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# Friends, food and fun!

Life Skills kicks off  
with a diner trip

**By Ms. Gross**

What do waffles with powdered sugar, bacon, a cheeseburger, and fries have in common?

Answer: They were some of the food items ordered by Banyan students at the West Essex Diner during Life Skills Group I last week.

Students learned all about performing some of life's tasks. They boarded a school bus, learned how to order off a menu and even learned how to pay a tip!

In between, the conversations flowed as the children enjoyed their food. Staff who came along were Ms. Gross, Ms. Yael, Ms. Gwen, Ms. Mary, Ms Destiny, and Nurse Lisa.



# Costumes, bagels and mummy wraps

Banyan School's Saturday Social Spooktacular is a big hit

By Ms. Gross

Banyan unveiled its first Saturday Social last week. Students wore costumes that ranged from Captain America to Harry Potter. We started off with a bagel breakfast and ended with a mummy wrap competition. Boy, did we have a "Boo"tiful time!





# Which zone are you in?

Check with the Zones of Regulation to find out

## Staff Report

The Zones of Regulation Bulletin Board is back in action! Each month, a new teacher is featured! Students have to decide which zone the teacher is in and why they might be feeling that way. For the month of October, Ms. Hope is featured on the bulletin board. A special thank you to Daniel W., Theo, Ryan L., Mario, and Finn for helping us pick the teacher and emotion for this month.

Here are some of the answers students came up with:

Max said Ms. Hope is tired because she took a 12 hour plane ride across the country!

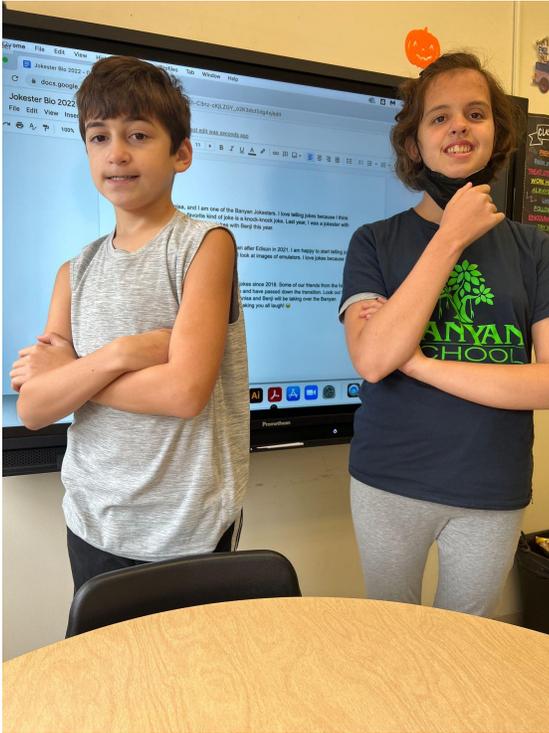
Amy said Ms. Hope is tired because she didn't get enough sleep last night.

Elliot said Ms. Hope is tired because she woke up too early.



# Introducing the new Jokesters

Anisa, Benji are guaranteed to bring a big smile to your face



## By Ms. Gwen

The Banyan Jokesters have been telling jokes since 2018. Some of our friends from Banyan High School started the Banyan Jokester group and have passed down the tradition. Look out for new jokes in each newsletter! This year, Anisa and Benji will be taking over the Banyan Jokesters! We hope you look forward to making you all laugh! 😄

My name is Anisa, and I am one of the Banyan Jokesters. I love telling jokes because I think they are funny. My favorite kind of joke is a knock-knock joke. Last year, I was a jokester with Jane. I'm excited to make new jokes with Benji this year.

Hi, my name is Benji, and I started Banyan in 2021. I am happy to start telling jokes with Anisa. I love to play on the Ipad and look at images of emulators. I love jokes because they make me laugh!

# Need a good laugh?

Banyan jokesters make their debut

By Anisa and Benji

Knock, knock.

*Who's there?*

Orange!

*Orange who?*

Orange you glad it's Halloween!



What's a zombie's favorite cereal? Rice Creepies.

Knock, Knock...

Who's there?

Witch!

Witch who?

Witch one of you will give me lots of Halloween candy?



Where do you find the spookiest sweets on Halloween? The ghost-ery store.



What is a ghost's favorite day of the week? Fright-day!



# Rayna + Autumn = beautiful day!

## Family (and dog!) enjoy South Mountain Reservation

### Staff Report

Rayna enjoyed a crisp autumn day at South Mountain reservation with her family and dog and then a delicious (overpriced 🤔) Halloween cupcake at a cafe nearby.



# Banyan joins the jewelry business

Young entrepreneurs make bracelets, necklaces for school store

## By Ms. Connors

Some of our Social Studies students have been hard at work producing bracelets and necklaces for the school store.

Mae, Tommy, Amy, Maeve, Ryan and Daniel have created a business plan, picked out a company name, designed

products and made a deal with Mr. Western to have their bracelets and necklaces sold at the School Store on Fridays.

Be on the lookout for their flyers being hung up around the school!



# Off to a great start!

## Students enjoy their new Banyan clubs

### By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Banyan was hopping with activity on Thursday. Clubs were back in session!

For the first time this school year, Banyan students officially joined their clubs.

Last week, students were shown what each club was all about and then were given a choice of which club to join.

So when clubs got underway, there was action from the Banyan gym all the way down to O'Connor Hall and everywhere in between!

Students enjoyed what they love or tried something new. They spent time with old friends or met some new ones.

In the gym, students gathered for cheerleading tryouts with Ms. Gross, Ms. Gwen, and Ms. Zatoraska. In the media center, they joined Mr. Western and Mr. Camp for coding.

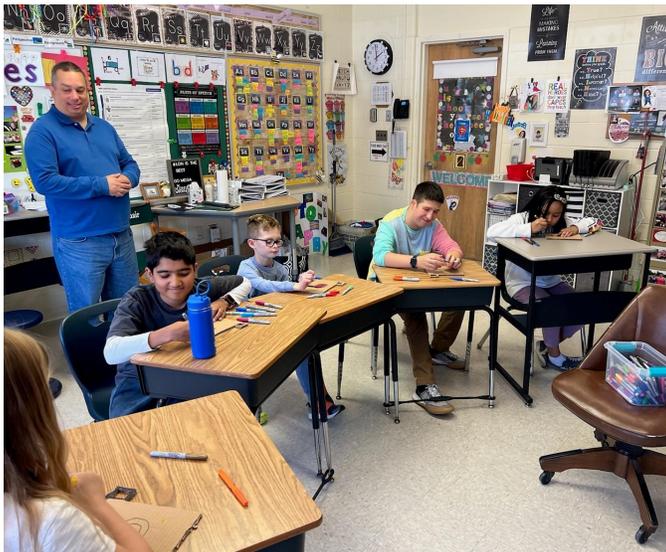
O'Connor Hall was jumping with action. On one side of the room, Ms. Ashley taught kids new dance moves. On the other, Mr. B had his students stretching for Ninja club.

Classrooms were filled with kids having a good time and engaged in activity.

In Ms. Kline's room, children met for Singing and Acting. Mrs. Connor's room hosted Woodworking. Students gathered in Mr. Stacey/Ms. Swofford's room for Sculpture. Students put together pieces in Lego club. They gathered in Ms. Heller's class for painting and Ms. Mena's for Photography.

The following pages contain pictures from all of the different clubs. Enjoy!











# Ninjas invade Banyan!

Students enjoy new workout in gym class

## By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Banyan students engaged in a little hand-to-hand combat during one recent Phys Ed class, courtesy of Mr. B. Children learned how to make a fist, throw a proper punch and kick correctly. They also took turns kicking, punching, and throwing a grappling dummy. Beforehand, they performed different stretching exercises as well as flexibility and various ways to remain flexible. Don't ever mess with Banyan students!



# No worries for the rest of your days!

## Hakuna Matata: Banyan School's Tee-Shirt of the Issue

**By Mr. Hofmann, Editor**

For each issue of the Banyan Bulldog Newsletter, we will focus on a Shirt of the Issue. This one caught our eye.

It is from the 1990s movie classic Lion King. Hakuna Matata was one of the sayings in the movie – and the name of a wonderful song from the movie.

Great movie!

Great song!

Great shirt!

Hakuna Matata was one of the sayings in the movie – and the name of a wonderful song about two characters who were trying to cheer up their downtrodden friend. And the song lifted their friend out of the doldrums! It will lift you up if you need it!

Google that scene from the movie. Listen to the song.

Guaranteed to put a hop in your step!

Our roving photographer will try and look for a great shirt for the next issue!



# Getting ready for Halloween

Kiera and Neve work together for Speech class

## Staff Report

Keira and Neve spent Speech class pooling their thoughts and came up with a playlist for Banyan's Halloween Party.

