



BRANDON ACADEMY

A National Blue Ribbon School

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What a year it's been in the Lower Division here at Brandon Academy! As we approach the last few weeks of school, it seems like a great time to both look back and forward at the 2017-2018 school year.

Our Lower Division assembly program has been marvelously successful. Each grade level highlighted various character traits every month including individuality, respect, teamwork, kindness, honesty and sense of humor. In addition, students had the opportunity to show off remarkable accomplishments in piano, singing, dance, gymnastics, sports and martial arts. Our goal has been to ensure that our students realize that there are many different types of talents. We can all look forward to seeing more of BA's tremendously talented kids at our final Lower Division assembly and talent show on May 4.

Our off and on-campus field trip program has been amazing. While we have many more than we can list here, some highlights would certainly be our visits from an author, holocaust survivor, fire fighters, and a bat encounter. Trips to JA BizTown, Crystal River, Nature's Academy, Bok Tower, Croc Encounter, Harvest Holler, Cracker Country as well as numerous museums and theatres were highlighted. Choosing field trips that tie into the academic program and following up upon returning to the classroom made learning come alive! And while we can never forget the wedding of Q and U, Egypt and Rome Day, we are looking forward with great anticipation to Charlotte's Web and the Wax Museum.

Last week students in Grades Kindergarten and above participated in standardized testing which allows us to evaluate how effective our curriculum reaches our students. We wrapped up the week with our annual Field Day. Our Spring Book Fair will be open next week and close out the month of April, and of course May brings many celebrations of our Brandon Academy students of all ages!