

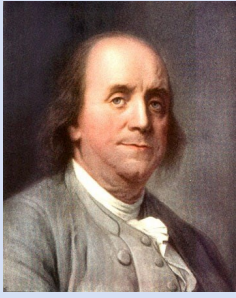
Ben Franklin News

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Patriot Pledge

I will be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe

Mark your calendars!

April 3-7

Spring Break

April 10

One-Hour Early Release

April 10

Mandarin Applications Available

April 11

Mandarin Immersion Parent Info
Night 4:00 PM

April 13

PTA Meeting 6:00

April 14

Yearbook Orders Due

April 18

Track practice Begins

April 20

2-hour early release Conferences

Talent show preview

April 21

2-hour early release

April 24

One-Hour Early Release

April 28

Theme day Jersey day

**STAY INFORMED OF
SCHOOL EVENTS
VISIT OUR FRANKLIN
WEBSITE!**

<http://franklin.vansd.org>

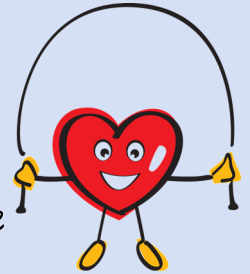


Proud Patriots



Words from our Principal:

This year's Jump Rope for Heart event was a huge success! The Franklin community raised over \$3,800 dollars for the American Heart Association! The students also had a great time learning jump rope tricks and games to promote their own heart health. Remember spring break is the week of April 3-7th Be safe and have fun!



Sincerely

Woody Howard

*Thank
You*

Mandarin Immersion Program

Must attend a Parent information night

April 10, 4:00 PM – Program applications available

April 10, - Franklin Resident registration opens

April 11 4:00 PM – Parent information night

May 4 4:00 PM – Parent information night

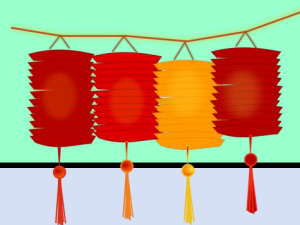
May 5 3:00 PM – Application deadline – Must be turned into Franklin Office (Receipt will be issued)

May 9 3:30 PM – Lottery drawing at Franklin

May 10 - Lottery winners register ASAP

May 17 – Registration deadline for Mandarin Program

June 1 – Kindergarten Round up & Open house 9:00 AM

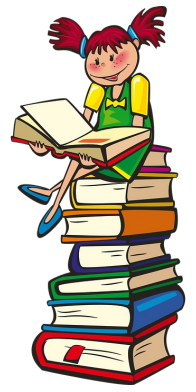


Patriot Pride Day—Wear **RED**, **WHITE** AND **BLUE**, EVERY FRIDAY

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



A Word from our Elementary Learning Facilitator:



Dear Parents/Guardians of students in Grades 3-5:

This spring, Washington will again be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), along with 21 other states. The SBA is designed to more accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness. Soon, your child will take Smarter Balanced tests in Math and English/Language Arts. 5th graders will also take the MSP in science.

RESULTS

The new learning standards assessed on this new test are more challenging than the standards they replaced. Some students who were considered proficient using the old standards may have a more difficult time reaching proficiency using the new standards. The results from these tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be college or career ready after high school. Results from these tests will arrive and be sent home in the fall.

CONDITIONS

Students will take the tests online in all tested grades. There are multiple elements to the ELA and math tests. While most tests are projected to be an hour in length, students may take as much time as they need to complete the test. Due to scheduling of our computer lab and other spaces for this assessment, we ask for your help to ensure your child is **at school and on time** on testing days. As much as possible, please schedule appointments and other events outside of our testing window. Your learner's teacher will communicate with you about the specific testing dates for her/his class.

HELP AT HOME

Good rest and sound nutrition are important elements to a healthy start each day. Thanks for making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast during testing time.

SNACKS

We make special provisions for snacks during testing time. Research shows that gum, hard candies and other snacks can be stimulating for the brain. Thus, as long as they are being used appropriately, they are allowed during testing times.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests and to try out a practice test yourself, please visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter. More information about the Washington State Learning Standards may be found at www.k12.wa.us/corestandards.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future filled with opportunities.

Chris Jamison

Counseling Notes from Mrs. DiMurro:

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for all of the support and wonderful feedback I received about Random Acts of Kindness Week. I was so pleased with the student responses to this event and look forward to next year.

This month I have been teaching a guidance lesson with a focus on mindsets. First, we talked about what **mindset** is - the way our minds think about things. Then, we are learning the difference between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. A Fixed mindset is believing that you can't do something, can't get better, can't succeed, while a Growth mindset is believing that learning takes hard work and effort and that you can get better at something by trying your best and not giving up. By talking about the words that someone with a Fixed vs. Growth mindset might say to themselves, students are learning that the words we say to ourselves have power. If we tell ourselves, "I can't do this" or "it's too hard," we are less likely to try. If we tell ourselves, "This is hard, but I'm going to keep trying," or "this may take some more time" we are more likely to succeed. Developing a Growth mindset is an important skill we can teach our children. As our children grow and experience challenges, encouraging them to have a Growth mindset may be the key to helping them to power through!

