

Franklin Fox Tales

News from Franklin Elementary School

September 8, 2011

-Celebrating 60 years of academic excellence
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Our school newsletter, *the Fox Tales*, comes out every two weeks and is distributed in the youngest child's Franklin Fox Take Home Folder on Thursday. In addition, our newsletter is posted on our webpage. Our newsletter is designed to keep you informed of important dates and events at Franklin. Please take a few moments and read our newsletter carefully.

School Calendar-

Sept. 6-9 Franklin Safety Week: We practice our schoolwide Fire Drill, Intruder Drills, Tornado Drill, and Classroom Evacuation Drill. Students have been doing a wonderful job of listening and following directions as we practice in the event of an emergency!

- September 7** 9:00 AM Tornado Drill

- September 8** 9 am, Classroom lockdown drills
Fox Tales Newsletter goes home!

- September 9** 9 am, Tornado Drill

- September 12** 9 am Classroom evacuation drill

- September 13** 3:30 pm, Tag parent meeting, LMC
All School Welcome Back Social at Tom's Drive In, Wisconsin Ave. location

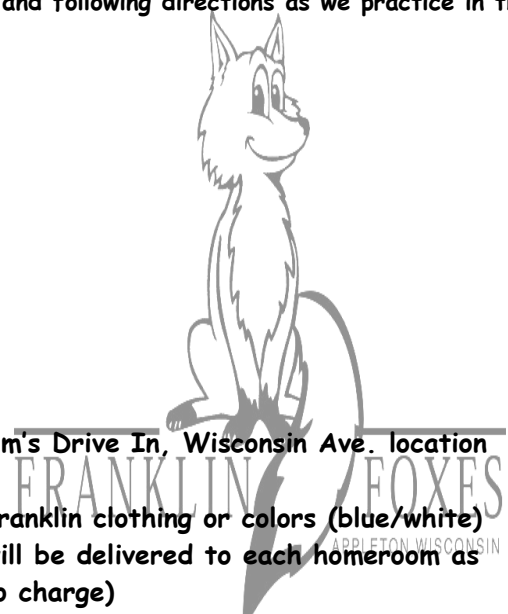
- September 15** September School Spirit Day—wear Franklin clothing or colors (blue/white)
Snack Attack Day! A banana snack will be delivered to each homeroom as part of our Healthy Kids Initiative (no charge)

- September 16** **Public School Observance Day--Mildred Fish Harnack Day!*
Two of the 20 special WI State Statutes required Observance Days in Public Schools. Ask your child why we celebrate these two days!
**Public School Observance Day- US Constitution Day!*

- September 19** Math tutoring begins in Gr. 2

- September 22** All School Bullying Prevention Assembly with Mr. Shane Tassoul- gym
3:30, Bus and Bowl starts! See flyer for details and sign up
Fox Tales Newsletter goes home with conference appointment slips

- September 23** 7:45-9:30, MATH MANIA MORNING! All families invited to the gym to learn more about our math program. Parents will then be invited into their child's classroom to watch a shorten 45 minute math lesson to better understand how math is taught. We will return to the auditorium to discuss any questions you may have following your observation.



- September 23-- continued 6:30, PTO movie night in auditorium—more details to follow
- September 26 9 am, Fox Valley Humane Association Reading to Canine's begins in gr. 1 and ELL classrooms- informational sheet will come home soon
3:30, PTO meeting in LMC, everyone welcome
- September 26-Oct. 19 MAP testing window begins for grades 1-6. Contact your child's teacher for a test schedule. MAP testing is a computer test in reading and math. A results report will be given to parents at conferences in October.
- September 27 4:30, ELL family night, LMC
- September 28 PICTURE DAY! Bring your smile! Students need to return their picture envelopes
- September 29 11:30, Paw Pals Luncheon in art room. Permission slips to come home
- September 30 8:30, Tri County Dental Clinic to Franklin. Sign up occurred during registration in August- if you qualify for Free/Reduced pay and didn't sign up, please contact our school office to register.



Welcome Back!

