



FREDERICK FALCONS WEEKLY NEWS

NOVEMBER 22, 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Frederick Families,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful week! As a reminder, your child's report card should now be accessible in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. For our 5th graders, we know this is the first time students are receiving letter grades and one of our goals is to help all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and ownership of their learning at school. We hope that all of our students are proud of their grades and their efforts, but if your child did not earn the grades they were hoping for, there are always chances to keep growing and improving this trimester!

Helping students develop responsibility over their schoolwork is a crucial aspect of their academic and personal growth. Here are a few things you can do at home to help foster this sense of responsibility:

Establish a Routine: Set a consistent daily routine for homework and study time. Having a designated time and place for studying helps create a habit.

Create a Study-friendly Environment: Ensure that the study area is well-lit, quiet, and free from distractions. This helps children focus on their work.

Reward Effort and Persistence: Acknowledge and celebrate your child's efforts and persistence, rather than focusing solely on grades. This helps build a positive attitude toward learning!

Encourage Them to Check Their Progress Regularly: Did you know students have access to the Student Portal on Infinite Campus? They can review their current progress and missing assignments at any time!

Encourage a Growth Mindset: Emphasize the importance of learning and growth rather than just achieving high grades. A growth mindset fosters resilience and a willingness to take on challenges.

Celebrate Achievements: When your child meets their goals or shows improvement, celebrate their achievements. Positive reinforcement reinforces responsible behavior.

Building responsibility is a gradual process that will continue throughout adolescence, and every child is unique. It may not always look the same for each family and that is okay! As parents, you know your child best!

Next week, our teachers are looking forward to conferences and the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you. We will have an early dismissal on Tuesday and then no school for the rest of the week.

There will not be a newsletter sent next week on account of Thanksgiving. There are many things I am thankful for, and among them is the honor to work with the wonderful students, families, and staff members of the Frederick School each and every day. I wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday!

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES START

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL
1ST TRIMESTER CELEBRATION
ASSEMBLY
&
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
THANKSGIVING BREAK STARTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
WINTER NWEA TESTING
BEGINS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
CHOIR CONCERT @ 6:15PM



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FALCONS OF THE WEEK

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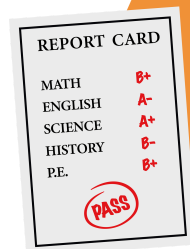
Falcons of the Week - Team Compassion: (Pictured left to right): Nicole F. (Mrs. Kuzmenko), Sean H. (Mrs. Laugdem), Aaliyah C. (Mrs. Boxer), Hallie J. (Ms. Flores), Erica D. (Mrs. Hamburg)

REMINDERS, NEWS & UPDATES



Report Cards: Accessing 1st Trimester Report Cards

Report cards will be available for access at 3pm TODAY (November 22nd) through both Infinite Campus and ParentSquare. The report cards can be accessed through Infinite Campus through the account you already use for registration purposes. For support in accessing the report cards, click [here](#). If you need help in accessing your Infinite Campus account, please use the links [on the site](#) to reset your username or password if needed. Translated report cards and the required updates for students receiving ML or Special Education services will be also sent home digitally if possible or they will be sent through the mail.



Fall 2024 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Next Week

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for next week! All families should have received communication from their child's teacher to sign up for a conference. Conferences are offered in either a virtual or in-person format at the times designated in the chart below.

Tuesday, November 26 will be an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:45A.M.

Monday, November 25th	Tuesday, November 26th (Early Dismissal)
3:30 - 4:45 pm In-Person Conferences 5:00 - 6:00 pm Virtual Conferences	1:00 - 4:00 pm In-Person Conferences 4:15 - 5:00 pm Virtual Conferences 6:00 - 6:45 pm Virtual Conferences 7:00 - 8:00 pm In-Person Conferences

Shoebox Project: Last Call for Donations!

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[Amazon Wishlist Link](#)

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- Aerosol cans

Young Rembrandts!



Frederick is hosting an additional after-school opportunity presented by Young Rembrandts. This organization is sponsoring a 9 week club starting Friday, December 6th. See the attached flyer for more information and how to register.

