

# FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS

# December

## 2024

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### 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:

Beauty and the Beast  
Hockey Introduction Program  
Home is Where the Habitat is  
Learn to Skate Lessons  
Holy Family Conservatory of Music Violin/Piano Lessons



You may have noticed some of our fifth graders hanging out in the gym during breakfast on Wednesday mornings. These students are working in the UnitedOne Credit Union here at Franklin. They are available to help students grow their savings here at Franklin School from 7:45-8:10 a.m. Their goal is to reach \$1,000.00 in deposits by the end of the school year. If your child has a youth savings account with UnitedOne, they can deposit cash into their account every Wednesday we have school. If your child makes a deposit, they will earn a prize and receive a punch on their card. For every punch, your child will be closer to getting an even BIGGER prize! If your child doesn't have a savings account, just take them to any one of the UnitedOne branches. Visit [www.UnitedOne.org/Schools](http://www.UnitedOne.org/Schools) to learn more.

### SFA NEWS

Greetings Franklin families! As we move into the December cold weather, it's a great time of year to develop literacy skills at home. Here are some tips to help you based on the reading level of your child:



Your children are learning to rhyme. What a great time to sing nursery rhymes or read rhyming books! Your children are also learning sounds. Help your child by showing them alphabet letters and ask what sound each letter makes. The students are developing their oral language skills. Request

your child use complete sentences that make sense and include detail.



First graders are bringing home "Shared Story" books, which they've practiced reading at school. At home, please ask them to turn to the inside cover and read the section called "Green Words". These are phonetic words which can be sounded out. Then, ask your child to read the "Red Words". These are words that typically do not follow rules and just need to be memorized by sight. Putting that knowledge together

will allow them to successfully read the sentences at the bottom of the page. From there, they can read the book to you by retelling important events before turning the page.



Wings is the reading curriculum for the second, third, fourth and fifth grade students. Your children can read a book of choice each night. Picture books, graphic novels, chapter books, comic books, magazines, and internet articles are all great options. As they read, it's important to summarize what they've read by remembering to use complete

sentences to share the most important points.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Heideman, Franklin's SFA Facilitator at [heidemanb@mpsd.school](mailto:heidemanb@mpsd.school)



Student Council wants to thank all the students, staff, our families, both past and present, and our neighborhood community for bringing in food donations to help us with our Peter's Pantry food drive. The support of our community was overwhelming! With your help, we were able to donate 940 pounds of food to Peter's Pantry! The classrooms that brought in the most food items are: Mrs. Buchner's first grade class for collecting 68 food items came in third place;

Miss Verkruysee's fifth grade class came in second place for collecting 77 items, and the first place winner was Mrs. Lehman's third grade class for collecting 177 items! Congratulations to these classes! They are the winners of an ice cream treat from Student Council. Thank you for helping us help our local community.

Our annual tradition of ringing bells for the Salvation Army will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Pick & Save. There will be two shifts - 5:00-6:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. We are asking everyone to sign up for one shift. We will be located inside the breezeway of Exit Door West. Please have your child dress warmly, especially the feet! Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up students, and the office must have a permission slip on file. If parents have any questions, please contact Mrs. Augustenborg at (920) 663-9510.



## PTA NOTES

It's hard to believe it's already December, and the year 2024 is almost over! We want to thank everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair in November. It was an amazing turnout, and we surpassed last year's sales! We also want to thank Student Council for selling over \$300.00 worth of Seroogy's candy bars during parent/teacher conferences.



Everyone knows that when December arrives, we start planning our "Breakfast with Santa"! This year, this popular family event will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the gym. Santa's elves will be working behind the scenes cooking up pancakes and cutting up fruit, and coffee and juice will be served. Children will be able to visit and have their picture taken with Santa. Student Council will also be selling Seroogy's candy bars for \$2.00 during this event. Please return your green RSVP slips so the elves know approximately

how many pancakes to make. Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are available, please contact Samantha Grunow at [franklinpta@mpsd.school](mailto:franklinpta@mpsd.school).

Spirit sticks will be sold on Wednesday, December 18, during lunch in the gym. All spirit sticks cost \$1.00, and there will be special holiday spirit sticks available for purchase.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the library. Please enter the building through the main doors. All are welcome to attend.

## **NURSING NEWS** **DECEMBER 2024**

### **Headaches**

Does your child frequently complain of headaches? This is a common reason we see kids in the school health rooms. The first solution should not be to offer an OTC pain reliever as overuse of them can cause rebound headaches. Instead, we recommend parents discuss the following topics with children as there may be an easy solution:

- Is the child drinking enough water during the day?
- Is the child wearing his/her glasses at school (if they have them)?
- What time is the child going to bed at night?
- How much time is the child spending on electronics?
- Are the headaches a result of being hungry?

