



## Franklin Fox Tales

*News from Franklin Elementary School*

*January 19, 2012*

-Celebrating 60 years of academic excellence  
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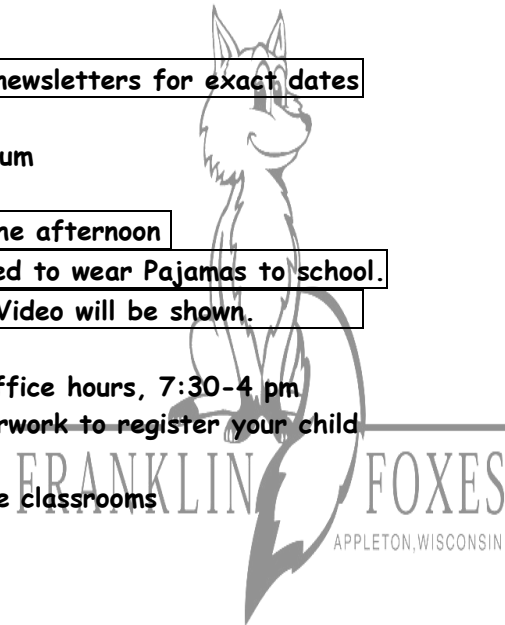
Carrie Willer, PhD, Principal

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-

**January's Theme:** Celebrate Franklin in the 80's—a part of our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! Students will hear music from the 80's on Wednesday and Fridays after school, as well as participate in class decade trivia questions on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month, with a chance to earn an extra 15 minute recess each month. Finally, each spirit day per month will focus on clothing from that decade.

Jan. 9-Jan. 27	MAP testing in Grades 1-6 -please watch classroom newsletters for exact dates
Jan. 19	7:30 and 3:30, Talent Show auditions in the auditorium
Jan. 20	11:27 Dismissal, Teachers work on report cards in the afternoon
	All school PBIS Quarterly Incentive: Students invited to wear Pajamas to school. Cocoa will be served and a Charlie Brown Superbowl Video will be shown.
Jan. 23-Jan. 27	Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013- during office hours, 7:30-4 pm Please stop in the office to complete necessary paperwork to register your child
Jan. 23	8:30-9:30, Reading to Canines in ELL and first grade classrooms
Jan. 26	11:45, Paw Pals Luncheon in art room 8:40-2:50, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade to Buboltz for Winter Survival
Jan. 27	3:30, Popcorn sale, \$0.50 a bag
Feb. 2	Report Cards go home in Fox Folders, along with the Fox Tales Newsletter
Feb. 10	3:30, PTO Dilly Bar sale, \$1.00 a bar
Feb. 13	8:30-9:30, Reading to Canines in ELL and first grade classrooms Talent Show Dress Rehearsal during the school day
Feb. 14	11:30-2:45, 5 <sup>th</sup> graders to Player's Choice for Ballroom Dance competition Spirit Day: Wear Red, White, or Pink 4 <sup>th</sup> grade to Brewster Village, PM



Feb. 16 9, 12:45, 6:30 pm, Talent Show in Auditorium- family/friends welcome! During our two school performances, seating will be limited as classrooms will be attending. Please be advised that space fills quickly during the evening performance, so please arrive early.

Fox Tales Newsletter goes home

Feb. 17	No School All Day
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Feb. 20	No School All Day
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Feb. 23 11:45, Paw Pals luncheon in the art room

Feb. 24 3:30, PTO Popcorn Sale, \$0.50 a bag

Feb. 27 8:30-9:30, Reading to Canines in ELL and first grade classrooms



### No School-

There will be no school for students on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 20th.

Dismissal will be at 11:27 AM. No School all day on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, and no school all day on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make arrangements with your child for early dismissal.

