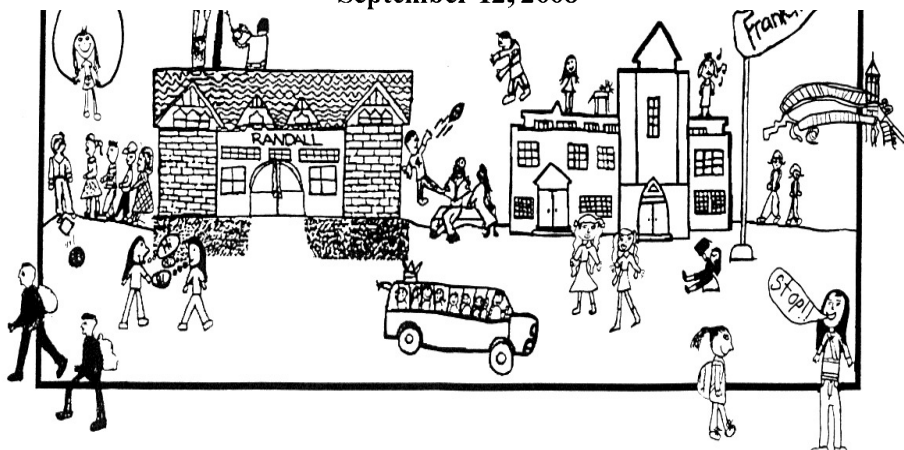




# Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

September 12, 2008



## PTO News

### *A Note from the PTO President*

#### **2008-2009 PTO GRANT PROCESS BEGINNING SOON!**

As a result of our fundraising efforts, the Franklin-Randall PTO is able to grant money each year to programs that enrich and enhance the curriculum offered at Franklin and Randall schools. Parents (as well as school teachers) are encouraged to submit applications to help fund such programs. Franklin-Randall student(s) may also submit an application as long as they are sponsored by a Franklin-Randall employee. The grant application and guidelines will be available beginning Monday, September 15, 2008. For questions or if you would like an application and/or a copy of the PTO grant guidelines, please contact myself, Cathy McMillan (Franklin principal), or Marianne Moss (Randall principal). The deadline for submitting a grant application is Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards,  
Dawn McCluskey  
256-7868

Dawn.mccluskey@charter.net

#### **First Franklin-Randall PTO Meeting of the School Year – all are encouraged and welcome to attend!**

**Where: Franklin School, LMC**

**When: Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Features include: Report from Principals; Welcome by President, Dawn McCluskey; Volunteer Opportunities; School and Activities Calendar; and much, much more.**

**Safe Arrival:** Franklin 204-2294 Randall 204-3306

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Newsletter submissions are due by the end of the day each Friday. All submissions must be electronic. E-mail the editor, Alison Rice, ealisonrice@yahoo.com. Submissions must be directly related to the Franklin-Randall school.

### *Help Needed:*

The Fall 2008 After-School Foreign Language Program is tentatively scheduled to begin October 21 (Franklin) and October 22 (Randall) and will run for 8 consecutive weeks. We are planning to offer Spanish, French, Chinese and American Sign Language. Sign up sheets will be given to students at the end of September.

1-2 parent volunteers are needed for each session at both schools. The sessions are 50 minutes long, but volunteers are only busy for part of the time. Most of the time is free, giving you plenty of time to read or do whatever you want to do. The program cannot be run without parent volunteers at the schools! Please contact Susan Robinson at [sgwhite72@hotmail.com](mailto:sgwhite72@hotmail.com) or 255-2496 if you are interested in helping.

### **Football Parking is Fun**

Once again, Franklin/Randall will reap the benefits of the parking income from UW home games (close to \$30,000!!!). We still need volunteers for five of the seven games. The schedule, with known kickoff times is:

**Oct 4 kickoff 7pm**

**Oct 11 kickoff 7pm**

**Oct 25 kickoff 11am**

**Nov 11 kickoff TBA**

**Nov 22 kickoff TBA**

Please arrive 3 hours and 10 minutes BEFORE kickoff.

Let me know if any of these times work for you. We need three volunteers per game to make this job manageable.

