

FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! I surely hope you found your summer to be relaxing, reenergizing and enjoyable. Thank you for all your continued support and encouragement as we begin another great school year with all our new and returning students. The beginning of a new school year has always had a special meaning and sense of excitement. It is a time that makes a fresh start, exciting possibilities and great promise. For children, it means new friends and teachers, new learning, discovery and growth. We look forward to working with you as we educate your children in these elementary years of school. These years are the most important because they lay the foundation for our children's total school experience. I appreciate that you recognize your child's academic progress and enthusiasm for learning at this exciting time.

Please remember that masks are required in all Manitowoc Public School District buildings. Please make sure your child comes to school with a mask (or two!) every day.

It's going to be another wonderful year of teaching, learning and growing together!

Mrs. Lee Vang, Principal

COMMUNITY FLYERS UPDATE

As a service to the community, the Manitowoc Public School District posts flyers for upcoming events from nonprofit organizations on their homepage and Facebook page. Please visit the web site at www.manitowocpublicschools.org/for_families/community_flyers for additional information on the following flyers:

Girl Scout Registration - Thursday, September 16

Manitowoc Public Utilities Open House Event - Thursday, September 16

Holy Family Conservatory of Music Group Classes



BAND AND ORCHESTRA NEWS

ATTENTION ALL FIFTH GRADE PARENTS! In case you missed the parent meeting, registration materials will be sent home soon with students to sign up for band or orchestra. Please either return the pink form to school as soon as possible or visit the instrumental music

web site at <https://sites.google.com/mpsd.school/joinmusic/home> to register.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Did you move over the summer? Did you change any of your phone numbers or an e-mail address? How about a new job? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please update your child's gold Census Verification Report which will be coming home soon. It's very helpful when our records are current and accurate to provide for your child(ren)'s safety. When the Census Verification Report is sent home, please review the information, make the necessary changes, sign and return the form to school (regardless if changes are made).

RAPTOR VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To enhance the safety of Franklin School, we will be utilizing our Raptor Visitor Management System. If visitors would like to enter the building during school hours for any reason, they will need to submit a valid state ID or driver's license. The office staff will then scan their information in the National Sex Offender Registry. If approved to enter our school, a nametag will be printed which must be worn on the outermost layer of clothing at all times. All visitors must return to the office to sign out prior to leaving the building.



SCHOOL NURSE MESSAGE

Greetings Franklin families!

The 2021-22 school year is upon us, and it is time to sign your child(ren) up for the school dental program provided by Lakeshore Community Health Care. The Lakeshore Community Health Care provides dental services such as exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants and fillings right here at Franklin School! The dental program is scheduled to come to Franklin School in November. A bright green dental sign-up form has been sent home from school with your child(ren). These forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. You will need to fill out one form for EACH child. If you do NOT want this service for your child, please indicate so on the form and return it to school. It is equally important that ALL forms be returned to the school as soon as possible. This helps the dental clinic with both planning and funding the program. You also have the option of filling out the form online at https://www.pdfFiller.com/en/link_to_fill/535490245.htm. Once submitted, this form will be sent directly to the dental clinic.



If you have any questions, please call the school nurse at (920) 323-7592 or the Lakeshore Community Health at (920) 395-2981, extension 327.



Franklin School's picture day will be held on Tuesday, October 5. All students will receive a picture proof form on picture day with two images. All pictures must be ordered and paid for online. If you don't have the ability to pay online, you will need to contact Harmann Studios for other payment options.

Harmann Studios recommends following these steps for a successful picture day:

Step 1: Dress for success! Solid-colored shirts photograph best. Avoid white, neon and crazy patterned shirts, bare arms and text on your shirt.

Step 2: Choose the right pose and picture package.

Step 3: Place your order. Choose your favorite pose from the two proofs, and make sure you choose the package that fits your needs.

If for some reason you are not satisfied with your picture proof or your child is absent, our picture retake day will be the morning of Thursday, November 11.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY!

Welcome to another awesome school year! My name is Mrs. Zahn, and I am the school media manager. Throughout the school year, Franklin students will have the opportunity to visit our library once a week so they may check out books of their choice. Students in kindergarten and first grade will receive a plastic book bag to keep and use throughout the school year. Please, do not throw it away! Students are encouraged to be responsible for the care of the books they borrow from the library and return them in a timely manner. I also suggest students keep their books in their backpack, preferably in the plastic book bag, when they are not reading them. This helps to keep books from being misplaced or damaged. If a library book is lost or damaged, please inform your child's teacher or myself as soon as possible. Please do not repair damaged books at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to contact me at (920) 663-9496 or zahn@mpsd.school.



