

Principal

Submitted By: Michelle Weisrock (*based on information provided at the January 14th PTA meeting*)

- The 4th grade will be taking a national test know as NAPP. It is required and will compare the results of the United States with other countries around the world.
 - *Fitness Night* is January 22nd and Mrs. Dannhoff is putting together a lot of fun activities. The Wellness Committee will be providing a healthy snack.
 - Registration for Kindergarten, K-4 is February 3rd.
 - I am pleased to announce that Franklin does not have an empty seat in the entire school, actually two over. The census information for the area (which is subject to change) for 3, 4 & 5 year olds...80 kindergarteners (5 yr. olds, 56 4 years olds and 45 3 yr. olds.
 - Regarding school safety the WAWM School District will be meeting with the City Council on traffic control, street sign issues and get formats for all the schools on their parking, pick-up and drop-offs, possible signage changes, etc... A proposal regarding Franklin school was submitted to the City Council.
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President

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

In December, I helped with details related to Membership, Fundraising, *Incrediroll*, Spirit Wear, Holiday Craft Night, Voting, the School Sign Project and the PTA Bulletin Board.

In January, I will be working with the WA-WM PTA Council on details for the Founder's Day Carnival on February 22nd, as well as items related to our newest Fundraiser with *Tupperware* (Jan.30th - Feb.18th) and the February 13th Spring Dance. I also hope to work with Becki Kram in obtaining a shared electronic document area for all PTA documents (i.e. G-mail). This will allow future members to have templates of all common PTA documents such as bylaws, membership forms and meeting minutes. The goal is to make it easier for new and existing Chairs and Officers to complete their activities.

I hope to see some of you at the Principal's Chat on January 14th (our monthly meeting will follow) or at the Franklin Academic Night on January 22!

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.

Membership

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

We have 112 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

During the month of December our student council sponsored a Holiday Door Decorating Contest that emphasized the theme of "Christmas Around The World". The teachers and students were encouraged to represent the holiday customs of different countries on their doors. The doors were judged and prizes were awarded. Everyone was involved. The students also enjoyed sharing holiday music with everyone at Franklin. We ended our month with a wonderful collection of instrumental and vocal music performances by the students. Throughout the month we emphasized the TRIBES trait of fairness. Learning to be fair to the members in a group is a lesson we all can benefit from.

Council Carnival

Submitted By: Lisa Gandre

Founders Day was originally called Child Welfare Day and celebrates the work of the three PTA founders; Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler. National PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer association working exclusively on behalf of all children and youth.

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. We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

1 to help with the set-up for the silent auction on 2/22 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1 to help at the prize booth from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

1 to help at the ticket booth from 3:00 - 4:00 pm or this could be 1 person who plans to be there for the day or 3 separate people.

Volunteers to help out at the bingo booth. Depending on how many are willing to help each could take a "shift".

Market Day

Submitted By: Kris Budny

Market Day is this Thursday, January 15th and we have another good, strong sale this month. This is great! Let's keep it going!

Family Involvement

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

Holiday Craft Night

- Thank you notes were placed in teachers' mailboxes on 12/23/08.

Spring Dance

- I will start recruiting volunteers for this event in mid-January.
- The event is hosted by 2nd grade families.

- A volunteer sheet similar to that used for Holiday Craft Night will be created for this event. To note: It would also have been helpful for the Fall Dance, will keep in mind for next school year.

Council Carnival

- I have been in touch with Lisa to find out specific information and then will distribute a sign-up sheet.

Nominating Committee

- I have asked several members to join the committee and currently awaiting for responses.

Promotions (Bulletin Board, School Sign, Flyers)

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman & Heather Justham

School Sign: 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 then \$8,200. A final proposal is being written and will need to get approval from the City of West Allis.

Bulletin Board: Marilyn will be working on the bulletin board for next month. Depending on the theme chosen for the Spring dance Marilyn will make up the bulletin board to follow that theme. 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.

Spring Dance

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

The organization/details of the dance are underway. Diane Lyman provided me with some great ideas for possible themes. As the 2nd grade is hosting the event, I've been in contact with Mrs. Roeglin and Ms. Duren to discuss their ideas as well. At orientation a volunteer sign-up was passed around to the parents. Based on those who have agreed to volunteer Debbie sent out a 2nd reminder to all parents and we are looking to get a few more signed up. We will need assistance with the kitchen, security and clean up. Any help is greatly appreciated. Once a theme is decided I will be in contact with Sheri on getting some flyers made up. Diane is also working with the Lunchroom Supervisors to have the children work on making decorations for the dance on days they cannot go outside.

Family Wellness

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

I have been in contact with Mrs. Dannhoff who is in charge of the Family Fitness Night on January 22nd. On behalf of the committee a healthy snack will be provided to all the students who participate. I will also be volunteering to help where needed that evening.

Spirit Wear

Submitted By: Bobbi Jo Kaufmann

75 pieces of clothing were sold totaling \$1,115.30. 5 Pieces for K4, 16 pieces for K5, 13 pieces for Grade 1, 14 pieces for Grade 2, 12 pieces for Grade 3, 7 pieces for Grade 4, 4 pieces for Grade 5, 2 pieces for Staff. The vendor shipped everything to the school in the middle of December. The shipment was already separated when it arrived and all the clothing was delivered to the students before the Christmas break.

Nothing to Report: Staff Appreciation, Fall Fundraiser, Promotions - Flyers, PTA Pages