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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL DATES

1 VOLUNTEER WEEK BEGINS

3-6 SPRING BOOK FAIR
(VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY)

7-NO SCHOOL

12- KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

12-DOLLAR FOR NO COLLAR/SPIRIT NIGHT
@ BONEFISH MAC'S

14- PTA GENERAL MEETING (9:30)

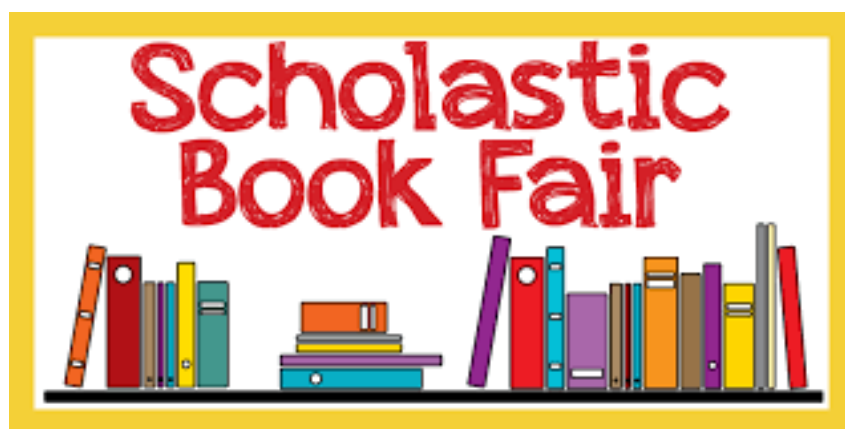
14- POPCORN FRIDAY
(VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY)

27-VOLUNTEER & BUSINESS PARTNER
APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

27- SPRING CONCERT

28-30 TEACHER APPRECIATION
DECORATING (VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY)

MAY 1-5 TEACHER APPLICATION WEEK
(VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY)



MARCH 29TH- APRIL 6TH

Students will get to shop during school. Keep an eye out for the Book Fair flyer with your child's shopping day.





Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Dollar\$ For No Collar\$

Your child can wear their favorite appropriate t-shirt and uniform bottoms to school for only \$1!

Please turn your \$1 into your teacher that morning.



Spirit Night

Join your classmates and Binks families at this month's Spirit Night located at Bonefish Mac's Sports Grille from 5:00 PM- 9:00 PM



10880 Forest Hill Blvd.
Wellington, FL 33414
(561) 798-6227

Don't forget to mention Binks Forest Elementary when ordering.

General PTA Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Friday, April 14th

9:30 AM

Principal Conference Room

**Want to get more involved?
Come learn about open leadership positions
for next year.**

Spring Music Concert



PRESENTED BY



Chorus & Beginning Band

Thursday, April 27th

6:00 PM

School Cafeteria



Thursday, April 27th

9:30 AM

RSVP By: April 20th.



ART TO REMEMBER is finally here!!

**The deadline to place an order is April 14, 2023.
You can place your order online by clicking the link below.**

Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's personalized artwork.

Look for the order forms that came home with your child.

- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order**

- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:**

• Grandparent's Day • Father's Day • Birthdays • Mother's Day



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

LITERACY NIGHT

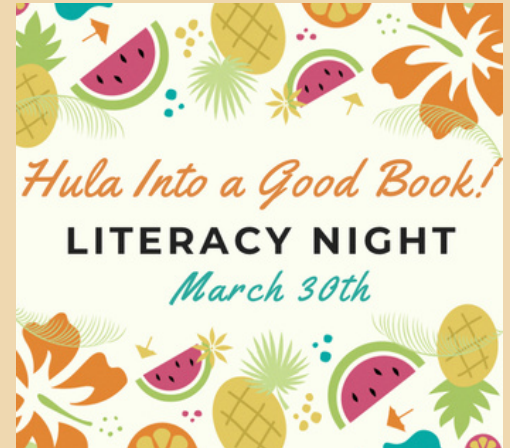
Our Literacy Night Hawaiian Luau was a huge success, with record breaking numbers in attendance! More than 500 students and families came out to enjoy this fun filled night of celebrating literacy. Our extremely creative students dove into luau themed crafts and created tropical suncatchers, fish mobiles, tiki masks, and beach magnets. We definitely have some budding artists here at Binks Forest.

The highlight of the evening was when our amazing teachers made different genres come to life for our students. Students were wide eyed and captivated listening to stories being read aloud, acted out, and even shared in two languages.

Each of our wonderful students went home with a brand new book, so they can continue to be super readers! Literacy at home was also a focus of the evening with many families stopping by the Palm Beach County public library table to sign their child up for a free library card.

Shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair was another family favorite, the Media Center was buzzing with excitement all night long.

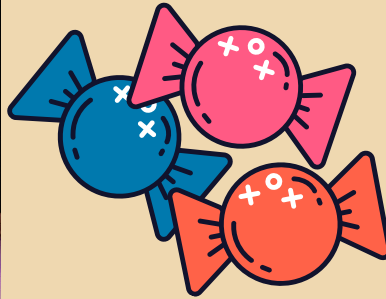
Our very talented chorus then closed out the evening in luau style with a flawless performance of the Moana song, "You're Welcome". Mahalo to everyone who shared in this night, participated in our literacy auction, and continues to help us create students who will be lifelong readers!



