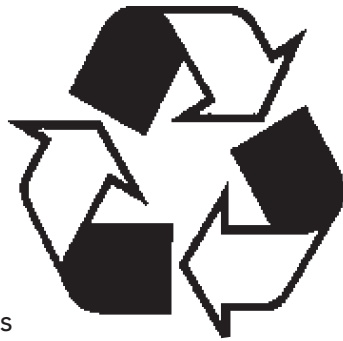


a note from the GREEN TEAM



Green Team Recycling Announcement

Deffenbaugh recycling has come to Border Star Montessori. Now your kids can recycle the same items at school they're used to recycling at home. In an effort to be more mindful of our finite resources and with the help of Deffenbaugh, Border Star Montessori has launched a school wide recycling program. Currently students in art classes are decorating large recycling receptacles for each hallway. Students can put paper, paperboard, cardboard, appropriate plastic and metal into these centrally located bins. The contents of these hallway bins can then be deposited in our recycling dumpster, adjacent to our trash dumpster.

Brookside St. Patrick's 32nd Annual



Warm-Up Parade

We've saved a spot in the parade for all Border Star Montessori students (and parents and friends). The parade begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. If you want to walk with the Border Star Montessori group, be in line at 1 p.m. wearing your spirit wear (we'll announce the parade meeting location a week before the event). New rule: due to safety concerns, Border Star participants within the parade are asked to not bring their dogs. If you have questions, feel free to contact Robynn Nevins at robynns@gmail.com or Kristi Furey at kristi.furey@gmail.com.

The Border Star Montessori PTA newsletter is printed monthly during the school year. The deadline is the last Wednesday of each month. Pictures, stories, letters -- the Border Star Montessori Communications Team welcomes them all. Email us at borderstar@mulcyber.com.

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IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE NEW PTA OFFICERS.

If you're interested in working with a few other people to put together a list of nominees, contact Jamie Straley (jstraley1966@gmail.com) or Jennifer Wolfsie (jggraham@yahoo.com) to find out more.

Brookside Art Fair attendees will need a place to park this May. And the Border Star Montessori parking lot will be there to help out. But we also need you! Contact Kristi Furey at kristi.furey@gmail.com to ask how you can volunteer for one of the school's biggest fundraisers. The Art Fair will run Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

- Jan 20
Talent Show, Auditorium
2 p.m.
 - Jan 27
Movie Night, Auditorium
6:30 p.m.
 - Feb 2
PTA Exec Mtg, Room 113
5:30 p.m.
 - Feb 6
Principal Coffee, Room 113
8:30 a.m.
 - Feb 7
Parent Involvement Night
6:30 p.m.
 - Feb 14
Valentine's Day Parties
Student classrooms
 - Feb 16
NO SCHOOL
Parent / Teacher Conferences
 - Feb 17
NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day
 - Feb 19
Family Night, Rollerskating at Skate City (103rd & Mastin)
4 p.m.
 - Feb 20
NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- All times/dates/locations subject to change.



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Matthew Craig counts the money he and his team generated during last month's bake sale. The money will go toward the students' Upper Elementary Model UN trip.

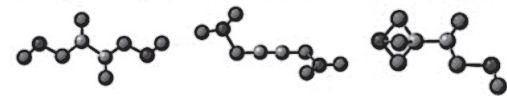
Photo by Kristi Furey



MOVIE NIGHT - Kung Fu Panda 2

Hang out with the Legend of Awesomeness (not Ms. Langston - the other Legend of Awesomeness) this Friday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Concession proceeds (lemonade, popcorn and maybe almond cookies) will go toward the 6th grade Model UN trip.

Date, time, place and concession menu are subject to change.



Border Star Montessori student co-authors chemistry journal article

“A computational study of novel nitratocarbon, nitritocarbonyl, and nitrate compounds and their potential as high energy materials”

Those are a lot of big words that most of us wouldn't begin to understand. But an Upper Elementary student in Mr. Boehr's class has a handle on it.

Clara Lazen, a Border Star Montessori fifth grader, put together a molecular model as part of a science lesson she had been working on in class. After asking Mr. Boehr about the viability of the model's atomic structure, Clara gave Mr. Boehr some pause for thought.

