

Baranoff Buffalo Newsletter

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“Trail Blazers of the Future”

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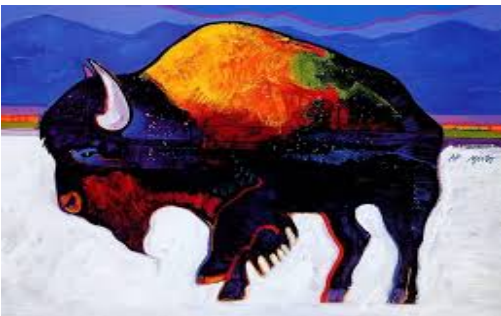
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Golden Spoon – Stage Closed – September 4th & 5th**
- **CAC Meeting – September 9th**
- **WATCH Dogs – Dads & Kids’ Pizza Night – September 12th**
- **Stampeding Reading & Math Orientation – September 25th**
- **PTA Meeting/World Fair – September 26th**

Dear Buffalo Parents,

Our first two weeks of school have been wonderful. Thank you for sharing your delightful children with us each day. I feel so fortunate to visit classrooms every day and see your children actively engaged in their learning.

Thank you, too, for attending your child’s Curriculum Night this week so classroom teachers can clarify routines and procedures related to homework, grading, and classroom management systems, as well as inform parents of some things your child will be learning in the year ahead. Parents, you are our very important partners in the educational process.

We will keep you informed of things happening at Baranoff through our website, twitter page, electronic monthly newsletters, weekly email blasts, grade and/or class websites or newsletters, and notes from your child’s teacher.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to join our Baranoff PTA. Our goal this year is to obtain at least 500 memberships from teachers, parents, grandparents, and even students!

We appreciate you for being a part of this amazing learning community. We are looking forward to another AWESOME year at Baranoff.

*Beth Cantu ~ Proud Interim Principal of
Timy Baranoff Elementary School*

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Art in Action

Kindergarten students will be working toward completing a flower collage as their first creation. We will also be working on cutting, coloring and drawing skills, along with practice in listening and following directions.

First grade students will create paintings after the art of Brazilian painter and sculptor, Romero Britto. Britto combines elements of pop art and graffiti using vibrant colors and bold patterns to create images reflecting hope and happiness.

Second grade students will review and discuss cherry blossoms in Japanese art. The significance of the cherry blossom in Japanese culture goes back hundreds of years and represents the fragility and the beauty of life. Students will use watercolor, ink, and tempera paint to create a cherry blossom tree.

Third grade students will study graffiti artist, Keith Haring. Haring was an American artist whose pop art and graffiti-like work grew out of the New York street culture of the 1980's. Through the use of simple figures, students will tell a story with cartoon-like figures that gesture and interact.

Fourth grade students will study the work of Pittsburg illustrator/ animator, Ron Magnes. The wonderful thing about his pop art influenced work is his playful and colorful representation of food.

Fifth grade students will learn about the Austrian painter, Gustav Klimt. His *Tree of Life* is the only landscape he created during his golden period. Students will use gold, copper, and silver tempera paint in creating their own version of this painting.

Every year the Baranoff Art Department offers parents the option of having their child's first competed 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.

Wellness Education

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year, Buffaloes and Buffalo Parents!

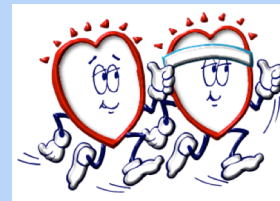
Ms. Page, Mr. Brouillard and their students are off to a quick start reviewing our **5 Powers**: Heart, Muscle, Food, People, and Protection. This school year we will continue to stress the importance of caring for our body, mind, and others. Students will be expected to pay particular attention to participation, respect, and teambuilding daily while we build on personalized learning.

This month we are reviewing our beginning procedures and learning about cooperation and nutrition. All grade levels will begin the next unit on cardio followed by throwing and catching. Please discuss with your children what they are learning in their Wellness class.

Note: Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking the FitnessGram pretests in the coming weeks. Also, be on the look-out for MarathonKids information coming soon!

We are Wellness!

Stay Tuned: One way to stay "tuned in" is to look for us on Twitter @BESWellness and on the internet at www.baranoffwellness.weebly.com



Cafeteria News

Welcome Back!

We have some exciting changes in our menu, as well as some old favorites. Please check www.schoolcafe.com for our menu or to add money to your child's/children's account. Also, when sending in cash, please include the following in the envelope: full name, student ID, teacher's name and the amount enclosed. Our POS is real time so only cash is accepted. Students will continue to use their seven-digit student ID numbers as lunch codes. We encourage you to help your child memorize his or her seven-digit student ID number.

Thank you!

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library News:

Welcome back Buffalo families! We are ready for a great year in the library! We will spend the month of September teaching students how to use the online catalog to find specific topics and books. Each grade will also participate in a library scavenger hunt to locate different genres in our library.

Kinder – Proper care of books/Shelf Elf comes to visit

1st grade – Library lion/Groovy search

2nd-5th grade – Getting to know the online catalog/Library scavenger hunt

5 Book Dive

If your student completed the District's "5 Book Dive" summer reading log, please turn in your reading log by Friday, August 30th. Reading logs can be turned in to the library.

