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Welcome Back To School!

We are excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year. We now have a monthly newspaper for students, staff, and families. It will be full of information about activities in the school so be sure to read your copy. You don't want to miss out. We also have a Knight hidden somewhere on the pages. The first one to see Dr. Richards and show her where you found it will win a prize! Good luck!



Camp Bok

John Marshall Thomas and Pyper Barnhardt

Camp Bok is a fun experience for 6th graders to do at the beginning of the school year. It is committed to creating a safe, trusting environment for students. Some of the activities will be a bonfire with s'mores, an inflatable waterslide, and students will watch The Sandlot. There will be a fee of \$35. If you are not able to pay for financial reasons contact Dr. Richards. It's November 4th at 9:30 am - November 5th at 8:30 am on the Bok campus. There will be a cookout for lunch with dinner and breakfast provided. If not spending the night you can get picked up at 8:00 pm. 6th graders can get a packing list from Dr. Richards. 6th graders, you will not want to miss out on this fun event!



New Staff

Welcome to our new staff members on campus.

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| Kathryn Abbasi | Ian Lilly |
| Karen Brading | Margarita Locke |
| Steven Brooks | Wendy Merson |
| Carolann Cernell | Ricky Myers |
| Diane Crane | Mary Miller |
| Katherine Deagan | Taylor Pittman |
| Amber Johnson | Katie Pooser |
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| Cristy Land | |



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Fall Sports

Cross Country

Gwen Tomkinson

At Bok Academy South we have a multitude of sports, one of them being Cross country! At Cross Country, they run long distances, do core workouts, and do team building. The first meet was at Bok, on September 22nd, where the team ran 1.87 miles. Mrs. Ramos and Dr. Richards are amazing coaches. Dr. Richards says, "My favorite part about coaching Cross country is seeing the progress and being able to interact with students outside of the classroom." There are 29 runners on the team, 15 girls and 14 boys. Valentina Rice is a new 6th-grade runner this year. She's been running for 4 years. She says, "My favorite part about Cross Country is finishing the race." It's not easy being a student-athlete, but these runners make it happen!

The boys' cross country team made it to state! They will be running on October 29th at Holloway Park. We are so excited to see how they do.

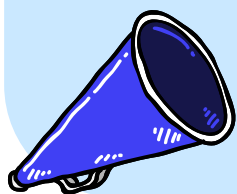


Cheer

Olivia Vandervort

Cheer is a fun sport many enjoy. 16 students made the team. They are doing sideline cheering during the girls and boys basketball games. They were great at supporting our players and encouraging the crowds to get involved. Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15-6:00. Students get to do stunts, jumps, cheers and chants.

Cheerleaders are learning 2 chants. One chant is called Bok Knights Can't Be Beat. Another is Blue, Sliver, and White Fight, Fight, Fight. Some jumps the cheerleaders are learning are the Hurkey, Pike, Nine, and Toe touch. Mrs. Land is the coach assisted by Ms. Thate.



Girls Basketball

Ayvalei Joyner

Basketball is one of the sports that is offered to all grade levels at Bok South. Cadence Thompson (8th) has been playing basketball for 2 years. One way that Cadence is a good team player is by always being happy for her teammates. She tried out for basketball because she thought it would be fun and she needed to work on her basketball skills. Her favorite thing to do for practice is passing drills, but playing in the basketball games is Cadence's favorite part of the sport. Nia Sloan (7th) just started playing basketball this year but she's always watched her cousins play at games and that inspired her to start the sport. She plays center. The team thought it would be good to put her in that position because she's tall and it's easy to block people who are trying to shoot. Nia is a good team player because she tries to help her teammates out in every way possible. Aubree Beaty (6th) has been playing basketball for a little less than a year and she plays center because she feels like it's one of the easiest positions to play in a game. Aubree works better alone but she is still very good at working with others.

Aubree said "I tried out for basketball because I feel that it is important to have at least one sport/extracurricular."

The girls' basketball team had an undefeated season! They also played in an end-of-season tournament weekend. They played 5 games in all and came home the champions! Way to go girls!



Upcoming Sports

Boys Basketball

Girls Volleyball



Movie Review

Hannelore Brown, Madelyn Monk

Do you like action-packed movies? If so, we recommend you watch Top Gun Maverick. This movie has amazing actors such as Tom Cruise, Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly, and Jon Hamm. Now let's talk rating. The overall rating was 4.8 but there were some very fascinating ratings from other people. People Like Zoë Rose Bryant. She said "Top Gun: Maverick represents the best of what blockbuster filmmaking can be, brilliantly blending spectacle with sentiment to exhilarating effects." The ratings on this movie is AMAZING, A movie like this will really get your adrenaline pumping! We give it 5 stars!



