

Principal: Mr. Todd Poole

Secretary: Mrs. Wilson

Vision Statement

Franklin School is all about children. In a caring environment, we create lifelong learners by engaging children in meaningful work as we prepare them to contribute to tomorrow's world.

To report your child's absence, call 330-678-7500 anytime in the evening before the absence or by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the absence. After 9:00 a.m., call the Franklin office directly at 330-676-8450.

KENT SCHOOLS INFO. LINE AND VOICE MAIL SYSTEM

330-678-7500

Press 1 To leave an **absence message, then Press 4 for Franklin**

Press 2 To hear phone numbers of Kent's schools

Press 3 For emergency school closings

Please visit our website for more information: <http://www.kentschools.net/franklin>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

6 No School

10 Bullying Assembly

14 PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm

15 Market Day 5:30 - 6:30 pm

16 Cub Scouts Meeting @ 6:30 pm

28 Fall Picture Day

October

5 Grandparents Day/Special Person's Day for **2nd Grade Only** @ 2:00

8 Benny Cowgill Football Game

12 COSI Assembly

12 PTO Meeting at 7:00

13 Market Day 5:30 - 6:30 pm

15 Early Release @ 1:00

29 Halloween Parade 1:30 and Classroom Parties @ 2:15

Another Year has Arrived!!



I hope every one had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I know that we are excited about a new school year. There are many new faces in our building this school year. In our Title 1 program we have hired two new teachers. Jessica Oravec is a recent graduate of Kent State and will be co-teaching in grades 2-5. Jeanne Smith is returning to Franklin after spending some time away from third grade. We have also hired two new intervention tutors for this school year. Rhea Bandiera and Nicole Malicki are both recent graduates from Kent State. We have a new first grade teacher who is replacing Mrs. Jones who retired last school year. Mary Rozum is a graduate from Youngstown State and has been with us at Franklin the last two years in Title 1 and as an interventionist.

Franklin's new fifth grade teacher is Jenna Ward. She is also a recent graduate from Kent State. We are very lucky to have these new additions to the Franklin family.

Many you may have noticed many new signs around the building alerting parents and students about students with peanut allergies. These allergies are very serious because each student reacts differently and each reaction is different. We are trying to educate students and parents about the allergies. In the lunch room we even have a "peanut free table". This table is reserved for any student who does not have peanut or tree nut items in his/her lunch. This does not mean that the table is reserved only for students with the peanut allergy. Any student is allowed to sit at the table on days that he/she does not have any peanut related foods. This has been explained to your child but please reinforce this concept at home.

Mrs. Jones, our guidance counselor, started up a Clickers Club last year. The students who participated in the club last year would help take photographs of students at different events during the school year. These photos are used for the yearbook. If you have any old digital cameras laying around your house, please consider donating them to the Franklin Elementary Clickers Club. They are in need of cameras that are 2007 or later.

Please remember to use the Franklin parking lot for school events. The Franklin staff tries to park in the grass to free up spots for parents. We also have plenty of parking in the back. If our parking lot is full then we are able to use the South end of the Oak Knolls parking lot. We are thankful that they allow us to use their parking lot when our lot is full.

This will be the only newsletter that will be sent home with your child. Beginning in October, the newsletters will be emailed home. I will be getting your home email off of your child's emergency medical form. It is important that you update us with any changes to your email address. If you did not put your email on the emergency medical form and would like to be added to the email list, please email me at ke_tpoole@kentschools.net. Please include your name, your child's name and any email address that you would like on the list. If you would still like to receive a hard copy please send me an email indicating that request.

I would like to make sure that I clear up any confusion about Grandparent's Day in October. That day is for our 2nd grade students only. It is great day with a lot of sharing by the grandparents. I apologize for any confusion.

Thank You Volunteers !!



A big thank you to the following people for volunteering their time and making these programs a big success.

PTO Officers for the 2010-11 School Year: Amy Rankin, Laurie Harington, Kelly Redfern, and DJ Smith

PTO Movie Nights: Kevin Martin for organizing them. He will need volunteers for helping out. The dates are September 17, November 12, January 14 and March 11.

