

# Benson Village School

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## Events/News

### **PTCC News : "Trunk or Treat"**

The PTCC is sponsoring a " Trunk or Treat " Friday October 30th from 6pm to 7:30pm.

The concept- A student and their families decorate the family's car trunk for Halloween and bring a bowl of candy. All cars participating come park at the school parking lot so children can do safe trick or treating from trunk to trunk! We will number all decorated vehicles so people can vote for the best decorated vehicle for a prize. If you would like to participate please contact Roberta Senn at 537-2983 or email [sennshens@gmail.com](mailto:sennshens@gmail.com).



### **Library News**

For the past month students in kindergarten through third grade have been enjoying a story hour in Library class. Kindergarten and first grade students listened to a story this week about "Thelonius Monster's Sky-High Sky Pie" written by Judy Sierra. This week the second and third grade students came to class with their Chromebooks. They practiced their typing skills. Students in the Grades 6 -8 spend the first 15 minutes of library class reading. After that they work on their tech skills. The past few weeks they have written a set of directions explaining how to create a Google website which they also posted to their online journal. Their next project is to edit a photo with an online photo-editing application such as PicMonkey (<http://www.picmonkey.com>) or Sumo Paint (<https://www.sumopaint.com/home/>). Many of the eighth grade students have already finished this project. Grades 4 and 5 students have also been working on writing and posting directions to create a google website on their online journal. This week they practiced coding at Code Studio (<https://code.org>).

### **Grades 4/5**

September has come to a close and with it our "Steptember" pedometer experiment. For several days in September students had a chance to track their steps using pedometers. We gathered a baseline average number of steps and then worked to increase the number of steps in day later in the week. We will continue to experiment with ways to add more movement in our day.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a welcome letter for Moby Max. Mobymax is a web-based curriculum that is tailored to individual student needs. Your child has taken placement tests to identify what they need for targeted instruction in the areas of math, language and reading. Your child can work on improving their skills in each of these areas at home as well. Refer to the login steps included in the letter to get started.

Reading at home every night is an expectation for all 4th and 5th graders. Last year we asked students to read for 20 mins. This year we have asked students to see how long they read and add time to build stamina! Students who do read at night have been receiving positive reinforcement in the form of bear bucks. At this point, 25% of the 4th and 5th graders are reading at night. Research states that the biggest factor in improving reading skills is reading lots of different genres for longer and longer periods of time. Please let us know if we can support you and your child in meeting this expectation.

We have noticed students are bringing in healthier snacks and enjoying the healthy snacks provided by the school. Some students have even been trying fruits and vegetables they have not had before. Ms. Chesney and Mrs. Whitman have been bringing in fruits and vegetables to share with

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students. If any families would like to donate to our “fruit and vegetable basket” we will have them available for students.



## **Athletics Next Week**

- 7/8 Soccer Game Monday, Home vs. Middlebury@4:30, practice Tuesday 5:30, and Game Friday, Home vs. Christ the King@4:30
- 5/6 Soccer Game Monday@Castleton 4:30 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct 21st, Game Thursday@FH 4:30, and Game Friday@Christ the King 4:30
- Middle School Cross Country practices Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:30-5 FHUHS



## **Dates to remember:**

- 10/5 ACT 46 Study Committee meeting at 6:30 BVS. Join us to get more information on changes in store for students at BVS. Be an informed voter!  
Grades 2 & 3 to Paramount Theatre  
Starbase (additional dates: 10/12, 10/19, 10/26)
- 10/7 8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 BVS
- 10/9 Middle School to Lake St. Catherine- Learn & Volunteer in VT State Forests and Parks
- 10/16 No School-Teacher In Service
- 10/21 Picture Retakes 11:30