

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

October

- 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
- 27 Red Ribbon Day/Week
- 29 Halloween Parade 1:30 and Classroom Parties @ 2:15

November

- 1 Franklin Blood Drive 2:00-8:00 (For every 25 donors Franklin receives \$500 in grant money)
- 8 Vision/Hearing Screening - Grades 1,3,5
- 9 PTO Meeting at 7:00
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 17 PTO Book Fair (Runs through the 23)
- 22 Evening Conferences
- 23 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences All Day/Night
- 29 School Resumes

Co-Teaching in Math



This school year, your child may be involved in a classroom that has multiple teachers working with students in the area of math. The purpose of co-teaching is to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom. It also allows students to be instructed in small groups and allows the teachers to make sure the students are mastering the skills being taught.

In a regular classroom, there is only one teacher to meet the needs of 20 to 25 students. The teacher finds him or herself trying to decide which needs to address first.

Does the teacher work with the students who already know the material, letting the other students sit and wait or does the teacher make the students who already know the material sit through the lesson? What pace does the teacher take when going through the lesson? Each student will begin each lesson at a different starting point. We don't want to move too quickly through a lesson or hold students back because we are moving too slowly.

In a co-taught classroom, there are multiple teachers teaching students in small groups and at their pace or level. The teachers determine the levels by administering pre-assessments to their students and then looking at the results. The teachers get together at least once a week to look at the results and to organize the groups for the following week.

Students are also being monitored by a universal screening system called AimsWeb. We use it to monitor student progress in the area of math and reading. There is a national norm criteria for math and reading scores. All students will be benchmarked three times a year. Some students will continue to be progress monitored due to their scores on the benchmark tests. Students move in and out of the progress monitoring depending on their progress. The universal screening and progress monitoring helps us to evaluate student progress and determine what support each student will need. I would be more than happy to sit down with any parents to go over your child's assessment or to email your child's score.

We believe strongly that the co-teaching and the universal screenings will help us to keep track of each student's progress and provide early support rather than waiting for one test at the end of the school year.

We are also currently involved in a new volunteer program called Project More. Project More has volunteers work with students that need additional support in reading. All the materials and lesson plans are available for volunteers to use. Students involved in the program need to have (4) 30-minute sessions a week. The same volunteer does not need to work all 4 days. If you are interested in being a volunteer, even if it is only one 30 minute period a week, please contact our office or send an email to Todd Poole. All volunteers will have to have background checks which will be paid for by the Board of Education.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the families for their help during our attendance week. The state will be using these numbers to determine their financial contribution to our district. I appreciate everyone's help in making sure that we have the proper documentation for a student's absence at school. As long as we have the correct documentation, we will still receive the correct state funding for that student. Please continue to send in proper documentation for your child's absences throughout the school year.

Thank You Volunteers !!



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

Picture Day: Jeanie Wills, Elizabeth Legnani, and Tiffany Jones

PTO Movie Nights: Kevin Martin, Leslie Martin, Melanie Kunsch, Tiffany Jones, Laurie Herington, Kelly Redfern, Amy Pennell and Paul Sellman (I apologize for anyone that I may have left out)

Character Trait For October

The character trait for the month of October is Respect for Self and Others. This means our students should realize their worth and dignity as human beings and account for their strengths as well as their weaknesses. Display good manners and politeness, showing the same respect for others as they would wish for themselves. Students will be recognized for displaying this character trait and will be entered into a drawing to win a chance to have lunch with the principal.

“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.

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| Jamie West | Wyatt Bailey | Savannah Wills | Nathan Leap |
| Joey Wilson | Dennis Dellapenna | Lulu Nachampasak | Isabella Kunsch |
| ZeShaun Watson | Bryce Hall | Molly Fankhauser | Toby West |
| Adam Susel | Devin South | Wyatt Bailey | Patience Carpenter |
| Riley Starkey | Nate Hilton | Kent Gordon | Kane Abel |
| Lauren Frank | Spence Hayes | Marlee Zeller | Sydney Baril |
| Molly Snellenberger | Julianna Bailey | Jasir Rahim | Kaylee Raybould |
| Rosie Myers | Reese Campana | Gavyn Rothaermel | |

Information on CogAT and Iowa Testing for Students

Last year, the Kent City Schools implemented a change to the standardized testing program at the elementary and middle school levels. We now use the CogAT to assess cognitive ability and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills for achievement.

Students in Grades 2 and 3 were given the CogAT last May to help implement this change and to allow us to be on track for the implementation of the tests at Grades 2 and 4. Students that were tested in Grade 3 at that time will be tested again as fourth graders this fall, which will include the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

The results of the tests from last May have been given to your building principals. However, we did not receive individual reports for parents with last year's tests. We will receive results for parents after they are administered this fall and will send them home as soon as they arrive. Parents of students who qualified for the gifted program in Grade 4, based on the Grade 3 CogAT, have been notified by letter.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Day is on October 27th. Franklin students will be given information about leading healthy lives and making positive choices. Students will be given an opportunity to hear information for taking a stand against drugs. The overall goal for Red Ribbon Week is to show good character by living a healthy life. The students wear red, and they will be given red bracelets and red ribbons. It will also be Crazy Sock Day.