That's when Mr. Boehr enlisted the help of a friend.

After taking a look at Clara's design, Robert Zoellner, PhD, a chemistry professor from Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. took interest in Clara's model -- enough interest that he devoted his latest scientific publication to the study of the molecular structure.

Following some computer simulations, Dr. Zoellner came to the conclusion that



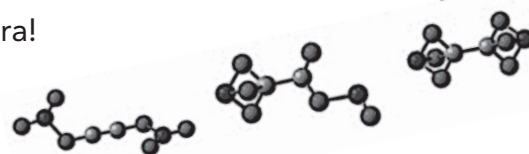
(Photo from Kansas City Star)

the study of Clara's model (and his subsequent findings) warranted a place in the "Computational and Theoretical Chemistry" journal. Both Clara and Mr. Boehr are cited in the journal as co-authors (enter "Clara Lazen" into Google's Scholar search to pull up the article).

Clara's co-authored study caught the attention of the media as well. The Kansas City Star, Fox 4 News and other media outlets have contributed to Clara's 15 minutes of fame.

In fact, you can still catch Clara's story on fox4news.com in the "Reaching 4 Excellence" section of the site.

Great job Clara!



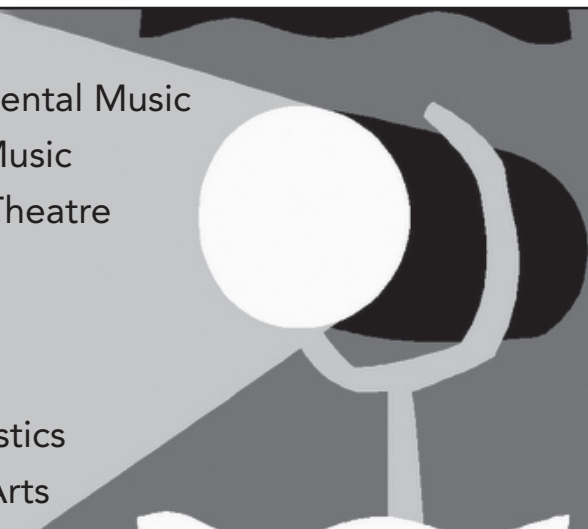
ANNUAL BORDER STAR MONTESSORI TALENT SHOW

Come see what a Border Star Dragon is made of. Stop by the auditorium (open studio) at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 20 and watch our students put the *STAR* in Border Star.

For more information, contact Mrs. Finley at 816-418-5156 or 816-418-5150.

Students will be featuring their talent in the following areas:

- Instrumental Music
- Vocal Music
- Music Theatre
- Drama
- Poetry
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Visual Arts



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Got stuff? FREE Event!

The Border Star Montessori Green Team encourages everyone to put January 21 on their calendar. Bring your surplus clutter to a FREE community event hosted by local Kansas City Professional Organizers and help the Harvesters Food Network at the same time!

When: Saturday, January 21, 2012
Where: Goodwill – 89th & Wornall
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Got documents to shred? ProShred will be on location to get rid of all your personal documents, quickly and easily.



Got building material, paints or other leftover home improvement project materials? Experts from Habitat for Humanity ReStore will gladly take them off your hands.



Got new stuff for Christmas? Box up the old stuff and bring it to Goodwill. Toys, electronics, clothes, household items are welcomed! Not sure if you should bring it? Bring it anyway! Goodwill has a great recycling program.

While these services are provided free of charge, organizers appreciate the support of the community. Bring canned items and non-perishables to fill the Harvesters barrels that will be on location.



Did you make a new year's resolution to get more organized this year? Don't wait any longer. January is Get Organized (GO) Month and now is the perfect time to put a plan into action. Not sure where to start? Speak with any of the professional organizers on location to help you reach your goal.



Girl Scout cookies still available

Stop by the Girl Scout's table this week for your last chance to get a hold of some Do-Si-Dos or Thin Mints. They're going fast and may not hold out for the rest of the week so visit the Troop 3033 table soon. Questions? Contact Wendie Cooper at wendienkc@gmail.com.

Principal Coffee

The first monday of every month
 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
 Room 113

