



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

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

Pink Sheet for Wednesday December 9, 2009

Only 2 paper editions left!
COUNTDOWN TO THE PAPERLESS PINK SHEET

The last paper edition comes out 12/23/09

Events By Date:

W 12/9 4:30-5:30 **Basketball** at Mass Premier Courts

Th 12/10 FOOD DRIVE

Th 12/10 7pm **Board Meeting**, library

F 12/11 9:20 **K-2 Assembly**, both Ks present

F 12/11 7pm **8th Grader presents Movie Nite, 101 Dalmatians**, parents accompany children, see details at right

M 12/14 Term 1 Report Cards go home, K-8

T 12/15 7pm **Bd Governance Committee** meeting, library

W 12/16 4:30-5:30 **Basketball** at MA Premier Courts

Th 12/17 7pm **Holiday Concert**, auditorium

F 12/18 **January Scope & Sequence** goes home

F 12/18 9:20-11am **Social Studies Fair** by 5-8, K-4 attend students attend

M 12/21 11:50-12:30 **4th & 5th student Book Bunch**, library

W 12/23 **NOON DISMISSAL** for holiday

Th 12/24 through Sunday 1/3/10 is **School Holiday Break**

M 1/4 7-8:30pm **Enrollment Information Evening**, auditorium (for new applicants only)

T 1/5 9am **Board President meets with HOS**, HOS office

T 1/5 3:30 **8th SSAT Prep class**

W 1/6 8am **Board Finance Committee meeting**, HOS office

Notices:

- **Lost & Found is overflowing!** Please come in to claim your child(ren)'s items. What's left of the contents of Lost & Found will be donated to charity over the holiday break.
- **Shop for Charter:** Make all your online holiday purchases count by shopping through www.onecause.com. Take advantage of great specials like free shipping & discounts from L.L. Bean, Barnes & Noble, plus many more of your favorite stores. Save money & contribute to BFCCPS at no extra cost to you. Sign up & start shopping! See attached flyer for details or contact Lisa Frankina at lisamello@yahoo.com with questions.
- **2009-10 BFCCPS Basketball Season began Wednesday, 12/2** at the Mass Premier Courts in Mansfield. This after-school activity continues 4:30-5:30pm each Wednesday **for students in grades 5-8** with the annual pizza party on 2/10 after the faculty vs students game.
- **Lunch Order Form for January & February** is available on our website. Orders with payment are **due this Friday 12/11** to the office.
- **Please note the date change for the 4th & 5th grade Book Bunch meeting** to Monday 12/21, 11:50-12:30 with Mrs. Hass in the library!
- **In an effort to support the use of less paper**, starting with the February Scope & Sequence we will begin sending our monthly Scopes electronically. Teachers will upload a copy of the month's S&S to their Edline pages & they will also be emailed via our Alert Now system to each family. If you have any questions please contact Heather Zolnowski, ext. 126 or via email hzolnowski@bfccps.org.
- **8th Grade Capstone Projects will be presented** on 1/8 & 1/15. More information to come.
- **PAC Raffle for the Providence Bruins** Two chances to win a four pack of flex tickets for the Providence Bruins. Drawing to be held on Wednesday 12/16. \$1.00 for one ticket \$5.00 for six tickets. Great Holiday Gift Idea! Thanks for your support & good luck!

PCO News:

- **Still looking for a holiday gift or two?** How about BFCCPS spirit wear? We are selling the remainder of our spirit wear at discounted pricing during the holidays. We have sweat-shirts, t-shirts, fleece blankets, hoodies, & more in child & adult sizes, all at great prices. Please go to www.bfccps.org to check out the link for details on what we have available before they are sold out! We also have BFCCPS car magnets for \$3 each. Thank you for supporting the BFCCPS PCO and have a Happy Holiday!

8th Grade Capstones:

- **Movie Night!** Friday 12/11, 7pm in the school auditorium, showing **101 Dalmatians**, rated PG. 8th grader Rachel G. will be hosting this event to raise funds & assistance for the Purrfect Cat Shelter, Medway. *For admission to the movie please bring an item from the following list:* cat toys/Bounty paper towels/Swiffer refills/heavy duty tall kitchen trash bags/dish detergent/Pine-Sol/first class postage stamps/dryer sheets. Please remember that this is a family event & parents are asked to stay with their children.

