

Raccoon Rattler

October 2011



It is already October and the weather is just starting to cool off again. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for cooler weather. We try not to have indoor recesses unless it is really raining hard! Students need time to go outside to run and play.

This year we have very few staffing changes at Franklin. We do have a new Ameri-Corps worker, Maddie Brown. She joins us right out of Western Washington University with a math degree. She will be working in many classrooms to support math instruction and will run some after school math clubs focused on providing extra support or enrichment depending on the grade level need.

We welcome the class of 2024 into kindergarten this year. Their faces are so bright and full of potential!

We are in the middle of our Fun Run and Read-a-thon fundraiser for Franklin. We are looking to help fund opportunities to bring special programs such as plays or science extensions to Franklin as well as continuing some of our favorite events like Science Night and Family Fun Night. Our PTO also supports field trips with the money from the Fun Run. Please consider supporting our Fun Run if your family can afford to do so. Thank you!.

Please join us this Friday, October 7th for our Family BBQ held on the same day as our Fun Run. We look

forward to a fun day and an opportunity to invite our families into our school. If you have a picnic blanket to bring, we will sit on the hillside to enjoy our lunch. We are desperately hoping for NO RAIN! Students are invited to wear Franklin attire or red and black (our school colors) on Friday!

Franklin shirt orders are also due October 7th!

Please read on to learn more about the exciting events at Franklin!

Warmly,

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Principal

Important Dates:

- **October 5:** *Picture Day for 3,5,&6 grade students*
- **October 6:** *Picture Day for k-2&4 grade students*
- **October 7:** *School Spirit Day, Fun Run, and BBQ*
- **October 10-13:** *Book Fair at Franklin*
- **October 11:** *Family Book Fair Night (5-7pm) and Open House (6-7pm) for all kindergarten students along with Mrs. Plenert, Mrs. Halsey, Mrs. Erickson, Ms. McGuire, Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Ritchie.*
- **October 12:** *PTA meeting in the Franklin Library at 2:45 p.m.*
- **October 13:** *Grand Event for Grandparents at our book fair after school*
- **October 14:** *Storytelling Festival at Peninsula College (we have 55 tickets to give away for free—first come, first served!)*
- **October 14:** **NO SCHOOL!** *Learning Improvement Day*
- **October 28:** *Second Spirit Day: Crazy Hair - your child may have crazy hair this day at school.*

Office and Safety Reminders

Please remember to park in the upper parking lot or above the curve in our sidewalk if you need to come into the school in the morning. We must leave a section of our sidewalk for parents to safely drop off their children. Once students have arrived at school, we ask that they either eat breakfast right away or head to the playground so we can ensure that all students are safe. After

our bell rings, we lock all of our gates so that our playground is secure.

Please also remember to always check in at the office if you enter Franklin during the day. We have most of our entrances locked during the day in order to encourage



visitors to use the front doors and check in.

Finally, if you need to make different arrangements for your child after school, please try to call the office before 1:00 p.m. so we can make sure your child gets their note before the end of the day.



Friday, October 7: Family Lunch BBQ, Spirit Day, and Fun Run

Our plan on Friday, October 1st is to celebrate our first month in school with a family barbeque during lunch time. Below is the tentative time schedule for each grade to have lunch.

Kindergarten: 11:00-11:40 a.m.

First Grade and Kim Davis: 11:15-11:55 a.m.

Second Grade: 11:30-12:10 p.m.

Third Grade: 11:45-12:25 p.m.

Fourth Grade: 12:00-12:40 p.m.

Fifth Grade and Mrs. Peterson: 12:15-12:55 p.m.

6th Grade: 12:30-1:10 p.m.

These times are our best guess at how we will make lunch work. Please be flexible if you come to eat with your child. Adult lunches will cost \$3.00 per adult and student lunches will cost \$1.90. Students who normally have hot lunch will use their lunch accounts as usual.

We will serve lunch under the covered playshed, then sit around the lower playground to eat. If it rains, we will find other accommodations.

Along with a barbeque lunch, we will also be wearing school colors (red and black) or Franklin shirts on Friday, October 1st

to celebrate our school spirit. We would love to see our families join us on this day if you can get away for lunch. If you have a picnic blanket and can bring it, that would be great!

Finally, we will have our Fun Run on Friday as well. Below is our Fun Run schedule:

Kindergarten: Normal PE

5th and 6th: 11:15-12:00

1st and 2nd: 12:10-12:55

3rd and 4th: 1:05-1:50



PTO Information

Franklin welcomes our new PTA officers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Co-Presidents: Samantha Bovechop and Cari Gavin

Co-Vice Presidents: Jennifer Riffle and Carrie Cobb

Secretary: Clark Driese

Treasurer: Jane Wise

Please consider becoming involved with our PTA. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Franklin library at 2:45 p.m. During the October 12th meeting, we also plan to review

Franklin's plan for parent involvement as portions of our Continuous School Improvement Plan and Title One Plan.