READING NEWS

We are off to a great start for the 2021-22 school year! As we begin the new school year, we continue to urge your family to read together. Your child will continue to develop his or her reading skills through this additional time spent with books in hand. Research shows that improved reading will happen with continued practice, and we encourage you to talk about the book with your child before, during and after reading the book. This will further engage your child to think deeply about the text and help improve comprehension. Make sure you read the future newsletters for more reading ideas, tips, information and events!

PTA NOTES

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! My name is Renee Schweigl, and I am excited to announce that I am your new PTA president! I work as an emergency room registered nurse and love volunteering on the PTA. My husband and I have two boys at Franklin School this year. We were sad to see summer go since we love camping and spending time on our land; however, we are looking forward to a fun, safe school year!

After doing a fantastic job as the PTA president for the past two years, Brittany Comeau is this year's vice president. She works as a medical assistant at a local clinic and has three children, two of which are at Franklin School.

I am excited to introduce Tiffany Brandes as our new treasurer! Tiffany is a first grade teacher at Jackson Elementary School and has two children, one of which is at Franklin.



It was wonderful to see so many parents and students at this year's Open House on Wednesday, August 25! Bingo cards were handed out to the students who came to the Open House. If the bingo cards were returned to the PTA, the students received a special spirit stick. Several parents were interested in joining the PTA. We are ALWAYS looking for new members! The big question of the evening was "What does the PTA do?" Monthly PTA meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We wouldn't be able to operate without them! If you can't attend a meeting "in person," there is a virtual Google meet option. These meetings are fun, engaging, and are where we plan fun events for our families, students and staff. The PTA also does a lot of fundraising for the school. Because of our fundraising efforts, we were able to purchase new swings for the playground. The PTA's goal is about making our school an enjoyable environment for our students, parents and staff. We are looking forward to having you join us at our future meetings.

Our first family event of the year is the return of the Packer tailgate party! It's scheduled for Sunday, September 26, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on the black top. If it rains, the party will be held in the gym. There will be bounce houses, raffle prizes and individually wrapped snacks. We are asking everyone who attends to bring 15-20 single packed snack items to share. Come help us cheer on the Packers as they play against the 49ers!



Our Hansen's fundraiser is currently ongoing and will end Friday, September 24. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Information regarding the fundraiser pickup will be posted on the PTA and Franklin Facebook pages, as well as in the October newsletter.



Spirit sticks are back! This year, we will be able to sell spirit sticks before and after school in the art room, during lunch in the gym and at all of our PTA family events. All spirit sticks cost \$1.00. A flyer will be sent home letting everyone know which spirit sticks will be for sale. Spirit sticks are very popular, not only with the kids, but also with parents!

We are also bringing back the Spirit Stick of the Month club. For only \$8.00, your child will receive a unique spirit stick every month that only members receive. They will also have a chance to receive the "Spirit Monkey of the Month" stuffed monkey.

This year, we will continue to save Coke caps. We will have a bucket on the PTA table located outside the office for you to put them in. There is no more clipping Box Tops! Instead, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Log onto <https://www.boxtops4education.com> for more information. Another great fundraiser earning us FREE money is Amazon Smile. Using your desktop or laptop, visit smile.amazon.com and select **PTA Wisconsin Congress Franklin PTA**. You can then turn on Amazon Smile using the Amazon app on your phone. Amazon donates 0.5% from eligible purchases back to Franklin!



Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Free childcare is provided. If you are unable to attend the meeting in-person, the meeting codes will be posted on the Franklin Facebook page. Your entire PTA is excited and committed to making this an incredible year!



GROWING MATH KNOWLEDGE

A great way to enrich your child's math knowledge is by "mathematizing the world." Point out when you are doing math and let your child help. Examples are counting toys as they are being picked up; have your child help measure cooking or baking ingredients; or, count money, especially coins. Help your child tell time on a clock with hands or set a timer for playtime and ask what time it will be when the timer goes off. Another fun way to grow math knowledge is by playing games that have dice and cards and encourage your children to total the dice before they "make their moves."

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| September 15 | PTA meeting, library, 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| September 16 | Girl Scout registration, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| September 22 | Autumn begins |
| September 24 | PTA fundraiser ends |
| September 25 | Packer tailgate party, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (In case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the gym.) |

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

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| October 5 | School picture day |
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