Movie Review

Leila Alexander, Riley Austin, Elliott Benson

Add a On July 1st, The Rise of Gru came out in movie theaters. We all think the movie is great but it is very over hyped. The reason we think it is very over hyped is because people would post/repost pictures or videos of the movie while saying it was a great movie. The movie was only an hour long. But it really didn't seem like all of what people were hyping about. Don't get me wrong, it is a great movie! What made it a great move was when in the end, villains all turned into ancient dragons. Also, the villains turned the minions into different animals too. Overall, its 3 out of 5 stars. little bit of body text



Book Review

Caedance Jordan, Kellan Kauffman

This book is about a boy named Gregor and his sister nicknamed Boots. They fall through a vent in their apartment into a strange underground city called Regalia. They are classified as one of the few Overlanders. Can Gregor fulfill the prophecy with giant roaches, bats, and spiders before the rats take over? Read to find out! P.S this is the description for book 1 only. Kellan's opinion: 5 out of 5 Stars. Top notch action, builds up suspense, and you can't predict much until it actually happens. Out of all the books I read, this 5-book series is my favorite. It is extremely creative with the theme and the animals make sense in this terrain and habitat (besides the fact that it is hundreds of miles under the ground, but this is a fantasy not realistic fiction). Caedance's opinion: 4 out of 5 stars Great book and author, but I wouldn't have picked it up on my own. I love the execution of the plot and the detail in the writing. Takes fantasy to another level with the whole underground world thing. Made me cry for like 5 minutes though. I would love to continue reading the series!



Book Review

Aurelia Contu-Smith

The mysterious book, "What Lives in The Woods", is a book you can't put down. This fiction book is a mystery novel about a girl in a "haunted" mansion. Ginny the main character has to spend her summer in a haunted mansion, claims a room where somebody died to stay in for her vacation, makes new friends to help her solve a mystery, and almost didn't make it out alive. To sum it up, this book definitely gets a 5 star review. I strongly recommend this book to people who favor mystery novels.



Editorial

Yaire Rivera

Recently, we have noticed that the current dress code at our school regarding shorts has a few inconsistencies. Although the rule about short lengths has been adjusted from finger-tip length to fist length, we still feel that there are a few discrepancies in who gets dress coded. For example, the rule of hand length to determine whether shorts are acceptable or not seems unfair considering we all have different arm lengths. Personally, we both have longer arms than most girls therefore the same pair of entirely-appropriate shorts might seem perfectly fine on another girl, but our fists might pass the hem. Determining a more standard policy for measuring short length should be considered.

Clubs at Bok



Club Rush Week

RJ Blocker, Dominik Arnold, Omar Torres

Club rush started up on the 12th of September and it's all about different clubs such as Dungeon and Dragons, FCA Club, Girls of Grace, Art Club, student council, Hispanic Friendship Society Club, Archery, Boys of Grit, and FFA.

Archery Club

Archery is a club where people learn how to aim and shoot a bow and get more comfortable with a bow. This club also helps students learn focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and how to be successful academically and in life. Why did it start? Well, the oldest daughter of the club owner loved it so why not start it to teach other kids that would like to do archery as well. The date for the club meetings are Monday. If any info is needed for this club make sure to contact Mrs. Gramlich!

Art Club

Art club is a club where students use their art talents to work on campus wide art project or pieces. Such as a mural in the new library, and holiday cards to seniors. Opportunity for students to try new art mediums. The meetings for this club will take place every Thursday, 3:55-5:00PM in studio 32. If any more info is needed make sure to contact Ms. Huston.

Boys of Grit

Boys of Grit is a club that mentors young gentlemen on their grades, their manners, and with the Bok Essentials. Their goal is to develop future leaders and to keep the club around for a while to develop Excellent Bok Knights. This club was also made to help boys feel like they belong to something. The club meetings will take place during all grade lunches on Tuesdays. If anymore info is needed make sure to contact or get in touch with Mrs. Tami.



Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons takes place in studio 19, every Wednesday (not on early release days), and from 4pm to 5pm. This club is about adventuring through different genres and just having a fun time over all. Also it's a game where you overcome challenges and go on quests with friends. If any info is needed on the club make sure to contact Mr. Kane or Clare Kane.

FFA

FFA is a club that prepares students for their agriculture career. They prepare their animals by breeding and taking care of animals, taking care of plants, etc to be sold. FFA also helps students for if they would like to be in the farming industry in the future. FFA also goes to the state fair to compare animals. This club takes place from 4-5PM. If any more info is needed make sure to get in touch with Mrs. Sharpless.

Girls of Grace

This is a club that was made to help and encourage middle teens to be leaders. Young ladies will learn helpful skills from adults that are aware of the challenges they encounter. By the end of the club for the year the goal is to have every girl have a positive impact on the Bok Academy campus. Not only that but to also to help navigate young ladies through their academic and sport life. The first meeting is going to be in the month of October! If anymore info is needed on the club make sure to contact Ms. Thate on the situation.

