

FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



2024

Happy New Year! What a great time to think about setting family goals! A great thing about goals is that they can be set year-round with your family. Goals do not have to be complicated. In fact, making simple goals makes you more likely to achieve them.

When you are setting goals with your family, you are coming together to complete things each family member could benefit from working on. When you are setting and working through goals with your kids, you are setting a real life example for them to build on in the future. Below are some examples of goals you could set as a family. Have fun together and make a commitment this New Year to make 2024 a wonderful year!

Daily Goals:	Weekly Goals:	Monthly Goals:	Yearly Goals:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wake up earlier2. Be on time3. Get outside4. Pack healthy lunches5. Eat dinner together6. Eat breakfast together7. Set clothes out at night8. Follow family rules9. Nightly story time10. Set up a time to unplug	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Family game night2. Weekly family dinner plan3. Stick to weekly chore plan4. Kids help with shopping5. Use reusable shopping bags6. Cook dinner together7. Family yardwork8. Visit the library	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keep monthly family calendar2. Monthly family meeting3. Volunteer together4. Set monthly budget for family fun5. Try a new family recipe each month6. Save for a family outing (dinner, movie, bowling, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Plan a family vacation2. Go on a family road trip3. Annual family olympics4. Start a new family tradition5. Donate old toys/clothes6. Make a family goal list7. Learn a new skill as a family8. Plan and/or host a family reunion

COMMUNITY FLYERS UPDATE

As a service to the community, the Manitowoc Public School District posts flyers for upcoming events from nonprofit organizations on their homepage and Facebook page. Please visit the web site at www.manitowocpublicschools.org/for_families/community_flyers for additional information on the following flyers:

- Jump Start to Middle School Wrestling
- Manitowoc Shipbuilders - Girls Youth Basketball Program
- Manitowoc Ships Youth Wrestling Program
- Ships Gymnastics Youth Clinic



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Happy New Year Franklin Falcons! I am excited to announce the return of the Kids Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart)! It will begin on January 15 and end on February 23. An informational packet will be sent home with your child in their "take home" folder on Monday, January 15. You can also check out the website at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/FranklinManitowoc>.

If you earned a Kids Heart Challenge black t-shirt from last year's challenge, make sure you wear it on Monday, January 15; Friday, January 26; Friday, February 2; Friday, February 9; and Friday, February 23. If you don't have Kids Heart Challenge t-shirt, just wear anything red!

If we reach our goal of raising \$5,000.00, the entire school will earn an after-school 80's themed dance party in March, sponsored by the PTA. Every teacher who has 50 percent of their students register online will receive a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. When registering, the students will be asked to take the challenge to "Be Kind or Move More." Students need parent permission to register for the Kids Heart Challenge.

Thank you for supporting my biggest event of the year! Jump Rope for Heart is a fundraising program through the American Heart Association. It encourages kids to have a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and heart health while raising vital funds to fight heart disease. The students will get to learn more about their heart and jump rope skills in gym class. The fundraising helps the American Heart Foundation fund excellent research and support programs for people affected by heart disease. When you donate to the American Heart Association, you are joining the fight against our nation's number one and five diseases -- heart disease and strokes. Your donation helps fund lifesaving research, advocate for better health, improve patient care and reach at-risk populations. By supporting this event, you are making a difference! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Ganser, Franklin P.E. teacher

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FAMILY

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone, and here we are at the start of 2024! Many people make it a time to set resolutions or goals for themselves. This year, try making family resolutions instead! Here are a few ideas:



- Eat meals together at least three or four times per week;
- Volunteer together as a family. Start by helping a neighbor with yard work or find a local organization to help;
- Take an annual family vacation;
- Unplug from technology at meal time;
- Practice gratitude together;
- Try a new fruit or vegetable once a week; and
- Plan regular family fun days or nights. Go for a hike, sledding, see a movie or play board games.

ALL SCHOOL CONCERT

Our all-school concert will be held on Tuesday, March 12. The concert will be held in the gym, and all guests are requested to enter through the gym doors. The performance times are as follows:

KG and first grade: 1:10-1:40

Second and third grades: 1:50-2:20

Fourth and fifth grades: 2:30-3:00

We look forward to seeing everyone at this concert!



If your child will be absent from school, please make sure to call the Franklin attendance line at (920) 663-9509. You can also leave a message on Franklin's main line at (920) 663-9510.

State law requires Manitowoc Public School District to enforce the regular attendance of students. Wisconsin Act 285 defines a "habitual truant" as "a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five school days during a semester." **Per the state law, students are not allowed more than 10 absences in a school year.** Families whose student exceeds the designated number of allowed absences will receive attendance letters in the mail, and we will request that you participate in an attendance problem-solving meeting where we will work through each family situation.

School officially starts at 8:10 a.m. Effective Tuesday, January 23, all students who arrive school after 8:10 a.m. will be considered tardy.

WINTER CONDITIONS

Winter has finally arrived, and it looks like it's here to stay for a while! Here are a few important reminders for our families:

- Students will be outside (before and after school and during recess) even if it is snowing.
- Please dress your children warmly! Make sure they wear their boots, snow pants, a warm jacket, a hat and mittens/gloves. We also recommend having extra socks in the locker in case feet get wet.
- If there is a delay or cancellation, please do not call the school directly. The delay/cancellation information will be relayed through the Manitowoc Public School District website, the District Facebook page, local television and radio stations, and an Infinite Campus message will be sent out via e-mail, phone call and text. Please make sure the office has your current contact information.
- If your child lost a glove, hat, boot, sweatshirt or even a warm winter jacket, please have them check the school lost and found, which is located outside the office.



