

FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Franklin School!

I would like to remind all of our Franklin families to please use the crosswalks when walking students to and from Franklin School. We have Franklin staff serving as crossing guards before and after school every day. We want our students to learn to use the crosswalks and be as safe as possible. Because there are a lot of distracted drivers, please tell your children not to cross in the middle of the block. We want everyone to be safe!

As the school year continues, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the Franklin office or call me at (920) 663-9512.

Have a great school year!

Dr. Matt Heller, Principal

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:

4-H Family Fun Night, September 26

2023-24 Learn to Skate, Manitowoc County Figure Skating Club

Drop-In Chess Club, Manitowoc Public Library, October 4 and November 8

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Did you move over the summer? Did you change any of your phone numbers or an e-mail address? How about a new job? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please update your child's gold Census Verification Report which will be coming home soon. It's very helpful when our records are current and accurate to provide for your child(ren)'s safety. When the Census Verification Report is sent home, please review the information, make the necessary changes, sign and return the form to school (regardless if changes are made).

RAPTOR VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To enhance the safety of Franklin School, we utilize our Raptor Visitor Management System to register our visitors. If visitors would like to enter the building during school hours for any reason, they will need to submit a valid state ID or driver's license. The office staff will then scan their information in the National Sex Offender Registry. If approved to enter our school, a nametag will be printed which must be worn on the outermost layer of clothing at all times. All visitors must return to the office to sign out prior to leaving the building.



SCHOOL NURSE MESSAGE

If your child has medication at school, a new Medication Consent form must be completed before medication can be administered. The form can be found on the District website under Nursing Services>Parent Forms, or pick one up from your child's school. Medication provided to the school must be in the original container with the student's full name, name of the medication and dosage.

The start of the school year is also a great time to make sure your child's immunizations are current. Please contact your child's medical provider or health center to schedule an appointment. If you do not want your child to receive these immunizations, a signed waiver of declination must be on file at school. Waivers are available on the District website under Nursing Services>Parent Forms, or in each school office.

SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

The 2023-24 school year is upon us, and it is time to sign your child(ren) up for the school dental program provided by Lakeshore Community Health Care. The Lakeshore Community Health Care provides dental services such as exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants and fillings right here at Franklin School! A bright green dental sign-up form has been sent home from school with your child(ren). These forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. You will need to fill out one form for EACH child. If you do NOT want this service for your child, please indicate so on the form and return it to school. It is equally important that ALL forms be returned to the school as soon as possible. This helps the dental clinic with both planning and funding the program.



If you have any questions, please call Lakeshore Community Health at (920) 973-9709, or e-mail mtwcschoolsdental@lakeshorechc.org.



Franklin School's picture day will be held on Friday, October 6. All students will receive a picture proof form on picture day with two images. All pictures must be ordered and paid for online. Harmann Studios recommends following these steps for a successful picture day:

Step 1: Dress for success! Long sleeve solid-colored shirts photograph best. Avoid white, neon and crazy patterned shirts, bare arms and text on your shirt.

Step 2: Choose your favorite picture from the two proofs.

Step 3: Choose the package that fits your needs, and place your order. Harmann Studios would like everyone to pay with a credit card. If you do not have the ability to pay online, please call Harmann Studios at (800) 236-8910 for other payment options.

If for some reason you are not satisfied with your picture proof or your child is absent, our picture retake day will be the morning of Tuesday, November 14.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY!

Welcome to another awesome school year! Throughout the school year, Franklin students will have the opportunity to visit our library once a week so they may check out books of their choice. Students in kindergarten, first and second grade will receive a plastic book bag to keep and use throughout the school year. Please, do not throw it away! Students are encouraged to be responsible for the care of the books they borrow from the library and return them in a timely manner. I also suggest students keep their books in their backpack, preferably in the plastic book bag, when they are not reading them. This helps to keep books from being misplaced or damaged. If a library book is lost or damaged, please inform your child's teacher or myself as soon as possible. Please do not repair damaged books at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to contact me, Mrs. Zahn, at (920) 663-9496 or zahn@mpsd.school.





SFA NEWS

Welcome Franklin families to another school year! My name is Brenda Heideman, and I will be our school's Success for All facilitator! Success for All (SFA) is the district's new literacy curriculum. This week, our students spent time in their homeroom classrooms learning from the *Getting Along Together* curriculum. *Getting Along Together* (GAT) teaches students to develop and use skills in three areas: thinking/cognitive skills, emotional-management skills, and interpersonal/social skills. The beginning lessons specifically set the stage for the children to develop the skills required to work in cooperative groups as well as solve conflicts with their peers. Next week Wednesday, September 20th, students will begin their reading groups. Watch for a letter coming home with your child next week. Throughout this year, if you have any questions regarding SFA, please reach out to me at heidemanb@mpsd.school or (920) 663-9476.

SPIRIT STICKS

Spirit sticks are back! This year, spirit sticks will be sold before and after school in the art room, during lunch in the gym and at all of our PTA family events. All spirit sticks cost \$1.00. A flyer will be sent home each month letting everyone know which spirit sticks will be for sale. Spirit sticks are very popular, not only with the kids, but also with parents! We are also excited to announce the return of the Spirit Stick of the Month club. For only \$8.00, your child will receive a unique spirit stick every month that only members receive. They will also have an opportunity to win one of two "Spirit Monkey of the Month" stuffed monkeys.



SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| September 15 | 1 st grade field trip to School Forest |
| September 20 | Spirit stick sale, gym (during lunch only)
PTA meeting, library, 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| September 22 | First day of autumn |

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

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| October 6 | School picture day |
| October 13 | Staff development day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |