



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

### SAVE THE DATE



Ben Bronz 40th anniversary  
celebration.

May 16th from 5-7 pm

*\*Stay tuned for more information\**

### Getting Ready for Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is fast approaching, and we want to take the time to recognize and celebrate everything our incredible staff does for us! To make this week extra special, we're asking for donations to help provide treats and surprises during the May 5–9 celebration.

The Home School Association (HSA) Committee has already started brainstorming creative ideas and gathering items to ensure a memorable experience. You can contribute by visiting our [Amazon Wish List](#) and donating whatever you can. Let's come together as a community to make this week truly unforgettable for the fantastic staff at BBA!

**Upcoming Field Trip:** Check those backpacks for some field trip permission slip forms. We are including a link here as well just in case the backpack's black hole claims them. The Unauthorized Biography Series: Shaun Booth, Friday, March 21, 2024, [click here for the permission slip](#)



### Wellness Reminders

#### Cold, Flu, and Norovirus Season

As we enter cold, flu, and norovirus season, here are a few important reminders to help keep our school community healthy:

#### When to Keep Your Child Home:

- Fever:
  - Keep your child home if they have a fever greater than 100°F.
  - They may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol or Motrin).
- Diarrhea/Vomiting:
  - Children should stay home if experiencing diarrhea or vomiting.
  - They may return after being symptom-free for 24 hours.
- Colds:

- Consider keeping your child home if they have excessive coughing or nose blowing that could disrupt their learning and the classroom environment.
- Antibiotics:
  - If your child starts antibiotics, they must be on the medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

## Returning to School:

When your child returns, they should be well enough to participate in all school activities, including physical education.

## Why It Matters:

Sending a sick child to school can:

- Make it hard for them to concentrate and learn.
- Disrupt the classroom and affect other students' learning.
- Spread illness to classmates and staff.

If you have any questions about when to keep your child home or when they can return, please feel free to reach out.

Stay well,  
Nurse Cathy



**Read Across America Fun and Festivities—Our student council planned a fun-filled week of festive spirit days, and everyone had a great time. Just look at those smiling faces.**

**Dress like your favorite character.**





**Toasty Tuesday -Staff and students donned their cozy clothes**



**Guest Readers- staff shared some great stories with the students during Read Across America Week.**



**Wacky Wednesday-When asked to bring the Wacky**





Fancy Thursday- Red Carpet Worthy Outfits were all around. BBA staff and students showed up in style.

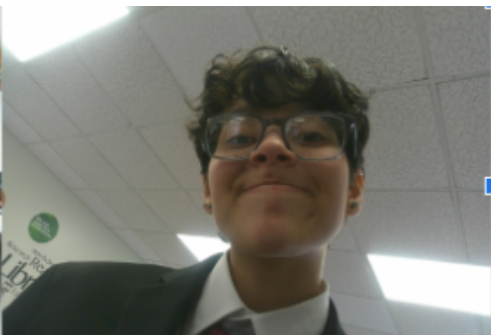




# Crazy Hair Friday



**CRAZY HAIR DAY**





**Buddy Reading- What better way to end Read Across America Week then with our Buddy read activity.**



## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Ben Bronz is signed up for Box Tops for Education this school year. This program allows you to raise money for student activities while buying products you already buy.

Please download the Box Top for Education app to your phone. Register and select Ben Bronz Academy, then open the app and scan your receipts when shopping.

**Email Jim -- [jimw@benbronzacademy.org](mailto:jimw@benbronzacademy.org) -- with any questions or technical issues.**



**[2024-2025 School Year Calendar Updated](#)**

**\*\*Currently, the last day of school for students is June 16th. We will continue to adjust the school calendar based on any additional snowdays.**



**Upcoming events:**

March 4- 11	Mini Writing Probe 3
March 11, 2025	HSA Virtual- 7:30 pm <a href="#">HSA Link</a>
March 11-20 2025	School Day SAT Window
March 25, 2025	Parent Engagement 7:30 pm Link and topic to follow
March 26-April 3	SBAC and NGSS State Assessment Window
March 28, 2025	<b>No School for students - Full-day PD for Staff</b>
April 7-11, 2025	Research Week
April 11, 2025	12:30 dismissal for students (Mediator Training)
April 14-18, 2025	Spring Break
April 23, 2025	12:30 dismissal for students (Parent Conferences 1-6)
April 24, 2025	12:30 dismissal for students (Parent Conferences 1-4)
April 29, 2025	Parent Engagement 7:30 pm Link and topic to follow
May 13, 2024	HSA 7:30 pm
May 16, 2025	BBA 40th Anniversary 5:00-7:00 pm
May 19-30, 2025	iReady Spring Assessment Window
May 23. 2025	No School/ Full Day Mediator Training
May 26. 2025	No School Memorial Day
May 27, 2025	Parent Engagement 7:30 pm Link and topic to follow
June 9-12, 2025	Exams
June 12, 2025	End of Quarter
June 16, 2025	Last Day of School (Tentative)
June 17, 2025	Mediator Workday (Tentative)