### Whooping Cough at Franklin

Families were alerted by phone and in writing that the City of Appleton Department of Public Health has confirmed a case of whooping cough at our school. In your child's take home folder, information on Whooping Cough was sent home. It is also posted on our school webpage. We are encouraging parents to practice and discuss with their child good hygiene, covering noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing as well as frequent hand washing. Making sure that your child's vaccinations are up to date is also encouraged. Adults can receive a vaccination as well by contacting their health care provider, and in some cases the adult vaccination has been given in conjunction with tetanus shots in recent years. **If your child experiences cold like symptoms or a lingering cough- please contact your child's health care provider.** Students need to stay home from school if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.

### Caught in the Act Winners!

Staff are on the look out for students doing nice things for others! Students that receive a coin from a staff member at Franklin make a decision to give the coin to their classroom teacher towards a class incentive or turn the coin into the office for a chance at our weekly Friday drawing from the prize box. Five names are chosen each week, and students receive a special prize. Since the last newsletter, the following students have been selected (last names are not printed to protect the confidentiality of minors on the Internet where our newsletter is posted):

Lexa P.

Jasmin M.

Elijah M.

Lauren R.

Grace S.

### **Summer School Registration dates:**

Please mark your calendar for March 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7pm in our gym for summer school registration! A list of classes and more information will be coming soon.

### **Yearbook update...**

Due to popular parent request, we are trying something new this year with our student yearbooks this year. Herff Jones, a subsidiary company of Lifetouch (they took our school pictures this year), will be making a professional yearbook for each student! Each yearbook will have a soft, color cover with a protective coating, along with 16 black and white pages of each homeroom, including co curriculums and candid student pictures. We have seen examples of other schools yearbooks and are pleased to offer this book to students. The cost of each book will be \$6.50 each. We are hoping that each child will be able to have their own copy of the yearbook, as students receive the yearbook on the last day of school and sign autographs before dismissing. Some parents have asked if they could anonymously pay for a yearbook for a child- if you are interested in doing that your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let the office or your child's teacher know that you are interested in making a donation. Thank you!

### **Franklin's PBIS quarterly Celebration- Jan. 20**

In recognition of good behavior and positive choices, Franklin students will have a pajama day tomorrow, and enjoy a short video and cup of cocoa. Students with 2 or more detentions will view the video and attend a short session encouraging respectful behavior choices. Franklin Foxes are proud to be responsible, respectful, and safe!

### **Fox Spirit!**

Our February spirit day is coming- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and students are invited to dress in red, white, or pink clothing! The classroom with the most students participating will receive the January spirit flag to proudly display in their room.

### **2012-2013 Kindergarten Registration-**

Registration for Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year will take place in the Franklin School office January 23-January 27 during regular business hours, 7:30-4 pm-please stop in! To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2012. We will have a Spanish interpreter available in the mornings for your convenience. If you or a neighbor has a child who will be of age for kindergarten this coming year and did not receive a registration packet in the mail, please contact the school office. It is very important to stop in the office during our registration, even if you currently have a child attending Franklin School, to pre-register for Kindergarten. You will complete important enrollment papers and receive information about upcoming kindergarten orientation. An accurate count of our incoming kindergarteners helps us ensure appropriate staffing, supplies, and classroom space --so your help in coming to school is greatly appreciated!

