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Franklin Elementary

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Happy November! It is hard to believe we have already been in school for two months. As we enter the holiday season, we have much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for our families and the wonderful students you send to us on a daily basis. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education! It will ensure they have a better future. We look forward to meeting with you about your child on November 9th and 10th during our parent teacher conferences. Please see more conference information on page two.

We are thankful to our students who took a risk and ran for sixth grade student council positions. The speeches were fantastic and we look forward to another great year of spirit days and community service at Franklin!

We are thankful to our PTO who continues to support our students and enrichment opportunities for them. Our PTO has already funded several field trips and we have a theater production coming to Franklin November 15th that would not have been possible without our PTO.

We are thankful for our Franklin staff who continue to hone their skills and examine their practice to provide the very best learning for your child(ren). We spent our collaborative day in October focusing on providing effective feedback to students. Research shows that clear, consistent feedback to students can guide them toward their learning goals and support academic success. Teachers provide feedback throughout the day in a variety of ways. They write on student assignments, meet with students about their work, facilitate classroom discussions of

learning, and give quick oral direction as students work. You provide feedback to your child on a daily basis as well. The more specific and clear your directions are to your child, the more successful your child will be at accomplishing the task.

We are thankful to Mrs. Eyestone, our music teacher, for organizing our Veteran's Day Assembly on November 8th at 9:40 and 10:45. Thank you to all of our Veterans!

We are thankful.

You are your child's first and most important teacher.

Warmly,

Amity Butler
Principal

Important Dates:

- **November 8:** *Veteran's Day Assembly, K and 4-6 @9:40, 1-3 @10:45*
- **November 9-10:** *Parent Teacher Conferences - No School!*
- **November 11:** *Veteran's Day - No school!*
- **November 15;** *Book It Theater Production 8:45 and 10:00 a.m.*
- **November 16:** *2:45 PTA meeting in Franklin library*
- **November 18:** *Second Picture Day if you missed the first one.*
- **November 23:** *Spirit Day - Theme to be announced*
- **November 24-25:** *Thanksgiving Holiday*
- **November Recognition Assemblies begin the week of November 28.**

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Student Council

On October 25th we held our student council elections for sixth grade officers. Speeches were incredibly well done and we had 21 students run for office. Thank you to Mrs. Chapman for helping our students prepare such high quality speeches! Congratulations to our newly elected sixth grade student council officers.

President: Milo Atwater

Vice President: Lauren Rankin

Secretary: Callie Hall

Treasurer: Lum Fu

Photographers: Saige Hefton, Jocelyn Reifentahl, and Keenan Leslie

Below are photos of all of our candidates. We are proud of every one of them. We will have our first student council meeting this Friday with representatives from each third through sixth grade classroom. We plan to open our school store this Friday dur-

ing lunch and be open each Friday we have school.

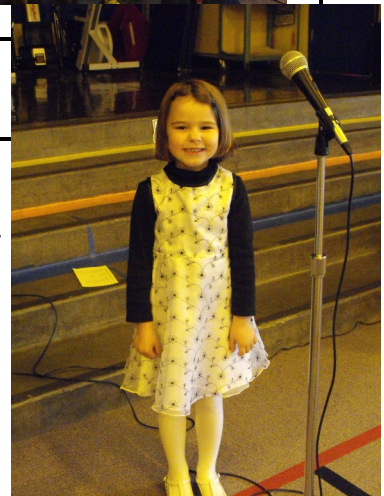


PTO Information and Principal for the Day

We completed a very successful **Fun Run** and Read-a-thon fundraiser in October. Thank you to all the families and students who participated and made it such a fun day at Franklin. We raised just about \$5,000. One of the first items we are using the money for is to give our students the opportunity to see a live performance by **Book It Theater** on November 15th. Book It Theater will perform *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* in the Franklin gym twice during the day.

Miss Abby Frank won the option of being principal for the day or putting a pie in the face of Mrs. Butler. She chose to be the principal for the day and led the student council elections. Our first and second grades brought in the most money for our fun run and received pizza parties in class. Our third grade classrooms brought in the third most money and received a cookie decorating party. We also have individual winners, Piper Allen and Zane Glassock, who will get to take the staff member of their choice to lunch.

PTA currently meets in the Franklin Library at 2:45. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 16th! month. Please join us! We do provide daycare.



