

# BRASSER BUGLE

LEAD LEARNER UPDATES - MAY 2023



## HOORAY FOR HARD WORK - LET'S FINISH STRONG!

Dear Florence Brassler Families:

Thank you for your ongoing support during these busy Spring months. A few highlights from the last several weeks.... our last session of after school clubs began, many second, third and fourth graders took a special trip to RBTL, and the Brassler Learning Fair made its return! The variety of topics at the learning fair was incredible and student voice and creativity were on display in the final products – outstanding job students!

We also recently enjoyed a visit from members of the Gates Chili Varsity Cheerleading team, who helped us kick off our focus on the Brassler Way trait of Hard Work! Students continue to work hard in their classrooms each day and we are so proud of the growth they are making.

**Please ensure that students have shoes and clothing for outdoor play, as we are outside every day for fresh air (weather permitting).**

### Looking Ahead...Some Key Dates:

May 2 - Budget Public Hearing and Meet the Candidates Night, 6 p.m. in the Gates Chili Professional Learning Center (GCPLC) or stream the events on our [district YouTube channel](#)

May 3-4 - Grades 3-5 NYS Math Assessment

May 5 – Brassler Way Spirit Day – *Backwards Day!*

May 8 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm  
May 8-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 9 - Spring Band and Chorus Concert  
May 16 - School Budget Vote and BOE Election  
May 17 - College Wear Wednesday  
May 19 - Brasser Pride Day  
May 20 – Student Council Car Wash  
May 24 - Grade 5 to 6 Information Night at GCMS, 6:30 pm  
**May 26 - 29 - Memorial Day Recess - NO SCHOOL**

June 2 - Brasser Way Spirit Day - *Beach Day!*

June 9 - FBFA End of Year Celebration, Grades K,2,4: 5-6:30; Grades 1,3,5: 6-7:30

June is right around the corner and our fabulous FBFA will be hosting an End of Year Celebration on Friday evening, June 9th! This event was loads of fun last year with a fantastic turnout, so mark your calendars. More details coming soon...

Tim Young, Principal

Erin Ugine, Assistant Principal



Students are about to experience a whole new world!



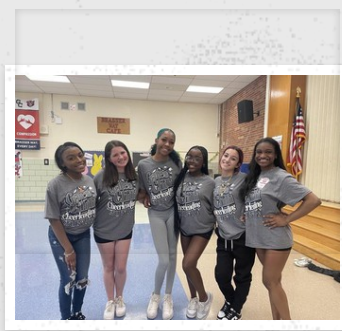
Brasser Bears getting ready to see Aladdin at RBTL



Smiles all around!



Student leaders from fourth grade shared examples of hard work at a recent assembly - outstanding job!

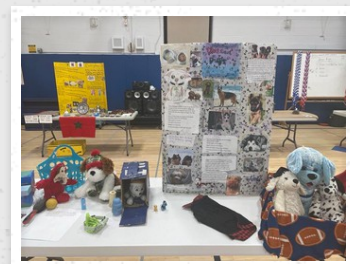
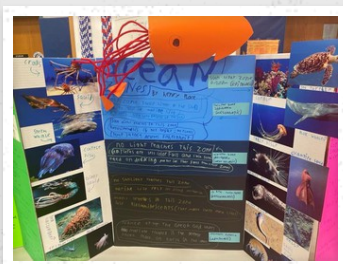
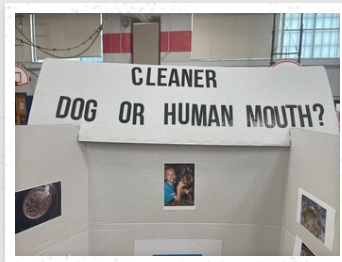


Members of the Gates Chili Varsity Cheerleading Team surprised students at our assembly and shared how hard work has helped them achieve their goals.



Our teachers even wowed the audience with their own cheerleading!

## BRASSER LEARNING FAIR 2023



## LOOKING AHEAD: 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

A team of classroom teachers, Mrs. Uguine and Mr. Young will soon begin the process of developing class groups for the 2023-2024 school year. This team of professionals that work with your children will carefully consider individual student needs, as well as classroom factors, when determining class groups. The team will also consider student involvement in

special programs such as AIS, ESOL, and Special Education. The grouping process will take place over the next 3-4 months, with many changes and adjustments being made as we work together in determining the best fit for all. We believe this investment of time and energy is worthwhile, considering that well-formed groups set the stage for success all year long. The unique needs of each individual student are considered as the class lists take shape.

