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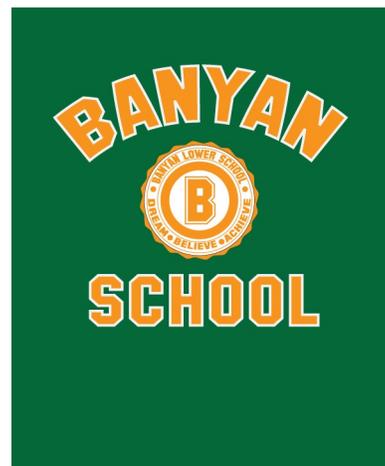
Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
PTO Valentine Dance	All	February 7	7:00 pm
No School	President's Weekend	February 14 & 17	

The strategy of the month is **whole body listening**. We know one of the reasons we focus on our listening skills is to be able to figure out our social clues. Our social clues help us understand what someone is thinking about and what their plan is. We do not just listen with our ears, we have to look at the person to read their facial expressions, make sure our body is facing them, keep our mouth closed and hands calm so we do not distract ourselves, and use our heart to care about them.

We have been practicing this in our groups. We create a "talk show" format where we have one listener and one speaker. Another member of the group acts as the observer. The observer lists all of the parts of the body the listener used. This can be done at home as well as using the vocabulary ("let me see you listen with your whole body").

Dr. Rick Manista
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Basketball Schedule:

Jan 31 - Home - Center School

Feb 7 - Winston Prep

Feb 21 - Home - Center School

Feb 26 - Home - Mount Carmel

Feb 28 - Home - Windsor



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MS. DREHER'S, CLASS NEWS

My 1st period Reading class has started to read our new novel Lost & Found. We have completed a pre-reading activity where we made predictions about the story based off the title, synopsis and cover. We have also completed some vocabulary aligned to the first chapter. We have been showing a lot of interest in this story, and I am looking forward to reading more! My 2nd period Writing class will be continuing our How – To writing book. So far we have completed 2 How – To's and now we are working on editing them and adding pictures. My 3rd period Reading class has started our new book Super Fast Out Of Control. We have also completed a pre-reading activity which was making predictions based off the title, cover and synopsis. My 4/5th period FIRST class has continuously been working hard throughout Step 2. My 7/8th period class has been working very hard, and we are almost finished with Step 3!

MRS. WILSON'S MATH NEWS

45 days until PI Day, 2020!!!! Pi Day falls on a Saturday this year, so the math classes will celebrate on Friday, March 13th--oh my-- there is an interesting number situation!

IXL Update--30,000 completed math problems by students this year. We are just about at the midpoint of the year so let's try to double (or triple) that number by June.

MobyMax Update--Students enjoyed a "treat bag" with the MobyMax rewards from the challenge we participated in before the holiday break. We just started another MobyMax challenge which will run the weeks of January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2020. Students earn individual points for their MobyMax work and could win a prize from MobyMax--a shirt, a cap, or a backpack!!!!

MS. ZATUROSKA'S CLASS NEWS

The first semester in Social Studies is sadly coming to an end! We've been reviewing all the topics we've been learning about since September. I hope everyone has a great rest of the school year! I'm excited to work with the new group of students coming in for Social Studies!

In my F.I.R.S.T. class, we are working very diligently on our blends! We've been building words that contain blends on the magnetic journal. We are also practicing marking our words and close syllables. Keep up the great work!



MS. KEMPTON – BANYAN SCHOOL’S READING PROGRAM

All Banyan Elementary School students are participating in Learning Ally's Great Reading Games! Please see more information below. Learning Ally is a great resource for students to listen to audiobooks that may be difficult for them 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 28th. At the end of the contest, the top 10 reading students 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.

Banyan School is increasing our reading activity from now until February 28 and competing to win Learning Ally’s national Great Reading Games to gain recognition and prizes for our school! Reading is power!

Our school has a membership to Learning Ally, a national nonprofit that provides access to human-read audiobooks through a reading app. By giving your child access to popular novels and short stories, your child will become more engaged with reading.

When students read with Learning Ally, it takes away the effort of decoding so your child can mentally focus on the meaning of what they are reading, this is often called ear reading, and it’s a powerful way to stay on top of reading assignments and help students enjoy books. Don’t worry, learning to read is still really important and we are working on those skills as well.

One of the best things about Learning Ally is all the books have human voices. It’s like you have an extra voice helping your child with homework, and I have an extra reader to share more books with students in my classroom. Human voice helps to model what reading should sound like; it pronounces words correctly and helps to build your child’s vocabulary, comprehension and fluency in reading.

Reading teachers will be adding books to your child’s Learning Ally bookshelf and they’ll use the app at school. You can download the free app on your personal computer, phone or tablet and log in with your child’s credentials to add the books they want to read. I hope you take advantage of this wonderful resource with your child!



MRS. KOWALSKI'S CLASS NEWS

In Math, we have been working on number identification, computation, telling time, identifying our coins, greater than, less than, and equal to. In Reading, we have been working on identifying the main character, setting, and main idea in stories that we read and rhyming picture and orally spoken words. In Writing, we have been working on our letter formation as well as writing sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark. In FIRST, we have been working on our letter, keyword, and sounds. We have moved into Unit 2 and are beginning to blend sounds into cvc words. My students have been doing a wonderful job! In TMC, my students have been doing a wonderful job describing in as much detail as possible the picture in front of them. They have also been applying the structure words and skills they have learned to create a movie in their mind as they listen to a story. I am so proud of all of my busy bees and the hard work that they do every day in my classroom! Keep up the great work!



MRS. MARTIN'S CLASS NEWS

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GUYS GROUP NEWS

Mrs. Martin and Mr. Camp's homeroom will be attending guys group next week, Wednesday, February 5 during lunch.

Don't forget to bring in pictures or items from home for "share and care". Ms. Gross, Mrs. Tuli and Mrs. Julie will work with students to elaborate on details!

We can't wait!!

Ms. Gross, Dr. Rick, and Mrs. Miranda

CHEERLEADING NEWS

There will be a home game this Friday!!

All cheerleaders will attend! Parents are welcome!!

"Genie, Genie, grant our wish. Let me hear that ball go swish...

SWISH – SWISH - SWISH