

Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School

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What's Buzzing in the Beehive?

At 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 includes 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 agen-

proving our practices to ensure that our students get the best education possible to allow them to be outstanding members of the community.

cies 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 Air National Guard, the Guam Fire Department, the Judiciary of Guam Marshals, the Guam Probation Office, the Attorney General Office, 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 empathic 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 im-



Left: Officers from JOG Probation Office and GDOE SAOs present their profession and how they need to "cooperate" with others to keep our island safe!



The Guam Fire Department helped bring Santa Claus to CBMES for Christmas in December 2016.



Students look on as cadets from John F. Kennedy High School's Air Force JROTC performed their unarmed demonstrations.



A community volunteer from the USS Ronald Reagan signs off on the passport book focused on Phonics for our Kinder students.



Collective law enforcement agencies (JOG Marshals & Probation Officers, Guam Customs & Airport Police and AG's), held demonstrations for our students when they visited our campus to present the Word of the Month "Cooperation"