"Think about your intelligence, talents and personality. Are they just fixed or can you develop them?"
- Carol Dweck



For more information about open (growth) mindset, please check out the work by Carol Dweck at www.mindsetonline.com.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 2017-2018

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 11, 2017



To register for kindergarten, bring proof of birth date and records of immunization to your neighborhood school.

We recommend parents register their children by May 1st to ensure that you and your child receive an invitation to attend the Kindergarten visitation program this spring.

Employment Opportunities

Vancouver Public Schools currently has openings for substitutes in the following categories: emergency teacher, teacher, paraeducator, cafeteria assistant, resource officer, and bus driver. If you are interested in employment, information about positions and application materials are located on the district website (www.vansd.org) under the Employment tab (Apply Online). If you need assistance, please contact the Human Resources Department (hrdesk@vansd.org or 360-313-1080).

Keeping you informed

Important Dates 2017



Track begins April 18th. Stop by the office if you need Information. (4th and 5th grade)



Next year 4th and 5th grade Band and orchestra information is available in the office or with our music teacher



Ms. Thurman and Ms. Zhang's students were selected to represent Franklin Elementary at the *20th Annual VPS DANCE FESTIVAL on Friday April 28th, 2017 at the Skyview High School.* Dance students from several Elementary and Middle Schools will perform and share their talents with each other. The show will be held at Skyview High School Auditorium from 7:00-8:00pm.



Theatre Arts & Performance starting ages 3 to 5; Begins April 19th. They will perform an adaptation of Peter Pan!

BOUNDARY TRANSFERS

Out of district requests will be Available after May 1, 2017.

House Safety Tips

Making sure you and your children are safe and know what to do in an emergency.

- ✓ Write down house address
- ✓ Write down parents or guardians names
- ✓ Write down house phone number or cell phone number
- ✓ Post on refrigerator
- ✓ Does your child know how to dial 911?
- ✓ Instruct child on how to unlock your phone, find the phone icon, keypad icon, and how to call 911 in case of emergency.
- ✓ Do you have working smoke detectors in your home? Carbon monoxide detector if you have gas heat or appliance?
- ✓ Do you have a fire extinguisher, and is it accessible?
- ✓ Have you reviewed this with your babysitters?
- ✓ Extra phone charger for babysitter at your house, for their type of phone.
- ✓ If you have a second story, do you have a ladder or exit plan if you can't use stairs to get down. Review with your children what to do.
- ✓ Do you have screens/protection on your upstairs windows to prevent falls out of window.
- ✓ Flashlights - batteries, and show babysitter where they are.
- ✓ Water shut off valve for toilet and house - show babysitter

-Amy Josephson, PTA

FUN THINGS HAPPENING AT FRANKLIN!

Got Talent? Join us for our Talent show!

Forms available with your teacher or in the office. Auditions will be held Thursday April 20 from 1 to 5 PM. K-2 from 1 to 2:30 and 3 to 5 from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. April 20 is a two-hour early release

Hi Everyone. Great turn out at DIY Family Fun Night! A lot of happy families and birds. Next general PTA meeting Thursday, April 13th, 6p.

Get ready for Talent show, Preview is April 20th, 1pm. Make sure your student is signed up! May 19th, 6pm is Talent and Art Show this would be a Family Fun Night and is going to be an amazing evening.

Ben Franklin PTA **NEEDS YOU!** We would like to invite Ben Franklin parents/guardians to consider **volunteering on our PTA executive board**. Elected board members serve a term of 1 year beginning July 1 and the terms are coming to an end. We will need a new Executive board to continue to provide support to our kids and teachers, put on fun events, and continue enrichment efforts next year. We cannot continue without the support of our parents/guardian volunteers!! You will have full support of all previous board members and committee chairs. All board members meet monthly to conduct business, oversee fundraising efforts, plan events, and support committee chairs. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following positions:

President - Oversees the functions of the PTA, and conducts monthly business through board meetings and general meetings.

Vice President - Assists the PTA with procedural functions, and helps oversee the committees.

Treasurer - Handles disbursements, receipts, and maintains financial books.

Secretary- Records the minutes of board and general meetings

Committee Chair - Hospitality

Please email us at franklinptavancouver@gmail.com



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MAY 5TH—STARGAZING AND STORY TIME WITH STAN THE STAR MAN

MAY 11—ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK 6 TO 8 PM

QUAN REN SUMMER CAMP WILL BE HELD IN JULY. DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION!