



# The Bear Facts

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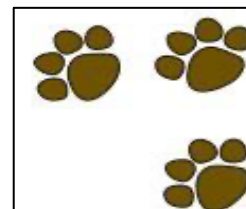
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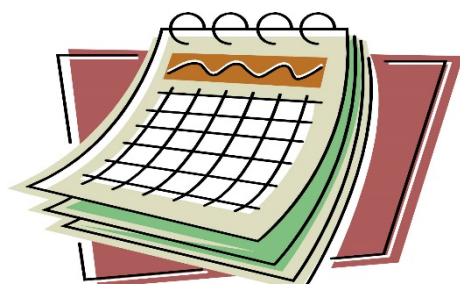
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## CALENDAR

2/17	No School for Students
2/20	Gathering with Girlfriends @ 7:45; PTO Meeting @ 8:45; CFA Spirit Night
2/28	FSD New Student Open House @ 9:00 – 2:00
3/7	Early Dismissal Day
3/10 – 14	Spring Break



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## Principal's Message

By: Dr. April Carrigan

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope your family and you had a wonderful week! Our school looked so festive today with our pink and red. I can't believe we are nearing the end of February. We have a few events coming up this month.

On Thursday, February 20, our Gathering with Girlfriends will be held in our gym at 7:45 – 8:15, and our Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night will be at the Columbia Ave. location. Our district is hosting a spring Open House on Friday, February 28 to new and potential families from 9:00 – 2:00.

As a reminder, our students do not have school on Monday, February 17.

## Assistant Principal's Tip

By: Lauren Simpson

3rd and 4th Grade Families - Please mark your calendars for TCAP testing, which will take place on April 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Please see the schedule below for details. Please avoid making appointments on these dates if at all possible and plan to have your child to school on time during the testing window. Testing will begin promptly each morning. Thank you!

FSD TCAP Testing Schedule 2025  
3rd-4th grades

### Franklin Special District 2025 TCAP Testing Schedule (Grades 3-4)

Testing Window: April 14 - May 2 (ELA returned on 4/23)

Date	Day	Subpart(s)	Subpart Time(s)
4-15	Tuesday	ELA, Part 1 (Writing test)	80 min. (5 min. per section in 3rd grade; 16 min. in 4th)
4-16	Wednesday	ELA, Part 2; ELA, Part 3	30 min. (6 min.); 40 min. (8 min.)
4-17	Thursday	ELA, Part 4	30 min. (6 min.)
4-18	Friday	N/A (no school)	N/A
4-21	Monday	Math, Part 1 (no calculators)	50 min. (10 min.)
4-22	Tuesday	Math, Part 2 (calculators); Math, Part 3 (calculators)	30 min. (6 min.); 30 min. (6 min.)
4-23	Wednesday	Science	50 min. (10 min.)
4-24	Thursday	Make-up tests only	(per subpart)
4-25	Friday	Make-up tests only	(per subpart)

*\*Requested optional time is available per subpart for students who need more time to complete that subpart.  
Students may use the requested time listed in parentheses beside each subpart if needed.*

## Coordinated School Health News

By: Lisa Chatman, FSD School Health Coordinator



### How To Stay Healthy During This Cold and Flu Season

To prevent the spread of germs this cold and flu season, practice good hygiene, such as frequent hand washing, using hand sanitizer, and avoiding face-touching. Also, properly prepare and store food to prevent bacterial contamination, especially with raw meats. Ensure you get enough rest and exercise to boost immunity. By following these simple steps, you can stay healthy and prevent the spread of illnesses.



## 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 first, second, and fourth grade students came to my class this week. The first-grade 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 fourth-grade students finished learning how drugs affect the body, mind, and relationships. Next week, the kindergarten and third grades will come to my class. The kindergarten students will begin learning about personal safety (say no to strangers, get away, and tell a safe person). The third-grade students 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.

### Parenting Tip

As we begin learning about safety in class, this is a friendly reminder to talk with your child about safety around strangers and on the internet.

- Never go with a stranger
- Never play or talk with strangers online
- Never use the restroom alone in public places
- Never give out your address or phone number
- Never answer the door if home alone



## Nurse's Note

By: Sandra Deal, School Nurse

### Cold Weather Tips from Nurse Deal

#### Stay Hydrated

Even in colder weather, it's crucial to stay hydrated. Drink water regularly, as the cold temperatures, dry air, and indoor heating can contribute to dehydration. Don't like water? Sipping on warm drinks like herbal teas and enjoying nourishing soups can also be comforting and contribute to overall



well-being. Try foods with high water content like cucumbers and oranges. Dry skin can be a sign of dehydration. Remember to nourish your child's skin to prevent dryness and itching. Wash hands with moisturizing soap and warm water as hot water can strip away natural oils. Use moisturizers to keep your skin hydrated. Helping your child to apply lotions after bathing will improve skin condition. Have Chapstick or Vaseline available to apply to lips daily or more often to prevent cracking and bleeding.

### Winter Nosebleeds

If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, it may be from the dry air. Try using a cold air humidifier at night. Saline nose drops or Vaseline may help too. If severe, contact your pediatrician.

## **PTO Happenings**

By: Callie Alexander, PTO President

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 20th for our annual Gathering with Girlfriends. Come enjoy donuts and beverages with your kiddos from 7:45-8:15am in the school cafeteria. As a friendly reminder, a photo ID will be required to enter the building.

Following Gathering with Girlfriends will be our monthly PTO meeting at 8:45am. Please join us as we prepare for these upcoming events:

Staff Appreciation Week is February 24th-28th

Class Pictures: March 6th

Fine Arts Night & Silent Auction: March 27th





SAVE THE DATE:

# Fine Arts Night

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

5:20-7:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:10

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Art Displays, Activities,  
Music Performances,  
Treats and Scavenger Hunt

## Music Performances

K 5:20-5:30      1st 5:40-5:50

2nd 6:00-6:10    3rd 6:20-6:30

4th 6:40-6:50

Franklin Elementary / Lunch

FEBRUARY 2025

Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Buttery Noodles Salad Bar Sweet Potato Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Walking Taco Cheese Nachos Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Refried Beans Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers BBQ Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese BBQ Sandwich Salad Bar Coleslaw Peas Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hawaiian Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Salad Bar Baby Carrots Assorted Fruit
Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Meatball Sub Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Tater Tots Assorted Fruit	Chicken Fajita Grilled Cheese Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Corn Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Wings of Fire Hot Dog Salad Bar Cheesy Broccoli Emoji Potatoes Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Salad Bar Assorted Fruit
Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19	Thu 20	Fri 21
No Information Provided	Tacos Chicken Sandwich Salad Bar Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Pinto Beans Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers BBQ Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Bosco Sticks Chicken Pot Pie Salad Bar Honey Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Taco Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Salad Bar Baby Carrots Assorted Fruit
Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thu 27	Fri 28
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Mini Corn Dog Salad Bar Baked Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Grilled Cheese Chicken Enchiladas Casserole Salad Bar Refried Beans Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fruit Treat Tuesday	Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Salad Bar Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Roll Assorted Fruit	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Chicken Drumstick Salad Bar Italian Vegetable Blend Breadsticks Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Sausage Pizza Caesar Salad Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit

