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A newsletter for parents and students of West Franklin • 2090 Frank Road • (614) 801-8400

Calendar of Events

October 2015

- Oct 1: PTA Meeting 7:15 AM
- Oct 5-9: 2nd Grade Terra Nova Testing
- Oct 5-Oct 9: Book Fair
- Oct 7: HR Imaging Picture Day - 1st grade thru 4th
- Oct 8: Bookfair Open Late 5:00-7:00 PM
- Oct 8: Literacy/Math Family Night 5:00-7:00 PM
- Oct 9: Interims Go Home
- Oct 13: 3rd Grade Terra Nova Testing
- Oct 14: Early Release 1:25
- Oct 16: NO SCHOOL COTA Day
- Oct 22: Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 26: 4th Grade-Yearbook Cover Contest Starts



Box Tops Contest

October 1st - 31st

The class with the most Box Tops will win a special prize for the class

– so keep on saving!!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!!

NOVEMBER 1st - TURN YOUR CLOCKS **BACK** ONE HOUR

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH RESPONSIBILITY

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As September comes to an end, it's hard to believe the first month of school is over. Students have learned routines and expectations, and teaching and learning is underway. Please join us on October 8th for our Literacy/Math Family Night from 5-7. This will be your opportunity to learn from your child's teacher what exciting things your child will be learning and doing in the coming school year. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 for \$2.00, and will consist of a hot dog, chips, and a drink. The Book Fair will be open this week, and will be open during our Family Night. October is also the month for school pictures and 3rd graders will take the Terra Nova. Thank you for partnering with us to make this a great year! We look forward to seeing you October 8th.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lauridsen
Principal



SCHOOL HOURS

Start: 8:20 am

End: 2:30 pm

Office Hours:

7:30am - 4:00 pm

***If your child's transportation has changed, please put the change in writing-even if only for the day.**

JUST A REMINDER - STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 7:55 AM IN THE MORNING.

Afternoon Dismissal

Please make certain your children know where they are to go after school. **If your child's routine changes, we must have a WRITTEN NOTE from you as the legal guardian at the beginning of the day.**

GYM DAY

For the safety of your children please have them wear tennis shoes on Gym Day

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IN AUTUMN, DON'T GO TO JEWELERS TO SEE GOLD; GO TO THE PARKS!

-MEHMET MURAT iDAN

2015-2016 Early Dismissal Dates

On the following dates, students will be dismissed early at 1:25 PM to enable staff members to attend district and school sponsored professional development seminars:

**October 14 February 24
December 9 April 13**

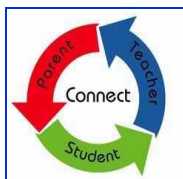


Strategies for getting the most from parent-teacher conferences

Conferencing with your child's teachers can be one of the most important steps you take to help your child succeed in school. However, some conferences may leave you feeling overwhelmed with information, so that when you return home, you may not even remember half of what was said. Does this sound familiar? There are several strategies that you can use both before and after the conference that will help you get the most out of your parent-teacher conferences.

Mark your calendars now....Fall Parent-Teacher conferences will be Thursday, November 5, 2015, 3:00-7:00 P.M.

Invitations to attend will be coming home soon.



BUZZ INTO SCHOOL

A new buzzer security system has been installed at West Franklin Elementary. Our front doors will continue to be locked once students have safely entered the building in the morning until time to exit the building at the end of the school day.

For the safety of our students, visitors to our school must push a buzzer at the security door and identify themselves before being admitted into the building. Then, as in the past, they must sign in at the front office and receive their visitor's badge before proceeding any farther into the building.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep your children safe.



Emergency Cards

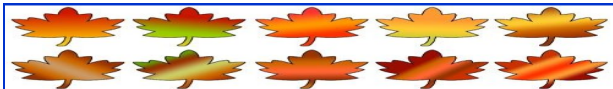
GREEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARDS STILL NEEDED.

Please complete both sides of the card and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This is very important information that we use daily in case of sickness or injury. Please give us at least three emergency numbers to contact you.

INTERIMS GO HOME

Interim reports will go home on the following dates:

- October 8, 2015
- December 17, 2015
- March 3, 2016
- May 12, 2016



GRADE CARDS GO HOME

Grade cards will go home on the following dates:

- November 11, 2015
- February 3, 2016
- April 13, 2016
- June 3, 2016

LIBRARY NEWS!

Campbell Soup Labels

We continue to collect Campbell Soup Labels. Make sure you check out your Meijer register receipts for Bonus Campbell Soup Labels!!

Pop Tabs

We are also collecting pop tabs for Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital uses the proceeds from the pop tabs to pay for the utilities at Ronald McDonald House.

Check Out Our West Franklin Library Website!!

Go to swcs.us - Click on Schools - Click on West Franklin - Click on Library. Check out our free read-aloud, new books, library happenings and more!!!

School Store

Student Council School Store is OPEN on Mondays!!

Hat Day

Wear your favorite hat for a \$1.00- The 1st Friday of every month, starting in October - profits go to library sponsored events, such as: Author visits, Plays, etc.

Book Fair!!

Come to the Book Fair!! October 5th thru October 9th at the school - online until October 16th. The Book Fair will be open late during Literacy/Math Family Night from 5:00-7:00 PM.