### **Semester One Report Cards-**

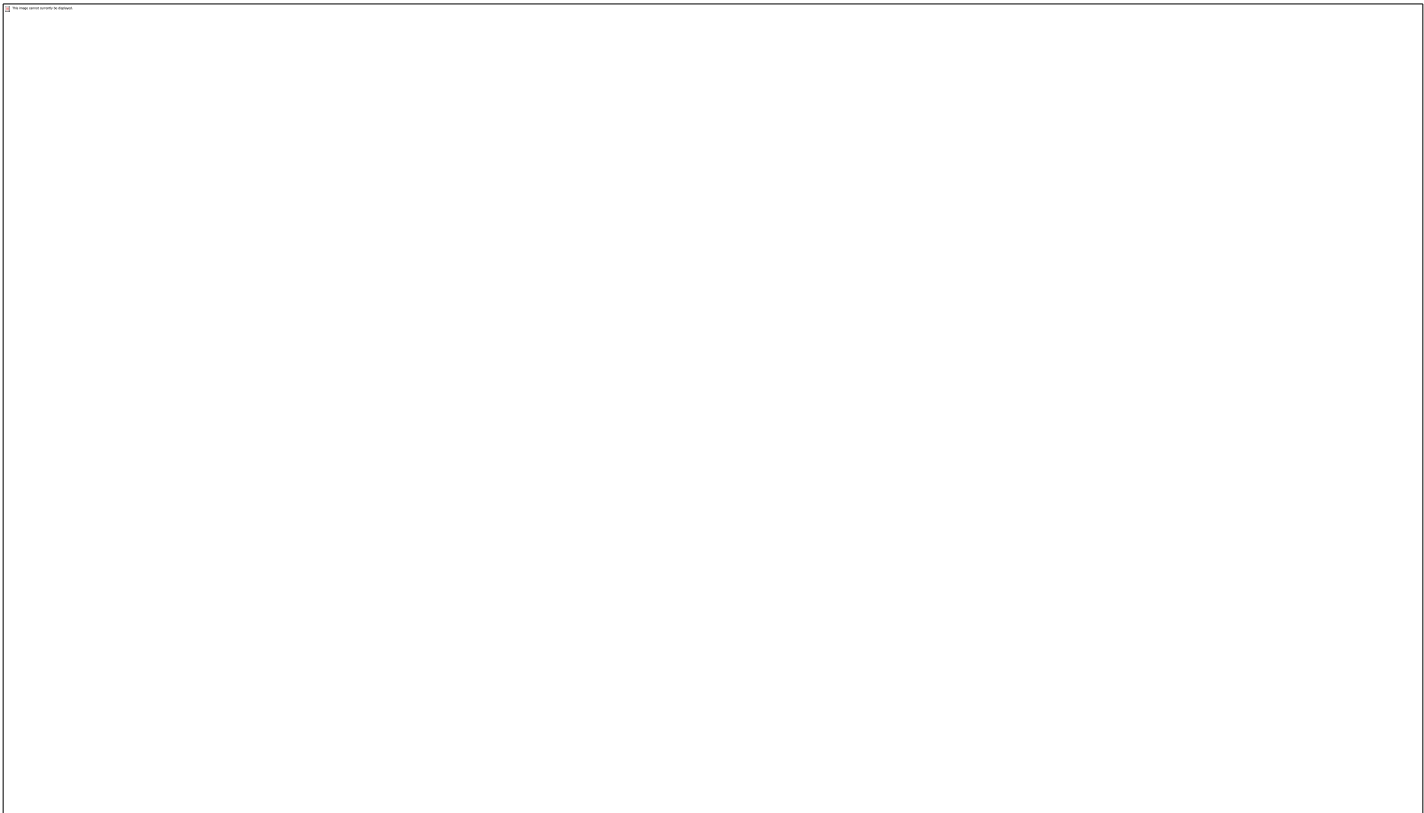
Semester One Progress Reports will be included in the **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Fox Folders. After reviewing the Progress Report and MAP test results, parents should sign the envelope and return it to their child's classroom teacher so that the envelope can be reused in June. Parents should keep the Progress Reports. Envelopes should be returned to school by **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress after reviewing the report, please contact his or her teacher.

**Intra-District Open Enrollment Transfer Request Forms for 2012-2013**

Open enrollment within our district is held in January. Forms for Intra-District Open Enrollment Transfer, for parents interested in sending their child/ren to a school other than their home school, are available in the Franklin office and are due to the Appleton Area School District Attendance Office by **January 31, 2011**. **There are no exceptions to this deadline.**

**Indoor recess or outdoor recess?**

Elementary Schools in the AASD use the below wind chill chart to make the decision of keeping the children indoors during cold weather for lunch and recess or taking them outside. Below is a copy of this chart. The dark area on the right indicates when children remain indoors, while the light area on the left indicates when children go outside. Please make sure that your child has plenty of warm clothing when coming to school- snow pants, boots, warm coat, hat, mittens, and scarf to keep your child warm. If you are in need of these items, please contact our office.



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**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 Dr. Willer, Franklin Principal.

(Optional) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_