[Enrollment](#)

Please note: This opportunity is outside of the intramural program so any questions must be directed towards the contacts on the flyer.

Wrestling: Begins December 4th

Wrestling is one of the interschool sports that Frederick students are allowed to participate in as part of the Grayslake Middle School Panthers team! All families should have received information via ParentSquare about how to sign up for wrestling, and we are also including this information below.

[24-25 Wrestling Information & Sign-Up Form](#)

Please remember that all wrestlers must have a valid physical on file with the school office before they are allowed to participate. Interest forms must be submitted before December 2nd.



Book Fair and the Lost & Found

During our conference times, we will also be hosting the school book fair in our multi-purpose room if any families would like to view books available for purchase.

Our lost and found will also be accessible to families in the multipurpose room during conferences. As the weather cools down, we want to make sure our students are well prepared for the changing seasons. We've noticed that our lost and found collection has grown, and it might contain some of your child's misplaced items. Please encourage your child to check this area for any of their missing belongings, or you are welcome to browse these lost items before or after your child's conference.



Winter NWEA MAP Testing: December 4th & 5th

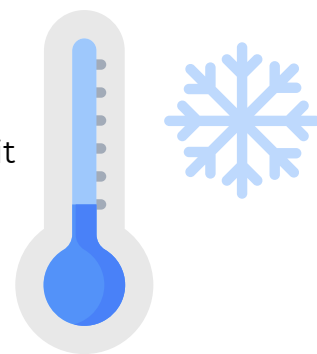
All Frederick students will be taking the Winter NWEA MAP assessments on Wednesday, December 4th and Thursday, December 5th. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computerized adaptive assessment that measures your child's knowledge of reading and math. All students are asked the same number of questions, but the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier and then become progressively more challenging. This enables the assessment to precisely identify the full spectrum of a student's strengths and areas of growth.



MAP assessments are used to measure student progress and growth in reading and math. These assessments will help teachers understand your child's areas of strength and weakness and provide appropriate instruction.

Important Reminders for Cold Weather

We knew colder weather would come eventually, and this week it certainly hit us! Winter weather has arrived and will be around for awhile! While we recognize that students all have different preferences when it comes to choosing what to wear each day, we encourage all students to dress in a way that will keep them comfortable given the weather.



Recess

We will plan to hold recess outdoors each day (weather permitting) if the temperature is above 40 degrees. When temperatures are below 40 degrees, we provide students an option between outdoor and indoor recess activities. If the temperature drops to where the "real feel" is below 10 degrees, all recess activities will be indoors only.

When fields are covered in snow, students will only be able to play in snow covered fields when they are wearing appropriate winter gear (**at minimum** this must include a **coat, snow pants, and boots.**) While we want our students to be able to enjoy the snow, we also want to make sure that they are comfortable and dry upon returning to class.



Ground conditions may also impact our offering of outdoor activities. When our fields are too wet and muddy, outdoor options may be limited to blacktop only. Because the blacktop areas can become quite overcrowded, we have adjusted to offering indoor activities for interested students to balance out the size of the groups in these limited outdoor spaces.

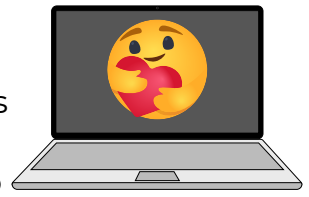
Morning Arrival

Please also remember that unless a student is attending a before school activity (could include choir, band, or student council meetings), our doors will **NOT** open to students until 8:30am. It is for this reason that we ask parents who drop off to plan to be at school as close to 8:30am as possible. Students who arrive early will need to wait outside until our doors are opened as we do not have supervision in place prior to 8:30am. During the winter, please make sure your child is dressed warmly if they will be waiting outside before the doors are opened.



