

Bradenton Charter School

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5th Grade Eco-Project & Camping Trip



Mr. Koci's 5th grade class camped at Little Manatee River State Park and surveyed land for the first part of a multi-year project. The project, billed as an "eco-project," is part of the science curriculum and will track land change over time.

One more trip is planned later this year, and initial plans for next year's class incorporate two day trips and one overnight camping trip. The project's goals are to teach students scientific methodology (observe, measure, document) through a hands-on experience which also incorporates writing, mathematics and social studies.

The trip went off without any mishaps and Mr. Koci states that "it is a really good beginning for the project. Despite not being able to fall asleep, the kids were great and parents really helped make the trip a success." Mr. Donnelly, the principal, makes a point of going on these trips and made sure that everyone stayed well fed. Roast chicken and vegetables were on the menu for dinner, and breakfast was his famous egg and cheese burritos (no hot sauce).



6th Grade: Bird Mummy

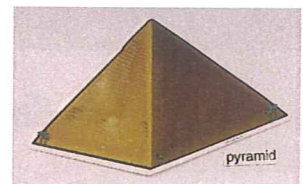


Ms. Boom's class is painstakingly processing two chickens in the hope that they can enter the afterlife. The process involves lots of time, salt, smells, and spices. Having a strong stomach also helps.

Students are making sarcophagi and will clean and preserve the chickens with oils and spices. A bed of salt serves to dry the birds as well as cure them.



Ms. Boom's class is learning about Egypt, the pyramids and the pharaohs.



iMac G4 Raffle Winner

After buying only ONE ticket, 8th grader Alyk D. won the raffle.

Tech News

If you have a newer computer (3 or so years old) and are tired of having to clean or fix MS Windows, You may want to change operating systems. Two really neat, and largely free operating systems that come with tons of free software are:

www.OpenSolaris.org and www.Ubuntu.com

If you make the change, take your time and remember that Mac uses the same Linux base for its OS's as these.



Congratulations

**Alyk D. 8th grade &
Richard Donnelly, J.D., Principal**

Elementary Grades 3 – 5 Florida Focus

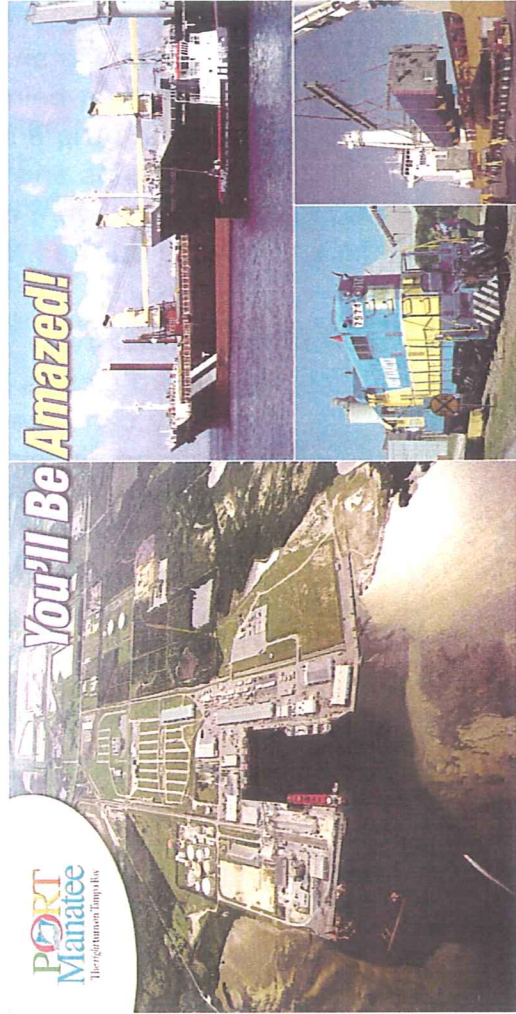
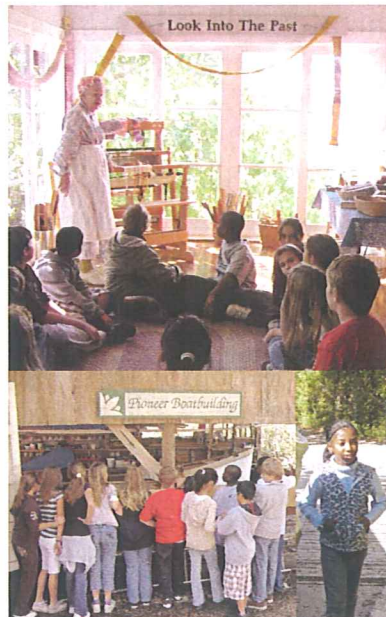


