

FRANKLIN FALCON NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at Franklin School!

My name is Matt Heller, and as of the end of July, I am the new Franklin School principal. I have only been principal for the last six weeks, but I have quickly discovered that Franklin is a school with excellent staff and students that really just needs stability in school leadership. My plan is to be the principal for the foreseeable future and to bring our community together to get Franklin School back on track.

Prior to making the move to Manitowoc this summer, I have worked in Green Bay for the last seven years at an elementary school and a high school. Prior to moving to Green Bay, I taught and was an administrator in Chicago for fifteen years. I relocated to Wisconsin to be closer to my parents after they retired and moved up to Door County.

I have a wife and two sons; my oldest son is starting college next week in the Chicago area. My younger son has two years left of high school, so I will commute to Manitowoc until he graduates. Both boys played soccer since they were young, so we travel a lot as a family to watch games and watch several professional games on the weekends. I also enjoy reading, taking family vacations, and spending time in my backyard.

This year, the Franklin staff will be working on the idea of growth mindset, which I believe will help our school with both academics and behavior. Growth mindset is mainly the idea that we are all capable of learning as long as we are willing to put forth the effort and realize that mistakes are a part of the process.

We are off to a great start, but I welcome parent input about anything. Please stop by the Franklin office or call me at (920) 663-9512.

I look forward to an exciting year and meeting all of our families!

Dr. Matt Heller, Principal

COMMUNITY FLYERS UPDATE

As a service to the community, the Manitowoc Public School District posts flyers for upcoming events from nonprofit organizations on their homepage and Facebook page. Please visit the web site at www.manitowocpublicschools.org/for_families/community_flyers for additional information on the following flyers:

Ships Cheer Kiddie Clinic - September 22, 2022

Boys and Girls Club of Manitowoc County - join today!

Holy Family Conservatory of Music - piano and hand bell lessons

Manitowoc County Figure Skating Club - learn to skate classes



BAND AND ORCHESTRA NEWS

Be part of the music! Fifth grade Band and Orchestra sign-up is happening now!

If you missed the evening parent meetings, you can still register your student. Scan the QR code with your camera to register or contact Mrs. Woller with questions at wollerk@mpsd.school.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Did you move over the summer? Did you change any of your phone numbers or an e-mail address? How about a new job? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please update your child's gold Census Verification Report which will be coming home soon. It's very helpful when our records are current and accurate to provide for your child(ren)'s safety. When the Census Verification Report is sent home, please review the information, make the necessary changes, sign and return the form to school (regardless if changes are made).

RAPTOR VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To enhance the safety of Franklin School, we utilize our Raptor Visitor Management System to register our visitors. If visitors would like to enter the building during school hours for any reason, they will need to submit a valid state ID or driver's license. The office staff will then scan their information in the National Sex Offender Registry. If approved to enter our school, a nametag will be printed which must be worn on the outermost layer of clothing at all times. All visitors must return to the office to sign out prior to leaving the building.



SCHOOL NURSE MESSAGE

If your child has medication at school, a new Medication Consent form must be completed before medication can be administered. The form can be found on the District website under Nursing Services>Parent Forms, or pick one up from your child's school. Medication provided to the school must be in the original container with the student's full name, name of the medication and dosage.

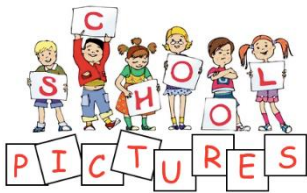
The start of the school year is also a great time to make sure your child's immunizations are current. Please contact your child's medical provider or health center to schedule an appointment. If you do not want your child to receive these immunizations, a signed waiver of declination must be on file at school. Waivers are available on the District website under Nursing Services>Parent Forms, or in each school office.

SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

The 2022-23 school year is upon us, and it is time to sign your child(ren) up for the school dental program provided by Lakeshore Community Health Care. The Lakeshore Community Health Care provides dental services such as exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride, sealants and fillings right here at Franklin School! A bright green dental sign-up form has been sent home from school with your child(ren). These forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. You will need to fill out one form for EACH child. If you do NOT want this service for your child, please indicate so on the form and return it to school. It is equally important that ALL forms be returned to the school as soon as possible. This helps the dental clinic with both planning and funding the program.



If you have any questions, please call the school nurse at (920) 323-7592 or the Lakeshore Community Health at (920) 395-2981, extension 327.



Franklin School's picture day will be held on Monday, October 10. All students will receive a picture proof form on picture day with two images. All pictures must be ordered and paid for online. Harmann Studios recommends following these steps for a successful picture day:

Step 1: Dress for success! Long sleeve solid-colored shirts photograph best. Avoid white, neon and crazy patterned shirts, bare arms and text on your shirt.

Step 2: Choose your favorite picture from the two proofs.

Step 3: Choose the package that fits our needs, and place your order. Harmann Studios would like everyone to pay with a credit card. If you do not have the ability to pay online, please call Harmann Studios at (800) 236-8910 for other payment options.

If for some reason you are not satisfied with your picture proof or your child is absent, our picture retake day will be the morning of Wednesday, November 15.

GREETINGS FROM THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY!

