



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School
201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Pink Sheet for Wednesday October 28, 2009

COUNTDOWN TO THE PAPERLESS PINK SHEET!

Only 7 paper editions left!

There will be no Pink Sheet 11/25; the *last paper edition* comes out 12/23/09

Events By Date:

W 10/28 Gr 3 field trip

W 10/28 7pm PAC meeting, library
see flyer attached

F 10/30 Assembly PCO present **Geography Show** (time details on calendar)

F 10/30 November S&S goes home

T 11/3 9am **Board President meets w/HOS**, HOS office

T 11/3 Gr 7/8 **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

W 11/4 8am **Bd Finance Committee mtg**, HOS office

Th 11/5 **NOON DISMISSAL** Parent/Teacher Conferences in p.m. (K-4th grade age childcare available 4-7pm)

F 11/6 **NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences all day (K-4th grade age childcare available 1-4pm)

W 11/11 **NO SCHOOL Veterans' Day**

Th 11/12 **FOOD DRIVE**

Th 11/12 Gr 7 field trip

Th 11/12 7pm **Board meeting**, library

F 11/13 10:20 **5-8 Assembly**, 7S presents

F 11/13 Gr 1 field trip

F 11/13 7-8:45pm **Gr 8 Talent Show**, aud (see flyer for tickets)

W 11/18 **ERB** (Educational Records Bureau www.erbtest.org) **writing assessment tests 4-8**

Th 11/19 **ERB tests wrap up**

F 11/20 **French Week Assembly**: 9:20 K-4, 10:15 5-8

F 11/20 **BFCCPS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble all day with student musical performances there at 6pm**

F 11/20 7pm **French Movie**, students come with their parents

Notices:

From the Health office: If your child is having an influenza test by the doctor please inform the school nurse of the test result. Although the doctor will report any positive result to the local board of health, our school health office would also like to keep a record of such. Thank you for your cooperation

- **Box Tops** Now is the time to send in all those Box Tops - by 10/31!
- This Halloween when you're giving out candy, perhaps you can ask your little ghosts and goblins for a favor in return! **Cradles to Crayons** is "Gearing Up for Winter", hoping to deliver new or gently used coats, boots, scarves, & mittens to the thousands of kids in MA who have none - but they need our help to fill their empty shelves. Attached is a page of donation information tags that you can duplicate. Have your kids help you cut them out then tape them to candy treats you give this Saturday to all who come to your door! It will be fun & you'll be spreading a good idea that will help other children as your neighbors provide the much needed clothing to C2C.
- **Total Talent 2009** - Friday 11/13 7:00pm in the BFCCPS auditorium. Join us for a night of music, comedy, & other talents. Sponsored by the 8th grade class & featuring the talents of students in grades 5-8. All proceeds will support the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. Tickets are \$5 per person with a maximum of \$25 per family. Ticket order forms are available in the office & are due by 11/10. Baked goods will be on sale at the show. Bring your friends & family. It's sure to be great time!
- **Fall Book Fair & Music Recital at Barnes & Noble in Bellingham**, scheduled for one-day only, Friday 11/ 20 with the Music Recital there at 6:00pm that evening.
- **Popcorn Wednesday for November & December** Fill out attached order form & return to the office. Please remember all **orders are due by Friday 10/30**
- **America on the Move Wednesdays we walk/ride to school!** As participants in 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, & our schoolchildren.
- **Heifer Celebration!** As we embrace the Heifer project for our schoolwide service effort this year please note that there is an exhibit "Dreaming Cows" by artist Betty LaDuke at the Boston Children's Museum from 11/5-12/30 with a special celebration on Sunday 11/8 from 2-4pm. Reference www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org or www.heifer.org for more information.
- **Shop for Charter:** Shop Online for Halloween Savings - so Great It's Scary! Remember the Shop for Charter program when buying your costumes, candy, & decorations online this Halloween. Earn contributions to BFCCPS just by shopping through www.onecause.com. There's no extra cost to you. Sign up & shop today! Thank you for your support!
- **7&8 grade parents:** If you have not already scheduled a parent/teacher conference please contact Heather Zolnowski at hzolnowski@bfccps.org to schedule one.
- BFCCPS will be offering SSAT Prep classes for 8th grade students. Please contact Heather Zolnowski, ext. 126 or hzolnowski@bfccps.org, for more details.
- **8th Grade Capstone Projects: Cole Booth & Patrick Miller** are collecting shoes for donation to a shelter. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided on each floor of the school. Shoes will be collected through 11/2. Thanks!

