DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

FRANKLINVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL FOCUS

TEN BROECK ACADEMY

November/December/January 2026-27



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

As you look down the first-base line of our softball field, it's hard not to think of those famous lyrics: *"Put me in, Coach, I'm ready to play center field!"*

With the new dugouts and fencing nearing completion, our baseball and softball facilities are really starting to take shape! It's exciting to see these improvements come to life and imagine our student-athletes enjoying these upgraded spaces for seasons to come.









Progress is also continuing on the high school addition and our new transportation building. At Ten Broeck Academy, the steel framing for the new main entrance is underway, roof drain and vent piping are complete, and additional mechanical work continues. At the site of our new transportation building, surveying is complete, and preparations for the foundation are moving forward.

These are important milestones in our voter-approved capital project, which is focused on improving our facilities, enhancing school security, and investing in the future of our district. While construction takes time, it's rewarding to see the progress happening across our campus and know these improvements will serve Franklinville students and families for years to come.

Thank you to our Franklinville community for your continued support, patience, and investment in our schools. We look forward to sharing more updates as this exciting project continues to take shape.

EARTH & SCIENCE NEWS

by Mrs. Jordan

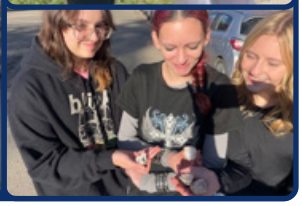
Earth and Space Science students have been exploring how minerals form through hands-on experiments, including growing their own crystals, participating in a cookie mining activity, and opening geodes. These activities allow students to investigate the conditions and processes involved in mineral formation while making real-world connections to the properties and formation of minerals found in Earth's crust.











FOCUS on Ten Broeck Academy



By: Robert Hirsch, Middle/High School Principal

Ten Broeck Academy: A Season of Achievement, Growth, and Transformation

It has been an exciting and rewarding fall at Ten Broeck Academy! Our students have been busy representing our school, achieving success in the classroom and beyond, and building the character traits that will help them become successful young adults. From athletic championships and educational experiences to musical performances and school celebrations, there is plenty to be proud of at TBA!

Celebrating Athletic Success

Our student athletes have given us many reasons to celebrate this fall. Congratulations to our Modified Cheer Team, which earned first place at the Warrior Rumble Competition in Salamanca! We are also incredibly proud of our Boys Varsity Soccer Team, which captured the Section VI Championship. These accomplishments reflect the dedication, teamwork, and perseverance of our student athletes and coaches.

As we wrap up the fall season, we are looking forward to the excitement of winter athletics. Students are preparing for basketball, bowling, wrestling, indoor track, boys swimming, and cheerleading. We wish all of our winter athletes the very best as they represent Ten Broeck Academy!

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Some of the most meaningful educational experiences happen outside the traditional classroom. Our Music Department recently enjoyed an opportunity to experience the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, giving students the chance to appreciate music and performance at the highest level.

Our FFA students also had an outstanding experience traveling to the Indiana Convention Center with advisor Katie Mitrowski. We are especially proud of the individual accomplishments of our students. Kierra Knobloch and Sean Howard each earned Silver Rankings, while Grace Daigler and Evan Breton each earned Bronze Rankings. Congratulations to these students, and thank you to Mrs. Mitrowski for providing them with these valuable opportunities!

We will showcase our music department at our annual Harvest Concert. This special evening will showcase the musical talents of students in grades 6–12, featuring performances by the Junior High Choir, Senior High Choir, Junior High Band, Senior High Band, and Jazz Ensemble. We hope to see you there!

Building Memories and Celebrating Success

Homecoming was another wonderful experience for our TBA community. It was a great opportunity for students, staff, families, and alumni to come together, celebrate school spirit, and create lasting memories.

We also took time to recognize our previous Academic and Skills Champions of the World and to celebrate last year's accomplishments with our current seventh-grade class, the Class of 2032. These celebrations remind our students that hard work, dedication, and a commitment to improvement deserve recognition.

We have also kicked off a new year of recognizing our Academic and Skills Champions of the World through our character assemblies. These assemblies celebrate students who demonstrate the qualities that strengthen our school community.

