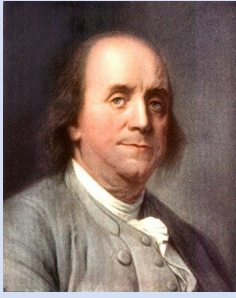


Ben Franklin News



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December 14 2016

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Patriot Pledge

I will be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe

Mark your calendars!

January 30

Snow make up day

February 3

Teddy-Bear Picnic

February 09

PTA Meeting 6:00

February 10

Lantern Festival 6:30

February 13

One-hour early release

February 14

Vote Bond Measure

Chinese NY Assembly 9:30

February 15 to 22

Book Fair

February 18

CNY Dinner 3:00 PM

February 20

No School President's Day

February 22

President's Day Assembly
9:30

February 24

Twin Day

February 27

One Hour Early
Release



February 28

Green Eggs & Ham 10:30

**STAY INFORMED OF
SCHOOL EVENTS**

**VISIT OUR FRANKLIN
WEBSITE!**

<http://franklin.vansd.org>



Proud Patriots



Words from our Principal:

Dear Franklin Parents and Students:

At Franklin, we are excited for the bond measure coming to the voters next month! Here are some important information for you to consider:

Bond measure for schools will go before voters on Feb. 14



Aging schools, growing elementary enrollment and low interest rates prompt Vancouver Public Schools to plan for the future now

A bond measure that would benefit Vancouver schools will appear on the Feb. 14, 2017, ballot. If

approved by local voters, the bond would allow the district to:

- Replace portables with additional classrooms attached to the building
- Provide improvements and updates to all other schools in the district.

Plans are subject to change. The plan is projected to cost \$562.8 million. The board and district leaders hope to be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates to reduce the financial impact on taxpayers.

Local voters will vote on a bond measure to provide \$458 million of the funding. Bond measures require a **60 percent** supermajority of 'yes' votes for approval.

How much would local property owners pay? If approved, the bond measure is projected to:

Temporarily increase the current bond tax rate by \$.09 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the next 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 through 2020 and then drop to \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting in 2021.

The remainder of the costs would be paid by a \$43 million class-size reduction grant from the state and local impact fees estimated at \$12 million. If and only if local voters approve the bond measure, the district also would receive an estimated \$50 million in state matching funds.

For more information and to sign up to receive updates, visit

<http://vansd.org/reschools> or call 360-313-1230.

Sincerely

Woody Howard



Vote for Schools February 14th

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.

Keeping you informed

ARRIVING ON TIME TO SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

If YOUR STUDENT IS LATE.....

When arriving after 8:30 AM, Franklin requires students, accompanied by parents, to **sign-in** at the office. Staff will provide the student a tardy slip for their teacher. If students arrive without a pink slip, they will be directed back to the office. -Thank you



"But my child is only 5 minutes late!"

TODAY: Your child misses 5 minutes of learning

THIS WEEK: They miss 25 minutes of learning

THIS HALF TERM: It has increased to 2 hours 40 minutes of learning

THIS YEAR: Now they have missed 16 hours or 3 days 1 hour of learning. **BY THE END OF YEAR 2:** Rising to 9 days 3 hours of learning

IN THEIR SCHOOL LIFE: They have missed 38 days 2 hours or 7 weeks 3 days 2 hours of learning

Your child's learning is important. Get them to school on time!

Anytime a student misses school, the reason must be communicated to the office through one of the following methods:

- Note** sent into school with student before he/she is absent or when the student returns.
- Call** the attendance line at **313-1410**
- E-mail** to franklin.es@vansd.org

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

There has been a growing number of children not being picked up on time. **School is out at 2:50pm**—please make every effort to be here on time to pick them up.

Telephone Reminders

- We can not take go home changes over the phone.
- All changes **must be in writing**. Phone calls will not be accepted.
- During the school day we do not put calls through to teachers or students.

If you need to pick a student up early we will call your student down when you



BEGINNING APRIL 11, 2017

Register children who will enter kindergarten in Vancouver Public Schools in the Fall of 2017

ANY CHILD WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31ST IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN NEXT FALL.

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



Green Eggs & Ham - 1st grade students & 2 guests!

Once again this year, Mark Matthias and Beaches Restaurant are sponsoring a **Green Eggs and Ham breakfast** for all Vancouver **FIRST-Grade** students. Franklin's breakfast is

scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28 at 10:30** Please be sure to send in your RSVP so we can determine how many adults to plan for (up to 2 adults per student). All first graders will also receive a "Cat in the Hat" top hat and a book! (

Sorry, but we are not able to accommodate siblings for this event.)

