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The Principal's Page - Mr. Roland

Greetings from Banfield

Here it is May already; the last full month of school. The weather has finally warmed up and students are able to take recess and breaks outdoors for a change. It is a much needed change. Even though it is May, Banfield has numerous events and field trips lined up now that the restrictions due to COVID have lessened. There is a section in this issue devoted to 4th grade field trips. The last early release day for the year will be Wednesday, May 11th at 12:30 pm. All students will eat lunch before dismissal, Kids' Korner will be open to enrolled students, and buses will run PM routes.

The Children's Dental Clinic will be on-site on May 5th and May 12th for routine check ups and cleaning. Contact your student's teacher or Mr. Vela for more information. Our BPTC will be sponsoring our annual spring Book Fair the week of May 16th. It's a great way to stock up on the newest reading selections for the summer. More information will be sent home closer to the date. Our spring music concerts will be recorded by classroom and made available electronically to families in mid-May. We were still operating under the tighter COVID guidelines when the decision needed to be made either live or taped.



To insure students had the opportunity to perform in some fashion, we decided on recording the concerts and sending them to parents. We will finish up our make-up MCA tests the first week in May. The results for our 4th graders will be sent to IJH in time for conferences.

4th GRADE SPRING FIELD TRIPS

We have numerous field trips on the calendar for our 4th grade due to the fantastic support of our BPTC. Our 4th graders head for the science museum in St. Paul on May 3rd. They take part in the canoe/fishing trip on May 9th. Staff from IJHolton

visit our 4th graders here on May 19th. Fourth grade safety patrols go to a St. Paul Saints baseball game on May 24. All 4th graders participate in Track and Field Day at Wescott Fields on May 26. And they travel to IJ Holton on May 27th for a tour of

their new school, meet some staff, try a locker combination, and have lunch before returning to Banfield. Our departing 4th graders missed a number of year end events in the past due to COVID. They have a jam packed May ahead of them. ENJOY!

From The Nurse

BPTC



An early reminder to families about medications as we move to the end of the school year. If your child has meds in the school nurse's office at the end of the year, you must make arrangements to pick up the meds prior to 11:00 am on June 2nd. For the health and safety of all Austin Public School students, no medications will be sent home at the end of the year with students. If a parent/guardian does not pick up the medications, they will be

destroyed. Please give me a call or e-mail me to make arrangements. As it is still sloppy outside and students love to play on the fields, we are still in need of unisex sweat pants in elementary aged children's sizes. As you prepare to start your summer, if you have any questions, concerns or are in need of a resource during the summer months, please let me know. Alysa Finnegan, School Nurse 507-460-1202 alysa.finnegan@austin.k12.mn.u

The Banfield Parent Teacher Committee meets the second Monday of each month and is always looking for more parents to join. May's meeting is scheduled for the 9th in ZOOM format at 6 pm. Check the BPTC agenda for log-in. Parents with students enrolled at Banfield are welcomed. Please consider joining next year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 507-460-1200 for more information. Thank you for your support.

Spring Fit-A-Thon

From the first grade hallway, "Wow! Where did the time go? Just last month it was April!"

We are in the midst of our annual spring Fit-A-Thon sponsored by our BPTC. The event serves two purposes. The first is that it is the large fund-raiser for the BPTC. Your contributions are pooled and then help support Banfield and classrooms throughout the school year. Guest speakers, evening

events, classroom extras, and bussing to field trips are just a few things fundraising dollars help to support. The other purpose of the Fit-A-Thon is that it helps to promote life long fitness activities with our students. It mirrors the change with our physical education program that also include games and activities that can be

engaged in as adults. These activities are both team and individual participation. It's a great way to help out our school AND have kids focus on finding an activity they enjoy. Plus, it offers our students a day at school devoted to fun and activity. Please check your students backpack for info.

ODDS AND ENDS INFORMATION



Summer School will be offered this year for qualifying students. The date are June 20th to August 4th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. (No school the week of July 4.) Transportation is available for qualifying students. Neveln and IJHolton will be the sites hosting summer school.

Summer School will operate from Monday to Thursday during the session. Contact your student's teacher for more information. Our school hour for the 2022-23 school stay the same—8:00 am to 2:30 pm. The last day of after school Targeted Services is May 19th.

An upgrade to our school garden is underway. Hopefully it will be completed to do some planting before students leave. As the weather warms, a good time to have students bring home clothing items no longer needed for recess before they end up in our Lost & Found.