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Pushing up his way to good health

Evan wins annual Banyan push-up contest in Phys Ed class

By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Evan H. had heard the news and he couldn't believe it: Gavin had performed 43 push-ups during first-period gym class. That's right: 43 of 'em!

If Evan wanted to do the most push-ups in all of Banyan, 43 was the number to beat.

"What!?! He did 43 pushups?" Evan said. "No way can I ever do 43 pushups!"

But with a little pep talk from Mr. Hofmann and Mr. B, Evan gave it his best shot. If he wanted to beat out Gavin and do the most pushups, then he had to not only approach Gavin's magic number – he had to somehow surpass it.

So Evan got down on the gym floor ... up-down ... up-down ... up-down. Like a machine!

Soon, he reached Gavin's total – and then he blew past it!

Once Evan set his mind to the task at hand, there was simply no stopping him. Evan performed – get this – 50 pushups!

And he did it under pressure, with all of his third-period classmates watching him.

The moral of the story: Sometimes, difficult tasks can look like a mountain in front of you. But if you give it your best shot ... who knows? Maybe you can scale that mountain – like Evan did!

Something else to ponder: If Evan had not known how many push-ups Gavin had done, would he have stopped at 30? 40? Sometimes, when you have a definite goal in front of you and you shoot for that goal, you can achieve big things!

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Here are some of the other notable student totals:

Grade A category (full-fledged, military-style push ups):

1. Evan H. (50).
2. Gavin (43).
3. Andy (40).
4. Lonnie (31).
5. Shayne, Albert and Justin (30).
6. Patrick (19).

Grade B category (one-second rest on the ground between each push-up).

1. Dan (40).
2. Roman (30).
3. Owen P. and Neve (20).
4. Matthew T. (14).
5. Zack (13).
6. Caelen, Bea, and Jonah (12).

Grade C category (wall pushups).

1. Mora (20).



A big day in the Big Apple

Caelen visits Times Square, watches Broadway play

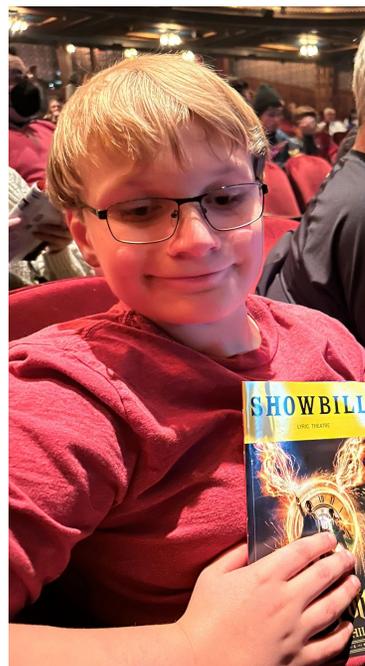
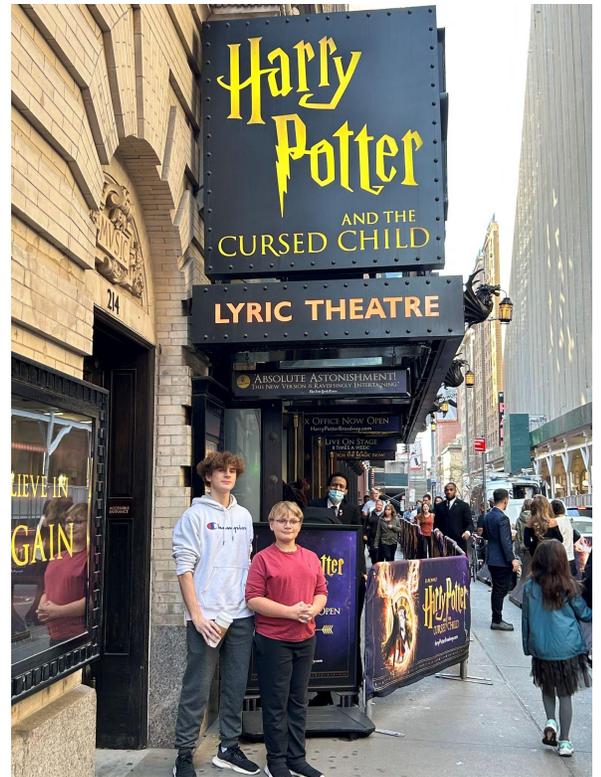
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Caelen and his family spent a weekend in New York City recently.

Caelen attended his first Broadway play, “Harry Potter and the Cursed child.” His family got butterbeer to watch the play.

The family spent the night in Times Square and walked around Bryant Park and Rockefeller Center. They also went to the new Harry Potter world in the Flatiron District.