October 10-13 is Franklin's Book Fair. Books arrive on Monday with our Family Book Fair Night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on October 11th. Your students will bring home more information soon.



Storytelling Festival Tickets available at the Franklin Office! If you would like to attend the storytelling festival on Friday, October 14th (there is no school that day), we have 55 tickets available for FREE at the Franklin Office. They will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. You may not attend without a ticket! Please stop by and get your ticket soon! Thank you!

Open Houses

Thank you to those of you who attended our MAC Open House and our grades 4-6 Open House.

Our next open house is Tuesday, October 11th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for Mrs. Beard, Ms. Kim Davis, Mrs. Peggy Davis, Mrs. Halsey, Ms. Plenert, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Erickson, Ms. McGuire, and Mrs. Green.

We are coordinating our Open House with

our family book fair evening. The book fair will open at 5:00 p.m. and Open House will begin at 6:00 p.m. Both events will end at 7:00 p.m.

Open house is a great way to see what your child does during the day, meet others in your child's class, and learn about the academic and behavior expectations of your child throughout the year. Open

house is also a great time to sign up for parent teacher conferences in November and ask any questions you may have about school so far.



Picture Days at Franklin

Picture day will be October 4th for grades 3,5 & 6 and October 5th for grades k-2 &4. Our own Sherrie Schouten is taking our pictures again this year. We are thrilled to have her expertise in working with students and photography. Picture information went out last week.



Fantastic Five

Students earn Fantastic Five awards for extraordinary behavior or work at school. Teachers give students a slip of paper to celebrate the good deed or behavior. Students write their name on the paper. On Fridays, teachers draw one or two names. The students drawn come to the office, get a new pencil or bookmark, and get their picture taken. Fantastic Five pictures will be posted in the office area each week. Congratulations to the following students for our first two Fantastic Five Drawings:

September 16, 2011: Isaiah Getchell, Jesse Driese, Jynnafer Lightner, Kaiya Ochs, Sean Jimmicum, Josiah Morrison,

Cameron Temple, Danny Son, Jay Madrid, Alora Seaman, Kierra Puksta, Jacson Shook, Owen Labelle, Brooklyn Treider, and Abby Frank

September 23, 2011: Hannah Anderson, Randy LeBeck, Abby DeLong, Brooklyn Sharp, Brielle Murray, Elijah Corp, Sara Brady, Porter Litle, Ethan Bunch, Emily Crosby, Scott Nutter, Chris Hamilton, Vaidehi Patel, Aiden Cornish, McKenzie Trantham, Gavin Satterfield, Gwyneth VanBlair, and Jayven Coppage.



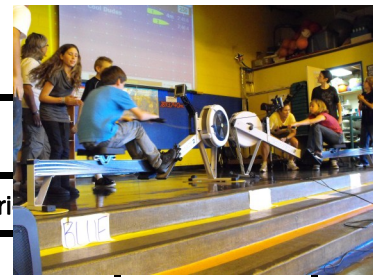
September Birthdays

We celebrated September Birthdays on Friday: Happy Birthday to Jay Madrid, Charlotte Hertel, Malachi Elliott, Lillian Davis, Abby Frank, Victoria Krause, Brielle Murray, Tai Tumonis, Caitlyn Floerchinger-Noe, Derek Bowechop, Abby Delong, Bradey Weems, Lilly Sanders, Jayven Coppage, Zaine Raymond, Brynn Daniels, Grady Bourm, Paige Foth, Orion Griffin, Makenna Cornish, Saige Hefton, Sam Rees, Brooklyn Treider, Brandon Foth, Ty Camby, Kelsey Erving, Bryant Hoch, Maddy Massman, Samantha Aranda, Elizabeth Getchell, Alivia Gardia, River McGill, Keira Gedel-

man, Isabella Schulz, Prishna Patel, Ben Pauly, and Jacob Roberts.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2	3 Site Team 2:40 p.m.	4 Early Release – Vertical Teams – Planning and look at CSIP	5 Picture Day Grades 3, 5, 6 Reorganization Task Force 3:30-5:00 p.m.	6 Picture Day Grades K,1,2,4 Symphony K-3 @ 1:15 4-6 @ 1:55	7 Fantastic Five Spirit Day (school colors / shirts) Lunch BBQ for Families with students Adventure Run/Read a thon Fundraiser	8
9	10 Book Fair 11:10-3:00 Preview for Classes	11 Book Fair 11:10-3:00 Preview continued Early Release; Grade Level Teams Book Fair – 11:10-3:00 Family Night 5-7 p.m. K-3 Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.	12 Book Fair purchasing today PTA Mtg. 2:45 Reorganization Task Force 3:30-5:00 p.m.	13 Book Fair 11:10-3:00– Grandparents invited to the book fair after school Purchasing during the day	14 Learning Improvement Day, No School for Students Storytelling Festival at Peninsula College	15
		18	19	20 Fire Drill	21 Fantastic Five	22
				27	28 Oct. Birthdays Spirit Day Crazy Hair	29
23/30	24					