

**Principal**

Submitted By: Michelle Weisrock

1. We have 299 students enrolled:  
EC - 6 / K4 - 37 / K5 - 29  
1 - 45 / 2 - 45 / 3 - 47 / 4 - 53 / 5 - 37

Currently we have a K/1 combination class and a first grade class each with a one student overload. Our fourth and fifth graders are placed into three combination homerooms and will receive content area instruction in grade level groups.

2. All staff members including teachers, educational assistants, office staff, lunchroom staff and custodial staff participated in our Tribes training. It was a wonderful experience. There is one follow up day on October 13.
  3. Our school was once again recognized as a New Wisconsin Promise school by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This award is given to school who meet certain criteria. It recognizes our student achievement. There is a ceremony on October 13 in Madison to present our award.
  4. There were four different welcome back events. Returning students in grades 1-5 had the traditional forms and fees night. New students came for dinner with their parents, K4 and EC students had an ice cream social and K5 students had the traditional hot dog dinner. All were well attended.
  5. The orientation sessions have been well attended. Teachers have appreciated the opportunity to share information with parents.
  6. The year is off to an exciting start.
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**President**

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

Over the summer, I have been working on several items related to our annual audit, budget, the school sign and gearing up for our membership drive. At our September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting I will provide updates from the Audit Meeting (7/16/08), Executive Board Meeting (8/4/08), the WA-WM PTA Council Leadership Training (8/6/08), negotiations with *Poblocki Sign Company* and the WA-WM PTA Council Meetings (6/4/08 & 9/3/08).

I also served on the Audit Committee for the Council and volunteered at the Council's Booth on July 28<sup>th</sup> for the *National Night Out* Event.

I will be working with Mrs. Weisrock and the First Grade Teachers on organizing the September 18<sup>th</sup> Picnic. Lindsay Lopez and Gena Kraemer will be assisting with the PTA table. We will be conducting a "sign-off" vote on the 2008-09 Budget. Please remember to vote!

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**Treasurer**

Submitted By: Becki Kram

Becki is submitting her report separately this month.

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## **Legislative**

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

There is a primary election on September 9<sup>th</sup> and an election on November 4<sup>th</sup> with races that matter to the children and families of the WA-WM School District. It is a privilege and duty to vote. Many governments around the world do not include its citizens in deciding who its leaders will be and how their tax dollars will be spent.

In the 2008 federal elections, Americans will be choosing a President, Vice-President, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 35 Senators. On the state level, voters will be electing 11 Governors and more than 6,500 State House and Senate Members - not to mention the numerous Mayors, Regents, City Council Members, Board of Supervisors, County Officials and School Board Trustees.

**The legislators currently representing you in Madison who are up for re-election are:** Senator Mary Lazich/Representative David Cullen/Representative Leah Vukmir/Representative Tony Staskunas and Representative Mark Gundrum - Do you know their political platforms? One resource is [www.wisconsinvote.org](http://www.wisconsinvote.org) - but there are many others.

**If you want specific information on candidates related to school funding...** Contact Thomas Beebe, who works for the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools at [tbeebe@wisconsinfuture.org](mailto:tbeebe@wisconsinfuture.org).

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## **Membership**

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

I have been working with Gena Kraemer, Becki Kram and Lindsay Lopez on the Membership Drive. Gena will be unable to serve as the Membership Chair for this year. Instead, she will be serving as an advisor and at some PTA events. When you see her, please thank her for serving as the Membership Chair for the 2007-08 school year.

In the interim, I am serving as the Chair. Becki, Lindsay and I have been speaking at the various registration and orientation nights. We have been raffling off \$25 or \$30 gas cards from *Speedway* at the different grade level registration events.

### **The Winners to date are:**

August 20 - Patti Pecha, Heather Justham, Bambi Jacobson-Sikorski - \$30 Gas Card (each)

August 21 - Jennie Menden - \$25 Gas Card & Tulip Bulbs (donated by Mike Hughes)

August 25 - Sarah Borgh - \$25 Gas Card, David Pratt - 4 x 3 Wooden Toy Box (donated by Diane Lyman)

August 27 - Alison Barker - \$30 Gas Card

One more \$30 Gas Card will be raffled off at the September 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Picnic.

We have 69 members and counting - please consider recruiting one person (spouse, friend, neighbor, relative, business owner, etc.) If each Chair and Officer recruits one more person, we could have over 80 members before the PTA Picnic!

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## **Council Carnival**

Submitted By: Lisa Gandre

The Council Carnival will be held in February 2009. It is the PTA Council's only fundraiser. Franklin has been doing the Bingo game for a few years now so I will continue with that unless someone comes forward with another idea. More to come, most likely in December.

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## **Market Day**

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman on behalf of Kris Budny

Please consider using Market Day!

Market Day is a fundraiser like no other, providing a comprehensive assortment of fundraising products to over 6,000 organizations across the country. Market Day's portfolio of fundraising programs includes the flagship monthly grocery program. Franklin currently has only \$450.00 in sales for August/September. Market Day has a \$1000 limit. This means that if our school does not buy at least a \$1000 of food through Market Day per month – then we could be dropped from the program. This would be unfortunate, as Franklin Elementary received over \$2000.00 from Market Day in the 2007-08 School Year. It only takes 5 minutes to shop on-line or with the brochure that comes in your Friday Folder. Select from over 160 restaurant-quality foods designed to meet busy lifestyles at competitive prices.

Individualized packages of fruit and meat, frozen veggies, pizzas, snacks, quick cook entrees, desserts – you name it - Market Day has it. Why buy your groceries anywhere else?

For more information please visit [marketday.com](http://marketday.com).

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## **Talent/Parent Involvement**

Submitted By: Debbie Gast & Lindsay Lopez

At the end of last school year, Debbie provided Mrs. Weisrock with sign up sheets for the teachers to pass around at orientation/parent meeting nights. The teachers were asked to use those sign up sheets to coordinate volunteers for the events. The first one being the Cookout on September 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. A volunteer reminder form was also put together and Mrs. Weisrock will give those to the teachers before each event. A database will also be put together from the membership forms and used to contact those who have showed interest in assisting with the PTA and recruit for open positions. The goal is to increase involvement by looking at those members who are not currently on a committee or assisting in some way. A Do Not Call list will also be constructed based on those who do not wish to volunteer.

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## **Promotions (Bulletin Board, School Sign, Flyers)**

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

We are happy to announce that each position has been filled. Sheri Johnson is doing the flyers, Bobbi Jo Kaufmann will be doing the school sign located on 86<sup>th</sup> and Becher (see Sign Committee for details). Lindsay Lopez & Debbie Gast have offered to help with the bulletin board. The bulletin board was updated before the orientation meetings. A quote from Michael Jordan was used which fits in well with the tag-line for the Franklin PTA - Making Things Happen. I will be doing next month's board and it will have a "wellness" theme to be incorporated with a fall/autumn theme. Additional volunteers will be involved each month.

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## **Technical Coordinator (Website)**

Submitted By: Becki Kram

I have worked hard over the summer to update the PTA website with calendar updates and forms. Please check out the website for 2008/09 Membership Application, Check Request form, Event Summary form, Calendar, 2008/09 Budget, By-Laws and a summary of the events the PTA supports.

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## **PTA Pages**

Submitted By: Sheri Johnson

A PTA Pages was made early to be handed out with the different orientation nights. Debbie Gast is helping with the PTA Pages as well. Anyone needing flyers can start contacting me.

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**Wellness Committee**

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

The committee will be starting up again the articles in the monthly newsletter, "Fit Fact of the Month" and "Mealtime Makeover". We are lucky to have been approved \$500 in the 2008-09 Budget and that will help tremendously with providing healthy snacks for school/PTA events as well as other items throughout the year. To correspond with Debbie's report, as I am working on the Bulletin Board for the month of October, the committee will incorporate some items dealing with health and wellness in addition to keeping with a nice fall/autumn theme.

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**Holiday Craft Night**

Submitted By: Heather Justham

I have received the Visa card and have started to purchase crafts. I have had some interest with help for Holiday Craft Night and will be working with them to prepare.

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**Sign Committee**

Submitted By: Heather Justham

After several set backs with the sign we are on track. I am working with *Poblocki Sign Company* to replace the existing sign. We are waiting on approval from West Allis for our proposed sign. As soon as they give us the go our sign will go into production.

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*Did not receive reports from:*

*Spirit Wear: Bobbi Jo Kaufmann*

*Ways & Means: Daniel Kram*

*See the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes for details on these two committees.*