FUN THINGS HAPPENING AT FRANKLIN!



Franklin families - Please join the Franklin staff on COLLEGE WEAR Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, members of the Franklin staff can be seen sporting tees, sweatshirts, and other clothing representing different colleges and universities. As we learn and implement school-wide AVID for elementary schools, one easy and early adoption is the emphasis on exposing students to different colleges and universities. If your child has college wear, we would love to see them joining the staff and broadening the knowledge of all the different options for their future.

Thanks!



DRIBBLE-PASS-SHOOT & SCORE!

It is that time again for 4th & 5th Grade Basketball. Practice for Boys and Girls begins February 9th after school. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday. Skilleree will be held at Lakeshore Elementary on March 22 for Girls and March 23 for boys. Both start at 3:45

Counseling Notes from Mrs. DiMurro:

Hello Franklin Families! For my first year at Franklin as your School Counselor, I have been busy getting acquainted with students, staff and parents this year. I have been visiting classrooms regularly and have been teaching students about skills for learning, empathy, compassion, mindfulness and strategies for calming down and focusing on learning. Students are getting really skilled at belly breathing!

Next month I am planning to hold a **Random Acts of Kindness Week** for the week of Feb 27 through March 3rd. **Each day students and staff will focus on showing kindness in various ways.** Each day of the week during lunch/recess we will have stations set up for students to make pictures, thank you cards and kindness notes.

Ways we can show kindness are:

- Smile at someone
- Lend a helping hand
- Give positive affirmations
- Give someone a thank you note
- Draw someone a picture
- Be cheerful
- Compliment someone



For the week of Feb 27 through March 3rd Kindness Spirit days:

- Mon. -Wear pink or red for "Spreading Kindness"
- Tues. -Krazy socks day for "Krazy for Kindness"
- Wed. -Backward shirt day for "Words that hurt can't be taken back"
- Thurs. -We will be providing heart stickers for students for "Wear your heart on you sleeve"
- Fri. -Pajama day for " We dream of Kindness"

Lastly, I want to personally thank all of the Franklin staff, students and families for welcoming and showing me kindness this year! My heart is full.

Attention all parents and guardians of English Language Learners:

Beginning on February 1st, all English Language Learners will be participating in the ELPA 21 annual assessment. This is a federally mandated assessment to determine how the ELL student is progressing on their English language development. Your student will be testing during the school day. Most testing will happen on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during February. The ELPA 21 window closes on March 30th. If you have any questions about this test, please contact Chris Jamison at chris.jamison@vansd.org. Thanks!

IN-DISTRICTBOUNDARY TRANSFERS

It is time to submit your in-district transfer forms. These forms are available in all school offices or online at

<http://vansd.org/student-welfare-attendance/boundaries/>

Last day is February 28

**If you have an in-district boundary transfer to Franklin this year, it MUST be renewed every year.
Out of district boundary forms will be accepted after May 1st**



Afterschool Science Enrichment Program for
Franklin Elementary
Tuesdays, 2/7/17 - 3/14/17
3:05 PM - 4:05 PM

Open to students grades Gr 3 - Gr 5

\$78.00 per student.

Save \$5 if you register by 1/28/2017

Contact Franklin PTA for Scholarships

REGISTER ONLINE (credit or debit card only)

<https://register.madscience.org/portland/afterschool.aspx>

REGISTER BY MAIL using the form below (credit, debit card or check)

Do NOT return completed forms to school • Registrations are accepted in the order received.

Advanced Registration is Appreciated!

Register early to receive the \$5.00 discount. Registration must meet minimum requirements at least 5 calendar days before program start date. Registrations received on or after the program start date are subject to a \$5.00 late registration fee.



Quan Ren

Dear Franklin families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all have a new year full of health and happiness. In the Chinese Zodiac, 2017 brings us into Year of the Rooster! To celebrate Chinese New Year we will be holding our second Annual Lantern Festival. This year it falls on Friday, February 10 from 6:30-8:00PM. Please save the date!!!

This is an important event for Franklin Elementary as a whole. The invitation also extends to our Jason Lee Mandarin Immersion sixth and seventh graders. It is a wonderful chance to bring our alumni back to their roots. This event is open to the public, please feel free to spread the word among your family, friends and neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE FEB 18th CNY DINNER

Quan Ren's annual Chinese New Year Dinner Wong's King Portland February 18th @ 3pm. 9 course dinner with traditional New Year foods Adults \$15 Child \$13 - Consider sponsoring a teacher or staff member \$15. Flyers will come home soon!!

Alison Berkey
Quan Ren President