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The PTA still has many chances for you to Make Things Happen! In addition to the positions highlighted in last months issue, we are currently looking for someone to be in charge of our memberships. If you are looking for a way to help out from home, this is it! The Membership Coordinator takes in all new membership forms and enters the information into the National PTA data base. Reporting to the board on new membership numbers and encouraging families to join are the best parts of this job! Please contact Debbie Gast at 543-1825 if you would like to know more about this position.



Tropical Dance

The dance held on February 13th was a great time! Overall we had 232 people show up throughout the night. Thanks to the 2nd grade teachers and families who volunteered! Also, thanks to all the families who attended for making another dance a big success.

Franklin's outdoor sign

We have an update for the outside Franklin sign. As many of you know, we voted to have a new sign put up in front of school. We finally have the blueprints being drawn up and then the sign will go into construction phase. Please continue to look for updates in upcoming PTA pages.

Founder's Day Carnival

On February 22nd, the Founder's Day Carnival was held at Central High School. The event was well attended and fun was had by all. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Franklin booth!



Volunteering makes a difference! Here's your chance to make a difference at our school! A few people have stepped forward and are interested in helping out next year. Thanks to these people, we probably won't have to worry about our secretarial duties or getting the bulletin board done! Way to go! We are still in need of dedicated Franklin Family Members to do certain jobs that help the PTA to make things possible at school. In addition to some leadership positions, we have openings that don't take much time at all. Please watch for a flyer to be sent home soon and talk to Debbie Gast, Gena Kraemer, Heather Justham, Kris Budny, or Bobbi Jo Kaufman of the Nominating Committee to find out more.

Upcoming Events

March 11

PTA meeting 6:30

March 12

Market Day

March 13

Incrediroll

March 19

PTA Academic night 6:30

April 2

Market Day

April 22

Principal Chat 5:30

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PTA meeting 6:30

Fit Fact of the Month

Let's get Reading!

A home filled with reading material is a good way to help kids become enthusiastic (and proficient) readers! What kind of books should you have? Ask your kids about their interests. If they're too young to have a preference, your local librarian can offer suggestions about age-appropriate books.

Here are some other ideas: **Keep a varied selection;** Have books with textures and mirrors for babies. For older children, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, even the newspaper, comics, and magazines are great for reading. **Keep reading material handy;** for younger kids places by their changing table or high chair. Plastic books can even go in the bathtub. Also keep them handy by the sofa. **Create a special reading place;** as kids grow, keep age-appropriate books and magazines on shelves they can reach in their favorite hangouts around the house. Create a cozy reading corner, and encourage kids to use it by setting up "reading corner time" each day. **Keep it appealing;** make sure reading areas have good lighting and things like a CD player for audio tapes are available. **Encourage kids to create the reading;** Set up a writing and art center and encourage kids to make books, posters, or collages.

Mealtime Makeover: Veggie Bowl This is great for snack time, as an appetizer or make it part of your meal. It's also a very healthy treat that takes little time to make! **Prep time:** about 10 minutes

Ingredients: 1 green, yellow, or red pepper washed, 1 bunch of celery, 1 carrot peeled & washed, your favorite salad dressing **Directions:** Cut the pepper in half(from side to side). Clean out the seeds& everything from the inside. Now you have 2 pieces, 1 will be your pepper-shaped bowl. Cut the other half of the pepper into skinny slices. Cut the carrot into skinny sticks about 4" long. Cut celery sticks the same length. Put a little salad dressing in the bottom of your pepper bowl. Put celery, carrots, & pepper slices into the pepper bowl. Now you've got a portable veggie treat! You can pull the veggies & eat them with a little dressing. Then when you're finished with the veggies, eat the bowl!

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