

Benson Village School

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The Scholastic Book Fair will be here November 13 - 17. Hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm each day. Family Night will be Monday, November 13. The Book Fair will be open from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm for the evening event plus the daily hours of 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Family Night Activity: Guess the correct amount of M & M's in a jar and win a free book. The second closest guess takes home the M & M's.



Turkey Bingo - Monday, November 13th@6:30

All proceeds support the 8th Grade's Class Trip to Washington, D.C.! Prizes include: turkeys, baked goods, and more!

Grades 3 & 4 - Ms. Hobart



In ELA, we are starting our new unit: Tales of the Heart. Students will be reading stories and recognizing character thoughts and feelings through stories about the Titanic, *Hachi* and *Because of Winn Dixie*. Students will also be reading informational texts about body systems. Finally, students will summarize fiction and nonfiction texts, write informative/explanatory pieces, and engage in collaborative discussions.

In Science, we have been studying earth systems such as erosion, deposition and weathering. After considering where volcanoes form and how they erupt, they turn to investigations of rocks breaking apart and creating potential hazards. Through hands-on investigation, students will explore the world of rocks.



Library - Mrs. Witt



Book Fair Week November 13th - 17th. Please stop by the library to purchase books for your student's holiday vacations. Monday, November 13th, is "Family Night." The Book Fair will be open until 7:00 pm. You can guess how many M&M's are in a jar Monday night. The person guessing the closest amount wins a free book!

We have a number of new book arrivals that meet curriculum needs as well as student requests.

They include:

"Never Let a Ghost Borrow Your Library Book: Book Care Guidelines from the Library Secret Service"

"Amazing Makerspace DIY Fliers" (True Book Makerspace Projects) - Kristina Holzweiss

"Amazing Makerspace DIY Movers" (True Bookmaker Space Projects) - Kristina Holzweiss

"Amazing Makerspace DIY Basic Machines" (True Bookmaker Space Projects) - Kristina Holzweiss

Middle School Students are working on research topics that range from discovering makerspace projects to complete in library class, future career choices, a compare - contrast topic, to the discovery of just how encompassing true virtual reality is in our world.

Grade 5 students have just finished a Dewey poster which they will be posting to their online Library Journal. The Library Journal is made using Google classic sites.

Grades K, 1, 2, 3 & 4 are working their way through the Red Clover books. Each class is at a different point in a book. Right now the focus is on the Red Clover nominee "Otters Love to Play" written by Jonathan London. Students have finished the book which included discussion of new vocabulary, why the author would want the text font be different sizes, the connection between illustrations and text, and what otters do in each season.

Preschool students are continuing to check out books weekly. This past week they also viewed an online book on **EPIC**, an online book site offering free access to teachers, on the SmartBoard. The book's topic was fall.

Kindergarten - Mrs. Whitman

The Kindergarten class began new Math and ELA units. Our second math module focuses on shapes in the environment. We started this week with flat shapes and noticed some had curvy lines and some had straight lines; some of the shapes had three sides, some four or more. Students have been using geoboards to make triangles, rectangles and hexagons. Next week we will continue to explore shapes with solid shapes. These shapes include cubes, cylinders, spheres and cones. We are finding flat shapes inside the solid shapes. In addition, we are looking for these flat and solid shapes in our environment.

In Science students have been learning about bats through a variety of books and videos. Students performed science experiments in the gym to learn about echolocation and watched a video about a boy named Milo who is blind and is training himself to use echolocation. Students are tracking what they have learned using the prompts, bats can, bats have and bats are. Last week our Mystery Reader for October, Susan Fletcher, came in and read the story Stellaluna.

As the weather gets colder we will continue to go out for recess. Please keep in mind that we go out for two recesses during the day and that the first one is at 9:45.

Dates to Remember:

11/10	No School-Veteran's Day
11/13-17	Scholastic Book Fair
	8th Grade Fundraiser-Turkey Bingo@6:30
11/13	Slate Valley Board Meeting@6:30 FHUHS
11/14	Board Meeting@BVS 6:30PM
11/22-11/24	Thanksgiving Break