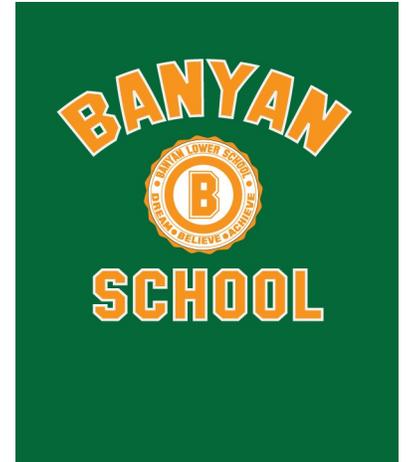


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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
PTO Dance	All	February 8	6:30-9:00 PM
No School President's Weekend	Students/Tchrs	February 15,18	All day

MR. CAMP'S CLASS NEWS

In my 2nd and 3rd period FIRST class, the students have just finished up Step 4.3 in the Wilson Reading System. They are now moving on to Step 4.4. They will be learning about how words in the English language do not end in "v" along with the vowel consonant e exception "ive." They are working very hard and will soon be on Step 5.

In my 7th and 8th period FIRST class, the students are close to finishing up Step 4.1. They will soon move on to Step 4.2 where they will encounter mixed two syllable words containing closed syllables and vowel consonant e syllables. They too are doing a great job!

As the 3rd marking period has started, I am happy to welcome the new students to my 1st, 5th, and 9th period Social Studies classes. All three classes have begun to learn about the Civil War. We are currently discussing the issues that led up to the war which include slavery, states vs. federal rights, and the preservation of the Union.

Banyan Bulldogs Basketball Schedule:

Feb 7 Away at Chapel Hill

Feb 13 Away at Deron

Feb 27 Home Deron

March 7 Home Center School

All games to begin at 10:00



MS. MITOFSKY'S CLASS NEWS

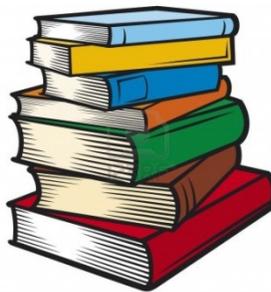
In my period 1 reading class, we are moving along through our book, "Super Fast, Out of Control". Each student takes a turn reading aloud. At the end of each chapter, we write summaries and answer comprehension questions in complete sentences. My FIRST period class is progressing along through Step 2. In my period 5 reading class, we are reading aloud and discussing aloud the novel Hatchet. The boys take turns acting out different scenes and trying to identify the different feelings the main character Brian is experiencing as we read. In periods 7 and 8 we are learning about idioms. We are also reviewing noun, adjective, and verb as well as common nouns and proper nouns. In math we are continuing skills of adding multi-digit numbers. Fridays we are continuing working with money. We are identifying coins and their specific values. Stay tuned for some fun activities planned for Saturday school next month on March 2!

MRS. SANSONE'S SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder: All Banyan Elementary School students are participating in Learning Ally's Great Reading Games! Learning Ally is a great resource for students to listen to audiobooks that may be difficult for them to decode on their own. Students may listen to books at home or even on the ride to/from school! Each week, any students participating will be entered into a raffle to win a small prize. The contest will continue until February 23rd. At the end of the contest, the top two reading classes with the most points will earn a pizza party! If you need your child's username and password, please email your child's reading teacher.

Learning Ally Reading Challenge Current Top 10 Readers:

- 1- Kevin
- 2- Matthew W.
- 3- Sacha
- 4- Alex A.
- 5- Taylor
- 6- Jade
- 7- Amanda
- 8- Adreanna G.
- 9- Keaton
- 10- Neomah



MS. MEGNA'S CLASS NEWS

We can't believe that February is already here and that means this cold weather is hopefully leaving us behind. We are really moving along with the year. In my F.I.R.S.T. classes we are working hard in Step 2. In Step 2 of the Wilson Program we have been covering welded sounds, suffixes, blends, closed syllables, and learning all the crazy rules of our English Language. We have so much to look forward to.