Welcome to another awesome school year! Throughout the school year, Franklin students will have the opportunity to visit our library once a week so they may check out books of their choice. Students in kindergarten, first and second grade will receive a plastic book bag to keep and use throughout the school year. Please, do not throw it away! Students are encouraged to be responsible for the care of the books they borrow from the library and return them in a timely manner. I also suggest students keep their books in their backpack, preferably in the plastic book bag, when they are not reading them. This helps to keep books from being misplaced or damaged. If a library book is lost or damaged, please inform your child's teacher or myself as soon as possible. Please do not repair damaged books at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to contact me, Mrs. Zahn, at (920) 663-9496 or zahn@mpsd.school.



READING NEWS

We are off to a great start for the 2022-23 school year! As we begin the new school year, we continue to urge your family to read together. Your child will continue to develop his or her reading skills through this additional time spent with books in hand. Research shows that improved reading will happen with continued practice, and we encourage you to talk about the book with your child before, during and after reading the book. This will further engage your child to think deeply about the text and help improve comprehension. Make sure you read the future newsletters for more reading ideas, tips, information and events. Keep on reading!



MATH MINUTE

Hello Franklin families! My name is Ms. Korte, and I am the new Franklin math coach. I will be working closely with teachers as we dive deep into the Bridges math curriculum. I am very excited to be a part of the Franklin family! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at kortes@mpsd.school.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Hi Franklin Families! I wanted to introduce myself, as I am a new face in the building this year. My name is Mrs. Sabourin, and I am the new Dean of Students (Student Support Leader). I grew up in Madison and now live in New Holstein with my husband, two daughters and our dog. This is my tenth year in education. My previous years in education were all as a school psychologist. I am very excited about my role and have really enjoyed meeting the Franklin students and staff. I am here as another resource for you, so feel free to reach out!

PTA NOTES



Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! My name is Brittany Comeau, and I am excited to announce that I am your new PTA president! I currently work as a medical assistant at a local family medicine practice and am going back to school to get my RN degree. My husband and I have two daughters at Franklin School and one son at Washington Middle School. I enjoy reading, camping and spending time outdoors.

Samantha Grunow is this year's vice president. She has two daughters at Franklin School and a son in 4K at the Riverview Early Learning School. Sam enjoys cooking, baking, and playing and walking their great dane puppy as well as spending time with her family.

Tiffany Brandes continues her PTA role as our treasurer. She has a son at Franklin School and a daughter at the Riverview Early Learning School. Tiffany teaches first grade at Jackson Elementary School and loves spending time with her children and playing outside. She also enjoys reading, writing and cooking.

We are ALWAYS looking for new members! We wouldn't be able to operate without them! Monthly PTA meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We do a lot of fundraising for the school! Because of our fundraising efforts, we were able to purchase playground equipment, provide teachers with new classroom items, and have fun monthly family events. The PTA's goal is about making our school an enjoyable environment for our students, parents and staff. We are looking forward to having you join us at our future meetings.

Our first family event of the year is the return of the Packer tailgate party! It's scheduled for Sunday, September 18, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on the black top. If it rains, the party will be held in the gym. There will be bounce houses, games and individually wrapped snacks. We are asking everyone who attends to bring 15-20 single packed snack items to share. Come help us cheer on the Packers as they play against the Chicago Bears!



We are excited to announce the return of our popular "Dine to Donate" events! Our first "Dine to Donate" will be held at the Manitowoc A&W located on Harbor Town Lane on Tuesday, September 27, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. During this time, we will receive a percentage of all sales - dine in, drive through and carryouts.

Spirit sticks are back! This year, spirit sticks will be sold before and after school in the art room, during lunch in the gym and at all of our PTA family events. All spirit sticks cost \$1.00. A flyer will be sent home letting everyone know which spirit sticks will be for sale. Spirit sticks are very popular, not only with the kids, but also with parents! We are also excited to announce the return of the Spirit Stick of the Month club. For only \$8.00, your child will receive a unique spirit stick every month that only members receive. They will also have an opportunity to win one of two "Spirit Monkey of the Month" stuffed monkeys.



Continue saving your Coke caps! There is a bucket on the PTA table located outside the office for you to put them in. No more clipping Box Tops! Instead, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Log onto <https://www.bxotops4education.com> for more information. Another great fundraiser earning us FREE money is Amazon Smile. Using your desktop or laptop, visit smile.amazon.com and select **PTA Wisconsin Congress Franklin PTA**. You can then turn on Amazon Smile using the Amazon app on your phone. Amazon will then donate 0.5% from eligible purchases back to Franklin!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. We are working on providing free childcare. Your entire PTA is excited and committed to making this an incredible year! Please remember to like us on our Franklin Elementary PTA Facebook page or e-mail us at franklinpta@mpsd.school if you have any questions or concerns.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 18 Packer tailgate party, 12:00-2:00 p.m. **((In case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the gym.))**
- September 21 Spirit stick sale, gym (during lunch only)
PTA meeting, library, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- September 22 First day of autumn
- September 27 A&W Dine to Donate, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- September 29 1st grade field trip, School Forest, 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

- October 6 Vision screening, 8:15-10:15 a.m.
- October 10 School picture day
McDonald's Dine-to-Donate