Chromebook Care

Chromebooks are a vital tool that all students at Frederick use daily. It provides our students important access to resources, programs and class assignments. **It is part of our daily expectations that students bring their chromebook to and from school daily and to make sure the chromebook is fully charged each day.**



It is also important to remember that students are responsible for their devices at all times. In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in damages that have been reported to our tech office.

To lessen the risk of damage and associated costly repairs, students should practice good etiquette by making sure to:

- Never carry the chromebook with screen open
- Never attempting to remove the district issued case
- Avoid eating or drinking near the chromebook
- Never attempt to pry off any keys
- Hold the chromebook securely in both hands while moving

REMEMBER

Please report any issues with your chromebook to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Please **DO NOT** attempt any repairs yourself or have the device serviced by an outside computer service.

For more information regarding CCSD 46's chromebook agreement and the district's acceptable use policy, please see the [24-25 Student Handbook](#).

UPDATES FROM THE PTO



Fall Conference Staff Dinner: Tuesday, November 26th

PTO will have dinner covered for our Staff, but we are looking for your help in monetary donations for dessert. If you would like to contribute towards dessert, please click on our PTO donation link below:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=T93K8SB7LAJCO

New Spirit Wear Items Available

We are excited to share a few new items on our Spirit Wear store. We have Glow-In-The -Dark Freddy The Falcon Jibbitz, winter hats and some new "First You Soar, Then You Roar" items - just in time for the holidays! Check it out!

<https://jamintshirts.com/collections/frederick-school-spirit-wear>



Staff Holiday Treats

Looking for a way to show your child's teachers and staff some LOVE this holiday season?

On December 12 (GMS) and December 13 (Frederick), the PTO will be hosting a coffee/hot chocolate bar and distributing holiday treat boxes to all our Frederick and GMS staff. We need your help with filling up these treat boxes!

Click on the link below to sign up for cookie and/or candy donations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA5AD2DA1FEC52-45902904-frederickgms>

Would you rather make a monetary donation instead? No problem...we are happy to do the shopping for you! Click the link below to make a donation:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=T93K8SB7LAJCO

Cookie, candy and/or monetary donations will be accepted now through Monday, December 9. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!



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CLICK HERE



Connect with the PTO

The Frederick/GMS PTO can be reached at the following places:

Email: frederickgms.pto@gmail.com

Website: frederick.d46.org/pto/

Facebook: Frederick-Grayslake Middle School PTO

Next General PTO Meeting: December 11th 5-6PM @ FS Media Center



FREDERICK SCHOOL *Giving Tree*

As the winter holidays approach, we take time to think about others and how we can help bring joy during this season. Unfortunately, the holidays also bring additional stress, especially to families who cannot afford to buy presents for their children. In efforts to ease some of this stress, our school will have a Giving Tree for Frederick students impacted by economic strain during this holiday season. If you would like to donate/purchase gifts Virtual Tags will include information (eg. gender, age, ideas) of our Frederick students.

A Sign-Up Genius link to virtual tags is available below. More information to come regarding returning purchased gifts to Frederick School.

SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/60B0C49](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49AFA829A7FD0-45675715-2023)

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BOOK FAIR TIME!

Book Fairs are an opportunity for our students to build their home libraries while benefiting the school. This year we will have a physical book fair and a virtual book fair.



The physical fair will be located on the stage and will be open **November 25 & 26**

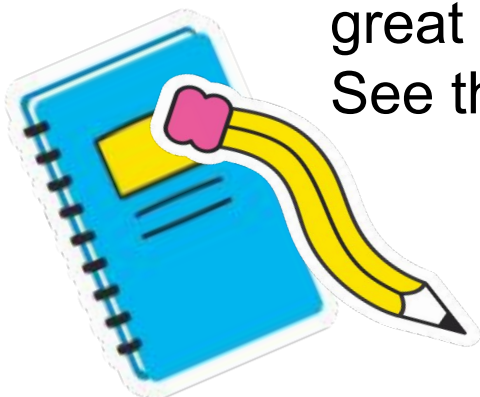
Families will be able to shop during conferences.

The virtual book fair will be open from **November 25 - December 8**. All orders will ship direct to you.