What great readers we have here at Banyan, I can not wait to see them keep growing. My 1st period Reading class is on chapter 5 in Ramona and Beezus. We are making movies in our mind and really picturing all the details of each chapter. These girls really know how to make a mess. In my 4th period Reading class we are starting our second Horrible Harry Chapter Book. We can't wait to see what trouble he gets into and how his friends help him solve those issues. We are going to push ourselves and read a new book next month. In my 5th period Reading class we just started a new series called the Sound Out series which is written in chapter format and gives students massive opportunities to practice decoding skills. All my classes have been practicing fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing with the books they are reading. Let's keep Reading!

MRS. PERKIN'S CLASS NEWS

During the month of February, we will be celebrating our ability to persevere through challenging tasks. In addition, during my Second and Third Period, we have moved into substep 2.2 of the Wilson Reading System. As a part of substep 2.2, we have been working on reading and spelling closed syllable words with four sounds. We are also working on our reading comprehension skills by creating a movie in our mind in order to understand what we are reading. In Period 4, we are continuing to develop our reading superpowers. We have been practicing breaking words into smaller parts so they are easier to read and using context clues and letter sounds to decode unknown words. Additionally, we are developing our ability to retell a story in sequential order. During 7th and 8th Period, we are reviewing and addressing new concepts in Step 2 of the Wilson Reading System. Students are working on fluently reading and spelling closed syllable words with blends at the beginning and the end of a word. We are also continuing to explore word elements and increasing our sight word vocabulary. Great accomplishments have been made and continue to be made each day.

MR. MCCARTER'S CLASS NEWS

It's February, Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and African-American History Month. No shortage of topics to research and write about this month. My 1st, 4th, and 5th period **Writing Classes** will be finishing up their "How-to" paragraphs shortly. All the students have had lots of practice and have become quite proficient with this type of writing. Finally, I will continue with a cross curricular approach when having students pick areas to practice their research techniques for an upcoming writing assignment.

My **First Class**, 2nd and 3rd period continues to progress through the Wilson Reading curriculum. We have just started a new Step, learning new concepts such as welded sounds, identifying and defining syllables, differentiating between a blend and a digraph and identifying and

reading words with two letter blends. We will later be introducing three letter blends and digraph blends.

Math Class students will continue reviewing all their mastered math concepts while we move forward with learning place values up to 100, graphing, and working on our measurement skills. Our cross curricular portion will be working more with word problems to not only strengthen our math skills but also our reading and comprehension skills. Please remember to always incorporate money concepts, counting and adding into your children's everyday activities to help them generalize these math concepts into the real world.

The 8th period **Reading Class** will continue and is enjoying the book "How to Eat Fried Worms", a very engaging book about Billy and his friend Alan, who dares Billy to eat 15 worms. Finally, the students will also be receiving a new compellation book of articles and stories which will be exploring a wide variety of ideas from across many academic disciplines. These stories are meant not only to broaden our student's reading skills but also their knowledge of the world.

Keep up to hard work and have a wonderful February.



GIRLS GROUP NEWS

Tuesday lunches have been so much fun lately. Our super stars of the week have been leading a meaningful share and care presentation. Each super star is presented at the end of the week with positive glowing comments from her peers.

Just a reminder – Special surprise guests are welcome! If anyone would be interested in coming to Girls Group to discuss a job, hobby or just reading a book, please contact Ms. Gross to set it up! You will be introduced and the girls will have to guess who the special guest is!!

GUYS GROUP NEWS

We can't leave out our Guys Group!! Due to our Thursday basketball games we have switched our Guys Group lunch to Wednesdays!

We have been incorporating our social thinking strategies into these lunch sessions. In addition, we want to add the option of a "Share and Care" as well as a special guest opportunity.

If your son would like to bring in something to share, please send it on a Wednesday.

If a family member would like to visit Guys Group as Special Guest to share job experience or a story about their life, please contact Ms. Gross

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