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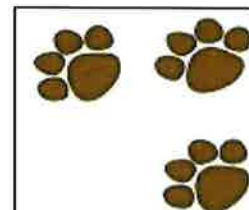
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BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Nicole Fletcher

2/5 Carla Corry

2/22 Angela Coggins



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CALENDAR

2/26-3/1	Staff Appreciation Week
3/4-3/8	Read Across America Week
3/6	Class and Spring Pictures
3/8	Early Dismissal Day
	End of Third Quarter Grading Period
3/11-15	Spring Break
3/29	No School



Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

I hope your family and you have enjoyed your week! We have an exciting week coming up March 4th. We will be celebrating Read Across America Week. Our students will participate in Spirit Week, enjoy guest readers, and other exciting activities throughout the week. We are so excited to celebrate our love of reading!

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

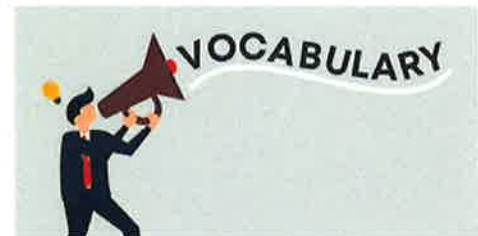
We are excited to announce that FSSD online registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin this month. Please be on the lookout for a district communication in the coming weeks with more information. If you have a returning student, you will need to be prepared to log in to your Skyward Family Access account. Now is a good time to locate your two proofs of residency, which you can submit electronically with your registration or drop off at your child's school once your registration is complete.

FSSD Recruitment Fair will be on March 23 from 9:00 – 11:00. The fair will be held at Popular Grove School. If you know someone who might be interested in working in the best district (or you), please pass the information along!

Assistant Principal's Post

By: Lauren Simpson

A powerful strategy to build vocabulary is to teach students about the meanings of components of the words they're learning directly, like prefixes and suffixes, along with Greek and Latin roots. If they know that the *un* in *unhappy* means "not," they're more likely to understand a word like *undistinguished*. It's also helpful to teach word families: if the word is *celebrity*, for example, bring in words like *celebrate* and *celebration*.
Have fun building vocabulary!



Coordinated School Health News

By: Lisa Chatman, School Health Coordinator

The month of February is Heart Health Awareness month. The FES Student Health Council discussed the use of tobacco and vaping. The lesson was followed by a colorful card poster game.



Counselor's Corner

By: Andrea Gillette, School Counselor

Happy Friday! The character word for the month of February is **citizenship**. **Citizenship** means that you follow the rules and do your share in service to your school, community, and country. Good citizens respect authority, are dependable, follow the rules, report things that are against the law, and volunteer to help others. The kindergarten, second, and third grade students came to my class

this week. The kindergarten students learned about personal safety (say no to strangers, get away, and tell a safe person). The second-grade students learned about smoking and alcohol, and the third-grade students finished listening to Mac's Choice and learned how drugs affected the characters. Next week, the first and fourth grades will come to my class. The first-grade students will begin learning about personal safety (say no to strangers, get away, and tell a safe person). The fourth-grade students will finish learning how drugs affect the body and will begin learning about stranger safety and safe/unsafe touches. During the next few weeks, all grades will learn about personal safety which includes stranger safety and safe/unsafe touches. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Please talk with your child about this important topic and feel free to call me at 794-1187 if you have any questions.

PTO Happenings

By: Deanna Crusier, PTO President

Staff Appreciation Week: How You Can Help Show our Staff They are Loved!

When: The Week of February 26 through March 1, 2024

Each year, we set aside a week to shower our entire FES staff with love and appreciation for all they do for our kids and families each and every day. This year, that week will be the week of February 26, 2024. We have special gifts and treats planned each day. It promises to be a really amazing week! Having said that, we could use your help in a few areas to make that week a success. Here's how you can help.

We are still looking for glass jars and vases.

Thank you so much to those that have already been sent in! If you have extra jars or vases at home and would like to donate them, please send them directly to our front office at school. We will even take jars with labels on them, so no need to worry about removing labels if you don't have time to do that. We need all of these donations by February 23.

Additionally, we are asking families to **send in a small bouquet of roses on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.** We are specifically looking for roses, greenery and baby's breath for a special project. And please note that any flowers that come in will not go to a specific teacher but will be used to create arrangements for all of the FES staff. We will have helpers in the car line and bus line that morning to help collect

all the roses that come in, and then volunteers will use them to create arrangements for each of our staff members that day. So please mark your calendars and remember to send in a bouquet of roses that morning for this special project.

Also on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, we will be treating our staff to a special lunch. **We are looking for several volunteers to make and send in soup and bread** for that day's lunch. Here's the sign up with all the details if you are interested in helping in this way.

