



# Franklin Elementary

2212 N. Jarchow St. Appleton

Family Newsletter

2026



## Dear Franklin Families,

Can you believe we are almost 100 days into the school year? Time has flown, and our students and staff have accomplished so much already. We're proud of the growth we're seeing and excited to keep the momentum going.

Important reminders for next week:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Please join us to celebrate your child's progress and set new goals together. This is a great time to ask about your child's i-Ready results and next steps.
- Semester One: Report cards will be sent home in backpacks on 1/29/26. You can also view them any time through the [Infinite Campus parent portal, click here](#) to get started.
- Family Guide: For more information about the report card, click the following link to review the [AASD Kindergarten–Grade 5 Standards-Based Progress Report Family Guide](#). It explains the standards and what the grades mean.
- Questions: If you have questions about your child's grades or progress, please contact your child's teacher by email, talking points, or call the Franklin main office at 920.852.5475 to connect with the teacher. We are happy to address your questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to seeing you at conferences and celebrating your child's achievements.

Warmly,

Denise Tetzlaff, principal

## How to Contact Franklin

FranklinElementarySchool: (920)852.5475

Denise Tetzlaff, Principal / Matt Schauer, Dean of Students / Misty Dorton, Secretary



# Important Dates

Feb. 1 - 28 Kids Heart Challenge

Feb. 3 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00

Feb. 3 Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-6:30

Feb. 5 Musical Practice 3:30-4:30

Feb. 5 Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30

Feb. 6 Dental Bus 8:30-12:00

Feb. 9-20 Serogy's Fundraiser

Feb. 12 Parent Teacher conferences 3:30-7:00

Feb. 12 PTO Meeting (informal-during conference times 3:30-7:00)

Feb. 12 Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-6:00

Feb. 12 PTO Dining Fundraiser 4:00-8:00

**Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL**

Feb. 16 - 20 Crossing Guard Appreciation Week

Feb. 17 Family Craft Fair 4:00-6:00

Feb. 18 IEP 101: Understanding your Child's IEP 6:00-7:00

Feb. 19 Gr 4-5 Music Concert & Art Show 2:00-3:00

Feb. 19 Musical Practice 3:30-4:30

Feb. 19 Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30

Feb. 19 Gr 4-5 Music & Art Show 6:00-7:00

Feb. 21 AASD Educator Recruitment Event 9:30-12:00 at Sandy Slope Elementary

Feb. 25 Gr 4 Field Trip 9:00-2:30

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# CHECK THIS OUT



## Franklin Faces in the Crowd

In an effort to recognize students who are going above and beyond what is expected of them at Franklin, "Faces in the Crowd" has been established. Students are nominated by their classroom teacher, specialist teacher, or other staff members.



“

Harry is an amazing classroom helper. He is a good friend to others and always wants to help his friends do their best.

”



“

For being a classroom leader and going out of her way to help others in the classroom!

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“

For reaching her school-wide goals!

”



“

Daxon has been working very hard in speech to follow routines and expectations! He has worked well with problem solving and putting in extra effort!

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“

Ivy is always following lunchroom and recess expectations and goes out of her way to make others feel welcome at Franklin.

”



“

For ALWAYS doing her best!!!!!!!

”

# Dean's Desk

Mr. Schauer

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920.852.5475 ext. 28021



**Incentive:** For the month of February, Franklin will be doing a schoolwide attendance incentive and the winning class will get to pie Mr. Schauer in the face!

**Quick Tip:** With flu and cold season here, please ensure that your child is getting enough sleep, eating healthy, and washing their hands.

## **Tardy:**

- If your student arrives to school after the 8:27am they will be considered tardy.
- Excused: If your student is late, please bring them to the Franklin office so the tardy is excused.
- Unexcused: If you do not bring your student in, or if you do not contact the Franklin main office by phone, email, or talking points it will be marked as an unexcused tardy which impacts attendance

# Expectations

Please continue to talk with your child about Franklin's **THREE** Universal Expectations at home!

