

# Barnaby Bulletin

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*Head Start Students*

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 1 - School Closed (New Year's Day)
- ◆ January 12-13 - Reading FAST for Grades 3-5
- ◆ January 18 - School Closed (Dr. King Day)
- ◆ January 19-20 - Math FAST for Grades 3-5
- ◆ January 22 - End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- ◆ January 25 - School Closed for Students (Grading/Planning Day)
- ◆ January 29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Awards Assembly @ TBA

## Principal's News

### Happy New Year!!

I hope that each of you enjoyed your holiday season and the snow we received!!

Just think that the world was in a panic thinking about changing from 1999 to 2000!! Now here we are in 2010!! Wow! Time waits for no one!

In fact, the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) is right around the corner!! We are scheduled to take the Reading portion of the test March 9-10 and the Math portion of the test March 16-17. Our students are working diligently to prepare for the exam.

Our MSA pull-out groups have started in the afternoons where all of the students in Grades 3-5 are receiving extra practice with their Reading skills. Our MSA Prep After-School Program is scheduled to begin Monday, January 11. The After-School Program will focus on Reading and Math.

The BMES staff is working extra hard to ensure that our students are getting all that they need. We are also closely

## Dear Parents

January's Principal Book of the Month is In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord.



## Synopsis

Shirley Temple Wong, otherwise known as Bandit, sails for Mei Guo, Beautiful Country, with a heart packed full of happiness, to live in Brooklyn. Once there, it matters not that on the very

Rhonda Gladden, Principal  
Malissa Parnell, Asst. Principal

monitoring our school's attendance. We have some work to do in this area. Our school's goal is to reach 94% or better in attendance each month. We have fallen short of this goal every month this school year. We need your assistance in making sure that your child is here everyday and on time. Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 am. School begins promptly at 7:45 am. When students arrive anytime after 7:45 am, their instructional time is cut short. Please help us make our monthly goal of 94%!!

Thank you for your continued support!

Month	Attendance %age
August	93.9
September	91.6
October	88.1
November	92.6
December	87.8

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Person's Head Start Class for having the best attendance for November and December!!

first day she gets hopelessly lost, able to speak but two words in English.

Even at first glance Shirley recognizes America as a land of wonders with engines that do and undo, with kids that come in endless varieties. Later, what does matter is friends. She has none at PS 8. Then a miracle, baseball, happens. Now she is playing right field and no longer feels short and stupid, but as powerful as ten tigers and as tall as the Statue of Liberty. At last she is part of the American Dream.

## Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten News



*PreK Students taking a  
... (The D.L.)*

- The Head Start/PreK team is beginning the new theme “Animals Everywhere”. We will be talking about the many different types of animals, where they live, and foods they eat. Our letter focus will be on Ff, Kk, and Zz.
- In math we will learn how to sort using various objects and how to estimate the number of objects in a group.
- Parents please write your child’s name on all clothing to help the return of missing items.
- PreK classes will have a presentation from Blue Sky Puppet Theater on January 20, 2010.
- Special thanks to parents who have donated, volunteered and completed conferences for their children in Head Start/PreK.

## Kindergarten News

We are now half way into the school year and we are excited to see all of the wonderful things you and your child have worked hard to accomplish. Thanks so much to those parents who helped their children complete the winter packets. Those children who have already turned them in will receive extra credit.

We have been in school for 80 days and our supplies have begun to run low. We

will be sending a new supply list home with your child. We are especially in need of new boxes of crayons (24-count Crayola if possible) and glue sticks.

The Kindergarten team is preparing for a puppet show on January 20, 2010. The show will be presented by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre here at Barnaby Manor. The cost is \$3.00. The deadline for all money and permission slips is Monday, January 11, 2010. There are no exceptions.

## First Grade News

- For the next few weeks, your child will be working on telling time with a digital clock as well as an analog clock. They will be telling time to the hour and the half hour.
- Please ensure that your child is reading daily as well as completing their book responses. Book responses can

also be a book report, story map, or they can design their own book cover for the book they read.

- A permission slip for Port Discovery will be coming home in the coming days. The trip is scheduled for March 2, 2010 and will cost \$20.00. It is very important that all money is turned in by the due date. There will not be any exceptions.

## Second Grade News

- We will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday using a variety of activities.
- Students will organize ideas in order to write a friendly letter.
- Students will compare congruent figures.

*“Knowledge is the  
eye of desire and  
can become the  
pilot of the soul.”  
- Will Durant*

## Third Grade News

We are excited to be back at school after a restful and snow filled winter break. We hope that all of our boys and girls are excited to be back and are ready to learn as well. We will soon be ending the 2nd Qtr, and it is important that you encourage your child to read nightly and practice their math facts. Please check with your child's teacher to ensure that they still have school supplies (pencils/paper). In

addition, we are still in need of tissue, hand sanitizer (sanitizing wipes), and soap. The cold/flu season is upon us, we would like to keep everyone healthy and decrease the spread of germs during this time.

## Fourth Grade News

The fourth grade classes were planning a field trip to the Museum of Natural History for Tues. February 8. Due to being out of school the week of the holiday, we will need to postpone the trip until later in the month. Permission slips will be sent home as soon as possible. The cost for the trip is \$12, which includes transportation and the 3D movie.

Students will begin their mock MSA assessments this week. Please be sure

that your child is present and on time. The reading and math assessments will cover objectives taught from the beginning of the school year to this point. Please encourage your child to work to his/her fullest potential. Remember, we are working towards achieving the goal of reading 25 books for the school year. Encourage your child to read nightly & record the reading in his/her reading log journal.



*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students on*

## Fifth Grade News

- We continue to diligently work on poetry throughout the end of the second quarter. We will have students write poetry as well as analyze different types of poems. We suggest that when listening to music, review the lyrics to examine rhyme, alliteration, repetition, and other poetical elements.
- In math, we continue to focus upon reading and writing decimals, adding and subtracting decimals, and creating ordered pairs. As we close out the second quarter,
- please use your math notes to review older concepts.
- We have a field trip scheduled in February to the History Museum. Please be on the look out for additional information.
- We could use hand sanitizer and tissue in the classroom.
- Thanks for all of your support!

## Parent Liaison Corner

### 100% Attendance Days

Barnaby Manor ES has begun a competition that recognizes classes for having 100% attendance days. Classes that have students **present and on time** have a sign posted outside their classroom door that acknowledges 100% Attendance. At the end of the day, those classes are celebrated as part of the afternoon announcements. The class that accumulates the most 100% attendance days for the month gets to host the attendance trophy in their class and receive a certificate with their class photo on it.

### And the Winners Are:

November-----Mrs. Anderson/Person's Headstart Class  
 December----- Mrs. Anderson/Person's Headstart Class



## PTO News

Coming Soon.....

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