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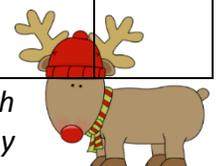
Building A Legacy For All

DECEMBER

2016

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<p><i>During the holidays there is so much to do – we'd like to allow students and parents an opportunity to take a break from tutoring during the month of December. Tutoring will resume January 10, 2017.</i></p>					BANE SPIRIT DAY BOOK FAIR PREVIEW DAY 5 th grade Science Test	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Reading checkpoint test grades 2-5 <u>BOOK FAIR</u> TBM Club 4:15-6:00 pm	Science Unit Test 3 rd grade <u>BOOK FAIR</u> Bane Choir Holiday Program 6:00 pm	Reading Checkpoint Test grades 2 & 4 <u>BOOK FAIR</u> Parent Volunteer Meeting 9:00 am Name That Book Club 4:15-5:15 pm Girl Scout Rally 6:45 pm	<u>BOOK FAIR</u>	BANE SPIRIT DAY <u>BOOK FAIR &</u> <u>CHARACTER</u> <u>PARADE</u> 5 th Grade Field Trip	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	TBM Club 4:15-6:00 pm CFISD Board Meeting 6 pm		Parent Volunteer Meeting 9:00 am Name That Book Club 4:15-5:15 pm	Science Unit Test grade 2 Math Checkpoint Test grade 5	<i>Student Holiday Parties & Program</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p><i>Student & Staff Holiday</i></p> 						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p><i>Student & Staff Holiday</i></p>						
JAN.	JAN. 2	JAN. 3	JAN. 4	JAN. 5	JAN. 6	JAN. 7
	<i>Student Holiday</i> Staff Professional Day	WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9:00 am Name That Book Club 4:15-5:15 pm		BANE SPIRIT DAY	

Classroom holiday parties will be a time for teachers and students to enjoy holiday cheer with a small snack provided by the school. Information on grade level activities will be provided by your child's teacher in their Monday folder.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

At this time of year there are many delightful student activities taking place at our school. We want to provide your child with as many positive learning experiences as we can while still maintaining our learning expectations to help your child succeed and safety standards that will keep them and our staff safe.

Having large groups of people on campus during the school day is a severe safety concern for our children. This year, our holiday parties will be much lower key and they will be held for students only.

Each class will be allowed to have a maximum of six volunteers to help with set up and clean up. No other visitors will be allowed and siblings cannot attend the parties.

We would like to thank all of our families for their cooperation and understanding of this very important safety issue.

Please contact Mrs. Gil in the front office for information on how to become a volunteer. All class parties will be held in the morning on December 16th and the students will be treated to a special program in the cafeteria in the afternoon by the performing group, Drum Café.

On behalf of the teachers and staff, we wish every Bane family a very safe, joyous and happy holiday.



Name That Book News

On November 29th and 30th, students participating in Name That Book took their qualifying test to determine who will represent each of the grade levels participating. The students with the 6 highest scores from each grade level will form teams and represent their grade level in our Bane Name That Book Campus Competition on February 6, 2017.

We would like to congratulate all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who participated in the before and after school clubs for their hard work and dedication to the program. The remaining students will work with their team to read as many of the 100 books on the list as possible to prepare for the campus competition. The winning grade level will continue on to compete against other campuses at the District competition at the Berry Center on February 27, 2017.

Parents of the students who made their grade level teams can support their child by helping them memorize the titles of all the books and asking students to tell them the important information from the book.

A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Skowronek, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Orsak, Mrs. Barkley, and Mrs. Mangum for giving their time after school each Wednesday to help the students prepare for the competition.

"Snowmen All Year Long"

All Bane families are invited to join us for an evening of festive holiday cheer as our

Bane Choir

performs our favorite holiday songs on

Tuesday, December 6th

6:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

Note to Choir parents:

Students participating in the program will stay after school on December 6th to rehearse and prepare for the performance. Students are to wear their choir shirt, jeans and tennis shoes to school that day. A snack will be served to the students prior to the performance.

Holiday humor for kids

Q. What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A. A cookie sheet!

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark?

A. Frost bite!

Q. What do you call an Eskimo cow?

A. An Eskimooooo.

Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?

A. Ice caps.

Happy
Holidays!

Bane Parents – we need you!

Will you consider giving just a little bit of your time to Bane?

Attend one of our volunteer meetings, held every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. You'll meet great parents and staff who are ready to have your lend a hand with small projects. Bane Dads, please consider becoming one of our W.A.T.C.H. DOGS – a group of great Bane Dads who volunteer their time with students. We have something for everyone! Call the school office for more information at 713-460-6140 or attend one of our meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

Save the Date

Family Reading Night For grades PK-1

January 10, 2017

6:00-7:00 pm

Hosted by "Turning Pages" this interactive night will include dinner, feature a read aloud program and books for the children to take home! More details to follow soon!

