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PHOENIX NEWS

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LLS Student of the Year

Ethan Udagawa was part of the 2020 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student of the Year Campaign. He is a competitive swimmer and a 9th grade student here at Brooks DeBartolo. He was nominated by a parent at his extreme sports summer camp, where he has volunteered there for the past two summers. Raising nearly \$20,000 for LLS in 7 weeks, he won the Mission Award at the grand finale Gala that was held on February 29th. He has worked extremely hard to raise awareness in the community for more cancer research.



IMPORTANT DATES

3/9- EARLY RELEASE DAY DISMISSAL @2:10PM

3/12- ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING @6PM

3/13- COURSE REQUEST FORMS DUE ONLINE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

END OF QUARTER 3

3/16-3/20- SPRING BREAK

3/23- STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

FIRST DAY OF QUARTER 4

3/24- PAC PLANNING MEETING @7AM

3/25- BOARD MEETING @5PM

3/27- PEP RALLY

Principal's Corner



The end of Quarter 3 is near and Spring Break is right around the corner. Senioritis and Spring Fever is a real season in a high school. The temptation to slack on assignments or effort for seniors sets in for a few and there is an increase of interpersonal conflict among students who may have less patience for their peers. New relationships are formed and some relationships end. Communication, patience, tolerance, and respect are critically important for students in Quarter 4. It is important for our Juniors and Seniors to review the Spring Activities section in our Student and Family Handbook and for all of our students to use their resources when facing conflict. Our Counselors and Administrators are available to assist, and it is better to ask for advice before a conflict becomes serious.

During Quarter 4, many of our students will be testing, especially in the month of May. Many of our classes will do long term in-class projects to allow flexibility in instructional time as students are out of class for state assessments. We also know that testing time can be a stressful time for our students. Many of our teachers conduct mindful minutes, stretch breaks, and other resources. We encourage our families to discuss healthy ways to deal with stress and to manage time to alleviate the feelings that can come with procrastination. Our Student Services page also has resources on our Mental Health page.

We hope you have a safe, healthy, restful Spring Break, and we look forward to starting Quarter 4.

Your Proud Principal,
Kristine Bennett

Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm
School Hours: 8:00am - 3:10pm

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Phoenix Robotics Gasparilla Clean Up (Ashton Alaras & Providence Matrisciano)



In the middle of February, the Brooks DeBartolo Robotics team helped out at the Green Gasparilla cleanup to extract loose items that fell into the waters of Davis Island during the recent Gasparilla parade. They were even included on a live TV segment on channel 10



WTSP. The channel highlighted their efforts to preserve our planet, while promoting all of their technological accomplishments. The interview was with the CEO of the Phoenix Robotics, Natan Egosi. We could not be more proud of the team!

Mock Trial (Ashton Alaras)

The mock trial occurred the morning of Saturday, on the 22nd of February. During this event the BDCHS Mock Trial team participated in the main competition in the Edgecomb Courthouse. The team has been practicing presenting a criminal case and understanding legal mannerisms/language. They put up a strong and valiant fight against the eight other schools and learned valuable abilities for future events.



Valedictorian & Salutatorian (Michelle Debbaudt)



Congratulations to our class of 2020 valedictorian Phoebe Funai and salutatorian Shreya Mathur! We appreciate all the effort that they put into representing our school and the class of 2020, and wish them well in the future.



African American History Event (Ashton Alaras)

The African American History Celebration took place on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Families, students, and staff gathered to appreciate African Culture through song, dance, food, and art. The event started with the singing of "Let Every Voice and Sing". This poem was written by James Weldon Johnson in 1900 and was made into a song by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson in 1905. The event further led to a breathtaking performance by students that performed an interpretive dance to the song "Stand Up" from the movie Harriet. After the performance, the stage was given to the Fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha from A&M University. The main speaker, Joel Blount Jr, educated the audience on the role that he plays in giving students the opportunities that they need for success. Continuing the celebration, attendees were invited to walk around the school to admire the artwork created by our students. To close this event, the audience gathered for dinner and continued the celebration of arts and culture. Overall, it was an amazing event and we can't wait for it next year.



Girls Basketball (Daisia Jackson)

The Girls Varsity Basketball team finished the 2019-2020 season with a 20-6 record and a strength-of-schedule of 18.3. This season, the team had an extremely competitive schedule and traveled all over the state to play the best of the best. The team was able to make it to District Championship as well as the Regional Semifinal this past season, which are opportunities the team does not take for granted. Unfortunately, the team fell short of our ultimate goal of winning a District and State Championship. The team will only graduate one Senior, Julian Trice who will be missed dearly. Coach Wilbur is extremely excited to bring back everyone else next year. The goal once again will be to make it to Lakeland for the State Championships.

We appreciate all the support this past season and look forward to next year. Go Phoenix!

