



Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

December 5, 2008



Math Games Festival Fun for All!

The Math Games Festival held at Franklin School on November 22nd was well attended by 100 families. Professor Numbers entertained in the LMC and over 25 activities were in the gym. Thanks to the organizing committee: Mary Saecker, Emma Yu, and Dana Prager. Thanks to Cathy McMillan, Marianne Moss and the Franklin building staff for all their support. A big shout out to Craig Bingman and Ruth Saecker; Howard, Geoffrey, Isabel and Hannah Conner; Mary Moran and Jeff Horvath; Nancy and Patrick Sheehan; Mary Chance; Suzanne Swift; Sari Judge; Elisabeth Marco; Karen Rattunde and Bruce Barton; Karen Richardson; Mark, Susan, and Greta Treiber; Jacel Schwartz; Anna Ahrens; Lisa Hempstead; Melissa Hornung; Erica Hirsch; Jennifer Darling; Alta Connors; Maureen Butler; Chelsea Clark-Edmiston; Ivan Simental; Jose Hernandez; and Halle Kircher-Henning. Thanks to Trader Joes for the boxes and baskets. Thanks to everyone for the egg cartons and games. Shout out to GS troop 284!

We would like your feedback and to know if you are interested in working on this next year. Please forward your suggestions to Alison Rice, ealisonrice@yahoo.com.

RANDALL BOOKFAIR IS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the Franklin-Randall community for making the Randall Bookfair a huge success. Our total sales amount was \$8610. Our profits include \$900 in free books and \$1100 in cash, and \$275 in materials from the Scholastic Instructional Materials Catalog. We also sold \$185.00 in 25 cent books. Our profits will be used to buy additional books and equipment for the LMC.

A special thanks to the following people for helping with the Bookfair. We could not have done it without them! Thanks also to everyone who donated books for our 25 cent sale.

Diana Greenberg, Kirstin Carlson-Dakes, Mary Beske, Laura Dronzek, Kevin Henkes, Janice Haller, Aura Brosnan, Amy Atalla Hill, Anna Ulrey, Anne Vila, Julia Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Kristen Guetschow, Lynda Webb, Elyn Webb, Maureen Quinlan, Grace Quinlan, Rose Quinlan, Nancy Leff, Sara Jensen, Jean Parks, Gail Martinelli Spoolman, Star Devereaux Weber, Amy Krohn, Owen and Mark Lilleleht, Francisca Joffre, Jennifer Hoyt, Marika Hoyt, Amy Poland, Nathaniel Poland, Pilar Bellzer, Ellen Rosner, Lily Perkel, Janine Frank, Alicia Christensen, Zachary Christensen, Erika Kluetmeier, Tanya Tandias, Erik Osterberg, Julia Stanley, Susan Wielgus, Missy Baker, and TV Brown.

Michelle Reis Olsen
(Randall Librarian and Computer Teacher)

BUY A PERSONALIZED FLEECE HAT TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

Nancy Daly and Quinn Henneghan will be working on a hat making project at Randall-Franklin in early December. During this time, both have graciously offered to make one-of-a-kind fleece hats for purchase for \$10.00 with 100% of the proceeds going to our schools. If you haven't yet finished your holiday shopping this might be a great opportunity to purchase something really unique.

Feel free to stop by Randall on Monday December 8th from 8-12 to pick your pattern and order. These hats are huge part of the Franklin-Randall heritage. If you don't already own one, this might be a great chance to pick one up before winter is really upon us. Feel free to call Sari Judge at 233-1754 with any questions.



Teddy Bear Estimating Winners: The correct number of bears was 288. Hope Judge = 301
Mitchell = 250 Avalane = 247 Jens Shager = 237

Community input forums to gather input on the MMSD recommendations of the Math Task Force. The report of the MTF can be found at: <http://www.mmsd.org/boe/math/>

The forums are scheduled for:

Monday, Dec. 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Memorial High School

Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 6:00-8:00pm at LaFollette High School

Help needed at Franklin creating "Math Boxes"

Franklin Elementary is creating 25 "math boxes" to aid with K-2 math assessment. Julia Peterson, Math Resource Teacher, is heading the project and needs help assembling the boxes' contents. All materials will be ready (minimal photocopying if any), an example would be on hand, and Julia Peterson would be available to get you started. She is primarily looking for help on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday starting in mid-December. If you have any questions or can help, please email me at lkwilliams4@gmail.com.

Many thanks, LeeAnn Williams, PTO Volunteer Coordinator

The Franklin Cultural Arts Committee has been busy planning some great music-based events for the school year. The program was off to a great start thanks to the efforts of Cathy McMillan and teachers at Franklin. Here's a list of what we have planned for this year:

***Up Close and Musical** – Madison Symphony Orchestra's Hunt Quartet makes four visits to Franklin, then Franklin students travel to the Overture Center on April 15: October 29, November 12, February 11, March 11.

***Multico** – 23 West High School students presented vignettes about real life and talks to students about concerns and experiences of children and adolescents in a multicultural, multilingual urban environment: November 11.

***Opera For the Young** – Presenting Donizetti's opera, "The Elixir of Love," set in the Old Wild West: April 27.

***Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society** – Artistic directors from the Wisconsin-based chamber music festival will explore more opera themes in music classes: Date to be determined.

***African Dance Troupe** – There are some terrific troupes in town, we hope to invite one of them along with their drum chorus to Franklin: Date to be determined.

For more information please contact committee members Samantha Crownover, 238-2577; Karolyn Pionek 442-7604; or Erin Augspurger 218-9297.