



## Franklin Fox Tales

*News from Franklin Elementary School*  
 -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-

**December's Theme:** Celebrate Franklin in the 70's—a part of our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! Students will hear music from the 70'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.

### ELL Access testing- month of December

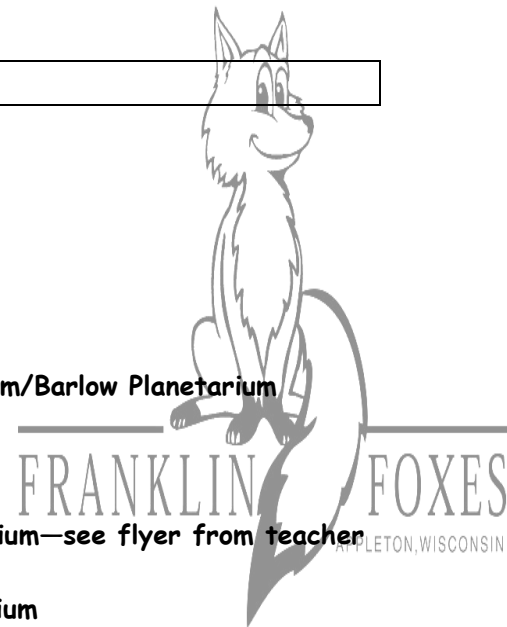
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| Dec. 15 | Fox Tales Newsletter goes home   |
| Dec. 16 | 3:30, Dilly Bar Sale, \$1.00 a bar   |
| Dec. 20 | Spirit Day—dress in the 1970's clothing<br>8:45-10:15, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade to Weis Earth Science Museum/Barlow Planetarium<br>11:45, Paw Pals luncheon<br>12:45-3 , K-2 Bowling Field Trip |
| Dec. 21 | 12:45, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade band performance for families, auditorium—see flyer from teacher  |
| Dec. 22 | 9 am, Geography Bee Competition, grs. 4-6, auditorium<br>11:27 dismissal   |

### Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Winter Recess

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| Jan. 3 | Classes resume   |
| Jan. 5 | Fox Tales Newsletter goes home                               |
| Jan. 6 | \$0.50 Popcorn Sale in the Kindergarten hallway after school |

### Jan. 9-Jan. 27 MAP testing in Grades 1-6 -please watch classroom newsletters for exact dates

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| Jan. 9 | Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, Jan. 9-13<br>8:30-9:30, Reading to Canines in grade 1 and ELL rooms |
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- Jan. 13                    3:30, Dilly Bar Sale \$1.00
- Jan. 16                    3:30, PTO meeting in LMC
- Jan. 17                    7:30 and 3:30, Talent Show auditions in the auditorium
- Jan. 18                    Arbitrary Friday- instead of following a Wednesday class schedule, we follow a Friday class schedule- please bring needed band/strings instruments to school
- Jan. 19                    7:30 and 3:30, Talent Show auditions in the auditorium
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| Jan. 20 | 11:27 Dismissal, Teachers work on report cards in the afternoon |
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- 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. 26                    11:45, Paw Pals Luncheon in art room
- 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



### No School-

There will be no school for students on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

Dismissal will be at 11:27 AM. Please make arrangements with your child for early dismissal. There will be no school on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Jan.2 to celebrate the winter recess and New Year. School resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

### 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):

Nolan G.	Thomas S.	Charlie F.	Ava H.	Kaitlin A.
Gavin L	Raina H.	Ashley K.	Trent S.	Bryce K.

### Thank you families-

For supporting our fundraiser at Chuck e Cheese last week, as well as our PTO fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proceeds are returned directly to Franklin School.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade Band program, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please join the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students in the auditorium beginning at 12:45 for an informal band recital. There will not be an evening performance. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's band teacher or contact the office.



**National Geographic Geography Bee, gr. 4-6, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am**

4-6<sup>th</sup> graders will have classroom competitions around geography related questions prior to Dec. 22nd. Students from each gr. 4-6 classroom will advance to the school completion on Dec. 22. Families are welcome to attend. One student will move forward to represent our school at the regional National Geographic competition, with finalist moving to the state level and a chance to compete at the national level for a \$25,000 scholarship.



**Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, Jan. 9-13**

Please join me in thanking our dedicated crossing guards for their faithful service to our children by keeping them safe as they cross the road to and from school, especially in inclement weather. We have three crossing guards that service our school: Marquette and Oneida Street, Jarchow and Marquette Street, and Drew Street near Erb Park.

**A request from our school nurse..**

**COUGH DROPS / THROAT LOZENGES:** With cold and cough season fast approaching, we are asking parents to refrain from sending cough or throat lozenges to school. These small, slippery, hard, discs can become a choking hazard for children. Instead, please send your child to school with a water bottle if he/she is experiencing a cough or scratchy throat. Frequent sips from a water bottle will keep the throat moist and greatly soothe a scratchy throat and calm a cough. If you feel that your child does need to have cough drops at school, a medication form will need to be completed by the parent and turned in to the office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Happy Holidays and a Joyous 2012 New Year,  
From the Franklin Staff

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR