



WELCOME TO OUR

School Newsletter

Principal's Message

By: Dr. Carrigan

We've had a great week at our school! 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.

As a reminder, we will not have school on Monday, September 8 in observance of Labor Day. I hope your family and you enjoy the long weekend together.

Assistant Principal's Tip

By: Mrs. Simpson

Thank you for a great start to the school year! As we continue through the year, here are a few simple ways you can support your child's learning at home. Encourage your child to read regularly, practice math facts, review spelling or vocabulary words, and talk about what they are learning at school. Everyday activities like cooking, shopping, playing games, and reading together can also help build important academic skills. Most importantly, encourage their effort, celebrate their progress, and help make learning a positive experience!

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Counselor's Corner

By: Mrs. Gillette

I hope you and your family had a nice week. The character word for the month of September is respect, and we are continuing to learn the meaning of respect. The first, second, and fourth grade students came to my class this week. The first-grade students learned about listening and following directions, and the second-grade students learned about self-control. The fourth-grade students took the Bloomsights survey and learned about friendship boundaries (joking – fun vs. mean, touching – playful vs. hurtful, BFF's – togetherness vs. exclusion, do this – ideas vs. control, chit chat – positive vs. negative). Next week, the kindergarten and third-grade students will come to my class. The kindergarten students will learn about manners, and the third- grade students will be taking the Bloomsights survey. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 615-794-1187.

3rd and 4th Grade Students

All 3rd and 4th grade students will take the Bloomsights survey, which is an assessment tool for school climate and student well-being. It gives the teachers and school counselor information related to the social emotional well-being of the classroom. Please see the information attached that explains more details.

We have exciting news about our 4th Grade Cub Crew. Cub Crew is a service club of fourth-grade students who serve as tutors, greeters, hallway walkers, pre-school helpers, or library helpers. The 4th grade students applied for the job that interested them and were then selected from the applications. Mrs. Black and I will train the students on their specific job and look forward to seeing how well they serve our school. Here is the first group of Cub Crew members. Congrats to these students! Another group of students will serve after winter break.

Ezra Tuggle
Cheyenne Burns
Isaac Hendrix
Lace Shepard
Collette Renfroe
Hudson Heim
Parker Martin
Kailani Crawford
Nolan Miller
Mason Barker

Brett Walters
Kate Wilson
Della Monen
Ana Sofia Guzman
Elizabeth Brandon
Charlie Blackmore
Kaehler Garrett
Hannah Barker
Rowan Jones
Marshall Barker

THANK YOU
thank you
SO MUCH!

FROM FRANKLIN FARMERS
A **BIG THANK YOU** TO FOOD LION
for donating a \$500 gift card
to Franklin Farmers to
provide kitchen supplies for our farm food
tastings.
Thank you, Food Lion!

The Book Nook

By: Mrs. Bryant

Happy fall reading everyone! While it may not feel like fall outside, we're "cool" in the library! Mrs. Reynolds and I have been excited about students choosing their library books and reading in our new Zen Den reading area.

Kindergarten learned how to look for books on the shelves and have been amazing library patrons! First-grade students have been very enthusiastic about the library and are becoming good listeners during our lesson time. Second-grade students are currently writing stories during class time, and third-grade students are getting ready to learn more about Beanstack and how they can log their reading time and find fun reading challenges! During Hispanic Heritage month we will celebrate with great stories, activities, and research.

Remember to return your books on time please so others can enjoy them too!

September is Lice Awareness Month

By: Nurse Deal

Lice Infestation timeline:

- Few nits: less than 2 weeks. An adult louse climbs onto your hair and lays about 6 to 10 nits a day, which take about 9 days to hatch. So if you look on the scalp and see no visible adult lice and several small nits, it's likely that you've caught lice in the earlier stages and had them for less than 2 weeks. No symptoms at this time.
- Nits and nymphs: 1.5 to 2 weeks. If you see nits and small, moving lice, you've likely had lice for 1.5 to 2 weeks. This is because you aren't seeing a lot of adult lice but are still seeing small, hatched nymphs along with lots more nits than a person who'd only been affected for a few days.
- Nits, nymphs, and adult lice: 2 weeks or longer. If you're seeing a mixture of sizes of lice, you may have had an infestation for at least 2 weeks. If you have symptoms like itching along with a variety of lice stages, you've likely been living with lice for four to six weeks or possibly longer.
- Nits more than 1/4 inch from the scalp: Old infestation. Only see small knits over a quarter inch away from the scalp? It's probably an old infestation. You may have treated your lice, and remnants are moving down the scalp. Because lice eggs typically hatch close to the scalp, seeing nits further down your hair can indicate that the infestation is inactive.



Coordinated School Health

By: Lisa Chatman

National Walk/Bike to School Day is Wednesday, October 7th.

