



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

ENROLLMENT OPEN: APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE; SIBLINGS ON THE WAITLIST MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION TO MAINTAIN A WAITLIST NUMBER.

Events At a Glance:

(See the calendar located on the school website for full listing of all events.)

ENROLLMENT SEASON
11/14-2/27

- W 2/1/ 8am Lib – FinCom
- W 2/1 6:30-7:30PM GR 8 PARENT MEETING ON WASHINGTON, DC
- F 2/3 Brian Lies Assmby K-5
- S 2/4 10-4pm Musical Family Build Day
- S 2/5 12-2pm Tech Week Move
- S 2/5 3-6pm @Hmann Tech Wk Rehearsal
- T 2/7 7pm Enrlmnt Info School Adtrm –Evening
- T-Th 2/7-9 - 6-9pm @Hmann Tech Week Rehearsal
- W 2/8 8:30am Tricounty Interviews – Gr 8
- Th 2/9 1pm Adtrm Spell Bee
- Th 2/9 7pm Lib Bd Meeting
- Th 2/9 6-7pm Gr 2 Family Heritage Celebration
- F 2/10 10:10am 2-4 Assmby; 3U Presents
- F 2/10 1pm Aud-Spelling Bee

- F 2/10 7pm @Horace Mann “HONK”
- S 2/11 7pm @Horace Mann “HONK”

- M 2/13 Gr 6 FT Christa McAuliffe Center
- M 2/13 7pm Lib Mission Cmtee
- T 2/14 Gr 3 FT – Forge Hill
- T 2/14 7-8:30pm PEC Meeting
- W 2/15 7pm Book Discussion “Little Girls can be Mean” Lib
- Th 2/16 9:30am Lib Gvn Mting
- F 2/17 9:20am 5-8 Assmby 6D Presents

- M-F 2/20-24
WINTER BREAK
- T 2/21 11am-4pm FT RI Museum on Natural History & Planetarium
- T 2/28 9am Bd Pres meets w/HOS
- W 2/29 8am Finance

New this Week – February 1, 2012:

The BFCCPS-PCO is sponsoring an informational meeting regarding the New Franklin High School project. Tom Mercer, Franklin Town Councilor and School Committee member will give a short presentation and answer questions from the community on **March 1st at 7:00 pm in the BFCCPS library**. This information session is open to the public. If you cannot attend this informational meeting, there will be meetings throughout the next month at many of the other Franklin public schools; we will make those dates available as we know them.

F 2/3/ JEANS & JERSEY DAY: WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY & SHIRTS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

***Spring Spirit Wear Order Forms are here!** Several NEW items as well as the old favorites. Please turn in order form with check to BFCCPS PCO by W 2/15. Contact Rebecca Hagerty winesnobtom@verizon.net with any questions.

Healthy Kids! February is Heart Healthy Month. BFCCPS will be offering a red fruit and a red veggie for the students to sample. Each month will be samples of a different color. We are also preparing the next Healthy Kids Newsletter With many food allergies parents are always looking for new ideas; any parent or student who would like to submit an article or healthy recipe (could be gluten free, veggies only etc) may do so to Deb Schwab dschwab@bfccps.org by Feb.6th.

PCO Raffle Donations:

*The BFCCP Spring Social and Raffle is coming up on March 16th (save the date!) The PCO needs your help. In addition to our fabulous class baskets, we’re looking for some great “WOW” items to be donated for our raffle. See the attached flyer for some examples of “WOW” items and how you might be able to help. The PCO is a 501c3 charitable organization.

Parent Enrichment Council (PEC) would like to invite the parents, and educators of BFCCPS to join us in the reading and group discussion of the book *Little Girls Can Be Mean*, by Dr.’s Michelle Anthony and Reyna Lindert. This is the first of two book discussions that the PEC will host this year. BFCCPS School Psychologist Kristin Corcoran will be leading the book discussion on W 2/15, 7pm in the BFCCPS school library.

Annual Appeal Update: Thank you to all of you who have already donated generously to our BFCCPS Annual Appeal. We have been very fortunate to have raised more than \$7,500 so far and continue to need your help to raise additional funds so we can improve BFCCPS’s Computer Lab. Should you need any information about this fundraising effort please contact either Mary Barton-Rau via email to MaryBartonRau@hotmail.com or Poh-Lin Yeoh via email to PYeoh@Bentley.edu. Thank you for your assistance with our BFCCPS Annual Appeal.

