

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
No School	Columbus Day	October 8	All Day
Spirit Day	School Colors	October 19	All Day
Picture Day	All	October 24	9:00 AM

Makerspace/Steam Project

A committee to help develop the Makerspace center in the school media center met today. This group of older students will assist in the development of our new Makerspace center in the media center which will allow students access to creative projects and learning activities.

The Makerspace center is an area that we are developing that will include such simple materials as blocks to more intricate circuitry and robotics systems. Activities will be structured so that many students can participate while in the library, during recess and club time.

This group, made up of Aiden, Leo, Luciana and Keith, discussed the materials that we currently have and the areas we need to expand into.

We are looking forward to creating some really interesting projects and models.

Remember to come and see our center on your next visit to Banyan School.



MRS. SANSONE'S CLASS NEWS

All parents should have received their child's username and password for Learning Ally from his or her reading teacher. This useful resource has 80,000 human-read audiobooks. An extensive collection of K-12 books including popular fiction, classic literature, textbooks, test prep, and study aids are a download away. Listen on mainstream devices using accessible technology with page-level navigation, text highlighting, and speed adjustments. Audiobooks are a crucial resource for children to access higher-level for reading comprehension. Many students enjoy listening to Learning Ally books on their drive to and from school! When your child can build confidence and a love for reading, his/her confidence will soar!

MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS

I have a class of great readers! The students in my period 8 class have begun reading Wonder by R.J.Palacio. Everyone seems excited to be reading a novel that has recently been a movie. Once the class has completed the story, they will be asked to view the movie and compare the two. For now, the students will be reading, summarizing, answering questions, and defining vocabulary words. This class spent many days in September learning strategies to find the main idea of a passage which will definitely help them when summarizing. Not only do Leo, Kevin, Amanda, and Josh work hard in class, but they are very determined to improve their reading and comprehension at home. Their assignment usually includes reading a book or reading a story on Learning Ally and summarizing what they read. Sometimes they have a comprehension passage to read as well. I look forward to reading with this group every day!



NURSE BOYSEN'S BANYAN NEWS

Happy Fall everyone! Along with all of the beautiful fall foliage comes many allergies, colds and flu. Please have you and your child vaccinated for the flu to help in the prevention of illness.

If your child has a food allergy, please send in alternative snacks to use when we celebrate birthdays for our students. It is important for every child to be included in these celebrations. The snacks will be stored in your child's homeroom.



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SPEECH SUITE

Our speech sessions are in full swing! Whether your child is being seen individually or in a group setting; each student is focusing on not only their articulation and/or language goals but are also targeting social thinking strategies!

Make sure to check your child's speech notebook and ask them about all of the fun activities we have started in the speech suite!

SOCIAL SKILLS

The first week of October is recognized as the "Week of Respect" or anti-bullying week. Nationally schools use this week to educate students about bullying, strategies to use to combat bullying, and spreading kindness.

Our teachers and social skills groups have been discussing this topic. We have been focusing on the differences between bullying and someone being "unexpected". Some of these topics include the difference between rough play and physical bullying, teasing and verbal bullying, and the difference between friend groups and cliques.

For our older students, we have been discussing cyber bullying and the ramifications of posting online. Those posts never go away! We always have to think before we post or text: Is it kind? Is it helpful? Is it necessary?

The students know the importance of being an "upstander", reporting bullying and helping their friends. We know we tend to be bystanders in difficult situations since we may not know what to do or how to help.

If you have any questions or need any help addressing these topics with your child, you can always reach out to Dr. Rick and Ms. Miranda!