

FRANKFORT SQUARE SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents and Families,

As we enter the month of October, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continuous support of Frankfort Square School. Our students have adjusted well to 'school life' and continue to demonstrate what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe at Frankfort Square School.

Are you interested in being a volunteer at Frankfort Square School? Are you looking for opportunities to get involved and help with the many fun and exciting events that take place at school? If you answered 'yes' to either question, I suggest that you reach out to our Frankfort Square School SCO. Throughout the school year, the FSS SCO sponsors fun, engaging activities for the students, staff, and families of Frankfort Square School. Feel free to reach out to our SCO officers at frankfortsquaresco@gmail.com to learn more about our organization!

As you know, we are now in the fall season. Please make sure that your child comes to school properly dressed for outside recess. The opportunity to go outside and play with friends is important for children, not only physically and socially, but academically, as well. For some students, movement and play helps them to focus and concentrate on their school work and instructional tasks. Please send a jacket or sweatshirt to school with your child. If the temperature gets warm enough that it is not needed, your child can keep it in their backpack or on their coat rack.

Not too long ago, I shared that Frankfort Square School will partake in the Will County Trex Plastic Bag Recycling Program. Feel free to have your children bring plastic bags from grocery stores, retail stores, cleaners, etc. We will have a recycling container located near the front office of the school. Together, we can make a difference and help the students understand the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling!

Mr. Isdonas

Important Dates: October

- October 3: Wear Blue for Bullying Prevention Day
- October 3-7: FSS SCO Fall Book Fair
- October 4: Picture Retake Day
- October 6: FSS SCO Loved One Lunch
Grades 1 & 2: 11:40-12:20
Grades 3 & 4: 12:20-1:00
- October 7: Half Day Student Attendance (9:00 AM -12:10 PM)
- October 10: No School (Columbus Day)
- October 12: Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- October 13: FSS SCO Popcorn Day
- October 14: FSS SCO Hot Lunch Day
- October 14-17: FSS SCO Food Drive
- October 15: Fall Music Concert @ SHJH (9:00 AM-11:30 AM)
- October 21: FSS SCO Treat Day
- October 21: End of First Quarter
- October 22: SHEF Haunted Hustle @ HW
- October 24-28: Red Ribbon Week at FSS
- October 26: Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- October 28: Report Cards go home
- October 28: FSS SCO Hot Lunch Day
- October 31: Halloween Parade and Celebrations
Parade @ 1:15 PM weather permitting
Grades 1 & 2 Celebrations: 1:45 PM -2:30 PM
Grades 3 & 4 Celebrations: 2:30 PM-3:15 PM

STAR STUDENTS

Each month two students are selected from each class to be recognized for effort and improvement. These are students who have really tried to improve in an area, whether it is socially, academically, or personally. I would like to congratulate the following students for their effort and improvement during the month of September.

Mrs. Bailey
Gabriella Panatara
Lucas Schmidt

Mrs. Jendersak
Torrie Ball
Logan Ewell

Mrs. Sobczak
Anthony Carone
Montgomery Piwowar

Mrs. Jastrzab
Nathan Kaminski
Jessica Lucarelli

Mrs. Murphy
Frank Bakon
Grace Goldberg

Ms. Savas
Seamus Moran
Ashley Nordsell

Mrs. Cullen
Joseph Gorter
Isabella Lenard

Mrs. Howard
Abby Bojan
Liam Marcotte

Mrs. Reyes
Rylan Malachinski
Owen McGrane

Mrs. Froeschle
Alysa Beausoleil
Natalie Bryant

Mr. Jeffrey
Lindsay Lavine
Ethan Shepard





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General Information

School Office Hours: 8:25 - 3:55

Student Attendance Hours: 9:00 - 3:30

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is important to success in school. Please ensure that your children are at school early enough to be in their classroom by 9:00 when school begins.

Student Attendance:

Doors open at 8:50 AM.

Student arrival is prior to 9:00 AM.

Arrive between 9:01-9:30 = AM. Tardy

Arrive after 9:30 = Half Day Attendance

Leave between 9:30-2:50 = Half Day Attendance

Leave between 3:01 - 3:30 = PM Tardy

VISITORS

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors must sign in at the main office. Please have a picture ID available when you check in. We encourage parent participation, volunteering, and welcome your assistance



READING IMPROVEMENT FOR ALL

As a part of our Reading Improvement Program this year, all students will receive reading improvement strategies. No matter what their level of reading ability, all students can gain useful strategies to further their reading level. All teachers at Frankfort Square School will be part of this program for all students to benefit. Strategies will be taught both in the classroom and in small groups. Again, these reading strategies are to help meet all students' needs and create a better understanding in the areas of reading and writing.