TRANSFORMED: Building Character at Ten Broeck Academy

At Ten Broeck Academy, we believe every student has the potential to grow, learn, and positively impact the world around them. This year's character theme, TRANSFORMED, challenges our students to embrace personal growth and become individuals of strong character.

Throughout the school year, we are highlighting a different character trait each month, using the letters of TRANSFORMED to help students understand that becoming a better person is a daily commitment.

So far this year, we have celebrated:

- ***September – T:*** Truth and Respect. "Truth is the foundation of trust." We also emphasized that respect means treating others the way we want to be treated.
- ***October – A:*** Attitude. "Our attitude determines our approach to every challenge." We challenged students to remember that their attitude is the aroma of their heart, revealed through their actions and, especially, their reactions.
- ***November – N:*** Now. "The best time to do what is right is now." We encourage students not to wait for the perfect opportunity to make a positive difference. The opportunity to do what is right is always in front of us.

Looking ahead, our upcoming character focuses include:

- ***December – S:*** Strong. "Strength is revealed through perseverance."
- ***January – F:*** Faithful. "Faithfulness means being dependable and committed."

Our goal is to make character more than just a monthly theme. We want these values to become part of how our students treat one another, approach challenges, respond to adversity, and contribute to their school and community.

Looking Ahead

As we move through the school year, I am continually reminded of the tremendous opportunities available to our students and the dedication of the people who make those opportunities possible. Our teachers, coaches, advisors, support staff, families, and community members all play an important role in helping our students succeed.

At Ten Broeck Academy, we are proud of what our students are accomplishing, but we are equally proud of the young people they are becoming.

Yours in Education

Robert Hirsch,
Middle/High School Principal



Christmas Spirit 2026

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, community members, and our dedicated volunteers, over 100 children in the Franklinville community received gifts that helped to make their holiday season a little brighter. We are also grateful to everyone who contributed to the school food drives and the hat, mitten, and toy drives at local businesses, helping support families throughout our community and the Franklinville Food Pantry. Our community continues to remind us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of local families. If you would like to be part of Christmas Spirit 2027 or learn more about our organization, please contact the Franklinville Elementary or High School office. Donations are welcome year-round, and we thank everyone who continues to make this wonderful community tradition possible!



SPECIAL EVENTS FORMAL WEAR GIVEAWAY

We are always accepting gently used formal wear for both males and females along with monetary donations for alterations and cleaning.
If you would like to donate formal wear, please contact the school nurse.
If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, please send your check to:
Special Events @ TBA
31 North Main Street
Franklinville, NY 14737



From the HS Counseling Office

Seniors:

- Please be sure to stay on top of checking your mailboxes in the Counseling Office and the Senior Class Teams Page for updates and reminders throughout the year.
- Catt Co Community Foundation has a Common App for Scholarships. The site is open for submissions January 26th – March 10th. Be sure that you remember to ask recommenders ahead of time if you want letters written on your behalf.
- FCS/TBA Graduation Award Scholarship Applications are due to the Counseling Office by March 31st. You will need to submit a letter of intent, resume, 2 letters of recommendation and a college acceptance letter.
- Please bring your college acceptance letters, college scholarships and award letters to the Counseling Office. If you need help with applying to college and/or financial aid or if you are interested in applying for a job and/or enlisting in the military and need help with next steps, please reach out for support.

Attention Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors: We will be setting up individual meeting times to review important information including planning for next year's schedule.

Sophomores will take a tour of the Ellicottville CTE Center to learn more about the Career and Technical Education programs that are available beginning Junior year.

A Message about Drama Club

Greetings. For those of you who are not yet familiar, I am Benjamin Miller, the music teacher at Franklinville Elementary School. I will be directing the Middle-High School's musical production this Spring. Along with our directorial team, I am very excited to be working with our grade 6-12 students in putting on a marvelous show.

We are looking to broaden our Franklinville Drama Club cast this year—all 6-12 graders are welcome to audition for a role, ensemble part, or stage crew part. Students familiar with our musical productions, know how fun it is. Students who are unfamiliar or curious, deciding to join a team like this can be a seriously difficult question. And for students who have not considered joining, perhaps these factors below may be of some intrigue:

What is a musical?

- A musical, effectively, is a story told through dialogue/monologue, action, song, dance, and music.

What is there to look forward to in a musical?

- For many, a musical is an opportunity to be a part of a team. Like a sport, this team brings together different activities and characters that work together in achieving victory.
- Victory on the stage is far more than just acting; or far more than just singing. And so much more than getting over that confounded stage fright. Being on the Franklinville stage is your victory as the comedian that makes the whole auditorium shake with laughter. Or to be so intense that you affect the room to tears and grimaces. This is an opportunity to have the whole community in the palm of your hand—and thus win.
- A musical is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The rush to put together all the elements that make up this production, with this kind of team, forms a core memory that pulls at you for the rest of your life. The opportunity to live this rush is now.

Over the next few months, our company will go through a journey that is transformative and gives everybody some sort of personal, emotional keepsake, wherefore their individual efforts and talents will be recognized and cherished. Consider this to be your invitation to audition, enroll, and experience.

Thank you all;
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,
Benjamin Miller



To view the upcoming lunch menus, please scan this QR code

or visit our website at https://www.tbafcs.org/support-services/cafeteria-services/cafeteria-menus



School Board Recognition Week was October 12-16

Thank you to the Board President, Michael Brisky; Vice President, Dr. Malachi Blundon; Board Members, Sara Hatch, Dana Rosetti, and Mark Savinski; and Student Board Representatives, James McAuley and Emerson Batchelder, for your dedication to our district.

By: Melissa Martin, Elementary Principal



Celebrating our September PAWS winners!

Our school recently held a special PAWS assembly to celebrate students who demonstrated positive PAWS behaviors throughout September!

The assembly began with a skit performed by our September PAWS winners. These students did a wonderful job acting out positive PAWS behaviors and showing their classmates how to make our school a welcoming and respectful place for everyone.

Following the skit, we announced the PAWS winner from each classroom. Each student received a certificate recognizing their achievement and a coupon for a delicious ice cream treat! Parents of the winners were invited to attend the assembly and share in this special celebration.

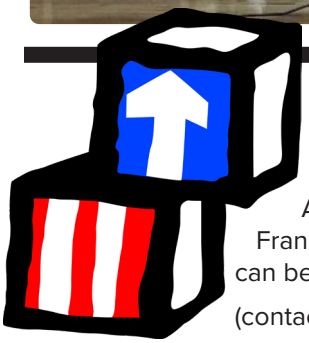
Cubby, our school mascot, was also there to congratulate the winners and join in the excitement!

Congratulations to all of our September PAWS winners! We are proud of the way you demonstrate positive behavior and serve as role models for your classmates. Keep showing your PAWS pride every day!









Head Start is continuing 2026 enrollment! We will have 4 spots available.

Applications are available at the Franklinville Elementary School office, or can be mailed or emailed, (contact information below). We are accepting children ages 3 and 4 (by December 1st). A current physical and up-to-date immunization record, along with a birth certificate, are needed. You will also need to provide proof of income (W2, last 4 pay stubs, letter of self-employment, unemployment, or disability, stating the monthly total received) for any parents in the household OR proof of receiving the following automatic qualifiers: TANF, SSI (for any family member living in the home), SNAP, Foster Parent letter, or if you are a family experiencing homelessness, a brief written statement can also be used.

Please call/text Aimee Stanbro @ 716-474-1807 or email astanbro@tbafcs.org for more information. Please understand that while we do our best to help secure enrollment, we are a federally funded program and must follow approved income guidelines.

Franklinville Panthers Girls Swimming Finishes a Record-Breaking Season

Coach Herman

The Franklinville Panthers Girls Swimming Team has wrapped up another exciting and successful season, highlighted by personal bests, championship appearances, and outstanding teamwork.

Throughout the season, the swimmers demonstrated tremendous dedication, balancing their academics, practices, and competitions while continually striving to improve. The team showcased its talent at the CCAA Championships and the Class C Championships, with numerous athletes achieving personal records and earning recognition for their performances.

Team members include senior Daphne Lambert; juniors Kayci Landow; tenth grader Diana Li; ninth graders Alexandria Snyder and Mia DuClon; eighth grader Elena Freedman; and seventh graders Grace Neureuther, Kylie Moran and Arabella Snyder.

