

BOBCAT BEAT

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Expansion of a BOBCAT FOOTPRINT

hat do you get when you introduce a Bobcat to a Badger?

Answer: The newest Richardson School in Madison, Wisconsin.

Madison, home of our State Capitol, Camp Randall and Badger pride, is now also home to the newest location of The Richardson School. Located at 2802 International Lane, TRS-Madison opened its doors to students on Monday, November 7th.

It was a challenge to find a building that would provide a learning environment similar to a neighborhood school. Perseverance paid off, however, and a location with potential was discovered. Fueled by determined vision and creative energy, TRS was able to transform a diamond-in-the-rough into its most unique school setting to date.



The opening of a fourth Richardson School has not gone unnoticed by local media. TRS was featured by both television news and radio programs looking to showcase a school dedicated to providing therapeutic supports in an educational environment to students with special needs in the Madison area.

You can learn more about The Richardson School's Madison location by calling (608) 421-5267.

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Our Mission

The Richardson School is devoted to educating students with diagnoses of developmental/ neurological disabilities and behavioral or emotional issues that significantly interfere with their learning process and ability to learn in a more traditional educational setting.

The Richardson School individually tailors services to each child with an emphasis on re-integrating the child back to the home school setting as soon as possible.

The Richardson School strives to provide an optimal therapeutic environment, and therapeutic behavioral interventions in conjunction with highly individualized curriculum approaches.

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you have a hankering for some delicious Lamington, where in the world you can go to find some? What if you'd like to see a Swallow Tail Hummingbird in its native environment; to which country should you book your flight?

The answer to these questions and much more were found in the classrooms of TRS-West Allis during their *International Fair*, held on November 18th. Each classroom chose a



country to represent, and then set about to create a tourist experience by preparing traditional cuisine and hands-on activities. This creative approach encouraged fellow students to learn about the country in a fun and engaging way.

Prior to "take-off,"

students were given passports and currency for each country, then "travelled" to Japan, Italy, Jamaica, Germany and Australia. In Classroom 206, red and white were the colors of the day, and a lesson on chopsticks accompanied a menu of gyoza and rice, *for the low price of 100 yen*. Student artwork filled the classroom, including paintings of mountains Fuji, Haku and Tate, the creation of a beautifully elegant cherry tree, and paper lanterns that covered the ceiling. Students even learned how to write their name in Japanese.

Over in Classroom 208, the sights and smells of Jamaica greeted every traveler. Jerk chicken, anyone? Displays featuring common wildlife, as well as famous Jamaicans Bob Marley and Patrick Ewing required students to lift-the-flap to discover answers to intriguing questions. Here is where we found the home of the brilliantly-colored Swallow Tail Hummingbird, and learned that they can consume up to 2000 insects per day. (*We'll take the jerk chicken, please!*)



When student tourists were asked what their favorite part of the entire process was, the response was nearly universal. "Eating the food!" exclaimed Kaiti, a student at the school.

Indeed, it was palate-pleasing extravaganza that featured authentic entrees from each country. Classroom 103's Little Italy offered tasty spaghetti, meatballs and marinara sauce. Germany, in Classroom 102, cooked up some bratwurst and sauerkraut, along with pretzels, and gummy bears for dessert.





Did you know the origin of the "dancing bear" was in Germany, almost 100 years ago?

If the gummy bears didn't satisfy a sweet tooth, it was Australia, Classroom 101, to the rescue with their national cake, Lamington.



A delicious combination of cake, chocolate and coconut, the Lamington was well worth the long flight. PASSPORT

With its experiences that inspired all five senses, *International Fair* at TRS-West Allis was a memorable success. Although jet-lag was one side-effect of travelling *not* felt by students, after consuming all the

cuisine and culture that five different countries had to offer, it was safe to say someone probably dozed off on the way home!

Students and staff created themed artwork for the TRS-International Fair. (Far Left) Japanese architecture is constructed in the Japan classroom. (Far Right) Visitors to "Italy" were first greeted by the Leaning Tower of Pisa in the doorway, (Counterclockwise at Left) and the classroom created a menu of authentic Italian food. (Bottom) TRS-West Allis transformed classrooms and hallways so students could travel the world.

Travel Log

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Welcome to Classroom 103's Little Italy! This is our sample of Italian food, gustare!

- Spaghetti (GF/DF/ST) -Meatballs (GF)

Marinara

Jauce (Gr/DF/SF)

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Upcoming Events

Februar

Watch for Bobcats from Brookfield making Valentine deliveries to their home school districts.

March 30

Opening Night Reception TRS Art Show Beloit College Wright Museum of Art 6-7:30 p.m.

April 14-21

Bobcat Camp Children practice skills in both a safe school setting and community environment on a weekly basis over school breaks. Call for more details.

Check out the school calendar on our website!

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The Richardson School Introduces its Therapeutic Approach to Political Leaders...



...and the State Capital is introduced to students from TRS-Brookfield.

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