
On October 9, 2019, the VSA BMS Roadrunners volleyball team met up with the Astumbo Dragons in the Dragons’ home front. Our Roadrunners have been doing great throughout the season. Their performance on this day continues to overwhelm their opponents. The boy’s A team and B teams dominated the game defeating the Dragons in their home game. This was the last game for the quarter and our boys did an awesome job. Although, our Roadrunners were not able to bring the championship trophy home, they are still CHAMPIONS in OUR HEART. Ah Beep! Beep!

**TOKES! TOKES! TOKES!**

Q: What do you call a running turkey?
A: Fast Food.

Q: What sound does a turkey’s phone make?
A: Wing! Wing!

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
A: Pumpkin Pi.

Q: What’s the most musical part of a turkey?
A: The drumstick.

Q: What key has legs but cannot open doors?
A: Turkey.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?
A: It was the chicken’s day off.

Q: Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
A: The turkey because it is already stuffed.

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
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Q: Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
A: To prove that he wasn’t chicken.

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TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL

Health 

family 

food 

HOME 

friends

By Torri Taijeron

Gary Kuper is the president of the Parent-Teacher Organization at Benavente Middle School for the past 2 1/2 years. He was born and raised in Florida; he is 62 years of age. He was in the Navy and after traveling to many places he decided to make Guam his home.

Mr. Kuper’s personal goals is to make himself useful to the island and to also keep his family safe. When Mr. Kuper attended a BMS school performance where his grandchild attended, he noticed an expose electrical outlet that he was concerned about. He volunteered to help take care of the problem; since then, he has been visible on the campus. He is interested in helping the students at BMS because they are appreciative of his hard work around the campus.

As PTO president, Mr. Kuper would like to have a covered walkway where the students do not get wet going to their classes in the fast track and new annex. He is committed to making BMS a safe environment for all to appreciate and proud attending the best middle in the island.

By Cassandra Kido

Mr. Gibson is an eighth-grade Reading teacher at Benavente Middle School. He has been teaching at Benavente for three years. He has also taught Language Arts and Science at Jose Rios Middle School. He started teaching since 2014 and got his master’s degree in 2018, and never looked back.

Mr. Gibson grew up in Barrigada. He attended the University of Guam where he got his undergrad degree and master’s degree. When he started attending college, he said, “It was scary at first,” but then he realized what he wanted to do.

He became an educator and got his college degree as a journalist. He worked for Governor Calvo for three years, but wanted to try something different. He wrote writing press releases and talked to the media. He also worked on projects to help make the community better.

He said that what motivates him is when a student can make connections with his class and be able to teach what happened before. One of his goals is for everyone to have a fair shot, like he wants to find different ways to help his students acquire the necessary skills to succeed.

Mr. Gibson said he didn’t have any “life-changing” experiences, more of “eye-opening” experiences because he needed to learn how to make mistakes in order to learn. He also had to learn to be careful and to believe in himself. He said that it is okay to work by himself, but also how to trust others.

By Viguel Co

Camile Othervacho is a 33-year-old teacher, and grew up in Tamuning. It was basically a fun living environment with fun friends. They would play outdoor activities, has sleepovers and did what normal kids would do.

She went to a private Catholic college in the Philippines called the University of the Assumption. The school did many hands-on activities. For example, they would see what it was like for kids to go through harsh environments just to get to school, then, they would have to travel through the same path. They also did many on the job training. The school was strict with the uniform attire and with grades.

But she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2nd Education and majored in English. She has been teaching Earth Science for about 7 years, but she has been in GOOE for 10 years. She makes sure that every student will take in and use the information that they learn in their everyday lives. She tries to inspire her students to do the best they can and to strive to have a successful future. The appreciation that she has for her students motivates her to even work harder. She wants students to walk out her door with information gained that will help them become successful. She wants the best for her students, and she tries to help them work towards that. She said that the staff at BMS were welcoming and very kind when she first started here.
By Lysez Santos
Erjohn Guiking is a 7th grade Math teacher for the Island Warriors team. He is very busy this school year; besides being a Math teacher, he is also the Warrior’s Council advisor, Sports Club Co-advisor, as well as the acting Math Department Chair. He has been teaching at Benavente Middle School for two years, so this is his third school year. As a Math teacher, he shares his knowledge of mathematics with the students, through engaging and exciting strategies.

He was born and raised in Balucan, Philippines. He grew up in a close-knit family with three siblings. On November 2008, his family migrated to Guam for better opportunities that they could not have in the Philippines. He went to Benavente Middle School for eighth grade, then John F. Kennedy High School. He attended the University of Guam for college and finished with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with honors. Overall, attending college has enhanced his knowledge, as well as teaching him important lessons.

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By Anthony Santos
Aidan Cruz is 14 years old and is from Chalan Apataling, Dededo. He lives with both his parents and sister. He went to Finegayan Elementary School. What he enjoys most about school is lunch time so he can visit his friends. What he does in school, Aidan wants people to see him as a reliable, smart, and reliable. His Career Ed class helps him in achieving his goal and figuring out his dreams.

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