



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Pink Sheet for Wednesday September 16, 2009

High School Fair for Grade 8 tonight!

7-8:30 School Auditorium, 8th graders with parent/guardian

Events By Date:

tonight! W 9/16 7-8:30 High School Fair, auditorium, grade 8 students only please, with parent/guardian - Dress to impress!

Th 9/17 Gr 7 field trip

Th 9/17 7-8:30pm K-4 Curriculum Evening for parents

F 9/18 Assembly/Bamidele Dancers & Drummers; K-4 9:10-9:55, 5-8 10:10-10:55

W 9/23 9-10am PAC (Parent Advisory Council) mtg, library

Th 9/24 Band Demo for Gr 4

Th 9/24 7-8:30pm 5-8 Curriculum Evening for parents

F 9/25 Gr 6 field trip

F 9/25 6:30-8pm Family Ice Cream Social, auditorium

M 9/28 NO SCHOOL, Yom Kippur

T 9/29 7pm Tech Evening K-8

W 9/30 8am Board Finance Committee meeting, HOS office

W 9/30 October Scope & Sequence comes home

F 10/2 PCO presents One Hen Microfinance for Kids assembly

W 10/7 7:30pm Board Strategic Planning meeting, library

Th 10/8 FOOD DRIVE, all-school drive for Franklin Food Pantry

Th 10/8 7pm Board meeting, library

F 10/9 Picture Day

M 10/12 NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day

Notices:

- **Yearbook Update:** The 2008-2009 Yearbook should arrive in mid-October. Thank you for your patience. Please contact Doris Reynolds (dorisreyn@msn.com) with questions.
- **PCO sponsored Arts Enrichment season kicks off Friday 9/18** in the school auditorium. *Bamidele Dancers & Drummers* will present dances, rhythms, folklore, & songs from West Africa, Brazil, & the Caribbean to grades K-4 at 9:10 & to grades 5-8 at 10:10. Members of the BFCCPS community are welcome to attend all Arts Enrichment Programs. A complete schedule of this year's Arts Enrichment programs is available on the school website at www.bfccps.org
- **America on the Move** Wednesday 9/23 we will start *walk/ride to school on Wednesdays!* This is all part of the *National Safe Routes to School* program. Let's get out & walk or ride our bikes to school in an effort to promote physical activity, safe walking skills, reducing traffic & sharing more time with community members, parents, friends, & your children.
- Mark your calendar! **Parent Advisory Counsel (PAC) will be hosting a welcome-back coffee** in the library on Wednesday 9/23, 9:00 - 10:30am. Please come join us & meet the co-presidents & the special education staff. Be prepared to share some ideas for the upcoming year!
- **Friday 9/25 6:30 - 8:00pm, school auditorium Ice Cream Social** sponsored by the PCO. As part of our first Family Night of the year our community service project will assist the Franklin Food Pantry. They are specifically looking for back to school snacks & drink boxes but will accept any non-perishable food item or paper product. Please RSVP by emailing Karen Peterson at k-peterson@comcast.net by 9/21so that we can properly plan. Thank you.
- **Box Tops*** Now is the time to send in all those Box Tops you collected over the summer. Please place them in a ziploc bag or envelope labeled with your child's teacher's name. Remember the school receives 10 cents for each Box Top & our goal for this year is \$1500! Please use the attached flyer & submit by 10/31.
- **Do you have some financial expertise & an interest in ensuring the financial stability of BFCCPS?** Then consider joining the Board of Trustee's Finance Committee. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00am. If interested please contact Anna dos Santos, committee chairperson, at adossantos@bfccps.org or at 508.528.1962.
- **Student Banking*** starts on Tuesday 10/6. Please see attached flyer for more information or contact Heidi Winiker 508.553.9995, JHWiniker@aol.com or Vandana Kamath 508.520.9826, vandana.kamath@gmail.com if you have questions.
- **Destination Imagination*** Want your children to have fun while becoming more creative, better problem solvers and cooperative team members? Be sure to read the attached form to sign up for the Destination Imagination program here at BFCCPS! Registration forms are due by 9/25. Contact Anna dos Santos, DI Program Coordinator, with questions at anna.dossantos@comcast.net or 508.528.1962.
- **Show your school spirit** while supporting your PCO! The following are available for purchase: reusable navy blue bags with white BFCCPS Logo, \$1 each; beautiful tumbler glasses etched with the BFCCPS logo, \$3 each. Contact Karen Peterson at k-peterson@comcast.net to purchase. We also have BFCCPS oval magnets available for \$5 each. Contact Stacey Flaherty at staceyflaherty@comcast.net to purchase. Thanks for your support.
- **Save the Date! October 23 is the date of the PCO's schoolwide "Haunted Hop Social"** to be held at the Tri-County Vocational School from 6pm-8:30pm. Get your costume ideas ready!
- **Note from the Health Office:** This is the season that we start having problems with head lice, all your help is needed to see that head lice outbreaks are kept to a minimum in our school. Please refer to the *Fact Sheet on Head Lice* that has been posted on the school website. **Dehydration and sun/heat stroke** are major health concerns during hot weather. We still have some really warm days in the fall, so please take the following precautions: make sure your child brings a water bottle to school especially on Gym days. Apply sun screen to your child as needed. For those with **Bee Stings/Insect Allergies**, try to avoid bright colorful clothing, wear long sleeves if you can & apply insect repellent when necessary when you are going outdoors.

ATTACHED:

Destination Imagination registration

Box Tops collection sheet - fill it up & send it back!

Banking enrollment

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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



2009 - 10 BFCCPS Calendar September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 Gym Uniform orders due Homework Clubs begin: 6,7,8 3:30-4pm M,W,TH 3,4,5 M & W 3:20-4pm 7pm New Family Night, auditorium	15	16 2-3pm PCO Room Parent meeting, library 7-8:30pm High School Fair, aud. 8th graders only please w/their parents	17 Look for 1 additional fundraiser item sheet to come home from PCO Gd 7 field trip 7-8:30 K-4 Curriculum Evening for Parents	18 Assembly: PCO presents <i>Bamidele Dancers & Drummers</i> K-4 9:10-9:55; 5-8 10:10-10:55	19
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11	12 No School Columbus Day	13 Banking	14	15	16	17

Meetings & Assemblies posted are open to all parents/guardians.

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The mission of the Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School is to assist parents in their role as primary educators of their children by providing the children with a classical academic education integrated with sound character development & community service.

The BFCCPS Board invites you to visit the Massachusetts Charter School website at <http://www.masscharterschools.org>