

Principal

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

- Staff is limited in the morning before school and there have been a few issues on the playground. As there is a staff member on the corner of 85th & Becher to watch for kids crossing in the morning, I have contacted the Principal at Dottke to have either a Junior or Senior at that corner or get a parent volunteer to help between 8:15 and 8:35 am. This would free up the other staff member to watch the kids on the playground and those lining up in the morning.
 - Franklin asks that students get to school no earlier than 8:20 am.
 - There is an Academic Night on Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. It is dinner (Sloppy Joes) and a bedtime story. The kids can bring pillows/blankets and dress in pajamas.
 - The WKC state testing results will be distributed to students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.
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President

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

In February, I skated with the kids at our Family Skate Night on February 20th. The PTA has joined forces with SAFE and *Incrediroll* to provide a fun and safe Friday night activity - please join us for our next family skate nights on March 13th, April 24th and May 15th.

I also helped with details related to the School Sign Project, Founder's Day, PTA Achievement Awards and our Tropical Dance.

I hope to see some of you at our monthly meeting on March 11th at 6:30 pm (childcare provided) or at the Franklin Academic Night on March 19th. Also on Saturday, April 11, 2009 - the Milwaukee Bucks are joining up with all local PTAs for the **2009 Bucks - PTA Shootout!** For more details contact Tom Demeter at 414-227-0584 or tdemeter@bucks.com.

Treasurer

Submitted By: Becki Kram

Becki is submitting her report separately this month.

Legislative

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

For years, the Wisconsin PTA and local units have been intimately involved in supporting and advocating for public schools - and realizing that if not us - than who will. Our children's futures and our communities' security depend on us to ensure that the next generations are composed of capable and caring people.

With this in mind, there are some important resolutions that the Wisconsin PTA is considering at the 2009 Annual Wisconsin PTA Convention (April 23-25, 2009). First, they will be looking at IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) under funding and the efforts of the Wisconsin Congress of Parents and Teachers (WCPT) to advocate for an increase in funding by the federal government from 18% to 40% of an average per pupil expenditure. Second, being that schools are consumers of natural resources (energy, water, food, paper, etc.) - the Wisconsin PTA would like to assist all schools in being more environmentally friendly consumers. Third, the Wisconsin PTA would like to lay out a vision for the next 100 years - so the next 100 years are even more successful than the last 100 years of PTA history!

Nominating Committee

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

Committee members: Debbie Gast, Bobbi Jo Kaufman, Kris Budny, Gena Kraemer, Heather Justham

- We will announce our nominations at the March Meeting and the vote will take place in April.
- We will be nominating a candidate for the Secretary position.
- No nominations have been found for President or Vice President.
- A potential chair for the Fall Fundraiser has been identified and we are having conversations with this person. We are finding that the “no pressure” approach is the best approach at this time.
- Two potential chairs for the bulletin board have been identified and they are interested in sharing this position in the fall. Both will commit after seeing how the next school year starts out.
- A flyer will go out soon.
- We have been highlighting one or two positions per month in the PTA Pages.

Membership

Submitted By: Marilyn Wellman

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 month of February was Black History Month. The Franklin students participated in activities that were showcased during an assembly held on February 26th. They presented literature, historical facts and music related to African American leaders, authors and musicians.

Perseverance was the TRIBES trait we learned more about during February. We all agree it takes perseverance to live through the winters in Wisconsin.

Council Carnival

Submitted By: Lisa Gandre

The PTA Council Carnival held February 22nd was lots of fun. The addition of the Inflatables was a big hit for the kids. Franklin held BINGO throughout the day with small groups for each session. This year we had just under half the players we had last year. I suspect this was due to the Inflatables and also the size of the Field House. Next year, the plan is to set up closer to the food area encouraging those who are eating to come and play BINGO as they did when the Carnival was held in the Cafeteria.

PTA Pages

Submitted By: Sheri Johnson

The March newsletter was completed and sent home in the Friday folders, March 6th.

Family Involvement

Submitted By: Debbie Gast

Spring Dance/Tropical Theme

- Thank you notes were left in the teachers' mailboxes to be sent home with students.

TV Turnoff Week

- A memo will be sent out to K4 families since they don't have a chance to host an event.

Promotions (Bulletin Board, School Sign, Flyers)

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

School Sign: The proposed sign to the City of West Allis was approved and we can go ahead with the building of the new sign. More details to follow.

Bulletin Board: 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: This month I have been getting previous newsletters and flyers ready for people to submit for the upcoming PTA awards, GO Franklin!

Spring Dance

Submitted By: Lindsay Lopez

The Spring dance held on Friday, February 13th went very well. There were 232 total that attended. The kids and parents appeared to have had a great time. Several comments were made on how cool it was having a number of different activities for the kids like the fish game, hair tutu's, pictures and tattoos in addition to dancing. I also heard some nice comments on the food. The kids really seemed to like the fruit kabobs and the juice.

A very big *thank you* to the 2nd grade students, families and teachers, Mrs. Roeglin and Ms. Duren and each and every person who took their valuable time to help make this event so special and fun!

(Please also see the Event Summary for more information)

Nothing to Report: Staff Appreciation, Fall Fundraiser, Family Wellness, Spirit Wear