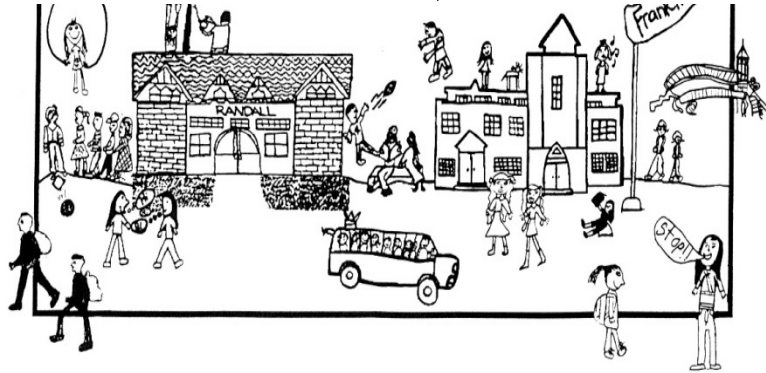




Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

December 19, 2008



From the Desktop of the President

The PTO's Fall Fundraising campaign has now come to a close and I want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions. The campaign was able to meet our fundraising goals for a final total of \$15,000.00 with over 200 families participating. Your donations allow the PTO to fund excellent programs, equipment, and much needed classroom supplies for our Franklin-Randall community. The PTO will ensure that every penny is well spent. THANK YOU!

Another thank you goes to Suzanne Swift for coordinating this campaign, along with Dana Scheckel, Alicia Christensen, Dee Nicolai, and Julie Dittman.

Even though the fundraising campaign has finished, please know that you can donate to the PTO at ANY time. If you have any questions about the fundraising or if you need a receipt for your donation and have not yet received one, please contact Suzanne Swift, suzannes@gmail.com or 233-1661.

May all of you have a warm, safe holiday season. Enjoy the time with your families. We look forward to seeing you very soon—many fun events planned for the spring time! Winter Carnival, Super Science Saturday, and much more.

Happy New Year!

Dawn McCluskey

PTO Meeting Rescheduled Due to First Winter Storm of the Season

Although the winter weather cancelled our December meeting, we will be having our next PTO General Meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, 6:30-8:00pm at RANDALL Elementary in the library. If you have any agenda items for that meeting, please let me know by January 12th, if possible. You can reach me at dawn.mccluskey@charter.net or 256-7868.

As a reminder during these snowy months, if school has been cancelled, then any school events (PTO meetings, programs, etc.) planned for that day are also cancelled.

Safe Arrival: Franklin 204-2294 Randall 204-3306

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Volleyball at Randall

Volleyball Open Gym at Randall will begin Friday, January 23rd. Each Friday from 5:45 – 7:00 pm, free volleyball will be offered for any Randall student. The first _ of the night will include basic instruction about volleyball – rules of the game, rotation, serving, passing, setting. From 6:30 – 7:00 we will play in teams. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susanne Treiber at treiber202@tds.net or 231-0885.

Thank You

Franklin Health Office wishes to thank the following volunteers for their great help on Vision and Hearing Screening Day: Anna Ulrey; Dana Evans; Pat Mulvey; Stephanie House; Elizabeth Kerwin; Mary Powell; Maureen Ruzicka and Bob Prugh. The day was a great success due to their efforts!
Nancy and Susan

The Wright Option for 5th Graders

J. C. Wright Middle School is an option for students who live in the West attendance area. This MMSD middle school has a charter which caps its enrollment at 255. Fifth graders who are interested in being a part of the Wright community need to apply. A lottery of applicants is held and 85 students are accepted in. Here are the important dates in this process:

Week of January 19: 5th graders will receive a brochure and application in the mail. Families

complete the application and mail it to the District's Student Enrollment Office.

February 24, 7:00-8:30 P.M.: come to Wright to meet sixth grade teachers and check out the school.

March 6: Deadline for applications to be received in the Student Enrollment Office.

March 9-13: Lottery is conducted by the Student Enrollment Office.

March 16-20: Families are notified of their selection status. Those who are selected confirm before **April 3**. Students on the waiting list will be accepted as others move or decline acceptance.

West Madison Little League Baseball & Girls' Softball

Registration Opens Jan 5 thru Feb 28
Ages 8-16 (as of 4-30-09 for baseball or 12-31-08 for softball)
Must reside in West or Memorial HS attendance areas
Visit league website for registration forms and information
www.wmll.org

FRANKLIN-RANDALL WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday, February 14, 2008 at Randall School

SAVE THE DATE: the annual F-R Carnival is on Valentine's Day this year. The carnival is a fun winter social event and important fundraiser for our school community that it not be missed! We will have the usual great food, games, prizes, activities, silhouettes, cakewalk, and raffle, plus we are working on some new surprises.

WE NEED YOU: to make this event possible, we rely on many, many volunteers. We need most of the volunteer help on the day of the carnival, which means no meetings or advance preparation. We schedule shifts throughout the event so that we can all take turns enjoying the carnival with our families. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are willing to help and what you would like to do - -the jobs range from taking tickets, to supervising games, to helping set up or clean up, and many things in between. Thanks to many years of practice and the contributions of great organizers, the carnival is very well organized and a simple way to get involved in your kids' schools. Sign up early so we don't have to worry, but you won't have to do anything until February.

We also need help from volunteers who will solicit items **in January** from local merchants (or whomever!) to be given away through the raffle. Again, no meetings and complete flexibility on when you do the soliciting – just let us know you can help, and we'll give you a list of last year's donors, as a starting point, and all the materials you need to explain what we are looking for.

Finally, we are always looking for good ideas regarding contributions to the raffle, entertainment for the Carnival, or any other thoughts you have to help make this event a success.

To volunteer or give input, contact Melissa Scholz, Carnival Chair, at frcarnival@gmail.com or, as back up mmscholz@gmail.com or 250-2681, or regarding the raffle, contact Amy Poland, Raffle Chair, at amypoland@charter.net or frcarnival@gmail.com or 260-8626.