



# Wednesday Parent Newsletter

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School

201 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038

**Pink Sheet** for Wednesday June 9, 2010

This is the final Pink Sheet for the 2009-10 school year

## Events By Date:

W 6/9 Kindergarten Last Day  
W 6/9 9-12noon Spring Book Sale, auditorium  
W 6/9 Gr 4 Medieval Feast  
W 6/9 Gr 8 Beach Day  
W 6/9 7pm Board Meeting, library  
Th 6/10 Last Food Drive!  
Th 6/10 Gr 2 Greek Olympics, Common  
Th 6/10 7pm BFCCPS concert, Horace Mann School  
F 6/11 Gr 8 Last Day  
F 6/11 Kindergarten Screening (for next year) begins  
F 6/11 9:15-2:30 Gr 1 Field Trip  
F 6/11 9:20 Fine Arts Awards Assembly, 5-8  
F 6/11 Last Day for Library classes  
F 6/11 7pm 8th Grade graduation, the school community is invited to attend  
M 6/14 Kindergarten Screening  
M 6/14-18 Library inventory, no Library classes  
T 6/15 9:30-2pm Gr 5 Field Trip w/ Ms. Russell  
W 6/16 12:30-3pm 4,5,6 Step-Up Day  
W 6/16 3:30 Parent Meeting for Step-Up Day.  
Th 6/17 8:15-2:30 Gr 7 Field Trip  
F 6/18 NOON DISMISSAL—Last Day!

## NOTICES

- **From the Health Office:** Please remember to pick up your child's medication from the Health Office by the last day of school (6/18/10) or earlier. We are not allowed to store any medication when school is not in session per DPH guidelines. All medications not picked up will be disposed of including Epi-pens, inhalers, over the counter medications such as Benadryl etc. Please call the school nurse with any questions 508-528-1945.
- **Please Note!** If you have a student who will not be returning to BFCCPS for the 2010-2011 school year please notify the school office in writing by June 18, the last day of school. Thank you.
- **Lollipop Sale** For her capstone project Erin Conley (7S) will be **selling lollipops for 25 cents** during the 5-8 lunch period ONLY Thursday 6/10. The money will be going towards the cost of the flowers planted in the courtyard. Her project is to beautify the courtyard.
- **From your PCO Please submit all PCO expenses for reimbursement** to Kristie O'Rourke (c/o Kate O'Rourke/KS) ASAP. Check request forms can be found in the PCO mailbox in the office or on the school website.
- **THANK YOU!** Karen Peterson, Michelle Jackson, Kelly Meredith, & Karen Dexter for your leadership & participation on the PCO Board this year!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Joanne Schaefer who has been elected PCO Vice President. Amy Nicholson & Diana Stavely have been elected as Members at Large.
- **Photos for Yearbook** All submissions of photos are due by June 13. Photos can be emailed to doris-reyn@msn.com. Thank you for your pictures.
- **We are forming the 2010-2011 Lego League Robotics team**, starting now! This is a wonderful opportunity for students age 9 to 14 to participate in a worldwide robotics program, learning both technical & life skills like teamwork & perseverance. To learn more check out [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) [ <http://www.usfirst.org/> ] & look at the Lego League section. The official team will need to be capped at 10 members with two alternates. Team slots go to the first students to express interest. This year's team was honored with a 2nd place Champion's Award at Blackstone Valley! Please contact Michele Pearl at [michelepearl@hotmail.com](mailto:michelepearl@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thanks so much to the PCO for funding the team again this year!
- **Yearbook orders & personal ads/messages** are still being collected through June 13. Order forms went home two weeks ago & additional forms are in school office. Personal ads flyer is attached.
- **Yearbook Order Forms** deadline has been extended to **June 11**. The yearbook is a 64-page, full-color keepsake of the school year. In addition to class pictures, it includes photos from field day, clubs, events, graduation, class trips. Please contact Doris Reynolds with any questions (508-553-9655 or [dorisreyn@msn.com](mailto:dorisreyn@msn.com)). Yearbook Extra!: **Free Photo Book** offer with your yearbook order! All book buyers will receive a free photo book offer from our yearbook publisher.
- **Another Note from the Health Office: Dehydration & sun/heat stroke are major health concerns during hot weather.** Since the weather has gotten warmer please take the following precautions: **1.** Make sure your child brings a water bottle to school especially on gym day. **2.** Apply sunscreen lotion to your child before sending them to school as needed. **3.** For those with bee sting /insect allergies, try to avoid bright colorful clothing, wear long sleeves if you can, & apply insect repellent when necessary when you are going outdoors.
- **Thank you** to the parents who participated in the BFCCPS after-school program survey. We found that there was limited interest in BFCCPS offering an after school program. Parents were happy with the alternatives that currently exist. BFCCPS will not be implementing an After School program at this time. For information on after school programs that are currently offered, please speak to Deb Schwab.
- **Parent Meeting for Step-Up Day** will be held on Wednesday, June 15 from 3:30-4:15 for parents of students entering grades 5-8. Faculty and staff will be on hand to talk about the transition between the grades. Meetings will occur in the following locations: 5th grade; Mrs. Bien's room; 6th grade; Mrs. Ward's Room; 7th and 8th grade; Ms. Salley's room. Please contact Joe Perna with any questions.
- **The new Technology and Library** curriculum is now available on the school web site. You can find it under the Head of School tab on the BFCCPS website.
- **Be on the lookout** for the 2010 BFCCPS family survey. This will be an opportunity for families to offer feedback on this year at BFCCPS.

