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# The Borders Buzz

November 2016

## Calendar Highlights

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- November 2—  
Chat with the  
Principal 8:15-9:00am
- November 4—  
No School;  
Professional  
Development
- November 7-22—  
Canned Food Drive
- November 8—Bring  
your Buddy to School
- November 9—  
Half Day/  
Noon Dismissal; No  
Aftercare or STEAM
- November 11—  
International Festival  
1:30pm
- November 12—HSA  
Flea Market
- November 24 & 25—  
No School for  
Thanksgiving

## From the Desk of Principal Freeman...

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." —Thornton Wilder

November is a time intended for giving thanks. This month, Archbishop Borders School children will focus on the virtue of "gratitude." Please talk to your children about understanding this important virtue. How are they showing gratitude and appreciation? Why is it important to be thankful? What are the many things they have to be thankful for?

November also brings with it many exciting school events! Our Chocolate Sale has been extended through November 8th in order to accommodate the excellent efforts of our many "sales kids" as they vie to win the top seller prize of \$150! It's also the month of our International Festival! This year, we chose countries from all continents in order to give children an opportunity to research places they may not have learned about before. All parents are welcome to join us for this festival on Friday, November 11th at 1:30. One day later the HSA is hosting its first Flea Market for our community. There are still tables available if you would like to sell crafts or goods that you no longer have need for. Lastly, we invite all families to join us for a Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 17th! Information about how to reserve a seat will be sent home soon.

I hope that you find a way to be involved in some of these, and other, upcoming events. I am thankful for the opportunities they provide for our school to showcase its diversity and allow for connection and collaboration among teachers, staff, students, and parents in our community.

## Moving our Paws in the Right Direction

This month's virtue is Gratitude. Some of the ways you can demonstrate this virtue are:

Thank Jesus each day for the sacrifice He made for you.

Thank God for your special talents and use them to serve Him every day.

Show gratitude to all of your teachers.

Remember to thank the ladies in the cafeteria for your lunch, milk or for helping you open your juice box or milk container.

Say "Please" and "Thank you".

Thank a friend for being there for you.

Be a good sport when you play.

Keep Earning Those Bobcat Bucks!

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## Notes from Ms. Collins

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Connections. That is the keyword for 7th and 8th grade Study Skills/HS prep classes during late October and Early November. It is never too early for students to begin thinking about their future careers and researching more information about their career options.

Students will be assessing what kind of student they are, what character and academic areas need improvement, what skills and abilities they have, as well as understanding how that all connects to potential careers in the future. From there we will take it a step further and challenge students to really think about the programs and courses available at the the high schools they are choosing to attend. Ultimately students will need to know how those programs or courses will help them on their career path.

Since our classes only meet twice a month, Ms. Collins has made her classes into hybrid courses using Google Classroom. Parents please email Ms. Collins at [kcollins@abbschool.com](mailto:kcollins@abbschool.com) so you can also have access to the Google Classroom pages. Each class has its own page that will keep you and our students better informed and up-to-date about what students are learning and preparing for in the months ahead.

Lastly, for parents of 8th grade students, please register for the High School Placement Test as soon as possible to ensure you get the testing date and testing location you want. Spaces fill quickly so to go to <https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php>

## Classroom News

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**Mrs. Carmen (Pre-K 3):** Pre-K 3 is having fun this month talking “All about Me” and the season of Fall. We had fun at the farm and enjoyed the hayride. In the learning centers they have learned to count 1 to 4, made numbers with playdough, and read books about my feelings, my senses, my body, and my family. Also, they played with the letters Ch, D, E, H, and made figures with shapes, focusing on the shapes: squares and rectangles. Lastly, we sang songs about “ME” and gave thanks to God and Mary by participating in the Living Rosary.

**Mrs. Jo-Ann and Mrs. Nancy (Pre-K 4 and K):** We are working on writing and recognizing our first names in Pre-K 4. Both grades are working on participating in center time and getting along with friends.

**Ms. Reyes and Ms. Taylor (1st and 2nd):** 1st and 2nd grade is wrapping up the study of the election process and solar system. We are into subtraction in math. 2nd grade religion is learning about the sacraments. In Language Arts we are learning about genres and blends.