ART NEWS!!

PTA Reflections Program: "Let Your Imagination Fly "

Calling *all* students from beginners through advanced... if you enjoy art in the form of drawing, photography, video, dance, music or story, please create and submit an entry to the PTA's 2015-16 Reflections Program. *All* entries will be recognized! Think about this year's theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly" and select a category: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production and Literature. You may enter in one or all six of the categories, with as many entries as you wish.

All work must be new, inspired by the theme and created by the student expressly for the program. Help from adults or collaboration with other students is not allowed. Flyers will be coming home soon with specific requirements, dates and locations for this year's Reflections Program. Entries will be due to the school office by Friday, November 6, 2015. Selected entries will be sent to the Southwestern PTA Council Reflections Program in November for judging. The Visual Arts entries chosen for participation in the southwestern district PTA Council will later be displayed at Harmon Elementary School on January 7th from 6-8 pm.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Melissa Forney, West Franklin Elementary PTA Reflections Chair, at 801-8400 or Melissa.forney@swcsd.us

Congratulations!

The following students had their artwork displayed in the

Arts in the Alley Youth Art Show

1. Marleny Reyes Osorio	4 th
2. Leonela Ayovi	4 th
3. Erica Hartman	4 th
4. Mkundo Mnongerwa	3 rd
5. Couper Corbett	3 rd
6. Adolfo Zuniga	3 rd
7. Abdinasir Mohamed	3 rd
8. Michelle Torres	3 rd
9. Sumaya Ibrahim	3 rd
10. Emily Orellana	3 rd
11. Abubakar Ahmed	5 th
12. Lyndsey Tope	5 th
13. Najmo Abdi	5 th
14. Gloria Gonzales	5 th
15. Cathy Kienzle	5 th
16. Noah Morbitzer	5 th

This is artwork that the students created last year at West Franklin Elementary with Mrs. Forney, the art teacher. The 5th grade students listed are now attending Franklin Woods and Holt Crossing Intermediate schools.



Gym News!!

The school year is off to a great start. We're having a lot of fun in gym class learning new games and exercises. Students are working hard and doing an outstanding job listening. The students are also learning (and practicing) their four rules in gym:

1. Be a good listener
 2. Put safety first
 3. Be honest
 4. Show good sportsmanship
- Mr. VanGundy



MUSIC MINUTE

Greeting all,



I'm very excited for our new school year. I have many wonderful lessons that I can't wait to share with the students. I've kicked off the year with a new resource that I'm very happy with. It is a DVD by Kate Kuper and it features 8 dances that are appropriate for young children and intermediate ages. You may have heard the students talking about a dance we are doing called "Apples and Oranges". Apples and Oranges is a traditional circle dance, much like a square dance. There are simple versions of the dance as well as more complicated versions that I am doing with the 3rd and 4th grades.

I am continuing the folk dancing theme in the coming weeks with 1st and 2nd grades learning The Old Brass Wagon circle dance as well as the popular Farmer in the Dell. They will also be learning songs that focus on walking, skipping, galloping and running. We are reading the book, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly and I have the puppet to act it out. We are also singing songs about apples and will be singing songs about pumpkins soon.

3rd and 4th grades will be learning many new dances including: The Virginia Reel (a square dance), Pata Pata (a south African dance), Te Ve Orez (an Israeli dance). For fun, I always teach them The Mexican Hat Dance and The Chicken Dance. I turn them into games where they must find a new partner when I say switch. They seem to really enjoy those. 4th graders are ordering recorders and we will start playing them in October.

I look forward to seeing you at the Literacy/Math Family Night on October 8th.

Sincerely,

Mr. Forren



SOUTH WESTERN KINDERGARTEN CENTER INFO!!

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Should you have any questions regarding your Kindergarten student, or need to report their absence, please call 801-8100.

Any transportation changes must be directed to West Franklin at 801-8400 and the Kindergarten Center at 801-8100.

KINDERGARTEN CENTER NEWS!!!

Principal's Note

It doesn't seem possible that the first month of school at the Kindergarten Center is behind us! Students have been working very hard to learn routines and what it means to be a student! Our turnout at Open House was amazing and everyone at Curriculum Night left with an awesome DVD for their student. The next big event will be Parent Conference Night on October 22 and this will be your chance to talk with your child's teacher specifically about how they are doing. Mark your calendars and your child's teacher will be sending home more information in the coming weeks. Fall is my favorite time of year and hopefully we will continue to have beautiful days that allow us to have outdoor recess! A chance to run off some of that energy 5 and 6 year olds have is essential! Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall and make time every day to ask your child about their day at school because over the next few months they will be learning so many new skills and change so quickly from preschooler to elementary student!

Mrs. Wilson



SOUTH-WESTERN KINDERGARTEN CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/7/15 Picture Day
10/14/15 Early Dismissal 1:30pm
10/16/15 No School
10/22/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00pm - 7:00pm

11/11/15 Picture Make-up Day
11/11/15 Firefighter Phil 9:00am
11/16/15 Ronald McDonald Reads Program 9:30am
11/25 - 11/27/15 Thanksgiving Break

