



Brasser Bugle

Lead Learner Updates - January 2024



Happy New Year Brasser Families!

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season filled with joy and laughter. We were fortunate to have hundreds of helping hands from our families throughout the month of December. Thank you to the many family members who volunteered their time to help build, create, and design projects and holiday decor!

Would you like to visit school to have lunch with your child? You are welcome to stop in for a special visit! In order to do so, please provide 24-hour notice to your child's classroom teacher and the main office. Hope to see you soon!

Looking for a fun family event? 🧙‍♂️ The Harlem Wizards return on Friday, Jan 12 to take on a team of Gates Chili staff members, **including our very own Mr. Young!** Advance tickets are on sale now at gateschili.org/Wizards. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. event at the Spartan Field House. Be there for an unforgettable basketball experience! All proceeds support the Gates Chili Education Foundation! We are grateful for the support of the Gates Chili Education Foundation, which is helping to fund an exciting school-wide project that we will share more about in February!

During the month of January, we look forward to continuing our hard work in the classroom as well as our continued focus on the Brasser Way every day. Kindness Week will be kicking off January 22nd and our second annual "Soup-er Bowl" service project will begin January 29th.

Sincerely,



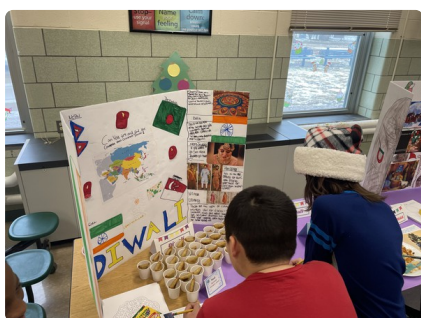
4th grade STEM family event



1st grade decoration day with families



2nd grade gingerbread day with families



The fifth grade team collaborated on a Holidays Around the World project in December.



This event was the culmination of a nonfiction research project completed by fifth grade students.



Students learned from one another about many special ways to celebrate. They also tasted delicious food from each country.

Looking Ahead.....Key Dates

January 2 - School Resumes

January 8 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm

January 9 - SIT Meeting, 4:00pm

January 12 - Harlem Wizards at GC Field House, 7:00pm

January 15 - NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17 - College Wear Wednesday






January 18 - Winter Band & Chorus Concert, 7pm @GCPAC

January 19 - Brasser Pride Day

January 22-26 - Kindness Week 2024



- Monday - *Kindness Kick Off!* Wear mismatched shoes or crazy socks.
- Tuesday - *Kindness Shines Bright!* Wear neon.
- Wednesday - *Peace, Love & Kindness!* Wear tie dye.
- Thursday - *Kind is Cool!* Wear your favorite winter gear.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 No School	2 School Resumes	3	4	5	6
7	8 FBFA Meeting 6:30 pm	9 SIT Meeting 4:00 pm	10	11	12 Harlem Wizards vs. GC 7pm—Field House	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL 	16	17 COLLEGE WEAR	18 Winter Concert Band & Chorus HS PAC 7:00 pm 	19 Pride Day 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
"Soup-er Bowl" non-perishable food & toiletry donations welcomed January 29th—February 9th.						

KINDNESS WEEK 2024

☆ "create kindness" ☆ abc

MONDAY

January 22nd

Kindness Kick Off!
Wear mismatched shoes
or crazy socks!

TUESDAY

January 23rd

Kindness shines bright!
Brighten someone's day and
wear neon!

WEDNESDAY

January 24th

Peace, Love, & Kindness
Wear tie dye!

THURSDAY

January 25th

Kind is Cool!
Wear your favorite winter
gear!

FRIDAY

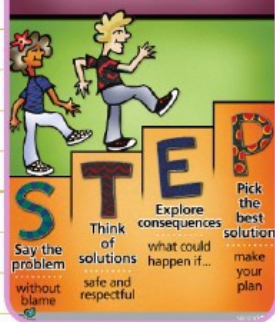
January 26th

Round up kindness!
Dress in Western wear!