**Mrs. Nieves and Mrs. Noble (3rd and 4th):** Mrs. Nieves would like thank all third grade parents for helping their child complete their science project. The project exhibition is displayed in the 1st floor hallway.

Fourth Grade is getting ready to open their annual pop up restaurant in November. They are busy creating menus, making food orders, and planning their restaurant opening.

## Classroom News, continued

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**Ms. Dougherty, Mr. Rangel, Mrs. Traub, and Mrs. Adewuyi (Middle School):** The fifth graders are writing personal narratives in their language arts classes; in Spanish they wrote about a moment when they were really, really scared and what they did to conquer their fears. Turns out, our fifth graders are very brave!

The sixth graders are busy exploring the ancient civilizations of Sub-Saharan Africa in Social Studies. We are learning about how migration affects the spread of language and culture. Ask us to tell you about lingua franca!

The 8th grade are excited to be learning about the Atomic theory and all the Scientists that made it possible. They are finding out how the Atomic Theory leads into the Periodic table.

## Thanksgiving Lunch

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We invite all families to join our students for our Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 17th! The price for each meal is \$3.25. In order for us to prepare for the occasion, we need to know how many meals to prepare. If you are interested in participating in this event please return this slip with your payment no later than Monday, November 7th. We hope to see you, Thank you!

### Student Lunch Times

Prek3 - Kindergarten: 10:55 - 11:20AM

1st - 4th: 11:25 - 11:50 PM

5th - 8th: 12:20 - 12:50PM

### Menu of the Day:

Turkey with Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce

Green Beans

Applesauce

Dinner Roll

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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## International Fair

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Families are invited to join us in the gym on Friday, November 11th from 1:30-2:30 for our International Fair. Come learn about countries from around the world through artifacts, clothing, food, and performances.

## Aftercare

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Peer Reading: This past month, Kindergarten students have taken the roll of reading to their younger peers. We have enjoyed learning about siblings and the fall season. Make sure to visit the aftercare area to check out the large "Falling Colorful Leaves" sculpture that will be on display in the month of November.

Running the Distance: Our children enjoyed their own marathon race where children competed by groups of 3. Kids learned that there are rules to follow while running in order to win either gold, silver or bronze medals.

## STEAM

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In STEAM, the fifth and sixth graders researched candidates running for mayor of Baltimore and president of the United States. They then created a poll for the school to determine how our students and staff would vote in the election. The results came in last Friday and we tallied the ballots and created graphs to display the information.

STEAM also hosted a Spooky Open House on October 27th. Parents, guardians, siblings, and students participated in skeleton scavenger hunts, decorated geoboard pumpkins, learned about explosions, and ate Halloween themed food.

## Ben Carson Reading Room Day Welcomes Tavon Mason

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On Monday, November 14th, Archbishop Borders School will welcome former NFL player and Maryland resident, Tavon Mason, as our guest reader for our annual Ben Carson Reading Room Day. Mr. Mason also has his own foundation, Tavon Mason Loves the Kids, which provides youth with programs that promote health, fitness, and education. One of his initiatives is donating slippers to sick children who are spending time in hospitals. We will be collecting children's slippers from Tuesday, November 1st through Monday, November 14th. If you are interested in donating, please send the slippers to your child's teacher.

## Canned Food Drive

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Archbishop Borders is running a canned food drive from Monday, November 7th to Tuesday, November 22nd. Students are asked to bring in five canned goods, or more if they can. If we do this, we can collect over 1,000 canned items for the needy in our neighborhood. We appreciate your donations and look forward to seeing what we can collect this year.

## Mass

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As always, parents and guardians are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus for school mass. Mass begins promptly at 9:15am, so we ask that you arrive to the church by 9:00am. Our next masses will be **Friday, November 18th** and **Friday, December 2nd**.

## Tag Days

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In November, we will have a free Tag Day on Friday, November 11th. Students are asked to dress up in the theme of their class' country for the International Festival.

