

FRANKFORT SQUARE SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner:

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

As you know, with the month of January comes the possibility of winter-like weather. According to the Student-Parent Handbook found on the Summit Hill School District, students will partake in outdoor recess if the weather feels warmer than 20 degrees. Please send your child to school with the appropriate outdoor clothing so that he/she may be warm and comfortable when it is time for recess. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making recess an enjoyable time for your child.

On January 25, report cards will be issued, as well as, your child's most recent MAP Assessments results. The report will share how your child performed in the areas of reading and math. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding your child's progress.

The Frankfort Square School SCO will host a Mustang Gallop on Friday, January 25 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. A permission form is required. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up at 5:00 PM. For safety reasons, students should not walk home without an adult.

In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, Kindergarten Registration will begin on February 12 at Dr. Julian Rogus School from 3:45 PM to 7:00 PM. Beginning February 13, families may register their soon-to-be kindergartener at the District Administrative Center (20100 S. Spruce Road). For more information, please read the January edition of the Parent News Brief emailed out by Superintendent Rains. Should you have any questions, please contact our District Office at 815-469-9103.

The tentative date for the FSS Family Night is April 26. We need your help! We are looking for baby food jars (glass bottles with lids) for one of the activities. If you have any jars to donate, please clean them and send them to the school. We will have a box marked 'JARS' placed in the school office. In advance, thank you for your help!

Respectfully,

Mr. Isdonas

Important Dates

January

- 7: School Resumes
- 8: Cool Tool Tuesday-Technology
- 10: Quarter 2 Popcorn Party-sponsored by the SCO
- 10: SCO Meeting @ 3:45 PM
- 11: PBIS Spirit Wear Day-FSS Colors
- 11: SCO Hot Lunch Day
- 15: Cool Tool Tuesday-Lunchroom
- 15: End of Quarter 2
- 17: SHEF Pizza Day
- 18: Half Day-Teachers' In-service Day (12:10 PM dismissal)
- 21: No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22: Cool Tool Tuesday-Playground
- 23: Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 25: PBIS Spirit Wear Day - Winter Hat
- 25: SCO Treat Day
- 25: SCO Mustang Gallop 3:30 PM -5:00 PM
- 25: Report Cards Issued
- 29: Cool Tool Tuesday-Bathroom

STAR STUDENTS

Each month, students are selected to be recognized for their 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 December.

Mrs. Bailey:
Haylee Grant
Raeliana Mota

Mrs. Sobczak:
Lea Calzaretta
Bobby Walsh

Mrs. Jastrzab:
Beckett Lough
Declan Wieder

Mrs. Murphy:
Liam Block
Madyn Schoiber

Mrs. Howard:
Teagan Jensen
Kendall Malachinski

Mrs. Jendersak:
Destiny Blackwell
Daniel Walsh

Mrs. Reyes:
Ashleen Dircks
Samual Sanderson

Mrs. Cullen:
Dylan Jacobson
Imari Miranda

Mrs. Froeschle:
Paige Galbert
Savana Laas

Mr. Jeffrey:
Gianna Panatera
Austin Reutter





FRANKFORT SQUARE SCHOOL **General Information**

School Office Hours: 8:25-3:55
Student Attendance Hours: 9:00 - 3:30
Please ensure that your children are at school early enough to be in their classroom by 9:00 when the pledge begins.

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

If you plan on taking your child out of school for vacation purposes, please make sure to inform your child's teacher and the front office prior to the trip.

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. 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. Through the use of the **Virtual Backpack**, District 161 has an eco-friendly online distribution system that saves resources and time that are required to sort and handle materials. Flyers from our community organizations are located on our Virtual Backpack link found on the District home page, www.summithill.org. Please visit the link 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. Sagging shorts or pants are prohibited. Pants must be securely fastened at the waist. Pants with holes/frayed areas are not appropriate. **Skirts and shorts must be to the fingertips regardless of additional leg wear underneath.** Necklines must be 3" from the collarbone area. Tube tops, halters, see-through shirts, mesh shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, crop tops, or tops which expose cleavage or midriff will not be allowed.



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

Drivers, please be aware that it is 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 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>.



In an effort to "Go Green", all newsletters and district information is now being sent home electronically. If you have not yet signed up to be on the district email list or if you want to give us more than one email address, please contact the school office. We are trying to teach our students the importance of being "green".

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.

The following students won the December Box Top Contest sponsored by the Frankfort Square SCO:

Gr. 1 > Leigha Hayden

Gr. 2 > Jake Griffin

Gr. 3 > Logan Ewell

Gr. 4 > Seamus Moran

Each student received a gingerbread house to decorate over the break!

On behalf of the FSS SCO, thank you to everyone who participated in the December Box Top Contest.

