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**Important Dates**

Dress of Choice Day

Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 23-25

Intent to Enroll Forms Due:

Nov. 28

Muffins with Moms Mixer:

Nov. 30

Report Cards Sent Home:

Dec. 1

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Dear Parents,

Wow - has time flown by! It is hard to believe that the school year is just about one-third complete. This Friday, Nov. 18, marks the end of the first trimester. We have settled into our procedures, and the kids are really doing a great job. They are used to the Ben Franklin Academy way and really appear to like their new school.

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, and I am thankful for many things. First and foremost, I am thankful for being part of such a great school. I am thankful for working with such a professional and dedicated staff and for getting to know you - the parents. I am most thankful and proud of getting to know your children. They are such a great group of kids, and I enjoy seeing and talking to them every day.

## Veterans Day Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped with our Veterans Day celebrations. It was an incredible and emotional event. The standing ovation that the veterans received as they entered the gym was quite a moment - it was spontaneous on the students' part and meant so much to our guests.

## BASE Update

We are changing the time that we collect the second credit for the afternoon of the Lightning Bolt Before and After School Enrichment (BASE) program. **The second credit**

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**now will be deducted at 5 p.m. instead of 4:45 p.m.** We also are now able to **accept credit card payments** to purchase BASE punch cards. To purchase and view the various options of punch cards available, click [here](#). (The path to the punch cards purchase page is the Ben Franklin Academy website, Parent tab, BASE link.)

## Dress of Choice Day

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**, is a dress of choice day for all students.

## Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break is next week - **there is no school Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Friday, Nov. 25.** (School is in session next Monday, Nov. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 22.) I hope you all have a restful and happy Thanksgiving!

## Lost and Found

**Don't forget:** The Lost and Found will be cleared out during the Thanksgiving Break. All uniform items will be kept, but other clothing items will be donated to a local charity. In addition, we will keep any items that have a name in them. Please take a look in the Lost and Found just to be sure - we simply do not have the space to keep so many items.

## Report Cards

This is a reminder that report cards will go home on **Thursday, Dec. 1.** Please review your child's grades - praise him/her for good grades and discuss what needs to change if his/her grades are not quite up to par. If you have questions about a grade, please contact your child's teacher for that particular class.

## Car Pool Update

Car pool is running smoothly and efficiently, thanks to our new color-coded system. The afternoon carpool consistently finishes in about 30 minutes. I still see too many parents on cell phones. When you are on your cell phone, your

attention is not 100 percent where it should be - focusing on the students. **Please - no cell phones while you are in car pool.**

## From Your PTO

- A **big shout of thanks** to all of the parent volunteers who rallied around our teachers for **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Thank you for all of the meals, gifts, and words of encouragement - our teachers are very grateful!
- Parents who would like to be on the **Silent Auction Committee** are invited to the first meeting at **6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, in the school library**. Bring your creative ideas!
- If you would like to order a yearbook for your student, forms are available by clicking [here](#). **Forms submitted before Tuesday, Nov. 22, save \$2 per order.**
- Want to earn free stuff for Ben Franklin Academy? Click on [Labels For Education](#), and register your King Soopers and/or Safeway shopper cards. Ben Franklin Academy earns 250 points for each person who enters.

## PTO/Lunch

Please remember that the cup of soup are for students who have forgotten their lunches. We will be emailing families this coming Monday if your child has received 3 or more in the last month. Moving forward we will be sending out emails on a weekly bases to let families know how often their child has forgotten the lunch. We have had some students abuse the cup of noodle program.

For January's orders you will be able to order milk for Friday's only and on a monthly bases. We will not be taking money at school. We will not be offering anything else but white and chocolate milk.

We have decided that we are going to have open seating for

grades 4, 5, and 6. The open seating will go into effect in **January**. The students will start off at their table once they get their milk then they can move to another table. If we find that it is not working we will stop the open seating.

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE HELP IN THE LUNCH ROOM!!!! IF you can help please visit the PTO MANAGER and then go to [WWW.SignUpGenius.com](http://WWW.SignUpGenius.com) click on find sign up and type [bfalunchhelp@gmail.com](mailto:bfalunchhelp@gmail.com) this will take you to the sign up page. Or you can just come in from 11 to 1 and help and we will make sure you get your hours.

Last day to order hot lunch for December is November 21st.

### Educational Outfitters: December Sale

Educational Outfitters is having a December sale for uniforms. Please click on the [attached flyer](#) for additional details.

Sincerely,

**Bob Barber**  
Principal  
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