Franklin Outdoor Learning Lab: Montanari Family, Slippy Family, Ferner Family, Herrington Family, Lennox Family, Kulis Family, and Rankin Family

School Fee Waviers

Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, the Kent City School District adopted a new policy to waive school fees as follows:

- Students in grades PreK-8 who apply and qualify for free lunches or breakfasts under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program are eligible for a 100 percent waiver of fees.
- Students in grades PreK-8 who apply and qualify for reduced-price lunches or breakfasts under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program are eligible for an 80 percent waiver of fees.

Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the following policy will also be in effect:

* Students in grades 9-12 who apply and qualify for free lunches or breakfasts under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program are eligible for a 100 percent waiver of fees.

All parents have received information about applying for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. **New this year:** If you apply for this federal program, be sure to check “yes” and sign Part 5, School Instructional Fee Waiver Adult Consent, on the application form. If you received a letter in the mail saying that your child was automatically approved for free meals, then you must sign and return the bottom portion of that letter.

This policy includes only the regular instructional fees, not extra fees for field trips or other activities. In addition, the policy does not apply to any fees still owed from previous years.

News from P.E.

For safe participation in Physical Education please have your child wear tennis shoes to class. Crocs, Heelies and athletic sandals are not acceptable safe footwear for class. Check with your child or the poster on the door to the gymnasium to know which days your child is scheduled for Physical Education.

I am looking forward to a fabulous learning experience this year with our Franklin children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 330-676-8471.

Thank you,

Barbara Vasbinder

Early Release Dates

Please mark your calendars now for our early release dates for the 2010-2011 school year. There will be four early release days this school year, they will all take place at the end of the week and the early release will begin at 1:00. There are no late starts this school year.

Friday, October 15, 2010

Friday, January 21, 2011

Friday, February 25, 2011

Thursday, April 21, 2011 (No school on Friday, April 22nd)

Character Trait For September

The character trait for the month of September is Work Ethic/Responsibility. This means our students should attend to task; demonstrate persistence; show their best effort; be able to carry out a duty and be trustworthy; exercise sound thinking and good judgement, knowing they are personally accountable for their actions.

This is a great character trait to begin our school year. We want our students to begin the year on the right foot. This trait allows us to promote the positives and to help encourage students to develop a great work ethic that will benefit them through out the school year.

“Parents can only give advice or put them on the paths, but the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands” - Anne Frank

During the month of August we had many students that received an “Ask Me” sticker. The sticker is to represent a good character. When you see a student with an “Ask Me” sticker they should be able to explain to you why they received the sticker. The students listed below are the students who have received it recently.

Jasir	Toby West	Gavyn Rothaermel	Kyra Raymond-Smith
Hunter Seacrist	Janey Rubin	Gaven Overdorf	Isabella Kunsch
Brandon Harvey	Marlee Zeller	Josiah Kinney	Rebecca Bailey
Khalil Rahim	Rosie Myers	Wyatt Bailey	Kristian Daetwyler
Erin Strabala	Nate Hilton	Garrett Slippy	Lauren White
Johnny Benedik	Ryan Chicoski	Sarah Durden	Molly Snellenberger
Emily Robinson	Madison Wade	Kent Gordon	Leah Forrer
AJ Bess			

News From PTO

PTO Mission Statement



To support the students and staff of Franklin Elementary School through volunteer and fundraising efforts that will improve the quality of every child's education, provide school improvements and help to bring the parents and school into a closer relationship.

The Franklin PTO would like to welcome all staff, students and families back to school! We look forward to a great 2010-2011 school year.

There are many exciting opportunities to volunteer at Franklin this year. Movie night, COSI and Carnival are just a few of the events sponsored by PTO. If you did not receive a volunteer sign-up sheet, which has a full list of our events, contact a PTO officer.

Come join us for our first meeting Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 in the library. If you can't make it to the meetings, you can still help out by volunteering. We need your help to make all of our events a success. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the officers by phone or e-mail.

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Kent Junior Mothers

**Come Join Us at Kent Junior Mothers!
Have Fun and Make a Difference to the Kids in Our Community!**

Kent Junior Mothers is currently seeking members for our 2010-2011 year. We are an organization of Kent mothers with children under the age of nine. We have deep roots in the Kent community - the club has been in existence since 1945, and we are a member of the Kent United Services Organizations (KUSO). Some of our club activities include volunteering and giving back to our kids and our community through events like "The Festival of Lights", the Lisa Hawthorne Memorial Service Award, The Heritage Festival and Safety School. In addition we have fun family events for our members and their kids throughout the year. These events include family outings, Easter Family Fun Day, Milk and Cookies with Santa and more. If you want to make a difference, have fun and meet other moms in our community, please join us! We meet on the third Wednesday of every month from September through June. Please contact Stephanie Alexander for more information or to have a membership application mailed to you @ 330-346-0460 or babybrian2@gmail.com.

KENT PARKS & RECREATION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT KENT REC CENTER

Are you a working parent who needs care for your child before or after school? Kent Parks and Recreation offers child care for Franklin students at our Kent Rec Center site. Kent City School bus transportation will make sure your child arrives safely. Daily activities, snacks, homework help, games, crafts and outside play are all a part of the fun! We offer reasonable pricing and accept county vouchers. Call Megan at 330-673-8897 to set up a tour of the program or just stop by our office at 497 Middlebury Rd. to register. Be at ease knowing your child is a part of an award winning Step Up to Quality site!

*** If your check is returned for nonsufficient funds (NSF), your account will be debited by E-Collect of Ohio, electronically for both face amount and returned check fees.**

Calling all Volunteers!

So much to do this year! Franklin Elementary School PTO really needs your help!

Fall Photo Day 9/28/2010	COSI 10/12/2010	Fall Book Fair 11/17- 11/23/2010	Fall Fundraiser 11/30/2010	Holiday Shoppe 12/1-12/2/2010
Art to Remember Fall 2010	Franklin Spirit Wear Fall 2010	Spring Photo Day 3/15/2011	Spring Book Fair 4/4- 4/8/2011	Carnival 4/29/2011
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 5/2-5/6/2011	Kindergarten Screening Spring 2011	Year Book Spring 2011	Art Expo Spring 2011	Outdoor Learning Lab All Year
Movie Nights TBA	School Dance TBA	Bake Sale Bakers TBA	Box Tops Year End	Room Parent Coordinator All Year
Acme/ Campbell's Soup Labels Year End	Market Day All Year	Gift Cards All Year	Bulletin Board 1 of 10 months	FFOP All Year

There are plenty of easy ways to help! From lending a helping hand at COSI on October 12th to sending treats in for the Bake Sales when we have them. Please just let us know what you can help us do. Circle what sounds fun and then send this form back in. Thank You!

Name _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

*PTO's first meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00pm in the school's library.
 We can't wait to meet you there!*

For more volunteer information please contact PTO Vice President Laurie Herington at ll_h_3@msn.com

The ArtStudio Helpers

Our Art helpers are an important part of Franklin Elementary School. This is an excellent opportunity to gain leadership skills and volunteer experience. Art helpers prepare materials for classes and displays, or work on special projects. At times I may need to monitor student arrivals or meet with a teacher, so art helpers are expected to be able to work independently. Time will be made available to 5th grade students first. If room is available to 4th & 3rd

Only one time will be assigned per child so others have a chance too. This year I will not be able to match my schedule with student recess times. I am sorry that there will no longer be art helper/ art club times during the school day at Franklin. Circle when your child is available from the times listed below.

Transportation needs to be pre-arranged by a parent. Children may not be dropped off before 8:10 or picked up after 3:40 because of safety issues

Parent Art Helpers

Parents are also welcome to help out in our Franklin Art Studio. Helping younger children or with special project gives you a chance to see students in the process of creating art. Your help could also be used in the spring to prepare and hang work for our art show. Please fill out the form at the bottom if you or your child would like to help in art. If you would like me to set up a conference or give you a call there is a box to check.

Thank you for your support and have a great year!
Tina Grondin, Art Teacher

Student Art Helpers

Mornings 8:10-8:30 Monday, Tuesday After school 3:15-3:40 Monday, Tuesday

My child: _____ in

(home room teacher) _____ has permission to be an Art Helper.

Signature: _____ Day phone: _____

Parent request:

- I would like to help in the art room during school
- I would like to help with the Spring art show
- I would like a November conference
- I would like you to call me