

## **Franklin Fox Tales**

*News from Franklin Elementary School*

*September 22, 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-**

**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--**

6:30- show starts, Doors open at 6 pm., PTO movie night in auditorium  
\$2.00 family admission includes show, popcorn and water. Come and watch RIO!

**September 26**

8:30-9:30 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**

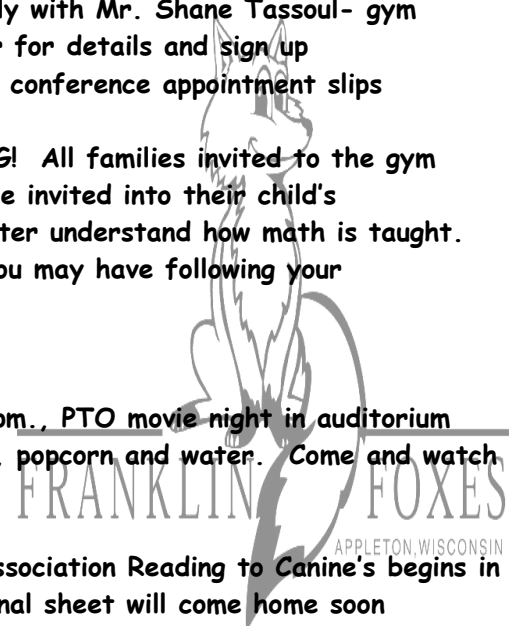
PICTURE DAY! Bring your smile! Students need to return their picture envelopes

**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.



**October's Theme:** Celebrate Franklin in the 50's—a part of our 60<sup>th</sup> 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 and participate in various birthday themed events during transition times and at lunch recess. Each month's spirit day will focus on clothing from that decade.

- October 3                    12:30/12:45, Cool Tools PBIS all school social skills lesson on audience behavior in gym and auditorium  
8:30-9:30 United For Reading Success tutoring begins in gr. 1 and Kindergarten
- 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                    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 child during the dance. Thank you to our PTO for paying for the DJ that will provide music, as well as refreshments. Families are welcome!
- 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 20                  Fox Tales Newsletter goes home  
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



### **Morning Drop Off-**

The earliest time you may drop off or send your children to school is 7:45am , and they must report to the breakfast room and participate in the breakfast program. If your child does not participate in the breakfast program, the earliest drop off time is 8:05. PLEASE do not send your children prior to these times. If you are in need of earlier morning supervision, please contact our Y Care Before School program. We have had many, many children coming as early as 7 am and wondering around our building.



### **Headphones needed!**

All students in grades K-6 are asked to bring a set of headphones to school to use throughout the school day. This is especially important in grade 1 as students will be MAP testing and need headphones in order to complete the MAP test in reading and math. If you didn't pick up a set of headphones (preferably not ear buds) please do so as soon as possible. For sanitary reasons, we are asking that each child have his/her own set of headphones, in either a plastic baggie with their name or other marking for their name.

### **A note from the Kitchen...**

Just a reminder that you are able to access your child's account at [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com) Breakfast cost is \$1.00, reduced pay is \$0.30. Lunch cost is \$2.30, reduced pay is \$0.40. Also, free/reduced applications are available if interested! The maximum charge for full pay is \$9.90 and \$2.10 for reduced. If your child is at his/her limit they will receive a peanut butter sandwich and white milk. Any family that has not completed a new application for the current school year, or has not received a letter indicating their level of benefit --will revert to full pay lunch after 10/21. Please contact the office to complete a free/reduce pay form.



### **Update on our Welcome Back Social- Tom's Drive In**

Thank you for coming to Tom's Drive In for our first social of the year! Our school earned \$200 from the event that will be used directly with your children in their classrooms. We are so grateful for your support! The periodic socials provide money that funds various items: student scholarships to offset field trip costs for families in need, Healthy Kids bi monthly snack attacks, small playground equipment, intervention reading kits, acceleration reading supplies and a variety of teacher requested materials for use in their classrooms. Please feel free to come to all or as many of the socials as you can! We try to vary the choices and are always looking for different venues, so if you have information from various businesses that comes your way, please let us know. We have the following events planned 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

## **Math Mania Morning-YOU ARE INVITED!**

Please come to Franklin on Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Franklin staff, including Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Beyer, Ms. Coenen, and Mrs. Ellenbecker 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. Staff supervision will begin at 7:45 in the multi purpose room 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!



## **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.

## **ELL Family Night-**

ELL Family Night will be September 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Please Read Carefully---New Security System Coming to Franklin**

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.



## Tri County Dental Clinic to Franklin

The Tri County Dental Clinic will be coming to Franklin on Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am and will set up in our multi purpose room. All students that receive free/reduce pay lunch are eligible to participate in this program. If you registered your child during registration for participation in the clinic, your child will go to the multi purpose room where a dental hygienist will do a brief exam on your child's teeth, apply a fluoride treatment, and send a small baggie home with your child, often containing toothpaste sample/toothbrush. Inside that baggie will be a note from the dental hygienist letting you know if follow up care is needed (i.e. filling, cleaning, tooth extraction). All follow up care is done at the Tri County Dental Clinic near the Fox Valley Technical College, and in many cases is free of charge. Families in need of follow up care must contact the clinic for an appointment. If you believe your child is eligible for participation in this clinic but you are not registered, please contact the office. We will send home additional paperwork for children that are eligible.

### Summer School Dates: 2012

We have been asked to share the 2012 June/July summer school dates with families. Please add these dates to your calendars, especially as you plan summer vacations. They are:

#### Elementary and Middle School

June 18-29

Week of July 4<sup>th</sup> off

July 9-20

#### High School

Session One: June 11-29

Session Two: July 9-27

### FREE HAIRCUTS, GROCERIES...

On October 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

## Franklin's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Series:

We are proud of our building and have a series of special events planned throughout the year to celebrate our special birthday. The first will occur on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 am.

**Please come to: Franklin Family Fun Run/Walk!**

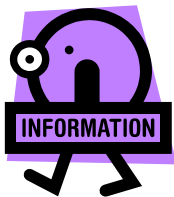
Beginning at 9 am, families are invited to come to Franklin and:

- 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 by staff

Beginning at 9:30, we will officially kick off our fun run/walk around our campus and conclude with some healthy snacks. More info to follow.

## Student lunchroom updates-

We are excited to report that grades 3-6 have new lunch tables in the gym! Students have assigned seating at grades 3-4 by their classrooms and currently grades 5-6 students may sit at any of the tables. We plan on doing mix it up lunch tables to introduce students to other students, as well as music Tuesday and other incentives to encourage good behavior and listening skills while in the lunchroom. Picnic style seating, where students sit in large groups on the floor, will no longer be an option due to sanitary concerns in the gym. In the K-2 lunchroom, our PBIS committee is on the lookout for classrooms showing exceptional manners and lunchroom behavior, and Mrs. Beyer's room was chosen to sit at a decorated table today and enjoy a licorice treat as a special reward for good lunchroom behavior and listening! Please encourage your child to use good manners, soft voices, and good listening skills while in the lunchroom. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child in the lunchroom, or sign their child out in the office if they wish to take your child home for lunch or out to eat.



## Crossing Guard update...

Mr. Johnson, our faithful crossing guard at Oneida and Marquette has retired. He has been a crossing guard for the Appleton Police Department for over 11 years, and at Franklin for nine years. If you would like to drop off a card of thanks for his service, please bring to the office. We are going to drop off student cards and notes of appreciation to his home on Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. We will miss Mr. Johnson and thank him for his service crossing our students.

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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, Principal.



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

