

# Banneker Elementary

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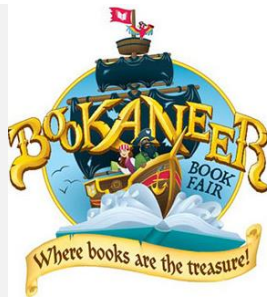
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## Message from the Principal:

Dear Banneker Families,

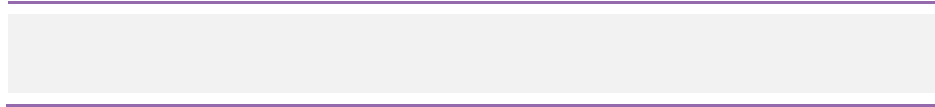
I as I reflect on all the things that I am thankful for this holiday season I am overwhelmed with thankfulness regarding our Banneker families. November was a great month at Banneker with conferences, our Veterans Day Breakfast, American Education Week, and the Turkey Trot. We want to extend the opportunity for families to continue to join us for at school to volunteer or to simply have lunch with your child. It doesn't have to be a special event; parents are always welcome to join us. Tune in each month for the monthly newsletter as each month promises to bring lots of school information to get excited about. Also, please consider joining the Banneker PTO.



## PBIS Updates

This month students continued to earn Broncos for instances of respecting self, respecting others, and respecting property. Ask your child how many Broncos they earned in November. Last month students from Ms. Lynch's and Mr. Cookus' classes earned "an extra day of PE with Mr. Moss". I would like to thank Mr. Moss for providing great activities for students to participate in that promotes cooperation and cardiovascular health. This year Banneker students contributed to breaking a worldwide record for cup stacking. Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The new Bronco counts are in and Mrs. Hendershots students earned the most Broncos in November with 79. Her class will be participating in Board Game Bonanza Day. In December, students will be trying to earn a "Movie Day" on the last day before winter break. The movie will most likely be

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## Upcoming Events

**December 3**

Middleburg Parade

**December 6- Picture Retakes**

**December 5-9**

**BOOK FAIR** in the Library during school hours only.

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup> STEM DAY @BAN**

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> =  
4<sup>th</sup>Grade FLE**

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> =  
5<sup>th</sup>Grade FLE**

**December 22 – Jan. 2**

**Winter break – no school**

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<http://go.lcps.org>

Allows students to login to LCPS GO and access websites and applications at the click of a mouse or touch of a finger. LCPS Go works best on the Google Chrome internet browser. LCPS Go works on your home PC and devices too!

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the Polar Express and an opt out letter will go home prior showing the movie. I have been so proud of our students. They are responding well to our high behavior expectations. The school earned 445 Broncos in November. That is nearly 100 more Broncos than November of last year. WOW!

### **On-time Arrival to School**

At the end of quarter 1, I sent out attendance letters to families who have exceeded the number of acceptable absences and tardies. Please keep in mind how important it is to have great attendance at school. It is important that families remember that school begins at 7:50am and that students need to be in their seat and ready to learn by 7:50am. As stated in the Parent and Student Handbook, students who arrive to school after 7:50am (by car) must be escorted to the office by their parent. Please don't be surprised if you are asked to show your identification at the door. This ensures safe entry into the building and allows the office to obtain an excuse for the late arrival. Each day Ms. Wilt has to verify attendance. [Please remember to call the school to verify your child's absence or tardy before 8:15am each day that they are absent or tardy.](#)

### **It's CCC Cold Outside**

I would like to ask families to help their children get ready for the winter weather by making sure that they have long pants, coats, closed-toe shoes, etc. You may receive a phone call to bring long pants if the temperature dips below freezing and your child is wearing shorts. Fire drills and other emergency drills may have us out in the cold for 10 or more minutes. Please be prepared for this. If you are unable to provide any of these items for your child, please contact our parent liaison at [Lavern.Warner@lcps.org](mailto:Lavern.Warner@lcps.org)

### **Unexpected Treats**

While the office always appreciates unexpected treats for teachers and staff we would like to make sure that families continue to communicate with teachers when they plan to bring in a special treat to share with students. Keep in mind that food items will only be allowed during class parties and parties have been specifically arranged by the teachers. Families have done great with this so far this year and I expect

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nothing less during the month of December. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Turkey of the Year**

Congratulations to our student body who read for 23,162 minutes during the month of November. Students were given tickets for every 20 minutes they read and with those tickets they could select the "Turkey of the Year". Students selected Mr. Carter (me) as their turkey. Please see the picture attached. The Banneker Turkey even ran laps with the classes during the Turkey Trot. Thank you to all of the families



who encouraged students to read and who made donations and pledges for the number of laps that students ran. Students have been awarded with autographed copies of the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book. I'm still waiting to give out 9 copies of the book to students who raised the most money in pledges and flat donations. Please have these turned in by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Make Up Picture Day**

Make up pictures on next Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you were not satisfied with your picture or your child was absent during the first picture day, please be sure to have them ready for this retake. This will be their yearbook picture.