In addition, the family also viewed the 911 Memorials and went into the 911 Museum and took a very fast elevator ride to the top of the new Freedom Tower and got to see a 360-degree view of New York and New Jersey.



Guess who just became a teenager?

Patrick celebrates landmark birthday with his Banyan buddies



Staff Report

Patrick celebrated his 13th birthday on Oct. 23 and enjoyed a wonderful party with his Banyan friends.

“Patrick couldn’t wait to finally turn 13 and be an official teenager,” his mom said. “And he was even more thrilled to have his best Banyan buds help him celebrate. It was a beautiful and warm Saturday so they played in the yard for a few hours, followed by Dave & Buster’s, then back home for some birthday cake and more running around. Patrick had the best Birthday!”



Can you hear me now?

Speech class introduces walkie talkies

Staff Report

Walkie Talkie Club in Speech!! During a portion of 5th period , Ms Evelyn's class uses their walkie talkies (thanks to Cassidy) to listen for speech questions from Ms Gross's 5th period speech groups! Questions range from favorite snack foods to favorite travel destinations!



How can Banyan improve as a school?

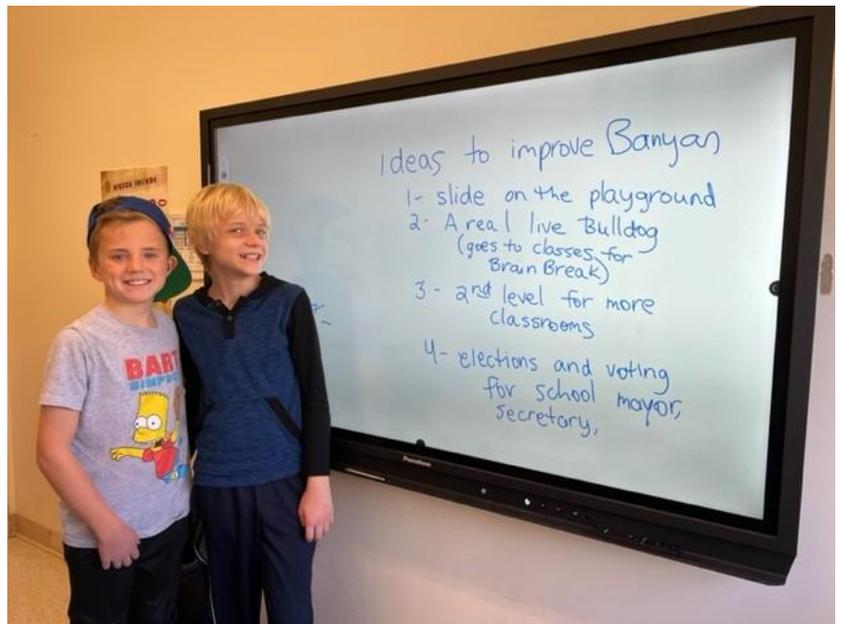
Zack and Keaton have provided some of the answers

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Keaton and Zach brainstormed ideas during Speech class to make Banyan School even better than it is!

