

# Franklin Elementary News

Week of April 14-18, 2008

## Dates to Remember

- 4/21/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 4/24/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 4/28/08—05/02/08  
Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/28/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/1/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/1/08 Spring Sing—7:00 pm  
Grades 3, 4, and 5
- 5/5/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/6/08 No Kindergarten  
Kindergarten Round Up  
at Franklin
- 5/8/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/12/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/13/08 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 5/15/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/16/08 Kindergartners to  
Leudeman Dairy
- 5/19/08 Girls on the Run  
3:45—5:15
- 5/22/08 Girls on the Run  
Run at CHS Track  
Pick up at 5:30 there
- 5/22/08 First Graders to  
Sleeping Bear Dunes
- 5/26/08 No School—Holiday
- 6/6/08 Girls on the Run in the  
5k Memorial Day Run
- 6/6/08 Last Day of School

## Mrs. Hicks' Corner

Franklin Kindergartners will not attend school on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, because Franklin will be hosting Kindergarten Registration. If you need your Kindergartner go to CAPS Clubhouse that day, you must register ahead of time.

Teacher Request forms are now available for parents to pick up in the office. Please make sure that all requests are returned to the office no later than May 9, 2008.

If your child will be missing school for the day, please call our office at 876-5200. You can leave a message to excuse the absence. If your child is at home because of an illness, please note that in your message. We have to report any cases of Strep Throat and Flu to the Health Department. They also keep track of possible chicken pox and measles outbreaks, which have been reported in the Wexford-Missaukee area recently

A School Calendar update....Because of the large number of snow days this year, Friday, June 6 is now scheduled as a full day of school.

*Joy Beth Hicks*

Elementary School parents:

It's not too early to be thinking about High School graduation! Beginning with the class of 2011, all of our students will need to meet new graduation requirements. The new requirements are called the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

The new High School graduation requirements are significantly more rigorous than in the past and we think you might appreciate learning more about them at our last Snack-N-Chat for the year. Therefore, please consider yourself invited to:

**Snack-n-Chat**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Lincoln Elementary School**

**Topic of Discussion:**

New Michigan High School Graduation Requirements presented by special guests  
Mr. Todd Bruggema and Mrs. Jennifer Brown  
**Cadillac High School's Principal and Assistant Principal.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Leslie Benson, Lincoln and Franklin School Counselor at 876-5410 or 876-5210. Thank you.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHOOL STORE SALE!!!!

School Store will be having mark-downs through the end of May. Bring your money and shop every Tuesday during lunch. We have a variety of items and their prices will be slashed each week. Thanks for supporting our 5th grade trip to camp.

### Attention families!!!!

The Library  
will be hosting a

**Buy One Get One Free** book fair. The dates for the sale will be April 28 - May 2. More information will be sent your way soon. Hope to see you at the **BOGO**.

### Lunch News

If you have been approved for Free/Reduced Lunches, and have received a bill for charged lunches or breakfasts, you are still responsible to pay for those charges. Regulations for meal benefits do not allow us to start free or reduced priced meals until the application has been processed. For that reason, all charges prior to such an approval are the responsibility of the household.

Please remember that our computerized collection system works as a debit machine. Money for meals must be in your child's meal account prior to meal service. Please take advantage of our computerized system by pre-paying for student meals.

If you have any questions, you can call 876-5014.

Recognizing the growing gap between today's children and the outdoors, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has designated April 22-27 as "No Child Left Inside Days" in Michigan.

The Department of Natural Resources is promoting the benefits of outdoor recreation by providing a number of opportunities and suggestions for educators, parents and guardians to help in this effort to mend the child-nature connection.

"At a time like this when we are encouraging healthy lifestyles among children, 'No Child Left Inside Days' offer great opportunities to encourage children to participate in outdoor activities and to have an appreciation of our amazing natural resources," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

According to Raymond Rustem, DNR community relations manager, today's kids spend less time in the outdoors than any previous generation.

"Even as late as the 1970s, kids still spent a great deal of their leisure time outdoors," Rustem said. "Today, it's less than 30 minutes a week and the area that today's child is able to roam is only about 10 percent of what it was for their parents and grandparents."

With this disconnect come other problems. Childhood obesity is five times higher than it was in the 1960s. Children have fewer and less diverse playmates than previous generations and most eight-year-olds are better able to recognize Pokemon and other trading card characters than they can common animals.

The six-day event begins on Earth Day and the DNR is offering several programs to encourage outdoor activities at its state park and state fish hatchery visitor centers across the state. The DNR expects to have more than 1,200 students participate in school programs during the week, and many of the centers also will be hosting special weekend family activities.