

FOF POTLUCK #1

- 2 more Pot-Luck Meetings - **March 8 and May 10 at 6pm**
- Monthly FOF Board Meetings Second Tuesday of every month 6pm
- Childcare at all meetings
- WHO ARE WE?
- We are a parent group organized to raise funds for Franklin Ave. Elementary school. We foster a relationship between the school, parents, teachers and community.
- Goals
 - Each year we raise 100K let's raise more this year!
 - Make participation easy and fun
 - Model volunteerism for our children
- How does the FOF Board Work?
 - All parents are encouraged to participate in FOF
 - All Board Meetings are open to the public
 - By law we must have a board
 - 11 people are on our current board
 - Jenny Gomez – President
 - Yesenia Castellanos – Vice President
 - Aniko Alexovics – Treasurer
 - Leticia Gomez – Director
 - Jenni Hetrick – Director
 - Justine Janney – Director
 - Ellen Kennedy – Director
 - Brenda Alverado – Director
 - Leslie Weinstein – Director
 - Lesley Kyle Wilson – Director
 - Paul Yi – Director
 - Would you like to join the board?
 - Download a questionnaire at friendsoffranklin.com
 - Each June at our Annual Meeting we add new board members, although we may add more during the year if we have board members resign.
- What is the difference between FOF and Franklin Kids?
- MS. SASSO:
 - Welcomed parents. The start of this school year was relatively smooth, except no bells and locked bathrooms. An improvement over last year's fire alarm.
 - API scores for 2010 (scores can be found on the LAUSD website):
 - Total: 894
 - 3 significant subgroup scores:
 - Hispanic students went from 828 (2009) to 845 (2010)
 - White Students went down two points in 2010 to 920
 - Title 1 Students went from 843 (2009) to 849 (2010)

- We need to offer more support for our English learners. Franklin received the Title 1 academic achievement award for the second year in a row.
 - Franklin won a California Distinguished School award.
 - Franklin has had an extra successful enrollment, and keeps growing. We may get another teacher, as we are getting new students daily, and are at capacity with the current classrooms.
 - Look for more information on the 4 million Father March for California Public schools. We will be joining schools throughout CA in this project encouraging fathers/male figures in children's lives to participate, more details in a flyer coming home next week. The date for the march is October 4th.
 - We need the free lunch applications filled out. It is important as this is the number one source of funding for Franklin. Please turn this in if you have not already.
 - Next Tuesday (9/28), early release begins. School ends at 1:35, and children not participating in Franklin Kids afterschool program need to be picked up at this time. The lower yard program is for children grades 2-5 only, as it is a less-structured program.
 - Participation in Franklin by parents is very important. In addition to Friends of Franklin, the School Councils (School Leadership Council, School Site Council, ELAC, CEAC) need volunteers as well. This will be discussed in the Parent Orientation for Title 1 on Wed 9/29. Folks are elected to participate. Please see franklinavenueelementary.org or Friends of Franklin website (<http://friendsoffranklin.com/>) for details/emails.
 - Thanks to all the parents involved at Franklin, thanks to the board for keeping and increasing dance, theater, vocal, and visual arts at Franklin. Thanks to the Wilson Family and Friends of Franklin for sending us a nurse 5 days a week.
 - Franklin received a gift of air purifiers for each room from the hard work of Tomas O'Grady and Tina Vuckovic.
 - We received two Smart Boards (which plug into the teachers laptops and allow for more interactive instructions) from GPNC (Griffith Park Neighborhood Council), which brings us up to four total, one is in Mr. Wong's 5th grade, second is in other 5th grade. The plan is to move them down, grade by grade, giving two to 4th grade classes.
- FRANKLIN KIDS (Sandi Picazo, Sensa, and Megan):
 - Franklin kids started over 8 years ago. It all began with the need for enrichment, an art class 11 years ago.
 - Originally, we tried an outside program that Ivanhoe uses, but it didn't work for the Franklin kids and parents. The Franklin Kids team started over, and grew into the current state, which provides afterschool care, homework club, and enrichment activities 5 days a week, starting the first day of school and continuing to the last day of school.