### **Middleburg Parade**

The Middleburg Parade is this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to those who have made candy contributions for students to pass out along the parade route. In addition, thank you for the wonderful response for students wanting to ride the float. Please continue to send in your forms by this Friday if you are interested in participating. Kudos to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for taking the lead on decorating the Holiday float. Their theme is Holidays Around the World. Come out and support Banneker at this wonderful event.

## STEM Day

STEM day at Banneker is December 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Please tune-in to your teacher's newsletter and to the website to get more information about times of this event. We are excited to invite parents to participate in this Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert L. Carter, Principal

## Notice From LCPS School Nutrition Services:

In mid- October there were food allergy reactions by a few students across the county after eating the supreme taco salad, the supreme taco (Secondary) or the Supreme Taco Roll (Elementary). Research indicates that up to 5% of those with peanut allergies may also be allergic to legumes. The Supreme items are vegetarian, made with pea protein.

All the other ingredients in these recipes were investigated with the manufacturers, and we believe them to be free of peanut or tree nut contamination at this time. If you have any questions, please contact School Nutrition Services at 571-252-1010.

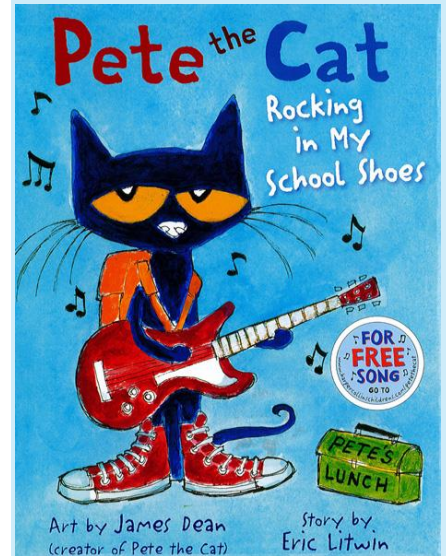
## More Important News

### From the Health Clinic –Ms. Warner

#### RE: Emergency Contact Information

Parents, this is an important reminder to please contact the school with up-to-date work and home phone numbers during the school year. This should also include an emergency contact number if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

[Laverne.Warner@lcps.org](mailto:Laverne.Warner@lcps.org)



## Donations requested for shelter animals at Middleburg Humane

Mrs. Bossi's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, along with the Student Council, will be collecting supply donations for the shelter animals rescued by Middleburg Humane. Drop off supplies to your child's classroom for collection until December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a part of the Second Graders OtW project.

### Supplies needed:

**Canned Cat Food** (pate preferred over chunky), **any brand dry cat food**, **plain clay kitty litter** (non-clumping), **paper towels**, **laundry detergent**, **trash bags**, & **cat toys**.

Oh, and we will accept items for dogs too!

Donations will be delivered just before Winter Break.

## From the Library –Ms. McGuinness



## Book Fair is Here !!!

**December 5 – 9<sup>th</sup>, during school hours** – Students will have time to purchase books during library time, lunch time, and morning 'Power Up' and at their teacher's discretion.

Consider joining your child for lunch and then do some shopping. Send money in baggies or envelopes labeled with your child's name. Checks should be made payable to BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. \*\*Do not fill in the dollar amount, as it needs to match EXACTLY to what is rung up. Do set a dollar limit. Books are great gifts. Your support is greatly appreciated!

See this author video from Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/2016-fall-es-video> The video will preview a few of the top new books. I cannot guarantee the books shown will be available at our fair.

Reading at home should be a positive experience for both you and your child. You can support your children by providing opportunities to read alone and with others

## News from the LAB



<https://hourofcode.com/us>

Same week as Book Fair, we will celebrate "Week of Code." Coding activities in the classroom.

