

# Benson Village School

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**Basket Raffle!** The biggest fundraiser of the year for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. is the basket raffle. It will be held at the Fair Haven Legion on January 21st. Doors open at 10 am and tickets will be sold starting at 11 am. Drawing begins at 1 pm. We usually have over 100 baskets! We are accepting donations of baskets if you would like to donate. Hope to see you there!



**Ukulele or Guitar Club:** Ukulele or Guitar Club is open to students grades 3 through 8. This will be an intro to guitar or ukulele. Students will learn some basic chords and learn to play a few simple songs. To participate, students must have a ride home from school as there are no late buses. We have listed two days depending on what your child is interested in playing. Please choose only one instrument. If you are interested, please complete the attached form and return to Mrs. Bennett in the office. We have 12 slots available per group so get your forms in quickly because it will be on a First Come, First Serve basis.



**Beading:** Rebeckah St. Peter has again offered to share her creative talents with our students for beading! Mrs. Witt will join Mrs. St. Peter for these sessions. The first session will be for grades K-2 on 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31. Permission slips were sent home with students. One is attached to the newsletter if needed.

**Basketball Schedules:** The basketball schedules do change, and your paper copy is the least reliable form of communication. The most up-to-date information is on the BVS Calendar, [benson.arsu.org](http://benson.arsu.org); that is updated every morning around 8 am. Coaches are also updated every morning before 8 am, so you could get updated information from them, too. And, of course, you can always give the school a call as well.



## **Benson Public Library News:**

Hours : Tuesday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Wednesday: 3 PM - 7 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 1 PM

### Summer Book Reading Program for Grades K-2 and 3-6:

The Library Reading Program will have a series of 5 books to read over the summer and meet twice a month on Saturday to discuss the books. To sign up for the reading program, please stop by the Benson Library or message The Benson Vermont Public Library on Facebook by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Chess Club at the Benson Public Library

Coming soon to our Library will be a Chess Club. We are still working out the details.



### **Grades 1 & 2 - Ms. Janny**

Grades 1 & 2 have been working hard despite the cold! In ELA we've started to learn about what it means to be "unlikely friends." We have been reading stories of different pairs of friends that you wouldn't expect to see! Some of our favorites so far were an elephant and a dog, a camel and a pig, and an orangutan and a kitten! While we discuss building friendship bridges with these unlikely friends, we also began to study physical bridges in science. We have started exploring different types of bridges and why one bridge might work better than another. Once we get familiar with these different types of bridges, we will design and build our own. In math, 1st graders have been working on addition and subtraction up to 20 while 2nd graders are working on addition and subtraction strategies in the hundreds.



### **PTCC Blood Drive**

PTCC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 5th from 1 PM – 6 PM. It is being held at the United Church of Benson, 2793 Stage Road, Benson. Each donation we collect can save up to three lives. Even if you have never donated, answers to most questions about the process and eligibility to donate blood can be found at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) . If you can't find the answer to a specific blood donation question, call 1-800 RED-CROSS.

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment. Search for zip code 05743 to find our drive.

Winter adversely affects the number of blood donations, but the need for blood does not decrease in winter months! Please help us exceed our goal of 19 donations for this Drive.

If you can't donate blood, there are other ways you can help. You could volunteer for a two hour shift to register donors as they arrive or to serve snacks to blood donors. If you have any other questions about this blood drive or would like to volunteer the day of the drive, please contact John Wurzbacher at [wurzbacher.john@gmail.com](mailto:wurzbacher.john@gmail.com) or 802-855-1205 . Thank you very much!



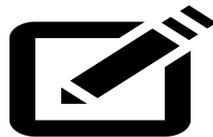
## **Art Studio Notes** - Mrs. L. Whitman

We all have been learning and creating projects about the Element of Art of Value and how value creates the illusion of depth, form, and light. Our next unit will be on the Element of Art of Texture. We will also begin learning about the 7 Principles of Design and how the use of the 7 Elements of Art matter to create strong artwork with the Principles of Design.

PK/K/1/2 was read the video book, *The Mitten* by author and illustrator Jan Brett. We saw how Jan Brett used different values throughout her illustrations to show that snow isn't just white, the animals weren't just one color, but each had varying shades and tints to create 3D images rather than just 2D. Students then practiced creating value by shading the mitten and animals from Jan Brett's story. The students also created melted snowmen, which introduced tracing and the practice of using scissors and glue sticks. The final project we are finishing up is creating a 5 scoop ice cream cone (this simulates a 5 step value scale using tint and shade).

3/4/5 was also read the video book, *The Mitten* by author and illustrator Jan Brett. The students pair-shared about the examples they saw during the story and then shared out to the class. Students then used pastels to create animals from the book using shading techniques. They have also practiced creating and using a monochromatic 5 step value scale to create a sphere from a circle. We have begun our final value project creating a 7 step value scale composition showing tint and shade.

6/7/8 have also practiced creating and using a monochromatic 5 step value scale to create a sphere from a circle. They have learned about the importance of contour lines and demonstrated their understanding of only creating the outline of an object/images. They have put these two skills together to create a realistic looking apple from observational drawing. Now that they have warmed-up with these skills, they will be starting their final value project by drawing a slightly crushed soft drink can using colored pencils.



### **Dates to Remember:**

1/13	5/6 Boys Basketball@Rutland Rec 11	1/17	Beading Club
	5/6 Girls@Rutland Rec 10		GAME 7/8 Boys@Mill River 5:15
1/15	No School-Martin Luther King Day		GAME 7/8 Girls@Mill River 4
1/16	GAME 5/6 Girls@Castleton 4:30	1/19	Aerobics Classes
	GAME 5/6 Boys@Castleton 5:30		GAME 5/6 Girls@Christ the King 5
	GAME 7/8 Girls HOME vs. Poultney 4:30		GAME 7/8 Boys@Christ the King 6
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\*\*\*All Basketball Games are Subject to Change\*\*\*