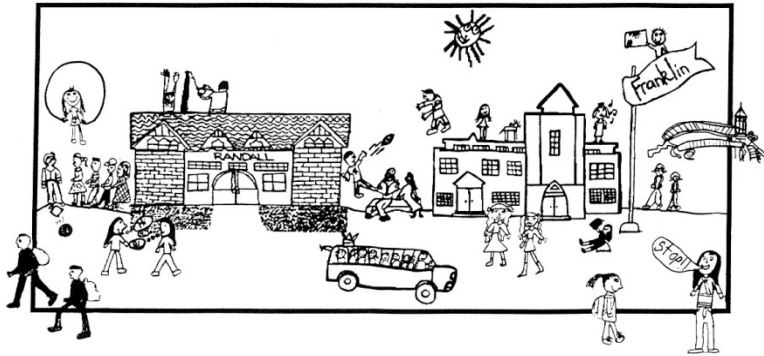




Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

February 20, 2009



Franklin Book Fair is Coming!

Mark your calendars for the 2009 **Franklin Book Fair!** The fair will take place the week of March 23rd. We will be open for business on Monday (3/23) from 1:00- 3:00, during the school day on Tuesday afternoon (3/24), Wednesday (3/25) and also the **evening of Tuesday, March 24th** in conjunction with the Franklin International Dinner. Profits from this event will go directly toward new books, materials, furniture or special events for our library program. Your help and/or purchases will be greatly appreciated!

Volunteers are needed! (see the days/tasks below). Contact Amy to help or for more information. Thank you! J

Amy Atalla-Hill Call: # 233-7796 or Email: amy.atalla.hill@sbcglobal.net

- 11:00 – 2:30 Friday, March 20th – Set Up fair
- 8:00 – 1:00 Monday, Mar. 23rd – Assist students @ fair preview
- 1:00 - 3:00 Monday, Mar 23rd - Selling/Cashiering
- 8:30 - 2:30 Tuesday, Mar 24th - Assist students @ fair preview
- 2:30 - 8:00 pm Tuesday, Mar. 24th - Selling/ Cashiering (International Dinner)
- 7:45 -12:00 Wednesday, Mar. 25th - Selling/Cashiering
- 8:00 - 1:00 Thursday, Mar. 26th - Take down fair



Good Eats

We would like to remind you that snacks brought to school to share in the classroom must follow the MMSD Wellness Policy Recommended Snack List. This list is available on our website at:

<http://boeweb.madison.k12.wi.us/node/1438>.

As a district, we are committed to making available the healthiest snacks and meals possible. We acknowledge that parents want to and are willing to make snack contributions, so the Recommended Snack List was developed to help parents make healthy, allergen free choices.

If you have further questions on the Wellness Policy and/or the Recommended Snack List, please feel free to contact the MMSD Wellness Committee Chair, Lucy Chaffin at 204-3015, by email at lchaffin@madison.k12.wi.us, or check the District website at www.mmsd.org.

We Just Want to Show a little Gratitude....

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Carnival a success. Over 120 volunteers worked on the day of the Carnival, and many others helped in advance by baking, cooking, soliciting prizes and organizing. Thanks, in particular, to the coordinators of the different activities: Amy Poland, Raffle; Angel McClarey, Food; Beth Bovis, Games; Beth Porter, Popcorn; Amy & Tim Turner, Cotton Candy; Mary Barham and Sue Moberly, Silhouettes; Erin

Seffrood, Face Painting; Shari Thompson, Tattoos & bags; Margaret Anders, Beading; Rachel Abbott, Fleece Hats; and MJ Baumann & Nick Glass, Cakewalk. Thanks also to Tania Tandias for her performance, Jimmy Balwit for the pottery wheel demonstration, and to the Latino, Hmong and African-American parent empowerment groups for preparing the food. Finally, thanks to all the teachers and school staff who helped in so many ways. Between the Raffle, the Carnival, and the fleece hat sales, we cleared approximately \$6000 to support programs at Franklin and Randall Schools. And, we had a fun day doing it! If you have any ideas for next year's Carnival, please send your feedback to Melissa Scholz at frcarnival@gmail.com.