Capstone Project Flyers:

Please support these 8th grade projects if you can!

- **Buy an Origami Peace Crane** & support Dana Farber/Children's Hospital Cancer Care
- **Letters to Soldiers:** Help send some holiday cheer & gratitude to a soldier overseas

We're going paperless starting with the Wednesday 1/6 newsletter!

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 December/January

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 Banking New Arts Block Term begins 3:30 SSAT Prep class | 9 Gr 3 Field Trip 9:15-11:15 4:30-5:30 Basketball at MA Premier Cts | 10 FOOD DRIVE 3:30 SSAT Prep class 7pm Board meeting, library | 11 K-2 Assembly 9:20, both Ks present Lunch Orders for Jan/ Feb DUE TODAY! 7pm Movie Night / 8th Grade Capstone Student presents <i>101 Dalmations</i> | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Term 1 Report Cards go home, all grades | 15 Banking 10:30-2:45 Gr 4 Field Trip 7pm Board Governance meeting/library | 16 4:30-5:30 Basketball at MA Premier Cts | 17 7pm Holiday Concert, auditorium | 18 January Scope & Sequence goes home <i>Last paper Scope & Sequence. Starts via email/web only in February</i> 9:20-11am Social Studies Fair, grades 5-8 present, K-4 attends | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Banking | 23 NOON DISMISSAL <i>LAST Paper Pink Sheet!</i> Starts via email & web <i>only</i> on 1/6/10 | 24 Holiday | 25 Holiday | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Holiday | 29 Holiday | 30 Holiday | 31 Holiday | January 1, 2010 Happy New Year! | 2 |

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>

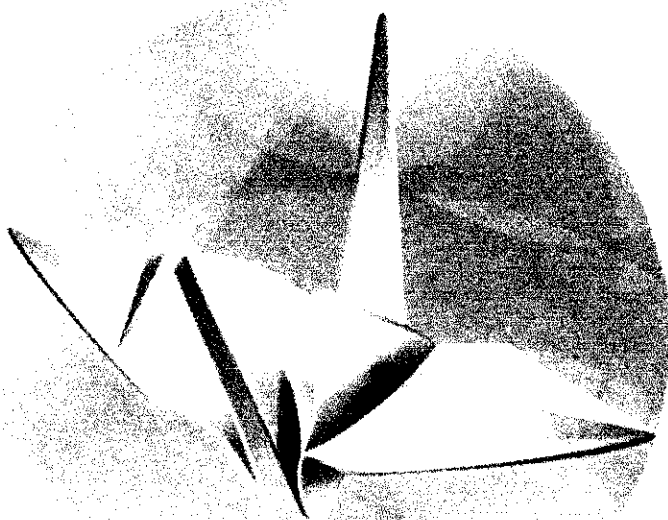
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Origami Ornaments

Buy a beautiful origami peace crane and help support Children's Cancer research

- ✓ For sale for all 1st to 8th grade students during lunch on Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th
- ✓ All ornaments are no more than 50¢
- ✓ Will support Dana-Farber/Children's Hospital Cancer Care (DF/CHCC)
- ✓ For Marielle DaCosta's capstone project
- ✓ Great gifts!



~Letters to the Soldiers~

8th Grade Capstone Project

For my 8th grade capstone I am asking for the BFCCPS student body to write a letter to a soldier overseas. My goal for this capstone project is to be able to make some soldiers smile at least once the day they receive these letters. When writing these letters you do have to keep in mind the rules that apply to writing them (listed below). Anyone in the school grades K-8 and faculty members can write a letter. There will be a box in the office from December 11th – December 23rd for you to put your letters in. Thank you in advance for your help in my 8th grade capstone project,

Rebecca Barry

Rules to writing letters

When writing these letters please do not:

- Say things that may make the soldiers uncomfortable.
- Attach candy or any kind of food to the letters.

When writing these letters you may:

- Say things such as, "Thank you for protecting our country!" or "I hope you are safe."
- Attach a drawing of yourself, family, class or pets

**** A student may write more than one letter if they want to****