

FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



2025

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE



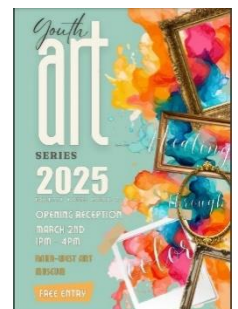
We all became heart heroes in February and took part in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. The entire school was able to raise \$5,622.00! The work that was done to raise donations to help others, and the work everyone is doing to keep our heart healthy is truly amazing! Because of everyone's hard work, we will have a dance party on Friday, June 6, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The three students who raised the most money were: first place - Evie W. from Mrs. Schultz's second grade class; second place - Ryleigh C. from Miss Twaddle's second grade class; and third place - Victor B. from Mrs. Goehring's fourth grade class. Because of their hard work, Evie will spend an entire day with Ms. Ganser assisting her with gym class and Ryleigh and Victor will spend half a day with Ms. Ganser.

The two classes that raised the most money were: first place - Mrs. Schultz's second grade class. They raised a total of \$1,177.00! Because of their hard work, they earned a popcorn and movie party. Coming in second place was Miss Twaddle's second grade class raising a total of \$1,132.00. Way to go Falcons!

YOUTH ART MONTH

Each year during the month of March, the Rahr West Art Museum partners with local and regional schools to bring art created by students in grades K-12 into their galleries. Everyone is invited to attend this incredible exhibit. Last year, over a thousand people attended the art show! This year, we have approximately 130 pieces of artwork displayed from Franklin students. We especially want to congratulate fourth grader Makenna for receiving the Mayor's Choice Award for her art work! Make sure you visit the museum to see all of the beautiful artwork from the talented students of the Manitowoc Public School District. This event is free to the public.




Vote on Tuesday, April 1 or Earlier by Absentee Ballot


On April 1, 2025, MPSD will ask voters for permission to borrow \$25 million to perform critical maintenance, safety, security and building infrastructure work across our schools.


If approved, the borrowing costs will be offset by operational budget savings, resulting in no increase to taxpayers for the facilities work. This will be achieved through primarily staffing changes that Interim Supt. Lee Thennes is presenting to the Board of Education on March 11.




 Join us at our remaining **Community Information Sessions** to learn about the need, solution and financing or see a recorded presentation on our website for on-demand viewing. All sessions are at 6 p.m. March 5 - virtual ([link here](#)); March 12 in Lincoln High School Auditorium, March 19 in Wilson Middle School Auditorium

 Learn more at manitowocpublicschools.org/referendum

 See the [fact sheet](#) that was mailed to MPSD homes

 Submit Qs via [this form](#) or contact Interim Supt. Lee Thennes at 920-686-4781 or thennesl@mps.d.school

 The debt payment would have no tax impact after the district finds offsetting savings by right-sizing MPSD's operational budget. How is that possible? Come to our information sessions!

Remember to vote!

You can vote in person at the City Clerk's Office or at your Town Hall. A photo ID is required to vote by absentee ballot (via mail or in person) and at polling places on election day, Tuesday, April 1. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots can be requested at <https://myvote.wi.gov/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail>. The Manitowoc City Clerk's office will mail you an absentee ballot if you [submit an absentee ballot request](#) using this [ballot request form](#) or call 686-6950.

You also can **vote absentee in-person from March 18 to March 28** at the City Clerk's office, 900 Quay St., Manitowoc, WI 54220. Absentee voting hours for the City of Manitowoc will be:

March 18-20: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 21: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

March 24-27: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 28: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



SPRING CONCERT

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 18**, when we will have our all-school spring concert! The concert performances are 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.

The students have been working very hard and are excited to perform for you! We look forward to seeing everyone at this concert.



March is an exciting month at Franklin as the third quarter draws to an end on March 28th. Your children are working hard each day using the Success for All program. The program was developed with the goal of using the best science available to ensure that students have excellent instruction and other essential supports so that they will learn the critical skills of reading.

Soon I will begin assessing reading fluency of our Wings students ensuring the children are reading at an appropriate rate (typically grades 2-5). They are also taking weekly tests focused on vocabulary and story comprehension. For our Roots students (typically first grade), I will be assessing their sight word level, oral reading accuracy, comprehension and fluency. Our KinderCorner students are working hard developing letter names and sound knowledge, as well as the ability to print their letters accurately. They are also studying concepts of print and learning to sound out words and full sentences.

Oral language development is another important skill that all children work on as they grow their capacity to speak in complete sentences and communicate well with others. How can you help us on our journey? Please have your child read for 20 minutes each weeknight and sign their Read and Respond homework sheet. In early April, we'll share updates with you regarding your child's progress.

Questions? Please reach out.

