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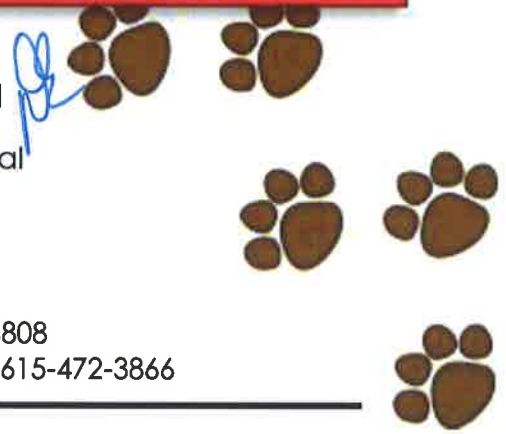
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Mark Your Calendars

Parent Teacher Conferences: Sept. 11 – Oct. 6

September

- 12 - Progress Reports
- 14 - PTO Meeting 3:45 p.m.
- 14 - Boy Scout Info/Sign-Up Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 15 - City Saver Top \$ Earners
- 18 - Board of Education meeting at JES 6:30 p.m.
- 19 - Kids on the Block - K-3rd grades
- 26 - Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night 3-9 p.m.
- 26 - Fall Mile Run
- 27 - Fall Mile Run Rain Date
- 29 - Lucky Ladd Farms - 2nd grade
- 29 - Fun Run Corporate Sponsorship deadline

October

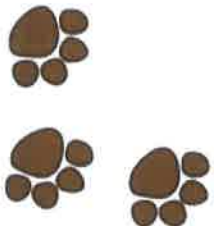
- 5 - Fun Run Pep Rally 2:30 p.m.
- 5 - 4th grade goes to the Hermitage
- 6 - Early Dismissal Day / End of 1st Quarter
- 9 - 13 Fall Break

October Continued...

- 18 - Ag Center - 3rd grade
- 19 - PTO Meeting 3:45 p.m.
- 20 - Report Cards
- 23 - Board of Education meeting at MES 6:30 p.m.
- 24 - Kindergarten Parent Learning night at 5:30 p.m.
- 25 - Fall pictures Prepay Retakes
- 25 - Franklin Fire Department Family Safety House - 1st grade
- 25 - Gentry's Farm - K
- 26 - Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5-7 p.m.
- 27 - Traveler's Rest plantation and museum - 2nd grade
- 27 - Fun Run Poster deadline
- 30 - November 3 - FES Spirit Week
- 31 - Fall Parties
- 31 - Vulcan Materials co. - 3rd grade

September Staff Birthdays

- 15 - Jenny Williams
- 16 - Michelle Pieczura
- 17 - Gina Kocher
- 24 - Miriam Hyman
- 25 - James King
- 28 - Bill Kuhn



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FSSD Schools Join statewide Drive for Hurricane Victims

Franklin Special School District schools are proud to join a statewide school supply drive to benefit school districts in Texas who have been impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

This supply drive, called **Tennessee Volunteers For Texas**, will begin Saturday, September 2, throughout Williamson County. While the Williamson County Ag Center will serve as the main collection point, all eight FSSD schools will also have collection bins in their buildings.

The districts will be collecting only new items in their original form. Those items include:

- backpacks
- college or standard ruled paper
- #2 pencils
- scissors
- glue
- crayons



Monetary donations are also highly encouraged and may be made through the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, which has set up a special website for the **Tennessee Volunteers for Texas** initiative at www.cfmt.org/williamson-gives. The priority for those donations will be to help the schools and the students who have been impacted by Harvey.

"We are proud to be a part of this flood relief effort for the school communities affected in Texas and know our Franklin families will rise to this challenge," said FSSD Superintendent Dr. David Snowden. "We saw the strength and heart of the Franklin community when we organized a similar effort following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and I have no doubt the same compassion will fuel this drive as well."

