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Welcome back, one and all!

Banyan starts the new school year off with a bang!



By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Floors are polished. Windows are wiped squeaky clean. Hallways are decorated. Classrooms are shiny, spotless and rarin' to go.

Students and teachers are back at Banyan, ready to kick off the new school year!

The parking lot is humming with buses and vans in the morning and at dismissal. Hallways and classrooms are buzzing throughout the day.

On the first day of school, Mr. Lieberman, our new principal, and assistant principal Mrs. DiGiaino welcomed the students in the front of the building with big smiles. Everyone was directed to their new homerooms, where staff members welcomed students with open arms – and then, off the students went to their new classes.

Teachers' voices filled the classrooms throughout the day. Students were attentive and learning. It's great to be back to a new year at Banyan!

The following pages are some of the highlights of the first day, courtesy of Mr. Boysen, Banyan's staff photographer.









Banyan hallways looking sharp!

Timely decorations help bring the school to life

Staff Report

What would the Banyan hallways look like if the walls were blank?

B-O-R-I-N-G!

Check out some of these delightful decorations that made their way onto Banyan's walls in time for the first day of school.

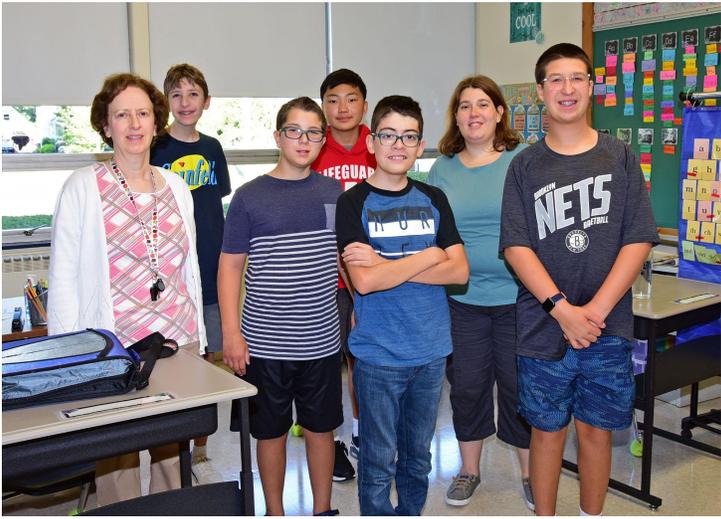
These are catchy, fun, and timely!



Hey, what homeroom are you in?

Homerooms gather together on Banyan's first day of school





One Happy vacation

Brenner clan went to Aruba this summer

By Sami

My family and I went to Aruba this summer. We have a timeshare at the Marriott Surf Club. I went parasailing, fishing, and tubing. It was so much fun. I had a great time and a great summer.



A full, fun summer

Beach, dog among Jonah's highlights

Staff Report

Jonah had a busy summer. He went to Bethany Beach with his extended family. He went boogie boarding, rode a trolley, went to the boardwalk and had fun wave running. He had the BEST time.

Jonah's dog, Brooklyn, is his best friend!!! Jonah and Brooklyn walk on a leash everyday together, Jonah brushes Brooklyn so she feels smooth and most of all they cuddle on the couch at the end of the day together.



This new Penny is priceless!



Ms. Kempton gives birth to baby daughter

Staff Report

Ms. Kempton welcomed her first child this summer!

Everyone meet "Penny" - Penelope Jeanne Luzzi, born July 5th at 7:07 AM.

Penny weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19

inches long.

Ms. Kempton is enjoying her time with her new baby girl but definitely misses everyone at Banyan!

Penny will make a special appearance at Banyan on Halloween!

Can anyone guess what Ms. Kempton and Penny will be dressing up as?



A busy, fun-filled summer

Jessica's vacation loaded with good times, good friends

Staff Report

Jessica had a great summer. She spent a lot of time with Isabella W-P, James, and Mae

She also went on vacation with her family to Chincoteague Island, Va., and Ocean City, Md. The family is planning a trip to Disney in Orlando in Nov.



Tell me what you think about ...

Charlie interviews Derik during interesting Speech class

Staff Report

Charlie and Derik had an interesting conversation during Speech class. Charlie interviewed Derik and peppered him with follow-up questions. The more questions Charlie followed up with, the more information Derik disclosed. Derik shared quite a bit of information. It was like pulling apart an artichoke!



Mora goes sky-high this summer

By Mora

This summer, I went to Park City, Utah with my parents for a family conference. Mommy and Daddy went to lectures and I went to activities. One activity was a visit to the National Ability Center and a chance to do the Big Swing. I wore a harness and a helmet to keep me safe.

The organizers asked me a question, how high do you want to go? I told them that I wanted to go as high as I could. The Big Swing was exciting, and I felt like a plane flying in the air. I wasn't scared at all!

If I had the possibility to go back and do the Big Swing again, I would!



Summer program a big success

Mission accomplished: Friendships, social skills built



Staff Report

For the first time, Banyan offered an Extended Social Summer Program. Students had the option of staying for an extra 2.5 hours for added friendship building and social-emotional learning. From musical chairs and hot potato to dance parties and blind taste tests, we had so much fun at the extended day program! We loved making new friends, taking weekly walks to the corner deli, and playing many fun games. We made cool, creative things like painted sea crabs, glitter jars and rainbows with wicky sticks! We can't wait till next year!





Thunderlips is here!

Banyan unveils new Shirt of the Week

Staff Report

Sometimes, students wear t-shirts to school that make us chuckle. Does anyone remember when Hulk Hogan made an appearance in Rocky 3?

Our roving photographer will try and publish a funny t-shirt during every issue of the Banyan Newsletter!



Banyan breaks out the bikes

Class activity burns calories, builds up heart, thigh muscles

Staff Report

We have opened up the shed and brought out the bikes in Phys Ed class! The kids love the activity and they get a lot of benefits from riding bikes, such as building up their quadricep muscles, strengthening their heart, and working their cardiovascular systems – all the while having a good time while doing so!



Rockin' and rollin' with Roman

Speech class looks for social cues from facial expressions

Staff Report

We had a great speech session with Roman!!! He worked on understanding nonverbal language as he identified facial expressions and used cues to match quotes with the faces. It was super fun !!!

