

April 1, 2024



# S Stallion News

Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

## Principal's Message

**Hello parents and guardians,**

Welcome to the fourth quarter of our school year! These last nine weeks will be filled with testing, celebrations, performances, awards ceremonies, and finally the 8th grade celebration ceremony. Hang on for the ride!

From a classroom perspective, so many of our students have made great strides in their learning this year and it will soon pay off as they gear up for FAST and EOC's tests in May. If you wish to learn more about how we are meeting the needs of your students and of the school, I encourage you to join me at our next School Advisory Committee meeting on April 30th at 6:00p. We meet at Bonita Middle school, room 35. Likewise, we will have some opportunities for parents to be involved in our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) next school year; we are always looking for members and will soon hold officer elections. I hope you will consider joining and taking a lead role in making sure our school continues on its successful path!

Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating the success of our 8th grade students who are being promoted to high school. April is 8th grader appreciation month and all of our staff will be recognizing and celebrating our AMAZING 8th grade students. More details are coming so please stay engaged with our website and the sponsor, Mrs. Garry (rebeccalg@leeschools.net). We are proud that several local businesses are stepping up to provide donations and food for our 8th grade celebration day. If you would like to contribute in some way (other than volunteering), please email Mrs. Garry.

I am always available by email or phone if you have any concerns or questions.

**Yours in partnership,**  
*Melissa Layner*  
**BSMCA Principal**



# EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY

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## Important Dates

April 1  
Easter Monday  
No School

April 15  
Matilda

April 24  
PD Day  
Early Dismissal

May 27  
Memorial Day  
No School

May 30  
Early Dismissal

May 31  
Last Day of School  
Early Dismissal





Before your child can begin the 7th grade he/she must have documentation of having received the following immunizations: Tdap booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, pertussis) after the age of 10.

We encourage all parents to have their child seen by a private physician or health care provider in the community prior to the busy summer season to receive the required immunizations. Private physicians and clinics charge according to their established fees. Vaccines required for children are available free of charge from all Lee Health Department facilities. Remember you must bring your child's immunization records with you to help determine what immunizations are required and to provide the information necessary to fill out the Florida Certificate of Immunization Form DH-680.

## immunizations



**The Lee County Health Department provides school age immunizations free of charge at:**

**LCHD Michigan Avenue Clinic, 3920 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916  
(239) 461-6100**

**For more information concerning school immunization requirements contact the Lee County Health Department at (239) 332-9601**

# FOCUS PARENT PORTAL

[https://www.leeschools.net/parent\\_portal](https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal)

**Make sure you sign up for a parent FOCUS account to:  
monitor grades, receive important notifications and more.**







# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

**Hello amazing BSMCA students!!!**

Third Quarter ended on March 14th. We only have **ONE** more quarter to go and that is it! Please continue to do your very best!!!

Remember if you fail **ONE** class/credit, you will need to attend summer school. If you fail two or more and you are in 8th grade you will not move forward to high school.

## **8th GRADERS!!!**

**MAY 23rd** is the 8th grade promotion ceremony. This means that you **MUST** be passing all of your classes by **May 20th**. Please do not wait until the last minute to bring up your grades. If you need to attend summer school, you will **NOT** be able to attend the ceremony.

8th grade **End of Year Dance** is scheduled for **May 24th**. More info will be given at a later date.

## **6th and 7th GRADERS:**

Please continue to do your very best. If you fail **ONE** class, you will need to attend summer school. If you fail **TWO** or more, you will attend summer school and make up **ONE** class (credit), the rest of the classes (credits) you did not pass, you will need to retake the following school year.

**Any questions, please e-mail Ms. Colon and Ms. Perez.**



Peter H. Reynolds





## Art Walk

Bonita Middle Students recently traveled to Downtown Fort Myers to participate in Art Walk



## GEMS

A Group of BSMCA students recently took part in Girls in Engineering, Science, and Math Day at FGCU!



## Science Fair Awards

Student	BSMCA Award	Regional Award
Stryker McBride	5th Place	3rd place Plant Sciences
Victoria Pelka	4th Place	Honorable Mention Plant Sciences
Michael Dougherty	3rd Place	Honorable Mention Engineering
MaryJayne Hart	2nd Place	1st Place Earth & Environmental Sciences, and 2 special awards- All expenses paid State Science Fair/\$2,500 FGCU scholarship & Sony Electronics
Oliver Schneider	1st place (tie)	Honorable Mention Plant Sciences
Maria Travisano	1st place (tie)	1st Place Cellular & Molecular Biology /All expenses paid State Science fair/ \$2,500 FGCU scholarship & Sony Electronics







## NJHS

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**  
4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17

NJHS is:

1. Collecting food and old towels/sheets for Gulf Coast Humane Society for both dogs and cats.
2. Always accepting non perishable food items, gently used uniform tops and bottoms of all sizes, as well as toiletry donations for school families in need.



**NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

Anyone can donate to help out! This is a school-wide effort.

## Buy your Yearbook NOW!



Be sure to buy your BSMCA Yearbook at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) or bring your money to Mrs. Carney in room 16C. Yearbook's are currently \$35.

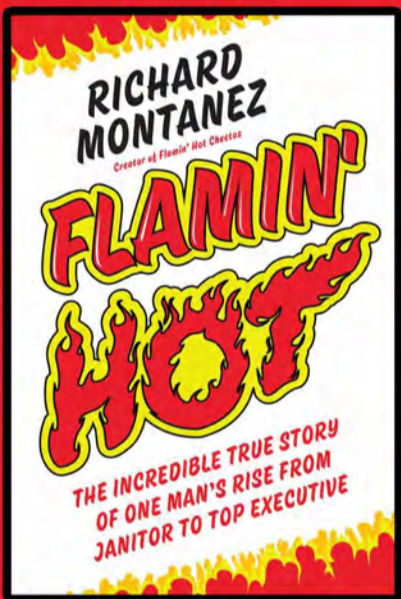
## MATILDA JR.

**Coming to BSMCA APRIL 15th**

**Tickets: \$5 for Adults Students Free**



## LATINOS IN ACTION



Our BSMCA Latinos in Action classes will be going to the LIA conference on April 29th, 2024. The keynote speaker for this event is Richard Montanez...the man who created Flamin' Hot Cheetos! At the conference, the students will find out which students won the various fine arts competitions. All the Latinos in Action classes from Lee County will be there! It's a guaranteed great day showcasing how Latinos are stronger together!

## STEM Garden



STEM Environmental Students enjoy their bounty!

★ FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES CLUB ★

# DODGEBALL & DONUTS



★ YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS! ★

APRIL 19, 2024

1ST GAME AT 8:30AM



# Spotlight Artist

## Art



Shea W.

**What is one success you have had in your art class that you are proud of?**  
I was proud of my pixel art assignment and I also had a fun time doing it.

**How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
The arts at BSMCA are the light at the end of my day.

**How do you see art playing a role in your future?**  
I believe that the arts will help me get into a job in the future, and will also make me a much more creative and well rounded student.

**What's one piece of advice you would give to new students in the visual arts?**  
Have fun! The arts are the perfect way to express yourself.

## Chorus



Damian R.

**What is one success you have had in your chorus class that you are proud of?**  
Being able to hit the Mariah Carey high note.

**How has chorus positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
The arts helped me by improving my voice physically. I now have better control of my singing and I'm able to hit some notes that I couldn't before.

**How do you see chorus playing a role in your future?**  
I could see myself being a singer in my future.

**What's one piece of advice you would give to new chorus students?**  
Pay attention and be positive.

## Drama



Victoria P.

**What is one success you have had in your drama class that you are proud of?**  
I am proud of being in the Matilda Jr. performance and being able to remember the lines of characters and become them quickly.

**How has drama positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
The arts have helped me with learning how to become a better actor and a better singer.

**How do you see drama playing a role in your future?**  
I see myself becoming a lead role in eighth grade and possibly in high school.

**What's one piece of advice you would give to new drama students?**  
A piece of advice I would give is to be yourself and have fun. If you do both those things, performing will be a piece of cake.

## Dance



Stryker M.

**What is one success you have had in your dance class that you are proud of?**  
I am proud that I get to be in Matilda.

**How has dance positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
It is an escape from schoolwork.

**How do you see dance playing a role in your future?**  
It has helped to build my confidence.

**What's one piece of advice you would give to new dance students?**  
Don't be afraid to get up and tell them your opinion. Always ask questions, and don't be afraid to ask them.





# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.



# INTRAMURALS

## Track & Field

Track & Field has a full season of running, jumping and throwing planned!

- 4/4/24 South Girls' Regional Track Qualifiers @ Dunbar High
- 4/16/24 Boys' Finals Track meet @ Dunbar High
- 4/18/24 Girls' Finals Track meet @ Dunbar High

## Golf

Golf Tryouts begin March 26th. Join the Google Classroom for more information.

## Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts

@bsmcaStallions · Middle School

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

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## Partners

Creating an environment that values and promotes student achievement, Bonita Middle School's number one goal, cannot be the sole responsibility of educators and the schools. It requires the concerted effort of the entire community. We would like to thank the following businesses for partnering up with Bonita Middle School and making Bonita Middle a better place for learning:



# THANK YOU