SPRING PLAY



The Golden Ticket has been found at Binks Forest Elementary where 57 of our talented students were able to tour Willy Wonka's Factory! Thank you to the Dynamic Musical Theatre Team (Claudine Ashley, Niki Wheeler, Robin Peck, Loni Francesch. And parent volunteers) for all your hard work and dedication.



PTA ADVOCACY



MARCH'S KINDNESS HERO

Please help us congratulate our March Kindness Hero, 5th grader Josiah from Mrs. Dolk's class.



He was nominated for this award by Mr. McNeese who says: "Josiah arrives at school early with a huge smile on his face and is eager to learn. He brings great energy to our campus. He always has focused and positive responses during classroom discussions. During recess and lunch time, you can always find Josiah interacting nicely with his classmates. He is a role model student who shows up to school ready to learn, treats others with respect and leads by example as a 5th grade patrol. We are so proud of Josiah and we love the value he adds to our school community!" Josiah celebrated his achievement with a class cookie party. He also received an award certificate and special medal. Way to go!

KIND OWL CLUB



PTA Advocacy would like to announce the winners of March's Kind Owls Club Challenge! March's challenge was to make a handmade card for a Senior Citizen to read and enjoy.

We have randomly selected two winners. Congratulations to Nathalie from Ms. MacMillan's class and Grayson from Mrs. Gifford's class!

Both students received a special prize of kindness inspired goodies.

Be sure to participate in our upcoming April Kind Owls Club Challenge!





ATTENTION BINKS FAMILIES! A NEW WAY TO PROMOTE KINDNESS IN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY IS THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE "KIND OWLS CLUB".

PTA Advocacy is encouraging our students to perform acts of kindness! Each month we will have a very specific kindness focus. Students will have the chance to win a prize if they complete the challenge.

- **APRIL KINDNESS FOCUS:** Show our Earth kindness! In honor of Earth Day, we want to focus on being kind to our planet.
- **APRIL'S CHALLENGE:** Being kind to people creates a better world and being kind to our planet gives us a better world to live in! The April challenge is to be kind to our planet. Plant a tree, recycle, pick up litter with an adult, donate old items instead of throwing them in the trash, turn off lights when you leave a room, conserve water and much more! Be creative!
- **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Write down how you were kind to the Earth on any piece of paper and turn it into your teacher. Teachers can turn it in to the Advocacy folder in the mail room. Be sure to include the student's and teacher's names.
- **PRIZES:** Names of students who have participated this month will be placed in a jar. One entry will be randomly selected the last week of the month.
DUE DATE FOR ENTRIES: 25th of each month. A prize filled with kindness goodies will be given to the winner.
- **QUESTIONS:** Email Dara & Melissa at advocacy@binksforestpta.com



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POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

For the past few years, Binks Forest has been a PBS Gold Model School for our school-wide behavioral and climate initiatives. The process to earn this State award is extensive and a walk-through from the District PBS leaders is part of this requirement, which we completed in March. I was so proud to bring him around our school and our teachers and students were all ready for this special visit. Our Coach, Dr. Gregory Murphy was so amazed by everything we do here and we received a nearly perfect score in every category. The rest of the application for this distinction will happen in September but this was a required step and we excelled! Our students at Binks definitely follow the "B.I.N.K.S" Way.



MANDATORY INSTRUCTION

The Florida Department of Education requires annual mandatory instruction that includes mental and emotional health education, substance use and abuse health education, and child trafficking prevention education and this is supported by the School District of Palm Beach. This includes 2 lessons that are done each year on the following required topics; Substance Abuse and Abuse Health Education and Child Trafficking Prevention Education. The School District has adopted the Suite 360 curriculum to fulfill this requirement. The students already completed the Substance Abuse requirement in October during Red Ribbon Month but will be completing the Human Trafficking Prevention Education lesson in April in SLL class. The lessons are age-appropriate for K-5 and focus on stranger and internet safety.

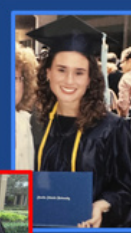


COLLEGE FRIDAY

Our Binks Forest Owls

Mrs. Santiago
Dr. Schietz
Mrs. Fernandez
Mrs. Castellanos
Mrs. Gouveia
Ms. MacMillan
Mrs. Haggerty
Mrs. Koos
Mr. McNeece
Mrs. Horner

Ms. Peck
Mrs. Gifford
Mrs. Dowling
Miss DiSanti
Mrs. Knapp
Mrs. Soto
Ms. Calkins
Mrs. Prazak
Mrs. Oswald
Mrs. Perez
Ms. Gismond
Miss Korzeniowski



We don't have school on the first Friday of April so we celebrated it a day early. We have many faculty and staff at Binks Forest that graduated from FAU and we proudly wore our FAU shirts to cheer on the FAU Owls in the Final Four!



CONGRATULATIONS

The 2023 William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education presented by Hanley Foundation was announced for the 2023 Dwyer Awards and congratulations to our very own Dr. Schietz for being a finalist.



We Need Volunteers

Visit our website or click the
button below for
volunteer opportunities!

