Monthly Parent Note

April 2016

Banting Elementary School

Banting Bobcat

**Important April Dates:**

March 25 – April 3 Spring Recess - **No School**

April 4 School Resumes

April 5 – 8 Students in grades 3 – 5 take the Forward Exam

April 6 & 13 School Store open during lunch

April 11 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Jason’s Deli Fundraiser Night

April 12 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Experience Day (See details below)

a.m. Multicultural Assembly

April 18 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Culvers Night

April 20 Pajama Day

April 20 – 22 Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

April 21 6:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

April 22 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Movie Night

April 25 No School

**SAVE THE DATE**: Thursday, May 19, 6-7:30 p.m. - Banting Cake Walk & Silent Auction

**PTO Update**

The PTO sponsored **Bobcat Corner Store** will be open outside of the gym during your student’s lunch/recess on Wednesday, April 6 & 13. April 13 is the **LAST** day the store will be open and everything will be on sale!

**Jason’s Deli Fundraiser**

Monday, April 11 come support Banting by eating at Jason’s Deli in Brookfield. Stop by any time between 5-10 p.m. and tell the cashier you are with Banting and 15% of your meal will be donated back to Banting PTO.

**Buy One Get One Free Book Fair**

April 20 - 9 am - 6 pm

April 21 - 9 am - 4:30 pm

April 22 - 9 am - 4:30 pm

Location: The PIT

**Movie Night -** Drop off your Banting student on April 22, at 6 pm.  Your student/s will enjoy Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip, with friends, and you can home or go out. $5 includes the movie, popcorn, and juice. 4K students must be accompanied by an adult. Other concessions will be available to purchase.

**Year Long Culture Study**

Classes will be meeting with Buddy Classes this month to share the information they have learned about the country they have been studying about this year.

**Experience Day**

On April 12 we will have a wonderful afternoon of fun events students are able to “Experience.” Our partner, Waukesha Park and Recreation, will work with us to plan this fun event for Banting students. Waukesha Park and Rec. has many partners and they will coordinate an effort in which many of those partners organize activities for our students.

**Forward Testing**

This will take place on April for 5 – 8th, for 3 – 5th grade students. You have already received information about this in a letter sent home. Please be sure your child is rested with a good breakfast everyday for the best possible learning conditions. Thanks.

**Diversity Enhances our Environment - Banting Community Highlights (In this section we will highlight a Banting community member and their roots.) We learn to become better global**

**citizens when we learn more about our differences.**

Stephanie Vella is a Banting parent. Although she was born in Boston, her family comes from Sicily where she lived for 14 years. This is the largest island in the Mediterranean and it is just off the toe of Italy’s boot. Her first language is English but she also knows Italian. The thing she misses the most from Sicily is the weather where it is usually 80 degrees. She also misses swimming in the ocean. Her husband, Tony is also from Sicily and he is fluent in Sicilian. Stephanie’s favorite food from Sicily is Gelato. She reports that the Sicilian people are warm and friendly and given it’s location it is a hot tourist spot. The Vella family is more multicultural with 3rd grade Luca being adopted from Guatemala and 2nd grade Sophie from China.

Enjoy a wonderful Spring Break!

Set time aside each day for your child to read a good book.