

WEEKLY PAPER

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Monday:
Cinco de Mayo

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Tuesday: Smart Scholar Workshop

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Sunday:
Mother's Day

Happy Monday, BHSEC Bronx! May has officially arrived with more sunshine, celebrations, and creativity in full bloom. This week, we have festive traditions like Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day, so there's something for everyone to participate in! We're also highlighting an opportunity for creative writers in the BHSEC Bronx community to be featured in a network-wide publication. Let's get into what's blooming around BHSEC Bronx this week!

What's Happening This Week?

Cinco de Mayo: This Monday, May 5th, is Cinco de Mayo, a day that marks the Mexican army's victory at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. In the U.S., it has become a celebration of Mexican culture, pride, and perseverance, especially in Mexican-American communities. At BHSEC Bronx, we're proud to have a diverse community of students from all backgrounds. We want to honor and uplift these traditions that honor the contributions of Mexican heritage to our school and society.

Smart Scholar Button-Making Teacher Appreciation Workshop: Want to show some love to your favorite teacher? Join Smart Scholar's button-making workshop this Tuesday, May 6th, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. in Room 206. Come get creative and make personalized buttons to celebrate the teachers who inspire you!

The New EarlyBard Issue: Our 5th issue of the year is on the way! Be sure to check it out at the end of this week on our website for exciting articles, fresh updates, and all things BHSEC Bronx.

Mother's Day: This Sunday, May 11th, don't forget to show love to the moms, mother figures, and guardians who support us every day. Behind every individual, there is a strong guardian who has supported us, so it's time to show them some love. Whether it's a heartfelt card, a hug, or just doing the chores without being asked, small things matter, and those small things make their life easier. The EarlyBard recommends going beyond these small things, maybe pick her favorite movie, cook her breakfast in bed, or go enjoy outside with her! Let's appreciate the women who raised us, cheered us on, and not only celebrate them on this day but every day for their hard work.



Don't forget: Mother's Day is May 11!

Academic Support Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to stay on top of your academics this May? BHSEC Bronx is collaborating with Elevate Education to give free Saturday Study Skills Workshops from 10-11 AM, which cover topics like Motivation & Goal Setting(May 10th) & Ace Your Exams(May 17). Right after, 11-12:30 PM, students can go to Regents review sessions for Algebra 1, ELA & U.S. History. If Parents are interested, there are free virtual parent workshops, the next one is on May 8 at 6:30 PM, covering Stress Management.

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Wordsearch Winner: Khloe Scully

Our winner for the wordsearch is Khloe Scully! Khloe Scully is a sophomore at BHSEC Bronx. This spotlight is well-deserved. She has truly lifted our school spirit with her energy, her insightful thoughts during class, and her creative artwork! Khloe truly represents the energy we love to see at BHSEC Bronx. Her classmates describe her as “helpful”, “full of energy” & “funny”. Keep shining, Khloe!

🐣 (Fluffy) Baby on Bard 🐣

Meet the newest member of the Bronx Zoo! Hatched on February 25th, this tiny, (still nameless) baby king vulture might be the cutest predator in the neighborhood. His or her --we don't know the baby's gender yet-- parents (Dad, 55; Mom, 20) were set up on their first date right here in the Bronx. According to Chuck Cerbini, the zoo's curator of ornithology, King vultures are monogamous so it's important that zookeepers ensure the pairing's compatibility.

The chick is being raised by zookeepers because of its unique genetics; its father only has one living ancestor who shares this DNA. This setup, however, comes at a cost; birds raised by humans risk failing to forge normal bird relationships when returned to their own kind. In order to prevent this from happening, zoo professionals have been feeding the baby vulture using a vulture puppet that resembles a fully-grown parent. Carolyn Fuchs, an artist who works for the zoo, went all out on this puppet project; she went to great lengths to make its colors and proportions accurate. Once a day this fake vulture brings the baby a few tasty bites of dead rodents. YUM!

If the feeding continues to go well, our local fluff ball will get a lot bigger and be around for a long time. According to New York magazine, adult king vultures can have a six-and-a-half-foot wingspan, and the oldest known one is nearly 73 and still going. That's a big bird!

The Quill x The EarlyBard- Join us!

This spring, The Quill, which is a literary magazine from BHSEC Queens, will be releasing its first-ever physical edition. They want YOUR creative work to be featured as a part of the BHSEC network. They're looking for: poetry, short stories, essays, visual art, music, and more on the theme of Spring growth and transformation. Deadline is May 16, 2025, and you can submit to The EarlyBard email or submit at thequillbard.com.

A Final Note

From honoring our maternal figures to honoring heritage, this week is packed with meaning, celebration, and opportunities to shine. Don't forget to show love this Mother's Day, support your peers from all backgrounds, and consider submitting a creative piece to The Quill. Let's keep May magical with all the buzz within our community! If you have any questions or want to get involved, email us at theearlybardbhsec@gmail.com

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