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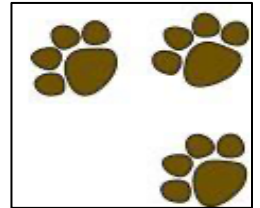
Important Numbers

Front Office 615-794-1187

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BIRTHDAYS

- 8/4 Karen Reynolds
- 8/6 Debra Patterson
- 8/9 Molly Schenk
Doreen Weil
- 8/11 Cheryl Brunet
- 8/17 Christol Creason
- 8/21 Melissa Lopez
- 8/22 Mark Robertson
- 8/23 Kortney Genaro
- 8/24 Melissa Miller
- 8/25 Susan Cremin
- 8/27 Angela Beschta
- 8/29 Lisa Chatman
- 8/31 Kyle Rigsby



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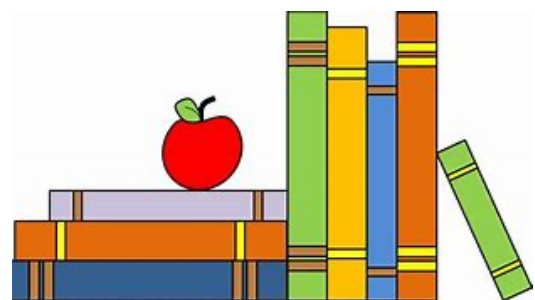
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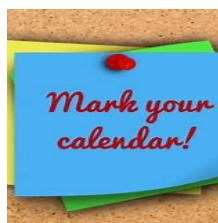
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CALENDAR

- 8/30 Early Dismissal Day
- 9/2 Labor Day Holiday, No School
- 9/11 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 9/13 Grandparents Lunch
- 9/17 Dot Day
- 9/19 PTO Meeting @ 8:45 am



Back To School



Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

Happy New Year! I am so excited for this school year! It has been wonderful to see our students and their smiling faces again! Our students have enjoyed making new friends, learning new routines, and building relationships with their new teachers.

When visiting our school, please remember to have a photo ID with you. A picture of your driver's license or passport on your phone will not be accepted. Additionally, when picking up your child in the car rider line, please make sure your car tag is visible. If you are a walker, you still need to present a car tag. If you do not have your car tag, you will be asked to go to the office and show ID to pick up your child.



For the safety of our students and to keep our car rider line moving, please do not get out of your vehicle to help your child get in your car. Please continue reviewing what color and type of car you have, as well as having your child practice opening and closing their car door.

As a reminder, Friday, August 30th is an Early Dismissal Day. Our students will be dismissed at 12:30. If your child will be going home a different way that day, please ensure your child's teacher knows. Also, we will not have school on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Thank you for your support and partnering with us! My door is always open. You may reach me on my cell at (615) 473-0207 or email at carriganapr@fssd.org. We are excited to "dig into a new year!"

Assistant Principal's Post

By: Lauren Simpson

I am thrilled to begin a new school year and partner with our families to make this the best year yet! Please remember to arrive on time to school each day and support students to be prepared for learning by setting morning routines and encouraging a positive start to each day.

Nurse's Note

By: Sandra Deal, School Nurse



If your child has a condition that requires emergency medications at school, such as asthma or food allergies, please make sure to provide these to the school nurse. If you did not receive the paperwork for you and your child's doctor to complete, just let me know, and I can send it home with your child. Medications should be brought to the clinic by a parent or guardian. It is very important that these be available at school to maintain the health and safety of the child. In the event of an

emergency, such as an asthma attack or allergic reaction, and no medication is available, 911 will be called.

Tick and mosquito bites can cause illness, so it is important to protect your child and family. The CDC recommends that you limit outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Wearing long sleeves and pants helps provide protection, and also using insect repellent. Always check your child for ticks after outdoor play in brushy, wooded or grassy areas. Ticks can find their way to less obvious places like the head, armpits, and groin area. Make sure to remove any free-standing water around your home, like water that has collected in outdoor flowerpots, to prevent attracting mosquitos. Protecting our children with life-threatening food allergies is a priority in FSD. The district focuses on preventing exposure, and we appreciate the help of parents to remind students that there is no sharing of food among students allowed at school. Also, no food is to be consumed on the school bus. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe and healthy!

Counselor's Corner

By: Andrea Gillette, School Counselor

Welcome back to Franklin Elementary! We are so excited about this upcoming school year. Whether you are new to Franklin Elementary or have been here, we are delighted to see you and look forward to working with you and your child. I love seeing all the smiling faces of new and old students. Just to clarify my role here, I am the School Counselor. As the School Counselor, I teach classes, often referred to as guidance class or school counseling class. Every class comes to my room two times a month for lessons. School Counselors teach skills to help students become successful students and citizens. The topics include friendship skills, manners, feelings, decision making, conflict resolution, study skills, peer pressure, saying no to drugs, safe/unsafe touches, etc. I also work with students in small groups to help build and teach skills. The topics of small groups can include friendship group, anger management group, self-concept group, citizenship group, study skills group, and handling worries group. To participate in a small group, parent permission is required. If your child participates, you will know. I also see students individually as a need arises.