Thanks,

Jean Parks

233-1418

### **Franklin Bookroom Volunteers Needed to Collect and Reshelf Books**

The Franklin Bookroom is the resource room our teachers use to check-out materials needed to do reading instruction with your child. Over the summer, several teachers worked hard on improving our "Bookroom". Many new books were added and the entire collection was moved from a small space in the library to its new location in room 1 (next to the kitchen). You can sign-up to help with the bookroom once a week, every other week or even once a month for 30-60 minutes. Any amount of time will help keep our bookroom organized and books available for teachers to check-out. If you are interested, please contact: Julia Peterson (Instructional Resource Teacher) at 204-2292 or email: [japeterson@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:japeterson@madison.k12.wi.us). Julia will contact you to set up a brief volunteer meeting, give a bookroom tour, and explain the simple process of collecting and reshelving the books. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



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### **Franklin Randall Listserv**

Join 350 Franklin-Randall families on the FR online listserv. To join, send a blank email message to the following email message:

[F-R\\_pto-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:F-R_pto-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) (use an underscore "\_" between "F-R\_pto")

This listserv is used only to share school-related news and information. The moderated messages are consolidated into digest form to minimize the number of messages you receive. If you have any problems or questions, contact Donna Friedsam at [frpto@yahoo.com](mailto:frpto@yahoo.com).

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## LOOKING AHEAD

\_Sept. 15, Randall Picture Day:

**NOTE!** This date is different from the printed school calendar—date was changed.

\_Sept. 16: **NO SCHOOL:** Staff Development

\_Sept. 16, 6:30-8:00 pm: **PTO Meeting**, Franklin LMC, All parents welcome to attend.

\_Sept.23, 6-7pm: Franklin Open House

\_Oct. 2-3 **WATG Fall Conference, Sheboygan** to be held at the Blue Harbor. The theme is "The Power of One," and will feature special guest speaker Dr. Jim Delisle who will be talking about The Power of One Student, One Parent, One Teacher, One Administrator, One School Board and One District -- and the Power of Many as we work together for common gifted educational goals.

\_Oct. 7: PEG kick-off meeting, Franklin, time TBA

\_Oct. 14, 6:30-8:00 pm: **PTO Meeting**, Franklin LMC, All Parents Welcome to attend

\_Oct. 18, 6:00-8:00 pm: Franklin-Randall Dance, Franklin Gym

\_Oct. 30-31, **NO SCHOOL:** WEAC Convention



### Piano Lessons

The UW-Madison Piano Pedagogy Laboratory is looking for a few elementary students, ages 7-9 who would be interested in taking piano lessons through that program. This program helps training university piano students in teaching piano. Each teacher is supervised and the curriculum has been developed as part of the UW-Madison piano pedagogy program. Weekly 45-minute lessons will take place at UW Humanities Building. Because the student teacher are teaching as part of a course practicum, the first semester of lessons are free, except for a small supply fee to cover expenses. (Student must own an acoustic piano and already be a beginning reader.) Contact Jess Johnson via email at [jgjohnson@wisc.edu](mailto:jgjohnson@wisc.edu) or at 263-1927.

## **Kids in the Rotunda**

SATURDAYS at 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM (1 PM shows are sign language interpreted)

Every Saturday during the school year, Overture Center offers **free arts programs** designed for children and families at 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 1 PM. Our popular performing arts series for children and families offers a relaxed, kid-friendly environment in which to enjoy a diverse lineup of local and regional musicians, storytellers, jugglers, theater troupes, magicians and dancers. The 1 PM performances are sign language interpreted.

Kids in the Rotunda takes place on the Rotunda Stage.

### **SEP**

- 13 **Bob Kann** , juggling, magic & stories
- 20 **Armenrah the Mime**
- 27 **Co'Motion Dance Theater**, modern dance

### **OCT**

- 4 **Fabu**, African American stories
- 11 **Children of the Sun**, deaf & HOH drum troupe
- 18 **Ken Waldman**, Alaska's fiddling poet
- 25 **Meenakshi Ganesan & Kalaanjali School of Dance**, classical Indian dance

*Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.* John Dewey