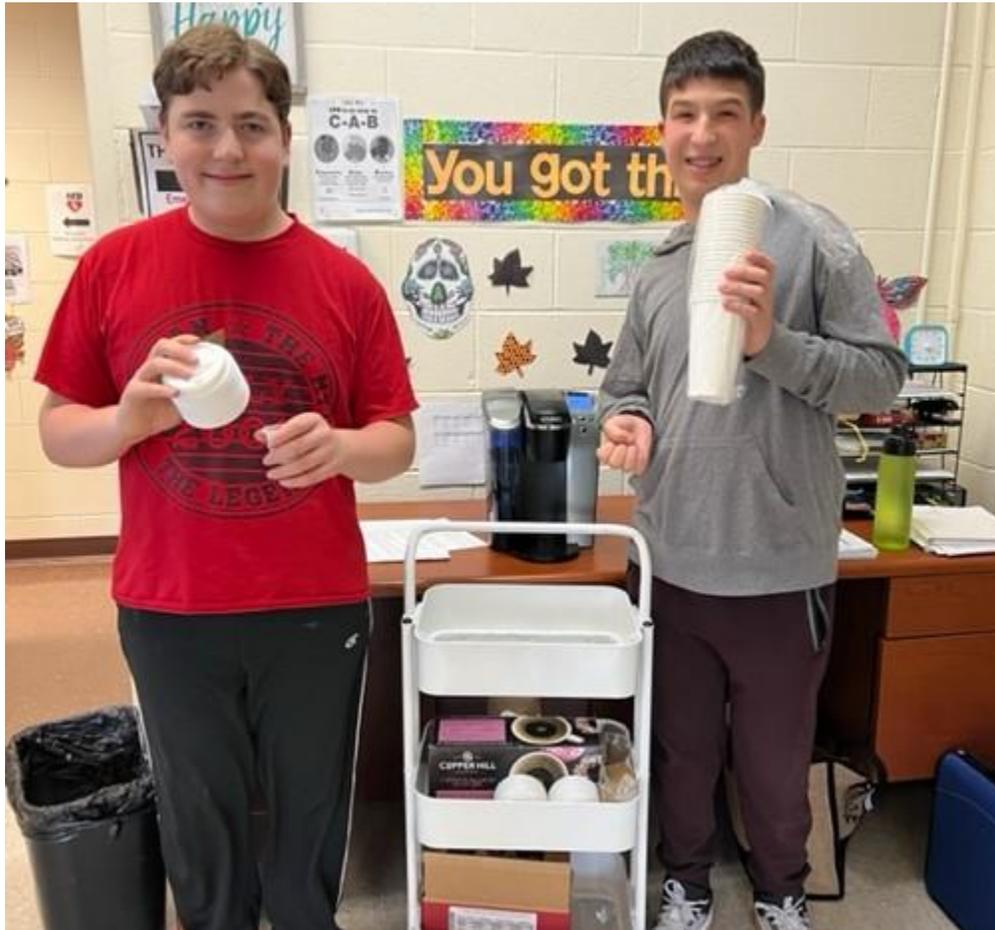
Some of the ideas include:

1. A slide on the playground.
2. A real, live Banyan bulldog to give classes a brain break.
3. A second level to the building for more classrooms.
4. Elections and voting for school mayor and secretary.



How many lumps do you want?

Speech students bring coffee to staffers celebrating a B-Day



Staff Report

Birthdays have become extra special for Banyan staff members this year. That's because speech students bring them a hot cup of coffee!

The Speech Staff have introduced the Coffee Cart. On a staff member's birthday, speech students find out which staff member is celebrating a birthday, take their coffee order, make the coffee using the Keurig, and then deliver it to the staff member's classroom – free of charge!

This is your pilot Bella speaking!

Bella, family enjoy trip to aviator museum

Staff Report

Bella's recent weekend was jam-packed with fun that included a trip to the Aviation Museum at Teterboro Airport.

"The retired pilots and volunteers were so patient, kind and full of stories about their work in mechanics," Bella's mom said, "We went into the cockpit and learned about planes! I highly recommend it."

Bella and her brother played top gun and learned about a mechanic who helped take down a man who was smuggling airline equipment and selling them to foreign powers!?!



A Devil of a time for Dan!

Skating, hockey
highlight weekend

By Daniel W.

I went ice skating at Dare Devils with Ryan, my brother. I was a little scared, but I didn't fall down!

Afterwards, I had lunch at Hobby's Deli in Newark. I ate a hotdog. Then I went to The Rock to watch the Devils hockey game with my dad, mom, and Uncle Scott. The game was fun, and the Devils won!



Say there, anyone for tennis?

Phys Ed students learn the finer points of the game

Staff Report

Students were given a choice during a few recent Phys Ed classes of either riding bikes outside or staying inside and playing tennis.

Some chose to soak in their last few opportunities to go outside and ride in the sun, but others remained in the gym and practiced hitting the ball against the wall.

Students learned how to serve and hit forehands and backhands. Perhaps we have a future tennis pro in our midst! Most of all, students had fun while exercising and learning!



A park, a party and Hoboken

Tommy's long weekend was ultra busy - and a blast!

By Tommy

Over a recent weekend, Emily, Lachlan, and I went to the park, a neighborhood party, and to Hoboken. In Hoboken, I went to a playground and walked by the shops. My neighbors and I played "dance studio." My weekend was a lot of fun!!



Trunk or Treating a big hit on Halloween



Staff Report

Banyan students, staff, and parents enjoyed another festive Halloween celebration. Students and teachers dressed up in their favorite costumes and parents set up their cars for a fun trunk or treat in the school parking lot.

Earlier in the day, students and staff bussed their way to Banyan High School in Little Falls

A great time was had by all!

Here are some photos from the day!