Office Notes



Our second picture day will be November 18th for students who were absent on picture day or who were not yet students at Franklin. Pictures should be in next week and will be given out at conference time to keep them from getting wrinkled in backpacks on the way home.



Fantastic Five

Congratulations to the following students for earning Fantastic Five Drawings:

October 13, 2011

Melissa Vogel, Zeddward Ray, Yau Fu, Chad Ward, Devon Coburn, Rayna Mathison, Blake Merideth, River McGill, Kayden McVaugh, Owen LaBelle, Link Boulton, Ana Weatherton, Mikayla Abbott, Tai Tumonis, Owen Riffle, Lilliana Ward-Peters, Barbara Vogel, Ellie Getchell, Elizabeth Groff, and Makena Merideth

October 21, 2011

Carlos Turner, Samantha Thumm, Chole-na Morrison, Sierra Raynes, James Coleman, Ava Brenkman, Andrew Hoover, Sam Rees, McKenzie Trantham, Maya Gentry, Teddy Chaney, Natalie Bunch,

Raina Myers, Joseph Ritchie, Ben Coppage, Brynn Daniels, Lacey Baker, Julius Johnson, Amelie Atwater, Brayden Phegley, Myles Bowechop, and Zach Gavin

October Birthdays

Zane Glassock, Gavin Johnson, Ana Weatherton, Emily Crosby, Adam Hollis, Noah Symonds, Molly Ciaciuch, Gavin Gray, Cassy Reese, Zoe Davis, James Lawrence, Brennan Gray, Connor Nagel, Ragini Patel, Cassidy Tamburro, Riley Michaelis, Nathan Carroll, Bella Johnson, Abby Sanders, Camden Thompson, Les Derma, Olivia Jackson, Tiffany Morris, Natalie Steinman, Breanna Willard, Karlie Gochnour, Olivia Carroll, Thomas



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10. If you do not already know your conference time, please contact Franklin Elementary or your child's teacher at 457-1343 to set up an appointment. Conferences are a great time to ask any questions you may have about homework, social issues with your child, or about your child's academic progress. In the next column are some examples of questions you might consider asking .

1. What skills will your student be expected to master this year?
2. How will your student be evaluated?
3. What can you do to stay more involved in your child's academic progress?

Organization is a huge issue as students get older and continue to grow in their learning. Please discuss with your child's teacher ways that you can help them get organized to

remember their homework, bring their instrument to school, and communicate with their teachers. It takes all of us to support our students and their learning!

In accordance with the Port Angeles School District's Strategic Plan, we will ask parents to complete a survey regarding our performance as a school district while you wait for conferences. Your input is valued and used to guide our next steps as a district.



Thank you for abiding by our no parking **drop off zone** in the mornings before school. Please do not park in the drop off area from the curve at the corner of the curb on Washington Street through the crosswalk. This area must be left clear for parents to drop off students at the curb so they are safe. Most mornings the flow works pretty well, but when one car parks in this area, it creates a traffic jam for everyone else.

The drop off zone needs to be kept clear between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. After the morning drop off we don't mind if parents or visitors park in our morning drop off zone. Thank you for your support!

We have had a larger number of tardy students this year. Our first bell rings at 8:05 and students are tardy if they are not in their classrooms by our 8:10 bell. Please work to get your student to school between 7:45 and 8:05. Thank you! Students often miss important directions and information during the first few minutes of class. This is often when they also turn in their work.

November Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lockdown Drill	3	4 Fantastic Five Student Council Meeting at 9:30	5
6	7	8 Veteran's Day Assemblies K,4-6 @ 9:40 1-3 @ 10:35	9 Parent Teacher Conferences No School for Students	10 Parent Teacher Conferences No School for Students	11 Veteran's Day No School	12
13	14	15 Book It Theater 8:45 and 10:00	16 PTA meeting 2:45 p.m.	17 Fire Drill AM	18 Fantastic Five	19
20	21	22	23 Spirit Day :TBD	24 Thanksgiving Holiday	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26
27	28 Recognition Assemblies 1 st @ 10:30 Enrichment Clusters Begin	29 Recognition Assemblies 3 rd @ 10:00	30 Recognition Assembly 2 nd @ 9:45 MAC enrichment clusters 12:30-2:00	1 Recognition Assembly 5 th @ 10:00	2	