**See attachments after the Calendar :** PCO Parent Survey Results, Animal Banz order form, Yearbook Personal Ad order form

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](http://www.bfccps.org) or call the school office at 508-541-3434



# 2010 BFCCPS Calendar

## June - final issue

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
6	7 Spring Book Fair 9-3pm, auditorium	8 Banking—Final this year Gr 3 Roman Feast Spring Book Fair 9-4pm & 6-8pm, auditorium 10:00 5-8 French Awards Assembly, auditorium 5:30pm Gr 8 Banquet	9 Spring Book Fair 9-12pm, auditorium Kindergarten Last Day Gr 4 Medieval Feast Gr 8 Beach Day 7pm Board Meeting, library	10 Last FOOD DRIVE Gr 2 Greek Olympics Lollipop Sale at lunch, 25 cents each Last Day for Homework Clubs 7pm at Horace Mann School, Band World Premiere!	11 Grade 8 Last Day 9:20 Fine Arts Awards Assembly, 5-8 Gr 1 Field Trip K Screening begins 7pm 8th Grade Graduation, auditorium	12
13	14 Kindergarten Screening Library inventory week	15 9:20-2pm Gr 5 Field Trip Kindergarten Screening	16 Step Up Day for students entering 5, 6, 7 next year, 12:30-3pm 3:30-4:15 Parents of entering 5, 6, 7, 8 meet for Step-Up Day	17 8:15-2:30 Gr 7 Field Trip	18 <b>Last Day NOON DISMISSAL</b>	19
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<h1 style="color: blue;">Happy Summer Vacation!</h1>						

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; 1<sup>st</sup> - toothpaste or bar soap; 2<sup>nd</sup> - rice or pasta boxed meals; 3<sup>rd</sup> - cereal (any type); 4<sup>th</sup> - cookies or crackers (any type); 5<sup>th</sup> - canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli, beef or chicken stew); 6<sup>th</sup> - canned fruits (pineapple or oranges); 7<sup>th</sup> - canned vegetables; 8<sup>th</sup> - 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 Community Organization 2010 Parent Survey Results

May 2010

## Survey Summary

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- The PCO conducted an online survey (March 18 - Apr 2) to gather feedback from parents and the broader PCO community.
- Survey goals:
  - Give parents a formalized voice (for those too busy to share anecdotal feedback)
  - Provide the PCO an updated view of parent feedback since the last survey
  - Help shape our agenda for 2011 and beyond
  - (And to a lesser extent...) Remind parents of what the PCO does for the school
- Methodology:
  - Online survey (via “Survey Monkey”)
  - Advertised in the Pink Sheet and AlertNow emails
  - Respondents were offered a chance to win one of three raffle prizes (gift certificates for local restaurants)
- Results:
  - 50 parents and staff participated
  - Summary feedback on pages 3-4; details on pages 5-16
  - Three raffle winners:
    - Three Restaurant: Marisol Nicholson
    - Elizabeth’s: Kim Knous
    - Dunkin’ Donuts: Kevin Smith

## PCO Strengths

- Strong positive feedback on most family events and activities (see box, right)
  - “These activities are integral to the success of our school...”
  - “Thank you for providing these valuable experiences!”
  - “Great time for the whole family!”
  - “The family social in the fall (vs. spring) was great!”
- Many appreciate the family aspect of our events
- Nearly 2/3 are “happy to support PCO fundraising efforts.”
- There’s a strong appreciation for the PCO generally
  - “You guys work very hard. Keep up the good work and thank you.”
  - “The PCO is an excellent organization at BFCCPS!”