Clubs at Bok Continued



Hispanic Friendship Society

Hispanic Friendship Society(HFS) is a club where students can learn more about the hispanic culture and to also spread the culture. This club also shows different styles of hispanic dancing(this club is mostly dancing). Also there is a lot of kids that have hispanic roots but don't know much about the history so she teaches it. There will be activities such as singing hispanic songs, reading Spanish books, different projects, different arts and crafts such as Mexican alebrijes, posters, Christmas cards, bracelets, and much more! If info is needed on the club make sure to contact Mrs. Locke.

Student Council

Student Council is a club where you can be the voice of the students, help plan different situations and events for the school, and act as school ambassadors. The first meeting was October 6. This club will take place in studio 9 from 4-5pm.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsored by Mrs. Woods. It is held every Friday morning during Academic Coaching time. Students are able to attend this meeting, even if they are not an athlete. There are guest speakers, testimonies, and music played. Sometimes, there are donuts for the students who attend. It is a great opportunity for students to share their faith while being at school. See you at the Pole was a tradition that was missed because of Hurricane Ian. Other activities will be planned.



Pink Out

Alexa Richmond, Pyper Barnhardt

On October 14th, Bok Academy, along with many other schools did Pink Out, which is a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. Pink Out originated in 2009, when Terri Alvino Meyer passed away from breast cancer, when it spread to her brain, bones, lungs, and liver. Her dream was to spread awareness about breast cancer in young women. Her daughter, Ellise, who was a senior in high school at the time and the Mt Lebanon cheerleading captain, wanted the whole stadium to be pink in honor of her mother and raise money for the YWBCAF. She took her idea to the Mt Lebanon Athletic director and Pink Out was born. The volleyball team, the soccer teams, and the lacrosse team all went pink and collected money in the month of October. The Mt Lebanon Athletic director shared the idea to other schools, and 42 other schools all participated in the first Pink Out in 2009 and raised over \$15,000. Today, worldwide in the month of October, awareness is being spread everywhere and money is being raised for those fighting with breast cancer.

Bok Academy family raised over \$600.

Go Kinights!



Staff Spotlight

Rilee Ballee, Madelyn Monk

Mr. Rosado grew up in Bronx, NY in a poor area. Initially, he was a substitute teacher for a few years while working on his teaching degree. He eventually was promoted to a principal position. He said, "I love being a principal because I get to meet excellent teachers and students." He decided to come to Bok South partially because of his mother. She had a dangerous disease and this position allows him to be closer to her.

Mr. Rosado loves the New York Yankees. He travels often to go see their games. "I would save every penny just to go to the game."

We are so glad Mr. Rosado chose to come to Bok!

Staff Spotlight

Alexa Lopez, Aubree Beaty

Mrs. Woods at a young age was always the teacher's pet and a goodie two shoes, she wanted to help everyone and do everything. She didn't always want to be a teacher. Originally she wanted to be a Marine Biologist or Mammalogist and rescue dolphins and marine life, then she thought her calling was to be a youth pastor and work in a church but then she needed a real job so she interviewed work at Bok and got hired the first 10 minutes of her interview to become a language arts teacher. She enjoys teaching language arts and she loves her students. In the future she would like to teach photography because she took a digital class about photography and enjoyed it. She would also like to teach P.E. Mrs. Woods loves helping people especially the school, that's why she's always helping with raising money and other things for Bok. Mrs. Woods is such a big help around, such a kind, and loving person.

Student Spotlight

Ashlee Gibson and Cierra Witherspoon

Kaneilius Purdy is 14 years old and in the 8th grade. He enjoys playing football and he also goes by Black. Kaneilius started playing football at the age of 4 for the Lake Wales Seahawks because his dad inspired him to do it and his dad wanted to see him in the NFL one day on tv. He has over 20 trophies. Kaneilius also played basketball for Bok South, BWM, and AAU basketball teams. Kaneilius said he, "grew up around basketball and football players" so that is what encouraged him to do these sports.

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Reminders

Stay tuned to social media and sign up for callouts so you can keep up to date with current events for the school. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

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Word Bank

Bok Cross Country Schoology Academics Keywords Schedule
Uniform Classroom Cafeteria Student Reed Zach

Fun Facts About Florida

1. Florida has a museum of fossilized poop.
2. It is illegal for unmarried women to skydive on Sundays.
3. It is illegal to sing while wearing a swimsuit in public.

Riddles to Work Your Brain

1. What can you hold in your right hand, but never your left?
2. What runs, but never walks? Murmurs, but never talks? Has a bed, but never sleeps? And has a mouth, but never eats?
3. Sara has 4 daughters and each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does Sara have?

Answers: 1. your left hand, 2. a river, 3. 5 - they all share the same brother