

Ben Franklin Elementary October 2019 Newsletter

School Arrival: The doors for breakfast open at 8:15 a.m. each day. All students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:45 a.m. Please be cautious of what time students are dropped off in the morning. Staff members are on duty starting at 8:15 a.m.

After School Adventures: Dropoff and Pick-up for After School Adventures is located at the doors near the playground. Students in After School Adventures can be dropped off at 8:00 a.m. and must be picked up no later than 6:15 p.m.

Reading Family Night: Join us October 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the school library for a *My Camel Wants to be a Unicorn*. This is a time for stories, crafts, and snacks. All are invited! Reservations forms will be sent home soon. Thank you to the 27 Ben Franklin students who attended in September!

3rd grade Fall Test: All 3rd grade students will take the Fall AIR English Language Arts Assessment on October 28th and October 29th. This is the first of several attempts for 3rd grade students to take this assessment. Passage of this assessment is required to be promoted to 4th grade.

Fall Parade: Our annual Fall Parade will take place Friday, October 25th at 2:15 p.m. All family members and visitors should meet us on the school track at 2:15 p.m. Please refer to your child's classroom newsletter to learn more about procedures for costumes and treats.

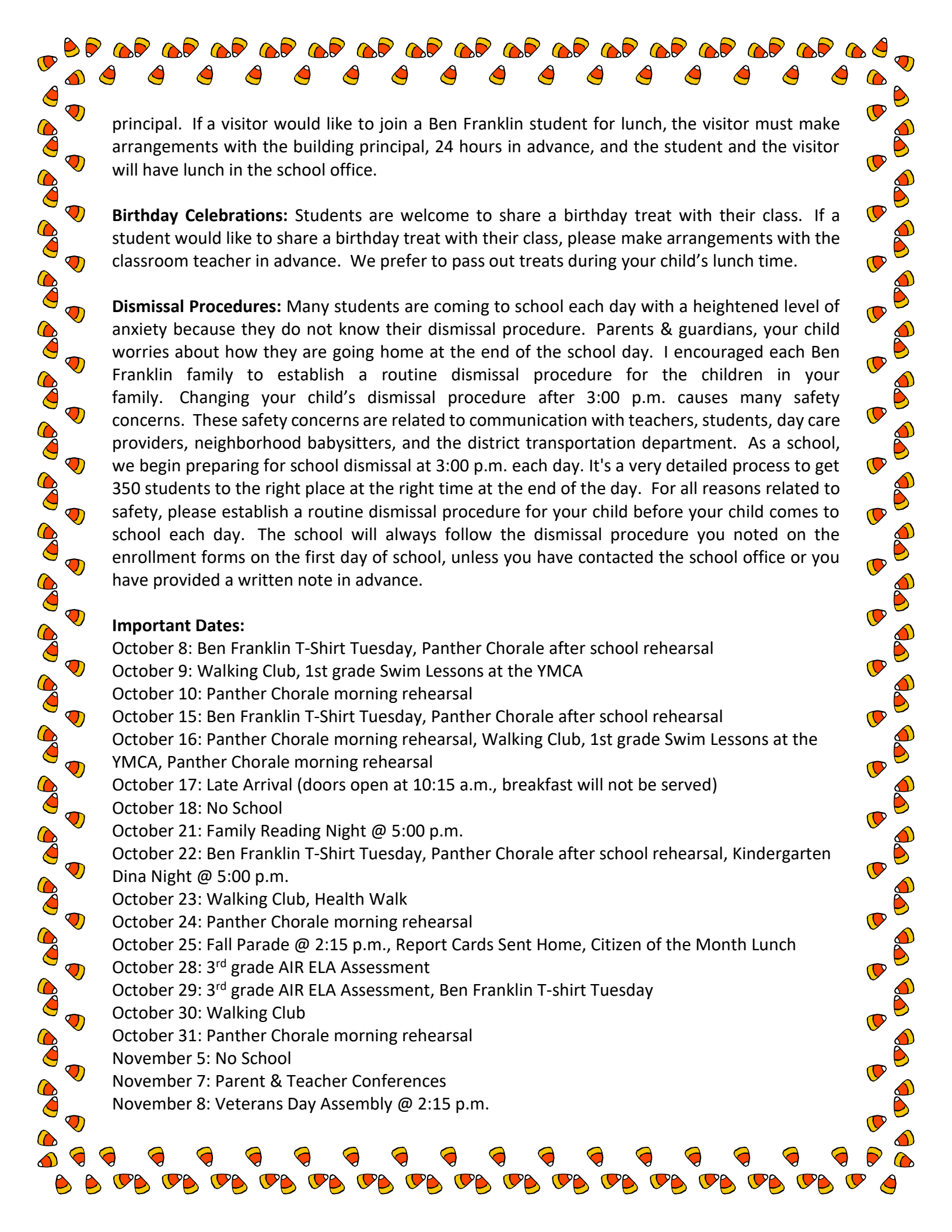
Parent & Teacher Conferences: Fall conferences will be held November 7th & November 14th. Family conference letters will be sent home the week of October 28th.