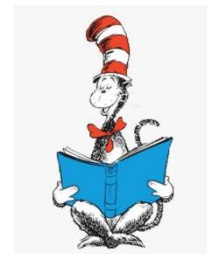
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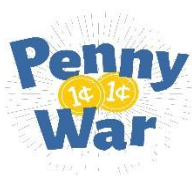
LIBRARY NEWS

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America, students will have the opportunity to participate in a BINGO reading challenge! During the entire month of March, if students complete five reading activities in a row on their BINGO card, they will earn a Dr. Seuss sticker or bookmark. If they complete ALL of the activities, their name will be entered into a drawing to win a free book at the end of the month. Happy reading!



PTA NOTES

We kicked off this month with our "Donuts with Grownups" family event on Wednesday, March 5th. Approximately 180 people attended this event, and each child who attended received a goodie bag and a book. EVERY child in the school will receive a new book!



1-2-3-4 I declare a Penny War! That's right...our school is going to have a penny war between the grade levels beginning March 17 and ending on March 21. The penny war table will be in the main hallway outside the office. On our concert day, the table will be temporarily moved to outside the gym for donations. The winning grade will win a special prize, which will be determined by the teacher. All donations will be used to help fund the end-of-year Kids Heart Challenge dance party as well as the end-of-year field day.

Our annual PTA rummage sale will be held on Thursday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help us with set up, sales, and take down, even if it's for a short time!



Speaking of volunteers, we are in desperate need of volunteers to help with our events that we do for the school. Without the help of volunteers, we will not be able to plan any future events. We currently have a small number of volunteers who continuously help with our school events, but they can't do everything! If you can volunteer, even for a small amount of time, please contact the PTA at franklinpta@mpsd.school, or, better yet, attend a meeting! You can also "like" us on our Franklin Elementary PTA page to see all the past events we have done, as well as what is currently being planned

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the library. This is a special meeting because our interim superintendent will be there to discuss the referendum that will be on the April 1st ballot. You do NOT need to be a member to attend any of our meetings, and this is a great way to find out what is happening in the school and to connect with other parents and staff members.

Too Sick For School?

The below guidelines can help parents determine when a child should remain home from school due to illness:

Fever 100.4 degrees or higher– may return to school once fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications.

Vomiting and/or Diarrhea (3 or more unexplained liquid stools in 24 hour period)– may return to school 24 hours after last episode.

Pinkeye– may attend school unless the child is not able to stop touching their eye(s). Treatment not required to return to school.

Rash– may attend school as long as no fever present. Some rashes (impetigo, scabies, ringworm) require treatment before returning to school.

Note: this list is not all-inclusive but instead the most common illnesses seen in the school setting.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p44397.pdf>



Manitowoc County's Hygiene Drive

The Family's 33rd annual Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive is underway. *Thank you for joining us!*

Here is last year's [Thank You Video](#) to watch and share!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Hygiene and ... *cleaning supplies*?** The agencies give cleaning products to their participants when they move out of the shelters into their own apartments. ALSO - the agencies themselves especially need laundry soap, dish soap, and trash bags (shelters have *many* waste baskets and change the liners frequently)!
- **What if your box is full?** *This is a good problem to have!* Please gather up your overflow and save it for pick up during the week of March 17-21. (More info. about that coming later). We apologize for the inconvenience – on the brighter side - your building may begin to smell "April Fresh" in March!
- **Financial donations:** YES PLEASE! Financial donations are welcome and are directed to the community where the donation (donor's address on check or credit card) comes from. Agencies tell us that this allows them to purchase exactly what they need.
 - **ONLINE:** Donate securely online at The Family's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive web page and click on the "[Give a Financial Gift](#)" button. OR insert the H4H website QR code into your communications.



- **CHECK:** Make check out to "The Family" with "Help for the Homeless" written on the memo line. Mail to The Family Radio, Attn. Help for the Homeless, 1909 W 2nd St, Appleton WI 54914.

Please call or email me if you need anything! On behalf of our local crisis programs and the thousands of people they serve – thank you!

P.S. Many more promotional resources, including the logo, are available in the Info. Kit found at The Family's [H4H website](#).

Thank You!

Sincerely,

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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 9 | Daylight Saving Time begins |
| March 13 | Orchestra large group practice, 7:30 a.m. |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| March 17-21 | Penny wars |

March 18	All-school concert: K-1: 1:10-1:40 p.m. 2-3: 1:50-2:20 p.m. 4-5: 2:30-3:00 p.m.
March 19	Spirit stick sale during lunch in the gym PTA meeting, 4:00 p.m., library
March 20	Band large group practice, 7:30 a.m. First day of spring!
March 25	1 st grade to CCC to see "Winnie the Pooh", 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
March 26	5 th grade to CCC to see "Pirate School: The Science of Pirates!", 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2 nd grade to Rahr West Art Museum, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
March 27	Orchestra large group practice, 7:30 a.m.
March 28	End of third quarter Mrs. Stockinger/Miss Rehrauer's classes to Shaw Ability Park, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
March 31	Staff development day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)