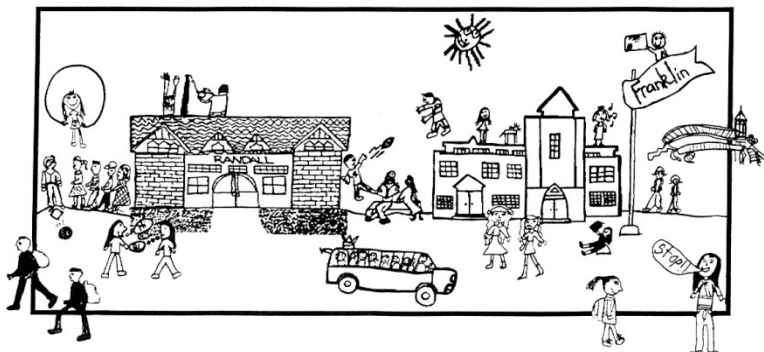




Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

January 9, 2009



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 is not to be missed!

WE NEED YOU: to make this event possible (and fun for everyone), 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 - - tickets, food, games, set up, 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.

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 mmascholz@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. Thanks in advance to all of you who will help make this event a success.

MESSAGE FROM DAWN MCCLUSKEY

WELCOME BACK from winter break! The PTO has many events planned for this semester! Let's go!

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. We look forward to seeing you very soon—many fun events planned for the spring time! Winter Carnival, Super Science Saturday, and much more. 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.

Volleyball Open Gym at Randall

Beginning Friday, January 23rd, volleyball instruction and scrimmaging will be offered from 5:45-7:30 every Friday night through March 13th. This is designed to be a time for 3rd-5th graders

to enjoy their schoolmates in a fun, active environment, while being introduced to & practicing the basic skills and rules of the game.

This is a PTO-sponsored event, and **there is no cost for attending**. However, participants need to be Randall students. If interested, please contact: Susanne Treiber at 231-0885 or treiber202@tds.net and provide the following information: child's name, grade, any health issues (i.e. allergies, asthma). Also, we'd like to encourage carpooling for those not living in/near the Randall neighborhood and would be happy to help coordinate. If this is something you are interested in doing, please indicate that as well. A reply by phone or e-mail will give more detailed information.

For further questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Krupp at mmjkrupp@yahoo.com or Susanne Treiber at 231-0885 treiber202@tds.net. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) on the court!

Please Note: Kids do not need to attend every Friday to enjoy this activity.

JOIN US WHEN YOU CAN!

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Talented and Gifted Education Parent Meeting

Dan Nerad, Madison Metropolitan School District Superintendent, and Gretchen Wolfe, district coordinator of talented and gifted education, are eager to meet Madison families. During this informal *welcome and information* exchange, Dan and Gretchen will overview the frameworks that guide a progression toward exemplary gifted education programming. They welcome this opportunity to gather family questions and observations about gifted education opportunities in the Madison district. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, O'Keefe Middle School in the all-purpose room, 510 S. Thornton Avenue on Madison's near east side.

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.

Remember:

Monday, January 19th, Martin Luther King's Birthday – No School.

Friday, January 23rd-Early Release at 10:45 a.m.

Friday, February 27th-No School.

Safe Arrival: Franklin 204-2294 Randall 204-3306

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