**For students who participate in BOTH the Slipper Donation Drive for Tavon Mason and the Canner Food Drive (must bring in 5 cans or more), there will be a free Tag Day on Wednesday, November 23rd.**

## World's Finest Chocolate Sale

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The World's Finest Chocolate Sale at Archbishop Borders has been extended until Tuesday, November 8th! There are still a few more boxes available if you would like to sell more. Money can be returned to Mrs. Rose. Checks and money orders would be greatly appreciated. Money that we do not receive will be billed in November through FACTS. Thanks!

## Aftercare Part Time Position Openings

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Archbishop Borders School has two openings for part-time aftercare support staff. The Aftercare Program runs from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM Monday through Friday on days that school is open. This program serves students in PK3 through 8th (40 students currently in the program). If you are interested, please forward your resume to Mrs. Freeman at [principal@abbschool.com](mailto:principal@abbschool.com) Being bilingual is not required, but preferred.

## Aquarium Trip

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Students in all grades will be going on a Field Trip to the National Aquarium on Friday, December 9th. Permission slips and chaperone requests will be coming out later this month, so please stay tuned for more information.

## Box Tops for Education

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We submitted over \$100 worth of Box Tops for Education this round. Thank you to all the parents who participated. Our next submission will be March 1st. Box Tops can be turned into Ms. Anna at any time.

## Bring Your Buddy to School

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We are hosting a "Bring Your Buddy to School" day for students entering 1st – 8th grade on Tuesday, November 8th (Election Day). This is a day for students to come experience Archbishop Borders School for a school day and meet the students, teachers and staff. If they have a friend at the school we will pair them up for the day, otherwise we will connect them with a buddy in their current grade.

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## Bring Your Buddy to School, continued

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Current students are encouraged to invite a friend from a sports team, church, or neighborhood to spend a day at school. To have your child participate in this special "Bring Your Buddy To School Day", please contact Ms. Anna (adanz@abbschool.com) with the name of the visiting child, their grade, and their emergency contact information. If you have additional questions please email Ms. Anna as well.

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## FACTS

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FACTS applications for the 2017-2018 school year will open November 1st. Completing your application as early as possible will help with your eligibility during the first round of funding next year. For more information, please contact Ms. Rose in the office.

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## Health and Wellness

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

You will be receiving a packet of forms that contain the required forms for the health office; these forms will also be available for downloading from the ABBS website. Please read all of these forms carefully as a parent/guardian signature is needed on all and, in some cases, your signature is asked for more than once.

If you need help with the forms or have any questions, I am usually available to meet on Wednesday, Thursday and on Friday morning from 7:45 am until 11:30 am. Please let me know and we will confirm an appointment time.

These forms may be hand-delivered, scanned and emailed, faxed, or mailed to your pediatrician's office and returned to me in any manner listed above.

I realize the amount of paperwork involved, please keep in mind, though, that the forms safeguard the wellbeing of your child as they offer timely information, delineate treatment protocols, and allow me to communicate with your student's health provider as necessary.

Please return the completed forms to the Health Office as soon as possible. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Lisa Dillon, RN, BA

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## HSA

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Looking to make some extra cash for your fundraising goal? Do you need to clean house and get rid of stuff before the holidays? Do you make crafts or baked goods? The HSA and Archbishop Borders School is hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, November 12th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Families of ABBS can purchase a space for \$10 to sell items. Outside vendors can purchase a space for \$20. Families can choose to either give Mrs. Rose the money you make to apply toward your fundraising goal or you can keep the money for yourself. Please email hsa@abbschool.com if you want a space to sell items. The set-up fee is due by Wednesday, November 2. This event will be open to the public.

# Calendar

November	1	All Saints Day Mass 9:15am FACTS Grant & Aid Application Opens
	2	Chat w/ Principal 8:15-9:00am
	4	<b>School Closed-Professional Development</b>
	7-22	Canned Food Drive
	8	Bring your Buddy to School Day For Grades 1-8 Chocolate Sale Ends <b>Election Day</b>
	9	Early Dismissal 12:00pm No STEAM/No Aftercare
	11	International Festival Free Tag Day
	18	Mass 9:15am
	23	Free Tag Day for Students who Participated in Canned Food Drive AND Slipper Drive
	24-25	<b>School Closed Happy Thanksgiving</b>
	27	Trimester 1 Ends
December	2	Mass 9:15am
	3	High School Placement Testing