

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## FRANKLIN-WE ALL BELONG!

Hello Franklin Families,

The first day of school is approaching fast. The days leading up to the start of the academic year is exciting for staff as we wait for the students to arrive. We have been; preparing classrooms, participating in planning meetings, and have learned a lot from trainings. The Franklin Staff takes pride in their work and will continue to keep a focus on providing high quality instruction within a caring and supportive learning environment where all students find a sense of belonging and families feel engaged and respected. We will continuously strive to work together with the community and you--Franklin Families, to help all students be prepared for success in life.

We start the school year by establishing a welcoming environment where all students know they are valued members of the school community. We concentrate on getting to know one another which instills a sense of belonging. Also, we focus on school expectations, co-creating classroom expectations and then...teaching and reteaching/learning and relearning how to be a successful person at Franklin Elementary. Additionally, as a school community we practice preparedness by participating in safety procedures which includes: tornado drill, fire drill, emergency drill, and the arrival/dismissal routines. In anticipation of your support, I say thank you for taking a moment to read through the drop off/pickup line routines. As always, if you need anything, feel free to email or call us. The main office phone number is: 920.852.5475.

Click the link to read: [Pickup/drop off Family Communication](#)

Sincerely,

Denise Tetzlaff, Franklin Principal



For more information, please visit the [Franklin School Website](#).

Remember to LIKE Franklin School & Franklin PTO.

Give us a call, we are here to help: 920.852.5475.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Please see below for some important dates.

- August 26 / Early Childhood and Kindergarten Meet & Greet
- August 28 / First - Fifth Grade Meet & Greet
- September 3 / First Day of School
- September 5 / PTO Meeting Room 127
- September 13 / Deadline to order Franklin Apparel
- September 20 / Franklin Elementary Day - Playground Popcorn Party
- September 24 / Picture Day
- September 30 / No School
- October 10 / Parent - Teacher Conferences
- October 15 / Parent - Teacher Conferences
- October 25 / No School
- October 29 / Picture Retake Day

## No School Dates

September 2, 30 / October 25 / November 27-30 / December 23-31

January 1, 17, 20 / February 17 / March 21-30 / April 18 / May 23-26

Before and after school care is available to all Franklin Students through the YMCA Extended Day Learning Program. For more information on this program, please see the [Appleton Area School District website](#) or call the school office.



# Franklin Meet & Greet

## Supplies List

Please leave your child's supplies with the teacher during the Meet & Greet Event.

## **Please join us at Meet & Greet!**

Franklin will be hosting the annual Meet & Greet in late August. We have made some changes to the schedule to create cohesiveness between home and school. Please come and join us, we are excited to connect with you.

FROZEN SWEET TREAT FOR ALL STUDENTS

## Early Childhood & Kindergarten

**August 26th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Please drop off supplies in the child's classroom between 4:00pm-4:30pm.

### *Childcare Available*

Enjoy the brief Family Information Meeting with the Teacher starting at 4:30pm.

## First Grade and Second Grade

**August 28th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**

Please drop off supplies in the child's classroom between 4:30pm-5:00pm.

### *Childcare Available*

Enjoy one of the brief Family Information Meetings with the Teacher beginning at 5:00pm or 6:00pm.

Join us in the gym for updates from Franklin Staff & PTO beginning at 5:30pm.



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## Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade

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Please drop off supplies in the child's classroom between 4:30pm-5:00pm.

***Childcare Available***

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# POPCORN PLAYGROUND PARTY



**GET TO KNOW YOUR  
FELLOW SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS WHILE  
ENJOYING A  
POPCORN SNACK!**

**Friday  
September  
20th  
3:30 pm to  
5:00 pm**

# Dean's Desk Info

## Attendance Matters!

Having your child here at school each day does make a difference!

### DID YOU KNOW....

- Missing just **2 days** a month means a student misses **10%** of the school year
- Students in kindergarten and 1st grade who miss 10% of the school year are **far less likely to read** proficiently in 3rd grade
- Students who attend school regularly are **more likely** to build **positive relationships** with their peers

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Create a predictable bedtime routine that allows for adequate amount of sleep
- Talk about & model the importance of attendance at home
- Help your child be on time for school everyday

If you attended the parent meeting in the gym on Back to School Night, please reiterate expectations to your child. We want our students to feel safe at school so they can maximize their learning!

### Meeting Expectations

- Kind to yourself and others
- Following directions and expectations
- Using appropriate language
- Participating
- Hands and feet to self

### Not Meeting Expectations

- Not following expectations
- Not keeping hands and feet to self
- Inappropriate language
- Not participating
- Damaging property

# Counselor

## CORNER

### Welcome Back To School! September 2024



Hello Franklin Foxes!  
I am your child's school counselor. Please watch the monthly newsletter for information from the counselor's corner!

### Suggested books to help with school transition:

- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Jasper Lizard wants to stay home by Ashley Bartley
- The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

### Let's CONNECT!



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ext.28135



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aasd.k12.wis.us

### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

- Start talking about the back to school transition with your child early.
- Arrive at school on time so your child can adjust to the classroom routine.
- See the next page for more tips!

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#### 9 TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD OVERCOME SCHOOL ANXIETY

##### 1 GOODBYE ROUTINE

Develop a quick goodbye routine and do it the same way every time. Don't drag out the goodbye process. It makes leaving even more difficult.