[Lisa.McGuinness@lcps.org](mailto:Lisa.McGuinness@lcps.org)

**Phoenix ParentVUE** information:

<http://www.lcps.org/domain/12256>

## More Important News

### Guidance –Mrs. Shanholtzer

#### When is it safe to leave a child home alone?

For many parents, answering this question can be difficult. Children who are in middle school or younger should have direct adult supervision.

Loudoun County Child Protective Services **suggests** the following **guidelines** to assist parents in deciding when (and if) their child **may** be old enough to stay alone. **Please be aware that these are only guidelines and that there may be situations, even within these guidelines, when it is not safe to leave a child unsupervised.**

**Age 0-9**            **Should NOT be left unsupervised**

**Age 10 - 12**      **Should NOT be left unsupervised for more than 3 hours**

**Age 13 – 18**     **May be left alone for longer than 3 hours**

**Age under 16**    **Should not be left alone overnight**

Children and/or babysitters should have emergency telephone numbers and a telephone number to locate a parent or designated responsible adult. For more information, please call (703) 771-KIDS (5437). Contact Mrs. Shanholtzer, by email ([Joyce.Shanholtzer@lcps.org](mailto:Joyce.Shanholtzer@lcps.org)) or by phone at Banneker (540) 751 - 2480 if you need assistance in locating before or after school childcare for your Banneker student.

### Music –Mr. Duggan

In music, first grade has begun reading traditional rhythmic notation using quarter notes and eighth notes and will continue reading rhythms on a variety of instruments. Second grade will continue to develop their mallet technique while working on adding and identifying the notes 'Do' and 'Re' to their repertoire. Third grade will practice their arpeggiated borduns on barred instruments and apply that accompaniment to a variety of fully pentatonic music. Fourth grade will be reviewing all of the 4 instrument families and listening to them in masterworks by famous composers. Fifth grade is practicing reading notes on the treble staff as well as moving creatively to music in mixed meter. We hope you'll join the Banneker Bards for our Holiday singalong later this month!

[Spencer.Duggan@lcps.org](mailto:Spencer.Duggan@lcps.org)

## More Important News

### P.E. – Mr. Moss

The fall outside PE opportunities were extended as long as possible with the great weather. We are inside more frequently now. We have recently completed a bowling unit using our underhand rolling skills. We will be moving to basketball basics with indoor dribbling and passing techniques in late November. We work on some shooting inside using lower hoops. Our goal is to use the proper technique while going through the shooting process. We don't want to just throw the ball in the air with high hopes of making a shot. We do some outdoor shooting when we get a spark of a good weather. During the cold months our scooters are our best friends. We plan to use them frequently this winter.

I hope you can get outside on your own to enjoy the fallen leaves and crisp air. A good walk is always a great way to exercise with family and friends- collecting interesting leaves along the way is always fun.

We will be starting an after school fitness program again after the break.... I will make sure the forms are available for those students that are interested. **The start date will be January 9th.** We have a great time. Go Broncos!!! [Brad.Moss@lcps.org](mailto:Brad.Moss@lcps.org)

### Art –Mrs. Beach

It was a so much fun working with the third graders in Mrs. Lynch's class the past few weeks. They have done an amazing job planning, creating and teaching about cultures around the world and how they celebrate this time of year. Their float is sure to be one of the best! Look for the **Banneker Holiday's Around the World** float this Saturday in the Middleburg Parade. Parade is at 2:00.

[Marlena.Beach@lcps.org](mailto:Marlena.Beach@lcps.org)

### PTO President—Sue Foote

Greetings, Banneker families!

The Turkey Trot was a great success! The kids were fantastic. Everyone was so impressed with their enthusiasm and drive. If you haven't returned your pledges yet, please send them in at your earliest convince.

The Middleburg Parade is this Saturday. Mrs. Lynch's 3rd grade class is in charge of the float this year! We are all looking forward to seeing Banneker represented in the parade. PTO will be selling donuts again this year and we could use all the help we can get manning our booth. Please contact us at [bannekerpto@yahoo.com](mailto:bannekerpto@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer.

The PTO is also looking to put a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Lab together for the entire school to use. Be on the lookout for a flyer with a list of items we need, i.e: paper towel tubes, oatmeal containers, coffee cans and other recyclables.

Lastly the PTO really needs your help. We would very much like to do more actives and fundraisers for our school but we need more volunteers. Please let us know if you can volunteer your time.

Again our email is: [bannekerpto@yahoo.com](mailto:bannekerpto@yahoo.com)

Thank you so much!

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Picture by Yani Compos  
Winner of the Turkey Trot  
Design Competition