1. Be Kind to Yourself and Others
2. Always Try Your Best
3. Keep Our School Community Safe and Clean



# COUNSELOR CORNER

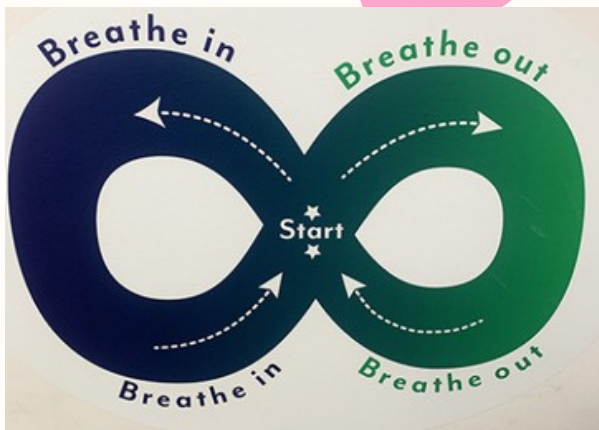
## February Lessons

This year for Life Skills we are working on Sources of Strength.

## February Lesson:

- K- What makes me strong?
- 1- The Sources of Strength Wheel
- 2 - Exploring and sharing my strengths
- 3- Brain and body connections
- 4 - Understanding myself and connecting with others
- 5 - Healthy Stress

## SELF REGULATION STRATEGY



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

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# Franklin Library Media Center



## Librarian's Note

Hello Families! We've had a great first half of the year in the LMC. I'm hoping your students are enjoying the things we've been doing as I've really been enjoying my time at Franklin!



## Battle of the Books!



I've had a record number of students interested in participating in Battle of the Books here at Franklin. We meet once a week and do practice questions, they work with their teams to make sure all the required titles are being read.

It is really cool to have so many students eager to participate and read!

In February we'll be having our school battle and our state battle with comprehension questions. Check in with your child to see if they're involved and how their reading is going!

## Reminders

- Please check with your children, overdue notices were recently sent home and we have a number of **overdue and/or lost** titles. Our littlest foxes need your help finding and remembering their items on checkout days.
- Please reach out to Mrs. Hoffman or Mrs. Lofgren if you feel this is an error. Thank you so much for your time!

## Classroom Highlights

Want to add a little fun to your bedtime reading? Try Novel Effect. It's an app available to students and families that add sound effects to your reading! There is no video and it doesn't read to students, but the kiddos really enjoy it! Some books even include an electronic version of the book and others require you to have the hard copy. Many are marked with a sticker .



## Upcoming Events

The LMC will have a booth at the upcoming craft fair with 3D printed items for purchase. Sales will help towards paying for our author visit next Fall!

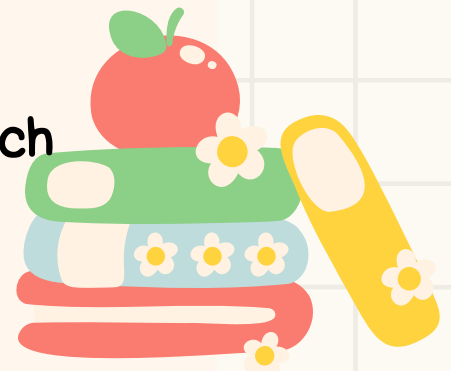
We're excited to host author of *The Creepy Carrots*, Aaron Reynold's



Please Don't  
hesitate to reach  
out with any  
questions or  
concerns!

**Mrs. Lofgren**

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# Franklin Elementary Concert Dates 2025-2026



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



## **Your Neighborhood Middle School**

Huntley, Edison and Franklin are assigned to Kaleidoscope Academy (KA) as its neighborhood middle school based on [attendance boundaries](#). This means that our students automatically transition to attend Kaleidoscope, but must still complete the application so we know that you intend to enroll your child at KA. This application also allows you to indicate your class preferences.

