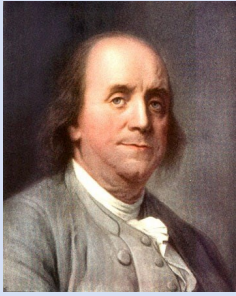


# BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Patriot Pledge

I will be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe



# Proud Patriots



## Words from our Principal:

Dear Franklin Parents and Students:

The few weeks between Thanksgiving and winter break are eventful ones. While we recognize the various, joy-filled and cultural festivities of the season, we also pause and reflect upon our first trimester of growth.

Next Friday, December 9, your child will bring home his/her first report card for the 2016-2017 School Year. If your child has attended VPS schools previously, you will notice a distinctly different "look" to this year's card. Our previous format was revised, to better reflect our learning standards, to offer more specificity in our communication of student progress, and to allow ease in managing the information. Printed on letter-sized paper, it will be longer than previous report cards.

The cover page provides a list of developmental traits common to your child's grade level. It features the attributes of life-long learning skills, critical to student progress. It will capture your child's scores on our district's common benchmarking assessment, I-Ready, administered 3 times per year. And because regular attendance is also crucial to learning, your child's absences, tardies and attendance rate are featured. Please help us maintain our VPS goal of 95% attendance.

Inside, you'll find progress indicators for your child in reading, math, the sciences, and PE/Arts. Academic indicators are recorded with number values from 1 (Developing) to 4 (Advanced) for the subjects of reading, math and arts concepts. Frequency indicators--identified as Rarely, Sometimes, Often, or Consistently--will show how often a student is demonstrating understanding or application of the learning standards. Please note that narrative comments are now located adjacent to each of the major sections (Lifelong Learning, Reading, Math, etc.) of your child's report card.

Our teachers have invested hours in scoring your child's work, reviewing his/her progress, and reporting performance. Please be sure to take some time to sit down with your child to carefully review his/her report card with him or her. Learning is a journey. Celebrate progress and set a reasonable goal or two for improvement.

Know that we are proud of each of our Patriots—and we look forward to their continued growth.

*Sincerely*

*Woody Howard*

## Mark your calendars!

### December 1,2

Quan-Ren Card  
Making Festival

### December 6

3-4 Mad Science K-2nd  
3-4 Homework Club

### December 7

3-4 Mad Science K-2nd  
3-4:30 Minecraft

### December 9

Report Cards home

### December 12

1 hour Early

### December 13

4th Grade Trip to PUD

### December 16

Holiday Sing-A-Long  
Assembly 9:00am

### Dec 19 to Jan 2

Winter Break

STAY INFORMED OF  
SCHOOL  
EVENTS



VISIT OUR FRANKLIN  
WEBSITE!

<http://franklin.vansd.org>

PS: Interested in providing feedback about our new report cards and student learning? Join our Learning Improvement Team, which meets once monthly from January through April.

Patriot Pride Day—Wear **RED, WHITE AND BLUE**, EVERY FRIDAY

The vision of our community is to provide an environment that will help students become respectful, responsible and safe citizens.



Please pick up lost and found before winter break; everything left will be donated.

## Nurses Corner



### The Flu Vaccine is available NOW!



According to the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization practices, The Flu Vaccine is recommended for all school age children. The flu vaccine is recommended to prevent illness, missed school, lost work time for parents, and to decrease risk of grandparents and infants becoming ill.

Getting vaccinated is the single best way for people to protect not only children against flu, but their loved ones as well.

For locations of places that offer flu vaccines, contact your health care provider, local pharmacy, or

<http://www.lungusa.org/lung-disease/influenza/flu-vaccine-finder/>

The best way to prevent illnesses are to wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, mouth, and stay home when sick, as well as get a flu shot!

When children (and adults) are ill, they need to stay home until they are fever free without anti-fever medication (acetaminophen, ibuprofen) for 48 hours.

For more information about influenza and influenza vaccine, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/takingcare.htm>



### When to Keep Your Sick Child Home.....

One of the problems most often confronting parents of school-age children occurs when a child complains of not feeling well on a school day. The following is not intended as medical advice, but is merely designed as a guideline to be followed until your health care provider can be contacted.

Children should usually be kept at home if any of the following conditions are present (keep in mind the absence of fever does not always indicate the child is well enough to attend school):

- Fever of 100 degrees, within the past 24 hours
- Vomiting - within the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea - within the past 24 hours
- Undiagnosed skin rashes
- A communicable disease
- Evidence of a live lice infestation
- Persistent sore throat along with a loss of voice, difficulty swallowing, and/or rash
- Severe headache, toothache, or ear pain
- Stiff neck or headache with fever
- Skin infections
- Abdominal pain with low grade fever

Eyes that are red, painful, and matted

## Keeping you informed

- ⇒ The Clark County Walk and Knock Food Drive is coming! Empty bags will be distributed to Clark County residents the last week of November. On Saturday, December 3, fill the bag with non-perishable food items and place it on your front porch by 9:00 a.m. for pick up. Collected items will be distributed to 15 local food banks. To volunteer, register at [walkandknock.org](http://walkandknock.org).



### **Before and After School Safety**

Students should **not** be on campus **before 8:00 am** or **after 2:50 pm**. There is **no adult supervision** at this time, therefore, this is a safety and security issue. Thank you!

