

BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Patriot Pledge

I will be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe



Patriot Pride



Words of Wisdom from Woody

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Franklin Elementary! Hopefully you all had a relaxing summer full of fun and are ready for the excitement of a new year.

Class lists are being updated as we receive new students and are notified of moves. We work to balance each class to ensure the best possible educational experience for every student. The finalized lists will be posted at the Back to School Night on

Monday, August 28, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

We will be focusing on student attendance and having students in class on time this year. We want to continue focusing on these important life skills.

As you read this newsletter, you will find information to prepare for the start of school. The entire staff at Franklin is excited to welcome all of our new and returning students.

See you on August 28th at 5:00 pm!

Woody Howard



August 28th
5:00 to 6:00 PM
First Day of
School
August 30 8:20

Mark your calendars!

August 28th

Back to School Social
5:00-6:00

August 30st

First Day of School
Parent Breakfast
8:30

September 1th

Quan Ren Star Gazing 8:30
to 10:00 PM

September 4th Labor Day

NO SCHOOL!

September 8th

PTA Meeting 6:00

September 11th

1-Hour Early Release

September 12th

Curriculum Night 6-7:30

September 14th

PTA Meeting/Dinner 6pm

September 15th

Quan Ren Social
3:00 to 4:00 PM

September 21st

Bike to School Day

September 22nd

Parent Tech Night

September 22

Picture Day!

<http://franklin.vansd.org>

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

Last Friday of each month will be a Special school spirit day— WATCH HERE FOR MORE DETAILS!

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



PARENTS



—Join us for Breakfast on the First day of school, August 30 at 8:30 after the bell rings and students go to class

Sponsored by PTA

Quan Ren



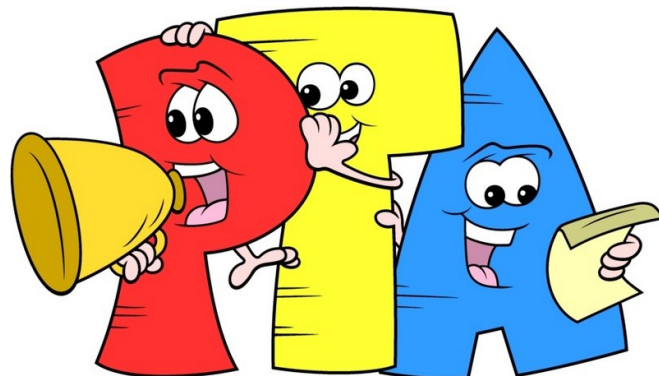
Welcome back from Quan Ren! We look forward to a fantastic new school year together. Now is the perfect time to become a Quan Ren member or renew your membership!

Quan Ren is a parent support group created to enhance the Mandarin program, help bridge cultures and create community for everyone at Franklin. Throughout the year we present a wide variety of events to engage our kids. (Though some of our programs are focused on Mandarin, many of our events are open to and enjoyed by the entire student population). Your membership helps us make those programs happen.

Please look for our Quan Ren table at Back to School Night or come to our Quan Ren Social on September 15. We will have refreshments in the media room from 3:00-4:00. Join us to have FUN and help make a

DIFFERENCE and at Franklin! (Membership forms available in the office.)

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date! Quan Ren/MIPV.



Watch for information concerning PTA and upcoming events in our next news letter

What's Up?

Save the date!

The Family-Community Resource Centers of Vancouver Public Schools (VPS) will host a back-to-school readiness festival this summer. "Go Ready!" will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Students and families will find food, entertainment, and get help with haircuts, immunizations, clothing and access to resources

Go Ready! is free and open to VPS families and students of all ages. For more information call 313-4733 or go to www.vansd.org/goready.

Bus Barn

- 2 NW LINCOLN AV @ NW 46TH ST
- 3 NW LINCOLN Ave & NW 50 ST
- 4 NW LINCOLN AV @ 55TH LOOP
- 5 NW LINCOLN AV & NW 59TH ST
- 6 NW LINCOLN AV @ NW 62ND ST
- 7 NW GARFIELD AVE @ NW 60TH ST
- 8 NW CHERRY ST @ NW 59TH ST
- 9 NW CHERRY ST @ NW 63RD ST
- 10 NW DOGWOOD DR & NW 65TH ST
- 11 NW BERNIE DR & NW LUPIN ST
- 12 6400 NW BERNIE DR

First stop is 7:35

Updated Bus Stops



Focus—Attendance

Vancouver School District's goal is to ensure that students attend 90% or more of the school year. With that, we hope to reduce the rates of chronic absenteeism to a minimum. What is chronic absenteeism? Chronic absenteeism is defined as instances where a student is absent for more than 10% of instruction time in a school year or missing about 2 days per month.

What you can do to help reduce chronic absences?

- Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Limit the amount of sick days per year, with exceptions to emergencies.
- Identify possible anxiety issues with your child and talk to teachers, counselors, or other parents to make your child feel comfortable about going to school and feel excited about learning.
- Develop back up plans in instances where you as the parent cannot transport your child on certain days (i.e. contacting another family member, trust friend or neighbor, or another parent).
- Plan medical/dental appointments and family vacations during winter, spring, or summer breaks or before, after school and the weekends.
- Communicate any transportation difficulties or other barriers to school staff.

Why is addressing chronic absenteeism important?

Establishing good attendance habits early in a child's education is a good indicator of future school performance. Chronically absent students are less likely to read at grade level by the 3rd grade. By the 6th grade, chronic absenteeism is an early warning dropout indicator.

Building good attendance habits early during a child's school career can ensure a child's success in the future.



