

Baranoff Buffalo Newsletter

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“Trail Blazers of the Future”

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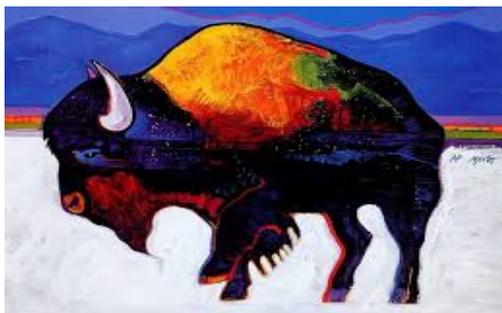
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 9th & 10th – Golden Spoon: Stage Closed
- October 7th – CAC Meeting @ 3:15 pm in library
- Oct. 11th – Student Holiday: District of Innovation Day
- Oct. 14th – Student Holiday: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 18th – Picture Day
- Oct. 19th – Campus Beautification Event
- Oct. 21st – 24th – Book Fair
- October 24th – PTA Fun Run & Book Swap

Dear Buffalo Parents,

October is the month we have our parent/teacher conferences. Kinder teachers will share progress observed in reading, writing and math, as well as grade level assessment data your child has completed. *Ask how your child is progressing in gaining independence as a learner and how he/she is handling the social aspects of school.* These are important skills to learn for future school success.

1st - 5th grade teachers will discuss progress observed in core content areas. They also will review the ISIP (Istation Indicators of Progress) reading and grade level math assessment data to help identify individual student strengths and areas to grow. Teachers will also share initial student writing products. Improving student writing skills is a campus focus, and each grade level has set a targeted writing goal that is age appropriate. Writing can be a challenge for students, and we want to show them that writing is a way to communicate our thoughts and ideas in a meaningful way. Teachers will use many mentor texts during writing lessons. *Emphasize to your child that every time he/she writes for school – homework or class work – that the product should be written with complete quality sentences using correct grammar, capitalization, and punctuation (again age appropriate for the specific grade your child is in).*

Remember, we *encourage* parents to ask questions so you are a knowledgeable and an active participant in your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you at your child's conference, as our goal is 100% participation!

APEX FUN RUN FUNDRAISER

Baranoff PTA is super excited to announce that our school is participating in the Apex Leadership Co. program as our major fall semester fundraiser! Our Apex program will run from October 14th – 25th. With your help, our goal is to help foster student leadership habits and raise funds for our school the healthy way!

Beth Cantu ~ Proud Interim Principal of Baranoff Elem.

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Art In Action

Kinder students have begun their flower collage. We have worked on cutting, gluing, coloring and drawing skills, in addition to practicing listening and following directions. Our kindergarten students are off to a great start to their year in art!

First grade students have finished their Romero Britto project. Next, we will create a collage, paying attention to geometric and freeform shapes. Our next product will be a fall tree with foliage made with colored concentric circles modeled after the Russian artist, Kandinsky.

Second grade students' first project this year was a creation with cherry blossoms. Next, we will create a collage, emphasizing the relationship among line, movement, and direction.

The first project this year for **third grade** students is almost complete. We created scenes with characters modeled after the graffiti/pop artist, Keith Haring. We will soon begin studying pencil drawing, using hatching and cross-hatching to give the illusion of depth.

Fourth grade students will soon be finished with their first project, a painting inspired by the illustrations of Ron Mages. Next, we will complete an observation drawing, paying attention to contour and texture.

Fifth grade students have finished their Tree of Life project. Our next project will concentrate on skill building, incorporating line, value and movement to create a drawing.

Every year the Baranoff Art Department offers parents the option of having their child's first completed artwork of the year printed on one or more of a selection of gift items. We have worked with this same company, Original Works, for several years, and they've always offered a quality selection, as well as a quality product. This fundraiser is timed such that purchased items will be delivered between the Thanksgiving break and winter break, before the gift-giving season.

This year, we have joined the online ordering program directly with Original Works. No money will be exchanged at Baranoff. Viewing and ordering will be directly online with Original Works!

Baranoff Art Fundraiser Important Dates

Friday, October 11th - Artwork is completed and sent to Original Works for duplication.

Monday, November 11th - A customized brochure for each student along with original artwork is sent home.

Monday, November 11th - Tuesday, November 22nd - Order online: Student artwork and product selection will be available on the Original Works website (pay with a credit card).

Tuesday, November 22nd - Deadline for ordering

There will be a small processing fee and Texas sales tax added to each order. Completed orders will be sent home, or available for pickup, from school after December 16th, before winter break.

WE ARE WELLNESS

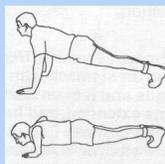
For the third year in a row we have earned The Mayor's Health & Fitness Award, Healthiest Schools Award! Congratulations to the Baranoff community!

Once again, AISD has been selected as the only district in the United States to receive the Marathon Kids running program for FREE.