- ⇒ Don't wait for bad weather; familiarize yourself with our Weather and Emergency Information. <http://vansd.org/weather-and-emergency-information/>

## What's Going On?

### ⇒ **Acting & Improvisation**

Are you a budding actor or actress? Do you love to make your peers laugh? Then join us for this fun eight week session offered after school at Franklin! Students will participate in fun drama games, theatre activities, and improvisation designed to boost confidence, increase creative thinking, and teach the fundamentals of performing.

Grade Levels 4th & 5th 3 to 4 Dec 7,14 & Jan 4,11,18

Performance January 25th

- ⇒ December 16th—Holiday Sing-a-Long Assembly 9:00 Parents Invited



### PTA Corner



- ⇒ December 9th—Family Fun Night 6:30 to 8:00. We are making “Life Packs” for people in need. Donations requested. Please check Facebook & Email.
- ⇒ Don't forget Scrips make a great gift; grab your form and place your order before December 12 2pm. They will be returned Dec 15 at end of day.



# Mandarin Book Fair

## 中文书展与礼品展

### Books, DVDs, CDs, Games

Quan Ren is hosting an online Mandarin book fair from  
**November 29<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016** through this link:

<http://www.asianparent.com/index.aspx?dc=QuanRen>

(The web link is only active those dates). FREE USPS Media Mail Shipping will be included and books will be sent directly to you shortly after the book fair by Asian Parent. Just in time for the Holidays!

Make sure you choose SIMPLIFIED characters books (you can sort by this along left side). They will be tracking all orders via our special web link during those dates and a percentage of the book fair purchases will be used to purchase Mandarin books or items for Franklin and Jason Lee teachers and libraries. *You must use the special link in order for us to get credit* (do not go to the Asian Parent website directly). *Proceeds will also be matched 76¢/ dollar for dollar for books for both schools!*

If you'd like to purchase books for your teacher directly, teachers may have a **WISH LIST** of books that they would like for their classroom. You can find it by hitting the "Gift Registry" button on the bottom left of the website and search for your teacher's first and last name. The wish list books will be sent directly to the school.

Kindergarten: Hsinchuan Lee, ChinChu Ko

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Hsin-Yi Hu, Fei Xu

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Kate Chen, Steven Hui

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Yiqi Guo, Yanze Shen

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Grace Thurman, Lei Zhang

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chong Li, Zoe Zou

Franklin Library: Jennifer Delgadillo

Jason Lee: Liz Coleman

Questions? [info@quanrenofvancouver.org](mailto:info@quanrenofvancouver.org) or 360-818-4647



# Bond News

Top 12 facts about the bond measure If approved, the bond measure that will appear on the Feb. 14, 2017, ballot would:

1. Improve and upgrade every school in the district.
2. Qualify the district for state matching funds if the measure is approved.
3. Take advantage of historically low interest rates, saving taxpayers money.
4. Remove portables and add permanent classrooms to relieve overcrowding and support smaller class sizes.
5. Replace seven aging schools: King, Marshall, Ogden, Truman and Walnut Grove elementary schools; McLoughlin Middle School; and Fir Grove/Vista. It also would relocate Lieser Campus to a remodeled Marshall school building.
6. Partially remodel and/or enlarge Columbia River High School, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics and Sacajawea and Franklin elementary schools, and renovate Kiggins Bowl.
7. Build two new elementary schools and a new, consolidated Vancouver iTech Preparatory.
8. Construct safe, secure entrances at schools throughout the district.
9. Upgrade roofs, flooring, windows and heating and cooling systems where needed.
10. Add accessible surfaces for playgrounds.
11. Modernize to support technology needs.
12. Create spaces for family and community use.

## Bond amount and tax rates:

If approved, the proposed \$458 million bond measure is projected to increase temporarily the bond tax rate by \$0.09 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for three years.

When combined with the existing bonds, the bond rate is projected to be \$1.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value for tax collection years 2018-2020 and then drop to \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting in 2021.

For the owner of a median-priced \$225,000 home, the change in the VPS bond tax rate is about \$20 per year for three years. The three-year operations levy, approved by voters in 2016, will cost \$2.68 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2018. The technology levy, approved by voters in 2013, will cost \$0.23 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2018. With approval of the bond, combined local school tax rates would be \$4.43.

## The bond measure would:

- Rebuild seven aging schools: King, Marshall, Ogden, Truman and Walnut Grove elementary schools; Fir Grove/Vista; and McLoughlin Middle School
- Build two new elementary schools to alleviate overcrowding
- Construct a larger, permanent school for Vancouver iTech Preparatory
- Remodel and enlarge Sacajawea and Franklin elementary schools; Vancouver School of Arts and Academics; and Columbia River High School
- Relocate the Lieser Campus to a renovated Marshall Elementary
- Enhance safety and security measures at all sites
- Accommodate smaller class sizes for kindergarten through third grade and eliminate approximately 60 portable classrooms throughout the district
- Upgrade heating and cooling systems and improve energy efficiency
- Upgrade roofs, flooring, windows where needed
- Add accessible surfaces for playgrounds
- Create spaces in schools for family engagement and community use
- Restore Kiggins Bowl stadium