



BANYAN NEWS

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Bringing in the Holiday spirit

Banyan students celebrate Winter Wonderland

By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

What's the best way to bring in the holidays at Banyan?

With a big party down at the gym, that's how!

Banyan celebrated its annual Winter Wonderland party with music, food and lots of laughs. There was also Karaoke singing, hand painting, and picture taking as well as fun and games for every one.

What a fun way to end the year.

Happy Holidays, everyone!





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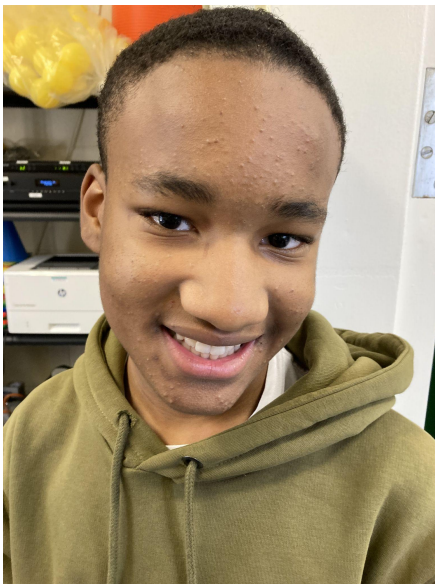
Lonnie, Kenneth will be school co-presidents

By Mr. Hofmann, Editor

Lonnie and Kenneth's speeches for Banyan school president were so impressive and uplifting that their classmates simply could not make up their minds.

So *both* eighth-grade students will be co-presidents.

Lonnie (below) and Kenneth (right, with Ms. Kempton) spoke beautifully while delivering their campaign speeches, as did all of the other students.



Lonnie stressed his kindness while running for office. "I'm very nice, kind and a good friend," he said. "My idea to improve Banyan is to do something fun like going bowling and going to the zoo. I will make sure you all will have fun."

Kenneth, meanwhile, was very inclusive in his speech, pointing out that he wanted everyone to have fun, not just some students but all of them.

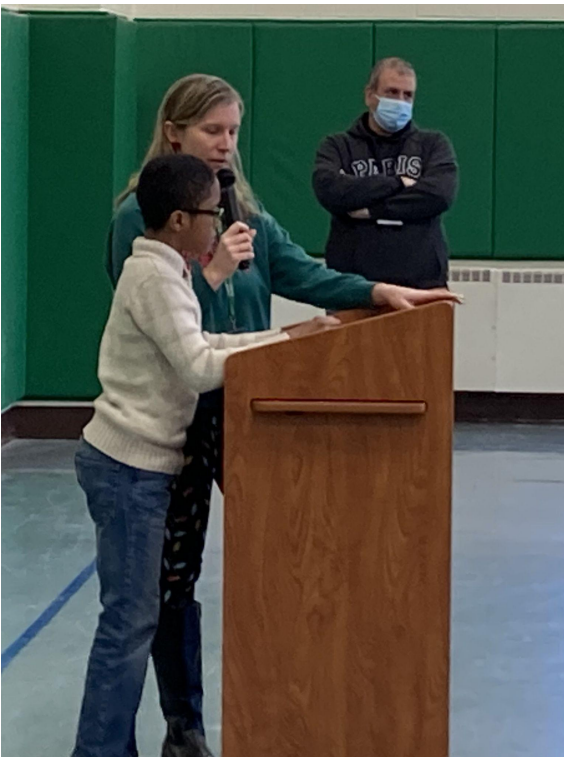
Both Lonnie and Kenneth said that if their classmates have any new ideas, they should bring their ideas to them so they can forward them to Mr. Lieberman.

Congrats to Lonnie and Kenneth. They are both terrific, well-mannered students who will do well in their new roles!

Here is a rundown of Banyan's school officers:

Co-Presidents: Lonnie and Kenneth
Vice President: Chase
Secretary: James C.
Treasurer: Mustafa
Owen P. & Sammy G. will be a part of the Student Council as well. Their positions will be determined at the first student council meeting after the New Year.

2nd Grade Co-Reps: Aliza & Soludo
3rd Grade Co-Reps: Finn & Ryan D.
4th Grade Co-Reps: Maeve & Henry
5th Grade Co-Reps: Mario & Donovan
6th Grade Rep: Ryan R.
7th Grade Rep: Alex CK



Hey, that elf looks familiar!

By Mr. Hofmann, editor

Elf on a shelf? Nope!

Principal on a rooftop? You're getting warmer (even though it was a cold morning).

Yes indeed, that was our principal, Mr. Lieberman, sitting on top of Banyan's roof!

That's right, Mr. Lieberman donned an elf suit, climbed up on the roof, and greeted Banyan students as they climbed out of their buses Friday morning before vacation.

The kids walked into their homerooms smiling from ear-to-ear. They loved seeing Mr. Lieberman up on the roof calling out their name and greeting them.

What a wonderful and fun way to bring in the holiday spirit – by bringing smiles to Banyan students and staff!



Banyan gets tech savvy!

