

Franklin Family Newsletter | September, 2025

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 teaching students the school expectations, establish predictable routines and procedures, and reteach/learn and relearn 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. As the new school year begins, it's essential to revisit the importance of patience and safety during school drop-off and pick-up hours. We all share the goal of ensuring our students' well-being, and by following a few simple guidelines, we can contribute to a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone. In anticipation of your support, I say thank you for taking a moment to read through the drop off/pickup line routines. Click the link to read: [Pickup/drop off Family Communication](#)

As always, if you need anything, feel free to call the main office at 920.852.5475.

Sincerely,

Denise Tetzlaff, Franklin Principal





SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2025

8:10 AM - Doors open & supervision begins
8:27 AM - Student learning begins
3:20 PM - School day ends



NO SCHOOL Dates

- September 1, 29
- October 31
- November 26-28
- December 24-31
- January 1-2, 16, 19
- February 16
- March 27-31
- April 1-6
- May 22-25

September

- 2 - First Day of School
- 4 - Deadline to order Franklin Apparel
- 8 - Oct 10 - iReady Testing
- 11 - PTO Meeting 4:00 PM
- 16 - GOTR Practice 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- 18 - GOTR Practice 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- 19 - Franklin Elementary Day - Playground Party
- 23 - GOTR Practice 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- 25 - GOTR Practice 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- 29 - NO SCHOOL
- 30 - Oct 14 - AIMS Early Literacy Assessment
- 30 - GOTR Practice 3:30 - 5:00 PM

October

- 4 - Fox Valley Tough Kid Challenge Day

Before and after school care is available to all Franklin Students through our YMCA Extended Day Learning Program.

For more information, please visit the [Appleton Area School District website](#) or call the school office at 920.852.5475.

POPSICLE PLAYGROUND PARTY

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



**Friday
September 19th
3:30pm 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 2025



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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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!

Counselor

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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.



ONLINE STORE NOW OPEN!

Online Store Deadline:
September 4th, 2025 11:59 p.m.



Visit the online store to see all available items.

All orders will be produced together at the time of store closing, lead time for production is around 3 weeks.

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You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://franklinspr.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Thursday September 4th, 2025 (11:59pm CDT)**
Orders will be handed out at school at end of September

QUESTIONS?

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POWERED BY



"To expedite your order pickup, please have a copy of your "Order Confirmation" that was emailed to you upon completing your online order. A paper printout or digital copy on your smart phone or tablet are acceptable."

Brand logo (Nike, Adidas, Under Armour, etc.) location may vary on garments.

Eagle Graphics reserves the right to substitute a similar brand and/or color due to apparel manufacturer defects or lack of inventory at time of printing. Orders turned in after the due date will incur a \$25.00 reset up fee per design. Orders turned in 2 weeks after due date will not be accepted. Items on this form are custom made to order and only returnable or refundable due to manufacturer defects.



GIRLS ON THE RUN IS SO MUCH FUN!

WHEN: TUES/THUR 3:30-5PM
SEPT 16 - NOV 20

WHERE: FRANKLIN ELEM

WHAT: 10-WEEK PROGRAM
3-5TH GRADE GIRLS



SCAN ME

Girls on

GAMMA

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Appleton PICTURE DAY: OCTOBER 8TH

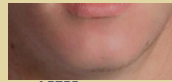
ONLINE ORDERING

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

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STUDIOS

Franklin Elementary PTO



What is the PTO?

The Franklin Elementary PTO is a group of Parents/Guardians and Teachers who come together to support Franklin Elementary School.

4 Things to Do Right Now

- Follow Franklin PTO on Facebook
- Download App and Enroll in the Box Tops Program
- Scan Sign Up QR Codes and Volunteer for Franklin Events
- Attend our first PTO meeting on September 11th at 4pm

What Does the PTO Do?

The PTO organizes Events and Fundraisers to support Franklin Elementary. Through these Events and Fundraisers we help create a community for our students, staff and families.

How to Support the PTO

- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer when needed
- Donate if possible

PTO is not possible without your support!!

Events & Fundraisers Examples

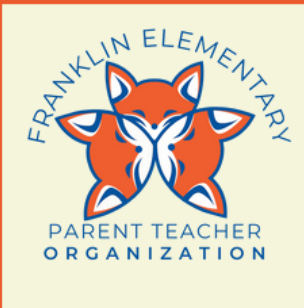
- Badger Sports Park Fundraiser
- Hundred X Fundraiser
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- School Dances
- Simple Simon Bake Sale
- Staff Appreciation
- Franklin Carnival

What Fundraisers Support

- Books for Franklin
- Classroom Supplies
- Recess Supplies
- Playground Equipment
- Field Trip Assistance Fund
- Talent Show
- Music, Choir and Art Show
- 5th Grade Camp and Farewell
- Safety Patrol
- And SO MUCH MORE!!



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Volunteer Sign Up Form

Franklin Events cannot happen without volunteers.

We need your help at events throughout the year.

Below are the events and QR codes to sign up to volunteer. Your time is so appreciated! Thank you!!

Fall Book Fair Sign Up



Winter Book Fair Sign Up



Fall Conference Meals Sign Up



Winter Conference Meal Sign Up



Dance Sign Up



Franklin Carnival Sign Up



Franklin Elementary PTO

2025-2026 Calendar of Events

September

- 11th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting
- 15th 4:00pm-8:00pm
 - Badger Sports Park Bash

October

- 7th 4:00-6:30 pm
 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 9th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting
- 16th 4:00-6:30pm
 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 24th 5:30-7:30pm
 - Franklin Dance

November

- 13th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting
- 17th Simple Simon Fundraiser

December

- 2nd Simple Simon Orders Due
- 11th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting
- 17th 3:30-5:00pm
 - Simple Simon Pick Up

January

- 8th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting

February

- 3rd 4:00-6:30pm
 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 12th Time TBD
 - PTO Meeting
- 12th 4:00-6:30pm
 - Scholastic Book Fair

March

- 12th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting

April

- 9th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting

May

- 4th -8th Staff Appreciation
- 14th 4:00pm
 - PTO Meeting
- 28th Franklin Carnival
 - 5:30-7:00pm





2025 - 2026

Franklin Elementary Concert Dates

Date	Time	Grade Level
Thursday, February 19, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	4 + 5 (grade level artwork)
Thursday, March 12, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	2 + 3 (grade level artwork)
Thursday, April 30, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	K + 1 (grade level artwork)
Monday, May 11, 2026	6:00pm	Fine Arts Night- Band, Strings and Franklin Choir

