

# Banyan School

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## *Upcoming Events*

| <b>Event:</b>           | <b>For:</b>         | <b>Date:</b>            | <b>Time:</b>        |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Craft Fair</b>       | <b>All</b>          | <b>December 8</b>       | <b>12:30 – 4:30</b> |
| <b>Holiday Concert</b>  | <b>All</b>          | <b>December 11</b>      | <b>1 – 2:30</b>     |
| <b>Holiday Shop</b>     | <b>All</b>          | <b>December 11 – 14</b> |                     |
| <b>Picture Re-takes</b> | <b>All who need</b> | <b>December 14</b>      |                     |

### **MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS**

ALL students have been doing well applying visualization skills to stories being read in class. They share excellent details of images they create. In addition to using these strategies from the Lindamood Bell Program, students are learning all about figurative language including idioms, similes, and metaphors. They can recognize nonliteral language in poetry and are learning to visualize what it "really means". With guidance, students are making progress and having fun at the same time. They enjoyed watching videos showing pictures of idioms with literal and nonliteral meanings. Periods 2 and 7 are presently working on making predictions and reviewing main idea. I'm proud of all the work these students accomplish in class each day.

### **MR. HOFMANN'S NEWS**

Students have been getting in a lot of running in the gym by playing full-court games of Connect Four and Tic-Tac-Toe. Many of them are getting into shape for basketball season: Tryouts are Thursday afternoon in the gym. The season begins Jan. 10 at home against Chapel Hill. All players will be bringing home schedules Thursday. Go Bulldogs!

### *Saturday School*

*December 8 9:30 – 12:00*

### *Holiday Break*

*December 24 through*

*January 1<sup>st</sup>*



## MR. CUELLAR'S CLASS NEWS

In Math, we have begun the process of creating a mock grocery store where the students will be running it in the New Year. To get started, the students needed to create grocery store sections (produce, dairy international etc.). Over the next few weeks, they will fill them with appropriate food items by searching online and through grocery store circulars. The students will be finding the cost of the items so that we can "buy" them once the store is up and running. The students are excited to apply their skills to the class grocery store.

For Vistas, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have started researching Dream Jobs and Realistic Jobs to see what they need to do to do each of those job fields. We defined a Dream Job as a job that requires a lot of hard work and time where as a Realistic Job is a job that can be a job you do while you work towards a Dream Job or a job based on your skill set.

If you have any questions you can reach me [aecuellar@banyanschool.com](mailto:aecuellar@banyanschool.com)

## NEWS FROM THE SPEECH SUITE

This last week many speech groups worked on some fun Auditory Processing Activities. The activities were also useful for auditory memory and attention.

We had a lot of laughs as the children needed to listen, think and follow the 3-4 step directives very carefully. Ask your child about these speech games – lots of smiles around the speech table!

## CHEERLEADING NEWS

We will be having cheerleading tryouts Thursday afternoon.

At this time we will be practicing our first new cheer and trying on uniforms for the upcoming basketball season!

Bring it on!!!

Bring your spirit and spunk!



## NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Please remember to send in a note when picking your child up from school before dismissal. If you are allowing your child to go home with another student or another relative, we must have a note signed and dated, giving your permission to do so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## SOCIAL SKILLS

The Holidays are quickly approaching! Boys and Girls group are showing their holiday spirit with a fun secret Santa gift exchange! This week each student has received their secret Santa. During Guys and Girls group we are discussing how to buy a gift for someone and noticing what they like. It's important to remember that when purchasing a gift for someone else we do not buy something we like! Dr. Rick, Ms. Gross and I will be helping the students brainstorm some gift ideas for students. At home, we encourage you to include your family in the secret Santa process! How would your students and children know what to buy for others? As parents, how do you know what to buy for your child? How do gifts vary based on age and interests?

We are looking forward to the gift exchange! Please reach out with any questions.

Ms. Miranda

# DOG BONE SHOP WILL BE OPEN DURING LUNCH

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 TH