

January Focus

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We are excited to now have an on-school ABCMouse account for our younger students. Returning from break we have been working on our avatar and navigating the learning modules. While at school, students have full access to explore, play, design and earn tickets for their virtual room, hamster cage, aquarium and character.

More info on how to get ABCMouse at home for a subscription fee will be sent home this month. Home use is completely optional!

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Grade 2

Second grade has been working in conjunction with classroom teachers to boost reading comprehension and fluency using myon.com.

Additionally, we have been using the app Shake 'em to familiarize ourselves with our State Capitals.

Check out this impressive 4 minute stop motion video called "Tour the States" on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/E2CNZIVlg>

Grades 3-5

In December we got a small introduction into computer programming and coding through code.org and Brainpop. Rather than spend an hour on code we have decided to spend a month on code!!! Ask your child what level have they been able to program Sphero to so far?

I love that this app Tynker, teaches them to embrace failure. It gives us all a chance to reassess and revise our "lines" of code and to try again. This week will be coding a timeline documenting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

T.V. Production

With the new semester brings a new class to TV production. I am honored that many of the TV elective crew from last semester rejoined. Their expertise has helped tremendously in getting our new-to-the-class students familiar with the equipment, editing and expectations for 2017. Be on the lookout for SNNs back on our Youtube channel BrandonAcademy this month.

BAHS Digital Design

Our newly formed elective will be managing parts of our social media content. Understanding the balance of style and substance while being keen to intended audiences we delve into the importance of branding.

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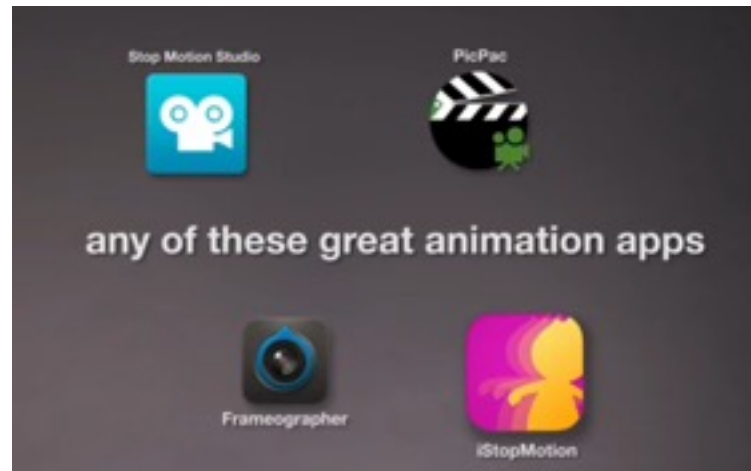
Congratulations to our Winter Break Myon Reading Contest Winners



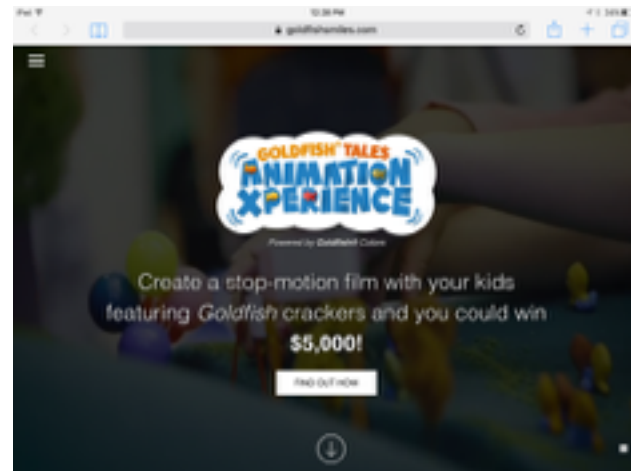
Over the winter break an optional reading contest was sponsored by Technology. The first through fifth grade student that read for the most hours during vacation received a \$25 gift card to ToysRUs, second place earned a \$15 iTunes gift card, third place won a Brag Pizza delivered at lunch time from Hungry Howies, and fourth place received a candy bar of their choice. We had over 30 students participate and collectively we read over 106 hours. Way to go BA and congrats to Madeleine, Connor, Eden, Varsha and Alaina!!!



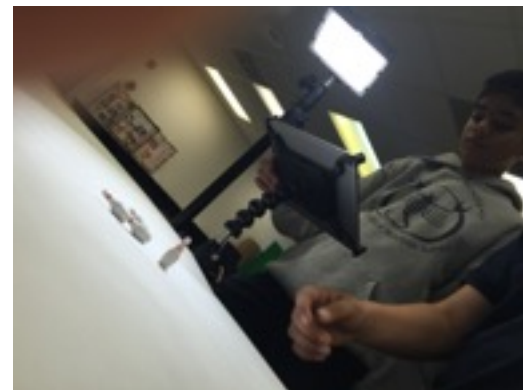
Recommended Free App



Recommended Free PC Website



In February, our grade 2 and above students will be making stop motion videos in conjunction with Pepperidge Farms GoldfishSmiles contest. More details to follow on this Feb 27th deadline.



Calling All Techies

If your livelihood or passions involves programming, video production, robotics, drone racing, 3D printing, etc. would you consider coming into our tech lab for a 30 minute Q&A presentation for the benefit of our students? If so, contact Mr. M at bmcgrath@brandon-academy.com to explore ideas.