In addition to the FSSD's partnership, other sponsoring agencies include Williamson County government and schools, as well as the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS). TOSS Executive Director Dale Lynch said that school districts across Tennessee reached out to him for ways to help and is glad that Williamson County has stepped up to fill the role of a collection site. The Williamson County Ag Center, located at 4215 Long Lane in Franklin, is prepared to receive supplies from local families, as well as "from school districts as far away as Mountain City to Memphis," said Lynch. "There are many kind and generous hearts among the school districts in the State of Tennessee."

Note from the Nurse

by Sandra Deal, Nurse

If your child has a chronic health condition such as diabetes or a life threatening food allergy, you should have received an "Individualized Healthcare Plan" to have your physician complete to bring in with the child's emergency medications such as asthma rescue inhalers and emergency epinephrine. If you have not received the plan, please contact me and I will send home the form for completion. It is important that we have your child's emergency medications to treat symptoms promptly. In addition, if your child has medications that need to be administered during the school day, a completed medication form is required. Medications must be brought to the school nurse by a parent/guardian.

FSSD policy prohibits students from sharing food at school to protect our students with serious food allergies. Please reinforce to your child that they are NOT to share snacks or lunch items at school.

Details regarding birthday and classroom celebrations can be found in the parent handbook. Forms for ordering ice cream to celebrate your child's birthday are in the school office and are to be submitted two weeks prior to the event. The form was also included in your packet provided at the onset of the school year.

Exciting Art News-Dot Day!!!

by Jennifer Alvarado, Art

September 15th marks the anniversary of the publication of the best-selling book by author/illustrator Peter H. Reynolds' *The Dot*, a "story book for all ages." Starting in 2009, a group of educators began celebrating this date as International Dot Day—a day for classes to explore the story's powerful themes: bravery, creativity, and self-expression.

"The Dot more than anything celebrates the power of creative teaching," Reynolds explains. "Despite the test-centric world we live in, creative teachers know how to find those *aha* moments."

The Dot tells the story of a caring teacher who reaches a reluctant student in a remarkably creative way. In Reynolds' book, the teacher dares a very resistant Vashti to "make her mark". Vashti's breakthrough begins with a simple dot on a piece of paper. Encouraged by her teacher, she sets off on a journey of self-discovery, letting her creativity bloom and, ultimately, inspiring others along the way.

How does Reynolds' recommend celebrating? "Spread the word...On International Dot Day, read *The Dot*, wear dots, eat dots, draw dots, frame dots, connect the dots, splurge on art supplies, try a new medium—a new instrument, write a poem, rearrange your furniture, reconnect the dots with old friends, make something, or make something with a friend. Share your creativity with the world."

Each grade level has created some really dot-tastic artwork that will be on display. Be sure to dress up in your "dot-iest" outfits you can find! I can't wait to celebrate with all of you on Friday, September 15th!

MAKE YOUR MARK...



SEPTEMBER 15th-16th

Counselor's Corner

by Andrea Gillette, School Counselor

Happy Friday! 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 kindergarten, third, and fourth grade students came to my class this week.

The students learned about listening skills and how to show respect. Cub Crew information was shared with the fourth grade students. It is a service club of only 4th grade students who help in the cafeteria during lunch or greet students in the mornings or read to the kindergarten and first grade students in the mornings.

After explaining Cub Crew, the students were then given the opportunity to apply. Mrs. Weil and I will be looking through the applications and picking the students. Mrs. Weil will then train the students on their job. They are always super excited about this and we are too!

Next week, the first and second grade students will come to my class. Both grades will learn about listening skills. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at gilletteand@fssd.org or contact me at 794-1187. I hope you and your family have a terrific weekend!



Book Nook

by Ms. Bryant, Librarian

Greetings and welcome back to our little Book Nook! We have a new addition to our library this year and her name is Ms. Duffee. She has been excited to meet all the students and learn about our library. Please make sure to say hi to her if you come in the library. We are thrilled to see the students coming into the library and finding their favorite books. Third and fourth grade students are writing summaries about their favorite books to promote them to students in K-2.

