



Benton Bulldog Bugle



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Health News – Mrs. Barton, R.N.

Dental Clinic: We will be hosting a dental clinic at the school again this fall and spring. This is a great program that provides free dental care to kids who have MaineCare and have not been seen by a dentist in over 6 months. The fall clinic will be held November 2, 3, 4, and 8th. Consent forms have been sent home but it's not too late to sign up.

Fluoride Varnish: We will be offering the fluoride varnish treatments to 1st thru 4th grades again this year. The varnish is applied 2x a year by the school nurse or other trained professional. The first application will be given in in November/ December and again in May/ June. This is a great prevention program and is free of charge to all students' grades 1-4. If you haven't already signed your child up it's not too late. You can also find consent forms in the office.

Flu Clinic: A flu clinic will be held again at Benton on Wednesday November 16th from 8:15 am to around 11am. Consent forms were sent out a few weeks ago. You can also find consent forms in the office and on the districts web site. The flu vaccine is offered to all students, staff and volunteers free of charge. The nasal spray has shown not to be effective for this year's flu so will not be available.

Head Lice: Head lice hasn't been any worse than in previous years but it still plagues many students and families. This most common sign of head lice is head scratching. Many parents have told me that they have noticed their child scratching but have checked and seen nothing. Be persistent. An early case is sometimes hard to see. If your child does get head lice there are various treatment options available. Regardless of which treatment you follow it is especially important to comb your child with a good metal lice or flea comb for 2 weeks after the last live bug has been seen. This will help break the life cycle from egg to baby nymphs to adults that lay eggs every day. A lot of people treat with an over the counter lice shampoo. While this may be a good option to help control the head lice, we are finding that the shampoo is not always killing the bugs so combing is still very important. It is also important to follow the directions carefully and if recommended follow up with a second treatment.

Reading is a complex activity that activates and exercise many areas of the brain:

- Reading ignites the imagination.
- Reading teaches children about the world outside of their own experience, and fosters empathy.

PTO News – Mindy Hughes

The Benton PTO Trick or Trunk is tonight, Friday 10/28. Vehicle set-up: 5:30-6:00pm and Trick or Trunking: 6:00-7:30pm. See you there! This year's craft fair is on December 10th and planning is ongoing. Attending this fun, festive event is an enjoyable way to shop during the holiday season while assisting the PTO's

fundraising efforts. The Christmas Potluck dinner will be held on December 14th. More details to come!

Please join the PTO on Friday, November 5th at 5:30pm in the library. Our monthly PTO meeting will follow at 6:00pm. We welcome you to attend. Free childcare is provided!

- Reading builds analytical skills and helps children to become powerful writers.
- Reading improves children's overall work and progress in every subject.
- Reading increases concentration when children unplug and focus on the page.
- Reading entertains and inspires.
- Reading every day enhances a child's experience of the world.

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Holiday Food Drive

Benton's Student Council will be having their annual Holiday Food Drive from Monday, October 24th to Thursday, November 17th. These students will be collecting canned goods, boxed items and non-perishables from all classrooms. They will be organizing and working on this community service project for approximately four weeks. They will organize and load boxes to transport to the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry in Fairfield prior to Thanksgiving. Their goal this year will be to collect 2016 items. Each classroom will attempt to collect 66 items.

Donation Ideas

**Please Check Expiration Dates*

Other: Tea, Coffee, Spices

Dates To Remember:

November 2nd –Picture Retake Day

November 10th – Report Cards Go Home

November 11th – Veteran's Day – No School

November 14th – Teacher Workshop – No School

November 23rd – 25th – Thanksgiving Break