Family Events / Activities	% “Good” “Very Good” or “Excellent”
Field Day	80%
Arts Enrichment: Bamidele Dancers	72%
Family Social 09 (Haunted Hop)	70%
Banking	62%
Family Social 08 (Hoe Down)	57%
Arts Enrichment: Geography Game Show	52%
Family Night: Ice Cream	51% (Low attendance)
Arts Enrichment: One Hen Microfinance	49% (14% Fair/Poor)
Arts Enrichment: Author Ann Broyles	48%
Family Night: Ice Skating	28% (Low attendance)
After School Sports	24%
Destination Imagination	10% (V. low usage)
Lego League	2% (V. low usage)

# PCO Opportunities for Improvement

- Consider new fundraising ideas
  - Fundraise with a particular goal in mind
  - Different products
    - Nearly half--48%--said they don't like the product offering.
    - "Tired of wrapping paper"
    - "...the quality of products is not so great."
    - "We would buy *more* of something better!"
  - Solicit direct family donations in lieu of fundraising (multiple mentions!)
    - "We'd rather write a check..."
    - "I prefer to send a personal donation..."
  - Consider different timing for fundraising
    - "Spring might be a better time; we're 'spent' with fall school expenses..."
    - "All the fundraising seems to happen at the same time..."
- Offer family nights more regularly
- Increase parent communications to build awareness of PCO events

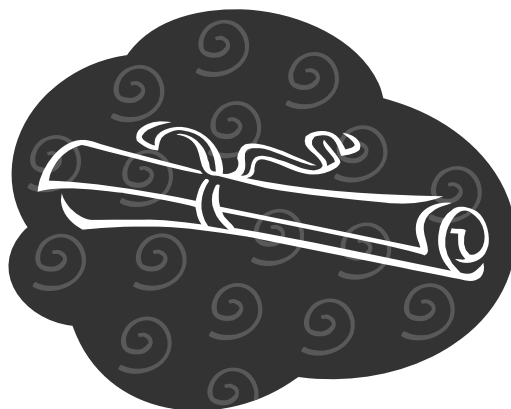
## Raffle winners:

- Three Restaurant: Marisol Nicholson
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Fundraising Activity	% "Good" "Very Good" or "Excellent"
Box Tops	89%
Book Fair (Scholastic)	82%
Auction	63%
Gift wrap / cookie dough	61% (23% Fair/Poor)
Isabella's Restaurant Nights	54%
Mingle, Jingle, Shop	48%
Book Fair (Barnes & Noble)	48% (14% Fair/Poor)
Discounted BJ's Membership	40% (Low usage)
Shop for Charter	28% (Low usage)

## How parents said the PCO should prioritize its' money:

- 1 Student equipment (More technology, books, musical instruments, etc.)
- 2 Student programs (Banking, Arts Enrichment, etc.)
- 3 Family programs (Family Social, Family Nights, etc.)



## 2009-2010 Yearbook Personal Ads

Dear Parents, Family, Friends,

Honor your loved ones by placing a personal ad in our '09-'10 Yearbook. For only \$10, you can take the opportunity to recognize their outstanding accomplishments that will be remembered for many years.

Maximum number of words = 20

Ad deadline date = Friday, June 11, 2010

Submit your ad and payment, payable to BFCCPS-PCO to:

Jen Bremner, via kid-mail to Grace Bremner in 5H

Any questions, please call Jen Bremner at 1-508-528-7705

We hope you enjoy this chance to honor your student. Thank you for participating in our yearbook program and increasing the value of our book by submitting your personal message.

Sincerely,

Your 2009-2010 Yearbook Staff

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### Yearbook Personal Ads

Detach and submit ads with payment (*payable to BFCCPS-PCO*)

Purchaser Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Animal Bandz

Emily Spillane 7<sup>th</sup> grade

For my capstone project I will be selling Silly Bandz in the shape of cats and dogs. This will be to raise money for the Baypath Humane Society.

1 package of 4= \$1.00

Please send in order forms by Wednesday, June 9, 2010 to the front office. Orders will be delivered to homerooms on Monday, June 14, 2010.

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Animal Bandz- Emily Spillane

Name(s)- \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s)- \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s)- \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bags- \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.00= \_\_\_\_\_  
Total

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Emily Spillane