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Welcome to Bronco U: A Place for Higher Learning! Many exciting things have been happening at BBMS and more things are coming up!

First, the campus website has a whole new look! Check it out to read about the upcoming UIL Academic competition, our Socktober fundraiser for LIMBS International, and many other important pieces of info!

Second, students in all grade levels have been participating in PBL or Project Based Learning opportunities. 6th grade Science students have studied renewable energy sources in order to design a new school building. 8th grade Language Arts students are working on producing a newspaper about satire. 7th graders have been working on creating their own government systems as they learn about the Bill of Rights, limited government, and the importance of working together. Talk with your students about what has been going on in class! Help them stay organized with their school work and to use their calendars to know when big tests and projects are happening!

Teacher Feature: We are excited to welcome new staff members to BBMS and would like to introduce them to you throughout the year. First we welcome Ms.

Mara Leebert who is



in her second year here at Bush. She teaches Spanish to 7th grade students.

Ms. Leebert was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and attended Escuela 100 Elementary School, and graduated from Belgrano Educador #5 . She earned her Bachelors degree from SNHU BA in Psychology w/ concentration in children and adolescents. Mrs. Leebert enjoys reading, playing volleyball and spending time with family.

When asked about teaching, she replied “Because it combines two of my passions: Helping kids and teaching others about the Spanish language and culture! I had many wonderful teachers in my life, they have inspired and educated me, and I will be forever grateful for all the love and effort they showed every day at school. They made learning fun! And it is my wish to someday be even a little bit as good and inspiring as they were.”

What do you like most about BBMS?

“I feel like I’m at home! Everybody here is so sweet, caring and helpful! Always ready to lend a hand and with a smile too! This is my second year here at BBMS and I already have many wonderful memories that I know I will cherish forever!”

What obstacles have you had to overcome?

“I know the difficulties and how hard it can be to learn another language, I went through it first when I started learning English (Since I’m from

ARGENTINA ☺) and then when I learned Italian. It was not easy and it took a lot of work. But it is sooooo rewarding.”

What advice for future success would you give to our International Baccalaureate Scholars here at BBMS?

“Never give up! There will be always a challenge in our lives, but no matter what: never give up, always give your best! I always say: “If you are going to do something, do it right!”



We congratulate Ms. Leebert who recently became a naturalized citizen!



Socktober is here!

Get ready! We're officially a LIMBS International partner school and will be participating in Socktober. Our campaign will run from Sept. 14 until Oct. 14, 2016.

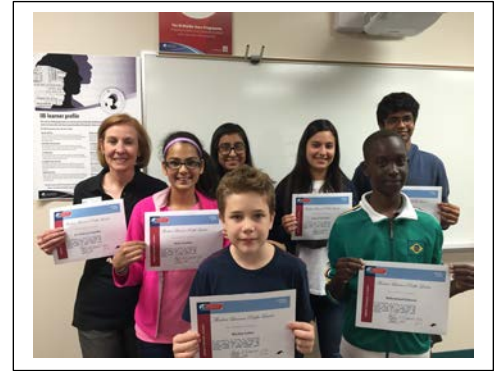
LIMBS International is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore mobility to amputees throughout the developing world. For four years, BBMS has raised funds and already provided 4 LIMBS to people from solutions. You can check out their amazing work at www.limbs.org.

How it works:

- For every 75 packs of socks sold, LIMBS will provide one leg to an amputee through our partner clinics around the world.
- For every set sold, we will also receive one pair of warm socks that can be donated to a local shelter **or** one pair of fun socks that can be donated to a local children's hospital. **\$12/package** of 6 crazy socks

We have set up a webpage <https://www.limbsinternational.org/funding/mycampaign?id=220> just for our school that will facilitate all socks purchased.

Save the Date: All sock orders and payments must be completed by Oct 14. They will be delivered to the school around Nov. 1.



Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated as THINKERS! According to the International Baccalaureate, THINKERS are people who use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions. The following students were nominated by their teachers: Trace Bennett, Wesley Gates, Ilisha Thakker , Damia Zahaimi, Andre Butler, Anish Raja, Nehemiah Reed, and Brianna Reeves. These 7th graders were also nominated: Joseph Choi, Jaeni Loh, Mohammad Kabsour, Andrea Hernandez, Andres Medina, and Stephanie Cabrera. This group of 8th graders was also nominated: Chinmayi Bodapati, Rhea Aemireddy, Alexander Martinez, Radeen Nasir, Nishi Patel , Supriya Mandalaju, J.J. Lleano, Varun Pottapalli, Yakelin Rivas-Sanchez, Abril Fernandez, and Alexa Sanchez. Two students from each grade level will be invited to a special lunch to learn how working professionals use THINKING skills in their personal and professional life every day.

Using the *IB Learner Profile*

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective



Upcoming **Events** to put in your calendar:

Orchestra Concerts, Oct. 13, 6:30 and 7:30
in BBMS Cafetorium

End of the first nine weeks - Oct. 14

Report Card Pick up – Oct. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.