

# FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are already a quarter of the way through the school year! SFA groups will be changing in two weeks, so make sure to congratulate your student if they have already moved up a reading level. There's plenty of time left in the school year, so your student will have two more opportunities to show their reading progress this year.

As the weather gets worse, please make extra effort to have your students here on time each morning at 8:10 a.m. Learning begins at 8:22 a.m. each morning and there are announcements and lunch choices to make during those first minutes of the day once the bell rings.

Keep up the good work and please call me if you have any questions.

## 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](http://www.manitowocpublicschools.org/for_families/community_flyers) for additional information on the following flyers:

Second Annual Empty Bowls fundraising event benefitting Grow It Forward mission  
Learn to Skate - Manitowoc County Figure Skating Club  
Volunteers needed - Hope Community Church  
Food for Fathers  
Holy Family Conservatory of Music  
Manitowoc Ships Youth Wrestling Program



## SAVE THE DATE

This year's music concert will be held on **Tuesday, March 18**. The performances are scheduled as follows:

Kindergarten and first grade: 1:10-1:40 p.m.

Second and third grade: 1:50-2:20 p.m.

Fourth and fifth grade: 2:30-3:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this concert.

## COLD WEATHER IS COMING!

Make sure your children are prepared for the cold weather that will be quickly upon us! Children spend time outside during the school day as long as the "feels like" temperature is zero or above. It is very important that they be prepared for the weather. Please make sure your child comes to





The annual vision screenings with the Lions Club was completed at Franklin on Monday, October 21. All kindergarten, second, and fourth grade students were screened. We cannot thank the Lions Club enough for all their help with this task! Healthy vision is a very important part of being able to learn. If your child did not pass the vision screening, a letter with the recommended next steps was sent home. Please reach out to the school nurse if you have any questions.

Questions about SFA? Please contact Franklin's SFA Facilitator, Brenda Heideman, at (920) 663-9476 or [heidemanb@mpsd.school](mailto:heidemanb@mpsd.school).



**PINKEYE** – Does your child have pinkeye? Unsure if he/she can return to school? In **MOST** cases, children can attend school with pinkeye whether or not treatment has been initiated. The one exception is if he/she cannot stop touching or rubbing the eyes. Good handwashing is the best method of prevention!

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

This year, Student Council is going to be responsible for raising and taking down the American flag in front of the school. Three students will be responsible each week for this very important task, and all Student Council members will have an opportunity to perform this task each week during the school year. Please know that the flag will not be raised during inclement weather and cold weather days, nor will it be raised if there is a huge snow pile in front of the flag pole from snowplowing.



Our next Student Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, in the gym. With the Thanksgiving season rapidly approaching, we are going to ask each student to write a brief "thankful" message which will then be put on our bulletin board. We are also planning to have Student Council members read a message during our morning announcements. Student Council will also be making food drive posters for our annual Peter's Pantry food drive, which will be held November 11-22, 2024. This community project is a favorite among all the Student Council members! They enjoy watching the donated food items grow, as well as making announcements and "shopping" the Franklin School hallways.



Looking ahead to the future, Student Council will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Pick & Save on Wednesday, December 11, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be two shifts - 5:00-6:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

## PTA NOTES



What an amazing turn-out we had for our annual "Trick-or-Treat in the Hallways" family event! It was fun to see the staff all dressed in their costumes to welcome our little witches, ghosts, princesses, dinosaurs, and action figures. We want to thank everyone for "feeding" the Franklin candy monster! Once again, with the help of your donations, we did NOT run out of candy this year!

Book lovers unite! Our Scholastic Book Fair is returning on Monday, November 11, and it will end at the conclusion of parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, November 14. The hours are as follows:

Monday, November 11: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Book fair preview days will be Friday, November 8, and Monday, November 11. These days will be for students to come and browse the book fair with their classes. Library staff will also read a book from the book fair to all students in kindergarten through second grades.