Students get new chrome books

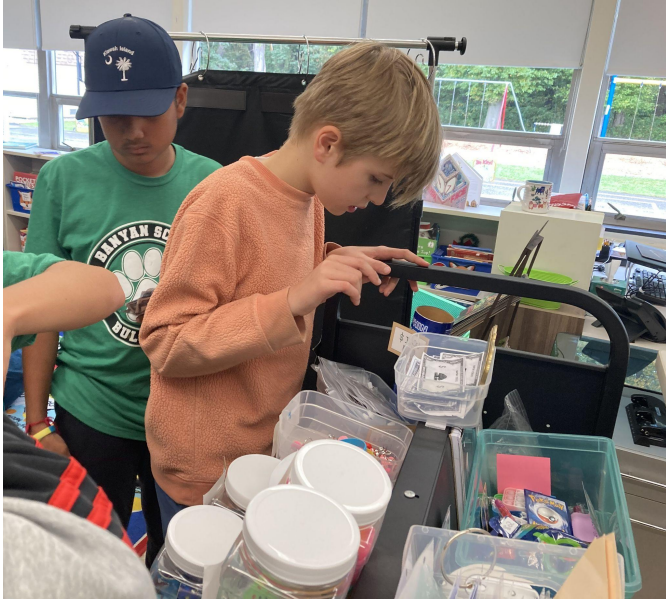
Staff Report

Banyan students have been learning at a faster rate lately – and they are having even more fun in class!

Banyan's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students were given chrome books to help them in their learning and they are having the time of their lives.

Students have not only been able to do research and report on their findings, they can present it in their chrome books.





Now open for business!

Banyan students buy cool
stuff at the school store

Staff Report

Looking for a fidget spinner? Are you into mini stuffed animals? How about a brain teaser gadget? Would you like to buy your very own mini Pokemon character?

You can find them all at the Banyan School Store!

Students can use Banyan Bucks – acquired for doing good things in school – and purchase these little knick-knacks at the store, which is located in the library. Students can learn what purchasing stuff is all about!

Hurry up and make your purchases while they last!



Banyan Students ... Listen Up!

Guess the name of the song on Rock Out Wednesday



Staff Report

It's 8:40 on Wednesday morning and that can only mean one thing ... it's time for ROCK OUT WEDNESDAY!

Ms. Gwen and some of her students make the morning announcement and then she plays the first few notes of a song over the loudspeaker.

Students must guess the song. The homeroom that calls with the correct song gets free Banyan Bucks!

Not your ordinary visit!

Boo! Haunted high school hallway greets students



Staff Report

It was dark, scary, and downright creepy – and Banyan Elementary students loved every minute of it!

Banyan students took a bus ride to Banyan High – and little did they know what awaited them.

Banyan High students prepared rooms that brought thrills and suspense to the Banyan

Elementary students.

What a way to celebrate the holiday!



Saturday Social a Banyan blast!

Activities and great food highlight the day!

Staff Report

Saturday Social at Banyan means a lot of things to a lot of people. Sometimes, old friends get together.

Here, current Banyan Elementary students meet up with recent graduates and share good times!



Pumpkins, hayrides and Starbucks

Rayna and Bella have a great day together

Staff Report

Rayna and Bella W-P went to a pumpkin farm and rode on a hayride, took several rides in a cow train, ate fresh farm corn, and finished the day at Starbucks for a cake pop.



Michael TS: Man in Blue!

Banyan student exposed to police cadet training

Staff Report

Michael participated as a cadet in the Lyndhurst Police Department's annual Junior Police Academy recently.

The week-long program gave an in-depth look at what it takes to be a law-enforcement officer. It encourages self-confidence, develops self-discipline and exposes cadets to self-defense training, physical training and other police-related skills. There were outside presentations by the LPD Emergency Response Team, NJDOC's K-9-Unit, NJSP Aviation Bureau, Bergen



County Sheriff's Office's Bomb Squad and Crime Scene among other units.

"As a parent, I cannot express enough gratitude for the LPD Junior Police Academy Program as this was truly a once in a lifetime experience for Michael,:" Michael's mom said. "It was a challenge for sure, but he persevered, and we are so proud!"

A lot to be thankful for

Banyan celebrates Thanksgiving feast together

Staff Report

Banyan celebrated Thanksgiving with a beautiful feast fit for a king! Students and staff enjoyed turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, and some mac and cheese. We topped that off by enjoying tasty pies for dessert. Yummy!



Phys Ed class doings

Students run, jump and learn teamwork



Staff Report

Phys Ed students have been doing a lot of running and jumping and moving around, but they are also learning about teamwork. In one activity. Students couldn't advance from their spot on a dot until a teammate placed their spot down in front of them.

The moral of the game: You cannot move until your teammate helps you – and then you go and help your teammate. And so on, and so on.

In another activity, competitors could only advance to the next spot if their teammate holds up a pool noodle so that you can jump over it – and no sooner. Again, teamwork matters in gym class – and in life!



Students love Banyan Book Fair

School nurtures a love for reading books

Staff Report

Banyan opened its Media Center to the annual Book Fair and the students bought books that interested them from a wide variety of subjects.

All week long, students were seen carrying their new books and sneaking a peak at them whenever time permitted.

One of the best ways for students to enrich their minds is by reading and the Book Fair annually brings this skill out of our children.