Hopefully, all parents have had the opportunity throughout the year to express their views to the teachers regarding their children's strengths and learning needs. However, if you feel that you have information that is pertinent to the placement process and you have not had a chance to share it, **you may send your input to Mr. Young in writing by Friday, May 12.**

Parents of current kindergarten thru fourth grade students may choose to send in a letter focusing on your child's learning style, the type of learning environment that best meets your child's needs, health concerns, or any other pertinent information. All the teachers here at Brasser are highly qualified; therefore, **please do not make requests for a particular teacher.** While we welcome your input about your child's individual learning needs, we trust that you understand that your comments constitute just one of the many factors that we consider in forming classes. The final decision on classroom placement rests with the school.

You may email your input to: [tayoung@gateschili.org](mailto:tayoung@gateschili.org) or mail your input to: Timothy Young, Florence Brasser School, 1000 Chili Center Coldwater Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

## THE COUNSELING CORNER - MAY 2023

# The Counseling Corner

Gates Chili Elementary School Counselors  
May 2023

## Classroom Lessons

The final topic of school counseling classroom lessons is Career Exploration. New York State requires that students are exposed to various careers starting at the elementary level. Our lessons are developmentally appropriate and, as the name of the unit implies, are exploratory in nature. Students think about what they enjoy doing at school and at home - and what they are good at - and identify a career that would complement both. All types of careers, including trades, the military, and those that require higher education are encouraged. Each student documents what they would like to be and why, and this document is kept in their files for them to refer to year after year to see how their interests have - or have not - changed. Students love looking back at their previous work!

### Questions to Ask Your Student:

- What is your favorite part about school?
- What is something you enjoy doing outside of school?
- What would you like to be when you grow up?
- How does that career match your interests and abilities?
- How can I help you learn more about that career?
- What career did you write down in your counseling lesson? Was it the same or different than last year? Why do you think that is?

## Middle School Transition

In a few months, our fifth grade Stars, Bears, Dragons, and Panthers will become Spartans at the middle school! We have been working with the sixth grade counselors to plan various events to get students up for success with the transition. In May, the sixth grade counselors (Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Condorini) will visit each elementary school to present an overview of the middle school. In June, the fifth grade students will have an opportunity to take a field trip to tour the middle school. In addition, the middle school is hosting a "Go @ Transition Night" for parents and guardians on May 24th at 6:30pm (any questions about this can be answered by the middle school counseling office). Please let your student's school counselor know if they have any specific questions or concerns about the middle school. We are happy to meet with them!

## GC Elementary School Counselors

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## FBFA UPDATES

Next week is Staff Appreciation and the FBFA is sponsoring a lot of great activities throughout the week to celebrate and show appreciation to ALL the staff who work together to teach our Brasser bear cubs all year long!

Some of the things we have planned are stock-the-lounge, daily raffles, a Tropical themed drink cart, a small gift for all staff members, and a Fiesta-style luncheon to end the week! The FBFA will have a fun 'Can you guess Teacher's Pet?' guessing game available throughout the week for all students to fill out an easy form to match teacher with pet and see who gets the most correct matches.

Wednesday and Thursday there will be an Appreciation Station available for all students to fill out small thank you notes/shout-outs/kudos to one or more staff members (it doesn't just have to be the classroom teacher, but can include any staff member, e.g. specials, OT, Social work, cafeteria, nurse, the principal, etc.).

#### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

- 1) Check out the [Sign Up Genius link to sign up](#) for a snack/drink cart ingredient/fiesta food item to contribute and send it in to the school labeled 'FBFA' via student backpack or drop off at the main office by Monday 5/8
- 2) Donate a \$5 or \$10 dollar gift card of your choice to go towards the daily raffle gift basket. Send in an envelope labeled 'FBFA' via student backpack or drop off at the main office by Friday 5/5.
- 3) Encourage your student to participate in the 'Teacher's Pet' game and Appreciation Station! If you want to send in a student drawing or note to display, have your student bring it into school and have it sent to the office and the FBFA mailbox or they can bring it directly to the FBFA member supervising the station and it will be included in the collage!

Thank you for your support, we look forward to treating the Brassier staff extra special this week to say thank you for another great year of helping our little ones grow and learn.

The FBFA

## **CONGRATULATIONS TENURE RECIPIENTS!**

Mrs. Herkamp, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. DiPaola, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Amesbury and Ms. Benedett









## MAY 2023 CALENDAR

**FLORENCE  
BRASSER  
SCHOOL**



**MAY 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 8-12</b>	1	2 Budget Hearing HS Professional Learning Center 6:00 pm	3 Math NYS Assessment	4 Math NYS Assessment	5 BACKWARDS DAY	6
7	8 FBFA Meeting 6:30 pm	9 SIT Meeting 4:00PM Band/Chorus Concert 7:00 pm GC PAC 	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Budget Vote 	17 COLLEGE WEAR	18	19 Pride Day 	20 Student Council Car Wash @ Brasser 9:00-3:00
21	22	23	24 Grade 5 to 6 Information Night Middle School 6:30 pm	25	26 No School 	27
28	29 No School  Memorial Day	30	31	1	2 Beach Day 	3



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