We are off to a great school year! The staff and I are pleased to report that students have been doing a wonderful job of learning our three school expectations: being responsible, being respectful, and being safe. We have broken down those expectations into all areas of our school and classroom teachers are incorporating these expectations into their class rules, called a matrix. A copy of our building matrix, *My Franklin Responsibilities*, is attached in this newsletter for your reference. Classroom teachers also use these three same expectations in their classrooms and will be sending home their matrix in the coming days. Keep up the great work students!

Franklin Welcome Back Social- Tom's Drive In

Please join us for a social/fundraiser at Tom's Drive In on Wisconsin Ave on September 13, from 3:30-8 pm. 10% of the proceeds from the evening sales will be donated back to Franklin to support the students, so bring your families, have supper or a snack and visit with other families and Franklin staff. We hope you can attend!

Math Mania Morning-YOU ARE INVITED!

Please come to Franklin on Friday, Sept. 23rd at 7:45 am for an introduction to our math program at Franklin. Mrs. Becky Walker, our district math administrator, will be there along with some Franklin staff to share more information about the K-6 math program and how you can support your child's math education. Breakfast treats will be served. Outside supervision will begin at 7:40 so your child may play on the playground or have breakfast while parents and staff talk about math. The new math vocabulary, homework strategies, and other important math information will be shared with you. At 8:30, parents will be invited into their child's classroom to observe a math lesson taught by your child's teacher, and at about 9:15 parents will gather back in the auditorium to talk about the observation and answer any questions you may have. We are excited to talk with you about the new math curriculum. Hope you can attend!

School Phone Numbers-

For your information, Franklin's phone numbers are as follows:

- Main Office, 832-6246
- ARAMARK (Lunch and Breakfast Program), 832-3416
- Counselor, Mrs. Otto and Ms. Luthera, 832-3412
- Library Media Center, 832-3415
- FAX 832-4464

Fall Picture Day-

Fall Picture Day is **Wednesday, September 28 in the morning**. Each student will need their own order form and check. Please call the office if you need additional order forms/envelopes. Order forms were given to students. We would appreciate if all envelopes were returned to school by **September 26**, but we can accept them up to the time your child's picture is taken. Please turn in the order forms to your child's teacher.

A Note from Aramark, Our Breakfast and Hot Lunch Provider-

Welcome back! We're looking forward to another great school year.



New this year- before school breakfast program! Breakfast is served from **7:45-8:20** daily in our multi purpose room, for the low cost of just **\$1.00** (or reduced pay is **\$0.30**). Hot and cold items are available. Drop your child off at the front entrance and they can enjoy a delicious breakfast before school.

The cost of lunch this year is **\$2.30 (an increase of \$0.5 from last year)**, and a carton of milk is **\$0.35**. If you think you may qualify for free or reduced price lunch, please pick up an application form in the office. **A new application must be filled out each year.** Families who qualified for free/reduced meals from last year will only be under this same status for the first 30 calendar days.

Please send lunch money in an envelope with **ONLY** lunch monies in it. On the envelope, please put your child(ren)s name, teacher, amount, and date. If it's for more than one child, please list them all, including their teacher's names and the amount you are sending for each. Checks should be made payable to the Appleton Area School District or AASD. If you have any questions regarding the hot lunch program, please call the Franklin Aramark staff at 832-3416. Thank you!

ELL Family Night-

ELL Family Night will be September 28th from 4:30-6:00 in the LMC. Please join us to meet the ELL staff and families. We will discuss school expectations, test scores, and answer any questions parents may have regarding Franklin School. We are looking forward to meeting our new ELL families and reconnecting with those returning. Please join us for pizza and prizes! The ELL department at Franklin includes: Mrs. Hoyer, Mrs. Heller, and Mrs. Xiong. We are here to help!

From Mrs. Dougherty, School Nurse-

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Medications should be administered at home whenever possible. Parents/guardians are urged to consult with their family physician to determine if medications can be scheduled

outside school hours. In the event that this is not possible, the district will administer medication within the following guidelines.

MEDICATION ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL STAFF

Medication must be provided in the original container labeled with the student's name. A parent/guardian consent statement must be on file for all medications administered by school staff. A physician statement must also be on file for prescription medications.