Flyers:

Cradles to Crayons "Gearing Up For Winter" clothing drive cards for trick or treaters
Total Talent 2009 ticket order form

Popcorn order form Nov & Dec

French Week Schedule—Please join in to celebrate "La Francophonie!"

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

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 October / November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Last day to order Spiritwear, see website for form 3:30 Flag Football	27 Banking	28 Gr 3 field trip 9:15-11:15 7pm PAC meeting, library	29	30 PCO's Geography Show: K-2 9-10:10; 6-8 10:20-11:50; 3-5 12:40-1:40 November Scope & Sequence go home	31
NOV 1	2	3 Banking 9:00 Bd Pres meets with HOS, HOS office	4 8:00 Fin Comm mtg, HOS office 1:30-2:30 K & 5 Leaf raking (rescheduled from last Wed) 4:30 Flag Football championship at MA Premier/Mansfield	5 NOON DISMISSAL Parent/Teacher Conferences in p.m. (Babysitting available for K-4th grade ages from 4pm-7pm)	6 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences all day Childcare for gr K-4 students is available	7
8	9 2010-11 Applications Open	10 Banking	11 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	12 FOOD DRIVE (info below) Gr 7 field trip 8:45-1:15 7pm Board mtg, library	13 Gr 1 field trip 9:15-1:45 Assembly 10:20 5-8 7S presents 7-8:45 Gr 8 Talent Show!	14
15	16 French Week begins!	17 Banking	18 9am PAC Coffee, library ERB tests 4-8 (www.erbtest.org for info on test)	19 ERB tests conclude 4-8 7pm Bd Governance meeting, library	20 9:20 French Week Assembly BFCCPS Book Fair at Bellingham Barnes & Noble all day w/6pm musical performances there 7pm French movie at school, aud	21

The BFCCPS Food Drive is a whole-school service project spearheaded by parent Lisa Cronin. Items donated go to the Franklin Food Pantry once a month throughout the year. If each family can donate one item per month, it would be very much appreciated by the families & individuals in this community who need assistance with the basic items to live. Kindergarten - toilet paper or facial tissue; 1st - toothpaste or bar soap; 2nd - rice or pasta boxed meals; 3rd - cereal (any type); 4th - cookies or crackers (any type); 5th - canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli, beef or chicken stew); 6th - canned fruits (pineapple or oranges); 7th - canned vegetables; 8th - dish or laundry detergent

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>



SALUT!

Bonjour les parents de BFCCPS!

Please help us celebrate **French Week:**

Monday, November 16- Friday, November 20

During this week you can complement our celebration by adding something French to your child's lunch box, greet your child with a "Bonjour!", say good bye with "Au revoir!", "Bon Appétit!" every night at the dinner table, "Bravo" when they do a great job, and "Voilà" .

We have many ties with the French culture and, as you will see, our school will be decorated with hundreds of posters and artwork representing the many aspects of French culture that have had an affect on our lives and the many people who have contributed so much to our modern world. You will see posters illustrating scientists, mathematicians, writers, composers, artists, explorers, inventors, poets, actors, leaders, generals, fashion designers, and philosophers who have had a big impact on our lives. This year we are concentrating on "La Francophonie", the French Speaking World.

- **Le petit déjeuner** (breakfast) will be available on Monday (K-5), Wednesday (6-8) and Friday for 50c to \$1.00 from 7:45 till 9:30. It will vary from croissant, baguette, confiture (jelly), beignet (donut), crepes et chocolat (hot chocolate).K- 8 room parents will help coordinate this event.
- **Question of the day** over the PA system every day and prizes to be won at the end of the day
- **Tuesday**, November 17, the grade 8 students will dress up as famous French people and will have a small parade during lunch and recess. They will visit classes and talk about their contributions to our society. Students and faculty will vote for the best costume.
- **Wednesday**, November 18, is the Food and Cultural Fair in the auditorium from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. We will have food, music, and posters. All grades and community members are invited to attend.
- **Thursday** is La Bataille des Bistros (Battle of the bistros). This event is a waiter/waitress relay between students and faculty. It will take place on Thursday, November 19, from 12:30 pm till 2:30 pm in the parking lot. We are hoping that the whole school will attend and cheer the teams; Les Bleus, Les Blancs and Les Rouges. If it is raining, this event will be held on Friday, same time.
- **Friday:** A French assembly at 9:20 for K-4 and 10:15 for 5-8
In the evening of Friday, November 20 at 7:00 pm, we will be showing a French movie. The movie is to be announced at a later date. Students with their parents are invited to come.