- Franklin Kids: we are the same as Friends of Franklin in that we all want the same thing: for the kids and school to do well.
 - We are two different organizations, and we have to be to be effective.
 - Franklin kids hold a snack attack each Tuesday after school in the homework club to help raise funds. Franklin kids also does additional fundraising. Franklin kids supports Friends of Franklin in every fundraising event, working bake sales for the events.
 - Our charter as a non-profit requires we have 25% scholarship (reduced/free)
 - Currently we have 40% scholarship, funded by FOF
 - Once the bell rings, Franklin Kids take over, with enrichment classes, homework club, and more. Enrichment classes start Monday 9/27
 - How to contribute to Franklin kids? On your enrichment forms, there is an area for additional donations to Franklin Kids
 - Franklin Kids pays for the insurance and rental fees for the school property for the FK programs.
 - Franklin Kids will be doing a Sees Candy drive in November, any help with fundraising for Franklin Kids is welcome
- BUDGET REPORT
 - We raise 100K every year, but we also get 100K in “in kind” donations :
 - In kind includes company matching donations, other company donations like one received from Sempra Energy, Wilson Foundation
 - What we pay for?
 - Things like...
 - Arts Prototype
 - Field Trips
 - Accelerated Reader
 - Magazine and Internet subscriptions
 - School Gardens
 - Supplement the full time nurse salary
 - Donated Air purifiers!
 - Thanks Tina Vuckovic and Thomas O’Grady and Ms. Sasso
 - Rabbit Air donated 18 air purifiers \$6,000 value
 - How the budget will be reported
 - Finishing a comprehensive budget report, it will be ready at Oct. Board Meeting
 - Budget will be reported in the minutes, on the website and at meetings
- ROOM PARENTS
 - Room Parent Chair – Ellen Kennedy (ellmatt@sbcglobal.net)
 - Ask your teacher about becoming a Room Parent

- One of the easiest jobs to do, and it can be done with other parents (more than one room parent is fine).
 - **Room Parent meeting Friday October 1 at 8:30am**
- VALET
 - Contact Patrick Creadon to volunteer (patrick@ocpmedia.com)
 - Once a week from 7:40am - 8:15am
- ANNUAL FUND DRIVE
 - Contact Jenny Gomez to help (beangomez@mac.com)
 - Being mailed this year : Thinking of having a stamps drive, can encourage parents to get their work involved as well for donating stamps.
 - Goal - 100% participation, as we can get more grants if all are participating. In addition, we can raise school spirit. We want to include a PayPal option. There will be an area for folks to add family members and friends to receive a mailing for the annual fund drive.
 - Goal – Reach out to others in our community
- FORMS – fill them out tonight
 - Stay Connected Form—Please fill this out, as we need to be able to contact parents!
 - Email Blasts
 - Extra Credit for Annual Fund Drive
 - Media Release Form
 - Needed for yearbook, website etc.
 - Meal Application
 - This is how we receive our Title 1 funding
 - Fill it out even if you don't think you qualify 100% Participation
- BAKE SALES
 - Are now called Snack Sales. To avoid too over-sugared treats, we are trying a new approach. The first one will be a pizza, hotdogs, and snow cones sale.
 - Different from Snack Attacks – run by Franklin Kids (Homework Club, every Tuesday). Sandi is working on educating her donors as to appropriate treats for snack attacks.
- HALLOWEEN
 - CHAIRS
 - Chair-people - Leslie Weinstein and Tawni Lucerno
 - Volunteer Coordinators – Jenny Gomez and Ellen Kennedy
 - Haunted House - Madeline and Dave Peterson
 - Carnival Games – Justine Janney
 - PR – Paul Yi and Tina Vukovic
 - Permits – Tanya Goodman
 - Food/Drinks – Aniko Alexovics
 - Music MC – Genaro “G” Alverado
 - Need a Prize Chairperson
 - Need a Decorations Chairperson
 - Sign up to help today!
 - Jenny, others are meeting with the Ivanhoe fall carnival group to share resources, reuse items like hay bales. Also, Ivanhoe and Franklin will have a booth at each other's carnival. Also, FOF will be talking to Marshall High School regarding recruiting some volunteers who need service hours.
- FRANKLINPALOOZA *Kids' Disco and Silent Auction*

- Our BIGGEST FUNDARISER over 40K raised!
- Leslie Weinstein getting it organized
- **First meeting Saturday November 6**
- Last year we had 17 chairs, 143 volunteers... it took 160 folks working to raise over \$0,000 in on night.
- This year it's 2-7 on a Saturday, not on a Friday night.
- Sally Foster – Kick off Sept. 23
 - This year, it's purchasing gift cards that can be redeemed on their website (easier, less items shipped to school to be sorted as it ships directly to your house).
- SPECIAL BUSINESS:
 - Tomas O'Grady:
 - Is on the Friends of King (Thomas Starr King Middle School parents association). King has more kids from Ivanhoe and Franklin than ever before. They are trying to start a second Magnet at King for Environmental Studies for 2011.
 - The King campus is going even more green, being a part of the LAUSED shared savings program. Saving money and energy at the school gives 50% of the profits shared between the school and LAUSD. Tomas will me proposing this for Franklin to consider joining as well.
 - Farm Franklin: I f you have a green thumb and/or want to help, we need volunteers. Please go to the Friends of Franklin website and get the details.