



Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

Pink Sheet for Wednesday March 10, 2010

Coming up this month: *tomorrow*: FOOD DRIVE
Tuesday 3/16 NOON DISMISSAL
5-8 Science Fair Thursday 3/18, 6-8pm
MCAS testing grades 3-8 begins week of 3/22 through 4/8
3/29 Term 2 Report Cards go home

Events By Date:

Th 3/11 FOOD DRIVE please see donation list on reverse side, bottom

Th 3/11 7pm Board of Trustees meeting

F 3/12 Gym uniform orders DUE!

F 3/12 9:20 K-2 Assembly, both 2s present

M 3/15 7pm PCO meeting, library, childcare available for K-4th graders

T 3/16 NOON DISMISSAL

T 3/16 7pm Board Governance meeting, library

W 3/17 8am Board Finance Committee meeting, HOS office

Th 3/18 6-8pm Science Fair, grades 5-8, open to all

F 3/19 10:20 5-8 Assembly, 5H presents

S 3/20 Destination Imagination Regional Competition Medfield High School

T 3/23 MCAS testing grades 3, 4 & 7

W 3/24 7pm PAC meeting, library

Th 3/25 MCAS testing grades Reading Grades 3-8

F 3/26 5-8 Assembly with Shakespeare & Co

F 3/26 7:05pm Providence Bruins night, PAC event

M 3/29 Term 2 Report Cards go home

T 3/30 9:00am Board President meets w/HOS, HOS office

3/30 MCAS testing grades 4-8

NOTICES

- **Spring Gym Uniform Order Forms Now Online** Completed order forms due with payment by 3/12. Uniforms will be delivered by early April. If you have any questions you can call Kelley Shaffner-Brown 508-528-4739 or email kshaffnerbrown@hotmail.com
- **Volunteer Opportunity!** Gym Uniform Orders Coordinator needed. This is a great way to help the BFCCPS community. There is not a huge time commitment & you can work in your responsibilities around your schedule. If you are interested call Kelley Shaffner-Brown 508-528-4739 or email kshaffnerbrown@hotmail.com
- **Pancakes at the Farm, Saturdays 3/13 & 20, 9am-1pm. Heifer International Farm, Rutland, MA.** Tour the farm & see newborn goat kids & enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast with maple syrup & pork sausage! Reservations are required. Admission is \$10 for adults, children 3-10 are \$5. Children under age two are free. Heifer International is the schoolwide service project of BFCCPS this year.
- **Book Bunch for 4th & 5th grade will meet on Monday 3/15, 11:50-12:30** with Mrs. Hass in the library. We will discuss *The London Eye Mystery* & choose our next book.
- **Providence Bruins with PAC is Friday 3/26, 7:05pm.** Ticket price is \$15.00. It's Visor Night plus all students in our group will receive a free P-Bruins hat! Order form is on the school's website & attached here. Any questions contact Tricia Madden, eric.madden@verizon.net or Suzanne Graham, sgraham@bfccps.org.
- **School Store every Friday morning from 8:45-9:15** in the school library. All grades are welcome! Check out the school store website on Edline for available items & prices!
- **Attention BFCCPS families!** The 8th grade is creating a **cookbook to benefit Heifer International** & needs your help! Please send in family favorite recipes: appetizers, dinners, breakfast foods, desserts, etc., & if you wish you can also send a family photo to be displayed next to your recipe. Please email your submissions to Miss Sharistianian, bsharistianian@bfccps.org. We hope to have the cookbooks ready for sale in the spring. Thank you!
- **Thank you** to all of the families who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Donations will be accepted until 3/31 at which point we will conduct our drawing for an autographed Boston Bruins Jersey.
- **News for 5-8s:** In order to reduce the number of disruptions during class time, students in grades 5-8 will not be permitted to leave their classroom to pick up items delivered to the office (homework, books, projects, instruments, lunches, etc.) until snack time. Please help your students to remember all of the items that they will need for school that day before they leave for school in the morning.
- **Project Bread's Walk for Hunger** is Sunday 5/2 this year. **Ben's Best is our staff team of walkers that welcomes donations** from our student & family community! This year will be Ben's Best's 6th year participating in the 20 mile walk which starts out from the Boston Common. Please send in donations, large or small—whatever you can, marked for Ben's Best Walk. *There is a donation can on the office countertop, or donate online to your favorite team walker or to the team itself, www.projectbread.org & click on "Donate & Shop".* Help feed the growing numbers of hungry people in Massachusetts. Thanks.
- The **upcoming assembly on Friday 5/14 by storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston** will be supported in part by a grant from the local Franklin Cultural Council which is supported by the state of Massachusetts Cultural Council. The PCO is extremely thankful for the generous grant of \$400.00 that was awarded to support our Arts Enrichment program. <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org>

Attachment:

- at the Franklin YMCA—Parent Forum "Help Establish A Walking School Bus" 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday 3/24

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



2010 BFCCPS Calendar

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 New Enrollment (2010-11) re-sponses DUE 9:30-2:30 Grades 3&4 Field Trip	9 Banking Term 3 Arts Block for 6-8 begins	10	11 FOOD DRIVE 7pm Board meeting, library	12 Gym Uniform orders DUE 9:20 K-2 Assembly, both 2s present	13
14	15 7pm PCO, library	16 Banking NOON DISMISSAL 7pm Board Governance Comm mtg, library	17 8am Bd Finance FY11 Budget meeting	18 6-8pm Science Fair	19 10:20 5-8 Assembly, 5H presents 3L15-4L15 2-8 Chess Club, auditorium (thru 4/30)	20
21	22	23 Banking MCAS ELA Reading Comp test, gr. 3 MCAS ELA Writing test, grades 4 & 7	24 6:30-7:30pm Parent Forum at Franklin YMCA "Help Establish a Walking School Bus" 7pm PAC meeting, library	25 MCAS ELA Reading Comp test, gr. 3-8	26 5-8 Assembly workshops, PCO presents Shakespeare & Co. 7:05pm Providence Bruins game, PAC event	27
28	29 Term 2 Report Cards go home	30 9am Bd President meets w/HOS, HOS office MCAS ELA Reading Comp test, 4-8	31 8am Bd Fin Comm meeting, HOS office April Scope & Sequence emailed	April 1 MCAS test make-ups	2 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	3

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>

PARENT FORUM

HELP ESTABLISH A WALKING SCHOOL BUS

March 24, 2010 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
at the Franklin YMCA

HOCKOMOCK AREA YMCA
HEALTHY FUTURES



- Learn about the Walking School Bus program from MassRides Courtney Croteau, School Outreach Coordinator, in a 20-minute presentation.
- Discuss barriers that currently exist, preventing your child from walking to school.
- Create action plans and strategies to start a walking school bus program in your child's school in school-specific breakout groups.

Did you know?

In 1969, 41% of students walked or biked to school. By 2001, it was reduced to only 13%.



All welcome (including youth) and encouraged to attend! Free Child Watch is available if needed.

Please RSVP to Lauren Marciszyn, Youth & Community Wellness Director by March 22 at 774.235.2737 or via email at LaurenM@hockymca.org.

HOCKOMOCK AREA YMCA
HEALTHY FUTURES

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45 Forge Hill Road
Franklin, MA 02038

