



# Club 8

BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laurie Davis, Principal

**A place for developing creativity,  
imagination and teamwork.**



# What is Club 8?

- **Club 8** is a place where students can go during recess hours to play games, create art projects, learn origami, and participate in many interactive activities. It's a place to socialize with other students in a highly creative, and well supervised environment.

# How did Club 8 begin?

- Through conversations with parents and students, Mrs. Davis determined that we needed alternate opportunities for children at recess/playtime.
- Mrs. Davis met with ***Mrs. Garbin, facilitator***, and ***Mrs. Poore, paraprofessional***, to discuss the logistics of getting the program started.
- The first step was coming up with a catchy name.
- Hours, activities, and guidelines were developed.
- A system was created using numbered tags to allow for a maximum number of children to participate at each recess time.

# How does Club 8 work?

- Creativity is unlimited at **Club 8** – the possibilities are endless and ever-expanding.
- **Club 8** operates entirely on supplies donated by teachers, staff, and parents. Much of what we use are recycled materials and objects found in nature (sticks, leaves, pine-cones, sand, etc.)

# What kinds of activities take place in Club 8?

- Activities are inspired by the supplies we have on hand. They are developed with a clear focus on kinesthetic (hands on) activities that enhance opportunities for social interaction.



# Origami:

- **Origami** encompasses dexterity and a variety of thinking skills. Children must learn to work slowly and accurately. They need to pay close attention to directions, while learning visual-spatial skills, symmetry, memory and sequencing.



# Games:

- On **game** days, we alternate between card games (Crazy 8, Old Maid...), board games (Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders), thinking games (Tangrams, Tetris, Chess...), and building games (Conex, Jenga, Unix Cubes...).



# Singing and Dancing:



- During **singing and dancing**, children dress up and show their talents. Club 8 “judges” (usually students who prefer not to perform) rate participants with positive feedback. Children are exposed to a variety of music, including pop, country, international, and classical.





# Arts and Crafts:

- **Group projects** are designed to enhance participation and provide maximum opportunity for team work, problem solving, and communication among students.
- **Individual projects** encourage artistic self-expression and personal creativity.



# “Makers” Day:



- **Makers Day** works in two ways: On **Themed Days**, students build their creations based on a topic (robots, marble derby...). On **Free Expression Days**, the children are given a variety of materials to build from. Children are provided with materials that they would often never think to use (bottle caps, foam pieces, packaging materials), and the opportunity to use them in ways that are entirely their own.

# Club 8 is a Happy Place to Be!

- Children *choose* to participate.
- New friendships are formed and nurtured.
- Teamwork is encouraged.
- Communication skills are strengthened.
- Students expand their experiences.
- Children develop pride and ownership.
- Banyan's school community loves our program.
- **Club 8 is BAN-tastic!!!!**
- *A special thank you to Mrs. Garbin and Mrs. Poore for facilitating our Club 8 Program!*