A couple of reminders about our Accelerated Reading program:

- Each student has the opportunity to earn a Brag Tag by completing their AR and reading goals set by their teacher.
- Parents, if you would like to keep up with how your student is doing in Accelerated Reader (AR), sign up with Renaissance Home Connect through the library's web page, and you can receive email alerts and that can show you their goals while at home. It is a nice way for everyone to stay involved. All you need is your student's login and password.

Don't forget about the wonderful resources at the public library! The librarians there would love to see everyone and help you sign up for a library card. It is a nice option when I am out of a specific copy at our school library. Please take advantage of it if you can.

Whew, that was a lot of information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at bryantjul@fssd.org. Oh, I almost forgot, Book Fair is coming up in November and the students are already looking forward to it!

Happy Reading!



PTO Save the Date

by Nicole Clark, PTO

It was great to see new faces at our first PTO meeting! Save the date for our next meeting Thursday, September 14th at 3:45. PTO meetings are a great place to gain insight into how our school functions. Don't forget, Dr. Esslinger and Mrs. Riley are at all the meetings, ready to answer your questions!

Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night, Tuesday, Sept. 26

by Cheryl Kidd, PTO Chair

Join us for our next Spirit Night on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Chuck E. Cheese! This is always a kid favorite! Come out between 3:00 and 9 p.m. Tell the staff you are there for FES Spirit Night. Show your support, meet fellow parents, and let the kids enjoy a great night out!

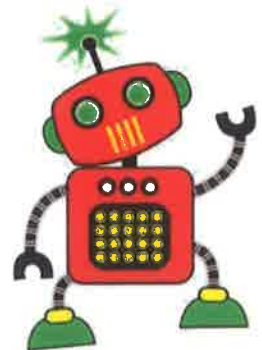


Fun Run Theme

This year's theme is "Running for Robots."

Charge your battery and get geared up to Run for robots at this year's Fun Run.

Because we are dashing for data, our students will have the opportunity to learn coding at all grade levels. Let's go nuts at this year's Fun Run as we bolt around the track!



Fun Run Spirit Week – October 30 – November 3

Monday - Data Day

Tuesday - Hard drive hair day

Wednesday - Colorful kiln day

Thursday - Mad scientist day

Friday - Change you battery because it's time to dash around the track (Fun run shirt)

Fun Run

by Nicole Clark, PTO

The annual FES Fun Run fundraiser kicks off Thursday, October 5th with a pep rally. Please join us in the gym as we CHARGE up for another great year of DASHING around the track! The pep rally begins at 2:30 and you won't want to miss the excitement as we announce this year's goals.



We are currently accepting corporate sponsorships for the Fun Run. As a sponsor, you will have your logo on the back of the t-shirt distributed to every student and staff at FES. What a great marketing tool! With each \$250 corporate sponsor, your child will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. This is a great way to show support at FES. If interested, please contact Nicole Clark at jnwesterman@yahoo.com or 901-674-4778. We hope that you will consider becoming partners at one of the following levels:

Blue Ribbon Sponsor (\$1,000 +)

Sponsors at the Blue Ribbon level will have the opportunity to provide a banner to be hung in front of our school during the month of October and a sign at the Fun Run event. Blue Ribbon Sponsors will have prominent display of logo on our school t-shirt, newsletter and yearbook, as well as recognition via Parent Express communication and will be sent a letter of appreciation.

Red Ribbon Sponsors (\$500 - \$999)

Sponsors at the Red Ribbon level will have the opportunity to place a sign at the Fun Run event, have proportional recognition on our school t-shirt, newsletter and yearbook, and will be sent a letter of appreciation.

