



Benton Express

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Benton Elementary
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Foster Grandparents



Grandma Bobbie
Grandma Beverly
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REMINDER.....

Missouri's Children's Vision Law

- Requires a comprehensive eye exam for children entering **kindergarten** or **first grade for the first time.**
- Also requires children in first and third grade to have a vision screening and ensures that those who need follow-up care receive it.

Red Ribbon Week

This year we will be observing Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-28th. Focus will be on being drug free but also community service. During this week we will collect canned goods to give to our local food bank to help support our community families in need and also recognize the efforts

of our area armed forces. Each day students will observe different themes.

- Monday:** Be a Jean-ius- Wear Jeans and Be Drug Free
- Tuesday:** I Can, You Can, We Can, Be Drug Free....bring in canned goods.
- Wednesday:** Treats for Troops..collecting candy for our armed forces
- Thursday:** Hooked on Books, Not Drugs....reading schoolwide from 10:45-11:00



Friday: Join the Team Against Drugs...wear your favorite sports team apparel.

Reminder letters will go home later in the month.

Parent Alert: Please don't send old unused cell phones with your children.... dead batteries can still dial 911.

Thanks!!

Upcoming Events for October

- October 4-PTO meeting 6:00-7:00pm Benton Café*
- McTeacher Night 4:00-8:00pm*
- October 6-Parent Lending Library Fun Night 5:30-6:30 Benton Café*
- October 7-Birthday celebrations for October*
- Character Education Assembly*
- October 12-2nd conference note goes home*
- October 14-School Pictures**
- October 19-Parent Conferences 4:00-7:00pm*
- October 20-12:30 dismissal/Conferences 1:00-7:00pm*
- October 21-NO School*
- Oct. 24-28-RED RIBBON WEEK*



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McTeacher Night

Don't forget to visit McDonald's on October 4th from 4:00-8:00pm. Benton teachers will be working the 4:00-5:00 shift. Portions of the proceeds taken in during those hours will go to our elementary schools. Please come and put our teachers to work! :)



Flu Season Precautions...What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

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Dear Parents,

It is so important for our students to arrive at school on time. Classroom instruction begins promptly at 8:00a.m. Our day is full of teaching and learning and every minute missed because of absences or tardies impacts your child's education. We do understand that circumstances will arise that you can't help, but we do appreciate your support getting your child here so we can begin our business of educating.



Thank you very much!!

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Benton School Business

This is what we have been studying in:

Math: *counting to 100; number sentences, whole/halves, money values, base 10 number systems, calendar math, using representations to communicate mathematical ideas, geometric shapes.....Our new Saxon program addresses many first standards over and over again throughout the school year. Be on the look out for the Saxon newsletter that will be coming home frequently. This School-Home Connection will give you examples of activities you can do at home to help your child and to explain the skills the lessons practiced.....LIME GREEN PAPER!*

Communication Arts: *We began with Start Smart, a review of phonemic awareness, phonics, listening comprehension, vocabulary, and writing learned in kindergarten. It is a great refresher! Now we are already winding up with Unit 1. Spelling words were focused on short vowel sounds, r blends, and end blends. Students studied sequencing, character analysis, setting, and fluency with letters and sounds. They are doing a fine job!!*

Benton Elementary.....

Planting the seeds so students may blossom wherever they put down roots..

Achieve, Discover, Listen, Create, Explore, Learn, Laugh