To visit the virtual book fair visit:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/frederickschool>

This year will also feature an eWallet option, a great alternative to send cash with your student. See the attached page with further information.

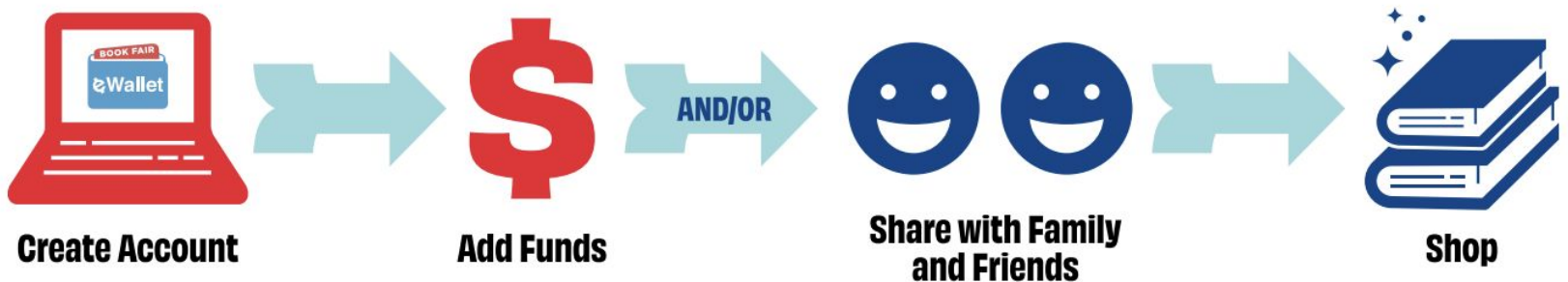


If you have any questions please contact Ms. Payleitner
payleitner.rebecca@d46.org



The Easiest Way to Shop the Fair

A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR eWALLET** is the best way to fund your student's wish list! eWallets can be used at the in-school Fair or online. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund an eWallet for a future Fair.



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/frederickschool>



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Please send:

- Shoeboxes (we need lots of these)
- Candy (donate Halloween candy instead of throwing it away)
- School supplies- pencils, scissors, crayons, markers, coloring books
- Small toys- cars, foam balls, playdough, stuffed animals
- Small games- decks of cards, travel games
- Make-Your-Own craft kits
- Non-liquid hygiene items- bar soap, toothbrush, comb, hairbrush
- Fashion accessories- socks, hair bows, scrunchies, nail polish
- Cold weather gear- hats, gloves, scarves

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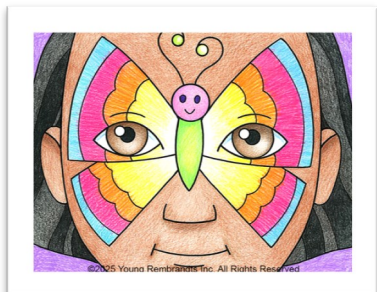
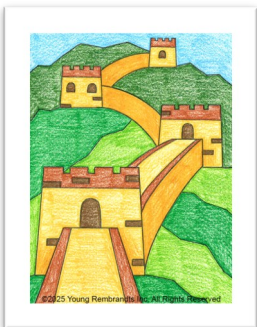
Drawing

Classes for Kids



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ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!

Join us at Fredrick School!

Transform afterschool into an adventure of art and discovery with Young Rembrandts! Your elementary-aged artist will explore basic composition with the Fish Below Ice project and they will travel to the Great Wall of China right from their desk. Sports fans will cheer for our Hockey Player drawing, while budding historians can learn about the master strokes of Leonardo Da Vinci and Franz Marc's Blue Horse. It's a season filled with creativity and learning—perfect for enhancing your child's drawing and coloring expertise. Enroll your young creator today!



Classes

Fridays
3:20-4:20



Tuition

\$144 (9 weeks)
12/6/24-2/21/25
No Class 12/27, 1/3, 2/14



Enrollment

Enroll Online at :

www.youngrembrandts.com/lakecounty-il/



Scan or visit
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