Announcement will be given during the week about eating healthy snacks, making good choices, and never starting to smoke. A group picture of students wearing red will be taken during lunch periods.

Veterans' Day Assembly

Veterans' Day is on November 11th and we are planning an assembly to honor our veterans. We would like to acknowledge veterans of the Franklin School family. We would like to acknowledge these veterans at the assembly. We would like for the child to read a little background information on their relative and have the veteran stand next to them. If the veteran is unable to attend we would like to display a picture of the veteran on the screen. Remember your child will be reading this information in front of the entire student body.

We will also need your help with the writing of the script. The script should be no longer than 5-7 sentences. It should include the military branch, years active (dates), war he/she served in or countries stationed in, and a brief description of one memory from service. Please send in your script as soon as possible so that we can adjust our activities for the assembly. Keep a copy at home so your child can practice reading it for the November 11th assembly. If the veteran is not attending, I will need a picture soon. I will scan the picture and then send it back. If the picture is a digital picture you can email it to me.

Please call with any questions and thank you for your help.

End-of-Year Performance Data for 2009 – 2010 School Year

The chart below summarizes the performance of those children who received federally funded, supplemental intervention services during the last school year. Percentages indicate those students who met **all** of the identified objective criteria. The objective criteria includes the following items: competency on SBA common assessments (75% or greater), passing classroom grades (“C” or higher), and promotion to the next grade level.

READING

| School | Total Number Served | #K % Comp. | #1 st % Comp. | #2 nd % Comp. | #3 rd % Comp. | #4 th % Comp. | #5 th % Comp. |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Davey | 61 | 22 95% | 9 89% | 10 50% | 9 89% | 7 43% | 4 0% |
| Franklin | 45 | 7 86% | 9 78% | 10 70% | 10 80% | 6 50% | 3 0% |
| Holden | 71 | 21 71% | 17 82% | 8 100% | 13 69% | 12 50% | 0 -- |
| Longcoy | 76 | 22 82% | 20 40% | 11 64% | 12 42% | 11 64% | 0 -- |
| Walls | 59 | 25 88% | 8 75% | 6 0% | 5 60% | 9 56% | 6 0% |
| District | 312 | 97 84% | 63 73% | 45 57% | 49 68% | 45 53% | 13 0% |

MATH

| School | Total Number Served | #K % Comp. | #1 st % Comp. | #2 nd % Comp. | #3 rd % Comp. | #4 th % Comp. | #5 th % Comp. |
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| Davey | 53 | 20 100% | 0 -- | 10 60% | 9 78% | 8 50% | 6 67% |
| Franklin | 31 | 0 -- | 0 -- | 6 50% | 11 91% | 9 33% | 5 0% |
| Holden | 47 | 21 86% | 0 -- | 7 57% | 8 88% | 11 45% | 0 -- |
| Longcoy | 56 | 22 86% | 0 -- | 0 -- | 16 63% | 12 58% | 6 83% |
| Walls | 55 | 25 100% | 0 -- | 7 43% | 6 67% | 8 75% | 9 22% |
| District | 242 | 88 93% | 0 -- | 30 53% | 50 77% | 48 52% | 26 43% |

(Note: Shaded areas indicate average competency levels below 75%.)



FFOP

FRANKLIN FOR OUR PLANET



Win a Bag of Apples from Beckwith Orchards

Transportation, processing and packaging of food all adds up to lots of energy use and stress on the environment. With the help of Beckwith Orchards, FFOP will celebrate fall by giving away some delicious, locally-grown apples.

This week all students will bring home an FFOP "Go Green" checklist. It's full of simple ways kids can help protect our earth. Once they've tried everything on the list, have your student return the checklist with a parent/guardian signature. All checklists will be entered into a drawing to win a bag of apples. One winner will be drawn for each grade on Friday, October 15th.



ONE STUDENT FROM EACH GRADE WILL WIN A BAG OF LOCALLY GROWN APPLES FROM BECKWITH ORCHARDS



FFOP Recycling, What Do We Collect?

- Paper (Recycled)
- Cans, bottles, glass (Recycled)
- Electronic waste (Recycled. Proceeds fund FFOP activities)
- Capri Sun juice pouches (Re-used by Terra Cycle with help from Franklin Girl Scouts).
- Empty prescription bottles (Re-used by medical clinics in Dominican Republic)
- Fruit and Vegetable scraps at lunch (Composted with assistance from Franklin students and S.E.E., local non-profit)

Except for paper which goes in Abitibi dumpster in the parking lot, all recycling can be dropped off in appropriate bin located under FFOP bulletin board, next to the gym. If you have questions, contact Carrie Lafferty at cklafferty@hotmail.com



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