

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Holiday Craft Night Success

Franklin's Annual Holiday Craft Night event was a huge success on December 4th. Students, families, friends, and staff had a blast making ornaments and memories to keep and share. Cookies and cocoa filled tummies while holiday cheer filled the air.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the families and staff members who helped out at this event. An event like this would not be possible without all of our volunteers.

Also, thank you to Heather Justham who has been the person to make this event happen for several years. She and her husband Jay are generous volunteers at Franklin and will be greatly missed as this is their last year planning Holiday Craft Night. We hope that Heather's legacy lives on at our Holiday Event next December!

If you would like to be involved in planning the Holiday Event for 2010, please contact Debbie Gast at 414-543-1825 or [debbie.gast@tds.net](mailto:debbie.gast@tds.net).

## Reflections Program

The reflections program was held on Tuesday night, January 5th. We had 80 participants from 11 schools. The children from Franklin school who participated were Sarah Kram, Brianna Danek, Mason McMullen and Nora Gosetti. These children will receive an ice cream sundae from the Franklin PTA sometime in January. Their entries will be sent on to the State PTA for judging.

## Annual WA-WM PTA Council Carnival Raffle

It is once again time for the PTA Council Carnival and Raffle. The Carnival will be held on Sunday, February 21 from 12-4pm at the West Allis Central Fieldhouse. As always there will be food and plenty of games to play. The raffle drawing will be at 4:00.

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Raffle prizes are: 1st Prize-\$350.00 CASH 2nd Prize-\$200.00 CASH 3rd Prize-\$150.00 CASH

This raffle is to support the PTA Council for programs such as scholarships, survive alive, and various community programs.

Raffle tickets are now on sale, we will sell tickets at our PTA events in January and February or you can contact Gena Kraemer at 414-545-4005.



# Legislation 101 - State Government / Part 1

By Marilyn Wellman, Legislative Chair

We have talked local politics. So let's move on and take a look at the next level-State government. Wisconsin has some important elections coming up in 2010. Wisconsin candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Sec. of State in the current election cycle are as follows: (**Bold**=Active Candidate/*Italics* = Potential Candidate/\*= Incumbent). Stay informed on candidates and the issues at [www.politics1.com/wi.htm](http://www.politics1.com/wi.htm).

## GOVERNOR:

Jim Doyle (D) \* -Retiring in 2010

**Tom Barrett (D) - Milwaukee Mayor, Ex-Congressman, State & Sen. Rep. & '02 Candidate**

**Jared Christiansen (D) - High School Student**

**Tim John (D) - Publishing Company Owner & Author**

*Mike Sheridan (D) -State Assembly Speaker & Ex-Auto Worker*

*Rick Graber (R)- US Ambassador to Czech Republic, Ex-State GOP Chair & Attorney*

**Bill Ingram ( R ) - Businessman, USAF Veteran & '08 Pres. Candidate**

*Bill McCoshen ( R ) - Ex-State Commerce Secretary, Ex-Gubernatorial Chief of Staff & Lobbyist*

**Mark Neumann ( R ) - Ex-Congressman, Non-Profit Group Chair, Businessman, & '98 US Sen. Nominee**

**John Schiess ( R ) - Retired Teacher & Frequent Candidate**

*Tommy Thompson ( R ) - Ex-Governor, Ex- US Health Secretary, Ex- State Assemblyman, Attorney & Army Veteran*

**Mark Todd ( R ) - Businessman & Evangelical Pastor**

*J.B. Van Hollen ( R ) - Attorney General*

**Scott Walker ( R ) - Milwaukee County Executive & Ex-State Assemblyman**

**Michael Blinkwitz/James Dean Langer/Terry Virgil ( Independents)**

**Please see next months newsletter to find out the candidates for Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State.**

## Upcoming Events

### January 13th

Lunchroom meeting 5:30

PTA meeting 6:30

### January 14th

Market Day pickup

3:30—5:00

### January 21st

PTA Reading Night &

Dinner 5:30

### February 10th

Dinner chat w/ principal

5:30

PTA meeting 6:30

### February 11th

Market Day pickup

3:30-5:00

### February 17th

Fitness Night 6:30

Under upcoming events, there is an added event. Jan. 13th at 5:30, parents can meet with Mrs. Weisrock to discuss issues dealing with the lunchroom etc.

For additional information, please visit one of these sites

**Franklin PTA: [www.franklin-pta.org](http://www.franklin-pta.org)**

WAWM Council: [www.wawmpta.org](http://www.wawmpta.org), Wisconsin Council: [www.wisconsinpta.org](http://www.wisconsinpta.org), National Council: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)