured area for 20 minutes every 3 to 4 hours. If you use ice, always wrap it in a washcloth or sock; ice applied directly to bare skin can injure it.

Watch your child carefully for the next 24 hours. If you notice any of the signs of internal injury, call your doctor right away.

If the incident happens close to bedtime or naptime and your child falls asleep soon afterward, check in a few times while he or she sleeps.

If color and breathing are normal, and you don't sense a problem, let your child sleep (unless the doctor has advised otherwise). There's no need to keep a child awake after a head injury.

Call the doctor right away if your child is an infant; has lost consciousness, even briefly; or if a child of any age has any of these symptoms: won't stop crying, complains of head and neck pain (younger or non-verbal children may be more fussy, vomits several times, won't awaken easily, becomes hard to console, isn't walking or talking normally. Call 911 if your child cannot be awakened or shows other signs of a serious head injury. And, Think prevention!

For more information visit: <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-injury>

Meet our Teachers and Staff

Name: Gionna Forte

School & Room#: Brandt Room 302

Alma Mater: School of Visual Arts

Instructional Specialty: Art

Favorite Book: *The Dot*

Favorite Color: Forest Green

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Animal: Honeybee

About Me: The best part of my week is when I teach art at Brandt! I love teaching art because I get to nurture the creative minds of our youngest learners through hands-on art experiences. When I'm not teaching I like to go on hikes and absorb the beauty of nature. I also love to cook and bake with healthy foods, take care of my plants, and make ceramics.

Name: Mildred Soler

School, Room #: Brandt Room 215

Instructional Specialty: Teacher Assistant

Alma Mater: Hoboken High School

Favorite Book: *The Bible* and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Favorite Color: Yellow, Green and Gold

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Sports Team: Manchester United F.C.

Favorite Animal: Turtle

About Me: I'm a parent of two young adults, both college graduates. I'm a peacemaker. I'm a lover for all kinds of music. I love to dance and I'm an advocate of justice. I enjoy visiting the MOMA as much as I can. I also like going out for dinner with friends and family and meeting new friends.