Upcoming Events in the Library:

October 18th - 24th: Fall Book Fair – **Artic Adventure: Snow Much to Read**

The library will need many volunteers to make this event successful. The sign up will be sent out soon!

Please check out the Baranoff Library website: <http://amerriman.wixsite.com/baranofflibrary/merriman>.

You can access the on-line catalog and other AISD resources from our webpage.

Library Volunteers:

We are looking for a few more volunteers (parents, grandparents, etc.) in the library to help manage our large circulation and prepare crafts for our library lessons. If you would like to volunteer in the library, please email Angie at angie.merriman@austinisd.org or stop in the library.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADVENTURES

Attendance Matters!

Your child's attendance is important to their educational success. Attendance boosts student achievement, improves the quality of your child's educational experience, and it prepares them for college, good careers, and successful adulthood. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances, but when students miss too much school, it can cause them to fall behind academically. Please help to support regular attendance by ensuring your child goes to school every day and arrives on time unless your child is truly sick. Also, avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session. If your child does have to miss school, please provide written documentation for each absence. You can turn this documentation in to your child's teacher or the front office.

Gifted and Talented Nominations for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades

The Gifted and Talented nomination window for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades starts September 9th and closes September 20th. Nomination forms will be placed in the foyer at the front of the school. Please contact Christine Ruiz, Assistant Principal, for further questions at christine.ruiz@austinisd.org or 512-841-7107.

Upcoming Events:



On **Thursday, September 12th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm** we will host our annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at Baranoff. We will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm for FREE pizza and refreshments. At 6:45pm we will have a presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students)** Program.

MUSIC

MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

The fundamental purpose of music at the elementary level is to provide the students with varied experiences of the arts. At Baranoff, students are actively involved in a combination of music making, singing, creating rhythmic and vocal accompaniment to songs, and practicing active listening. They will experience this with a variety of tools and concepts for the development of musical literacy. Students will learn world folk music with a focus on American folk music as it relates to American culture and history.

As Texas music specialists, we are required to present the art of music in four different domains or "strands":

Perception - Students will describe and analyze musical sound and demonstrate musical artistry.

Creative Expression - Students will write and read musical notation and perform varied repertoire vocally, instrumentally, alone, or in a small group.

Historical/Cultural Heritage - Students will relate music to history, to society, and to culture using various aurally presented musical experiences. Students will also describe the relationship between music and other subject areas.

Response/Evaluation - Students will respond to and evaluate music and musical performances using basic criteria and learn to understand and appreciate proper audience etiquette.

MUSIC CHOIR NOTES

Calling all singers!!! If you are interested in singing with a group of Baranoff students, we have started the process of signing up 3rd graders for "The Trailblazer" Choir, and the 4th and 5th graders for "Buffalo Chorale". Both Mr. Richards and Ms. Tijerina will share with students the responsibility of participating in these two choirs.

Both choirs will meet every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:15 pm. Information and permission slips for both choirs have been given to teachers to pass out to students interested in choir. We will start on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please turn in the sign-up sheet by Friday, August 30th. Activity fees will be collected at a later date in September. All payments will be collected online this year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in choir!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome Buffaloes to a new school year! Ms. Tackett, Mrs. Ornelas, and Mrs. Solis will continue to work together to bring a seamless program that supports the emotional and academic needs of our students through classroom guidance, small groups, and individual counseling. We also provide support to parents.

We will start guidance groups in the beginning of October. The groups meet during the school day at a time the teacher has approved. We meet for 30 minutes once a week for 6 weeks. If you would like your child to receive this support, you may contact your child's teacher or call the counseling office.

We look forward to working with all of our students in some capacity. You can reach us at 512-841-7127, and checkout our website for more detailed information.

Student Council

Please continue to collect and send any box tops you have collected through the summer to your child's teacher. Also, try out the new and improved Box Tops mobile app which uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

Back-to-School Jitters

Please see the website below on tips for helping your child transition back to school.

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/school-life/back-to-school/dealing-back-to-school-jitters.html>

READING NOOK

Welcome back! Each month we will feature a reading activity to help support literacy at home.

Kindergarten

Rhyming: Play rhyming games at home, read rhyming books, and listen to nursery rhymes and poems. See if your child can identify the words that rhyme. Talk about how you know they rhyme; the words sound the same at the end.

1st - 3rd

Sight Words: Practice reading and writing spelling grade level sight words with your child at home. Ask your child's teacher for a list of grade level sight words. Pick a few to focus on for a week or so. You can write them in shaving cream or sand or build them with play dough. Put them on flashcards and tape them around the house or play memory. Have fun!

4th - 5th

Independent Reading: Have your child work on building his/her stamina for independent reading. Set up a nice book nook area that he/she can read quietly without distractions or interruptions. Ask your child's teacher about an appropriate goal to set. Then start small and increase a few minutes each day or few days. You can set a timer with each independent reading session. After each reading session, ask your child how they felt they did and what they read about.