2017 Immunization Clinics

**Monday—Friday
8AM-5PM**

Patient Direct Care
209 E. Main St. Ste. 121, Battle Ground, WA
360-999-5138
Please call to ensure availability

**1st and 3rd
Wednesday
5:30-7:30PM**

Free Clinic of Southwest Washington
4100 Plomondon St., Vancouver, WA
360-313-1390
Walk-in, For uninsured children only

**8/15 and 8/22
3PM-6PM**

LaCamas Medical Group
3240 N.E. 3rd Ave., Camas, WA
360-838-2440
Walk-in, 6+ years only

**8/22
10AM-2PM**

GoReady @ Hudson's Bay High School
1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, WA
360-342-8060
Immunizations provided by SeaMar

**8/21, 8/28, 9/11,
9/18, and 9/25
8AM-7PM**

Salmon Creek Medical SeaMar Clinic
14508 N.E. 20th Ave., Vancouver, WA
360-852-9070
Walk-in

**9/17
10AM-2PM**

Camas4Kids Fair @ Doc Harris Stadium
1125 N.E. 22nd Ave., Camas, WA
360-838-2440
Immunizations provided by
Lacamas Medical Group

Please remember to bring your immunization records!

PLEASE REMEMBER: WE NEED A NOTE!

If you wish to arrange for your child to go home with a friend or another parent, you must send the instructions **IN WRITING** with your student in the morning or email the school with the change in directions. The note **must** include the date, name of other person, change in pick-up directions, and signature of the student's parent or legal guardian for **each incident** when your child is going home in a way other than by bus or normal parent pick-up.

Medication at School

The Vancouver School District recognizes that in certain cases school children must take prescription and non prescription medication at school. When it is necessary, because of a health condition for you child to be given prescription or non prescription medication during school hours, authorization must be given by the child's parent or guardian accompanied by written instructions and the signature of the prescribing health professional. The authorization must include inclusive dates for each prescription and any changes in the dosage or administration instructions as they occur.

Only medication containers properly labeled by a physician, dentist, or pharmacist and brought to school by the parent may be accepted for administration by the school. Forms are available in the school office and must be renewed each year. **Medication will not be administered without the required signatures on the form (no exceptions).**

Any student with a life threatening illness or health concern must have a health plan signed by a parent/guardian. If your student needs medication at school for any reason, an authorization for medication administration form signed by a health care provider must be provided to the school. This form must be brought in prior to or when a medication is given to the office. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL WITHOUT A SIGNED HEALTH PLAN AND MEDICATIONS IF THEY HAVE A LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONCERN.**

All students must have immunizations up to date and on file at the school prior to the first day of school. Please review "Should I Send My Child to School Today?" on line or pick one up in the office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call your school nurse, Christine Raab at (360)313-2008.

Classrooms

Kindergarten

Mandarin Ms. Ko Room 103

Mandarin Ms. Lee Room 102

English Mrs. Cook Room 100

1st Grade

Mandarin Ms. Hu Room 105

Mandarin Ms. Xu Room 104

English Mrs. Shaw Room 101

2nd Grade

Mandarin Mr. Hui Room 204

Mandarin Ms. Chen Room 205

English Ms. Satre Room 200

3rd Grade

Mandarin Ms. Shen Portable B2

Mandarin Ms. Guo Portable B1

English Ms. Vestal Portable A1

4th Grade

Mandarin Ms. Zhang Portable C2

Mandarin Ms. Thurman Portable C1

English Ms. Mueller Portable A2

5th Grade

Mandarin Ms. Li Room 203

English Ms. Johnson Room 201

Mandarin Ms. Zou Room 202

ECSE—Ms. Johnson 206



*Student Rosters will be
posted on August 28h
At Franklin's front entrance*

**Vancouver Public Schools
2017-2018 Official District Calendar
Board Approved: February 14, 2017**

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Holidays:

- Labor Day
- Veterans' Day (Observance)
- Thanksgiving Break
- Winter Holiday
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents' Day
- Spring Break
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day

Student Non-Attendance Days:

- In-service Day
- Parent Conferences – ES Only
- Parent Conferences – All
- Semester Break – All
- Parent Conferences – MS/HS Only

Student Days

- First Day of School
- Last Day of School

Early Release Days:

- October – All
- October MS/HS Only
- April – All
- April – ES Only
- Last Two Days of School – All

Snow Make-up Days:

- June 18, 19, 20, & January 29

Note: Dates listed in priority order. Actual date could change based on timing and number of snow days.

☐ Board Meetings

★ First and Last Day of School

○ Student Non-Attendance Days & Holidays

△ Early Release Days

- September 4
- November 10
- November 22, 23, 24
- December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & December 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
- January 1, 2018
- January 15
- February 19
- April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- May 28
- July 4

- October 13
- October 19
- October 20
- January 29
- April 20

- August 30
- June 15

- October 18
- October 19
- April 19
- April 20
- June 14,15

EARLY RELEASE DATES

September 11 1-hour early release 25 1-hour early release	December 11 1-hour early release	March 12 1-hour early release 26 1-hour early release
October 9 1-hour early release 18 2-hour early release conferences 19 non-school day conferences 20 non-attendance day conferences 23 1-hour early release	January 8 1-hour early release 22 1-hour early release 29 1-hour early release	April 9 1-hour early release 19 2-hour early release 20 2-hour early release
November 13 1-hour early release 27 1-hour early release	February 12 1-hour early release 26 1-hour early release	May 7 1-hour early release
		June 14 2-hour early release 15 2-hour early release