

# Banyan School

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## *Upcoming Events*

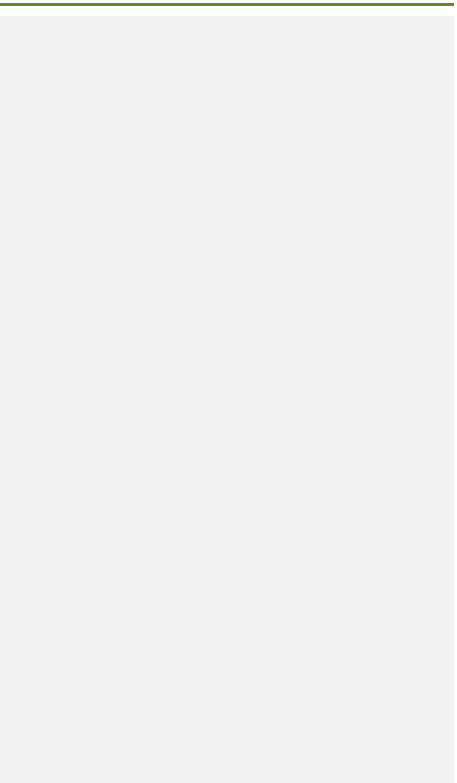
<b>Event:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>Back to School Night</b>	<b>All Parents</b>	<b>Tonight!</b>	<b>7 – 9 pm</b>
<b>No School</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Picture Day</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>

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

Welcome to a new school year! This first month back has been busy. In my 1st period reading class, we are trying to figure out a good book to start the year off, reading. I have selected 3 or 4 books from our school's book closet and am allowing the students to help choose. Once we pick out a good one, we will be reading full steam ahead.

In the 2nd and 3rd and also my 7th and 8th period Wilson or FIRST classes, we are beginning on Step 3 which will include prefixes, suffixes -ing and -ed, multisyllabic words, compound words, the blend -ct, base words, schwa, and so much more.

In my 4th period reading class we have begun reading the Geodes series and are currently reading about artists and illustrators. We can't wait to see what other books these talented people have contributed to or the types of art they do. In my 5th period Writing class we are beginning to work on simple sentence structure and punctuation. We have been working so hard and I can't wait to see what these students accomplish in a year.



## **MR. HAIN'S CLASS NEWS**

Mr. Hain's third period reading class has finished their DRA3 reading assessments and have begun reading the novel Frindle. Each chapter has been read aloud in class and after each chapter students answer follow up comprehension questions, write a chapter summary, make a story prediction, and define at least one vocabulary word in their binders. As the class continues reading the novel we will also begin to incorporate other story activities addressing student connections and comprehension to the story. I look forward to continue working with this class throughout the school year.

## **PHYS ED NEWS**

We are off to a fast start in Phys Ed class! The students learned about hitting golf balls with drivers for distance and putters for accuracy. We concluded our golf lessons with a miniature golf tournament in the gym. Over the last weeks, we brought the bikes out and began riding in the back of the school.

## **MR. CAMP'S CLASS NEWS**

In Mrs. Martin and Mr. Camp's Social Studies class, our students have been learning about the Native Americans who live throughout the United States. We have discussed the 4 different cultural groups (Eastern Woodlands, Plains, Southwest, and Pacific Northwest). For each group, the students have learned about the different types of food, clothing, and homes associated with them. We will complete an arts and craft project building one of the types of Native American homes at the end of the unit. We look forward to meeting all of the parents tonight at Back to School Night!

## **GIRLS GROUP NEWS**

Girls Group Super Stars of the week were announced today!! Please help your child pick some photos or an item from home to bring in for a "share and care" next week. As always, Ms. Gross will help the students to describe and organize their ideas. We are loving the bonding that is happening during Tuesday lunch!

Ms. Gross  
Ms. Miranda  
Dr. Rick

## MS. MITOFSKY'S CLASS NEWS

Welcome back to the start of another school year! In my period 1 reading class, we have just begun our novel! We are reading "The Sign of the Beaver" by Elizabeth George Speare. So far we have made great predictions based on the cover and will begin summarizing the chapters as we read. In my FIRST class we are reviewing and moving along in step 3. In my period 4 TMC class we are applying the structure words to a book we are reading as a class. We are reading "I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916" by Lauren Tarshis. We are visualizing and making great connections throughout the book. In my period 7 TMC class, we are applying the structure words as we read short sentences and poems. In my period 8 reading class, we have just begun our book "The Candy Corn Contest" by Patricia Reilly Giff. So far we have made great predictions based on the cover and will begin summarizing the chapters as we read. In my period 9 writing class we are going over the different parts of speech. We are comparing common nouns vs. proper nouns, discussing verbs, adjectives, and nouns and will soon be making our own acrostic poems. I'm looking forward to our next Saturday school on October 5!