SELF-MEDICATION

It is permitted, and sometimes necessary, for students to carry and administer their own medication. If a parent wants his/her child to possess medication for self-administration, the parent must complete an authorization form. Due to state law and district policy, asthma inhalers and controlled substances (such as Ritalin, Adderall, and codeine) also need physician authorization. Medication should be kept in the original container labeled with the student's name, and only a limited quantity should be carried to school. Self-administration of medication is discouraged at the elementary level.

MEDICATION FORMS

Medication forms are available in the school office. Medication forms may also be downloaded from the district website: <http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/Parents/health.html>

Please check the expiration date of any medication provided to school. For the safety of our students, we are unable to administer medication beyond the labeled expiration date.

Appleton Area School District Nutrition Policy-

The Appleton Area School District (AASD) School Board adopted a nutrition policy in June 2003. The policy, which is included in the district policy manual distributed at registrations, provides guidelines on hot lunch/breakfast programs, lunchroom climate, fundraising, teacher-to-student incentives, student nutrition education, parent nutrition education, the AASD Nutrition Committee, and district nutrition standards. **Parents are asked to review this policy and do their best to meet its guidelines when sending a cold lunch, classroom snack, or birthday treat to school.** Healthy food ideas include fresh or dried food, pretzels, cheese, crackers, sandwich, raw veggies, granola bar (without chocolate), juice box (100% juice), yogurt, popcorn, nuts, and unsweetened cereal. Food items NOT to send to school include carbonated beverages (soda), high sugar/high fat foods, desserts, chips, doughnuts, and pastry treats like Poptarts. Thank you for helping to meet the guidelines given in this important policy.

Traffic Reminders-

Parking is a challenge at Franklin School and we're asking for everyone's help in keeping our children safe. Slow down and be patient! The only location for school drop off/pick up is on the curbside of Marquette Street. When dropping children off on the playground side of Marquette Street, please drop off your child/children *and move on* so that the vehicles behind you can get in line, move forward, and also drop off students. Also, do not block the crosswalk areas; this is a safety risk to pedestrians. The south end, or non curbside, portion of Marquette Street is now a No Stopping, Standing, or parking zone. No vehicles may be parked, stopped, or running on the south side of Marquette across from the loading zone.



In addition, please do not pick up or drop off your children in the school parking lot, including the maintenance entrance to the playground. These areas are not safe for students considering staff vehicles and maintenance vehicles moving about in this area. In addition, please do not drop off/pick up students in the morning at the Jarchow Street front entrance. This is a bus-loading zone only.

Before School/After School Reminders-

Please do not drop off your child prior to 8:10 am in the morning as there is no playground supervisor until that time, unless they are having breakfast. Several students have been in my office as early as 7:40 waiting for school to start because they arrived too early or their parents dropped them off before heading to work. Parents, your cooperation is greatly valued in not allowing your child on campus until 8:10 in the morning. **We also ask that children and parents not drop off backpacks and supplies in their lockers prior to the start of school.** Teachers are busy in meetings and making final preparations prior to the start of school and your help is appreciated in waiting outside for school to start. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher prior to school, we are happy to accommodate you and ask that you contact the office or your child's teacher to set up an appointment. If you are in need of before or after school care, please contact the school office for information on the Y program which offers this service at our school.

At the end of the day, parents and family members are reminded to wait outside the building or by the office doors until the dismissal bell rings. **Please do not wait outside your child's classroom door** as teachers are preparing students for end of day dismissal and your child may become distracted and miss important information. Also, it is our school safety policy that all parents and visitors sign in first in the office before moving through the building. We are very focused on keeping your child safe, and your cooperation is appreciated!

YMCA School Age Care-



YMCA School Age Care offers children 5-12 years old the opportunity to enjoy their out of school hours by providing them with fun, age-appropriate activities that will enhance their creativity and build their self-esteem. The program is based at Franklin School and is available from dismissal until 6 PM. For more information, please call the YMCA Child Care Register at 954-7641.

School Clothing Expectations-

- Students should not wear any type of headgear in the school building. This includes baseball caps, handkerchiefs, or bandanas.
- Students should not wear clothing that exposes the midriff. This includes shirts that are cut high and/or pants that are cut low.
- Students should not wear shirts that have spaghetti straps or that are cut low in the armhole to expose the chest.