If you can provide any food to help with the food fair on Wednesday, I am sure that the grade 8 students will appreciate it as the whole school will be invited to savor the food.

Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions mmalouf@bfccps.org.

Merci!

Mme. Malouf

CUT OUT and ATTACH A CARD TO THE CANDY TREATS THAT YOU GIVE THIS HALLOWEEN



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Please help me support Cradles to Crayons with the "Gearing Up for Winter" Campaign. Help keep a child warm and safe this winter by donating new or gently used winter items: **WINTER CLOTHING, COATS, SHOES, BOOTS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES & MITTENS.**

FOR DROP-OFF INFO. CONTACT:
LISA BUCHHOLZ **508-541-8657**
in Norfolk MA lisab@moveaheart.org



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Popcorn Wednesdays

November & December



.50 cents a bag

Sponsored by PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

Please help PAC support our role as Primary Educators. In an effort to bring knowledgeable speakers to our school, we will be selling freshly popped popcorn during lunch on Wednesdays for the month of October. If the sales are successful, we will continue for the remainder of the school year. The popcorn will be sold through **PRE SALE ONLY**. It will not be available for purchase the day of the sale.

With the proceeds from the sale, we hope to schedule guest speakers that would help teachers and parents better assist our children with school. The first speaker we would like to invite is Mrs. Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP from The Center for Executive Function.

If you would like your child(ren) to purchase popcorn, please place the order form (one per family) with cash or check in an envelope marked popcorn to your child's teacher.

Students(s) _____	Grade _____	Teacher _____
_____	Grade _____	Teacher _____
_____	Grade _____	Teacher _____
_____	Grade _____	Teacher _____

Please circle days you would like popcorn. If you should have any questions, please e-mail Tricia Madden at EMadd79@gmail.com or phone (508)261-9729. All orders are **due by Friday, 10/30**. Please remember we can only offer popcorn to student who PRE ORDER.

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| WED 11/4 | WED 11/11 NO SCHOOL | WED 11/18 | WED 11/25 NOON DISMISSAL |
| WED 12/2 | WED 12/9 | WED 12/16 | WED 12/23 NOON DISMISSAL |

Total Number of bags ordered _____ Telephone _____
 Total amount due @ \$0.50 a bag \$ _____ (if check, please include check # _____)

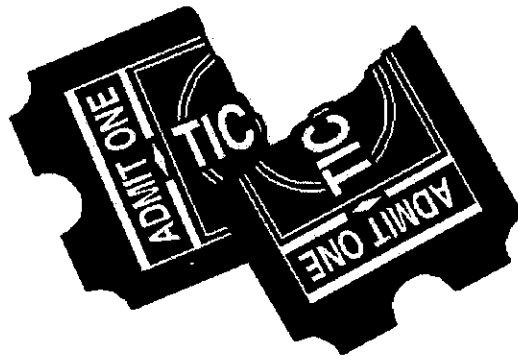
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLASSICAL CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Total Talent 2009

BFCCPS Talent Show

Friday, November 13th, 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Order your tickets today! Deadline is Tues. November 10th
Please hand forms into the main office



Come join us for a night of music, comedy and other talents
Sponsored by the eighth grade class and featuring the talents of
students in grades 5 - 8

Bring your friends and family. It's sure to be a great time!

Baked goods will be on sale at the show

All proceeds will support the BFCCPS eighth grade trip to Washington

Name _____

#of attendees _____

(\$5.00 per person/\$25.00 maximum per family)

Phone # _____

Check amount and # _____

***No physical tickets will be given. Your family's name and number of
seats will be listed at our check in table. For questions please contact

Sue Olson at solson@seolsons.com

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