[FES 23/24: Soup for Staff Appreciation Week \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/FES23/24/SoupforStaffAppreciationWeek)

And throughout the week, **we will be looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up from our daily treats and activities.** We do have a sign up with lots of different opportunities. Please take a look and sign up for any slots you might be interested in helping with.

[FES 23/24: Help for Staff Appreciation Week \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/FES23/24/HelpforStaffAppreciationWeek)

Thank you so much for your help in making our Staff Appreciation Week a great success this year!

Math Olympiads

Congratulations to the February Math Olympiad Event 4 Medalists:

Gold - Lexi Cruser, & Asher Martinez

Silver - Tennessee Garrett, CJ Kelly, Wesley Smith, & Simon Strasser

Bronze - Eleanor Baggett, Sadie Lahey, Bruno Miranda, & Camden Sanford



Franklin Elementary Yearbooks on Sale!

BUY  **YOUR**
Yearbook

Online yearbook sales **ONLY**.
Online Ordering Ends: Mon., Mar. 18,
2024

Yearbooks are **\$23.00**.

To order your yearbook: inter-
state.com/order and enter code 81995H.



Lunch Menu

Franklin Elementary / Lunch

MARCH 2024

				Fri 1
				Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Veggie Pizza Caesar Salad Raw Veggies Assorted Fruit
Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8
Cheesy Chicken Sub Hamburger/Cheeseburger French Fries Three Bean Salad Assorted Fruit	Macaroni and Cheese with Ham Macaroni & Cheese BBQ Sandwich Coleslaw Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers Cajun Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Mini Corn Dog Vegetable Alfredo Pasta White Chicken Chili Italian Vegetable Blend Breadsticks Assorted Fruit	Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Three Meat Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Baby Carrots Assorted Fruit
Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15
NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY
Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Grilled Cheese Taco Soup Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fruit	Chicken & Waffle Cheese Omelet Roasted Broccoli Tri-Taters Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers Teriyaki Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Bosco Sticks Baked Fish White Beans Peas & Carrots Rice Pilaf Assorted Fruit	Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Buffalo Chicken Pizza Carrot & Raisin Salad Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thu 28	Fri 29
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Cheese Ravioli Honey Glazed Carrots Baked Beans Assorted Fruit	Sweet & Sour Chicken Sweet & Sour Veggie Bowl Stir Fried Vegetables Edamame Egg Roll Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers Ranch Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Bosco Sticks Baked Fish White Beans Peas & Carrots Rice Pilaf Assorted Fruit	NO SCHOOL TODAY

Beverages Apple Juice - Orange Juice - Milk Chocolate Fat Free - Milk Fat Free - Milk Sweet Acidophilus
Condiments Honey Mustard Dressing - Ketchup - Mayonnaise - Mustard - Ranch Dressing - Tarter Sauce -
Taco Sauce

Salad Bar Salad Bar

Breakfast(\$2.75) Breakfast Reduced(\$0.30) Breakfast- Adults(\$3.00) Lunch(\$3.75) Lunch- Reduced(\$0.40)
Lunch- Adult(\$4.25) Lunch- Child Visitors(\$3.75) Holiday Meals Visitors(\$5.00) Ice Cream(\$1.00) Milk(\$0.75)

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PET FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE



In honor of our beloved school dog, BLAKE



From **February 21 -March 8th** we will be collecting donations for the Williamson County Animal Center.

Below is a list of suggested items. Please bring your donations to the **FES Front Office**. Let's continue Blake's spirit of love and service together!

CAT ITEMS

Clumping Cat Litter
Scratching Posts
Cat & Kitten Toys
Mylar Balls
Churu Cat Treats
Iams Wet Kitten Food

DOG ITEMS

Large Nylabones
Medium Collars
XL,L Kong Toys
Milk Bone Mini Treats
Benebones
Pet Training Pads

MISC.

Washcloths
Food & Water Bowls
Grooming Items
Towels
Liquid Laundry Soap
Kraft Easy Cheese

For additional items and the WCAC's Amazon wish list, please visit
www. <https://www.adoptwcac.org/267/Donate-Items>



THANK YOU!



Games!



Giveaways!

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
MARCH 4-8, 2024



**THAT CHILDREN WHO FUEL UP WITH BREAKFAST
ARE MORE LIKELY TO:**

Attain higher levels of
achievement in subjects
such as reading and math

Exhibit improved
concentration, alertness,
comprehension and memory

Achieve higher scores
on standardized tests

Have reduced absenteeism
and tardiness

Maintain a healthy weight

Improve their classroom
behavior

Find out your Pancake
Name!

The **School Breakfast Program** serves **14.7 million students** each school day in approximately **90,000 schools** nationwide. These breakfasts are not just your average fare—they tend to be **more nutritious than the average breakfast** a child gets from home or a convenient fast-food restaurant.

So, let's hang loose and celebrate the power of a healthy **school breakfast**. Join us in ensuring that every child catches the **wave of nourishment**, setting them up for success and learning. Cowabunga!

Prizes!