Toys and Valuables-

Please do not allow your child to bring playground equipment, toys, valuables, and good jewelry to school. This includes trading cards, stuffed animals, electronic games, stereo headsets, and CD players. We maintain this policy to limit the



risk of theft and to maintain a learning environment free of distraction. The only exception to this policy is when a teacher requests that students bring these items to school for a class. Thank you for your help with this matter!

Skateboards, Scooters, and Roller Blades-

Franklin students may bring skateboards, scooters, and roller blades to school. The students who choose to bring these items to school must follow the following guidelines:

1. Skateboards, scooters, and roller blades may not be used on school grounds. The student should carry them once he/she reaches school grounds.
2. The student, in bringing these items to school, assumes all risk for damage, theft, etc., as the school is not able to secure these items during the school day.

Your help in enforcing these rules with your child will help to ensure both your child's safety and others when at school.

Birthday invitations-

In order to reduce hurt feelings and/or student conflict at school, we ask that you do not send your child to school with birthday invitations for distribution. Instead, our PTO is working on the Franklin Family Directory and as soon as it is completed, we will send one copy home with each child. The directory is provided to you as a resource should you like to contact other families for play dates, birthday invitations and other social gatherings.



Thank you for helping Franklin...

Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Grawe, Mr. Brzowski, and Mrs. Guilbeault for golfing on behalf of Franklin School this July in the Appleton Education Foundation Golf Outing to support Appleton Schools! Each school was asked to send a team of golfers to participate in a golf outing tournament and we were so glad you volunteered to support our school! Because of you, our school received a wonderful grant of \$200! We are so grateful for your efforts!

Road Construction/utility work around Franklin...

We have received notice that the City of Appleton will be doing some construction from Byrd to McArthur Street starting next Tuesday and continuing through October. There will be road work and construction signs posted on Drew and Marquette. Many of you park your vehicles in this area to drop off or retrieve children at the beginning and ends of day. I am told the intersections will be open, but you may need to park in a different location. Please slow down and be mindful of children moving through these construction areas.



5th grade Ballroom Dance classes-

5th graders will participate in ballroom dance classes beginning in November in place of teacher taught Physical Education. There is no cost for participation and last year Franklin students won two of the three dance trophies given out in the dance showcase recital in February. If you are the parent of a 5th grader, more information will come as November draws near, however, please consider coming to the Beyond Ballroom Dance Variety Show on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm at Xavier Fine Arts Theater. Advance tickets are \$15 (please call 731-8851). All money raised at this

special charity event is used to offset the cost of this unique program at Franklin. Please consider attending!

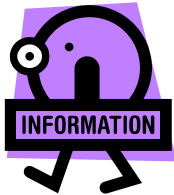
Thank you PTO...

The staff at Franklin would like to thank the PTO for the delicious goodies on the first day of school! Thanks for thinking of us! Our first PTO meeting will be Sept. 26th in the LMC. Please come and join us! New officers are: Melissa Ptacek, Sarah Sippel, Glenn Brown as Co- Presidents, Christine Checkalski as Secretary, Tammy Mehlberg as treasurer, and Jen Hager as Volunteer Coordinator.

A note from our Principal...Welcome Back!

We had an excellent start to our school year (with the exception of our copy machine breaking down causing a delay in our newsletter)! The building comes back to life with the sounds, smiles, and enthusiasm of the children. The students have been doing so well that I know it's going to be a great year! It is a pleasure and privilege to work with your child, and if there is anything I can do to assist you or your children, please don't hesitate to contact me -832-6246 or willercarrie@ascd.k12.wi.us

Yours in Education,
Carrie Willer, PhD, Principal



Community Opportunities-

Please continue to check the Information Center outside the school office to view and/or pick-up flyers on a variety of topics, including parenting classes, community opportunities for students and families, and school-related opportunities.

CURRENTLY in the Information Center:

- Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts



Franklin Family Newsletter Feedback Form

Your feedback is important to us! If you have a question, a note of praise, or a concern, please complete this form and return to Ms. Willer, Principal.



(Optional) Name: _____

Phone Number: _____