Safe Arrival: Franklin 204-2294 Randall 204-3306

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REMEMBER MARCH 28TH, SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!
To our raffle prize
donors.
The raffle brought in
\$3,400!**

WILLIAMSON BIKE & FITNESS

(Kircher-Henning Family)

Arby's

Art Gecko

Bagels Forever

Tami Beirne- Bohemian Bauble

Blue Moon Bar & Grill

Boodai Family

Brasserie V

Brian Scott Dunahee- Radiant Glass

Budget Bicycle

Chiripa

Choles Floral

Curves Fitness

Dairy Queen

Dave Friedman

Famous Dave's

Fine Earth Studio and Gallery-

Jimmy Balwit

The Fit

The Froth House

George's Flowers

Glass Nickel Pizza- Christensen

Family

Greenbush Bar

Hair

Henry Vilas Zoo

Higher Fire Clay Studio

Katy's American Indian Arts

Scholz Family

Laurel Tavern

Lombardinos

Lynn Hallie Najem

Madison Children's Museum

Mallat's Pharmacy

Maurie's Fine Chocolates

Milios

My Menu

Victor Mondry

Monroe Street Bistro

Monroe Street Fine Arts Center

Monroe Street Framing

McDonalds

Michael's Frozen Custard

Octopus Car Wash

Orange Tree Imports

Overture Center for the Arts

Paragon Video and Audio

Pizza Brutta

Pizza Hut

Namaste Life Coaching – Sharon

Barbour

Nettum Family

New Orleans Take-Out

Neuhauser Pharmacy

Nutzy Mutz & Crazy Catz

TCBY

Tex Tubb's Taco Palace

Rocky Rococos

Serv

Shaklee Products– Judy Ciasto

Shine Photografx – Amy Atalla Hill

Regent Market Co-op

Sushi Box

The Curve Restaurant

Trader Joe's

Victor Allen's

Vidaver/Bleher Family

Vita Source

Walter's Swim and Sun

Alex Poland

Wellenstein Family

Wisconsin Historical Museum

Zanders for the Home

Zuzu Café & Market

I would also like to sincerely thank the wonderful volunteers who solicited prizes: Renee Thomas, Viki Nettum, Janine Selje, Jule Stroick, Kathleen Cordero, Dana Scheckel, and Mary Butler. Thanks, Amy

The month of January got off to a quick start for the Board as we started our new committee structures and school visits to our liaison schools. For a list of Board members and their school assignments, please see <http://www.mmsd.org/boe/>

In addition to being school liaisons, Board members will also be linked to the community service programs we have funded through Fund 80.

Committee Structure: We started our new committee structure in January. The three Board committees are: 1) Student Achievement and Performance Monitoring; 2) Planning and Development; and 3) Operational Support. All Board members sit on each committee. The committees meet on the first Monday on the month. This is where the major discussion takes place on agenda items. No voting takes place at committee meetings.

The Regular Board meeting is now on the second Monday of the month. Voting takes place at this meeting. The staggered time between discussion and voting gives the Board time to collect more information, if needed, and hear from the community on topics.

Legislative Agenda: The Board approved our 2009-2011 Legislative agenda in January. We encourage community involvement in advocating on behalf of the students in our district. The legislative agenda, talking points and contact information for the state legislature can be found at <http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/node/2136> If you would like more information on how to get involved, please contact us at comments@madison.k12.wi.us

2008 Board of Education Priorities: The Board's three priorities related to the current strategic plan are: 1) All students complete 3rd grade able to read and grade level or beyond; 2) All students complete algebra by the end of 9th grade and geometry by the end of 10th grade; 3) all students attend school at a 94% attendance rate. The Board received this report in January. The report is located at http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/boe/reports/BOE_Priorities_Nov_2008.pdf

The report details where we as a district have made progress and where we are lacking. The information in this report was provided to our strategic planning team so the information can be used in the development of our new strategic plan. The report also gives a history of the demographic changes in our district.

Strategic Planning Process: The community-based strategic planning team met for three days in January and developed draft mission, belief and strategy statements. The planning continues. Action teams are being formed to further develop the strategies. We are planning community engagement sessions so the community can get involved and learn about the plan and provide feedback.

What's Coming Up? Mark your calendars. There will be two opportunities for the community to hear the recommendations from the Fine Arts Task Force and comment on these findings: Tuesday, March 10, 6:00pm at Memorial HS and Thursday, March 12, 6:00pm at La Follette HS.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at comments@madison.k12.wi.us or call me at 516-8981.

Best regards,
Arlene Silveira

Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Metropolitano de Madison (MMSD BOE por su sigla en inglés) Reporte de progreso - Febrero, 2009

El mes de enero tuvo un comienzo rápido para la Junta ya que iniciamos nuestras nuevas estructuras de comités y nuestras visitas a las escuelas de contacto. Visite la página <http://www.mmsd.org/boe/> si desea ver la lista completa de los miembros de la Junta y las escuelas asignadas a cada uno de ellos por favor.

Los miembros de la Junta, aparte de haber sido asignados como contacto a ciertas escuelas, han sido también vinculados a los programas de servicio comunitario que hemos auspiciado a través del Fondo 80.

Estructura de comités: Empezamos nuestra estructura de comités en enero. Los tres comités de la Junta son: 1) Comité de control del éxito y desempeño estudiantil, 2) Comité de planificación y desarrollo y 3) Comité de apoyo operacional. Todos los miembros de la Junta son parte de cada comité. Los comités se reúnen el primer lunes del mes; es entonces cuando tienen lugar las mayores discusiones de los puntos de la agenda, pero no hay votación durante estas juntas de comité.

La Reunión regular de la Junta de Educación tiene lugar ahora el segundo lunes del mes y es en esta reunión cuando se hace la votación. El lapso de tiempo entre la discusión y la votación le permite a la Junta reunir más información, si es necesaria, y escuchar la opinión pública sobre los temas.

Agenda Legislativa: En enero, la Junta aprobó nuestra agenda Legislativa para el 2009-2011. Animamos a que la comunidad se involucre para abogar a favor de los estudiantes en nuestro distrito. Pueden encontrar la agenda legislativa, los puntos de discusión y la información de contacto para la legislatura del estado visitando la página <http://drupal.madison.k12.wi.us/node/2136>. Si quiere más información acerca de cómo involucrarse, escribanos a comments@madison.k12.wi.us por favor.

Prioridades de la Junta de Educación para el 2008: Las tres prioridades de la Junta, relacionadas con el plan estratégico actual son: 1) todos los estudiantes deben ser capaces de leer a su nivel o superior, al finalizar el tercer grado; 2) todos los estudiantes deben completar Álgebra para cuando terminen el 9^{no} grado y Geometría al finalizar el 10^{mo} grado; y 3) todos los estudiantes deberán asistir a la escuela un 94% del calendario escolar. La Junta recibió este reporte en enero y si usted lo quiere leer puede visitar la página: http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/boe/reports/BOE_Priorities_Nov_2008.pdf

El reporte muestra en detalle en donde ha progresado el distrito y en donde le hace falta. La información contenida en este reporte le fue dada a nuestro equipo de planificación estratégica, de tal manera de que se pudiera utilizar en el desarrollo de nuestro plan estratégico. Este reporte también ofrece una historia de los cambios demográficos en nuestro distrito.

El proceso de planificación estratégica: El equipo de planificación estratégica con base en la comunidad se reunió por tres días en enero y desarrolló los borradores de las declaraciones de la misión, el principio y la estrategia. La planificación continúa y se están formando equipos de acción para continuar con el desarrollo de las estrategias. Además, estamos planeando sesiones para involucrar a la comunidad con el objetivo de que se informe acerca del plan y comparta sus opiniones.

¿Qué eventos se aproximan? Marquen sus calendarios. Habrá dos oportunidades para que la comunidad escuche las recomendaciones del Equipo de trabajo sobre Bellas Artes y haga comentarios sobre estos resultados: el martes, 10 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. en la escuela preparatoria Memorial y el jueves, 12 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. en la escuela preparatoria La Follette.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta o comentario, no dude en contactar a la Junta en comments@madison.k12.wi.us o en llamarme al 516-8981.

Saludos,
Arlene Silveira