
Monthly Reports

Date - February 11, 2009

Principal

Submitted By: Michelle Weisrock (*Based on information presented at the February 11th PTA meeting*)

- Per the State, it is required that Franklin make up 12 minutes by the end of the school year. When the next indoor recess day occurs the kids will go back to their classes and recess will be shorter on that day.
 - There will be one day of parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday, February 24th. Kindergarten & 2nd grade will have parent nights. The other grades will be working out times with the parents individually.
 - The next Academic Night will be in March. It will be a reading night.
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President

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

In January, I helped with details related to our newest Fundraiser with *Tupperware*, *Incrediroll*, the School Sign Project, the PTA Bulletin Board and attended our sponsored Academic Night on January 22 related to physical fitness.

In February, I will be working with the WA-WM PTA Council on details for the Founder's Day Carnival on February 22nd and with Lindsay Lopez for the February 13th Dance. I am also working on submitting the Franklin PTA for several awards - such as the PTA of the Year Award within the WA-WM school district.

I hope to see some of you at our monthly meeting on February 11th at 6:30 pm (childcare provided) or our Family Skate Night on February 20th at 4:00 pm or at the WA-WM Founder's Day Carnival on February 22nd from noon - 4pm at West Allis Central H.S.

Treasurer

Submitted By: Becki Kram

Becki is submitting her report separately this month.

Legislative

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

The State Budget Deficit is a major issue right now. The Governor has announced that education **MAY** be on the table for cut backs. I will let you know if we need to write our legislators regarding funding for WAWM and all schools in Wisconsin!

Sandy Pope-Roberts (D - Madison area) has been appointed the Chair of the State Education Committee. Annette Polly Williams (D - Milwaukee/Glendale) has been appointed the Chair of the Education Reform Committee.

Nominating Committee

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

The Committee members are: Debbie Gast, Bobbi Jo Kaufman, Kris Budny, Gena Kraemer & Heather Justham. The committee met on February 5th and discussed individuals who exhibit talents that will be helpful in making things happen at Franklin in the 09-10 school year. We used the Talent Database as a resource.

Each member of the committee agreed to contact several people to discuss possibilities. Priority is being given to finding a leader and a coordinator for the Fall Fundraiser since these are the most essential positions.

We will be working with Sheri to design a flyer, but will do that after speaking with people on a personal level. We will announce our nominations at the March Meeting and the vote will take place in April.

Membership

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

We have 113 members. Twenty-one are school staff or teachers. Our membership dues have been paid to the State and National PTA. *Anyone can join the PTA - year around!* 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 history making inauguration of our 44th president was the focus of our grade level curriculum during the month of January. Many of the classes completed 6 trait writing projects related to politics. The students at Franklin School continue to be engaged in guided reading instruction. The month of January was no exception. Reading instruction occurs throughout the school day in a variety of classes and locations.

January's TRIBES meeting was highlighted with the kindergarten student's energetic rendition of the song "This Land Is Your Land". Those 5 year olds definitely know how to demonstrate their TRIBE trait of Patriotism.

Council Carnival

Submitted By: Lisa Gandre

The Annual Founders Day Council Carnival will be held on February 22, 2009 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Each WA-WM school will have their own game booth and Franklin will have Bingo. At the last PTA meeting I was able to get a number of volunteers to help on Saturday and Sunday, thank you. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PTA Pages

Submitted By: Sheri Johnson

February's newsletter has been completed.

Family Involvement

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

Spring Dance w/ a Tropical Theme - Friday, February 13th

- There are a good number of volunteers signed up for the dance however, could always use more! It would be greatly appreciated to get some additional help in the kitchen, with the ticket table, game/tattoo booth and the front door.
- I will leave Thank You notes in the teacher's mailboxes after receiving a list from Lindsay.

Founder's Day Carnival - Sunday, February 22nd

- Lisa was able to recruit enough volunteers at the January PTA meeting.
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Promotions (Bulletin Board, School Sign, Flyers)

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez, Marilyn Wellman, Heather Justham & Sheri Johnson

School Sign: Per the previous months report: A vote was held at Holiday Craft Night to approve an additional \$1,050 to be used to purchase a new sign. The results of the vote were 24 yes and 7 no meaning a new school sign is in the works. The total cost is \$8,200. *To Date:* The sign proposed to the City of West Allis was approved and we can go ahead with the building of the new sign.

Bulletin Board: Marilyn completed the bulletin board this week to coincide with the theme of the Spring Dance, Tropical! If anyone is interested in working on board anytime between March and end of the school year please contact Marilyn Wellman at (414) 793-1453 or Lindsay Lopez at (262) 993-4374. Any ideas and/or help is greatly appreciated.

Flyers: I made a flyer for the Spring “Tropical” dance and Tupperware fundraiser that went out in the Friday folders.

Spring Dance

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

The dance is right around the corner! It will be Friday, February 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. I met with Mrs. Roeglin and Ms. Duren and our Spring Dance will have a Tropical theme. Sheri graciously put together flyers that went out in last weeks Friday folders. Sheri and Mrs. Weisrock also made some posters which have been hung around the school. We have a number of volunteers already signed up (a big thank you goes out to everyone) and we would certainly appreciate more! Debbie is getting another reminder out to the parents this week. We will need assistance with the kitchen, ticket table, game/tattoo booth and front door. Hope to see you all there!

Spirit Wear

Submitted By: Bobbi Jo Kaufmann (*based on the Event Summary form submitted*)

The delivery of the items was made in December. A total of 75 pieces of clothing were sold, amounting to \$1,115.30. The vendor I used was Custom Sportswear, Inc. and would recommend them again. They had all the orders packaged and separated according to classroom. Unfortunately, a few orders came in without payment and it did hold up delivery of the orders for a few days. Overall it went really well.

Nothing to Report: Staff Appreciation, Fall Fundraiser, Family Wellness, Market Day