

# Banneker Elementary

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## Message from the Principal:

Dear Banneker Families,

It's hard to believe that we are nearly one quarter into the school year already. It has been my great pleasure to serve as your principal and I look forward to the three quarters to come.

October was a great month at Banneker. We celebrated bus driver appreciation week, held our sports night, teamed up with Middleburg Community Charter School for a free family science night, had fall picture day, and finally we will be having our Spirit Skate on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Bush Tabernacle in Purcellville beginning at 4:00pm. Students have also participated in a **bus evacuation drill**, **fire drill**, and an **earthquake drill** during the month of October.

November is sure to bring us a load of fun as well. Make sure to also join us during the week of **American Education Week** for teacher specific classroom activities and lunch with your child if you choose. AEW is **November 14th-18th**. Tune in each month for the monthly newsletter as each month promises to bring lots of school information to get excited about.

## PBIS Updates

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Banneker is a PBIS school. 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 October. Also ask them about the 60 second dance party :) Last month students from Mrs. Maulfair's and Ms. Lynch's classes earned "the best seat in the house" which was a fancy lunch with me on the stage. For October, students will be earning an **extra day of PE**. I have been so proud of our students. They are responding well to our high behavior expectations. The students earned a tremendous amount of Broncos this month. Thanks for all of your support with this.

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Cut this out and post it on your fridge

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## Upcoming Events

### November 4

Turkey Trot Pep Rally

### November 7-8

Student holiday – no school

### November 11

Veterans Day Breakfast

### November 14 - 18

American Education Week activities all week!

### November 22

Turkey Trot

### November 23-25

Thanksgiving break – no school

### November 28

PTO Meeting

### December 5-9

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

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## Phoenix

ParentVUE information:

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

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## SCA

This year we wanted to bring back the leadership opportunity to our students that we introduced last year. Students ran for office according to specific guidelines. Students made posters and speeches and the vote took place at the end of the day on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. I am proud to announce that these students were elected: Victoria Collins—President, Yuridia Maldonado—Vice President, Madelyn Callaghan—Treasurer and Mackenzie Farrey—Secretary. I am excited to see what great ideas we will discuss during our monthly SCA meetings. Although only 4 positions were filled, every student who ran and participated in the election process was a **WINNER!**

## Impact Aid

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> all families will be receiving a letter from Dr. Williams, Superintendent, regarding Impact Aid Funds and how they are used to support public education. You can help us by 1) Completing one form for each school child in the family, and 2) Returning the form to the student's classroom teacher on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Say "Thank You" to a Bus Driver!

What a wonderful way to celebrate bus drivers!!! Our drivers were so excited to receive the cards from teachers and the goodies provided by the Banneker PTO on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Bus drivers have a very important job to do and we are so grateful for all that they do.

## Turkey Trot Pep-Rally and Reading Incentive Kickoff

On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Turkey Trot Pep-Rally and Reading Incentive Kickoff. If you have not been a part of this fun event in the past, you are in for a treat. Did you know that your child has the power to determine who will be the "Turkey of the Year" during the Turkey Trot on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be coming home about this on November 4<sup>th</sup> after the pep-rally.

## Veteran's Day Breakfast

I would like to start a new tradition here at Banneker. If you are a United States military veteran or the family member of a veteran that you would like to bring to our breakfast on November 11<sup>th</sup>, please reach out to them to "save the date." We have something very special instore for our veterans on Veteran's Day. More information will be forthcoming.

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Students learned that **every VOTE counts** in the SCA elections.





**Peachjar-** Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) will launched a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar" This green initiative will save schools tons of paper and reduce copying costs by thousands of dollars. Posting school flyers in this electronic backpack also removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff and volunteers. No action is required on the part of LCPS parents. They will receive a welcome email from the service provider that includes a user name and password.



New LCPS App

LCPS GO is a website (<http://go.lcps.org>) or app (Apple or Android devices) that allows students a one-time login experience. This allows them 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!

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert L. Carter, Principal



LEAP invites you to attend our upcoming October meeting entitled: "Student Safety, part 1: How LCPS staff and parents can work together to keep our students emotionally safe." Mental health topics such as student suicide, stress, and bullying will be addressed. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 12th at 7 pm at the LCPS Administration Building in Ashburn. We look forward to seeing you!

