



Brasser Bugle

Lead Learner Updates - Spring 2024



Hello Brasser Families:

We hope Spring Break provided time to recharge and spend quality time with family and friends! Thank you for your support of *One School One Book* throughout the month of March and for all those who were able to send in journal pages showing Humphrey's adventures with you at home. Journal entries were displayed in a main hallway at school, and students and staff alike enjoyed learning what Humphrey was up to with you at home! It was also wonderful to see so many students and families enjoying themselves at Family Literacy Night. Thank you to our Building Literacy Team for planning creative activities and games connected to our furry friend Humphrey and special thanks to

FBFA for providing some Humphrey-style snacks for our imaginative young creators to munch on!

Congratulations to fifth grade musicians who performed at Music in Our Schools Month concerts in March and to third, fourth and fifth grade Brasser's Got Talent participants who showcased a wide variety of talents to entertain audiences. Both groups put in a great deal of practice and demonstrated dedication and perseverance. We are proud of all who participated!

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, April 9th. We will be focusing on the Brasser Way trait of Hard Work throughout the months of April and May. Keep an eye out for a home-connection project related to this focus. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us each day.

Sincerely,
Mr. Young and Mrs. Uguine

Key Upcoming Dates

April 9 - School Resumes
April 9 - School Improvement Team Meeting, 4pm
April 15 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm
April 16-17 - Grades 3-5 NYS ELA Assessment
April 17 - College Wear Wednesday
April 18 - Elementary Volleyball Competition for GC Education Foundation, Field House, 6:30pm
April 23 - School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day
April 25 - Learning Fair, 6-7pm
April 26 - Brasserie Pride Day



May 8 - Spring Band and Chorus Concert, GC Performing Arts Center
May 9-10 - Grades 3-5 NYS Math Assessment
May 13 - FBFA Meeting, 6:30pm
May 14 - School Improvement Team Meeting, 4pm
May 15 - Grade 5 NYS Science Assessment
May 15 - College Wear Wednesday
May 21 - School Budget Vote and BOE Election
May 24 - NO SCHOOL
May 27 - NO SCHOOL
May 31 - Spirit Day #4 - BEACH DAY!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Happy Spring Break			5	6
7	8 Spring Break	9 School Resumes SIT Meeting 4:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 3rd Session Clubs Start FBFA Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Gr 3-5 NEW YORK STATE	17 ELA ASSESSMENT COLLEGE WEAR	18 Battle of the Elementary Schools Volleyball Competition High School Field House 6:30 pm	19	20
21	22	23 School Bus Drivers' Day We love our  bus driver!	24	25 Learning Fair 6-7 pm	26 Pride Day 	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Brasser Developing 3-year Plan on Cultural Responsiveness & Equitable Education

Florence Brasser Elementary School is excited to be reaching out to you as parents to assist us in developing a 3-year plan focusing on cultural responsiveness and equitable education. The blueprint that we will be using to develop this plan is the [New York State \(NYS\) Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education \(CRSE\) Framework](#). This framework is a comprehensive approach to education that recognizes and values the diverse backgrounds and experiences of all our students, fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment.

Key Principles of CRSE:

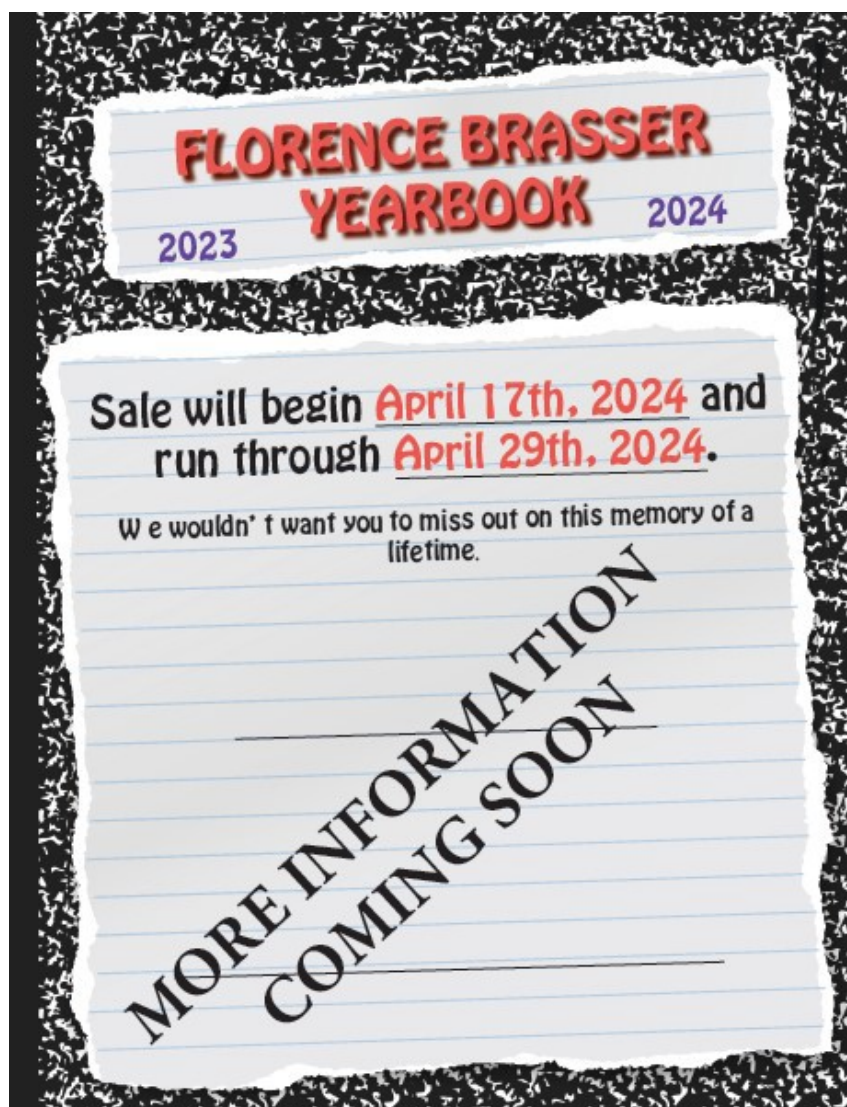
1. **Equity and Inclusivity:** CRSE promotes educational practices that ensure all students have equal access to opportunities and resources.
2. **Cultural Affirmation:** The framework recognizes and celebrates the cultural identities of students and their families.
3. **High Expectations for All:** CRSE maintains high academic standards for all students while recognizing and respecting diverse learning styles.
4. **Student Voice and Agency:** CRSE emphasizes the importance of amplifying student voices and promoting active participation in their own education.



What Does This Mean for Your Child in Grades K-5?

- **Culturally Responsive Teaching:** Florence Brassier teachers will employ instructional methods that consider and embrace the diversity of the classroom.
- **Supportive Learning Environment:** Florence Brassier Elementary will strive to create a welcoming atmosphere where every child feels accepted, valued, and safe. This includes promoting positive relationships among students, teachers, and parents.
- **Community Engagement:** Florence Brassier Elementary will actively seek to involve families and communities in the educational process. This collaboration is essential for creating a holistic learning experience that extends beyond the classroom.

We will be asking for your input via a parent survey later this month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach us for more information. Together, we will work towards providing the best possible educational experience for your child.





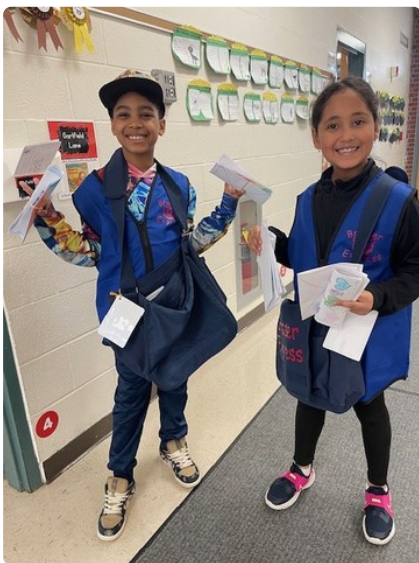
Our future is good hands with young leaders like these!



Student Council field trip to Monroe County Office Building



Learning from local elected officials.



Brasserie Express postal workers delivering mail.



Superintendent Dailey reading to our Kindergarteners.



New swings are open for business.

