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Important Dates

Costume Parade

2:30 p.m., Oct. 28

Harvest Festival:

5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 28

Outdoor Ed Paperwork

Due:

Oct. 28

Original Art Works

Deadline:

Oct. 31

Donuts with Dad:

Nov. 2 - RSVPs due Oct.

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the volunteers who truly have gone above and beyond the call of duty with sharing your time at Ben Franklin Academy. I am so impressed with your dedication and commitment to the school. I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful school.

Open Enrollment

We are now accepting open enrollment applications for the 2012-13 school year. If you are planning on enrolling a sibling of a currently enrolled student, please fill out the [Intent to Enroll form](#) (located at the bottom of the page) **and** notify the registrar via [email](#) by **noon on Monday, Nov. 28**. If you notify us after the Nov. 28 deadline, you will be placed after the lottery is held and may not receive a spot. For more information about Ben Franklin Academy's open enrollment or the lottery in general, go to the [website](#).

Veterans Day at BFA

We have not received very many forms back from families honoring a veteran. This form has been sent in previous newsletters and with this one as well. Please take a moment to complete at least one form to honor a veteran. I would like to display these in the main hallway the weeks before and after Veterans Day. This is a great way for Ben Franklin Academy students and families to honor a veteran and display our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made. To fill out an appreciation form, please click [here](#).

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Teacher Workday (no school
for students):

Nov. 4

Veterans Day Celebration:

Nov. 11

Intent to Enroll Forms Due:

Nov. 28

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In addition, please RSVP if you have a veteran who can attend our Veterans Day celebration. You can read about the specifics by clicking [here](#).

Costume Parade Tomorrow

Students will have the opportunity to parade around the school in their costumes **starting at 2:30 p.m., tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 28**. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the parade. You also may sign your child out of class and bring him/her home at the completion of the parade. Please make sure you sign out your child with his/her homeroom teacher before you leave - do not assume the teacher knows you are taking your child early.

Harvest Festival Information

We are excited to be hosting our first Harvest Festival from **5:30-7:30 p.m., tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 28**. Wristbands were sent home with your child(ren) today (Thursday) to indicate you already paid. You also can purchase wristbands at the door.

Costumes can be worn, but please be conservative - no blood, scary costumes, or weapons will be allowed. Parking will be marked; do not park in the areas with cones, as this will be for the hayride. All food and drink must stay in the gym, and the gym doors will be closed for safety. For those who are attending the costume parade in the afternoon, we ask that you leave the school and return later, as we have to set up the school for the festival. We are expecting a large crowd, so let's set our kids up for success - talk to them about being patient, waiting in line, and being respectful of our school. Also, don't forget your book donations! Your name will be entered into a raffle to win some great prizes.

Sixth Grade Outdoor Education

All paperwork must be turned in by **tomorrow, Friday, Oct.**

28. The forms were sent home with students the week before fall break. If you need another form, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Construction on Lucent

This message is from the Douglas County Traffic Division:
Next week, Douglas County will begin construction on improvements to the northbound left turn lane on Lucent at Plaza Drive. This work will require traffic control that may interfere with the normal flow of traffic on both northbound through lanes and the northbound left turn lane. The work is scheduled to begin next week and should take approximately a week to complete. Please advise parents that they may want to find an alternate route to and from Ben Franklin Academy during the construction period.

Cold Weather Dress

During periods of inclement weather, please be sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing - including boots, hat, gloves, and a coat. Children will have outdoor recess except in cases of severe weather. If the wind chill temperature is below 20 degrees, students must remain inside. If the temperature is 20 degrees or above, teachers have the option of taking the kids outside.

Attendance Line

Ben Franklin Academy has a dedicated attendance line. Please call **(720) 432-9239** to report your child's absence. You will receive a message prompting you to leave the required information.

Reserved Parking Spots

This is a reminder that four parking spots at Ben Franklin Academy have been purchased by families at the silent auction. These are the four spots to the right of the disabled parking spots as you are facing the school (the curb is marked "Reserved" in red). Please do not park in these spots - not even during special events.

Donuts with Dads

Please join us for our first annual Donuts with Dads, Dudes, or Grandpas on **Wednesday, Nov. 2**. Donuts from Krispy Kreme and Lamar's will be served along with coffee and juice from **7:15-8 a.m.** Because of the anticipated high participation at this event, **we DO request an RSVP with a headcount via [email](#) by Sunday, Oct. 30.** (All Ben Franklin Academy students, including afternoon kindergarten and preschool are invited to attend.)

Teacher Workday

Friday, Nov. 4, is a teacher workday for Ben Franklin Academy staff - no students on that day. Please remember that the BASE program is **not** open on non-student days.

Sweatshirts

There has been some confusion recently regarding the hoodie sweatshirts. The hoodie sweatshirt is only permitted for **sixth grade students** (and eventually seventh and eighth grade students). Students in grades K-5 who wear a hoodie sweatshirt will be given a dress code violation.

Box Tops for Education

We collected a little more than **\$1,000** in Box Tops our first month. Way to go Ben Franklin Academy families! The winning classrooms are **Ms. Murphy's third grade** and **Ms. B. Klee's kindergarten**. Keep clipping and enter the online sweepstakes so we can keep earning money for our school. We are well on our way to reaching - and possibly exceeding - our **\$2,500** goal!

Sincerely,

Bob Barber

Principal

Ben Franklin Academy

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