

Principal

Submitted By: Michelle Weisrock

1. I will be presenting to the school board at their December 22nd meeting. If any parents are interested in attending, or attending with students, the presentation comes at the beginning of the board meeting. It would be a great show of Franklin pride to have parents and students in the audience.
 2. I will be out of the building January 5-9. Mary Kashian, former Lincoln principal, will be filling in during my absence.
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President

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

I have some questions for you!

- What is significant about the number **111**?
- What do the date **1897** and the names **Alice McLellan Birney** and **Phoebe Apperson Hearst** have in common?
- And, what does **Selena Sloan Butler** have to do with any of this?

The answers!

- **111** – The number of years that the National PTA has been in existence (in one form or another). It's also the number of members we have this year in the Franklin PTA!
 - **1897** – The year the National Congress of Mothers (later changed to National Parent Teacher Association) was founded by **Alice McLellan Birney** and **Phoebe Apperson Hearst** in Washington, D. C.
 - **Selena Sloan Butler** founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in 1926 which, in 1970, united with the National PTA so together they could serve all children and youth.
 - **Founders Day, February 22, 2009** (which was originally called Child Welfare Day), celebrates the work of the three PTA founders whose names are listed above. National PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer association working exclusively on behalf of all children and youth. For more than 100 years, National PTA has promoted the education, health and safety of children and families.
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Treasurer

Submitted By: Becki Kram

Becki is submitting her report separately this month.

Legislative

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

It is easy after the election to sit back and say, "Well, I voted" and call it a day. However, we have a great opportunity to follow-up with our local and state elected officials and affect the decisions they will make regarding our children's education and welfare. Our national leaders can say they will bring change to education – but since education is locally funded – the "change factor" is largely a "local" matter.

If you want specific information on the formula for local school funding: Contact Thomas Beebe, who works for the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools at tbeebe@wisconsinsfuture.org

You can always contact your local representatives. **Not sure who they are? - then go to:** www.wisconsin.gov/state – click on "government" – click on "legislative" – click on "who are my legislators?" Then enter your address.

Membership

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

We have 111 members. Sue Johnson joined this month – giving us 21 school staff or teachers as members. Our membership dues have been paid to the State and National PTA. There is still time to get people involved, membership forms are online at www.franklin-pta.org or located next to the PTA bulletin board – just inside the main entrance to the school.

Staff Representatives

Submitted By: Carrie Roeglin & Bev Day

The political election and Veteran's Day were topics of classroom discussions during early November. Franklin students participated in a Veteran's Day assembly that explained the need for adults and children to respect and appreciate those people who risk their lives working to keep our country free. Throughout November the Franklin students were involved in activities that emphasized ways they could show their thankfulness for each other, their families, and for those who are not as fortunate. November was a month where there were many opportunities for the Franklin students to demonstrate the values discussed during our TRIBES meetings.

Holiday Craft Night

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez on behalf of Heather Justham

The event overall went well. Unfortunately, due to illness/weather some of the volunteers could not make it. We had about 131 total people attend which was down from last year's number of about 175. We conducted a vote on the school sign on whether to approve an additional \$1,050. We had 31 PTA members vote. The results to be announced.

Market Day

Submitted By: Kris Budny

Market Day is doing well. Looking to try and increase sales however, we have been getting enough in sales that we have not had to cancel an order. Debbie Gast ran the last Market Day pickup beginning of December.

Family Involvement

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

Fundraiser Pick-up

- Thank you notes were put in teachers' mailboxes to be sent home.

Holiday Craft Night

- A second request for volunteers was sent out to 4th and 5th grade families who had not previously signed up and a few more volunteers were added using this method.
- I also made some personal contacts using the Talent Database and had some success.
- Reminders to all volunteers were placed in teachers' mailboxes to be sent home.
- We came across some issues with filling the volunteer positions for this event so Heather contacted her Girl Scout resources.

Valentine's Day Dance

- I will start recruiting volunteers for this event in mid-January.

Promotions (Bulletin Board, School Sign, Flyers)

Submitted By: Sheri Johnson, Lindsay Lopez & Heather Justham

Promotions: I made the flyer for Holiday Craft Night. I had posters made and hung them up around school. I am also continuing making flyers for Market Day and the ongoing specials.

School Sign: (See also Holiday Craft Night) We have run into a few glitches. The brick previously thought to be donated has been used elsewhere and is not available. *Poblocki* has a brick guy they use who wanted to charge us \$1,900 for bricks and labor. A vote was held at Holiday Craft Night to approve an additional \$1,050 to be used to purchase a new sign.

Bulletin Board: Marilyn Wellman, Heather Justham, Mike Hughes and Diane Lyman helped put together the bulletin board for December. They put up a nice wintry background and decorated it to give the illusion like you are looking through a window.

PTA Pages

Submitted By: Sheri Johnson

Our November newsletter went out before Thanksgiving break. I will be working on Decembers soon.

Spirit Wear

Submitted By: Bobbi Jo Kaufmann

Spiritwear will be delivered to school sometime this week. Once it is received, I will distribute the orders to the classrooms.

Fall Fundraiser

Submitted By: Daniel Kram

Congratulations to all the winners!

Clubs Choice will be sending over 4 water park passes to Country Springs in Waukesha and go to the top seller, *Brooke Porth*. The following children were chosen to have a pizza party - paid for by Clubs Choice. The winners are: *Tyler Abramowski, Alexis Albrecht, Samantha Brzycki, Cheyenne Brown, Autumn Cantral, Aria Chilcote, Ashley Chilcote, Joshua Czesinski, Ella Gosetti, Korra Justham, Makenzie Kaufman, Brendan Lucas, Samantha Martin, Joshua North, Elizabeth Percell, Deanna Sarsour, Tiana Tillmon, Kayla Watt, Riley Whitted, Brianna Zsakovics*.

The volunteers were absolutely great! Coffee, doughnuts, milk, and bagels, were available for helpers. Also, Mr. Smith was absolutely wonderful, again! When I arrived at 6:45, the gym was already setup and ready. Many thanks to a dedicated and helpful Mr. Smith.

Unfortunately, not every order was picked up on November 15th. Each family was called twice that day and messages were left. If the orders are not picked up and paid for, they will have to be returned to Clubs Choice. As of this writing, we have a net profit of \$6,988.40, however, at least one \$300 plus order is being returned and other orders are left to be picked up, so I cannot report at this time the final profit. To note, it is our lowest number in several years.

Family Wellness

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

Working on this month's Fit Fact and Mealtime Makeover articles for the newsletter. Have been in contact with Mrs. Weisrock and Mrs. Dannhoff in regards to the Family Fitness Night coming up in January. On behalf of the committee looking to donate to the event in some way by either volunteering time or possibly healthy food.

*Nothing to Report:
Council Carnival
Staff Appreciation*