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Happy New Year!!

From the Principal's Desk.....



Happy New Year!"

The month of December was awesome! A special "THANK YOU" to the Mr. Lossasso, our After Care staff, and Mr. Ayte for coordinating our Holiday Showcase, our students and families that performed did an awesome job! Also, "THANK YOU" to PTA for coordinating our Holiday Shop.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Winter Break. As a reminder, the **Magnet/Reassignment Application** window for the **2020-2021** school year opened on **December 2, 2019** and closes on **February 5, 2020**. If you are interested in applying for a reassignment to attend **Banyan Elementary**, please visit browardschools.com/school choice.

As we enter January, we will continue working towards improving student achievement in all of our academic areas, preparing for the district test in Grades 1-2 and the Florida Standards Assessment in Grades 3-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities and we expect all of our students to reach their highest academic potential.

Educationally,

Eric Miller, Ed.D.
Principal



Calendar of Events

Jan 20	No School
Jan 22	SAC/SAF Meetings 6:30 p.m.
Jan 23	Family Science Night 6-8 p.m.
Jan 25	FSA Saturday Camp for Grades 3-5 8:45 a.m-12:15 p.m.
Jan 29	Report Cards Issued
Jan 30	Granola For Grandparents Read In 8:30 a.m.

NOTE

We want our students in school each school day. If you child must be absent, report the reason for an excused absence by phone, note, or by using the online form on our website. Visit our website to "Contacts" and select "Report an Absence". Attendance Counts! All day, every school day!!

The mission of Banyan Elementary is to afford each student the opportunity to receive a quality education in a safe and secure learning environment

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Classroom News

PreKindergarten

Happy New Year! 2020 is off to a great start in pre-k as we look forward to celebrating a variety of special days including Dr. Martin Luther King Day and National No Name Calling Week. We are also continuing to meet new Letter People friends and learning both the letter names and sounds. Please continue reading to your child at home each day.

Kindergarten

Happy New Year. We hope everyone had a restful break. We are entering the third quarter of the school year. Kindergarten students are progressing tremendously. Please continue to read with your child daily. Focus on concepts of print, directionality, and return sweep. It is important to encourage one-to-one match of spoken words to printed words. Students should identify parts of a book. Have them use illustrations to help them comprehend text, and help them understand that the pictures support the text. Students will recognize that there are different types of text. Also, they will understand that author writes stories for different reasons. Students will add details to drawings and contribute to the group writing experience by generating ideas about a specific topic and record the response in their journal notebooks. Students will learn to add and subtract numbers using manipulatives such as counters and cubes. Students will explore the concept of change as it relates to time, space, and weather.

1st Grade

Wow! Here we are in the 3rd quarter. First grade is working very hard in Reading, Science, Math, and Social Studies skills. Please continue to read daily with your student and ask questions about the story. Reading daily will increase fluency and comprehension skills. We are continuing to work on locating text evidence, main idea and details, context clues, and author's purpose. We are practicing the skills through working in Literacy Centers, Guided Reading with the teacher and shared and interactive reading in larger groups and with peers. Please practice addition and subtraction facts daily to build fluency. Please check your student's folder and planner each day and be sure they are completing their homework. Also, be sure to call the school or send in a note if there is a change in dismissal plans. Remember, class starts promptly at 7:50 a.m. Thank you for your continued support.

2nd Grade

WELCOME to the 2020 school year! There is so much to be done. So, let's come to school ready to do our best. We have been doing a lot of writing. We are still working on Opinion Writing. Parents can help with writing by reading a book with your child. After reading a book, have them write a summary of the story. Have them tell whether they like the book or not. Students should be able to give reasons to why or why not. Be sure to use correct punctuation, such as periods and question marks.

In reading, we are working on Author's Purpose. Reading Literature • Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types. Reading Informational Text • Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain or describe. I hope everyone is completing at least 45 minutes a week in Reading and Math on iReady. We are continuing to work hard on our reading skills. We want every student to be reading on or above grade level by the end of the school year. Please check with your child teacher regarding ways you can help at home. Students should read at least 20 minutes each day. If you do not know your child's reading level, please be sure to schedule a conference with his/her teacher. For a list of books that your child should be reading at his/her age and/or reading level, check out www.kidsbookseries.com. In math, we are exploring how to add and subtract two and three - digit numbers. Including regrouping ones, tens, and hundreds. Home Activity – Write addition and subtraction problems with two 3-digit numbers for your child. Write some problems where regrouping is needed and other problems where regrouping is not needed. Home Activity - Write 2-digit numbers, such as 56, 67, and 89, each on a separate index card. Use a pencil and a paper clip to make a pointer for the spinner. Have your child choose a card, spin the pointer, and subtract the number on the spinner from the number on the card.

3rd Grade

Happy New Year!!! We are bringing in 2020 preparing for the FSA. We will be focusing on test strategies in reading and in math. Please allow students to continue reading chapter books to build their stamina and work on I-Ready (Reading & Math) assignments to practice skills online daily.

4th Grade

Happy New Year parents! We hope all families had a great holiday. Fourth Grade students are now starting their 3rd quarter of school. We will be starting Banyan's FSA Saturday Camp on Saturday, January 25th, therefore be sure to review and complete the FSA Camp Invitation that was sent home. Also, be sure to return the form should it be something you want your child to attend. Camp will be held from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher. In addition, be sure to contact your child's teacher for a conference to review quarterly mock assessments, i-Ready assessments and academic progress. Please pay attention to the homework that is being sent home, as it mimics the class lessons that are being taught. Remember, if you are ever stuck on helping your child at home, contact your child's teacher for resources and websites that can assist. Thank you for your support!

