

## Events/News

### Computer Club

**Computer club ends at 3:15**

Monday – Group 1

Thursday – Groups 2 & 4



Basketball Season starts in November. Please remember that if your child is in Grades 5-8 and would like to play basketball the school nurse needs to have an up to date sports physical on file **before your child can even practice**. Notices have been sent home if your child needs one. Sports physicals need to be done every year. If you have any questions please contact our school nurse, Miss Casey, at 537-2491.

There is a mandatory parent and player basketball meeting on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Registration forms, transportation forms, concussion forms and other information will be handed out at this meeting.



#### COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

This year's Community Luncheon will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 11:30.

**Veterans:** This year we would like to honor you and your service to our country. We invite all Benson residents who are Veterans to join us, *as our guests*, for our Community Luncheon. We look forward to seeing everyone that signed up there! Only those that have signed up may attend as we have already given Café Services a meal count.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences:

This year, our report card periods are based on trimesters. The first trimester ends on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will go home the following week. For grades K-5, the report card looks **VERY** different and is based on standards. **It is vital for parents to attend parent/teacher conferences, so we are sure to fully explain the new report card.** We will be holding conferences 11/18-11/21. Look for communication from teachers on setting up your conference.



Turkey Bingo will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Bring your family and friends for a chance to win a Turkey or one of the many other prizes that will be available! All proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Washington, D.C.

# Benson Village School

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## Art News:

EEE&K/1st: we related shapes with creating a scarecrow out of cut paper and read the book "The Little Scarecrow Boy" by Margaret Wise Brown. We shared our six scariest scarecrow faces like the character in the story.

2/3rd: we completed our paper bag puppets to represent our Fairytales we created in small groups along with specific props for the puppet shows next class that will be recorded on the iPads.

4/5th: We learned about Claude Monet and how different weather and time of day caused him to choose different colors. We learned about the color wheel and began to create our own using only the primary colors with Tempera paint.

6th: The students completed their word silhouette patterns with colorful markers and sharpies. They filled the entire page with bright designs. Those who were finished worked on the backdrop for the second grade puppet show (a cut-paper forest scene).

7th: Most students have finished the contrasting, black and white designs. They created these by overlapping contour line drawings their favorite things or objects around the room and filling in these line drawings with black and white patterns.

8th: We worked on a symmetrical design created using black and white cut-paper and what they've learned about positive and negative space. They chose a design, transferred half of this to a black piece of paper, and cut and pasted every other shape to create the design.

## Music News:

**Advanced Band:** In Advanced Band we are working on "March of the Irish Guard", "Power Rock Medley", and "Blues in Bb". Remember to bring your instrument & music every Wednesday.

**District Auditions:** Sydney Bennett, Emily Dugan and Isabella LeBlanc have been working hard to prepare for Green Mountain Music District auditions. They will be auditioning, along with 300-400 other students from three counties, on Wednesday, November 12th. Be sure to wish them well!

**5th Grade Instrumental:** Instrumental lessons have started! We are working on our first five notes unit 1 in "Sound Innovations" book 1. Remember to bring your instrument & music every Wednesday.

### **Middle School Music:**

We are working on reading rhythms and the pentatonic scale (CDEGA). Later, we will be using what we've learned using the makey makey device. For more information go to [www.makeymakey.com/](http://www.makeymakey.com/)

### **4th & 5th Grade Music Class:**

Students are continuing in their recorder and music notation unit. Students are also learning the folk song "Guantanamera" in Spanish.

### **2nd & 3rd Grade Music Class:**

Students recently finished a folk dance unit and have started learning "Shalom Chaverim" in Hebrew.

### **Kindergarten & 1st Grade Music Class:**

Students are singing songs about food and animals, such as "Wake Up You Sleepyhead", "Did You Feed My Cow?" and "Chop Chop Chippity Chop".



## Dates to remember:

- 11/10 ó Turkey Bingo, 6:30pm
- 11/12 ó Parent & Basketball Player meeting, 6:30pm
- 11/13 ó Community Luncheon, 11:30am
- 11/14 ó Marking Period ends