Reminder for Walkers: When students are walking to school they should follow these school and community safety rules. Please review these rules with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk
- Cross the street in the designated cross walks
- Do not walk through our neighbors' yards or touch things in their yards
- Do not talk or wave to strangers

Health Walk Fundraiser: All students are encouraged to participate in our Health Walk Fundraiser. Students can earn a keychain (unicorn, super heroes, or emoji) for every \$5 they raise for the Health Walk. 100% of the funds raised from this fundraiser will be spent on the students. All students will participate in the Health Walk on October 23rd.

Visitor Policy: Visitors, particularly parents and guardians are welcome in our school. If visitors would like to visit a Ben Franklin student during the school day, visitors must make arrangements with the building principal, 24 hours in advance. All visits will be accompanied by the building



principal. If a visitor would like to join a Ben Franklin student for lunch, the visitor must make arrangements with the building principal, 24 hours in advance, and the student and the visitor will have lunch in the school office.

Birthday Celebrations: Students are welcome to share a birthday treat with their class. If a student would like to share a birthday treat with their class, please make arrangements with the classroom teacher in advance. We prefer to pass out treats during your child's lunch time.

Dismissal Procedures: Many students are coming to school each day with a heightened level of anxiety because they do not know their dismissal procedure. Parents & guardians, your child worries about how they are going home at the end of the school day. I encouraged each Ben Franklin family to establish a routine dismissal procedure for the children in your family. Changing your child's dismissal procedure after 3:00 p.m. causes many safety concerns. These safety concerns are related to communication with teachers, students, day care providers, neighborhood babysitters, and the district transportation department. As a school, we begin preparing for school dismissal at 3:00 p.m. each day. It's a very detailed process to get 350 students to the right place at the right time at the end of the day. For all reasons related to safety, please establish a routine dismissal procedure for your child before your child comes to school each day. The school will always follow the dismissal procedure you noted on the enrollment forms on the first day of school, unless you have contacted the school office or you have provided a written note in advance.

Important Dates:

- October 8: Ben Franklin T-Shirt Tuesday, Panther Chorale after school rehearsal
- October 9: Walking Club, 1st grade Swim Lessons at the YMCA
- October 10: Panther Chorale morning rehearsal
- October 15: Ben Franklin T-Shirt Tuesday, Panther Chorale after school rehearsal
- October 16: Panther Chorale morning rehearsal, Walking Club, 1st grade Swim Lessons at the YMCA, Panther Chorale morning rehearsal
- October 17: Late Arrival (doors open at 10:15 a.m., breakfast will not be served)
- October 18: No School
- October 21: Family Reading Night @ 5:00 p.m.
- October 22: Ben Franklin T-Shirt Tuesday, Panther Chorale after school rehearsal, Kindergarten Dina Night @ 5:00 p.m.
- October 23: Walking Club, Health Walk
- October 24: Panther Chorale morning rehearsal
- October 25: Fall Parade @ 2:15 p.m., Report Cards Sent Home, Citizen of the Month Lunch
- October 28: 3rd grade AIR ELA Assessment
- October 29: 3rd grade AIR ELA Assessment, Ben Franklin T-shirt Tuesday
- October 30: Walking Club
- October 31: Panther Chorale morning rehearsal
- November 5: No School
- November 7: Parent & Teacher Conferences
- November 8: Veterans Day Assembly @ 2:15 p.m.