5th Grade

Greetings from your Fantastic Fifth Grade Teachers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone is well rested and had an awesome Winter Break celebrating the holidays with family and friends. Now we are officially in crunch time, which means that we are now laser focused on getting our 5th graders test ready. Your students will be bringing home Saturday camp sign up forms. Please fill them out and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

In addition to reviewing all previously taught standards, in science we are learning about physical and chemical changes. In reading, we are working on point of view. In math, we are also working on fractions. And in writing, it's all about writing opinion essays. Please continue to have our 5th graders get on iReady daily for at least 20 minutes at home. Have them alternate between reading and math.

Parents, we really appreciate all you do and sincerely thank you for continuing the learning at home!

Guidance

Hello Banyan University Family Members,

Our Character Trait for the month of January is Respect!

Respect is a critical element in all healthy relationships. When children respect others, they treat people with consideration and courtesy and do not violate them physically or verbally. Respect for others should be woven into the fabric of each student's life and characterize all of their relationships. It is a fundamental character quality that prepares children to live productive lives as they relate to and work with others.

Respect is Key!!

Math

As we prepare for the two-week winter break, it is imperative that students continue their learning. Please be sure that your child is logging onto *i-Ready* for 15 to 20 minutes each day. Students should continue to work on sharpening their Math skills while on break. Spending just a few minutes on *i-Ready* each day will help improve your child's performance in Math. Students in Grades 3-5 can also access practice for the **Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)** in Math by going onto **fsassessments.com** and clicking on "Practice Tests." An answer key is also available for your convenience. It is important that students show their work when solving Math problems. Please encourage your child to always use pencil and paper when completing math assignments.

We are in FSA Prep mode. Teachers, Coaches and Teacher Assistants will all be working hard to help our students reach their maximum potential. Our Goal is to become an "A" school this year! Your assistance can help our students improve their performance in math and experience success on **the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in Math**.

FSA Saturday Camp will begin January 25, 2020. Students in Grades 3-5 will receive free Reading, Math and Science tutoring from our teachers. Please make sure you complete the FSA Saturday Camp form and return it to your child's teacher so that their seat is reserved.

Remember, if you or your child need help with understanding Math concepts and standards, please log onto **MrMathBlog.com**. Videos are available by standards and will provide you and your child with step by step explanations on how to complete Math problems.

If you have any questions or concerns about Math or need assistance, please feel free to contact Veronica Jackson, Math Coach at (754) 322-5350.

Specials P.E.

HELLO BANYAN FAMILY, WE ARE ENTERING A NEW YEAR. WE ARE BACK TO SCHOOL LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SECOND HALF OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. I HOPE EVERYONE IS RESTED AND READY TO LEARN. THERE WILL BE FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES COMING. STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE P.E. NEWS

Media

Brrrr....

Baby it's cold outside! So why not snuggle up with a good book. This month's featured book is the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Winner, "Stella Diaz Has Something to Say". *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* introduces an infectiously charming new character with relatable writing and adorable black-and-white art throughout. Simple Spanish vocabulary is also integrated within the text, providing a bilingual element. This is a great book to read over the winter break. Check this book out to see what Stella has to say.

In other news, it is time for #WinterRead2020. Winter Read 2020 is a reading contest that all Broward County School students are enrolled in through BeanStack. All students are enrolled in the challenge now, and their logging "counts" toward the challenge from January 1 -31. The school has the opportunity to win one of fifty \$1,000 prizes from Penguin Random House, and even a possible author visit to your school! Let's make sure that all the books we read are logged into BeanStack.

Music

Happy New year Banyan Family, hope everyone had a great break. Hope to see everyone in the Black History Show. Choir and Band will be performing.

ESE

Hello Parents and Students. I hope you all had a peaceful, and restful Winter Break. Second Quarter has ended, and a new Quarter has officially begun. Please check your child's report card for their progress report from the ESE Department.

Parents, I will continue to send you pertinent information regarding upcoming IEP and Gifted meetings. Please remember to check your child's bag for any other documents from my office.

Title 1

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Students of the Month

Pre Kindergarten

Insua	Ariellah Carranza
Goldon	Kylance Durand
Simpson	Marvin Bien Aime
Smalley	Tahjay Taylor
Humphrey	Jacob Dorice

Kindergarten

Greene	Tyler Rowe
M. Elliott	Emma Destil
Chireno	Maliyah Johnson
Warren	Yancel Garcia Valdez



Congratulations

First Grade

Brajon	Tam Phan
Forgatsch	Amelia Hydol
Holschauer	Asia Miles
Reimer	Jayah Montgomery



Congratulations

Second Grade

Mathis	Madison Orozco
Smith	Devon Smith
Gainer-Smith	Cecia Elias Miguel
Levine	Maryann Orozco
Jacobs	Za'Ria Williams



Congratulations

Third Grade

Cunningham	Briana Bailey
Glass	Neil Simon
Faulkner	Ethan Olson
K. Elliott	Alesio Lake
Small	Lyric Lanier



Congratulations

Fourth Grade

Kellingbeck	Sophia Salinas
Miller	Kaelyn Edwards
Nolan	Bra'Dan Spencer
Givens	Adriel Cabrera
Hardge	Jayda Givens



Congratulations

Fifth Grade

Valies-Joseph	Jacarie Miller
Bejacmar	Reguardy Dessources
Pallero	Jordan Chever
Carson	Anthony Ponce
White	Makai Herring



Congratulations