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Contest
The BKPA e-magazine is holding a contest to see who can make up a catchy name for the magazine.
See page 5 for details.

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From the President's Desk:

Hello everyone! Welcome to the 1st quarterly e-Magazine of BKPA! I'm so proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. BKPA gives everyone a chance to participate in activities that involve the Bengali community! In our group, we have members that range from ages 4 – 17. All the kids are from the Princeton area, and they all come to the club to make a difference in the Bengali community. I find that very inspiring! Congratulations to all the members who submitted their most creative works in this magazine. They're all wonderful!!

Speaking of "wonderful", our Annual BKPA's Holiday Party was a big success on December 17, 2005. There was delicious food, festive games, lots of fun, dancing, and Santa gave a gift to each kid. All the BKPA members did a magnificent job at the party! Overall, everyone had a grand time and the Holidays were celebrated splendidly. Those of you attended the party should have already received the photos via email. If you did not receive your photo, let us know via comments@BKPA.org

The next major BKPA's event is the Saraswati Puja. It will be on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at Lawrenceville Club House. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Sincerely,
Nimita

Holidays by Romi

Sugar is sweet ...
And the birds go "tweet"!

Xmas cookies are yummy ...
They go inside my tummy.

Grandma knitted a sweater
It couldn't be better!!!

The bears are sleeping.
You better not be peeking.

Candy canes are tandy.
They are a special candy!!!

Rudolph leads the way.
What a happy day!!!

Summer time is gone.
Go put your mittens on.

I love snow!!!



Speech by Vice Presidents at the Holiday Party

Anita: Welcome! To the Winter/Holiday Party of BKPA (Bengali Kids of Princeton Area). My name is Anita and my partner here is Aditya. We are the Vice Presidents of BKPA. Sadly our President, Nimita, could not be here today because of a school function. We hope you have a great time and enjoy this evening's program. Aditya will now introduce our committee we have put together so far.

Aditya: In the BKPA committee, we have: 1 president, 2 vice presidents, 2 treasurers, and 2 secretaries. When I call your name, please come and stand next to me. Our president, as Anita has said before, is Nimita. Our two vice presidents are Anita and I. The two treasurers are Arnob, and Archan. So far, we only have one secretary, and that is Romi. We are looking for another secretary who would be 10 years or older and with neat handwriting. Also our game planner position has been given to Shounak (Tublu).

Anita: Ladies, gentlemen, and children, this is our BKPA committee for 2005 and 2006, so far. As our motto says, WE ARE OUR FUTURE and WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE!

When I Grow Up

By: Arnob

When I grow up I want to be a race car driver.
I would become in first place.
My race car is going to be blue,
And my race car number is going to be 2.
I have to spin around in a circle six times.
The track looks like a normal track, and
That's what I want to be when I grow up.



SANTA CLAUS WE WAIT FOR YOU!!

Santa Claus is coming to town

He's going to have surprises and even a toy clown

He brings us gifts every Christmas Eve

And through our chimney he comes and leaves

He is going to have presents for everyone

And when we wake up he'll be gone

Hey, Santa Claus we all love you

And we hope you love us too!!

By: Shounak (Tublu)

A WINTER BLAST

Rain, snow, freezing ice,

To me winter is very nice.

Except often you get a bad cold

So you have to stay in your household.

But then you smell something really sweet

So you run down so fast you can't see your feet

You go in the kitchen and can't believe your eyes

The hot chocolate on the table has caught you by surprise.

By: Aditya



“What if we were polar bears?”

*What if we were polar bears,
Digging in the snow,
Eating fish and seals,
While dancing in a row.*

*We shiver in our snowy caves
For some hope,
If something new will happen
In our snowy cove.*

By: Anita

Math Square

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Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.

