

WELCOME TO OUR

School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

By: Dr. Carrigan

I hope your family and you had a wonderful week! Our students enjoyed our Cub Run Awards Assembly on Friday. Prizes were given to our top three fundraisers (Ryder Draiss, Lennox Glass, and Melody Durst), and our top boy and girl runners were recognized in each class. Congratulations to Ms. Martin's class for winning the Golden Tennis Shoe, kindergarten for winning the Spirit Award, and Mrs. Potts' class for winning the Carrigan Cup! Our classroom and school-wide incentives were met! We also exceed our fundraising goal by raising $34,000! Whoop! Whoop! A HUGE thank to our student and families for working hard and supporting our fundraiser.

As a reminder, our morning car rider drop-off ends at 8:25 am to ensure our teachers can begin instruction promptly at 8:30. After 8:25 am, you will need to bring your child to the office. When entering and exiting the car rider line, please ensure you are stopping at the designated stop signs, as well as driving slowly and watching for students who are walking or riding their bikes. Thank you for your diligence in keeping our students safe.

To keep our families in the loop, I send a weekly communication on Sunday night to our families providing upcoming events and reminders for the week via ParentSquare.

Assistant Principal's Tip

By: Mrs. Simpson

Fall Picture Retakes will take place on Wednesday, October 28th, for any student who was absent on the original date or needs a retake. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you would like to have your child's picture retaken. The company will send you purchasing information directly. Thank you!

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By: Mrs. Gillette

Happy Friday! I hope you had a great week at school. The character word for the month of October is responsibility, and the students have been learning about responsible behaviors. The first, second, and fourth grade students came to my class this week. The first-grade students learned about giving their best effort, and the second-grade students learned about making responsible choices. The fourth-grade students learned a variety of study skills.

Next week, the kindergarten and third grade students will come to my class. The kindergarten students will continue learning about self-regulation using the Zones of Regulation, and the third-grade students will learn ways to study. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 794-1187. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Congratulations to our students who were chosen for the month of **September for being Respectful**!

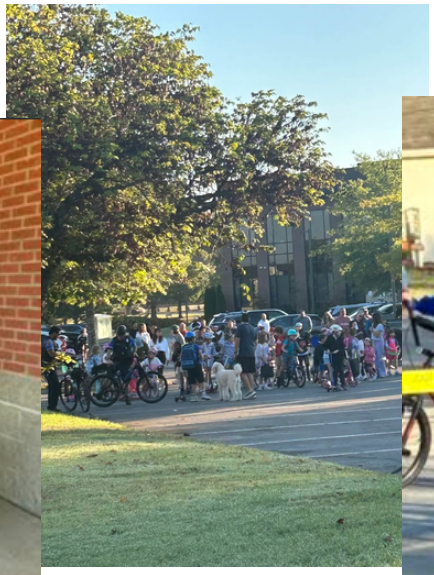
1st	Evie England (Mrs. Hummer's Class)
2nd	Layna Barry (Mrs. Kissel's Class)
3rd	Charli-Rae Duncan (Mrs. Carter's Class)
4th	Karmoni Elam (Ms. Negrey's Class)



Bike and Walk to School Day!

Our Bike and Walk to School Day was a huge success! We loved seeing our students arrive ready to start the day with some fresh air, movement, and big smiles! A special thank you to the WCHD for sponsoring the vent! Thank you to everyone who joined and helped us make the morning so much fun!









The Book Nook

By: Ms. Bryant

Happy Book Fair time everyone! Yes, it is that time of year, and we are very excited to have the book fair in our library. The book fair is a week earlier than we are used to, so information is coming quickly! It will be **November 9-12, 2026** in our library during the students' library time. Flyers are going to go home soon highlighting some of the books that will be at the book fair and the library schedule for classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bryantjul@fssd.org.

One of our special events we are hosting is the Thanksgiving Lunch on Tuesday, November 10th, and you are welcome to shop before or after the lunch. Your student is not allowed to leave the cafeteria until their lunch time is done, and the teachers have picked up the classes. With the teacher's permission, you may bring your student to the book fair, and then they will return to class.

Below you will find the schedule for when students will come to the book fair. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE SALES TAX WHEN SENDING IN A PAYMENT. If you are sending a check, please make it out to FES.
Ewallet is a great and convenient way to pay for books. The link below will have more information.

