Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School

What’s Buzzing in the Beehive?

A Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School (CBMES), we strive to prepare our students to be respectful, responsible, and ready for life as a contributing member of our society. Our school hosts 294 Busy Bees that come from all walks of life. Our students comprise 60.2% of individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia, 22.8% are Filipino, 9.9% are Chamorro, 3.4% are Asian (Japanese, Korean, and Chinese) and 3.7% are identified as Mixed or Other Pacific Islanders. We welcome these different cultural perspectives and take every opportunity to learn from our students, as this helps us learn more about ourselves as educators and individuals. These unique circumstances bring everyone together to form a family-like bond that fills our school climate with an environment conducive to teaching and learning. In our school, not only does our leader have a voice, but so do our students and teachers. This generates a positive and empowering atmosphere.

One of our main goals is to improve the level of literacy in every student. This focus is what drives everything we do. One of the unique things we have in place to improve literacy with our students is access for all students online on a consistent basis through the use of the Achieve3000 system. Student success is then celebrated weekly when students grow from one challenge to the next.

Another initiative that sets us apart from other schools is the implementation of what we call the “Community Connection,” which infuses literacy with both character education and career awareness. We invite individuals and community agencies from different professions that connect literacy to the outside world for our students. These volunteers present their careers as well as their contributions to making the community a better place for all people. We have had volunteers from a variety of agencies such as the Guam Police Department, John F. Kennedy High School’s Air Force JROTC Program, the Guam National Guard, the Guam Fire Department, the Judiciary of Guam, the Guam Probation Office, the Attorney General Office, the Guam International Airport Authority Police, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the sailors of the USS Ronald Reagan! This unique experience that our students take part in highlights the connection of academic excellence and empathetic character to lifelong careers.

CBMES is unique in the way that we integrate learning with character education, career awareness, and technology use. Our community partnership makes relevant connections between education and the real world. As part of the State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP), we are continuously improving our practices to ensure that our students get the best education possible to allow them to be outstanding members of the community.