Spanish Point

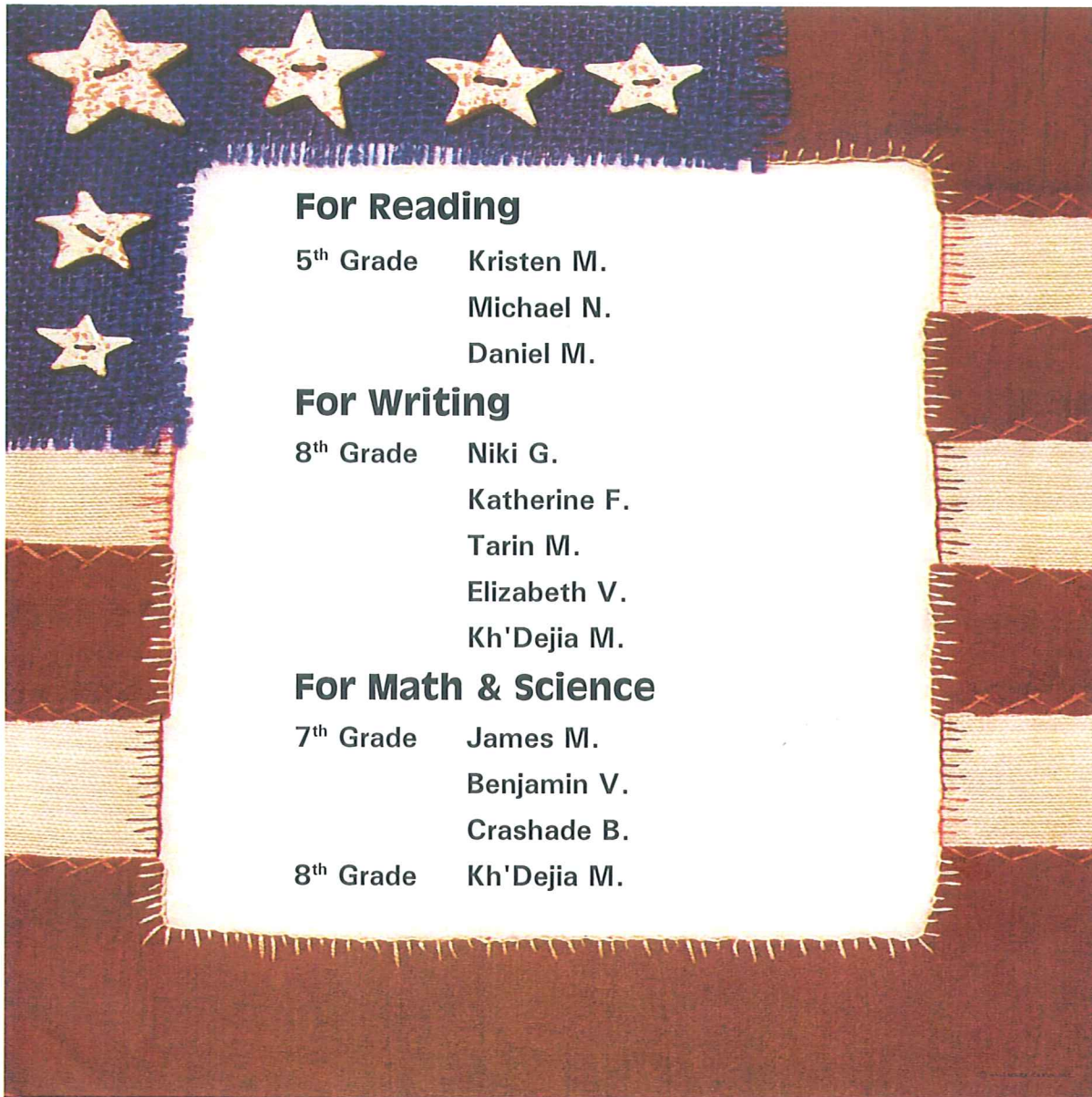
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Honorable Mention



For Reading

5th Grade Kristen M.
Michael N.
Daniel M.

For Writing

8th Grade Niki G.
Katherine F.
Tarin M.
Elizabeth V.
Kh'Dejia M.

For Math & Science

7th Grade James M.
Benjamin V.
Crashade B.

8th Grade Kh'Dejia M.

Middle School Grades 6 – 8 Class Trips



ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE

Michael Donald Edwards, Producing Artistic Director
Udo Schickel, Managing Director



Grades 7 & 8 - "The Giver"

based on the book by Lois Lowry, adaptation by
Eric Coble - Oct. 21–Nov. 8, 2008



Grades 7 – Greek Mythology

Art – Sculpture and Pottery relating to Greek
myths and legends - pictographs



Grades 6 – To Live Forever:

Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum
11 October 2008 - 11 January 2009



Staff Spotlight



Ms. Britta (left) and Ms. Boom (right) speak with students during recess. Ms. Boom's 6th grade class must earn their recess in order to go outside.

Ms. Boom has taught at the Bradenton Charter school since it opened in 2000. She is certified in elementary education grades 1-6 and is highly qualified.

Ms. Britta, M.A.Ed. is a certified Montessori school teacher. She is the school's assistant principal and has been in that position since opening the school in 2000.

Curriculum Support & Reinforcement

- ✓ Field trips and activities are part of our curriculum.
- ✓ If your child does not participate, his or her grades will be adversely affected.

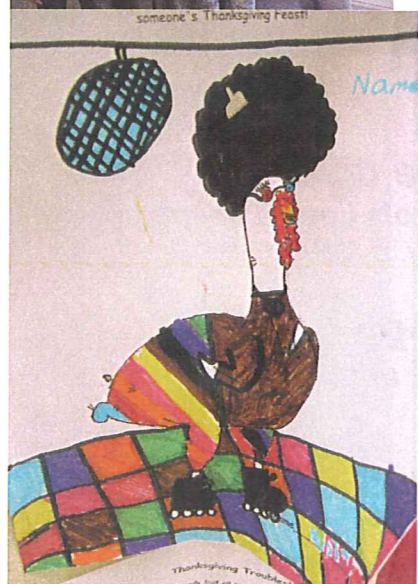
WE CARE!
Carbon Filtered Water
flows from our fountains



Former Students Visit



Patti (right), Michael (center left) and their mother visit and say "hi." Also pictured is Cierra (left) who is now finishing her last year in high school and is weighing her options.



DISCO TURKEY

Staff Pick

Ms. Bauer & Mr. Koci's (grades 3-5) classes "dressed" their turkeys in all sorts of getups. Though the art project was not a competition, and so many were really creative, we had to pick our favorite: **Disco Turkey**

Ms. Bauer & Mr. Koci are both certified elementary teachers. They have taught at the school for the past 4 years and are committed to student success.