White Ribbon Sponsors (\$250 - \$499)

Sponsors at the White Ribbon level will have proportional recognition on our school t-shirt, newsletter and yearbook, and will be sent a letter of appreciation.

Girl Scout Collection Request

by Kathy Caudill

Girl Scouts Troop 2445 needs your help! They are collecting 400 pounds worth of plastic bottle caps and lids as part of a recycling effort in conjunction with earning their Bronze Award.

The end result will be an item that they will donate to Franklin Elementary that can be used by all students.

There is a blue collection bin just outside of the cafeteria doors that you can drop your collected caps and lids into. Please make sure donated items are cleaned and rinsed out.

Below is the list of acceptable items they can take.

Plastic Caps:

Milk Jug, Detergent, Medicine Bottle, Hair Spray, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Drink Bottle, Flip Top (ketchup, mustard, etc). Spout (mustard, etc.), Spray Paint, Ointment Tube Caps w/recycle numbers of (2) (4) (5)

Plastic Lids:

Cottage Cheese Container, Mayonnaise Jar, Yogurt, Peanut Butter, Cool Whip Container, Coffee Can, Cream Cheese Container, Ice Cream Bucket (under 8")

Cafeteria Breakfast Menu

by Catherine Dumke, Cafeteria Manager



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast <i>Fat free and low fat milk, a variety of fruits, and 100% juice offered daily</i>				
Assorted Cereal Pancakes Omelet & Toast Toast	Assorted Cereal French Toast Sticks Sausage & Biscuit Oatmeal Toast	Assorted Cereal Breakfast Pizza Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Scrambled Eggs Toast	Breakfast Burrito Blueberry Muffin Ham & Cheese Croissant Yogurt Trix Triple Cherry	Assorted Cereal Sausage & Biscuit Waffles Yogurt Parfait Toast
Lunch <i>Fresh salad bar and assorted fresh fruits and cold sandwiches available daily</i>				
2017 -2018 Lunch Schedule 10:55-11:25 1 st Grade 11:35-12:05 PreK at the Annex 11:05-11:35 Kindergarten 11:50-12:20 2 nd Grade 11:25-11:55 4 th Grade 12:05-12:35 3 rd Grade				1 Fish Nuggets Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Spinach Salad White Beans Coleslaw
4 LABOR DAY	5 Walking Taco Taco Meat Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese Pinto Beans Salsa	6 Baked Chicken Chicken Smackers Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll	7 Sausage Patty Cheese Omelet Pancakes Chicken Patty Romaine Tossed Salad Hash-browns	8 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Caesar Salad Cheesy Cauliflower Chocolate Pudding Garlic Breadsticks
11 Hamburger/Cheeseburger Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce Baby Carrots French Fries Baked Beans	12 Chicken Fajita Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese and Salsa Black Beans Corn Whole Wheat Flour Tortillas Chocolate Chip Cookie	13 Baked Chicken Chicken Smackers Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll	14 Sausage Patty French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Chicken Patty Spinach Salad Baby Carrots & Tomatoes Tater Tots	15 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Penne Romaine Tossed Salad Peas and Carrots
18 Mini Corn Dog Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce Cheesy Broccoli Baby Carrots Emoji Potatoes Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	19 Cheese Nachos Taco Meat Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese Black Beans Salsa	20 Baked Chicken Chicken Smackers Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll	21 Chicken Patty Sausage Patty Cheese Omelet Broccoli Salad Tri-Taters Biscuit	22 Fish Nuggets Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Spinach Salad White Beans Coleslaw
25 Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce BBQ Sandwich Coleslaw French Fries Baked Beans	26 Chicken Fajita Taco Edibowl Taco Meat Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese Spanish Rice Refried Beans Carnival Cookie Salsa	27 Baked Chicken Chicken Smackers Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll	28 Breakfast Pizza Hamburger Cheeseburger Spinach Salad Emoji Potatoes	29 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Meatloaf Corn Broccoli Fresh Steamed Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll