



BTA

THE BULLDOG BEAT



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OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Benjamin Turner Academy continues its commitment to deterring violence in our school, online, and in our community. We encouraged students, parents, and staff to participate in raising awareness about the harmful effects of bullying and how together we can support prevention, intervention, and reduce incidents.

Check out how we showed up and celebrated “World Day of Bullying Prevention” (wearing BLUE), “Unity Day” (wearing ORANGE), and “Mix it Up at Lunch Day”.













Congrats to the **ENTIRE SCHOOL** for meeting the MVCSD Attendance Goal of at least **90%** for the month of October!



October				
Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
91.03%	92.65%	95.09%	92.78%	94.24%

October			
5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
90.58%	97.62%	95.00%	90.70%

Important Upcoming Dates

- **November 11** – Veterans Day (No School)
- **November 6– 20** – Thanksgiving Food Drive
- **November 13** – World Kindness Day
- **November 15**– Love to Write Day
- **November 18–22** – Spirit Week
- **November 21** – Parent Teacher Conference/ PTA Meeting
- **November 27** –Half-Day/Early Dismissal at 12 pm
- **November 28–29** – Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)

See last page for November Calendar

Senior Announcement

Prepare for Senior Activities! Please ensure that all payments are made in cash to Ms. Smith for each event. The deadline for payments is May 2, 2025.

June 11, 2025

- FOAM, Picnic & Yearbook Signing Party!
- \$50 for the yearbook

June 13, 2025

- Senior Trip: Dorney Park
- \$70

June 20, 2025

- Senior Prom
- \$65

June 25, 2025

- Graduation
- \$25 for Cap & Gown



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention awareness campaign held annually in the United States, typically observed during the last week of October. It encourages people, especially young students, to live drug-free lives and make healthy, positive choices. Our guest speaker was Lt. Kenneth Bruce from the Mt Vernon Police Department.



BENJAMIN TURNER ACADEMY

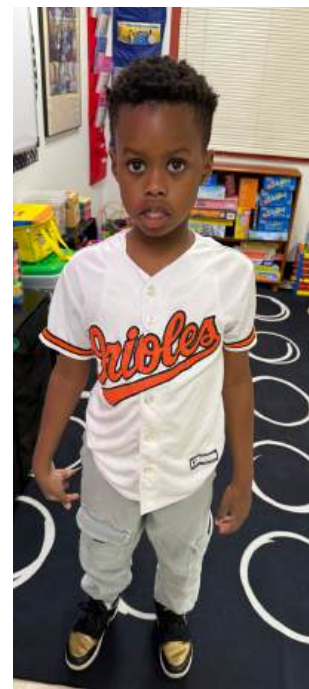
Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 21 - 25, 2024

PROMOTING A SAFE & HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DRUG FREE CHOICES

MONDAY DRUGS ARE CRAZY! DRESS UP IN CRAZY HAIR OR SOCKS!	TUESDAY TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM!
WEDNESDAY I'M TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS! WEAR NEON COLORS OR SUNGLASSES!	THURSDAY DON'T LET DRUGS MIX YOU UP! WEAR MIX MATCH OR TACKY CLOTHES!
FRIDAY Don't Be AFRAID to SAY NO	I AM "RED-Y" TO LIVE A DRUG FREE LIFE! WEAR RED!





HALLOWEEN









October PBIS & iReady Bulldogs of the Week!



PBIS Store Shoppers!



iReady Student Data Chats!



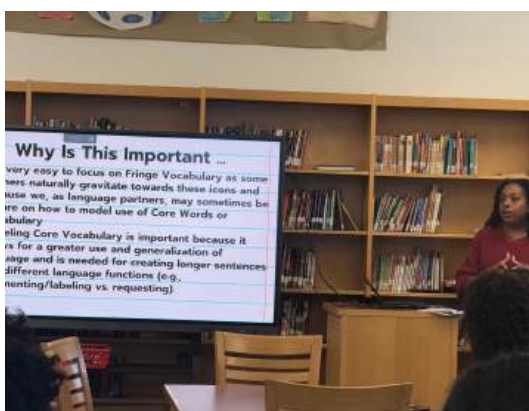
BTA Book Fair!



BTA Parent Counseling & Training

Parents and families of Unique Learners and students with disabilities gathered with our school psychologists, speech therapist and pathologists, social workers and special education teachers for training on AAC devices and communication strategies.

This group aims to support families in addressing the academic, language, and behavioral challenges their children encounter. Their primary goal is to enhance the connection between home and school. Additionally, it provides a space for parents to come together, share experiences, and discuss solutions while enjoying light snacks and coffee. The group convenes once a quarter and is facilitated by the BTA PCT Team.



Benjamin Turner Academy



NOVEMBER 6-20TH

It's Time For Our Annual Food Drive!

Non-Perishable Food Items, Cans, Boxes, Juice & Water

Benjamin Turner Academy is kindly asking for donated non-perishable food items that will help provide hearty Thanksgiving meals for our families in need. **Some examples include canned goods, rice, macaroni, rice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, beans, cake mix, frosting, cereal, oatmeal, apple sauce, canned juice, etc. (please no expired items or dented cans.).** Frozen turkeys are gladly accepted too!



The drop-off location is the school's media center by November 20th. Please contact Mrs. Hudson or Ms. Farquharson, School Social Workers if you have any questions. Thank you for making a difference!



NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Family Literacy Month	 National School Psychologist Week 4th - 8th	 Schools closed for students Teachers PD	 Thanksgiving Food Drive NOVEMBER 6-20TH <small>It's Time For Our Annual Food Drive! Nonprofit food banks can help keep a warm Thanksgiving dinner on the table for everyone. Please donate to your local food bank. For more information, visit www.foodbank.org.</small>		 HAPPY DIVA!	
 Daylight Savings Time	 VETERANS DAY	 2nd Marking Period Begins	 WORLD KINDNESS DAY	 Parent Teacher Conference 5pm-7pm	 Love To Write Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Global Education Week 18th-22nd	 CRAZY HAT DAY	 SPORTS FAN DAY	 CROCS & SOCKS DAY	 MIX N MATCH DAY	 ANYTHING BUT A BOOKBAG DAY	23
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 Spirit Week	 CRAZY HAT DAY	 SPORTS FAN DAY	 Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt Breakfast Room (Library)	 Happy Thanksgiving	 SCHOOLS CLOSED	29
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



*1/2 Day Dismissal 12pm

