

Franklin Fox Tales

News from Franklin Elementary School

October 6, 2011

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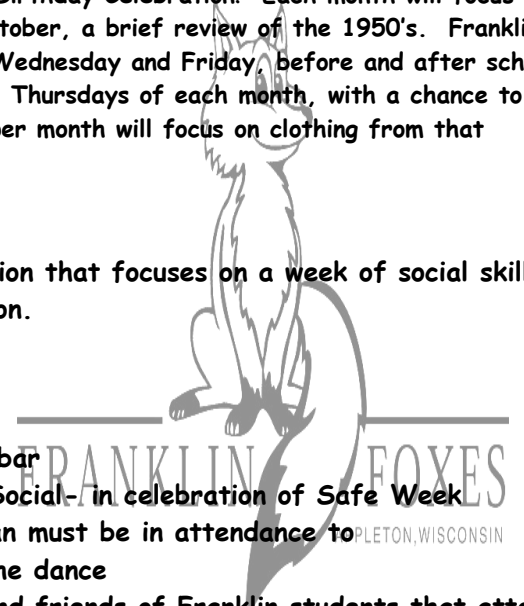
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Our school newsletter, *the Fox Tales*, comes out every two weeks and is distributed in the youngest child's Franklin Fox Take Home Folder on Thursday. In addition, our newsletter is posted on our webpage. Our newsletter is designed to keep you informed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

School Calendar-

October's Theme: Celebrate Franklin in the 50's—a part of our 60th Birthday Celebration! Each month will focus on a decade related to Franklin's history, and our first theme begins in October, a brief review of the 1950's. Franklin was dedicated in 1951, so students will hear music from the 50's on Wednesday and Friday before and 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.

- October 3-7 **Safe Week Begins!** This is a Franklin Tradition that focuses on a week of social skills lesson. This year's theme will be bullying awareness and prevention.
- October 6 **Fox Tales Newsletter goes home**
- October 7 **3:30, PTO Dilly Sale fundraiser, \$1.00 per bar**
6-7:30 pm Fox Trot All School Dance and Social- in celebration of Safe Week
 No cost to attend, however a parent/guardian must be in attendance to supervise your children during the dance. The dance is open for all Franklin families- neighbors and friends of Franklin students that attend different schools are not able to attend this school function. You do not have to dress in 50's style clothing to attend- only if you wish.
- October 10 **8:30-9:30 Reading to Canines tutoring program in Gr. 1 and ELL students**
All school Cool Tools Lesson: Table Manners in the lunchroom
- October 13 **Culver's by Woodman's Franklin Social! 4-8 pm, please come and have a supper/treat and visit with Franklin staff and families! 10% of the evening's sales are returned to Franklin to support Kindergarten literacy.**
- October 14 **Spirit Day—Celebrate Franklin in the 50's by wearing Bobby Socks, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, gingham shirts, bowties, and any other 1950 style clothing!**
- October 15 **Saturday Event—Celebrate Franklin's 60th Birthday Celebration by attending our Franklin Family Fun Run/walk! Info listed below**
- October 17 **Cool Tools All School Lesson: Testing Smarter not Harder**
- October 18 **5-7:15 pm, Parent- Teacher conferences**



- October 19 12:15-3:15, 1st grade to Bubolz Nature Center
- October 20 Fall Picture Retake Day
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5-7:15 pm, Parent-Teacher conferences
- October 21 Dismissal at 11:27 am --Teachers participate in staff development opportunities in the PM related to reading and math instruction, and PBIS social skills instruction
- October 24 3:30-5:45, Parent Teacher conferences
- October 25 11:45, Teacher-student Paw Pals Luncheon
- October 26 10:45-11:15, All School Assembly—Healthy Kids Kickball game in gym
11:27, Early Dismissal
- October 27-28 No School

Conferences are coming-

Please sign and return your child's conference appointment slip, included in your child's Fox Folder. If you are interested in also stopping in to visit with a specialist, please note their conference schedule below:

Mrs. Christiansen, Music, Oct. 18 and 20th all night, and Oct. 24 until 4:20.

Mrs. Polcyn, Speech and Language, Oct. 18th and 20th from 6:15-7:15 pm

Ms. Gwen Davis, Library Media Specialist, Oct. 18th from 5:45-7:15 and Oct. 20th from 5:15-7:15



Join us for an October Social at Culver's: Thursday, Oct. 13th

From time to time throughout the school year, family socials are planned at participating restaurants in Appleton. A portion of the night's proceeds benefit Franklin School.