Kaleidoscope is also a charter school, and families cannot be required to attend a charter school—even if it is also their neighborhood school. Families are encouraged to understand the charter school model and determine whether it aligns with their child’s learning style and needs.

## **About Kaleidoscope Academy**

Kaleidoscope Academy is a 6-8th-grade middle school that engages young adolescents in their learning through hands-on projects and personalized learning with the assistance of dedicated, passionate staff. This approach emphasizes collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, and arts-integrated units rather than a traditional middle-school structure.

We promote relationship building through a team structure at all three grade levels, which also increases academic class times, reduces transitions throughout the day, and provides more teacher interaction and involvement.

Some families appreciate that:

- Most Huntley students attend Kaleidoscope for middle school, offering continuity of friendships and community.
- Kaleidoscope offers expanded elective options at all three grade levels.
- Students receive instruction through real-world projects and interdisciplinary learning.
- Huntley families receive an automatic enrollment spot at KA.
- KA has been recognized as meeting expectations on the State report card.

If you’d like, you can learn more about KA [here](#). You are also welcome to [take a tour](#) or reach out to [KA leadership](#) for more information.

## **Your Options for 6th Grade**

Other families prefer a more traditional middle school model and choose to attend a different AASD middle school, such as Einstein, Madison, or Wilson middle schools.

Families may select another AASD middle school and do not need to open-enroll through School of Choice to attend, but your family would need to share that decision with the KA school office by submitting an [Intent to Attend form](#) and calling the KA office at (920) 852-5430. You do not need to complete this form if you are going to attend KA, your neighborhood school.



COMING TOGETHER TO  
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN

# FEBRUARY 2026 PTO NEWSLETTER



## FOLLOW UP

Thank You to all of you who supported the Simple Simon Bake Sale!! You helped us raise over \$1000 for Franklin!



## UPCOMING

In February during Franklin Conferences the PTO is excited to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope to see you there! We are happy to say that all volunteer spots are filled! We also will be setting up Staff Meals during Franklin Conferences. Scan the QR Code to donate or help.



## REMINDERS

Follow us on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/FranklinFoxesPTO](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinFoxesPTO)

Download the Box Tops For Education app to earn cash for Franklin!!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tuesday February 3rd

- Scholastic Book Fair
- 4:00-6:30 pm

### Thursday February 13

- Scholastic Book Fair
- 4:00-6:30 pm

### Thursday February 13

- PTO Meeting
- Time TBD

### Thursday February 13

- Panera Bread Fundraiser Night
- 4:00-8:00 pm

If you have any questions contact us at: [FranklinFoxesPTO@gmail.com](mailto:FranklinFoxesPTO@gmail.com)

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# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school. We hope you can join us for the Best. Week. Ever!



**TUESDAY FEB 3RD**  
**THURSDAY FEB 12TH**



**4:00PM- 6:30 PM**



**FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY**  
CONFERENCE ROOM

Any Questions? Email us at:  
FranklinFoxesPTO@gmail.com



Need More Info? Check out the Bookfair Website

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/franklinelementaryschool32>



*We're raising dough!*

## FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

**February 12, 2026**  
**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**3320 W College Avenue, Appleton, WI**

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**Join us in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts – especially other kids! Through fun activities we'll discover ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning to ways to de-stress. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school!**

**Our donation due date is March 6**

**The event dates are 2/1 - 2/28**

**Event details were sent home on 1/22 in Thursday folders**

**Our Goal is \$4000**

**Thank you in advance for your support!**

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**Please click the link below to see:**

**[Franklin Kids Heart Challenge Home Page](#)**

# **Kids Heart Challenge**

**Contact Mrs Lange with questions**

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**THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!**

**Tom Ward, Linda Martin, Richard Krull**

**WISCONSIN  
ADULT SCHOOL  
CROSSING GUARD**

**PLEASE STOP AND SHOW  
YOUR  
APPRECIATION!**



### Healthy Sleep



Like eating well and being physically active, getting a good night's sleep is essential to the well-being of students and staff. A number of vital tasks carried out during sleep help maintain good health and enable people to function at their best. Not getting enough sleep can be dangerous and contribute to poor health.