Book fair homepage link: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/franklinelementaryschool98

Book Fair Dates:	November 9-12, 2026
Hours:	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Special Events:	Thanksgiving Lunch on November 10

Clinic Update

By: Nurse Deal

Cold weather is on the way! In general, students will continue outdoor activities, such as recess, as long as students are dressed appropriately and the temperature remains above 40 degrees. If the temperature is below 35 degrees, recess and outdoor activities may be abbreviated or take place indoors. Please make sure your child is dressed in proper clothing and bring a hat and gloves/mittens for colder days. If your child is in need of a winter jacket, hat and/or gloves please contact Nurse Deal by phone or email at dealsan@fssd.org or our school counselor Mrs. Gillette @ gilletteand@fssd.org. Guidelines for proper clothing are as follows:

- Below 60 degrees: Long sleeves or light jacket
- Below 50 degrees: Jacket and long pants
- Below 40 degrees: Jacket, long pants, gloves/mittens and a hat

Unfortunately, winter time also brings cold and flu season. We will continue to follow protocols in school to prevent the spread of illness and monitor students closely for signs and symptoms of infectious illness. If your child is ill, please do not send them to school and contact the office regarding the absence and return to school criteria. Information regarding illness guidelines are updated regularly and available on the FES website and in the parent handbook.

Coordinated School Health

By: Ms. Chatman

National Bike/Walk to School Day was Wednesday, October 7. Many thanks to FES students and families because this year FES had it's largest participation since we partnered with the health department several years ago.

Thank you to Ms. Bella and Ms. Caroline for organizing the event! Thanks to Mr. Ned and the volunteer chaperones from Bike Walk Franklin and the Franklin Police patrol officers. I appreciate the help from Ms. Martin, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Jackson, and Nurse Deal with everything from promoting the event, to decorations for the prize station, and the distribution of prizes to the students when they arrived on their bicycles. Mr. Kuhn even took the pictures at the starting point! It was an awesome morning!

What's the PTO Up To?

By: Joanna Gregg, PTO President

Cub Run – THANK YOU!

What a day! A HUGE thank you to all of our Cub Run volunteers and lap counters who helped make the day such a success! From sorting shirts and painting signs to counting laps and cheering everyone on, we couldn't have done it without you! And a special shoutout to our room parents for the awesome banners that brought some extra school spirit to the track!
Thanks to everyone who helped make Cub Run such a fun day while raising money for our school!

Coming Up Next!

Here's what's coming up on the PTO calendar!

- Fall Parties — Get ready for some classroom fun
- Book Fair — Kicks off November 9
- Thanksgiving Lunch — November 10

Stay tuned for more details and volunteer opportunities as we get closer! As always, thank you for helping us in supporting our students, teachers, and school!

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Ready
Respectful
Responsible

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Cub Run Spirit Week	6 Cub Run Spirit Week	7 Cub Run Spirit Week National Bike/Walk to School Day	8 Cub Run	9 Dismiss at 12:30	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Fire House Safety for 1st grade, Kindergarten at Gentry's Farm	22 2nd Grade at Cheekwood 1st Grade at TPAC	23 Mile Run for 1st - 4th Grades	24
25	26	27	28 Picture Retakes	29	30 Fall Parties	31

Fall Break

Franklin Elementary / Lunch

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			Thu 1	Fri 2
			Buttery Noodles Chicken Drumstick Salad Bar Cheesy Broccoli Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Three Meat Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 5	**Tue 6**	**Wed 7**	**Thu 8**	**Fri 9**
Breaded Chicken Thigh Hamburger/Cheeseburger Salad Bar Tater Tots Assorted Fruit	Cheesy Beef Nachos Chicken Nachos Cheese Nachos Salad Bar Rice 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 Ranch Potatoes Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 12	**Tue 13**	**Wed 14**	**Thu 15**	**Fri 16**
NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY
Mon 19	**Tue 20**	**Wed 21**	**Thu 22**	**Fri 23**
Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Corn Dog Salad Bar Sweet Potato Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Sweet & Sour Chicken Pineapple Fried Rice Ham & Cheese Croissant 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 Honey Glazed Carrots Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza Salad Bar Corn Assorted Fruit
Mon 26	**Tue 27**	**Wed 28**	**Thu 29**	**Fri 30**
Hamburger/Cheeseburger Hot Dog Salad Bar Waffle Fries Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles Assorted Fruit	Cheese Ravioli Chicken Drumstick Salad Bar Roasted Sweet Potatoes Breadsticks Assorted Fruit	Chicken Smackers Lemon Pepper Chicken Salad Bar Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Assorted Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese Fish Sticks & Hushpuppies Salad Bar Roasted Cauliflower Assorted Fruit	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Taco Pizza Salad Bar Corn 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