

# Specialist Newsletter

## Art with Ms. Maryanna

Happy summer Arbor Families! We had a super creative year! It was wonderful seeing many of you at our art show in May!

What have we been creating in the Art Studio?

### Kindergarten:

Invented plant drawings and a Rainbow Mosaic

### 1st Grade:

Printmaking and a Rainbow Mosaic

### 2nd grade:

Collographs

### 3rd Grade:

Marker prints of animals

### 4th Grade:

Food Sculptures and Food Stuffies

### 5th Grade:

The Basquiat Project



Kindergarten



1st Grade

*Congratulations to 5th graders Penelope Drozdetski and Savannah Pena for having the artwork selected for the Annual Basquiat Project Art Show at Barclays Center in July!*



Savannah Pena



Penelope Drozdetski

Have a wonderful and creative summer! Don't forget to explore all of the incredible art institutions that are free for NYC kids to visit! Pack a sketchbook and enjoy all the joy that summer brings. See you in September!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments. My email is [Michelangel@brooklynarbor.org](mailto:Michelangel@brooklynarbor.org)

## Physical Education with Mr. Ian & Ms. Leighton

We have had an amazing school year in Physical Education! Getting to know your children has been an incredible experience and we cannot wait to see them again next year! We have learned so much this year...from spatial awareness, balance, locomotor movement, fitness, and agility to basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

Stay active this summer with these FREE ideas:

- ★ **Asphalt Green- Free Basketball League:** Register [here](#)! The program runs every Saturday starting July 5th. Spots are limited.
- ★ **Brooklyn Bridge Boathouse:** Free kayaking Thursdays from 5:30–6:45 pm as well as weekends from 10am–2pm (See all Brooklyn Bridge Park events [here](#).)
- ★ **Zip Lining @ Alley Pond Adventure Course:** Free on Sundays- More Info [Here](#)
- ★ **Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 6 Water Lab** ([link](#))
- ★ **CityParks Foundation:** runs free golf, soccer, and track and field, and general fitness programs for kids who reside in NYC ([link](#))
- ★ **CityParks Tennis:** offers free instruction for children ages 6 to 17 of all skill levels, from beginner lessons to tournaments and leagues ([link](#))

Have an active and fun-filled summer!

## Wellness with Ms. Reed

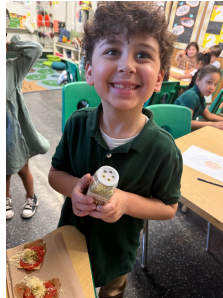
### Welcome Summer!

We have had a delicious May and June cooking in Wellness and I am so happy to have heard from many of you about the recipes that students have shared with you and even tried at home.

We made the spice blend Za'atar, Challah bread, Pizza bites, Tropical Fruit Salad and Super Sour Sorta Soda (Flavored seltzer water!) Ask your child what their favorite recipe was!

As we close out the school year, I hope you all have a restful summer with a sprinkle of adventure and heaping spoonful of family time. Summer time is precious with loved ones. Vision boards are not just for the New Year, but a great Wellness activity to do as a family for summer.

Enjoy, stay cool, hydrated and rested and see you in September!



### Free Summer Wellness Activities in New York City:

[Free NYC Summer Meals](#)  
[Free NYC Parks Activities](#)  
[Shape Up New York](#)  
[Wellness Wednesday NYC](#)

As always, reach out to me with any questions or comments at [reed@brooklynarbor.org](mailto:reed@brooklynarbor.org) or visit my [Amazon Wish List](#).

## Music with Ms. Michelle

Hello Brooklyn Arbor Community!  
These past few months have been full!

Classes finished up their ukulele units, having learned the C and F chords, we've learned about AAPI cultures around the world through dance and movement, Pre-K have worked hard on their moving up songs, and all classes have finished up the year with review games.

Fourth graders have worked hard these past few months on their group compositions. It was interesting to see what open space and time brought these children, allowing them to create and make music together in a collaborative space. Each group has practiced and performed beautifully. See band photos below. Videos to be shared via teachers soon!



Animal Band



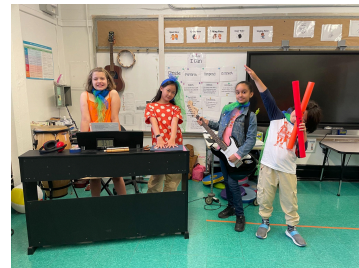
The Bobs



The Dodo Birds



The Flowers



Earth

Below are listed many free concerts available in the city:

- [NYC Parks Free Concerts](#)
- [BRIC Concerts at Prospect Park](#)
- [Bryant Park Picnic Performances](#)
- [City Parks Summer Stage](#)

I hope you have the best summer!  
Musically Yours,  
Michelle Mercado

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