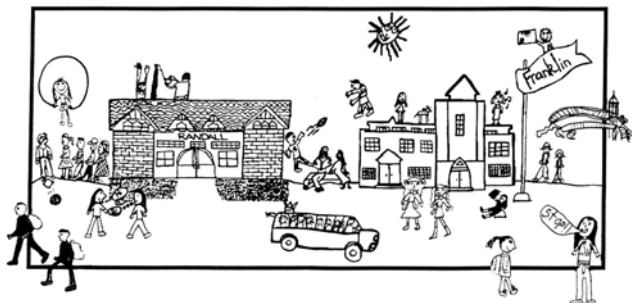




Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

September 19, 2008



PTO News

Annual Fall Dance Coming in October!! Come Join the Fun & Volunteer

Become part of the tradition at Franklin-Randall by volunteering and attending the annual fall dance! The date is set for **Saturday, October 18th from 6-8 p.m.** in the Franklin Gymnasium. All ages are welcome to put on some moves in celebration of the 2008-2009 school year.

For those who only have a little time to give, this is the volunteer opportunity for you. We need support to help with decorating/setting up, gathering supplies and coordinating prior to the event, as well as volunteers interested in helping in 45-minute shifts during the actual dance.

This is a school community event, and we encourage any interested Franklin-Randall students or alumni to help out. Look for the volunteer form in your Friday folder, and return it to your child's school by Friday, October 3rd. More details about the event will be in upcoming newsletters.

Questions: Contact Mark or Susanne Treiber at 231-0885 or e-mail treiber202@tds.net



2008-2009 PTO GRANT PROCESS BEGINNING SOON!

Grants funded last year include: Playground Equipment, Yoga Mats, Reading Materials, Lego League, Music Instruments, Cultural Programming, Media Equipment and much more....

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 15th.

Best regards,
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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.

Greetings from the Randall LMC!

If you're looking for a way to get involved at Randall, consider helping out in the Randall LMC! We have an ongoing need for book shelvees, and it's a job that can be done as your schedule allows. If you haven't shelved at Randall, just contact me for a brief orientation session, and then you can shelve whenever you are available.

If you have shelved at Randall, feel free to come in any time!

Thanks,

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Help for Football Parking still Needed

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

_Oct. 2-3 **WATG Fall Conference, Sheboygan** to be held at the Blue Harbor.

_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 21 **After school Language** Begins, Franklin- contact Susan Robinson at sgwhite72@hotmail.com or 255-2496 if you are interested in helping.

_Oct 22 **After School Language** Begins, Randall

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

November 4th School Funding Referendum

On November 4, 2008 voters in the Madison school district will decide on a funding referendum that is crucial to the future of our children and our community.

Good schools are the backbone of a healthy community. Our public schools are essential for expanding prosperity, creating opportunity, overcoming inequality, and assuring an informed, involved citizenry. Madison's public schools have been highly successful and highly regarded for many years. We've learned that quality public education comes from well-trained teachers, the hard work of our students and teachers, and also from a steady commitment from the community at large.

After several public forums, study, and deliberation, the Board of Education has unanimously recommended that our community go to referendum,

to allow the board to budget responsibly and exceed the revenue caps for the 2009-2012 school years. The referendum is a compromise proposal in that it seeks to offset only about 60% of the estimated budget shortfall in order to keep tax increases low.

The projection is that school property taxes would increase by less than 2%. Even with increased property values and a successful referendum, most property owners will still pay less school property taxes than they did in 2001.

Most importantly, this November 4th, please vote! Please review the MMSD website for more information:

<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/mmsdtv/reweb/>

