



# MONTHLY NEWS

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

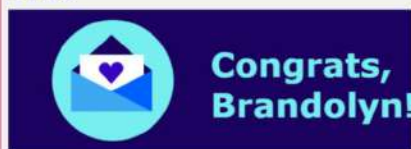
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Jan 29** – Beginning of Academics
- **Feb 14** – Valentine's Day
- **Feb 19** – Presidents' Day



### TEACHER'S MATTER

**DONORS CHOOSE**



Whoa! Nevada Department of Education, one of our partners, thinks your project is terrific. They just gave to [Good Books and Hands-On!](#) and left you a note.

Here's what they said:

"The State of Nevada is proud to champion the efforts of Nevada's educators through Senate Bill 339 sponsored by Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop. The Legislature, Governor Joe Lombardo, and State Superintendent Jhone Ebert hope this investment emphasizes our appreciation of your tireless work for our students. It is our honor to support you in this way as you give so much to Nevada's children."

Congratulations! We're so glad we could help this supporter find your classroom. Your project idea must be somethin' special!

The DonorsChoose Team

*This donation doesn't need a response.*

We are delighted to welcome 58 cadets to Class 24-1 as we embark on a new cycle at BBYCA. As we conclude the initial phase, "Acclimation," it brings me great pride to announce that all 58 cadets have successfully navigated through this crucial stage, showcasing their unwavering commitment to the program. This achievement is particularly noteworthy as it marks the first time, during my tenure as the director, that every cadet has reached the completion of the initial phase.

Our success is a testament to the combined efforts of our dedicated staff and teachers, as well as the increased support we've received. Moving forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the growth of each cadet, fostering an environment that promotes excellence and personal development.

### A VISIT FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Our Adjutant General, Major General Ondra Berry stopped by to personally welcome, greet and have lunch with our new cadets.



### SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

S2C begins February 3<sup>rd</sup> and by the end of the cycle, cadets will have all earned 40 hours. What a way to give back.

### Monthly Motivation

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Helen Keller