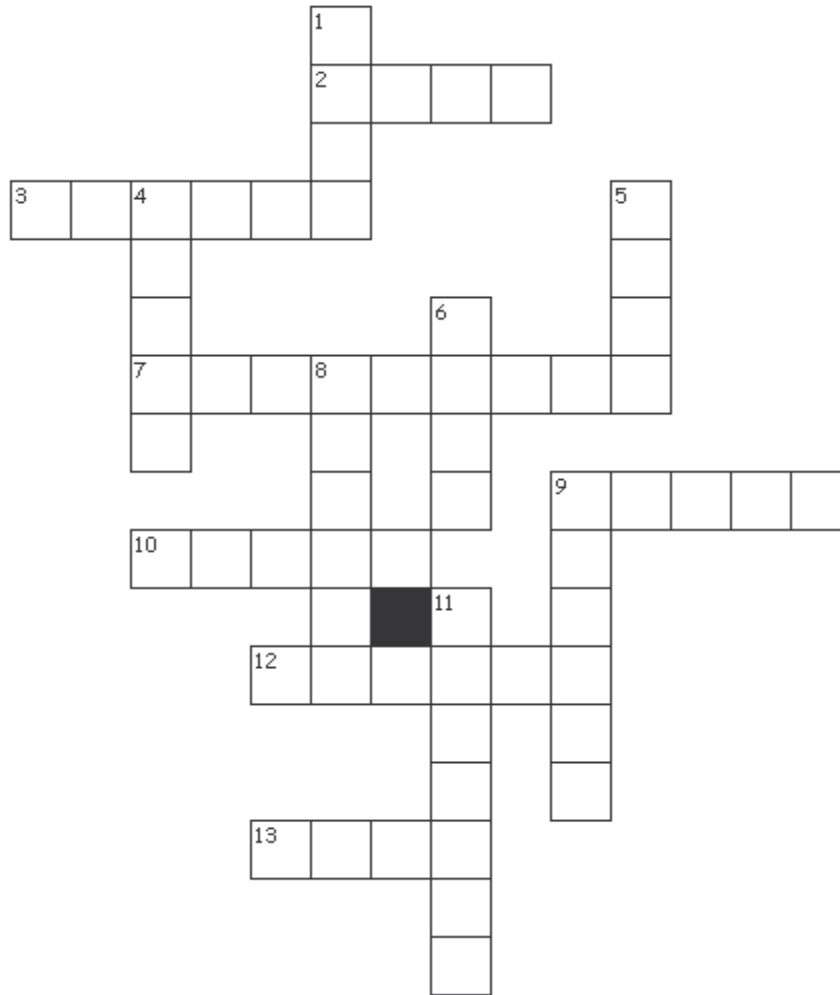
Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

e-Magazine Name Contest

If you have a catchy name for the magazine let us know via comments@BKPA.org Winner will be announced in the Spring Issue.

Criss-Cross Puzzle



* Hint: You can find some of the answers throughout the magazine. *

Across

- 2. children
- 3. first name of president of BKPA
- 7. goddess of music and learning
- 9. first name of the other treasurer
- 10. first name of the girl vice president of BKPA
- 12. god of business
- 13. religious ceremony

Down

- 1. club name
- 4. animal of god of business
- 5. first name of the secretary of BKPA
- 6. animal of goddess of learning
- 8. first name of the boy vice president of BKPA
- 9. first name of one the two treasurers of BKPA
- 11. popular language in West Bengal

The Darkness of the Night
By: Archan

**As I come
Downstairs for the night
Though nothing can be seen
I turn about**

**Huge glowing eyes pop out
And monsters are waiting to pounce
Everything looks sinister
This is one of its tricks**

**Looking around
And I see,
What it does
It comes
Only after the day passes**

**Slipping through the cracks
Of the windows
And creeps by the doors
Like an unlawful intruder**

**But first,
Takes over for the sun
Creating a land of darkness
Where only eyes of the night's
Creatures can see**

**It does its work slowly, though
Taking on only half the world
At a time**

**It beckons everyone to bed
Or else,
It engulfs anyone who intrudes
In a blanket of black**

**It holds secrecy beyond the imaginable
Giving them powers
To those undeserving
Of stealth and sneakiness
In the shadows of the black**

**But then comes, who plays the good guy
Who dampens the dark's fun
Glowing a light,
Though not always full
But finally dawn's rays approach
It fades away
For it only stays for twelve hours
And I go back to bed**

Announcement/Questions

Question of the Season

Why is it important to be a Bengali?

Your answer does not need to be more than a sentence. Please send your answer to comments@bkpa.org. All the answers will be published in the Spring issue.

Answers to the Games

Answers to the games of this issue will be on the spring issue which will be coming out in the 3rd or 4th week of April.

Or

Visit www.BKPA.org and click on e-Magazine for the answers

BKPA's Committee Members

- Nimita - President
- Aditya and Anita - Vice Presidents
- Archan and Arnob - Treasurers
- Romi - Secretary
 - We are looking to fill the 2nd secretarial position
- Shounak - Game Planner

- 2 other positions open
 - In charge of quarterly magazine
 - In charge of cultural events

What does BKPA stand for? Visit www.BKPA.org

Please mark your calendar!

*Saraswati Puja
Sunday, February 5th
10 AM to 6 PM.*

<i>10:00 – 10:30</i>	<i>Explanation of Puja</i>
<i>10:30 – 11:30</i>	<i>Puja & Anjali</i>
<i>11:30 – 11:45</i>	<i>Hate Khari</i>
<i>11:45 – 11:50</i>	<i>Say “Mantra”</i>
<i>12:00 – 1:00</i>	<i>Prasad / Lunch</i>
<i>1:05 – 1:45</i>	<i>Talent Shows (individual and group)</i>
<i>2:00 – 2:40</i>	<i>Arts & Crafts / Coloring Competition</i>
<i>2:45 – 3:00</i>	<i>Recitation</i>
<i>3:00 – 3:10</i>	<i>Announcement of winners</i>
<i>3:10 – 3:30</i>	<i>Free time</i>
<i>3:30 – 5:00</i>	<i>Games (7-Up, Puja Bingo, etc.)</i>
<i>5:00 – 6:00</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>6:30</i>	<i>Clean up completed</i>

Puja schedule will be strictly followed as Super Bowl starts at 7 PM