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~Read about...

- BLA's first place catapult!
- A gallery walk with the classics.
- A spooky volunteer event.
- A special guest at BLA.
- More of your officers (and more to come!)

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It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's a pumpkin!

'Whiss'. that was the audible sound in the air as the catapults shot balls through the air. It was an exciting day at Mount Greylock High School. Schools from all over Massachusetts gathered there to see if their school would win the contest. Not only was there a catapult contest, but also a heated hula-hoop challenge and a worm race. Boston Latin Academy's catapult went over 200 feet, making our school proud. One of the things that was especially entertaining was going to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. We were shown.



Photo: Aiden Low (*12) and father setting up catapult.

well known stories like the Apple of Discord through works of art. The students impressed the guide with their vast knowledge of mythology. I asked some students about what their favorite

part of the day was and what keeps them coming back. One student answered, "My favorite part was looking at the catapults and seeing how they're set up. This is my second year coming. I keep coming back because it's fun to be able to hang out with your friends and seeing us compete against other schools and seeing who's better *cough* BLA." My experience at the catapult contest was definitely a positive one and I can't wait to go back next year!

-Shayla Hinds



Photo: Mrs. Mix (BLA Latin teacher) and BLACC junior engineers.

Letter from the Editor

Salvete BLACC!

I hope you've enjoyed the events and Forum BLArum issues thus far. In this issue, you will read about BLA success at the Catapult Kickoff event, meeting Waldo at a volunteer Halloween party (volunteering to go to, well cater, a party? Who knew!?), and more. Our next big event is Classics Day, which will be hosted at BU on ,get this, a Friday. You heard it here first folks- the next Classics Club Event will require attendees to miss a day of school. Be sure to check out additional classics clubs events and if you have not already (can't imagine why)- Join the Classics Club!

- Christina Kelly

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Gallery of the Classics



Photo: BLACC members enjoying lunch at Catapult!

Many schools, from all of Massachusetts, gather together for an exciting day at this year's catapult at Mount Greylock Regional High School. Not only was there a catapult contest, but other entertainment included the Sterling and Francine Clark art museum gallery walk and many workshops that you

can be involved in. The day started off with a general assembly where the officer's performed modernized skit on the tragic tale of Pyramus and Thisbe. They definitely had the crowd amused. The gallery walk was very enjoyable we were shown many paintings that were big contributions to the roman

mythological culture, such as 'Perseus rescues Andromeda'. My favorite painting was 'The chariot of Aurora'. After all the workshops ended, all the schools gathered outside to watch the catapult. But, before the catapult kicked off I took a moment to ask some students how they were feeling about the event so far. Eighth grader Malika said, *"So far it has been a really great experience, my favorite part was*

helping build the catapult." When the catapults started flinging, the crowd got to singing and cheered on their school. You can tell by the very complex catapults that all schools really put great effort and time into building. BLA took the win with a distance over 200 feet. This catapult was a great way to start off the school year.

-Branajha Rembert



Photo: Classical art in the Francine Clark Art Museum



Photo:
Malik and Batman!

Dinosaurs, Pirates, Spiders, Oh my!

Dinosaurs, pirates, princesses and Spider-Men poured through the front doors of West Roxbury's District E-5 Police Station, eventually spilling out onto the sidewalk. On October 25, the West Roxbury police station held their 10th annual

Halloween party. At the event there was face painting, a balloonist, clowns and magicians. There was even a K9 and Bomb squad demo at the event. Behind the station a light show took place. As children jumped in bouncy houses, their glow stick

necklaces and bracelets danced alongside them as they enjoyed the Friday night gathering. It felt good to bring smiles to all those kids' faces. As the party died and kids began to leave the smell of popcorn flowed through the air and smacked me in the face.

-Branajha Rembert

"Dinosaurs, pirates, Princesses and Spider-Men poured through the front doors"



Photo: BLA Seniors enjoying the fun!

Halloween Party in District E-5

On October 25th, kids happily flounced into West Roxbury's District E-5. I saw pirates, superheroes, and pretty princesses gathering around excited to have their early Halloween party. Everyone had the chance to dance with Spiderman, look inside a bomb squad truck, watch a magic show and jump on the bouncy house. I felt overjoyed to give children excitement and something fun to do on a Friday night, even though my sweater will forever smell like popcorn. Children danced along to well know Halloween music under the bright lights and continued on outside, dancing under the stars. And I can happily say I finally found Waldo!

- Shayla Hinds

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Greco- Roman Egypt

I had the pleasure of sitting through an amazing presentation by Brian McGing, Regius Professor of Greek at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. The captivating presentation was about Greco-Roman Egypt. Professor McGing told us about hieroglyphics of Egypt and the language of the Egyptians. Although it was Egyptian

language, the Greek alphabet was used. The influence from one nation to another was very much in effect. He also told us about papyrus and its importance. What made this presentation so different from any other is that it is focused and touched upon the common everyday people as opposed to just hearing about the nobles and aristocrats of the time. For

example, there was a papyrus of an average man's tax return showing everyday life. Papyrus showed different types of writing styles and pictures of regions that were very well preserved by sands of the time which have now been dug up in modern times to gain knowledge of the extraordinary Ancient-Roman and Egyptian times.

-Darren Chanel-Volmar



Photo:
Greek Lecturer, Brian McGing

Coming (very) Soon!

- Classics Day: December 6, 2013
 - Boston University
- The New York Met Trip
 - January 18, 2014
- Massachusetts State Convention: April 11-13, 2014
 - Barnstable High School

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Catapult Kickoff Event Results

This year BLA placed:

- 1st place in the trebuchet.
- 1st place in the Ballista.
- 2nd place with Sonny Diep's marshmallow catapult.

Photo: Sonny's Marshmallow Catapult (2nd Place)



Photo: Jr. BLA Engineer and Mr. Low in Ballista contest

Meet your Officers!

Branajha Rembert



Salvete omnes!
This year I am finally in the big house as a freshman, I am also the co-reporter of the forum BLArum. My role as a reporter on the BLACC board is to write reports on JCL events that will interest the BLACCers. Outside of the club, you'll

see me rowing on the Charles or in the music room singing. Please feel free to share any news or reports pertaining to any MassJCL events if you ever see me in the hallway.

Valete!

Georgie Contreras



Salve BLACCers,
My name is Georgie Contreras and I am one of your presidents this year. This is my fifth year as a member of the BLACC. I enjoy certamen very much- my best subject is language. Outside of the classics club you may see me head banging at metal

concerts, reading historical fiction, or even watching wrestling. I hope you have a great year in the classics under my, and my co-president's leadership.

Vale!



Member Count:

117