Franklin Elementary will observe that day with the Williamson County Health Department, Bike/Walk Franklin, and Franklin PD bike patrol. We have plans to make this event the best Bike/Walk to FES ever! More details about the route and the starting point will be shared in the next Bear Facts newsletter.

Cubby's Council

By: Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Bedoya

We are excited to introduce Cubby's Council, Franklin Elementary's new 4th Grade Student Council! Eighteen fourth-grade students have been selected to serve as student leaders and are ready to make a positive difference in our school community.

Through Cubby's Council, students will have a voice in school activities and projects while developing leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and school spirit. Throughout the year, our council members will help plan and host special events such as Kindness Week, enjoy opportunities to have lunch with our administrators, create holiday cards for residents of a local nursing home, and organize a Peanut Butter Drive to support those in need.

We are so proud of our 18 student leaders and look forward to seeing the kindness, creativity, and leadership they bring to Franklin Elementary this year!

What's the PTO Up To?

By: Joanna Gregg, PTO President

Cub Run is Almost Here!

We're getting excited for Cub Run 2026! Fundraising packets will come home Friday, September 25, with all the details on this year's goals, prizes and incentives. We can't wait to see how much we can raise for our school this year! All funds raised through Cub Run go directly toward projects, resources, and improvements for FES, including:

New ViewSonic boards for classrooms

- Inclusive communication boards for our playgrounds
- Dry-erase boards for classrooms
- Phonics kits & supplies
- Franklin Farmers enrichment resources

Come Cheer on Our Cubs!

Parents and families are invited to come out and cheer on our runners on Oct 8! Please sign in at the front office with a valid ID before heading out to the Cub Run.

We also need lap-counting volunteers to help keep track of all those laps. Check ParentSquare for volunteer sign-ups and more Cub Run details.

Spirit Night at M.L.Rose – September 23!

Take a night off from cooking and support FES! Join us at M.L.Rose on Columbia Ave. on Wednesday, September 23. This is an all-day fundraiser, with 20% of your purchase going back to FES! Be sure to show the fundraiser flyer—printed or digitally—so FES receives credit for your purchase.

Thank You, Volunteers!

A big shout-out to everyone who has jumped in to help lately—from our Hispanic Heritage Month bulletin board and Fuel Bag delivery to all the Cub Run planning and preparation happening behind the scenes. We appreciate you!

Don't forget to check FranklinElementaryPTO.org for more upcoming dates and a peek at our Cub Run community partners and sponsors.

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& school news**

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SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Fall Pictures	3	4 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 (K-4th)	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 FSD Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	15 Dot Day	16	17	18 PTO Meeting @ 8:45	19
20	21	22	23 2nd Grade Field Trip to Lucky Ladd	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Franklin Elementary / Lunch

SEPTEMBER 2026

	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4
	Chicken Patty Sausage Patty Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Salad Bar Baked Apples Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Chicken Drumstick Salad Bar Cheesy Broccoli Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Three Meat Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11
NO SCHOOL TODAY	Cheesy Beef Nachos Chicken Nachos Cheese Nachos Salad Bar Pinto Beans Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers BBQ Chicken Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit	Bosco Sticks Wings of Fire Salad Bar Peas and Carrots Roasted Sweet Potatoes Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Sausage Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 14	Tue 15	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Meatball Sub Salad Bar Sweet Potato Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Sweet & Sour Chicken Beefy Rice Pineapple Fried Rice Salad Bar Roasted Broccoli Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Thigh Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit	Grilled Cheese Italian Pasta Bake Salad Bar Roasted Vegetables Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Hot Dog Salad Bar Waffle Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Cajun Chicken Pasta Chicken Parmesan Pasta Salad Bar Honey Glazed Carrots Breadsticks Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers Lemon Pepper Chicken Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese Smacker Mac & Cheese Fish Sticks & Hushpuppies Salad Bar Roasted Cauliflower Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Taco Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30		
Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Sloppy Joe Salad Bar Emoji Potatoes Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Chicken Patty Sausage Patty Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Salad Bar Baked Apples Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers Baked Chicken Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit		

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(\$3.15) Breakfast Reduced(\$0.30) Breakfast- Adults(\$3.50) Lunch(\$4.35) Lunch- Reduced(\$0.40) Lunch- Adult(\$5.25) Lunch- Child Visitors(\$4.35)
 Holiday Meals Visitors(\$6.50) Ice Cream(\$1.00) Milk(\$0.75)

View more: <http://schools.mealviewer.com/school/FranklinElementary>

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Allergen Legend 0 Soy 1 Peanut 2 Milk 3 Fish 4 Egg 5 Shellfish 6 Wheat 7 Tree Nuts 8 Gluten
 9 Pork 10 Sesame 11 No Known Allergens