SUMMIT HILL DISTRICT 161 **VIRTUAL BACKPACK**

Summit Hill District 161 is doing its part to "go green" by changing the way flyers are distributed to students. In the past, paper copies were sent home. With the launch of our **Virtual Backpack**, District 161 is introducing an eco-friendly online distribution system that saves resources and time required to sort and handle materials. Please visit the link, summithill.org, often to ensure you remain aware of opportunities and activities for students

APPEARANCE CODE

Students' dress for school and all school activities (including SCO events) must be appropriate. Please review the Student Dress Code information found on our District's website (summithill.org).



It's The Law! No Cell Phones in School Zones

Drivers, please be aware that it is now illegal to talk on cell phones while driving through a school speed zone or a construction zone, unless using a hands free device or speakerphone is enabled, except in cases of emergency to contact law enforcement, health care providers, fire department and other emergency response personnel.

It is also now illegal to compose, send or read text messages, read or compose e-mail, look at the Internet or otherwise compose or send any type of electronic message while driving.

For more information on the new laws, visit <http://www.drivinglaws.org/ill.php>.



October is National Bullying Prevention Month! The goal is to encourage communities to work together and increase awareness of bullying behaviors. Through weekly Cool Tools and educational resources, our goal is to help our students understand the differences between bullying and disrespect. Please have your child join us in support of bullying education and prevention by:

Wearing a blue shirt on Monday, October 3.
Wearing orange on Wednesday, October 19.

Box Tops

Please continue to collect and turn in your Box Tops. Throughout the school year, our SCO will sponsor several Box Top collection and reward programs for the students. Each Box Top collected and turned in will generate money that will be used for various SCO sponsored events, activities, incentives, and celebrations.

Recycling

We will continue to collect **used ink cartridges** and **pop tabs**. The empty ink cartridges can be brought to the school office, while the pop tabs can be placed on the small table inside the front doors. We are working hard to "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle".

Remember, start bringing in those plastic bags for the Will County Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge. We will have a recycling container in the foyer located by the front office. Last year, FSS earned 2nd place. This year, our goal is to surpass last year's total collection weight of 670 pounds of plastic bags!

In the classrooms...

Grade 1

The first graders at Frankfort Square School have had a great start to their school year! They have been learning to follow expectations, learning the routines, and meeting new friends. The children are excited this year to be experiencing some things that perhaps they did not get to do in kindergarten such as: PE, Art class, Music class, Technology and Tech integration. The children have had many opportunities already to go into the computer lab as well as use tablets in the classroom. They have been practicing blending sounds, reading stories, learning spelling words, and writing complete sentences. They have also learned some basic addition and subtraction strategies. The children have learned about their five senses in science. They have discussed communities in social studies and learned who Johnny Appleseed was. To celebrate his birthday, the children listened to stories and watched a video about him. They each got to bring an apple in and do some fun activities including counting, graphing, using their five senses to describe, and writing about their favorite way to eat an apple. Now, they wonder what fun activities October will bring.



Pictured: Torrie Ball



Pictured: Logan Ewell

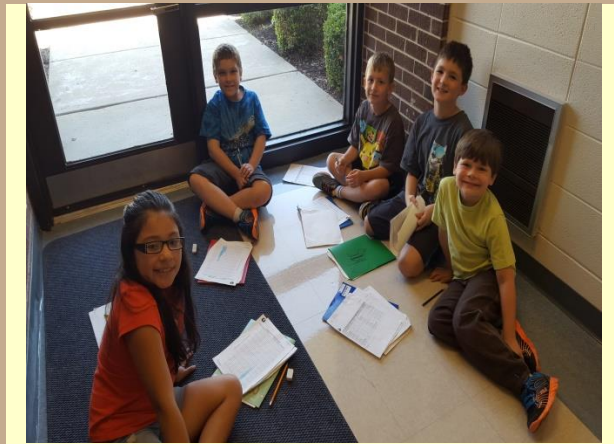


Pictured (Left to Right): Jack Blouin, Seamus Moran, Carter Cline, Dylan Jacobson, and Jayden Hartford

Grade 2

The second grade students celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday this month by hosting an Apple Festival. The students went to various stations set up throughout the lunchroom. Some of the stations included making predictions on if apples would sink or float, learning how to draw an apple, and weighing and measuring the circumference of the apples they brought in. They also made Johnny Appleseed cooking pot hats and read many apple books. Everyone's favorite stations were the taste testing stations. Students tried apple muffins, cake, pie, butter, juice and cider (to name a few!)

In the classrooms...



Pictured (Left to Right): Carolina Garcia, Scott Herschell, Matthew Tremmel, Andrew Tremmel, and Alex Tuttle

Grade 3

In science, the third grade classes at Frankfort Square have been working together as meteorologists for the imaginary planet of Perrytopia. The students have explored weather vocabulary and maps. They have been exploring the temperature and precipitation of various cities on Perrytopia by analyzing data and graphing that data. These activities are part of our first STEMScopes module. STEMScopes is the district's new science series. Explore STEMScopes at home by using the log in information that was sent home with your child.



Pictured: Liam Hass, Hayee Riofski, Emily Shmidt, and Chayse Velky.

Grade 4

In September, our fourth grade students began the *Type to Learn* program. Within this program, students develop typing skills at their own pace. Students will later apply these skills to research and writing activities in the classroom.

News from our Specials Teachers...

News from the Frankfort Square Computer Lab:

The second grade students are busy making slideshows in Wixie. They are telling all about themselves, including their likes & dislikes, their families, and the things they do at home. They also took a picture of themselves using the tablets and downloaded it into their slideshows! The final step in the slideshow will be to record themselves as they read their slides, and then they will add the audio to their slideshows. They are working hard and having fun with this, "All About Me" project!

Pictured (Left to Right): Skylar Mentzer, Jayden Hartford, Thomas Gal



News from the Gym:

The students at Frankfort Square have completed their FitnessGram Fitness Test. The test included sit-ups, curl-ups, sit and reach and the pacer test. Test results will be emailed to you soon. We are working on soccer skills now. Students are practicing dribbling, passing and shooting while playing soccer lead-up games such as sideline soccer. Football skills will be the next unit. Pictured (Left to Right): Casey Jones, Vanessa Flores, Allison Reece, Brayden Schutt, Elijah Archbold, Nathan Kaminski



News from the Art Room:

Students have been busy in the art room!

4th graders discussed the Pop artist, Andy Warhol, and his use of printmaking to create multiple images of the same thing. Students are learning a type of printmaking process that allows them to create very life-like portraits of themselves.

3rd graders learned all about the famous cartoonist, Charles Schulz, who created the Peanuts comic strip. Students are now creating their own cartoon characters and learning how to draw them with mood or expression. Afterwards, they will learn how to neatly color them in using a marker technique.

2nd graders talked about artists who use dogs as their subject matter and more specifically how these artists used color in these paintings. They learned that realistic colors are the colors that something would normally be if encountered in the real world. Expressionistic colors are colors that are used to create an emotion or mood in a painting. 2nd graders are in the process of creating their own dog paintings using expressionistic colors.

1st graders have jumped right into painting. We made three painted papers by mixing primary colors together to make green, orange and purple/violet. Next we read the book, "Feathers for Lunch" by Lois Ehlert. Now, we will be using the painted papers to make a bird inspired by the book. We will be cutting out shapes from the painted papers and attaching them together to create our animal, similar to the illustrator Eric Carle.



News from the Music Room:

Welcome Bach!

(Bach and John Williams were our first "Composers of the Month".)

So much to Learn! How do we begin? Let's start at the very beginning with... "Do-Re-Mi"!

The students have been putting our P.B.I.S. expectations into practice by showing **Respect and Responsibility**. **Safety** has been emphasized by practicing a Fire Drill, Tornado Drill, and a Lock Down. Along with school and classroom expectations...there is the learning of the music concepts: **melody and rhythm**.

Students will sing...move...and learn how to use small classroom instruments as they become good musicians. Third and Fourth graders will be learning the recorders. Fourth graders have joined Choir. I allow the students to move, groove, and learn to be creative and expressive. They

have such wonderful spirits! It is a joy to observe them in this way! I spend my days laughing, singing, playing, and moving with your children. In life, what is better? I am looking forward to a year full of beautiful music and beautiful children! Let's have a "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" School Year!

Pictured: Mrs. Howard's budding new musicians!

