

# Banyan School

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## *Upcoming Events*

<b>Event:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Back to School Night</b>	<b>All Parents</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<b>7 – 9 pm</b>

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

The school year has started and I wanted to let you know I am excited for another successful year! I will keep you informed on what we are doing in class and any upcoming events in the Banyan News. In Reading class we are working on characters and setting of a story. The students are listening to different stories and discussing characters and setting as a class.

### **MRS. WILSON'S MATH CLASS NEWS**

Welcome back to school--these first two weeks have certainly gone quickly and have been very busy! Students have been busy with beginning of the year assessments, learning classroom procedures and expectations, and getting into the school year routines.

We talked about triskaidekaphobia on Friday the 13th. We also discussed "Palindrome Week" --from 9/10/19 through 9/19/19, all the dates read the same forwards and backwards!!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Back-to-School Night next week. As we like to say--"Keep it rolling in Mathland".



**FRIDAY IS PIZZA DAY!**  
**BE SURE TO GET YOUR ORDERS**  
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## **SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS**

Every month, our teachers and related service providers focus on one Social Thinking strategy to emphasize throughout sessions and class time. We will be describing the strategy here and give ideas on how it can be reinforced at home.

This month's strategy is *hidden rules* and *expected behaviors*. What is challenging about our social world is that it is very abstract. The same rules do not apply to every situation. We have to learn how to vary our behaviors based on what we observe the expectations are.

This is challenging for our students who do not learn through observation. We have to teach them how to observe the environment and find the rules.

We use the term, hidden rules, to communicate the idea that we have to look for the rules of a situation. We will not always be told what the rules are!

We use the terms expected and unexpected behavior to help with this concept. When a behavior is unexpected, we have an uncomfortable feeling. This tells us that we missed the hidden rules! Often we use the term, inappropriate, however that word is too abstract for students to understand. Unexpected is a felt sense that gives us information on what the rules are in a situation.

One way we like to teach this is to have the students observe different classrooms and list what the expected behaviors are for each room. We then compare and contrast our findings, which show that every situation has a different set of rules. This can be done in the community and at different events. For example, going to the movies has a different set of rules then going to a sporting event. Using these terms reinforces this concept across all areas.

## **MS. ZATUROSKA'S CLASS NEWS**

We're off to a great school year! I'm so excited to be teaching Social Studies this year at Banyan. In all of the Social Studies classes, we completed our "About Me" Passports.

In my Period 1 & 5 classes, we started discussing about Ancient Civilizations and the meaning of the words "history," "ancient," "civilizations," and "archaeology." We also started discussing about Ancient Mesopotamia and will be doing an exciting craft this week creating our own cuneiform cylinder seal.

In my period 4 & 9 classes, we've been talking about the 13 colonies and life in the colonies. We discussed about the daily life of a colonist and compared it to what we do today. We will be creating colonial food collages this week.

In my period 8 class, we just finished talking about what it means to be a good citizen. We had a wonderful award show where the students "walked the red carpet" and were awarded their "good citizen" certificate.

Keep up the great work historians!

## **GIRLS GROUP AND GUYS GROUP**

Girls Group and Guys Group are off to a GREAT start.

Please remember to send in a share and care item or photos with your daughter on Tuesdays or son on Wednesdays to share with their groups!

We have been brainstorming some fantastic ideas for raising money for T shirts! A breakfast for lunch gluten free cereal bar is in the works!!

We will keep you posted!

Ms. Gross Dr. Rick Ms. Miranda