Counseling Corner

JANUARY
2024

Problem-Solving Steps



Key Vocabulary

Upstander: Someone who reports red flags of bullying or cyberbullying to a safe adult.

Bullying: hurtful or harmful behavior that is repeated, on purpose, with an imbalance of power

Child Safety Matters, 2022

Classroom Lessons

January counseling lessons will focus on the topic of problem solving. The problem solving steps (see left) will be the formula students will be encouraged to use when resolving conflicts. You can continue the learning at home by encouraging your student to use the problem solving "STEPS" when a conflict arises. Try not to solve the problem for them, but guide them towards an appropriate and safe solution for all. We will also continue to discuss how to be an upstander, as was introduced in Personal Safety lessons.

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Apply To Be A Volunteer

Interested in lending your time and skills to support our school?
Interested in chaperoning a field trip this Spring? Click here to take the first step. [Apply to be an approved volunteer.](#)

VOLUNTEER



Spirit Day #2 Trophy Winners -
Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Herkamp's
Class



Spirit Day #2 Trophy Winners -
Mr. Romeo's Class



Science fun in 4th - The rock
cycle live demonstration!

HARLEM WIZARDS RETURN



-VS-

**Jan. 12
7 p.m.**

Don't miss the Harlem Wizards' return to GC! They will be taking on a team of GC staff members, **including our very own Mr. Young!** 🦄 Join us Friday, Jan. 12 at the Spartan Field House at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available at gateschili.org/Wizards. All proceeds benefit the Gates Chili Education Foundation. Get ready for a night of jaw-dropping tricks and hoops! #WizardsvsSpartans

Notes from the Health Office



During certain times of the year, the health offices typically see increases in the number of illnesses. This occurs in the fall, when students are back in classrooms, after breaks from school, and at other times during the year when illnesses are more prevalent. Parents and staff should remind students about proper handwashing and other illness prevention strategies, and parents are encouraged to monitor their children for signs or symptoms of illness. As a reminder, any student with a fever of 100.4 degrees or

higher must be kept home from school until fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Parents are not notified about any contagious illnesses or conditions in their child's classroom unless there is an extreme circumstance that might require notification. The decision to notify parents is at the discretion of the school nurse and the district medical director.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Student Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off at school between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Students who are dropped off at this time do not need to be signed in at the main office. When dropping off or picking up students, you must use the entrance off of Laredo Drive. Drop your child off in the side parking lot. Students may walk up the sidewalk to the side entrance to enter school.

Here's what to expect when you come to pick your child up from Brasser:

- If you are picking your child up during the school day: You will need to park and enter our main office foyer where you will be asked to sign out your child and to show Identification. Only parents/guardians are allowed to sign a child out during the day. Those that are on our emergency contacts may pick the students up at the end of the day without a note.
- If you are picking your child up after school: Please let the office know by 2:00 that your child will be picked up. If you are unable to contact the office ahead of time, you will not enter the pick-up line; you will need to park and enter through the main office foyer.

If the office knows you will be picking up your child, please line up in your car in the lower parking lot extending onto Laredo drive by 3:15. You will need to show proper ID for us to release your child. You will not need to leave your car.

We believe you will find this process provides the care that is needed to ensure your children are safe. As invested members of our school community, thank you for participating in these efforts to make our district a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Florence Braser Family Handbook

Elementary Pattern Day Calendar

Spirit Day Calendar 2023-24

Florence Brasser Elementary Online Store

😊 Interested in some Brasser gear for you or a family member? 😊 Great news - there are several ways to show your Brasser Pride.

1. The button above will take you to the Florence Brasser Elementary Online Store. All items ordered through this site will ship directly to your home.
2. The FBFA sells a variety of cool gear each Fall and Spring. Reach out to our wonderful family organization at brasserfbfa@gmail.com with questions or for more information.



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<https://www.gateschili.org/fbs>



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