Season highlights at the Class C Championships included Kayci Landow's second-place finish in the 100 backstroke and fifth-place finish in the 50 freestyle. Diana Li placed sixth in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 breaststroke, while Elena Freedman finished 11th in the 500 freestyle. The relay team consisting of Brielle Vosburg, Diana Li, Elena Freedman, and Kayci Landow placed eighth in both the 200 freestyle relay and the 200 medley relay.





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The Franklinville Panthers Swimming Team extends a heartfelt thank-you to our families, friends, school staff, and community members for their support throughout the season. Whether you cheered from the stands, volunteered your time, or shared words of encouragement, your support means so much to our swimmers. Thank you for supporting our swimming program and being part of our Panthers community!

FCS Sports Update

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Coach Tatlow

The season for the Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans Varsity football team wrapped up in Wilson on Friday, October 30th. The team showed great resilience throughout the season. In a sports climate where participant numbers continue to decline for football. We had several student-athletes from Franklinville, Ellicottville, and West Valley who made up this year's Varsity team. The continued support from all three communities is vital to be able to provide football for our student athletes. The lessons that are learned throughout the season carry our athletes long beyond their time on the field. The student athletes from Franklinville, Ellicottville, and West Valley that made up this year's team learned valuable skills and battled through several adverse situations. I would like to take a moment and recognize our Senior athletes from this season Maxx Goss, Maverick Jennings, Mason Blecha, Brenden MacWilliams, Rylan Benjamin, Brady Tatlow, Blake Smith, and Ady Andrews. Thank you for your commitment to the F/E Titans football program, and we wish you the best of luck as you continue through your Senior Year!

To the underclassmen, get in the weight room and recruit your classmates. Next season will be here before you know it.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

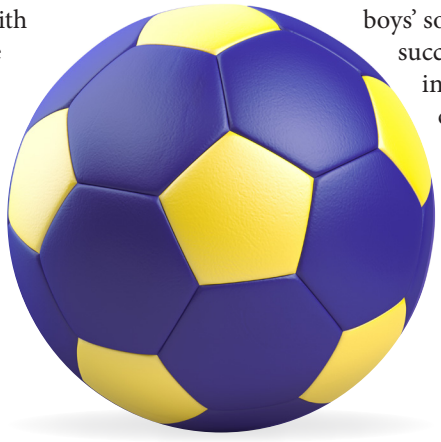
Coach Wangelin

The Lady Panther soccer team wrapped up their season on October 21st with a Sectional pre-qualifier game at Barker-Lyndonville. Despite pulling within 2-1 at halftime, the girls could not mount a comeback in the 2nd half and were defeated 5-1. The team finished their season at 4-12 overall, going 2-8 in league play. Mya Sullivan was our leading scorer with 10 goals and 2 assists for 22 points. We had 4 girls receive league recognition for their play this season. Carlie Aultman was named 1st team all-star at the fullback spot. Addison Chamberlain received 2nd team honors for her midfield play. Taylor Chase was an Honorable Mention for her goalkeeping prowess. Grace Cornell was the Sportsmanship recipient for her outstanding play combined with sportsmanlike conduct on the field. We say goodbye to 4 outstanding seniors this year and thank them for their hard work and dedication: Carlie Aultman, Taylor Chase, Alayna Spittler, and Addisyn Killingbeck.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Coach Spear

This marks the third-year Franklinville has merged with Ellicottville for Boys Soccer. In 2024 we were only merged for Modified Soccer. In 2025 and 2026 we have been merged for both Modified and Varsity boys Soccer. This year we had 14 total boys in the program, 8 at the modified level and 6 at the varsity level. The varsity team has won the CCAA East League Championship and the Section 6 Class C Championship and will be playing this Saturday, 11/7 for the Far West Regional Championship, Section 6 verses Section 5 Class C champions. The winner of this game will move on to the State Championships the weekend of 11/14 & 15. Needless to say, there is plenty of excitement in the air at this time. The merger for boys' soccer is extremely successful not only in records and championships but also in just blending with another school and learning to become one team.



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