

Events/News

Computer Club

Computer club ends at 3:15

April 27th – Group 1



Wednesday, April 29th is National Walk at Lunch Day. Benson Village School students will be walking at lunch and are inviting the Benson Community to come and join us!! If you are interested in walking with us, please give us a call for more details. 537-2491.

Primary News:

Earth Day is observed around the world on April 22nd. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970. Approximately twenty million Americans joined the demonstration in support of a healthier and more sustainable treatment of the environment. Primary 2/3 are doing lessons, games and activities to continue the tradition of promoting environmental awareness on April 22 and any time throughout the year by conserving, reusing, recycling and preserving the treasures from the earth. One activity the students will be doing is creating special projects from recycled pieces they will be collecting. When they are completed they will be displayed for everyone to see.

In ELA, second grade is beginning their last unit on stories from around the world. To better understand these stories, they are also learning about the different cultures around the world. We will be exploring the similarities and differences in foods, living conditions and customs. Map skills also play a part in this unit so they are learning about the seven continents and the major oceans and seas.

Third grade ELA will be finishing their SBAC testing in language arts today. We will finish our bio poems on someone from the American Revolution and then go on to a unit titled **%A Feast of Words.**+ We will learn about idioms and using **%exact+words** or phrases in speaking and writing.

Kindergarten registration and screening for all Benson children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2015 will be held at the Benson Village School on Monday, May 4th, 2015. If you wish to register your child or know of someone who has a kindergartner, please call the school at 537-2491. Please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

IMU News:

In response to a new district expectation, we have increased daily math instruction by thirty minutes for each grade level. As a result, we will be taking a short break from science instruction. Science will resume in May with project based explorations. 5th grade will be attending Starbase in Rutland and the 4th grade will participate in projects at school. The schedule for first Starbase session on May 6th includes the following activities: Introduction to Rocketry, Introduction to Newton's 1st Law, Crash test dummies and Eggbert. The 4th grade will be learning more about animals and their senses through a variety of activities including exploration of habitats in the area.

4th grade students have begun a new ELA unit entitled "Animals Are Characters Too". In this study students examine character development in depth by focusing on how animals and their traits are personified in literature. The 5th grade is wrapping up the Civil War unit. We have been

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following character change in our text, "A Soldier's Heart". Additionally, the students are learning to write chapter summaries. We will close the unit with some historical fiction writing.

The Benson-Orwell EEE program will be conducting screening for children 0-5 years old living in Benson or Orwell. The preschool screening involves activities that are both fun for young children and help us learn about a child's motor, cognitive, and language skills. Vision and hearing will also be screened. The screening for 3-5 year olds will take place by appointment at the Benson Village School on Monday, May 4th, 2015 from 8am-3pm. Please call 537-2491 by May 1st to schedule a screening for your child. Please bring your child's immunization record and birth certificate with you to the screening. If you have a child 0-3 years of age that you would like screened, please call 537-2491. Screening appointments will be scheduled on an individual basis for children ages 0-3 years. This is a free service to all residents of Benson and Orwell. If you cannot make this screening date, please call the Benson Village School to schedule an appointment.



Dates to remember:

- 4/29 ó Walk at Lunch
- 5/3 ó 8th Grade leaves for Washington, D.C.
- 5/4 ó EEE and Kindergarten screening
- 6/19 ó 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm
- 6/19 ó Last Student Day