

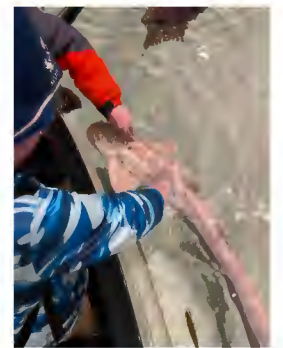
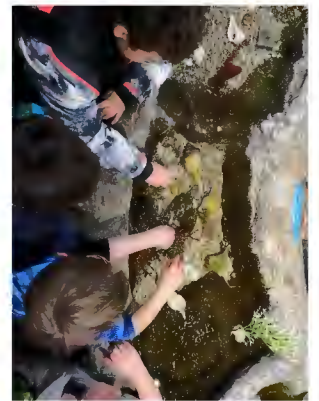


## *COMMUNITY CONNECTION*

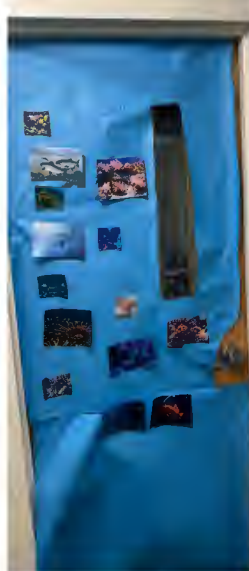
### **UNDER THE SEA RESEARCH WEEK**

Over this past week, BBA students have dived deep into the exploration of all things oceanic. From Ocean Industries, Myths and Mysteries, Habitats, Animals, Landmarks, Oceans, Seas, and Bays, BBA has been preparing to impress any and all who come to experience research week with us on 4/5/24.

Our trip to Mystic Aquarium was a great kick-off, filled with interactive, up-close, and personal experiences with sea life. While we had to postpone our trip to Meigs Point Nature Center, we filled our day with virtual field trips under the sea and to various aquariums, decorating our doors and halls to impress our guests on presentation day. Take a look at all the fun we were having....



Photos of our preparation and ongoing activities, including *Finding Nemo* & the Door Decorating Contest

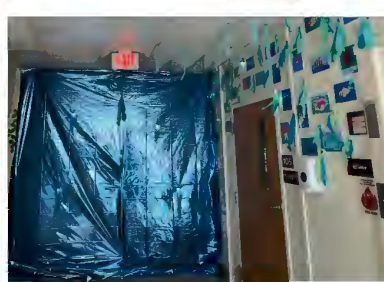
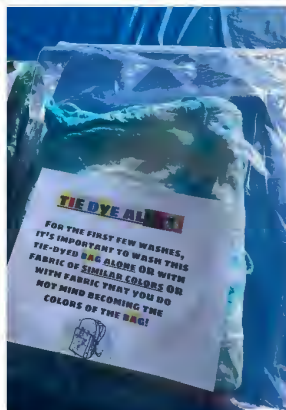


**Missing**  
Have you seen this fish?



**Name:** Nemo  
**Last Seen:** Swimming towards a boat at the coral reef drop off, Pacific Ocean  
**Appearance:** Tiny and orange. Has a "lucky fin" on one side.  
**Important:** Possibly headed towards...  
P.Sherman  
42 Wallaby Way  
Sydney, Australia

**IF found, please return to Emma's office in room 210 to collect a reward.**



# STEM ACTIVITY- Ocean-Themed Cookie Creations



Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets, the student council raised \$443.00. On behalf of the student council, we will donate this to our *Birdies for Charity* fundraiser. Winners will be contacted after the break.

**School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger is an approved uniform provider for Ben Bronz Academy families!** Visit [www.globalschoolwear.com](http://www.globalschoolwear.com) to find our school store and purchase school uniforms using school code BENB01 or click on the link <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/BENB01> to place your uniform orders. Sportswear is also available.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10

Our Home School Association is working to collect various items to celebrate our staff in May with a theme of *Thank you for Making Learning such an Adventure*. In an effort to streamline the purchasing and collection of items to fill each day of the week, we have put together an Amazon wish list. These suggestions lend to each day's theme, but we are open to other snacks and treats to share. If anyone has other ideas they would like to share, you can forward them to Christina [clamphere@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:clamphere@benbronzacademy.org) or Cyndi [cfries@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:cfries@benbronzacademy.org), and we can pass them on to the committee. [Amazon wish list](#)  
*Thanks to the families that have already sent items in. You are all amazing.*