Don't stress about the test!

December brings us to that time of year when benchmark and checkpoint testing begins for all grade levels. These tests are a great tool as they are used as indicators to help our teachers and staff determine where your child is in his or her academic learning.

What does this mean for your child? It gives our teachers and instructional specialists a chance to determine if your child may need a little extra help in some areas. Your child will have opportunities to work in ways that will insure he or she doesn't become overwhelmed, frustrated, or feel unprepared for the classroom each day.

What does this mean for parents? It's a good time for parents to remind their children that everyone learns at a different pace and in a different way. It is an opportunity for parents to speak words of encouragement and offer support to your child by helping with homework, checking his Monday folder and communicating with the teacher any concerns you may have.

Another way to help your child to do their best each day –

- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest, with electronics turned off a minimum of 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Start your child's day with a good breakfast, whether at home or at school. Eating breakfast has been proven to help a child's concentration and classroom performance.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time each day. Learning starts as soon as your child arrives in the classroom so that teachers can maximize the amount of learning time they have. If your child is consistently tardy, it means he misses valuable instructional time and can lead to him feeling stressed or unprepared.
- Try to keep absences and early pick-ups to a minimum. Our learning time is valuable! If possible, schedule appointments on non-school days.
- Get involved! Bane is all about families and we welcome moms and dads who can spend a little time at the school helping out. It is a great confidence builder in your child to know that his mom or dad (or both) care enough to spend a little time at school.



The Book Fair is here!

Don't miss the Book Fair at Bane

Beginning December 2nd through December 9th students and parents can shop from a large selection of wonderful books and educational items.

Early morning shoppers can stop by throughout the week between 7:45 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. to shop before school begins.

If you prefer to stop by after school, the book fair will be open until 6:00 p.m. daily, except for Fridays.

Parents are welcome to shop during the school day, however students are permitted to shop with their parents only during their lunch or recess times.

GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
KINDER	12:00-12:30	11:30-12:00
1	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30
2	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:30
3	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30
4	11:00-11:30	10:30-11:00
5	1:00-1:30	12:30-1:00

Book Fair Celebration - Character Parade

Let's Celebrate Reading!

Friday, December 9th, 2016

On Friday, December 9th, Bane Elementary students and staff members are invited to bring a costume representing their favorite storybook character. We're celebrating the conclusion of our book fair with a character parade.

Maybe your favorite character is Curious George, Junie B. Jones, Nate the Great, Corduroy, Bad Kitty or Lunch Lady. Whomever it is, now is your opportunity to dress up just like them. **As long as you are dressed up as a character from a children's storybook, you are welcome to participate!**



Please carry a copy of your book while you parade. What a great advertisement for your storybook character! If you can't find a book, come see me in the library. We are encouraging the students to get creative when deciding on their costume. Please help your student create a costume with items already at home or ones that can be made.

Remember that all attire must be appropriate for school. Please, no witches, ghosts or other clothing that might distract from learning. Also, do not bring any weapons of any sort. If you are skeptical about whether or not your costume is ok to wear, perhaps you should choose another character. Please know that if your chosen attire is not appropriate for school, you will be asked to remove it.

Students should bring their costume with them to school. The costume needs to be put on over normal school clothing and must be done by the student without teacher assistance. Also, each student will be expected to participate in P.E. **Parents, due to limited parking, we would like to ask that there are no visitors during the parade.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the library at (713) 460-6146.



I can't wait to celebrate reading with you! Make sure you visit us during our Book Fair on December 2nd-9th!

Mrs. Skowronek
Librarian

Attention 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Parents:

Your child will be bringing home a 2016 Spelling Bee List. All students will participate in the class qualifying test. The qualifying test is a non-graded assessment that provides us information about Bane's best spellers.



While it is not mandatory to study the words, this list is provided for those who would like to try to better their chances at qualifying for our Campus Spelling Bee.

If your child chooses to study the words, please make sure he/she continues to keep up with their assigned classroom work. In addition, to being able to spell well, the student who goes on to represent us at the District Level needs to be a role model, having good work habits and behavior.

Friday, November 18th	Class Spelling List goes home
Friday, December 9th	Class Qualifying Test
Monday, December 12th	National Spelling Bee List goes home with students who qualify
Friday, January 6th	Campus Spelling Bee (Parents may attend 9:00 AM)
Wednesday, February 1 st	District Spelling Bee

If you have any questions, please call or email Stacey.beck@cfisd.net

Parents, remember if your child is absent, you must send a note within 3 days, stating the reason for the absence. If your child has a fever, he must be fever-free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.