Monthly Parent Note

May 2016

Banting Elementary School

Banting Bobcat

**Important April Dates:**

May 2 – 6 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 Fire Safety House for first grade

May 5 Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Fire Safety House for 4th grade

May 10 4:30 p.m Vex Robotics Tournament at Saratoga –Go Team Banting!

May 16 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Culvers’ Night

May 17 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. 4K and 5K Open House

May 19 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. PTO Auction and Cake Walk

May 24 Global Extravaganza Assembly in a.m.

6:30 p.m. Last PTO Meeting

May 26 6:00 p.m. First and Second Grade Art Show

6:30 p.m. First and Second Grade Concert

May 30 Memorial Day – No School

**Save the Date June 2nd, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Culture Night And Pot-luck**

**PTO Update**

Thank you to the BOGO Scholastic Book Fair and the School Store volunteers! We greatly appreciate your time and commitment to Banting’s students. We have a couple of volunteer opportunities coming up in May:

**Teacher Appreciation Week** - We need volunteers to donate food and to help at the luncheon on Thursday, May 5. We also still need donations of gift cards to raffle off at the lunch. Thank you in advance for helping our Banting teachers and staff know how grateful we are for them.

**Banting Cake Walk & Silent Auction -** First, the PTO hopes that you’ll come to this fun event on Thursday, May 19 to help raise funds for our school. We are also in need of desserts for the cake walk and items for the auction. Finally, we need volunteers for the event! If you can help in any of these ways, please contact [bantingelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:bantingelementarypto@gmail.com).

**Year Long Culture Study**

Classes will be preparing for their presentations this month to share the information they have learned about the country they have been studying about this year. The countries we are studying this year include: Japan, Zambia, India, Mexico, Spain, Panama, Peru, Haiti, Russia, Thailand, Ecuador, Ireland and Chile. We look forward to sharing what we have learned.

**Culture Night and Potluck**

We hope you can come on June 2nd from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will be sending more information about the potluck. The richness of our diversity makes us who we are and prepares our students for a global society. We come from many places and make up one Banting.

**Meet our School Counselor**

My name is Angela Kenas and I am a school counselor for the School District of Waukesha. This year I have enjoyed meeting students and visiting classrooms. Recently at Banting all K-2 classrooms as well as several fourth and fifth grade classrooms received classroom lessons about bullying prevention. They covered topics such as: friendship skills, feelings and calming down, and what to do if you see bullying. Primary grades used an interactive online program called Act Now. If you would like to look at parent resources for bullying prevention, feel free to check out the Act Now website at [www.healthykidslearnmore.com/parentsactnow/index.asp](http://www.healthykidslearnmore.com/parentsactnow/index.asp).

**To Banting Staff**

I feel so fortunate to work with such an amazing staff. I would like to thank them for all of their dedication in making Banting a fabulous environment in which to learn and grow.