



# Benfield Elementary School

*"The strength of the team is each individual member; the strength of each individual member is the team."*

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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**October 11, 2019**

## Family Newsletter



### Looking Ahead

Greetings Benefield Families!

We are looking forward to meeting with all our families during this week's parent-teacher conferences. Our teachers are prepared and ready to share your child's progress in school this year.



With Halloween quickly approaching, we wanted to share a few reminders to our Benfield Families:

- Parade, weather permitting, begins at 2:00 p.m. Families are welcome to join us!
- Students should come to school in their costumes, so please make sure the costume is comfortable to wear during instruction.
- We are asking that students dress in costumes that are appropriate for school. Please no scary, bloody, or gruesome costumes. Students cannot bring any type of look-alike weapon (spears, guns, swords, etc.).
- Classroom parents are preparing for the class party and will notify you for assistance, if needed.

#### Dismissal Time

We have lots happening at dismissal time and our office staff will not always have time to assist parents. If you need assistance from one of the office staff members, please try to stop by before 3:45 p.m. or after 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Wortz will be in the office until 4:30 p.m.

*Sincerely,  
Sue Myers, Principal*

#### October

- 14<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences, no school for students
- 18<sup>th</sup> First Grade Field Trip to Baltimore Aquarium
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Project Unity Day, Wear Orange to show support for Anti-Bullying
- 30<sup>th</sup> Third Grade Field Trip to Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
- 31<sup>st</sup> Happy Halloween Parade, 2:00 p.m.

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vision and Hearing Screening
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Two -Hour Early Dismissal
- 11<sup>th</sup> American Education Celebration:
  - \* Open House K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
  - \* ECI Classes 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake Day  
Mandatory Parent Meeting for musical, 6:00 p.m., cafeteria
- 26<sup>th</sup> Grandparents'/Senior Friend's Day 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Support our PTA!  
[Benfield PTA Website](#)



**We Are Going to ROCK It this Year!**

# Benfield Presents



Benfield is accepting auditions for the spring musical High School Musical 2 JR.

**Who:** all interested 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**What:** A Musical Theater Workshop designed to prepare children for auditioning, acting, staging, theater, choreography, singing and producing a show.

**When:** Monday's and Wednesday's after school from 3:55 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. starting January 6<sup>th</sup>, with culminating performances on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** Benfield Cafeteria

\*We do our best to have as many students participate in the show as possible, but space is limited.

There is a **mandatory parent meeting** for students interested on **Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the Benfield cafeteria. Registration forms, details about the program, and auditions will be shared at that time. **This meeting is only for cast, not stage crew.** Stage crew will have sign ups in March or April. Stage crew is chosen by lottery.

The gang is back for another action packed summer extravaganza as Troy, Gabriella and the rest of the Wildcats finish Junior year and blast into the summer scene in Disney's High School Musical 2 JR. At Lava Springs Country Club, popular girl, Sharpay, reigns supreme while the wildcats get to work – Literally! Featuring every ounce of the light-hearted fun that made the High School Musical a household name, this buoyant sequel follows our East High favorites as they face the realities of the adult work and begin to grow up. Friendships are tested, summer romances go haywire and the meaning of success is redefined. Rockin' songs, make this an ideal show for the young actors. Jump into the pool with the Wildcats as you swim along with this crowd-pleasing, fun-filled charmer!

The Director: Kylie Airin Sjolie is currently working in the Special Education department for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Kylie has been directing for over 5 years with companies such as Stageworkz and Theater in the Park. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> year directing with Benfield. She also performs on stages such as Annapolis Summer Garden Theater, 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions and Woods Church. For questions, please contact Ms. Sjolie at [ksjolie@aacps.org](mailto:ksjolie@aacps.org)

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# SQUAT OBER

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_  
EVERY DAY COMPLETE THE ASSIGNED NUMBER OF SQUATS. YOU CAN MAKE THEM JUMP  
SQUATS OR CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND DO DOUBLE THE NUMBER THAT IS SHOWN!



# Counselor's Corner



Mrs. Wrye, M.Ed., NCC

October 2019

## Guidance Topics This Month:

**Kindergarten-** Growth Mindset, Problem-solving/Bullying

**First Grade-** Growth Mindset, Listening/Following Directions

**Second Grade-** Growth Mindset, Bullying

**Third Grade-** Bullying, Listening/Working Independently

**Fourth Grade-** Peer Pressure, Rumors/Gossip

**Fifth Grade-** Peer Pressure, Academic Plan/Goal Setting

## Benfield Bucketfilling Bulldogs!

The following students were nominated by their teachers to be the "Bucketfillers of the Month" and therefore earned a spot at the Bulldog Lunch with Mrs. Myers to celebrate their achievement. Keep up the good work everyone!

**Kindergarten-** Tyson S., Peyton M., Bella A., Mary M., Eleanor R., Declan B., Eloise M., Henry S., Harper A., Kate R., Elise H., and Hunter S.

**First Grade-** Evelyn D., Ali C., Sofia C., Maddie C., Jonathan T., Riley B., Avery A., Charlie C., and Silas S.

**Second Grade-** Richie F., Arlia G., Maddelyn R., Robert H., Faith W., Annabelle M., Megan M., Elle N., and Serena S.

**Third Grade-** Gray N., Karrigan S., Asher S., Finn F., John V., Roman W., Chase C., Gabrielle G., and Tiara G.

**Fourth Grade-** Zain A., Ashley C., Reece H., Ava S., Dominic T., Chase P., Max K., Abigail R., and Alex M.

**Fifth Grade-** Henry B., Gus L., Ella M., Ruby B., Ben G., Riordan K., Sarah B., Abigail D., and Judah S.

Thank you to everyone who was able to purchase the gold shoelaces in September. We raised \$1197.50 that will be donated to *The Go4TheGoal Foundation* that helps children with pediatric cancer and their families here in the state of Maryland. It was so wonderful to see all the gold attire (including the laces) on our spirit day!



## KIDS HELPING KIDS HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY FOOD DRIVE

Our food drive collection has begun and we're looking for donations all month long. Please send your student in with non-perishable food items, if possible, to help support those who are at risk of hunger in our county. Monetary donations can be made by check payable to: *Anne Arundel County Food Bank* (memo-Harvest for the Hungry). Our school goal is to collect 3,000 pounds of food donations. Ideas for items to donate: canned meat, ham, chicken, breakfast cereals, mac & cheese, bottled water or juices, soups, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits and veggies. Information about our "theme days" has been sent home to encourage a variety of donations. Thank you to everyone who is able to donate. What a great way to make a difference for those struggling in our county!

Food Drive



# FEDERAL IMPACT SURVEY



On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child brought home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Benfield Elementary. The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org). Also, please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 is available to download. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

## UNITY DAY

We stand in support of anti-bullying with Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

*Ledo* PIZZA

**Wednesday  
October 23rd**

Available at Millersville and Severna Park locations



Kindness is **FREE**, and so is your **8 INCH CHEESE PIZZA** if you wear **ORANGE**.

\*All students 18 & under and teachers are eligible. Free 8 inch pizza with any purchase. Limit 1 per student and 4 per family.\*

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