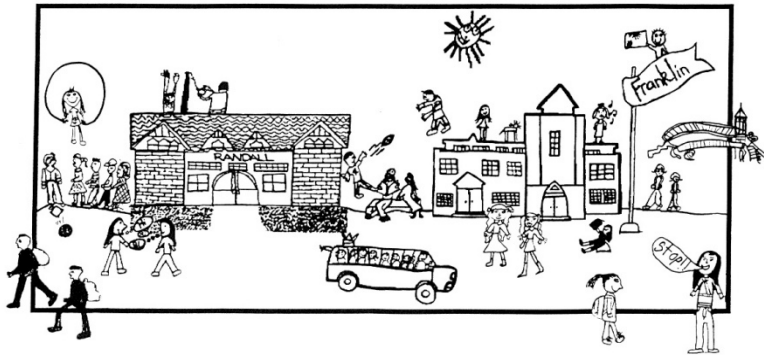




Franklin-Randall PTO Newsletter

May 1, 2009



Andreal Davis gives parents, children and staff a heart warming treat at the Parents of African-American Students Meeting

After a dinner filled with conversation and laughter among parents, children and staff in the lounge, Andreal Davis, District Coordinator for Culturally Relevant Curriculum, joined us in the library.

Andreal shared two books with us: What a Wonderful World and Colorful World. She modeled how relationships can be drawn from text to text, text to self, and text to the world. When reading, parents and children alike can think of how a book relates to other books they have read, to themselves and to the world.

While this was the lesson Andreal brought, her lively and entertaining delivery made the time fly. Both books are the lyrics to songs which she sang with the help of several adorable children. Then families wrote and drew about how they saw the text and ideas relating to themselves and the world. Several children then joined Andreal in front of the group to share their ideas. She also showed us how to make a heart with our fingers, joining slightly bent pointer fingers on the top and thumbs at the bottom in a point to make your own personal heart for sharing.

Since this was our last meeting for this year, we brainstormed ideas for the year to come and already received Andreal's commitment to again join us!

We are looking forward to the **Parent Empowerment Group Picnic on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 5-7 PM at Vilas Park**. There will be books for all the children and tug of war and water balloons and a pinata for extra fun. We hope to see everyone there.

We would again like to thank the PTO for making these meetings possible. The meetings give parents an opportunity to comfortably become active participants in their children's education. We also are striving to make more of a connection between the Parent Empowerment Groups and the PTO. The Franklin Randall Carnival and Super Science Saturday are two examples of progress toward this goal. We look forward to continued and further opportunities for this growing partnership.



Family Fun - Friday Night

The Madison Children's Museum will be participating in Madison's spring Gallery Night. This Friday, May 1st, the Museum will be open and free from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. To add to the fun, Recycled Art from Franklin school will be part of the exhibit. Hope to see you there!member) at 347-9670 (troythiel@yahoo.com) or Brenda Baker (VNA member and F/R parent) at 255-6401 (bbaker@madisonchildrensmuseum.org)

Check out the new Franklin Randall PTO website: www.franklinrandallpto.org

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Elections at May 12th PTO Meeting-Your leadership helpful and needed!

*Serve our Schools on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Parents are needed!*

Consider a leadership position or a position on the Executive Board. At the next general meeting on **May 12th at Randall School at 6:30 p.m.**, nominations and elections will be held for the following positions:

President (for more details of this position, please contact: Dawn McCluskey, dawn.mccluskey@charter.net)

Secretary (contact for details: Suzanne Buchko, zazutoo@sbcglobal.net or Kate Zirbel, kzirbel@edgewood.edu)

Treasurer (contact for details: Alicia Christenson, xensen@tds.net)

Members-at-Large: 2 positions open (contact for details: Sabrina Frey, sabrinafrey@charter.net or Mark Lilleleht, mlilleleht@wisc.edu)

Calendar

May 11th - Franklin Concerts, 8:45 am

May 12th - PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Randall School - PTO Board Elections

May 11th - Franklin Concerts, 10:00 am

May 14th - Bike Rodeo, Randall School Playground, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 19th - Parent Empowerment Picnic, Vilas Park, 5 - 7 pm

June 10th - Moving On Celebration, Randall School

June 12th - Last day of school

FRANKLIN BOOK FAIR UPDATE!

Our Franklin book fair in March was a huge success! Thanks to the many volunteers and book shoppers, we earned approximately \$2300 for our library. This money will go toward books, equipment, furniture and/or special programs for the Franklin library media center. Again a BIG thank you to our wonderful volunteers and to the many families who supported us with your purchases at the book fair! Happy reading :)
Shannon Dolan, Franklin LMC

Parking Leaders Still Needed

The Franklin Randall community is able to have many events and provide grants solely due to the income provided by parking cars at football games in the Randall parking lot. It is a fun job that requires volunteering on UW-Madison football game days! However it is essential to support our schools and students through PTO events. Please contact Jean or Brian Parks, jeanmparks@yahoo.com, 233-1418

Do you have drama in your soul? Music in your heart?

If so, consider joining Lynn Hallie Najem, one of Franklin's music teachers for Shorewood Summer Drama! This dynamic 26-year old program offers three grade-level classes (one each for students entering first and 2nd grade, third through 5th grade, and 6th grade and up). Each class rehearses and performs two musicals in three weeks. Our 5-week Broadway session performs a full-length musical. Check out our website (voice-piano.com) or call director/teacher, Lynn Hallie Najem, at 244-0425 for more information. Hope to see you this summer!