

Franklin Randall School Newsletter

Brought to you by the Parent Teacher Organization

From Family to School to School Family

Dear Franklin-Randall Community,

The new semester is well underway, and I am excited to begin a conversation about the ways in which we can make our vision for the Franklin Randall Community a reality.

After the October PTO meeting, a group of us stayed late to talk about a vision for the PTO's immediate future. We talked about our purpose in terms of our shared values and our dreams of what we want PTO to accomplish for our schools. Two central ideas emerged from this discussion. One, we want to effectively partner with our teachers to optimize our children's education. Two, we want our community building programs to be planned and enjoyed by a diverse cross section of our community.

Last week, Dawn McCluskey came up with an idea to help teachers get some of their non-teaching chores done by a group of volunteers. Cutting and pasting, grading simple papers, copying, sharpening pencils, organizing classroom libraries, sorting markers, setting up displays and projects are all

H1N1 Vaccine Scheduled

Randall H1N1 vaccine clinic remains scheduled for Feb. 3rd. The Department of Public Health will be at Randall to administer the vaccines in

from 9-11. Consents for students to be vaccinated at school are being used from those signed in October. Therefore, it is extremely important that a parent notify the health office if a student has plans to be vaccinated at a clinic, has been vaccinated or chooses now not to be vaccinated at school.

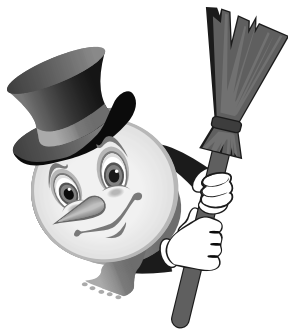
When a student receives the H1N1 vaccine at school, a stamp is placed on the hand.

This is an optional vaccine, not to be confused with other vaccines required for Madison schools. Please call the Randall health office with vaccine plans at 204-3304.



things that volunteers can do. These tasks don't have to be done during the school day and they can be done by individuals or groups. Volunteer time will be flexible and group effort will get the most tedious chores done efficiently. I spoke with one teacher about this idea and almost immediately she came up with the list enumerated above. This may be an idea for us to work on.

I have been reading and thinking about School Family Nights, such as Family Movie Night and Family Reading Night; Parent Education Nights such as evenings devoted to Internet safety or how cultural difference effect the way our children learn; and a School Culture Night which would help parents of new students acclimate themselves and their family to the school experience. I am looking for ideas which will share the rich and diverse cultures and experiences of the families in our Franklin Randall Community.



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Winter Carnival Need You

The Franklin Randall Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the raffle committee needs your help! Local businesses have already begun donating items to support the Franklin Randall community but we need help from our school families as well. Are you an artist? Do you have season tickets to one of the many sporting events in the Madison area? Do you own a business that can donate a service or gift certificate? All of these generous donations are what helps sell raffle tickets and raise thousands of dollars every year to support programs and improvements at our schools.

Please consider donating an item, service or gift certificate to the raffle. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact either Marnie Hulan at 819-612 (supersw@aol.com) or Amy Poland at 260-8626 (amypoland@charter.net) Thank you so much for your continued support of this great event!

Friday

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SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

MARCH 13, 2010

A morning filled with exciting adventures in science for you and your children.

More details (and requests for volunteers) forthcoming..Just be sure to SAVE THE DATE .

Most Sugar-Packed Soda?

Sunkist (20oz bottle)

Sugar Equivalent: 17 Chips
Ahoy Cookies (85 g)

Taken from *11 Foods Your Dentist Wouldn't Touch*,
David Zinczenko

Family To School Continued....

Now, it is your turn. We need your thoughts and your ideas. Talk to your neighbors and friends, talk to your kid's teachers, and talk to the other parents at the bus stop. Write your ideas to the PTO listserv or email me. Come to the next PTO meeting on February 9, 2010, and we will spend some time talking about ideas and narrowing our focus. I am looking forward to the discussion and to what we can do together.

Suzanne Buchko, PTO president

Receive E-mails with 'District News'

Would you like to receive school district news via your e-mail?

How about an e-mail when MMSD schools are closed?

You can get both by simply subscribing to "District News & School Closings" at <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/node/4446>

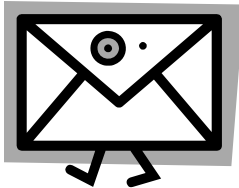
Then you will receive about once a week an e-mail with a few news briefs, and a timely

e-mail when MMSD schools and/or buildings are closed. For example, subscribers to "District News & School Closings" received an e-mail on the evening of December 8 that Madison Schools would be closed the next day.

At this same web page, you can also sign up to separately receive e-mails linking to

- the latest video features and news from MMSD TV
- the new editions of *MMSD Today* – the district's online newsletter agendas for Board of Education meetings in the upcoming week

So stay connected to the MMSD via your e-mail account.



New Talented and Gifted Staff Members

Cheryl Saltzman -- technology.

Lynda Oleinik -- middle and high students on the east side.

Carmen Davis Lombard -- middle and high school students on the west side.

<http://tagweb.madison.k12.wi.us/>

Summer Enrichment Program

Think summer in January! The Madison Metropolitan School District will offer Summer School Enrichment courses in 2010. [Course offerings and registration information will be contained in the Madison School and Community Recreation \(MSCR\) Program Guide](#) that will be attached to the Wisconsin State Journal in March or by calling MSCR at (608) 204-3000 or visiting the website at www.mscre.org.

The registration deadline is May 10, 2010. No late registrations or changes will be accepted after this date.

Summer Enrichment courses will be held at five sites in 2010. The sites are: Allis Elementary, Schenk/Whitehorse Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, Huegel Elementary, and Thoreau Elementary.

Most classes are held for three weeks (June 21-July 9 or July 12-July 30). Please see MSCR Program Guide for details.

Questions: Call Barbie Klawikowski at (608) 663-5245.

What's Going On!

Jan. 29th -Hmong Celebration, Randall

Feb 2nd -Spelling Bee, Randall

Feb. 3rd- HINI vaccine clinic at Randall

Feb 9th– PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Randall

Feb 11th– PAAS PEG, 5:30 p.m., Franklin

Feb 13th -Franklin Randall Carnival, 11:30 a.m.—3 p.m. at Randall School

Feb. 18th– Latino PEG, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 26th- No School SWEIO

March 5th -Music Performances, Randall School

March 13th- Super Science Saturday, Randall School

All Franklin Randall families are welcome!

March 15th Early Release, 10:45 a.m.