



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Pink Sheet for Wednesday September 23, 2009

Tomorrow Night is Curriculum Evening, grades 5-8

Parents of students in grades 5-8 attend from 7-8:30pm

Babysitting for children in grades K-4 will be provided in the Art Room

Events By Date:

Th 9/24 9:15 Band Demo, Gr 4

Th 9/24 7-8:30pm 5-8 Curriculum Evening for parents, child care for K-4 age children in art room

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

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

W 9/30 9:30 Banking meeting, library

W 9/30 October Scope & Sequence comes home

Th 10/1 7-9pm Technology Evening for Parents/CK Spring Conference presentations

F 10/2 PCO presents One Hen Microfinance for Kids assemblies (see calendar for times)

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

T 10/13 6pm Band Instrument Distribution Evening

T 10/13 7:30pm Foundation meeting, library

Notices:

- **Quebec Trip** (April 13 - April 16) Attention Grade 7 parents! The students were all given the Quebec forms last week & the *first deposit is due this Friday, 9/25*. We are looking at organizing a van for parents who wish to chaperone as there is only room for 2 parents on the bus. Please send in the deposit & the reservation forms this week. Merci. Mme. Malouf
- **America on the Move** today, **Wednesday 9/23 we started 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.
- **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 9/21 so that we can properly plan. Thank you.
- **Student Banking** starts on Tuesday 10/6. Please see attached flyer for more information or contact Heidi Winiiker 508.553.9995, JHWiniiker@aol.com or Vandana Kamath 508.520.9826, vandana.kamath@gmail.com if you have questions.
- **First Foundation meeting is Tuesday 10/13** The Benjamin Franklin Educational Foundation will meet at 7:30pm in the school library. Existing & new members are encouraged to attend to discuss development plans for the coming year.
- **The BFCCPS Board of Trustees Mission Committee** seeks interested people to help support & promote the four pillars of BFCCPS within our school community. Join us at our **first meeting, Wed 10/21, 7pm** in the school library to discuss the objectives & projects of the mission committee for this school year. Please contact the committee chair Gail Trotin at gtrotin@bfccps.org if you are interested or have any questions. Thank You!
- **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!
- **Box Tops** Now is the time to send in all those Box Tops - by 10/31!
- **Do you have some financial expertise & an interest in ensuring the financial stability of BFCCPS?** Then consider joining the Board of Trustees' 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.
- **Destination Imagination*** Registration forms are due this Friday, 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.
- **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.
Hydration 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.
- **8th grade Capstone Project:** Eighth grader Collin Spillane's capstone is collecting gently used sports equipment: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, or tennis playing equipment & sports clothing for Big Brother Big Sister. Please bring items on Saturday 10/3 to our school parking lot from 8am-12noon. Thank you.
- **Bicycle Recycle Drive** Recent BFCCPS grad, Eamon McCarthy Earls is holding his 3rd annual 'Recycle Bicycle Drive' on Saturday 9/26, 9-noon for *Bikes Not Bombs*, a Boston-based charity, at Franklin DPW Hdqtrs, 257 Fisher St, Franklin. Drop off your used bicycles & if you can, a donation of \$10-20 for repair & shipping costs. See BFCCPS website for details.

Flyers — Capstone Projects: Sports Equipment collection 10/3 8-noon, school parking lot
Babysitting for children aged K-4 at Curriculum Evening tomorrow night

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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
20	21 9am Library Volunteer meeting	22	23 9am PAC meeting, library	24 9:15 Band Demo for Gr 4 7-8:30 5-8 Curriculum Evening for Parents Childcare for K-4 age	25 Gr 6 field trip 6:30-8pm PCO's Family Ice Cream Social, café & auditorium	26 9-12noon Bike collection at Franklin DPW, 257Fisher St. by alum Eamon McCarthy Earls
27	28 No School Yom Kippur	29	30 8am Board Finance Comm meeting, HOS office 9:30 Banking meeting, library October Scope & Sequence comes home	October 1 7-9pm Technology Evening for Parents, also Core Knowledge Conference presentations from Spring '09, Childcare K-4 provided	2 Assembly: PCO presents <i>One Hen Microfinance</i> for Kids; K-2 9:10-9:55, 6-8 10:30-11:30, 3-5 1:00-2:00	3 Capstone project: Big Brother Big Sister sports equip collection , school parking lot
4	5	6 Banking starts	7 7:30pm Bd Strategic Planning meeting, library	8 FOOD DRIVE 7pm Board meeting, library	9 Picture Day	10
11	12 No School Columbus Day	13 Banking 7pm BFCCPS Foundation mtg, library	14 Gr 8 field trip	15	16 9:20 K-2 Assembly Gr 2 presents	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>

**BABY SITTING AVAILABLE DURING
CURRICULUM NIGHT**

9/24/09 from 7-8:30 PM

**PROVIDED BY Jimmy Meredith, Abhiram Rao,
Billy Sullivan, and Bradley Clements.**

For our 8th grade capstone project,
our group will be providing babysitting services free
of charge during many evening events, such as PCO
Meetings, as well as during teacher conferences in
November. We hope this service will allow more
parents to attend these school events.

Available for
Students grades K-4



When: Saturday, October 3, 2009

Where: Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School parking lot

Time: 8:00am to noon

Looking for gently used sports equipment: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, or tennis.

Any equipment; cleats, pads, helmets, sticks, gloves, balls, or rackets, practice jersey, cleats, shorts, underarmor, or pants.

All items to benefit Big Brother Big Sister Foundation. 8th grade student, Collin Spillane's Capstone Community Service project.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!!

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