You can visit the Scholastic Book Fair website at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/franklinelementaryschool85>

When you visit the website, you can create your child(ren)'s E-Wallet, which is a safe and easy way for your student to purchase items at the book fair without the risk of lost or stolen money. Your child just needs to tell the worker what their name is and who their teacher is.

PTA will be selling spirit sticks **AFTER** school on Wednesday, November 6, and again on Wednesday, November 20, during in the gym. As always, there will be an announcement on both the PTA and school Facebook pages. The school will also send out an IC message to all the families.



Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated Breakfast with Santa! It's scheduled for Saturday, December 14, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Volunteers are always needed for this popular event. More information will be coming.

Our monthly PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the library. The meeting usually lasts an hour. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, joining the PTA is an excellent choice!



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## NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| November 3     | Daylight Saving Time ends ( <b>Remember to "fall behind" one hour!</b> )    |
| November 4     | Staff Development Day ( <b>No school for students</b> )                     |
| November 6     | Spirit stick sale, <b><u>after school only</u></b>                          |
| November 7     | Student Council meeting, 7:30 a.m.<br>Large group band rehearsal, 7:30 a.m. |
| November 11-14 | Scholastic Book Fair  |
| November 11    | Veterans Day  |
| November 11-22 | Student Council's Peter's Pantry Food Drive                                 |



- November 13 Picture Retake Day, 10:30 a.m.
- November 14 Parent/teacher conferences, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- November 15 **NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS**
- November 20 Spirit stick sale, after school  
PTA meeting, library, 4:00 p.m.
- November 21 Large group orchestra rehearsal, 7:30 a.m.
- November 27 No afternoon classes (**classes released at 11:30**)
- November 28-29 No school for staff or students (**Happy Thanksgiving!**)

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| MPSD Elementary November Lunch Menu  |   |   |  |  |
| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|  |   |   |  | 1<br>Blueberry Bash<br>Waffles w/ Yogurt<br>or<br>Sloppy Joe on a<br>Bun<br>Green Beans              |
| 4<br>No School   | 5<br>Cheeseburger<br>or<br>Corn Dog on<br>a Stick<br>Curly Fries              | <u><b>National Nacho Day</b></u><br>Nachos w/<br>Shredded Cheddar<br>or<br>Jr Italian Sub<br>Baked Beans                    | 7<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>w/ Garlic Breadstick<br>or<br>Fish Sticks<br>Carrots   | 8<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>w/ Dinner Roll<br>or<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Sandwich w/<br>Tomato Soup<br>Peas |
| 11<br>Big Daddy's<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>or<br>Egg Patty with Biscuit<br>Green Beans        | 12<br>Teriyaki Chicken<br>over Rice<br>or<br>Strawberry Parfait<br>Broccoli   | 13<br>Mini Corn Dogs<br>or<br>Pizza Casserole<br>Corn   | 14<br>No School  | 15<br>No School  |
| 18<br>Cheese Stuffed<br>Breadsticks w/ Sauce<br>or<br>Hot Dog on a Bun<br>Carrots          | 19<br>Walking Taco<br>or<br>Chicken & Cheese<br>Quesadilla<br>Corn            | 20<br>French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Links<br>or<br>Hot Ham & Cheese<br>Sandwich<br>Green Beans                             | <u><b>Holiday Feast</b></u><br>Turkey & Gravy w/<br>Dinner Roll<br>or<br>Pbj w/ String Cheese<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Harvest Bars | 22<br>Soft Pretzel w/<br>Cheese Sauce Cup &<br>String Cheese<br>or<br>Chicken Patty<br>Baked Beans   |
| 25<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Crunchers w/ Sauce<br>or<br>Chicken Tenders<br>w/Dinner Roll<br>Corn | 26<br>Pancakes w/<br>Sausage Patty<br>or<br>BBQ Riblet on a Bun<br>Tater Tots | <u><b>½ Day Bag Lunch</b></u><br>PBJ w/ String<br>Cheese<br>or<br>Turkey & Cheese<br>Sandwich<br>Vegetable, Fruit,<br>Snack | 28<br>                                       | 29   |