### POSITIVE POSTCARDS

We would love to provide staff positive postcards as well, so if families would like to share the positive messages with their mediators; please feel free to forward a positive message to your child's mediators on a postcard to the school in a sealed envelope to the attention of Cyndi or Christina with the mediator's name and Christina and Cyndi will make sure it gets to the mediator on the day we hand the postcards out. We want all staff to receive kind messages, so please consider sending some in. Please let Cyndi know if you want us to send some home with your child. Thank You!



### OUT & ABOUT

**SPOTLIGHT THE SPECTRUM** CONNECTICUT, Inc. is hosting *Spotlight the Spectrum* on Sunday, April 7. Students who qualify are encouraged to register to showcase a talent, passion, or interest. It's a great chance to show off a Research Week presentation. All families are welcome to check out this fun, free event designed to highlight and celebrate children on the autism spectrum.

The event runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at Prism Academy, 166 Lincoln St. in Berlin. Please visit <https://www.autismfamiliesct.org/> for more information and to register.



BBA will also be part of the SEEK CT (Special Education Equity for Kids of Connecticut, Inc.) Resource Fair on Saturday, April 6 at the Easton Community Center -- 364 Sport Hill Rd, Easton, CT -- from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit <https://seekct.com/> for more information.

We'd love BBA families to join us at our table at either of these events.

Ben Bronz is proud to be a presenter and exhibitor at the Newington SEPTO (Special Education Parent Teacher Organization) Resource Fair on Saturday, April 20. This event is open to all families to connect, learn, and get help with educational support for children in special education.

The resource fair is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Newington High School, 605 Willard Ave, Newington. You can find out more at [Special Needs Resource Fair by Newington SEPTO](#)

### **Birdies For Charity Fundraiser**

***Our Birdies for Charity Fundraiser is sponsored by The Travelers Championship***, a PGA TOUR event, aimed at **purchasing a van!** As we all know, transportation plays a crucial role in ensuring that our students have access to various educational and extracurricular opportunities. Whether they're attending field trips, making post-secondary, career, and community connections, or engaging in community service projects, having transportation is essential for their success and growth.

Here's how you can get involved and make a difference:

**Spread the Word:** Share the news about our fundraiser with your friends, family, and neighbors. *Let's rally together as a community to support our students' needs.*

**Donate Generously:** Your generosity will help us achieve our fundraising goal. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to purchasing a van. **And**, for every dollar we raise, program sponsor Webster Bank will give us an **additional 15%. It is that easy!**

***PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE:***

### **[Birdies For Charity](#)**

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students! Stay tuned for updates, exciting announcements, and progress reports as we aim to purchase a BBA van. Thank you for your support and commitment to our school community!

Let's roll towards success, one mile at a time! 🚗🙌



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### **SAVE THE DATE** 🎓

***Awards Night and Graduation*** ~ All are welcome and encouraged to celebrate our hardworking, successful students! June 11th, 5:30 pm at Northwest Catholic High School Auditorium



**Attention all Alumni!** We invite you to showcase your remarkable achievements since your tenure at BBA. Assist us in inspiring our current students by sharing your success stories. Express your interest in being interviewed by emailing either [Cfries@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:Cfries@benbronzacademy.org) or [clamphere@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:clamphere@benbronzacademy.org). If you have a special talent you would like to bring to our students in person, please reach out to us. We would love to see you!

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## REMINDERS

[Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

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### Upcoming events:

April 8-12, 2024

April 15, 2024

April 17-18, 2024

April 18, 2024

April 29, 2024

May 13, 2024

May 24, 2024

May 27, 2024

May 31, 2024

June 11, 2024

No School - Spring Break

HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual

Parent/Teacher Conferences

12:30 pm Dismissal/ Conferences

Parent Information Session 7:30 pm Virtual

HSA Meeting 7:30 pm Virtual

12:30 Dismissal/ Mediator Training

No School - HOLIDAY

End of Marking Period/ 12:30 pm Dismissal/ Mediator Training

Last Day of School- Awards Ceremony and Graduation

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