Both the amount and quality of sleep affect how well people learn and remember as well as perform tasks like problem-solving and staying focused. Insufficient sleep causes people to be irritable and adversely affects behavior. Poor quality sleep on a regular basis increases the risk of having high blood pressure, obesity, heart disease, and other medical conditions.

Here is the CDC's recommended hours of sleep:

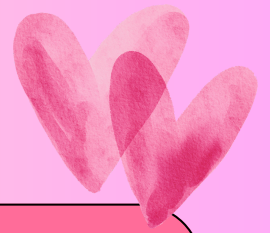
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>3–5 years</b>	<b>10–13 hours per 24 hours (including naps)</b>
<b>School Age</b>	<b>6–12 years</b>	<b>9–12 hours per 24 hours</b>
<b>Teen</b>	<b>13–18 years</b>	<b>8–10 hours per 24 hours</b>
<b>Adult</b>	<b>18–60 years</b>	<b>7 or more hours per night</b>
	<b>61–64 years</b>	<b>7–9 hours</b>
	<b>65 years and older</b>	<b>7–8 hours</b>

Here are some of their suggestions to improve sleep health:

- Be consistent. Go to bed at the same time each night and get up at the same time each morning, including on the weekends
- Make sure your bedroom is quiet, dark, relaxing, and at a comfortable temperature
- Remove electronic devices, such as TVs, computers, and smartphones, from the bedroom
- Avoid large meals, caffeine, and alcohol before bedtime
- Get some exercise. Being physically active during the day can help you fall asleep more easily at night.



# Fall in Love with Learning



## 📖 Reading: Strategies for Success

**1. What to Do When They Get Stuck** It is natural to stumble on new words. Instead of telling them the answer right away, try these 3 "Stuck Strategies":

- **The Power of the Pause:** Wait 3 to 5 seconds. This gives them time to look at the letters and problem-solve.
- **Look All the Way Through:** Remind your child not to guess based on just the first letter. Prompt them to look at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the word. Ask, "What sound is in the middle? What is the ending sound?"
- **Chunk It Up:** If the word is long, encourage them to break it into smaller parts or syllables (like seeing "rain" and "bow" in "rainbow").

**2. Don't Close the Book!** (Summarizing) Reading isn't just about saying the words correctly; it's about understanding the story. When you finish a book, take one minute to summarize.

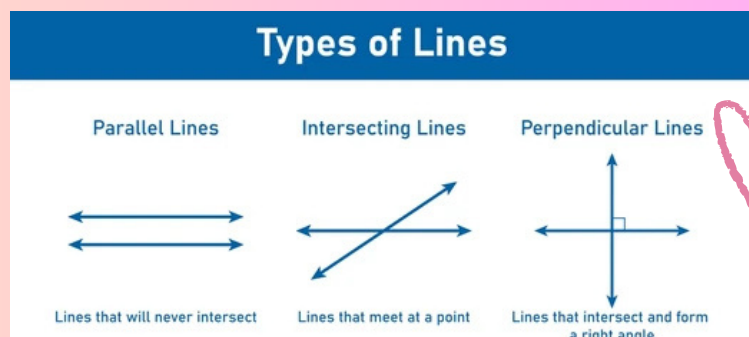
- **Try this prompt:** "Can you tell me what happened in the Beginning, the Middle, and the End?"



## ÷ Math: The Great Geometry Hunt

We have been learning about geometry every day in our announcements! Math isn't just about counting! This month, try going on a "**Geometry Scavenger Hunt**" while driving or walking. Here is the vocabulary to look for:

**1. Spot the Lines-** Look all around you, the road, fences, and windows, can you identify these types of lines?



**2. Analyze the Angles-** Angles are everywhere! Look at the corners of objects and see if you can identify different angles!

