

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

February

8 PTO Meeting @ 7:00

11 Valentines Day Parties @ 2:15 - Healthy snacks and Peanut free treats are encouraged.

15 Board Meeting at Franklin

16 Market Day Pick Up @ 5:30

18 PTO School Dance

21 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

22 Interims Go Home

March

4 Ice Skating

11 Kids' Expo - 6:00 - 7:30

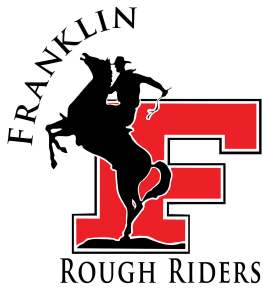
11 Ice Skating

15 Spring Pictures

16 Spring Program Grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd @ 7:00

21 Spring Break Begins

The Ohio Weather is Back!!



The winter in Northeast Ohio continues to throw us curves. The first week of February was not any different. We had two snow days which brings us to a total of four days for the school year.

This is a busy month at Franklin. At our next PTO meeting, Dr. Giancola will be making an appearance. He will be reviewing the community survey that was conducted by Kent State. Also in February the monthly board meeting will be traveling to Franklin Elementary. The Coffee Talk will begin at 6:30. The Coffee Talk allows staff to highlight things that are taking place at Franklin. This year we have Mrs. Weitzel and our 3rd grade team presenting. Mrs. Weitzel will be sharing her experience with the hand held devices this school year. The 3rd grade team of Mr. Wollam, Mrs. Sues, Mrs. Typpo, Mrs. Oldham, and Ms. Oravec will be sharing their co-teaching experience in math. The co-teaching allows the teachers to differentiate for all the students in third grade. Please join us at 6:30 in the library to hear more about both of these programs. The board meeting will begin at 7:00. During the meeting we will be honoring our Friends of Kent City Schools. This year we will be honoring Girl Scout Troop 962. All of these girls attend Franklin Elementary and help us in many ways. They have worked with our recycling programs, composting program, planting flowers on our grounds, and many other things. They have been a big help. This presentation is at the beginning of the board meeting. Please come up and support our students.

In March we will have parent input cards available for next school year. These cards can be picked up in the office and must be returned to the office by Friday, April 1st. The teachers take a lot of time to carefully place students based on their personality, academics, learning styles, and peer relations. We do not place students in classrooms based on where their friends are being placed. If you have a request for placement, please make sure you describe what learning environment is best for your child. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

We are also looking at a couple of changes for the 2011-2012 school year. The first thing is the front entrance to Franklin and the recess doors. We have moved forward in keeping all the doors locked except for the main entrance during the school day. We did install a door bell system with a camera for us to be able to see the person entering the building. A more proactive approach may be needed because we are not able to control who comes into the building. We are looking into a buzzer system which would require each parent or visitor to be buzzed into the building during school hours. The doors would be unlocked during arrival and dismissal time. We would also move a camera down by the recess doors so that the office will be able to see the doors during the day. There would be no buzzer for the recess doors. We would also continue with our current procedures which require all parents and visitors to sign in at the office. This includes before, during and after school hours up until 4:00. We also are asking any parents who are picking up their child from an after school activity to remain by the office until their child is escorted down by the adult. We are currently looking at the amount of recess time and how it is spread out. The 15 minute recess time during the middle of the day is ending up being 20 - 30 minutes depending on the grade and weather. This interferes with classroom instruction time. I am contacting other area schools to see what they are doing. This may mean that we increase the lunch recess time a little and their eating time. Once again these are things we are looking at for the next school year. Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to share any thoughts or ideas.

Todd Poole

Thank You Volunteers !!



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

Project MORE: Tiffany Jones, Jeanie Wills, Dena Ferner, and Amy Rankin

PTO Movie Night: Paul Sellman, Laurie Herington, D.J. Smith, Kathy Thomas, Crystal Roberts, Kevin Martin, Leslie Martin

Honor Roll for 2nd Grading Period

5th Grade Honor Roll:

All A's - Nolan Gericke, Emma Holm, James Martin, Jackson Roberts, Sam Rubin, Anna Susel, Maggie Ferrara John Forrer, Tessa Page-Little and Savanna Wills

All A's and B's - Riley Atkinson, Owen Campana, Hunter Coppock, Dasha Nesterenko, Mason Seachrist, Maddie Belden, Kyle Burchett, Morgan Carpenter, Hannah Burkey, Izzy Chidester, Ian Dunn, Jeremiah Grimm, Spence Hayes, Emma Karlson, Grace Lafferty, Morgan Malinosky, Mary Marsh, Jason Rhome, and Hannah Thomas

4th Grade Honor Roll:

All A's - Brooke Harvey, Melina Ferner, Molly Fankhauser, Jacob Brawley, Julianna Bailey, Emma Adams, Grace Andrews, Alex Copen, Sarah Forrer, Matt Salopek, Gracie Thompson, Jacob Tinker