Some Turkey Day jokes to munch on

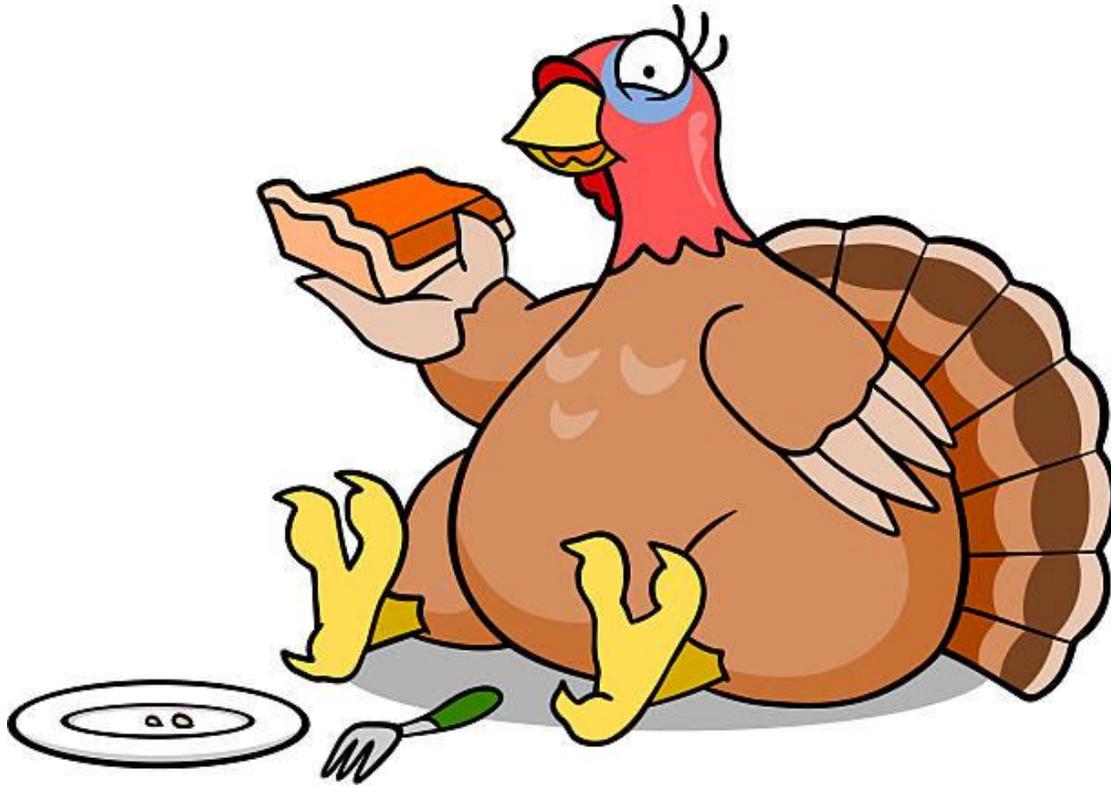
Bring some of these Thanksgiving jokes to the dinner table

1. Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?

Because he had the drumsticks!



Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
The turkey, he's stuffed!



2. Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off.



3. How did you know a turkey likes his dinner?
He gobbles it up!



4. What sound does a turkey's phone make?
Wing Wing!



5. What three-letter word starts with gas? A Car!



Banyan Golf Outing a huge success

Staff Report

The wet, dreary weather couldn't put a damper on Banyan's 24th Annual Golf Outing at Glen Ridge Country Club on Oct. 24. Here are some of the highlights:

- 135 golfers signed up but six had to drop out due to illness on the day of the event. Another 30 people came for dinner.
- There was a tricky tray auction, online auction and 50/50 raffle.
- Charlie Western performed at the cocktail hour and he has a BEAUTIFUL voice; the Banyan School Rock Band was our evening entertainment.
- We had many parent and staff volunteers this year. We couldn't have this event without them.
- We are grateful for all of the people who sponsor and support us.

"The golf outing would never be possible without all of you," said Mrs. McCabe, who organized the event.

"Each of you played such a significant role and I am sincerely thankful...especially under the rainy circumstances!

"Some of you helped out with the morning and evening registrations - checking in golfers, setting up the tricky tray auction, helping with the tricky tray and online auction, selling 50/50s and selling tournament packs and auction tickets - THANK YOU!

"Some of you were participating in the outdoors tasks - the putting green contest, distributing player gifts, the photography "booth" and as hole-in-one witnesses - and this year, it wasn't the bright, warm and sunny experience as years past - THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Some of you helped out by being jacks of all trades...filling in and helping out with every job possible - THANK YOU!

"And some of you helped the week before by stuffing all of the player gifts - THANK YOU!
One of you even entertained us with your magnificent voice during cocktail hour - THANK YOU, CHARLIE WESTERN!

"I am lucky to know each of you and I'm grateful for your time, efforts, help and friendship."
Mrs. McCabe announced that there are a few men's puffer vests on sale at \$25 each.