This week the kindergarten and third grades came to my class. Next week, the first, second, and fourth grades will come. During the first lesson, the students learned about the rules for classroom behavior and who the counselor is. After that, the students will learn about showing respect and being a good friend. I hope you and your child have had a pleasant experience so far this year! If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to call me at 794-1187 or email me at gillletteand@fssd.org. I look forward to a terrific year at FES!



Parenting Tip

In order to better adjust to the school routine and schedule, please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Getting to bed early can be hard for working families, but the rest is necessary for children to learn and handle their emotions. Once you develop a consistent routine, it becomes much easier. Also, take all phones and electronics out of the bedroom as these inhibit sleep. Have a great weekend!

Cub Run Sponsors Needed

Each fall, FES holds an annual Cub Run as its main fundraiser. We are excited to hold this event on Thursday, October 3, 2024. With the proceeds from the Cub Run, FES intends to invest in many items for our school including dual language readers, resealing our basketball court, and materials to support phonics, literacy and lifelong learning. That being said, we need sponsors and would love your help to make this fundraiser a success for our school.

Cub Run is a great opportunity for businesses to get involved and make a difference. Sponsorship levels vary. If you or a business you know of would be interested, please contact Jenny Vazquez (615-519-4840) or Vittoria Fontanetta (270-996-8673).



PTO Happenings

By: Callie Alexander, PTO President

Welcome to the 24-25 school year!

What a great start to this new school year! I'm thrilled to be this year's FES PTO President. There are big shoes to fill, and I hope to make you proud! The PTO has already kicked off the new year with a Welcome Back Beverage Station for our staff and our annual "Boohoo/Yahoo" Breakfast for our new kindergarten parents. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers thus far! There will be many more exciting opportunities to support our kids as the year unfolds. Please join us to learn more about these events at our monthly PTO meetings. The meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month at 8:45am in the FES conference room. This is a great way to plug into your FES community and meet other families.

I am excited to start "Digging Into" this school year with you! As always, if you have any questions about any school events or would like to volunteer, please feel free to reach me at callie.alexander.84@gmail.com or 208-819-6699. We are always thankful for new volunteers!

Join the FES PTO Remind App for Important Notifications this Year!

Franklin Elementary PTO will use the Remind App to communicate about school events. You can download the mobile app, or if using a computer go to www.remind.com. Create a new account or tap +join a class. Enter your class code and then click join. New Remind codes are assigned each year as your child enters a new grade, so please update your new 2024/2025 code as follows:

Preschool: 2h4764g

Kindergarten: 786h6e9

1st Grade: he88ce8

2nd Grade: hbbhcb2

3rd Grade: dfhek2

4th Grade: k3h8cd



PTO City Saver: Coming Next Week!

Parents, please be on the lookout for a handout coming home with your child on Monday regarding our annual City Saver fundraiser. This fundraiser will run for two weeks, beginning Monday August 26th and concluding on Friday September 6th. Remember, this year the City Saver program is completely online! If you have questions about City Saver, please contact Katy Dodson at marykdodson@gmail.com.

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY / CITY SAVER FUNDRAISER

Our school is once again offering the popular City Saver Mobile App for our Fall Fundraiser. This product is affordable, convenient, and helps you save money all year at tons of local restaurants and attractions. For \$25, you will receive access to the City Saver mobile app from your purchase date through the end of 2025 and the best news is that our school earns 50% from each purchase!

HOW TO HELP!

- Purchase a City Saver Mobile App subscription for \$25.
- **NO CASH/CHECKS ACCEPTED!**
- To purchase: **SCAN QR CODE HERE** ----- >
- OR visit www.CitySaver.com/FranklinES
- Enter the number of City Savers you wish to purchase
- Enter the **student/teacher/grade** at checkout
- Your mobile app activation code will be emailed to you
- Sale ends **Friday, September 6**
- **SHARE THE QR CODE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



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SELL 1 - Win a "BLAST FROM THE PAST" COOP BACKPACK CLIP
Win another Coop for each City Saver sold! (collect all Coops / trade with friends)

SELL 3 - Win TWO FREE SOAR MINI GOLF PASSES

SELL 5 - Win TWO FREE 90-MINUTE SKY ZONE JUMP PASSES

SELL 10 - Win TWO NASHVILLE PREDATORS TICKETS & Invited to
annual City Saver / Predators TOP SELLER AUTOGRAPH PARTY
(Meet players & Gnash the Mascot)

Beverages Apple Juice - Orange Juice - Milk Chocolate Fat Free - Milk Fat Free - Milk 1%
Condiments Honey Mustard Dressing - Ketchup - Mayonnaise - Ranch Dressing - Tarter Sauce - Taco Sauce

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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