



Grade Level Traditions

Ben Franklin Academy offers field trips and activities to enhance and support our rigorous curriculum - bringing to life and providing hands-on reinforcement of classroom instruction. These are "grade-level traditions" that staff, teachers, and, especially, students look forward to and get excited about year after year. BFA students eagerly anticipate participating in these field trips and activities in future grade levels as they progress through their school career while at BFA. By keeping the love of learning strong and building a solid educational foundation for each student, we know that BFA graduates will be prepared for long-term success. We also have worked hard to establish a strong community where parents and students of all grades can come together, feel welcome, and can be an integral part of the school. Below are some of BFA's traditions.

Community/School-Wide Traditions

Back to School Picnic
Harvest Festival
STEM Expo
Veteran's Day
Ben Franklin's Birthday
Fun Run/BENefit Bash
Father-Daughter Event
Mother-Son Event
Grandparent-Grandchild Goodies
Donuts with Dad
Muffins with Mom
Hour of Code
Halloween, winter, Valentine's and End-of-Year Parties
Broncos Day
Red Ribbon Day
Cancer Awareness

Preschool Traditions

Visit from the Fire Department for Fire Safety Month

Nature Walks

Thanksgiving Feast

Winter Wonderland Musical Performance

Western Week

Visit from the Tooth Fairy

Butterfly and ladybugs join our classrooms for children to watch metamorphosis in action

Gardening in the classroom

Mother's Day Tea (tea and performance)

Preschool Graduation/Tribute to Dads

Kindergarten Traditions

Littleton Historical Museum and Farm

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Zoo

Science Fair

Children's Museum

Tagawa Gardens

Gingerbread Hunt

Field Day

Holidays Around the World

100th Day Celebration

End-of-the-Year Program

First Grade Traditions

Fly'n B Park

Denver Aquarium

Planetarium at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Geology Museum at the School of Mines

Denver Zoo

Science Fair

Egyptian Day/Day on the Nile

Thanksgiving Feast

Flat Stanley's World Travels

Field Day

Scientist of the Week

Grade-Level Musical

Second Grade Traditions

Denver Art Museum
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Igniting Imaginations Westward Expansion Visit
Carson Nature Center
Science Fair
Poetry Night
Olympic Opening Ceremony for Greek Studies
Ellis Island Fair
Theater Performance (i.e., Bodyology, Charlotte's Web)
Field Day
Littleton Historic Museum and Farm
Fly'n B Park
Grade-Level Musical

Third Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Planetarium at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings
Fly'n B Park
Field Day
Cow Eyeball Dissection
Colonial Day
Hat Parade
Learn to Play Recorders
Grade-Level Musical

Fourth Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Field Day
Colorado History Museum
Mountain Man guest speaker
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Georgetown Loop Railroad
Revolutionary War Reenactment (this event occurs every other year)
"Day of Science"
Mother's Day Tea
Guest speaker for heart/lung unit
Heart/Lung Dissection
Guest speaker for Medieval Times
Grade-Level Musical

Fifth Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Field Day
Young AmeriTowne
Civil War Reenactment (this event occurs every other year)
Golfing/Sporting Event
Learn to Play Ukuleles
Changing Bodies
Grade-Level Musical

Middle School-Wide Traditions

Lockers
Electives
Honors Classes
Advisory Period
Annual Dance
Pi Day
National Junior Honor Society (must qualify)

Sixth Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Field Day
Outdoor Education at Covenant Heights/Estes Park (4 days/3 nights)
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Heart and Lung Dissection
Pi Day
Earth Day Park Clean Up

Seventh Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Field Day
Outdoor Education at Keystone Science Center (3 days/2 nights)
World War II Aviation Museum

Eighth Grade Traditions

Science Fair
Field Day
American Civics Education in Washington DC/Philadelphia (1 week)
Career Connect Expo
Physics Day at Elitch Gardens
Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum
Graduation!