



# *The Barclay School Chronicle*

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## **Midlands Tech**

By J.J.

Back in January, the older kids were invited back to Midlands Tech along with some parents and Dr. G. Before we went there, we all took a test to see what our interests are. When we got there, we were not expecting to be in the boardroom. They were very nice and had drinks and snacks ready for us along with a folder that had information about the school and classes we could take. One of my interests is computer design. When we all got settled, Nick, the admissions coordinator, told us what we were going to be doing and introduced us to some of the Midlands Tech students that were there. We were invited to watch a science project. It was very interesting to watch. After watching the experiment, we went back downstairs to the boardroom where Ms. Becky Garnett, the program director, gave us information about programs we could take. It was a very fun experience to spend a day at a college. I hope to go back soon.



## **Bunnies' Brew**

By Alyx

Bunnies' Brew is a plant fertilizer. It has all natural ingredients. Bunnies' Brew helps make your plants healthy and happy. The Barclay School is a green school which means we recycle. At the Barclay School, we have lots of animals including one bunny. Ms. Edith and Dr. G. came up with the idea to make Bunnies' Brew. It is bunnies' poop and water mixed together. It makes a great fertilizer for your plants. We have our own sticker label to put around the bottle for our Bunnies' Brew. There is also a white cotton tail on the back bottom of the bottle. Bunnies' Brew is a safe and awesome plant fertilizer.



## I Love My Mom

By Wil

I love my mom. I like to sing music with Mom. I like to go to the grocery store with Mom. I like to hug Mom. I LOVE my mom! She takes me to the Barclay School. Mom plays blocks with me. Mom plays cars with me. Mom gives me a bath and washes my hair. She helps me with my toothbrush, and then I go to sleep. When I get up, I have cereal and go to the Barclay School. She's the best mom!



## Penguins

By Dominic

We're learning about penguins. They have feathers. They are birds. They drink salt water. I think salt water tastes disgusting. They eat fish. They have a hook on their beaks to catch their food.



## Learning How to Ride a Bike

By Desmond

I'm trying to learn how to ride a bike. I'm learning how to ride a bike at school. Mr. Compton and Mrs. Mary are teaching me how to ride a bike. I have to learn how to not fall down on the bike. I have to learn how to push the pedals. I'm excited to ride a bike. I want to ride a bike on the streets. I like to ride a bike at home.



## Penguins

By Sara

Penguins have feathers. They eat fish and krill. Krill looks like shrimp. I love shrimp. I like watching them play and swim at the zoo. They drink salt water. They live in the ocean.

## Running

By Joseph S.

I like to run outside. I run to the goats. I run to the barn. I run to Miss Mary. I feel better when I run. I like to run fast. I'm not allowed to run inside. I can run outside.



## Barclay Bake Sale

By Nate

On Friday, Amy, Ms. Edith, and I were doing a bake sale for the school at Reese's Plants. We were selling cakes, fudge, cupcakes, brownies, coffee, and Bunnies' Brew. We had a lot of donations. We sold a lot of food. There were some greenhouses. We went in two of them. We thought they were warm. One was really moist. Amy and I drove golf carts. We had fun. After that, we ate lunch. We ate some brownies there too. One guy came and took five

things. He wanted to take a picture because he was a photographer. He asked us some questions about our school then took pictures of us. We sold some more treats then went back to the school.



## Penguins

By Ethan

Penguins are cute and cuddly. They are birds. They lay eggs. They live in the Antarctic. They are shaped like a torpedo so they can go through the water fast.

## Story Time

By Hillary

On Thursday during Language Arts, Ms. Bonnie's class read to the older kids. They didn't just read old books, they wrote their own. Each of the kids had a different story. It was truly inspiring seeing and hearing the kids read so well on their own. They had all drawn pictures to go with their stories. The kids were all so excited to read their stories

to us, and we loved them. It's always interesting when the little kids have something to share with us.



### Blissful Butterflies

By Joseph

A few weeks ago, Hillary, Ronan, J.J., and I went out with Mary to the Geodesic dome greenhouse. First, we planted milkweed and fennel. We got the seeds from Dr. Arlene Matrino at USC who loves butterflies. Then we put down hay in the greenhouse as a flooring to stop the slippery mud. Once the seeds have grown enough to be transplanted outside, we will plant them in a butterfly garden at the back of the school. A few of the butterflies we are trying to attract are the Monarch, Swallowtail, and the Painted Lady. Inside in Dr. G.'s room, we have a glass fish tank that we are going to hatch butterflies in. The butterflies we are going to hatch are the Swallowtail butterflies. The Swallowtail butterfly got its name from the two hooks on the bottom of its wings that look like the tail on a swallow bird. In the garden, we are planting the milkweed for the Monarch butterflies

because they love it. We can't wait until the butterfly garden is complete.

### Twice the Bow

By Amy

Today on February the first, Lance came to school with two horses. One was bigger than the other with sleek, dark brown fur and a blackish brown mane and tail. The other one was small with light brown, fluffy fur and tan-colored mane and tail. And the funny thing is their names are both Bow. Lance told us we can call the big one Big Bow and the small one Little Bow. Before Alyx and I got on them, I slowly walked up and let Big Bow sniff my hand. After Bow let me pet him, Lance helped me onto the western saddle. I got on the saddle and put my feet in the stirrups. Lance guided Big Bow with a lead, and Dave did the same with Alyx and Little Bow. It wasn't as scary as I thought. It was actually relaxing. I patted Big Bow on the neck and talked to him a little. I love talking to animals, especially horses. Once Alyx and I were done, we went to music while everyone had their turn. When we were done, it was time for Lance to go. The class and I said our goodbyes to him. He said Big and Little Bow would be back next Wednesday. I can't wait!



## Naomi Learns to Ride a Bike

By Naomi

I am learning to ride a bike. I tried so hard to pedal. I was going to ride when Gianni crashed into me, but I was okay. When we had the training wheels put on, they had it on the wrong bike, and I rode that one for quite a while. Finally, they put them on the right one. I rode that one. Of course, it was small, and I rode it myself. It feels good to ride a bike by myself.



## YMCA

By Brandon

Last Tuesday, we went to the YMCA. First, we went to the locker room that we put our items in. Then we went to the weight room where they had equipment that they used to lift weights and ride bikes. They also have a pool that we can swim in. Some people can swim. Some people don't know how, and they also had three lanes to swim in.