What does this mean? Daily W.O.W. time is now restructured to include ten minutes every day dedicated to increasing cardiovascular fitness on our track by running or jogging. First through fifth grade students will track these miles *at school* to earn incentives. The goal will be the completion of the equivalent of up to **four** marathons over the course of the year (Kinder students work toward 1 marathon for the year). In order for your child to be successful with this program, please help them remember to wear or bring **athletic footwear** to school **every day**.

How Do You Stay Well? We are creating a bulletin board with photos of our students participating in activities of Wellness. If you have a spare copy of your child(ren) being active/healthy, send it in with them to be a part of our display! (Please do not send in that one special copy of a photo. The gym is used by many people, and we cannot guarantee the photos will remain unharmed.) Thanks!

IMPORTANT: In the month of October, 3rd-5th grade students will complete the pre-tests for FitnessGram physical assessments. The 4 images below depict the four skills we assess at these grade levels. Post-tests occur at the end of the year.



www.baranoffwellness.weebly.com is where you can find all things Wellness!

Be WELL!

Cafeteria News

If you send in lunch money at school, please include the following in the envelope: your child's full name, student ID, teacher's name and the amount enclosed. Our POS is real time so only cash is accepted. We no longer have the 4-digit code, so please continue to have your child practice their student ID. This is the code that is used for lunch and breakfast. To find lunch menus and add money to a child's account, you can log on to <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>.

Thank you!
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Library News

We are excited for the month of October because that means our Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! Our theme this year is Arctic Adventure Book Fair: Snow Much to Read, and the library will host the book fair October 21st – 24th. Thursday, October 24th, we will stay open until 7:30 pm along with the PTA's Book Swap. We will have books for all ages. Please stop by and shop for that perfect book.

In preparation for our book fair, students will participate in Arctic Adventure lessons that include reading and previewing books that will be at the book fair and hands on creative projects. We will close out the month of October with a fall unit for our students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, and an introduction to our Bluebonnet book nominees for our 3rd - 5th graders.

Book Fair Hours

October 21st – 23rd: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

October 24th: 7:30 am – 7:30 pm



Volunteers Needed

To make the book fair successful, we need parent volunteers to help run the sales and restock books. If you are able to volunteer, please stop by the library or sign up on the provided link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B45A8A62B0-arctic>.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADVENTURES



THANK YOU to all of the dads, grandpas, uncles, and men who attended the WATCH Dogs Dads and Kid's Night with their Buffaloes. The event was a huge success. For more information about WATCH Dogs, email Victoriano Casas at baranoffwd@gmail.com.

5 Quick Facts about Attendance

1. Missing school one day per week means missing one full year of instruction for every five years that a student is in school.
2. Every day a student is absent from class costs AISD \$45 in revenue from the state.
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4. Under the state's new finance system, if AISD had 100 percent attendance, it would generate about \$30 million for district in additional funding annually.
5. A diploma has an economic value! High school graduates earn 38 percent more than those without a diploma, and college graduates earn 140 percent more! By graduating from high school, your child can earn more than a million dollars in their lifetime. That can lead to even greater success if they attend college.

Music

Kindergarten has been working really hard learning how to sing many new songs in tune and say many rhymes in time. They are now preparing for the concept of Loud/Soft (quiet). Ask your child if they can teach you: "Snail Snail," "Bobby Shaftoe," "Bounce High Bounce Low," "Engine Engine," "Bee Bee Bumble Bee", and "We are Dancing in the Forrest."

First Grade is reviewing Kindergarten concepts, such as loud/soft, fast/slow, high/low, tuneful singing, and keeping a steady beat. We are learning new songs to prepare them for the concept of "one and two sounds on a beat" (ta- tadi). Ask them if they can sing: "Rain Rain", "Bobby Shaftoe", "Lucy Locket" and "Apple Tree Apple Tree."

Second Grade is reviewing first grade concepts, such as the pitch relationship between "sol & mi", and "la". We are also preparing the first scale degree, known as "do", a pitch that is a skip below "mi." Ask them to sing: "Rocky Mountain," "Here Comes a Bluebird," "Ida Red," "King's Land," "Sea Shell," "Bow Wow Wow," and "Two Rumble Tum." **Save the Date: 2nd grade performance is on November 14th @ 6:30pm (more details to come).**

Third Grade is well on their way to discovering a more complex rhythm: eighth note followed by two sixteenth notes (ta-dimi). Third grade is also working in tuneful singing and being prepared for the extended do pentatonic scale. Ask them to sing: "How Many Miles to Babylon?," "Fed My Horse," "Fire in the Mountain," "Phoebe," "Chickalaleo," "Mama Buy Me a China Doll," "Rocky Mountain," and "Ida Red."

Fourth Grade is learning songs that prepare them for the more advanced concept of syncopation, as well as the extended "la" pentatonic (minor) scale. Ask them to sing: "Land of the Silver Birch," "Ah Poor Bird," "Gallows Pole," "Canoe Song," "Cock Robin," "Hill and Gully Rider," and "Come Thru 'Na Hurry."

Fifth Grade: is reviewing fourth grade concepts and learning new songs to prepare them for the 4th scale degree ("Fa"). Ask them to sing: "Land of the Silver Birch," "Ah Poor Bird," "Gallows Pole," "Canoe Song," "Cock Robin," "Hill and Gully Rider," and "Come Thru 'Na Hurry."

MUSIC CHOIR NOTES

Our Choir has been invited to perform at the Bailey Bonfire event at Bailey Middle School! This event is on Friday, October 4th, at 5:30 pm. The performance time will be announced as soon as we know. We will perform two songs and listen to other community programs perform.

We ask choir members to wear jeans and their new choir shirt to this event. If their new choir shirts are not ready in time, we will wear Baranoff shirts. Please note, parents will be responsible for transportation to and from this performance event.

We sent home permission slips on September 24th. Please return them ASAP stating if your child can attend or not attend. We also understand 5th grade choir members may not be able to make it due to their field trip.

If you need to be added to the Shutterfly site, (this is the primary way we communicate for choir) please email Mr. Richards at andrew.richards@austinisd.org, and he will add you!

Save the Date: December 5th performance at Baranoff @ 6:30pm.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Upcoming Events

October 28th – November 1st is Red Ribbon Week. Please see the theme for each day listed below.

Red Ribbon Week - October 28th -November 1st

Monday, October 28th - Red Ribbon Day (Wear Red)

Tuesday, October 29th - Sock it to Drugs (Wear Crazy Socks)

Wednesday, October 30th - Team up Against Drugs (Wear Jersey or Team shirt)

Thursday, October 31st - Dreams Come True Without Drugs (Wear PJs)

Friday, November 1st - Drugs Turn You Inside Out (Wear your clothes inside out)

Look for a flyer to come through the eBlast closer to the week.



Student Council

We will start the Student Council process in October. There will be an orientation for 5th graders who are interested in running for office on Wednesday, October 2nd, and they will bring home an application. Students in 2nd - 5th grade who want to serve as a representative need to let their teacher know that they are interested. Students who are interested will have their name placed in a drawing. Students who have been a representative in the past are not eligible. Our meetings will be once a month on a Thursday after school.

The New Box Top Labels

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

A NEW WAY TO TRACK BOX TOPS PARTICIPATION!

Now when families use the Box Tops app to scan their store receipt, they can "Give Credit" to an individual, classroom or grade level. To "Give Credit" make sure you have the latest version of the Box Tops app, scan your receipt, then tap the star icon to enter your "Give credit" memo. **For Baranoff, please give credit to your child's classroom.** Of course, if you have clipped Box tops, please continue to submit those as well. Thank you for your support.



READING NOOK

Kindergarten: Letter: Sound Recognition - Alphabet Hunt This activity takes your child on an alphabet hunt around your house to find items that begin with each letter sound of the alphabet. Staple 27 sheets of paper together into a book. Have your child create a cover and then on the other 26 sheets, have your child write one letter of the alphabet on each page. Have your child hunt for things around your house that begin with each letter of the alphabet. When he/she finds something, have him/her draw it on the page that matches the letter and sound. For example- Bed - starts with /b/ and the letter B says /b/, so you would draw a picture of a bed on the B page.

1st Grade: Sight Words - Sight Word Hunt Continue working on sight words this month. Create a sight word book by stapling sheets of construction paper together. At the top or bottom of each page write a sight word. Then have your child look through magazines and cut out the sight words when they find them. They can then read/say it and glue the words on the page with the matching sight word.

2nd - 3rd Grade: Retelling - Retelling Sticks. Retelling is an important skill that children can work on when they listen to a book read aloud or when they are independently reading. Create retelling popsicle sticks with your child. They do not have to be fancy. You can write the words, Character, Setting, Problem, Solution, Beginning, Middle, End on sticks and you can glue pictures to the top if you wish. After reading aloud to your child, or after he/she has read a book independently, sit with your child and have him/her pull a stick and retell you what he/she read to respond to the stick pulled. If they cannot recall the information, show them how to go back into the book to find the information. Finish pulling sticks until the story has been retold.

4th - 5th Grade: Reading Response - Reading Journal Have your child start a reading journal. This can be a place where he/she writes down, informally, about what he/she is reading. Children can write about anything they choose to. Some ideas: a retell of what they read, their favorite part, a book recommendation on if they like the book or not, connections that they make to book or character, or predictions about what they think might happen next. Have your child draw a picture, too, if he/she wants. Then talk to your child about his/her reading and writing.

STEAM LAB

Have you heard about Baranoff's STEAM Lab?

Thanks to the PTA, all grade levels will soon begin making their way to the STEAM Lab, visiting every other week! In the lab, students will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math through a variety of educational tools and hands-on learning. From, K'nex to Coding and even 3D pens, the students will be engaged in collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking while making connections to real world challenges.