From the PCO:

2012 Family Social and Raffle - Friday, March 16, 2012

Volunteers Needed: It’s that exciting time of year again, preparing for our Annual Family Social and Raffle. Thanks to all of you, last year’s was a huge success. In order to have another successful Social and Raffle, we need your help. If you are interested in volunteering, offering creative ideas and/or leading a subcommittee we are holding our first meeting on T 1/31@6pm, **place to be determined**. If you can come to the meeting or cannot make the meeting though still want to volunteer please contact Christine Santos calbesant@gmail.com.

Spelling Bee:

*BFCCPS will be holding a school spelling bee for any interested students in gr 4-8 during school on 2/9&10. Please see the attached information sheet for information and sign up. Enrollment deadline is Friday 2/3

Banking News:

Tuesday is banking day. Questions, contact Heidi Winiker @ jhwiniker@aol.com or vandana.Kamath@gmail.com.

HONK:

***HONK CONCESSION DONATIONS NEEDED!** Please email Laura Jumes at ldjumes9@verizon.net if you can donate baked goods, cases of water, cases of movie candy etc. Help at intermission for both nights needed as well!

Parents Needed see Ben Benjamin bbenjamin@bfccps.org *Advanced ticket sale flyer *DVD Order *Good Luck Ad

8th Grade Capstone Project:

Jonathan Tomaso: Sneaker Drive extended to 3/25/12. 300 pairs to go to reach his goal!

From the Front Office:

EXPRESS LINE: Please refrain from cell phone use during express line dismissal. We aim to dismiss all students as safely and quickly as possible and cell phone use can be a dangerous distraction.

Absences: When your child is out of school please remember to call the office & leave your child’s name, grade & date(s) of absence. 508-541-3434.

Inclement Weather: BFCCPS follows Franklin Public Schools unless informed through our Alert Now. Please refer to our Inclement Weather Policy in the Parent/Student Handbook on page 48.

***Has an Attachment**

For more information on any of the above listings visit our website at www.bfccps.org or call the school office at 508-541-3434.

If you need any part of this document translated please contact the school office.

Who Do You Know?

The BFCCP Spring Social and Raffle is coming up on March 16th (save the date!) The PCO needs your help. In addition to our class baskets, we're looking for some great "WOW" items to be donated for our raffle.

What is a WOW item?

- Tickets to sporting events
- Electronics – TV's, Video Game Systems, iPods...
 - Vacation home
 - Sports Memorabilia
 - Ski Passes

You get the idea. Think **BIG!**

Do you or someone you know works for a company that would make an in-kind or cash donation? Are you a season ticket-holder with a pair of tickets to spare? Who do you know who might be able to help? Is your best friend's third cousin Tom Brady? It's time to think about who you know and how they can make a donation that will help our amazing school.

On a smaller scale, we are looking for volunteers to solicit donations from local businesses. We'll provide you with a letter describing our event and why they should donate. 2-3 donation requests per person would be great! You'll be surprised how generous the local businesses are!

Contact Amy Nicholson agnicholson@verizon.net or Anne Gilberti annegilberti@yahoo.com if you think you may be able to help.





BFCCPS Gym and Spirit Wear Spring 2012



Order Forms & Checks Payable to BFCCPS PCO due by Wed Feb 15th

ITEMS	COLORS	SIZES	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Solid Color Tee 100% pre-shrunk cotton, silk screened logo	Navy, Grey	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$1)	\$8		
Tie-Dyed Tee 100% pre-shrunk cotton, silk screened logo	Navy swirl Pink swirl Green swirl Purple swirl	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$1)	\$14		
Ringer Tee 90/10 cotton/poly, contrasting ribbing on neck and sleeve	White/Navy Heather Grey/ Navy	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$1)	\$12		
Girl's Spirit Tee Cotton/Spandex 95/5, fitted, contrasting neck and stripes on sleeve, silk screened logo (Run SMALL, order size up)	White/Pink Stripe White/Navy Stripe	GS GM GL WS WM WL	\$14		
NEW: Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt Superweight fleece, 2 front pockets, silk screened logo	Navy	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL	\$28/Child \$34/Adult		
Pull-Over Hooded Sweatshirt One front pocket, silk-screened logo	Navy Pink Grey	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$2)	\$24		
Sweat Pants 50/50 Poly/Cotton, drawstring waist, open bottom, silk screened logo	Navy Grey	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$1)	\$22		
Shorts 100% Poly-wicking mesh, drawstring waist, silk screened logo	Navy Grey	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$2)	\$14/Child \$15/Adult		
Short Sleeve Wicking Tee 100% poly, athletic fit, moisture wicking, silk screened logo	Navy	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$2)	\$14		
NEW: Full Zip Flannel Lined Hooded Jacket Back by popular demand, the Coach's Jacket, with Logo	Navy	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2XL (add \$2)	\$38/Child \$40/Adult		
BFCCPS Metal Water Bottle Limited Quantities, flip top, School logo, metal clip	Silver	N/A	\$6		
BFCCPS Car Magnet	N/A	N/A	\$3		
				Total Items:	Total Due:

Student's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Grade/Teacher: _____ **Email:** _____

**Orders will be delivered to the classroom
Please contact Rebecca Hagerty with any questions
w.winesnobtom@verizon.net**

Announcing the



◆ Spelling Bee ◆

- ◀ Open to ALL 4-8 grade students ▶
- ◀ During school February 9th & 10th ▶

The winner will represent BFCCPS at the Regional Spelling Bee Competition with a chance to go to the National Spelling Bee.

For the third time BFCCPS will be participating in the National Spelling Bee. The purpose of the National Spelling Bee is stated as "to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives." In offering this opportunity to BFCCPS students we aim to provide an educational and fun opportunity for students looking for an academic challenge.

The competition is open to any 4-8 grade student who is interested. To enroll, any interested student needs to return the Enrollment Slip at the bottom of this page to their homeroom teacher by February 3rd. To help prepare, each enrolled student will receive a packet of information outlining the rules and practice words.

The competition will be held in two parts. The first part will be held during school hours February 9th. The top ten students will compete the next day, February 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. This portion of the competition will be open to the community to attend.

For more information please visit www.spellingbee.com, or email Joe Perna, Director of School Operations and Students Activities at jperna@bfccps.org

ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____



BFCCPS Parents

It is time for our
2011-2012 BFCCPS MUSICAL!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for parents of BFCCPS students to volunteer to help us bring "Honk" to the stage!!! Even if your child is not in the production, we hope you will chair or volunteer for committees if you have knowledge/experience in one of the following areas:

Lighting and Sound

Set Building

Painting

Costume Design and Sewing

Makeup and Hair

Props Managers

Chaperones for Rehearsals and Shows

Stage Crew

Concessions

Public Relations

Program Design/Ads

Ticket and DVD Sales



“HONK” PARENT VOLUNTEER SHEET

I would like to volunteer for the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting and Sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaperones for Rehearsals and Shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume Design and Sewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup and Hair | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Design/Ads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Props Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket and DVD Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cast Party | |

I am interested in being the chair of the following Committee _____

Name: _____

Home ph: (_____) _____ Cell ph: (_____) _____

Parent Email: _____

List any special abilities, talents (*ie: sewing, carpentry, makeup/hair, painting, sound, lighting, etc.*):

Use Back of Form if Necessary

**The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School
Department of Fine and Performing Arts Proudly Presents**



**FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 2012
ADVANCED TICKET ORDER FORM**

NAME _____

Send Tickets via _____ (student & classroom)

FRIDAY SHOW – AT HORACE MANN

Ticket(s)-Adult _____ \$15.00 each =Total _____

Ticket(s)-Child _____ \$12.00 each =Total _____

SATURDAY SHOW – AT HORACE MANN

Ticket(s)-Adult _____ \$15.00 each =Total _____

Ticket(s)-Child _____ \$12.00 each =Total _____

Total Enclosed _____ (checks payable to BFCCPS)

PLEASE NOTE:

NO RESERVED SEATING

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

**NO VIDEOTAPING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING PERFORMANCES
(VIDEOTAPING AND FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED AT DRESS REHEARSALS)**

PLEASE SEND ORDER FORM TO MICHELLE JACKSON, VIA LUKE, 1H

**The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School
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VIDEO ORDER FORM

NAME _____

DVD ORDER

DVD # _____ @25.00 each =Total _____

Total Enclosed _____ (checks payable to BFCCPS)

Check # _____

PLEASE HAVE ALL ORDERS TO Michelle Jackson (via **Luke, 1H) BY FRIDAY
February 3rd**

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GOOD LUCK ADS ORDER FORM

Have some fun and send your actor or actress a good luck ad that will appear in The Honk Program.

Your Good Luck Ad only cost \$5.00 and the proceeds help to defray the cost of the production.

Send in this page filled out with your payment of \$5.00 for each ad. Graphics will be added to the page at random.

Good Luck Ad

To: _____

Message: _____

From: _____

Please return to Michelle Jackson (via Luke, 1H) with checks made out to BFCCPS by 2/3/12 Thank You.