The following speakers will be presenting:

- Heather Applegate, PhD, Supervisor of Diagnostic and Prevention Services, LCPS
- Rachel Bailey, parenting specialist and Certified Positive Discipline Parent Educator, adolescent ADHD coach, academic coach, tutor and in-home intensive counselor
- Christina Croll, founder & Executive Director of Loudoun County Parents of Gifted Students (LoCoPOGS)
- Dave Royhab, Director, School Counseling, Briar Woods High School
- Alisa Rogaliner, Principal, Buffalo Trail Elementary School

## LEAP

October's LEAP meeting addressed the topic of How to Keep our Children (emotionally) Safe. We heard from a variety of speakers regarding the mental health needs of children in our community and the resources that the school system has in place to remove these kinds of barriers to learning. The general consensus is that our children are under a great deal of pressure both internally and externally. This high level of pressure is causing the rate of teen suicide in our school system to rise. This is a concern for every parent of every child.

I encourage you to go to the LEAP website and review the presentations that were given and read over the notes from the meeting. There is also an article in the Loudoun Times, October 15, 2016 by Hannah Dellinger that addresses these topics. A great deal of information was shared and it is important for you, as parents, to be aware of the resources that are available to our children.

The next LEAP Meeting will be a town hall style meeting in conjunction with MSAAC and SEAC to discuss the School Budget. It is expected to be a lively event! Join us November 9, 2016 at 7:00PM.

## More Important News

### From the Health Clinic –Ms. Warner

Please see important information about Mobile Hope and Thanksgiving at the end of this newsletter.  
[Laverne.Warner@lcps.org](mailto:Laverne.Warner@lcps.org)

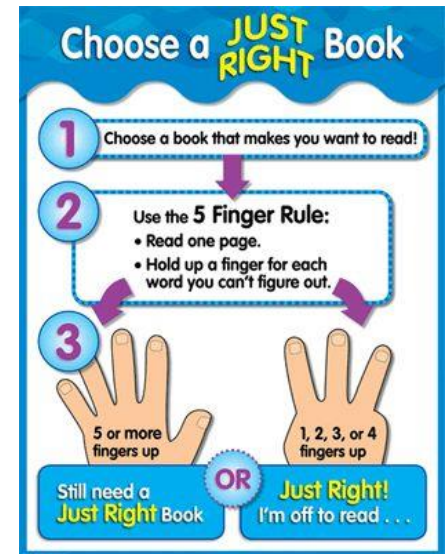
### In the Library –Ms. McGuinness

#### HELPING YOUR CHILD CHOOSE APPROPRIATE BOOKS

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.

To help your child choose a book that is just right, encourage him or her to:

- *read the inside flap or back of the book and ask, "Does it sound interesting?"*
- *talk to someone who has read the book and ask, "Would you recommend this book?"*
- *flip through the book and look at the print, pictures, and organization and ask, "Does it look like it will keep my interest?"*
- *read the first page and ask, "Is it written in a way that is interesting to me?" and "Are there too many words that I don't understand?"*



### News from the LAB

Slowing rolling out our **BANKER MORNING NEWS SHOW!** A few 5th graders are trailblazing the video production of a morning news show to share with Banneker students. We also need a name and logo! Cast call for News crew to be posted soon. If we have any parent volunteers that have expertise in iPads, green screens, iMovie and that would enjoy working to grow this endeavor, please contact [Lisa.McGuinness@lcps.org](mailto:Lisa.McGuinness@lcps.org)

## More Important News

Guidance –Mrs. Shanholtzer

### 3 STEPS TO STOP A BULLY!

**STOP**



**WALK**



**TALK**



All LCPS students in grades K-5 learn about bullying prevention during bi-weekly guidance lessons. We have a common language in all elementary schools that includes teaching students STOP, WALK, TALK strategies to handle conflict resolution and meanness.

1. STOP = Tell the person to stop. If that doesn't work...
2. WALK = Quietly walk away. If that doesn't work...
3. TALK = Tell a trusted adult.

Ask your child today about the strategies they have learned to help them solve problems with their peers. Do you have questions or concerns about bullying or meanness at Banneker? Contact Mrs. Shanholtzer by phone: (540) 751-2480 or by email:

[Joyce.Shanholtzer@lcps.org](mailto:Joyce.Shanholtzer@lcps.org)

## More Important News

### Music –Mr. Duggan

All grades will be learning about our new composer of the month, 20th century composer Benjamin Britten. First grade is continuing steady beat as well as using their singing voices while singing a variety of classroom songs and games. They will also begin distinguishing between rhythm and beat on unpitched percussion. Second grade is singing songs from around the world and reading rhythms on drums. In third grade, we are talking about the instruments in the string family as well as continuing to develop our improvisation skills. Fourth grade will be reviewing the four instrument families and labeling instruments accordingly as well as playing and singing fully diatonic music. 5th grade is continuing to expand their music vocabulary with syncopated rhythms and reading notes on the treble staff. The Banneker Bards are hard at work for our Winter concert and we hope you'll join us then (especially for the sing-a-long!). The Banneker Bards have officially started rehearsals and are excited to be hard at work for our winter concert on December 14th.

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

### P.E. – Mr. Moss

Thank you to all who came out for the Banneker Sports Night. Let's keep the kids moving in November!

[Brad.Moss@lcps.org](mailto:Brad.Moss@lcps.org)

### Art –Mrs. Beach

All students have completed an original work piece for the PTO fundraiser now. Next, we will take some time in November to let nature, leaves and fall inspire the work we make the next couple weeks. Happy Fall!

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

### ELL –Ms. Walker

Selected ELL students in Kindergarten through 1st grade are continuing to participate in the award-winning language and literacy software program called Imagine Learning. This program features interactive activities, videos, and games. It's research-based, instructionally differentiated, and very fun to use according to the students. Login cards for home use will be provided.

[Susan.Walker@lcps.org](mailto:Susan.Walker@lcps.org)

## More Important News

### PTO President—Sue Foote

Greetings Banneker Families!

Election Day Bake Sale!

Tuesday, November 8th from 6:00am-7:00pm

It's almost Election Day and that means Banneker PTO is preparing for its annual Election Day Bake Sale. We hope you can make a contribution of baked goods and/ or time to help set up and sales. As you know, there will not be school that day, but Banneker is a voting precinct. Due to our talented Banneker Bakers and the generosity of the community, the Election Day Bake has become one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Please contact Sue Foote, [bannekerpto@yahoo.com](mailto:bannekerpto@yahoo.com) or Alexis Ozden, [akbean22@yahoo.com](mailto:akbean22@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Next PTO meeting is Monday, October 31st at 9:30. It would held in the soon to be new teacher's lounge. All are welcome![BannekerPTO@yahool.com](mailto:BannekerPTO@yahool.com)

# **Free community THANKSGIVING Dinner**



**Don't Miss out on a Traditional  
THANKSGIVING DINNER this Season!**

**Enjoy delicious Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls & All American pies for dessert!!**

**We will be holding our sit down Thanksgiving dinner on**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER, 23, 2016**

**FROM 5-7PM**

**At *The Loudoun County Salvation Army:***

**10 Cardinal Park Drive SE, Leesburg. VA. 20175**

**Phone #703-771-3371**



Giving Hope Today

**The Salvation Army mobile canteen will be serving a hot, turkey dinner at two locations :**

**1. Big Lots in Sterling, Va.( left side facing the side of building )**

**300 Enterprise St. Sterling, Va. from 3:45 - 4:30pm**

**2. Shenandoah building parking lot (next to Walmart)**

**102 Heritage Way NE Leesburg from 5:45 - 6:30pm**

*To Volunteer this Holiday Season or for more information,*

*please contact 703-771-3371.*





## **MOBILE HOPE SCHEDULE**

### **MIDDLEBURG - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**Sol (driver), Bonnie, Terri, Trinity Episcopal Church: Food**

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5:00-6pm**

35231 Snake Hill Rd., Middleburg, VA 20117

Contact: 540-751-2480

### **WINDY HILL APARTMENTS 6:15pm-7:15pm**

300 Windy Hill Road, Middleburg, VA 20117

Contact: Christina French (540) 687-3402

Thomas Garnett (540) 687-8679