### **Immunization Requirement Changes**

Beginning with the start of the 2024-25 school year, WI DHS made a few changes to the immunization requirements for school-aged students:

- Tdap is now required prior to the start of 7th grade
- MenACWY is now required prior to the start of 7th grade and then again prior to the start of 12th grade

As always, there is a simple waiver available to sign if you are choosing for your child to not receive the required immunizations.

### **Sickness Prevention**

Cold and flu season is upon us! The uptick in illness during the winter months can be due to less sunlight, less sleep, more stress, less activity and increased treat consumption. Below are the best ways to prevent illness:

- Frequent handwashing
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- Avoid sharing utensils with others
- Get adequate sleep
- Stay hydrated and eat plenty of nutritious foods

### **DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 11	Student Council bell ringing at Pick & Save, 5:00-6:00 or 6:00-7:00 p.m.
December 12	Large group orchestra rehearsal, 7:30 a.m.
December 14	Breakfast with Santa, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
December 18	Spirit stick sale, gym (during lunch only) PTA meeting, library, 4:00 p.m.



December 19 Band AND Orchestra large group rehearsal (optional winter caroling prep), 7:30 a.m.  
December 21 First day of winter  
December 23-  
January 1 **NO SCHOOL - CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 2, 2025!**

**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE!**

January 10 Kindergarten field trip to the School Forest, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Your child is  
interested  
in opening a  
savings account  
at school!**

Dear Parent,

UnitedOne Credit Union school branches are run by students, for students. Having a savings account can help kids learn to responsibly manage their money in a fun, safe environment supervised by credit union staff members.

They can also participate in fun monthly savings incentives and are encouraged to listen to announcements, watch for posters, and stop by to find out more.

Visit **[www.UnitedOne.org/Schools](http://www.UnitedOne.org/Schools)** to learn more!



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**MANITOWOC  
SCHOOL  
BRANCHES**

Franklin Elementary  
Jackson Elementary  
Jefferson Elementary  
Madison Elementary  
Monroe Elementary  
Washington Middle  
Wilson Middle  
Lincoln High

*Everyone living or working in Manitowoc or Sheboygan counties is welcome to join and use the credit union. Insured by NCUA.*

**Need to open a new account for your student?**

Please let us know your contact information.

**Parent/Guardian First & Last Name:**

**Parent/Guardian Phone Number:**

**Can We Text You?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Best Time of Day to Call or Text:**

A.M.

P.M.

**Student First & Last Name:**

→ Bring this completed form to the school credit union or full-service branch.

# What's on the Menu?

## MPSD Elementary December Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>Breaded Chicken Drumstick w/ Dinner Roll or Cheese Pizza Bagels</p> <p>Carrots</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Nachos w/ Shredded Cheddar or Chicken &amp; Cheese Quesadilla</p> <p>Corn</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza or Chicken Alfredo over Penne Pasta</p> <p>California Blend</p>	<p>5</p> <p>French Toast w/ Sausage Links or Hot Dog on a Bun</p> <p>Potato Smiles</p>	<p>6</p> <p>No School</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce or Chicken Tenders w/ Dinner Roll</p> <p>Peas</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken over Rice or Strawberry Parfait</p> <p>Broccoli</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Nachos w/ Shredded Cheddar or Jr Italian Sub</p> <p>Corn</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Corn Dog on a Stick or Macaroni &amp; Cheese w/ Garlic Breadstick</p> <p>Baked Beans</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets w/ Dinner Roll or Italian Meat Sauce over Spaghetti</p> <p>Carrots</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza or Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Corn</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cheeseburger or Blueberry Muffin Goldfish Crackers Yogurt Cup</p> <p>Green Beans</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs or Lasagna Roll Up w/ Garlic Bread</p> <p>Baked Beans</p>	<p>19</p> <p><u>Holiday Feast</u> Turkey &amp; Gravy w/ Dinner Roll or Pbj w/ String Cheese Mashed Potatoes Sugar Cookie</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pancake Bites w/ Sausage Patty or Chicken Patty</p> <p>Tater Tots</p>
<p>23</p> 	<p><b>WINTER BREAK</b></p>			
<p>30</p>				
	<p>31</p> <p><i>New Years Eve</i></p> 			<p>Menu Subject to Change</p>