SFA NEWS

January is an exciting month at Franklin School! The children are wrapping up their learning of second quarter curriculum, completing assessments and celebrating their success with a bingo party event. As the Success for All Facilitator, I will be assisting with testing, analyzing data and forming new groups so your child begins the third quarter at their updated instructional level. All parents can anticipate a letter from me in the January 18th Friday Folders, complete with new information about your child's upcoming SFA teacher. We will also monitor tutoring plans for all students reading below grade level. If this applies to your child, you will receive a letter in your child's folder. Please reach out should you have any questions during this transition month!

Questions? Please reach out to Ms. Heideman, SFA Facilitator, heidemanb@mpsd.school or (920) 663-9476.

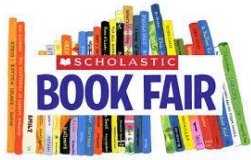
PTA NOTES

Happy New Year! We had a great December and cannot wait to see what the New Year brings us!

We had a great time at our Breakfast with Santa family event that was held on Saturday, December 9. We want to thank the many families who came to have breakfast and visit with Santa. A HUGE thank you to the volunteers who helped with this event. We could not have done it without you!

Franklin School's Kids Heart Challenge begins January 15 and ends on February 23. If the school reaches their goal of \$5,000.00, we will have an 80's dance party. Watch the Franklin Elementary PTA Facebook page for more information to come.

Spirit sticks will be sold before and after school on Wednesday, January 10, and during lunch on Wednesday, January 24. All spirit sticks cost \$1.00. Our January PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We always welcome new members!



A wise person once said, "A book is a gift you can open again and again and again." Our Scholastic Book Fair will be returning on Monday, February 12, through Thursday, February 15. Students will have the opportunity to walk through the book fair and make wish lists with their class on Friday, February 9. The book fair will be open Monday, February 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 14, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and again from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The book fair will be open all day on Thursday, February 15, during parent/teacher conferences.

Rahr Memorial School Forest Winter Fest

Fun for families and nature lovers of all ages

**Saturday, February 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at YOUR School Forest**



Set your own pace as you explore the trails and take part in on-going and scheduled nature activities. Stay for an hour or the entire event. Scan the QR code to register. Check the Rahr Memorial School Forest [website](#) for additional information, directions and updates.

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10	Spirit stick sale, before and after school outside the art room
January 11	Large group band practice, 7:30 a.m.
January 17	PTA meeting, 6:00-7:00 p.m., library
January 18	Large group orchestra practice, 7:30 a.m. End of first semester (full day for students)
January 19	NO SCHOOL - records day for staff
January 22	NO SCHOOL - staff development
January 24	Spirit stick sale, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., gym
January 25	Large group band practice, 7:30 a.m.
January 30	1 st grade School Forest field trip, 10:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

What's on the Menu?

MPSD Elementary School January 2024 Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Charwell's Discovery Kitchen</p>	<p>Take a culinary adventure through the U.S.A.</p> 	<p>3 Pretzel Bites w/ Cheese Sauce Cup & String Cheese or Chicken Patty Corn</p>	<p>4 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links or Meatball Soup w/ Cheese Tater Tots</p>	<p>5 Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza or Egg Patty with Biscuit Green Beans</p>
<p>8 Cheese Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce or Chicken Tenders w/ Dinner Roll Carrots Corn</p>	<p>9 Soft Shell Tacos or Chocolate Muffin Goldfish Crackers Yogurt Cup Mexican Style Black Beans</p>	<p>10 Pancake Bilus w/ Sausage Patty or Jr Italian Sub Green Beans</p>	<p>11 Pizza Casserole or PB&J w/ String Cheese Peas</p>	<p>12 Corn Dog on a Stick or Macaroni & Cheese w/ Garlic Breadstick Potato Smiles</p>
<p>15 Chicken Drumstick w/ Dinner Roll or Cheese Pizza Bagels Corn</p>	<p>16 Blueberry Bash Waffles w/ Yogurt or Lasagna Roll Up w/ Garlic Bread Green Beans</p>	<p>17 Popcorn Chicken w/ Dinner Roll or Turkey & Cheese Wrap  Boston Baked Beans</p>	<p>18 Teriyaki Chicken over Rice or Strawberry Parfait Carrots</p>	<p>19 No School </p>
<p>22 No School </p>	<p>23 Cheesaburger or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Curly Fries</p>	<p>24 Chicken & Gravy w/ Dinner Roll or Mini Corn Dogs Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>25 Chicken Nuggets w/ Dinner Roll or Italian Meat Sauce over Spaghetti Green Beans</p>	<p>26 Nachos w/ Shredded Cheddar or Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans</p>
<p>29 Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza or Crunchy Fish Sticks Peas</p>	<p>30 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Sauce or Blueberry Muffin Goldfish Cracker Yogurt Cup  Mexican Street Corn</p>	<p>31 Nachos w/ Shredded Cheddar or Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Soup Carrots</p>		<p>Meal Prices A la Carte Milk \$0.15 Adult \$4.95</p>