



Brasser Bugle

Lead Learner Updates - March 2024



Hello Brasser Families!

We are proud to announce that the *Brasser Express*, our school-wide post office, is now open for business! This is a student-run post office that provides students with an authentic purpose for writing AND a simple way to connect with one another. Every classroom and office space throughout the building was able to choose a street name based on a children's book.

Students K-5 were invited to submit stamp designs and we received 117 designs! Students voted on finalists during their lunch period and three designs were chosen to be the debut stamp collection. We look forward to publishing special seasonal stamps in the future as well.

Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 were invited to apply to work at the Brasser Express. We received ninety-one job applications and are pleased to have many shifts of capable workers trained for these important responsibilities. Our fourth graders are Postal Leaders, our third graders are Mail Sorters, and our second graders are Mail Carriers. They are off to a fantastic start!

Planning for the Brasser Express began last Spring when fifth grade teachers Ms. Ewart and Mrs. Larkin applied for and were awarded a Gates Chili Education Foundation grant for start up costs. Special thanks to them and to our student workers for bringing this vision to fruition!

We are also excited to share that Brasser will be participating in *One School One Book* again this year! Students will be learning the title of our 2024 selection next week and we are looking forward to the buzz of excitement about reading and learning that accompanies this experience. Stay tuned for more information on home connections throughout the month of March, culminating in a *Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30-7:30pm* right here at Brasser.

Next week we will return to outdoor recess during our lunch recess time, weather permitting. Please ensure that students are prepared to go outside with coats and warm clothing if needed.

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us each day.

Sincerely,
Mr. Young and Mrs. Uguine



Part of our debut stamp collection, designed by Arielle D.



Part of our debut stamp collection, designed by Michael K.



Part of our debut stamp collection, designed by Laura H.



Every classroom or office space in our school has a street address from a favorite children's story.



The Brasser Express post office box has been a busy place this week!



Our postal workers have important responsibilities to make sure our mail is delivered.

Looking Ahead.....Key Dates

March 1 - FBFA Family Swim Night 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Gates Chili High School Pool

March 4 - District Band Concert 7:00 pm, GCPAC

March 8 - NO SCHOOL, Superintendent's Conference Day

March 11 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm

March 12 - School Improvement Team Meeting, 4:00pm

March 14 - Brasser's Got Talent, 6:30pm

March 15 - Second Marking Period Ends

March 20 - College Wear Wednesday

March 22 - Brasser Pride Day

March 26 - 5th Grade Art Show, 5:30-7:00 pm, Gates Chili Middle School

March 26 - Family Literacy Night, 6:30-7:30 pm, Florence Brasser Elementary

March 27 - District Chorus Concert, 7:00pm, GCPAC

March 29 - April 8 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess

Tuesday, April 9 - School Resumes



FLORENCE BRASSER SCHOOL



MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1 FBFA Brasser Family Swim Night 6:00-8:00 pm HS Pool	2
3	4 Music in Our Schools Instrumental Concert 7:00 pm—PAC 	5	6	7	8 Conference Day 	9
10 Day Light Savings Time Begins	11 FBFA Meeting 6:30 pm	12 SIT Meeting 4:00 pm	13	14 Brasser's GOT TALENT 6:30 pm	15 2nd Marking Period Ends 2nd Session Clubs Ends	16
17	18 3rd Marking Period Starts	19	20 COLLEGE WEAR	21	22 Pride Day 	23
24	25	26 5th Grade Art Show 5:30-7:00 Middle School Family Literacy Night 6:30 pm	27 Music in Our Schools Choral Concert 7:00 pm HS Performing Arts Center 	28	29 No School Spring Recess Begins	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 School Resumes on Tuesday, April 9	6
HAPPY Spring Break 						



STEM club working on team challenges



Second grade engineers testing their sail car designs



Behind the scenes - Brasser's Got Talent preparations are in full swing



Kindergarteners celebrating 100 days of school.



So many ways to make 100.



Our Kindergarten teachers were moving slowly and carefully on the 100th day of school!

Counseling Corner - March 2024

The Counseling Corner March 2024



Classroom Lessons

The topics of counseling lessons this month include growth mindset and executive functioning. Strong executive functioning skills lead to success at school, at home, and with extracurricular activities. Having a growth mindset compliments these executive functioning skills, allowing students to maximize their learning potential.

Growth Mindset

Having a growth mindset allows students to embrace challenges and believe in "the power of yet." One has a growth mindset when they see a challenge as an opportunity for their brain to grow stronger.

Executive Functioning Skills

- Organization
- Time Management
- Planning Ahead
- Paying Attention
- Task Initiation
- Regulating Emotions
- Perspective Taking
- Perseverance
- And many more!



Elementary School Counselors

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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.

FBFA Updates

Dear Brasser Families,

We have lots to look forward to as we head into the final stretch of the school year.

*Family Swim Night at Gates Chili High School - Friday, March 1

*March meeting - Monday, March 11 6:30-8pm in the Brasser Library. Child care provided, and here are the [February Notes](#).

*[FBFA Officer Nomination Form](#) - If you or someone you know would like to join our team of Officers and Coordinators please fill out this form. We look forward to hearing from you.

Volunteering is what allows us to bring events like Apple Dumpling Fest, zero cost to family field trips, discounted yearbooks prices, the community craft show and the year end Spring event. We need and appreciate YOU!

*Spring Apparel Sale - Coming soon in mid March

*Staff Appreciation week is May 6- 10. If you would like to help with the planning, please send us an email. We would love to hear your ideas and have your support.

*Spring Celebration event will be happening again in early June. If you would like to join the committee, please let us know. For more details, stay tuned!

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Florence Brasser Family Association (FBFA)

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FBFA BRASSER FAMILY

SWIM NIGHT

Friday, March 1st

Gates Chili High School Pool

FREE FAMILY FUN!

6-8pm

1 Spartan Way, Door #5
Rochester, NY 14624

*Parents and Guardians are encouraged to be
in the water with their family.*

Questions? BrasserFBFA@gmail.com







Florence Brasser 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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