

BANYAN NEWS

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Special Welcome-Back-to-School Edition



Here we go!

Banyan welcomes back students and staff

By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Banyan's hallways are now chock full of students – and signs of the opening of school are all over the

building.

Windows and floors are polished and sparkling clean. Brand new decorations line the hallway walls. There is a buzz throughout the building.

Summer vacation is over. Banyan is back in session – and better than ever!

Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. DiGiaimo, and staff greeted students as they arrived on the first day.

Students were directed to their new homerooms, where staff members and teachers welcomed everyone with open arms.

Students attended their new classes and were engaged with their teachers. Some children laughed with old friends and made some new ones.

It's wonderful to be back for a brand new year. Have a great year, everyone!

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



Morning meetings are back!

September is a busy month at Banyan

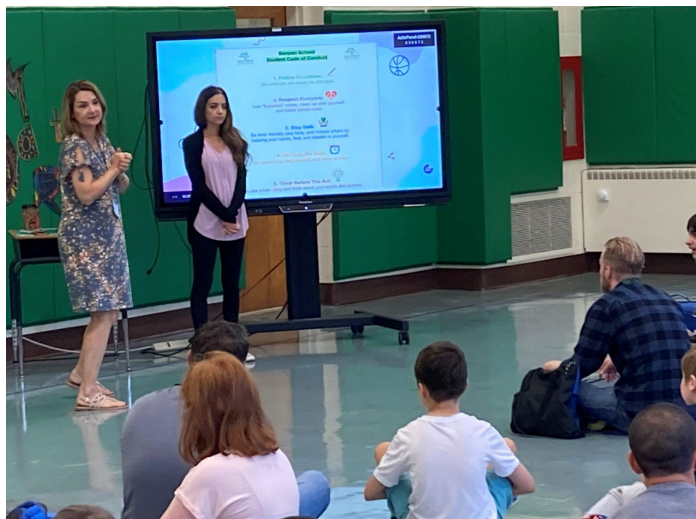
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Banyan's Monday Morning Meetings returned to the school gym.

Miss Nancy and Miss Mary guided students through several important items.

They reviewed:

- The Banyan School Code of Conduct of following directions, respecting everyone, staying safe, being on time and remaining on task, and thinking before acting.
- The September monthly theme is student Safety.
- How each month, deserving students will receive rewards in front of their peers.



- Important upcoming school events such as School picture Day (Sept. 12), Back to School Night (Sept. 20), Locker Clean Out (Sept. 29) and Saturday Social/Ice Cream Social (Sept. 30).
- Student birthdays: Jack (Sept. 1), Bella H. (Sept. 3), Henry (Sept. 4), Riley (Sept. 7), Zach B and Joey (Sept. 13), Jessica (Sept. 14), and Soludo (Sept. 30).
- Staff birthdays: Ms Sami (Sept. 1), Mrs. McNeill (Sept. 21), and Mrs. Perkins (Sept. 21).

Getting a kick out of soccer

Banyan students take Phys Ed classes outside



By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

The weather was beautiful and students were full of energy, so what better way to take advantage of that than to take classes outside for a game of soccer!

Many students understand the subtle nuances of the sport and love competing. Some simply enjoy running around and kicking a soccer ball.

Others enjoy just being out in the sunshine, getting some fresh air, and getting a natural dose of Vitamin D!



The Ultimate Getaway!

Ms. Nancy traveled to beautiful Fiji Islands

By Mrs. DiSalvo

My husband and I traveled to Fiji. We first took a 5-hour flight to Los Angeles, CA and then an 11 hour flight to Fiji. To reach the resort, we took a two-hour boat ride. We learned all about Fijian culture -- the history of the Fiji islands (there are more than 130 altogether), ate wonderful food, which included a lot of things made with tropical fruits, coconut and fresh fish.



We visited the island of Mamanuca where the show Survivor is filmed and we went to a village to see the local school. There is one school housing Preschool through Eighth grade and the students there love Phys Ed class! They have sports uniforms for individual teams and they wear them to school one day a week for competitive games.