Socials for the year:

Culver's by Woodman's, Oct. 13 from 4-8 pm

Chuck E Cheese, Dec. 8, from 4-8 pm

Tom's on Wisconsin Ave., Feb. 7 from 4-8

Thank you for your support.

Math Mania Morning-thank you for coming!

We had a great turn out for our math mania morning and heard many positive comments. Thank you for coming! Based on the feedback we received, we are looking to do a Reading Day and a possible 2nd math day later in the year to provide you the opportunity to understand how we are instructing your child, how you can support the instruction at home, and give you a chance to see our wonderful staff "in action" as they work with the children.



Fall Picture Retake Day-

Fall Picture Retake Day is **Thursday, October 20th in the morning only**. If your child was absent in September when pictures were taken, or you do not like the way your child's picture turned out, your child may have a retake. Please stop in the office and pick up a retake order form. Please turn in the order forms to your child's teacher. We do not have a date of arrival for the September pictures, but they will be distributed prior to the retake day. Special thanks to our parent volunteers: Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Lienhard, and Mrs. Ford.

No School-

There will be no school for students on the **afternoon of Friday, October 21**. Dismissal will be at **11:27 AM**. Staff will be meeting that afternoon to address continuous school improvement in the area of reading and math and learning about Positive Behavioral Intervention System.



There will be no school on the afternoon of **October 26 (dismissal at 11:27)**, and no school all day on **October 28, and 29**.

Bagged Lunches Available on Half Days-

A reminder to all parents, Aramark does provide bagged lunches available for purchase on half days of school. The lunch includes a meat sandwich (or peanut butter), fruit, vegetable, and white milk. Students will be able to purchase this bagged lunch for the cost of a regular lunch (\$2.35 for full pay), and the money will be deducted from their account. Every half day of school, a bagged lunch will be available to all students, and teachers will take a count of students requesting bagged lunch in the morning. If you do not wish to have your child purchase a bagged lunch, please instruct your child, or send a note to school for the teacher. Only students that indicate to their teacher they want a bagged lunch will be provided with one.

Welcome new staff-

Franklin is pleased to welcome the following additional new staff members:

- Mrs. Keila Rodriguez, Hispanic Interpreter, working daily in the mornings!
- Mrs. Molly Larson and Mrs. Nancy Vanderloop, School Psychologists
- Mrs. Brooke Hartman, school social worker

New Security System Coming to Franklin

In case you missed the announcement in our last newsletter, our central office is installing a security system at all elementary schools, equipped with intercom systems and cameras at all the main entrances to increase the level of security at all elementary buildings across the district. Several elementary sites had these intercom systems installed over the course of the summer or the first weeks of school. Some elementary sites, like Franklin, have yet to have an intercom system installed but will receive the new system in the coming weeks as workers rotate through all the schools. Please be advised that once the new system has been installed and is functional, **the front doors will no longer be open during the school day**. If you need to enter the school during business hours, you will need to come to the front door and use the

new intercom system. **You will need to press the intercom button at the main entrance and wait for the office to buzz you in.** You may be asked to state your name and reason for visit before the door will be unlocked. This is a new process at all the schools, so we appreciate your flexibility as we all work through this together. At this time, we don't have a date for installation, but will notify you via a phone call and signage on the main doors when the equipment is installed and functional. We hope you appreciate the level of increased security at the elementary schools.

FREE HAIRCUTS, GROCERIES...

On October 8th at 10 am, the Fox Cities Convoy of Hope along with over 125 churches, community organizations, businesses, and volunteers are helping to put an event together at Fox Valley Technical College to give a "hand up" not a "hand out" to area families. **Services provided will include free medical screenings and general health exams from doctors and teeth cleanings and general exams from dentists.** Community organizations will be giving information on community services and assistance programs in the Fox Valley. They will provide a job fair and services on resume writing, interview coaching, and on-site interviews with local employers. **Families will receive a free meal (bbq lunch), a bag of groceries, shoes, haircuts and styles, and family portraits.** There will also be entertainment with a kids zone and live music.

There are over 2,000 volunteers who help make this possible. **If you are interested please visit convoyofhopefoxcities.org to register online or call 991-1117.**

Starts at 10 am at FVTC 1825 N. Bluemound Drive

Volunteers should arrive at 7:30 am.. There is a rally for volunteers on Friday @ Christ the Rock Community Church, W6254 Hwy. 10/114, Menasha, WI where volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and instructions for the day of the outreach.

No qualifiers needed (no proof of income or ID, etc). They are anticipating 6,000 guests to come and take advantage of the services! **PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

The Appleton Area School District (AASD) would like to invite residents of the Appleton Area School District to participate in a Facilitated Input Session regarding the AASD Educational Materials Selection Policy and Library Media Materials Selection Policy Revisions. You may view the original Materials Selection Policy and the proposed revised policies on the AASD website.

- www.aasd.k12.wi.us
- NEW ON THE SITE
- AASD Materials Selection Policy Revisions & Input Sessions

If you would like to attend one of the Facilitated Input Sessions (see below), please register by calling 832-6301.

October 11th	6:00 p.m.	East High School's LMC 2121 Emmers Drive
October 12th	1:00 p.m.	Thomas G. Scullen Leadership Center Community Room 122 E. College Avenue, Suite 1A – City Center Plaza

Saturday, October 15--Franklin Fox Fun Run/Walk:

If you preordered a t shirt for the Fun Run/Walk on Sat. October 15, they will be sent home with your child on Friday, Oct. 14. If you didn't order a t shirt, we will have some extra t shirts in limited quantities available for purchase (\$3.00 each).

Saturday, October 15—bring a water bottle, wear your athletic shoes, and come dressed for the weather! Events include:

Pre events beginning at 9-9:30 am, include:

- Visit with Fang from the TimberRattlers
- Bring your camera and take a picture with McGruff the Crime Dog
- Tour a fire truck and visit with firefighters
- Tour a police car and visit with a police officer
- Have your face painted!



Beginning at 9:30, we will officially kick off our fun run/walk around our campus with celebrity walkers and conclude with some healthy snacks. See attachment for further details.

PBIS- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

PBIS is in full swing at Franklin again this year. We have had several “Cool Tools” lessons already. The social skills lesson occur on Monday afternoons with your child’s classroom teacher. One lesson reminded us of the Bathroom 2”S. Mr. Mulry even came to help the Kindergarteners practice appropriate bathroom behaviors. We also had a lesson on lunchroom procedures and behaviors. In the coming weeks, we will be looking for classrooms that are doing a great job in the lunchroom to sit at a specially decorated lunch table. Finally as a part of safe week, we have been talking about ways to deal with behaviors that “bug” us. Our debugging plan includes 5 steps:

- Ignore if that doesn’t work...
- Walk away
- Talk friendly
- Talk firmly
- Get adult help



Boy's and Girl's Club afterschool update-

If you are looking for afterschool care or a place for your child to spend some time in a supervised environment, please note that the Boy's and Girl's Club of Appleton- the downtown location- is now providing a Boy's and Girl's staff member that comes to Franklin everyday after school to supervise students and help them get on the right bus to the club. We are very grateful for this new feature and wanted you to know this is being offered free of charge! If you are interested in having your child attend the club, please call 731-0555 to register. The cost is minimal.

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):

Faith M.	Leyla G.	Sophie C.	Drew P.	Celeste V.
Alan M.	Aria D.	Alan T.	Bella C.	Cordell G.

PTO News

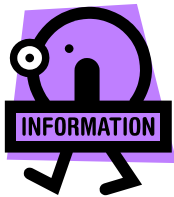
Dilly Bar Sale - This Friday, October 7 at 3:20pm

Don't forget to send a dollar for a Dilly Bar. The sale will begin right after school and will be held in the hallway near the kindergarten rooms. All proceeds benefit Franklin school programs and students.

Fox Trot Dance - This Friday, October 7 from 6:00-7:30

It's a 50's style all-school dance. Free for all Franklin students and families. **This year, to really light things up, glow sticks will be available for \$.25 each.** Three hooked together make a great necklace! So put on your bobby socks, slick back your hair and join us for some 50's style fun at the Fox Trot Dance. Popcorn and water will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall Pictures - Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with Fall pictures. Your time and support are very much appreciated!



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, Principal.



(Optional) Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

