

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Valentine's Day Dance	Valentine's Day	February 8	6:30pm-9pm

MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS

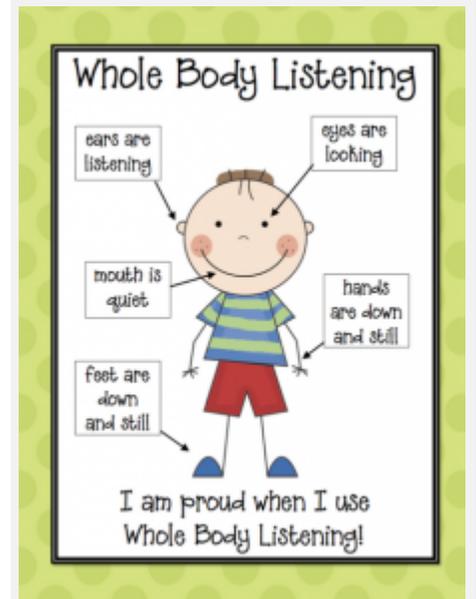
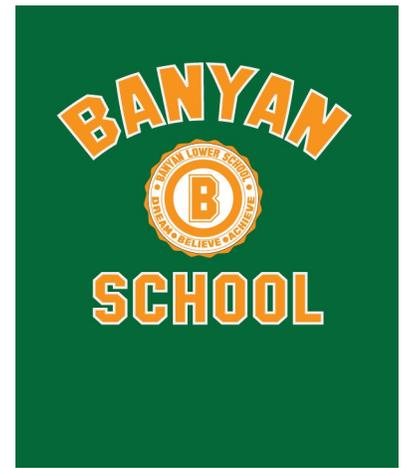
It's 2019! As we begin this new year, students will spend time reviewing and getting back into routine.

My writing students will practice their editing skills by locating errors in a given paragraph. Their new journal topics will focus on the new year and their goals. Please remember the schedule for homework: Monday night students complete a brainstorming page. The assignment is usually due on Friday. All journal entries should be in paragraph form and include the components of TREE.

My TMC students will review visualization strategies, read stories in class, share their visualizations along the way, and answer questions. Comprehension stories will be given for homework twice a week.

My reading students will use visualization strategies they have learned to retell the novel being read in class. Vocabulary words will be reviewed through a flashcard practice drill and Quizlet.

I'm sure students will get right back to work, and 2019 will be a great year for everyone.



MS. MIRANDA'S NEWS

Happy New Year from the counseling team!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. In social skills group we are building upon Whole Body Listening. We are utilizing Listening Larry and Listening Lucy as our guides to help us remember our whole body listening skills. In groups and social conversations it is expected for us to use our whole body listening skills to convey to the speaker that we are receptive and care about what they have to say. If we don't use eye contact, or speak out of turn, it may signal to the speaker that we are not interested and may come off as rude. To be a great listener, Listening Larry and Lucy remind us to use eye contact, listen with both ears, wait for our turn to speak, hands and feet are quiet, face towards the speaker, use our brain to think about what is said and, lastly, use our heart to be considerate. Practice these skills at home with your students and let us know how it goes!

Have a healthy and happy New Year!

MR. HOFFMAN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back to all students and teachers! Both Banyan basketball teams are working hard practicing for the upcoming season. The bulldogs open up with a game against Chapel Hill on Thursday, Jan. 10 a.m. At halftime of the "A" game, the "B" team will play against Chapel Hill's "B" team. Parents are welcome to attend all games.



MR. CUELLER'S CLASS NEWS

Welcome back and Happy New Year! For math, we will be in full swing for setting up our in-class grocery store. The students will finish inputting the prices for groceries and we will work on adding with money (dollars and cents). We will continue to work with money in the upcoming months along with number sense, addition and subtraction.

For reading, we will be starting a new book in the Super-Wild Series called Day of the Robots. The robots are stealing pizzas, tacos and playground equipment! We'll make predictions and look for cause and effect events in the book to see who will stop the robots! Along with reading the Super-Wild series, each student has their own individual reading level books which they continue to read each day and fill out a retelling graphic organizer.



MS. VANDENBREE'S CLASS NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a great break!

My **FIRST** class periods 1/2 are doing a great job learning new sounds, vocabulary words and sight words! My **FIRST** class periods 3/4 are doing a great job reading and marking blends! My **FIRST** class periods 7/8 have completed STEP 7! Congratulations! We are now in STEP 8! My **TMC** class period 9 loves listening to and visualizing stories. They are using expressive language each day.

Keep up the great work everyone!

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Happy New Year Everyone!

SAVE THE DATE! The 14th Annual Spring Fling Fashion Show & Auction will be held on Thursday, March 28th at the Knoll Country Club West in Parsippany. For first time parents: the students are the models and it's a very fun night! Everyone enjoys a fabulous fashion show featuring our beloved Banyan models, a sit-down dinner and tricky tray auction. We usually have around 400 people in attendance.

Since holiday time just passed, maybe you received some gifts that you would like to donate to the tricky tray portion of the fashion show. We welcome donations of **NEW, re-gifted items;** such as, toys, games, picture frames, candle holders, home decorations, small appliances, etc. No re-gifted item is too small as we often combine a few things together to make a wonderful auction basket.

Thank you, as always!

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