



Franz Flame

Franz Elementary...Where Learning Takes Flight

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Important Dates:

9/7	Student/Teacher Holiday		
9/9	Volunteer Workday	Open Area	9-12
9/15	PK/K Parent Academy		6PM
9/16	Progress Reports Go Home		
9/16	Bluebonnet Breakfast	Library	7:30AM
9/17	Volunteer Workday	Open Area	9-12
	5 th Grade Parent Academy		6PM

Enrollment Cards

Enrollment cards given at meet the teacher, or in the first day packet need to be returned to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP. The following documents also need to be returned along with the enrollment card: Ethnicity and Race Questionnaire, KISD Falsification of Information document, FES Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form, Health Records form. Thank you for your attention to this.

Letter from Nurse Sally Ball

Welcome back to a new school year! It is my delight to be back and care for your wonderful children. Please let me know of any medical changes with your child, any health issues, new medicines, or concerns you may have. Feel free to drop by the clinic to discuss your child.

Foremost in everyone's mind is the anticipated Swine Flu and how that might impact our school year. To this end, we have brought our regular SEASONAL flu vaccine clinic forward to Thursday September, 24th from 4 to 6pm. Should the swine flu vaccine become available we will schedule another flu clinic for the swine flu later in the autumn. Vaccines will be priced at \$20.00 per flu shot and \$30.00 per flumist.

Please keep your children home if they have fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting. They cannot return to school until 24hrs have passed since the symptoms stopped. Good hand washing, as always, is vital to prevent the spread of disease.

Finally, please ensure that your children have some form of breakfast before coming to school.

Parent Academy

The staff at Franz would like to invite all parents to attend this year's Parent Academy. Each grade level will host its own Parent Academy on a different night. (*Refer to schedule below for dates and times.*) Parents will get information on grade level procedures, classroom procedures, as well as tips on how to help with your child's homework. Students are also invited to attend and will be putting together a homework kit to take home with them. See you there!

PK/K	9/15	2 nd Grade	9/29
5 th Grade	9/17	4 th Grade	10/1
1 st Grade	9/22	3 rd Grade	10/6

*All Parent Academies begin at 6:00PM

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT NEEDS YOU!

Join over 8,000 volunteers from hundreds of Houston area companies and schools who have made a difference in children's lives!!
Our School has the unique opportunity to participate in Junior Achievement's workforce readiness program. This is a wonderful for opportunity for our parents to make an impact on our student's lives. As a Junior Achievement consultant, you will be a role model, showing students how to achieve personal and professional success. The time commitment is minimal, up to one hour a week for 5 weeks. Volunteers will receive training, all materials, and support from Junior Achievement.
To learn more about how you can make a difference, please contact your child's teacher or Laura Freeman: franzvips@gmail.com or 281-829-5826.

Campus Advisory Team

This is your chance to make an impact for all students at FES! Please see the attached flyer concerning the Campus Advisory Team, and make your nomination today! The Campus Advisory Team is a site-based committee that assists the campus principal with decision making and supports student performance. Don't miss out on this opportunity to nominate someone for this very important role. Forms should be returned to Ms. Bartlett by September 18, 2009.

PTA BOARD VACANCIES

Our PTA Executive Board is fun and friendly and very approachable, and we want to do everything we can for the students and parents of Franz. Unfortunately, our abilities are limited without help and guidance from more parents. We currently have several open board positions, and it's critical that we fill them as soon as possible. Do NOT be afraid to take an active role in your school's volunteer program. No one ever does anything alone around here, and volunteering to serve on a committee does NOT mean you'll be handling the responsibility alone. **Open Positions: Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Bilingual Liaison, Newsletter, Yearbook, Carnival, Beautification, Hospitality, and Homeroom Coordinator.** Please contact Anjannette Conner at ritchick@earthlink.net for answers to all your questions.

Homeroom Parents Needed

Homeroom Parents are still needed for a few classrooms! If you're interested in assisting with your child's classroom parties and other fun tasks, please contact Laura Freeman: franzvips@gmail.com or 281-829-5826.

JOIN FRANZ PTA TODAY!

The parent organization at your child's school needs and values your support! PTA membership is open to all adult family members and friends, and you're encouraged to join today. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, everyone is welcome to take part in making our PTA the best parent support group it can be. Membership forms were included in your child's first day packet and can also be found on our website at www.franzpta.txpta.org. The cost is \$7 per person, and the money raised from dues assists with the cost of equipment and programs that benefit the students at Franz. Join today!

Volunteer Meeting & Workday

Attention All Volunteers! Please join us Wednesday, September 9th at 9:00! We will be having a short discussion about new Volunteer policies as well as new policies regarding Yearbook Photographers. Feel free to bring your little ones with you! Feel free to hang out afterwards and do a little work for our teachers. The more we do, the more time they can spend teaching our kids! Contact Laura Freeman with any questions/concerns: franzvips@gmail.com or 281-829-5826. If you haven't filled out a volunteer form yet, simply show up on the 9th, and we'll take care of it.

School Supplies

The stores are picked over, so if you're having trouble finding all the necessary items your child needs for school, the PTA still has some school supply packs for sale for the following grades: Pre-K (\$35), Kindergarten (\$38), 1st Grade (\$50), 2nd Grade (\$60), 3rd Grade (\$60), and 4th Grade (\$48). We're sorry, but we don't have any remaining 5th grade packs to sell. To purchase supplies, please contact Neisy Alejandro at jnxortega@sbcglobal.net or come into the front office for assistance. We also have some of the 1st and 2nd grade primary writing tablets (both horizontal and vertical) for sale.

Fall Carnival – November 6, 2009

Planning is beginning for our annual fall carnival, and we need some dedicated parents to lend a hand. First and foremost, we're looking for someone to serve as the Carnival Chairperson, but we also need help in many, many smaller ways. Any amount of time you can contribute is welcome and appreciated! Each classroom will be assigned a game booth, concession, or activity during carnival. This means that we need at least **8 parents from each classroom** to commit to working in their child's booth for an hour-long shift. Please contact Laura Freeman at franzvips@gmail.com for full details of all the opportunities available for the carnival.

Franz Fest Craft Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors for our Franz Fest Carnival & Craft Fair on Friday, November 6th, from 5pm-9pm. If you're interested in obtaining an application, please contact Laura Freeman at franzvips@gmail.com or call 281-829-5826.

WANTED: Items for Carnival Silent Auction

Do you work for a business that could donate a prize for our carnival auction? Maybe you work at a restaurant that could donate a \$25 gift card, or maybe you work at a store that could donate items for a gift basket. Maybe you work for a corporation that could make a monetary donation that could be used for auction prizes or to cover other carnival expenses. At work this week, ask your employer if he/she can make a donation to your child's carnival auction. Contact Anjannette Conner at riterchick@earthlink.net with questions or to arrange for items to be picked up. Thank you for helping us make our carnival the best one ever!

One-of-a-Kind Smencils!

Smencils (scented pencils) were a huge hit in the spring, so we're bringing them back by popular demand. Kids LOVE these awesome scented pencils, and they'll have an opportunity to buy them right here at Franz on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Smencils are made out of recycled newspaper and come in individual storage tubes. They're guaranteed to hold their scent for two years, even if they're stored outside the tubes! We'll be selling both regular and colored Smencils for \$1 each during all the lunch periods on Wednesday and Thursday. Various scents and colors will be available.

Remember that Every Friday is FIREBIRD FRIDAY!!!

Show your Franz Firebird school spirit by wearing any of your school shirts every Friday. It can be the new green school shirt, a theme shirt from any year, the original white Firebird school shirt, the tie-dye Franz shirt, or even your own one-of-a-kind specialty Firebird shirt. You'll be entered into a weekly drawing for super cool and fun prizes just for showing your school spirit! Winners will be drawn during "News from the Nest" on Monday mornings. Listen to the announcements to see who wins!

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday! Put your child's name on the school marquee during the week of his/her birthday for the low cost of \$15.00! **Your child will love you for it!** Funds collected go directly to assist with the cost of programs and materials for our children at Franz. Only four children's names are allowed per week, so get your request in early. Adults **must** come up to the school and sign up at the front office. **Two weeks notice is needed, and only cash is accepted.** If you have any further questions, contact Katrina Williams at oftheniss@hotmail.com.

