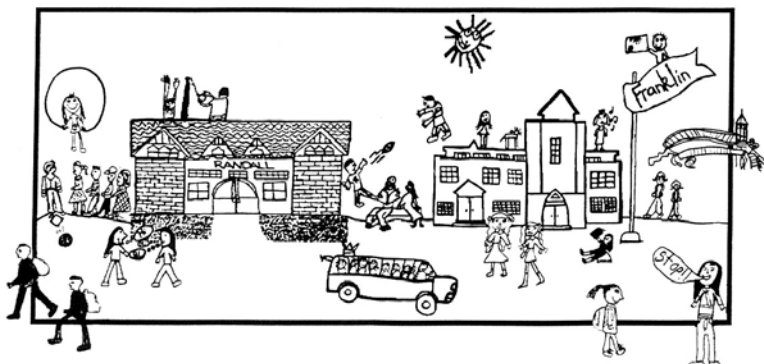




# Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

October 17, 2008



## PTO Announcements

### Box Tops and Milk Caps

Each year, Franklin-Randall schools participate in several on-going collection programs that raise cash for the PTO. This year, we're continuing to collect box tops and milk caps for the General Mills Box Tops for Education, Kids Caps & Cash, and Cash for Caps programs. If your family would like to help, please send in General Mills box tops, caps from Kemps, Swiss Valley, Golden Guernsey Dairy, or Morning Glory milk jugs, or the pink lids from Yoplait yogurt containers. Start a collection on your kitchen window sill, then send them on in! Kids can drop them in the box in the office at Franklin or Randall. There is no deadline for submission, so send them in any time. I will gather them for submission throughout the year. A few box tops or milk caps may not seem like a lot, but last year's efforts generated almost \$900 for the PTO!

Thanks for helping,  
Mary Moran, box top program coordinator

### A Time to Dance

Join the Franklin Randall community on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Franklin school gym. Dance, eat popcorn, wear a costume, do the limbo and the hokey-pokey, and much more. Snacks and beverages are also available. There is also a playroom for younger children.

All families are welcome. Volunteers are still needed to stay 15 minutes after the dance to help clean-up. For more information contact Susan or Mark at Treber at treiber202@tds net or 231-0885.

### Mentors Needed – It only takes one hour a week!!!

Many children are waiting for an adult to spend just one hour a week during the school day with them. These children will so benefit from a little time and fun with you. You can read, play games, draw, play on the playground and just be a friend. The goal of the program is to build

the child's self-esteem. Most mentors agree that they get more from the relationship than they give. If you

are interested, or know someone who might be, please fill out the form that you'll find in your child's backpack. Send it back to school, and we'll contact you soon. Thanks for considering this wonderful opportunity.

### Educational Forum on WKCE Testing and Elementary School Testing

When: Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Randall LMC  
 What: Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination is a statewide standardized exam given each year to students in grades 3 through 8 and 10. The exam measures student achievement in five subject areas: reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies.  
 Guest Speaker: Kurt Kiefer, FR parent and FR staff

**TOY DEPOT**

If a parent is interested in enrolling in the annual Toy Depot (previously empty stocking club) for a December gift for their child, please contact the school nurse for information and forms at 204-3304.

Come to a **PTO Curriculum Committee Meeting** – Oct 19th, 4-5pm, Neighborhood House at Mills & Regent! We are planning a Math Games extravaganza for November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (at Franklin Gym) and need volunteers.



**WANTED ASAP WINTER CARNIVAL LEADERS**



**The Franklin-Randall PTO is seeking volunteers to chair the much anticipated Winter Carnival this year!** The Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Winter Carnival is a cherished, family-friendly event that brings the school community together in the middle of winter. To make things even more fun, the Carnival will be on Valentine's Day this year! The volunteer for this position will organize the events of the day along with the Raffle Chair and the **Food Chair (this position is also open and ready to be filled)**. The Food chair will plan and organize the most important part of the carnival: the fantastic food prepared and served by Franklin-Randall families. For further details about what these positions entail (& how fun they are to organize!), please contact Dawn McCluskey at dawn.mccluskey@charter.net or call 256-7868.

Bookworms Welcome, Volunteers Better!  
 The Randall Bookfair will be here from November 3 until November 14. We need volunteers to set up the fair, work at the cash registers, and to take-down the fair. If you'd like to help, take a look at the times listed below and contact Michelle Reis Olsen, the Randall librarian at molsen@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-3310.

Monday, November 3	Set Up Bookfair 10:00-1:00 (any amount of time would be appreciated)
Tuesday, November 11	Selling 5:45-7:00pm and 6:45-8:15 pm
Wednesday, November 12	Selling 7:45am until 10:00am
Thursday, November 13	Selling 8-10am, 10-12noon, 12:00-2:00, 2:00-3:00
(This is parent-teacher conference day. Feel free to bring your child/children---they can help or read!)	
Friday, November 14	Take down Bookfair 7:30am-10am (any amount of time would be appreciated).

**Help Needed, After School at Randall**

One more parent volunteer is desperately needed to help out with the After-School Foreign Language Program at Randall. The classes meet on Wednesdays, October 22- December 10th and the volunteer is needed from about 2:25-3:50. It is easy work, and most of the time is free; there's plenty of down-time for reading or doing whatever you want to do. Two parent volunteers are needed at each school, and Randall currently only has one. This program can only run with the help of parent volunteers. Please contact Susan Robinson at sgwhite72@hotmail.com or 255-2496 if you are able to help out.