Looking Ahead: 2024-25 School Year

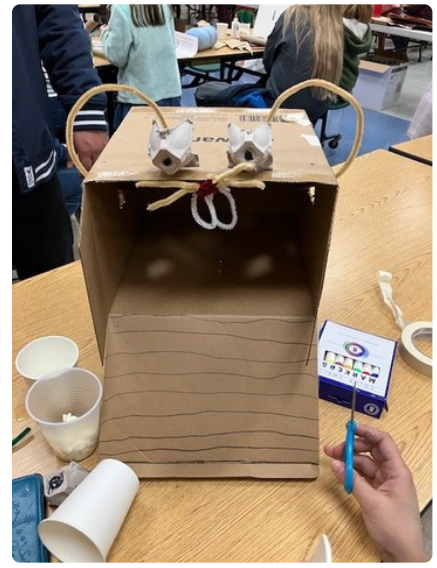
A team of classroom teachers, Mrs. Ugine and Mr. Young will soon begin the process of developing class groups for the 2024-2025 school year. This team of professionals that work with your children will carefully consider individual student needs, as well as classroom factors, when determining class groups. 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 17.**

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 Brassers 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 or mail your input to: Timothy Young, Florence Brassers School, 1000 Chili Center Coldwater Road, Rochester, NY 14624.**

Family Literacy Night Fun





FBFA Updates

Dear Brassier Families,

Happy Spring! We have so much to look forward to before our school year ends. Check out the dates below:)

April 23rd is Bus Driver Appreciation Day - Send a note with your child for their bus drivers. The FBFA will be giving each driver a small GC to show our overall gratitude but there is nothing as special as a personal note.

May 6-10 is Staff Appreciation Week - Would you like to help us plan? Would you like to donate to help us spoil our staff? We would love to have your help and advice. We have an online meeting coming up on April 11th. Send us an email for an invite and keep your eyes peeled for more information soon:)

SAVE THE DATE for our BIG Spring Event on June 7! We will have bounce houses, food trucks and more:) ***We are hoping to have LIVE music at our Spring event on June 7th*** If anyone is interested in showcasing their talents please text the FBFA at 585- 209- 3232. You could be a student, parent, grandparent or friend of Brasser. We would love to have you.

Would you or someone you know like to join FBFA as an Officer or coordinator? Please nominate yourself or a friend [HERE:](#)).

[Here are our notes](#) from Last month's meeting. We hope to see many of you at our upcoming meeting on Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM.

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Florence Brasser Family Association (FBFA)

2023-24 Board: Katie Banta, Jen Gutzmer, Mariko Yamada, Tina Carney

Voice/Text: [\(585\) 209-FBFA](tel:5852093232)

Visit our [Website](#)

Like [FBFA on Facebook](#)

Follow [FBFA on Instagram](#)

Join [Parents & Guardians of Gates Chili Students](#) facebook group

SAVE THE DATE

FBFA PRESENTS:

BRASSER YEAR END CELEBRATION



**Calling all Brasser Families!
Rain or Shine!**

Where: Florence Brasser Playground

When: Friday, June 7th

What: Food Trucks – Bounce Houses – Gage Pit –
Book Swap – Art Show – Fire Truck – Sweet Treats
– Brasser Mailbox

More details in the coming weeks

ENTER THE FRIENDS OF THE GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

K-12 POETRY CONTEST



gates public library



**\$50 FIRST PRIZES AND \$25 RUNNER-UP
PRIZES IN THREE DIVISIONS: K-5, MIDDLE
SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

**A SPECIAL \$25 PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR A POEM
BASED ON A GATES THEME**

- Contest is open to all K-12 students who live or go to school within the Gates Chili Central School District.
- Poems must include the student's name, address, phone number, their school's name and grade. Students may submit up to two poems.
- Poems may be written in any style, rhymed or unrhymed. Maximum length: 25 lines. Entries must be legible.
- Contest winners will be honored at the Friends Annual Meeting on May 16, 2024 at Gates Public Library.

SEND YOUR POEMS TO:

FRIENDS POETRY CONTEST
GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY
902 ELMGROVE ROAD
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14624

**DUE DATE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

You are cordially
invited to the annual

Sweethearts Dance

*Hosted by the Gates Chili Class of 2025
for Gates Chili students in grades UPK-5
and the special adults in their lives*

Friday, April 19, 2024 · 6-8 p.m.

**Gates Chili Performing Arts Center at
Gates Chili High School, 1 Spartan Way**
Please park in lots G or H and enter using door 50

Tickets: \$20 per family

Price covers two adults plus children and includes flowers, gift bag,
selfie stations, light refreshments and dancing! Payment taken at the
door (cash or check only - no \$50 or \$100 bills please)



**Register by April 5 by scanning
the QR Code or by visiting
gateschili.org/Sweetheart**

Questions? Email secarbone-belknap@gateschili.org



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



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