##### 2 BE CONSISTENT

Keeping a consistent routine helps kids know what to expect. It's tempting to give up or give in when things are difficult. It's important to remember that what feels easier in the short run usually makes things more difficult in the long run.

##### 3 KEEP THINGS LIGHT

Kids are good at picking up on emotions. Appear relaxed and upbeat even if you don't feel that way. It tugs at the heart strings when your child is anxious. Keep conversations positive but to the point and detached of emotion.

##### 4 TALK TO THE TEACHER

Teachers are a great resource! Open communication helps increase success. Your child's teacher may have tips or ideas to share in dealing with school anxiety.

##### 5 HAVE CHILD BRING ONE SMALL THING FROM HOME

Send a small reminder of home with your child. Items such as a handwritten note, a family picture, or a small keepsake that when looked at brings a happy thought. \*\*Please make arrangements with teacher first.

##### 6 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING TECHNIQUES

Learning to handle problems effectively is a valuable life skill. When problems arise, don't rush to solve your child's problem for them. Encourage them to come up with their own ideas of solutions to their problems.

##### 7 BE PREPARED FOR SETBACKS

Don't get discouraged with regression. Going back to school after a long weekend, holiday break, or illness can cause anxiety to flare up again. Be prepared for this and remember consistency is the key.

##### 8 DON'T GIVE UP

The best gift you can give your child is to not give up.. even when you feel like it. There's no "quick fix" in overcoming school anxiety. The best lesson your child learns is they CAN do hard things and be successful.

##### 9 TEACH CALMING STRATEGIES

Teaching your child calming strategies is a great way for them to take an active role in overcoming school anxiety. Some coping strategy examples are:



Deep Breathing Exercise:  
Inhale through nose. Hold for 5 seconds. Exhale through mouth.

Do 25 of something active.  
jumping jacks, shooting  
hoops, jump rope.



Focus on positive  
thoughts.

Bring note from home  
to read at recess.



Count down  
from 10  
BACKWARDS.



# Franklin Clothing Sale!

## Youth



Gildan Youth Dryblend 50 Cotton/50 Poly T-Shirt



A4 Youth Cooling Performance T-Shirt



Gildan Youth Heavy Cotton 100% Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt

All ordering will be done online this school year!

Ordering Deadline: September 13th 2024

<https://franklinelementary2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>



Email Mrs. Koehnke with questions  
koehnkeanne@asd.k12.wi.us



Gildan Heavy Blend™ Youth Sweatshirt



Gildan Youth Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

**FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Appleton

## PICTURE DAY: SEPTEMBER 24TH

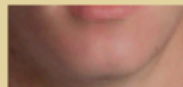
### ONLINE ORDERING

Two images and instructions will be on your student's proof form that will print on picture day.

### MOST POPULAR ADD-ONS!



BEFORE Antes



AFTER Después

**RETOUCHING**  
Retoque



**MAGNET**  
Imán



**BACKPACK TAG**  
Etiqueta para mochila

### PLEASE FOLLOW THIS 2 STEP PROCESS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PICTURE DAY!

*Por favor siga estos 2 sencillos pasos para un exitoso Día de foto.*

#### STEP 1: DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

*Paso 1: Vestirse para el éxito!*

- 1. Long sleeve solid-colored shirts photograph best.**  
*Camisa de manga larga en colores sólidos fotografian mucho mejor.*
- 2. Avoid white, neon, and crazy patterned shirts, bare arms, and text on your shirt.**  
*Evita el blanco, neon y patrones muy elaborados en las camisas y camisetas, así como los brazos desnudos y textos en las camisas.*
- 3. Have fun! Make a great memory to enjoy for years!**



Pose 1



Pose 2

#### STEP 2: AFTER PICTURE DAY, ORDER ONLINE

*Paso 2: Haz su orden*

- 1. Choose your favorite pose from the two proofs.**  
*Escoge su pose favorita de las 2 pruebas.*
- 2. Choose package(s) that fits your needs.**  
*Escoge el paquete que se ajuste a sus necesidades.*
- 3. Please pay with credit card.**  
*If you do not have the ability to pay online, please call Harmann Studios for other payment options.  
Paga con tarjeta de crédito.*

*Don't miss out on a great school memory!*

### QUESTIONS?

*Preguntas?*

Harmann Studios Customer Care 1-800-236-8910

*Harmann*  
STUDIOS

# FRANKLIN MUSIC EVENTS 24-25

**Tuesday,  
February  
18th**      **4TH AND 5TH  
GRADE CONCERT**  
**2 PM AND 6 PM**

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**Tuesday,  
March  
11th**      **2ND AND 3RD  
GRADE CONCERT**  
**2 PM AND 6 PM**

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**Tuesday,  
April  
29th**      **KINDERGARTEN AND  
1ST GRADE CONCERT**  
**2 PM AND 6 PM**

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**Monday,  
May  
12th**      **FINE ARTS NIGHT**  
Featuring Band, Choir, and  
Strings Students  
**6 PM**

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All events are held in the  
Franklin Gymnasium

Email Ms. Ryder ([ryderjane@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:ryderjane@asd.k12.wi.us)) with any questions