All A's and B's - Bill Wolford, Adam Susel, Josie Rankin, Sydney Marksberry, Nathan Leap, Wyatt Bailey, Tommy Boyden, Lexi Brooks, Andrew Collier, Tristan Herington, Zach Robinson

3rd Grade Honor Roll:

All A's - Chloe Boyden, Grant Jones, Erik Martin, Alyssa Grissom, Maddie Holm, Andrew Lafferty, and Laura Zalewski

All A's and B's - Simon Bolanz, Jared Burkey, Kent Gordon, A.J. Hager, Bryce Hall, Katie Kulis, Luke Larkin, Emily Loue, Nate Montanari, Matthew Reinhart, Stephen Stiles, Erin Strabala, Dylan Stroh, Jenna White, Griffin Belden, Matt Bolanz, Eric Legnani, Josh Montanari, Mackenzie Pennell, Aubrey Robinson, Nick Rothaermel, Collin Schumm, Garrett Slippy, Milena Stone, Heleena Story, and Jason Wills

Character Trait For February

The character trait for the month of February is Trustworthiness. This means our students should be trustful, honest, and trustworthy in their relationships with others; model moral courage through truthful behavior; and be depended upon to do what's right.

“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 January 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.

Leah Forrer, Robbie Perkins, Ryan Chicoski, Joey Wilson, Zakiyah Wade, Janey Rubin, Zach Siegman, Haley Mathes, Eddie Story, Anya Ferner, Kristian Daetwyler, Molly Snellenberger, Devyn South, Ben Carpenter, Khalil Rahim, Evan Legnani, and Mrs. Elder.

News from Physical Education

The week of Feb. 28, Franklin 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will participate in Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) during their Physical Education classes, as a culminating activity at the end of their Jump Rope Units. A letter will be going home two weeks ahead of the event. This opportunity to give to the American Heart Association ties into our district character trait of giving back to our community and helping others. All students participate during class and have the opportunity to honor those family members and friends whose lives have been touched by Heart Disease.

Please help your children be Responsible! Tennis shoes are required for Physical Education class. Shoes no longer may be changed after a child enters class, as it is taking away from our limited instruction time. Thank you for your help!

Mrs. Vasbinder

News from the FFOP

The FFOP spring electronic waste drive is coming in April! More details to come. Here is a list of the items we will be able to accept.

- Laser cartridges
- Inkjet cartridges
- Cell phones
- PDAs
- Laptop computers
- iPods
- Digital Cameras
- GPS systems
- Video games and consoles (please include accessories)
- DVDs (not CDs)
- calculators
- **NO** desktop computers or monitors please.

All collected items will be sent to Cartridges for Kids (CFK), an organization that recycles electronic waste. For a complete list of items accepted by CFK and the money these items bring to our school, see http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/complete_productprices.html. Regarding the memory on laptops and cellphones, CFK removes all hard drives. These are either swipped 100% clean or completely destroyed. As for the cell phones, CFK will take out SIM cards. If you prefer to take out your own hard drive or SIM cards please feel free to do so, it does not hurt the value of the phones or laptops.

Questions? Please contact Carrie Lafferty @ cklafferty@hotmail.com

Franklin School Art Show It's a Spring Thing

On a bright and beautiful note Spring is on its way and so is the Franklin Expo Night on Tuesday, April 5th.

Parent and Staff helpers are needed to mount and hang art work. Mrs. Grondin will be staying after school on Tuesday evenings until about 4:30. Please consider volunteering for this very rewarding event. Many hands do lots of work in just a little time. Please email Mrs. Grondin if you are interested in helping with the art work.

ke_tgrondin@kentschools.net



Franklin Box Tops Classroom Challenge Update!

Thank you to all who have participated in the Box Tops for Education program for Franklin Elementary School. The end of the program year is quickly approaching.

**We have only one more month to collect and submit our box tops!
Please turn in all Box Tops by Friday, February 25.**

Program Update

- Last year we raised \$1,177 through this program.
- So far this year, we have raised \$922.50 (or 65% of our goal) to benefit the school.
- Every class needs to turn in 408 or more box tops this month in order for us to reach our goal!

Current Classroom Standings

First Place (pizza party): Mr. Wollam's Class
Second Place (extra recess): Mr. Barber's Class
Third Place (extra recess): Mrs. Rozum's Class

Remember, the contest is close. There is time left to change the standings!

Good luck!

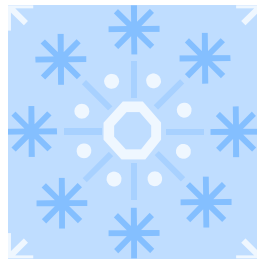


FRANKLIN



FAMILY

DANCE



**Bring your family to Franklin
on Friday, February 18 from
6-8 for a fun-filled evening of
dancing.**

**Admission is FREE. There will
be pizza and refreshments
available to purchase.**

