

WEEK AT A GLANCE (WAAG)

February 7, 2025

lark Your Dates to Calendar Remember Monday, February 10 Arts Umbrella (3 days) – Div 4,6,7,9,10,12) Tuesday, February 11 "People You May Know" Anti-Black Racism Presentation (K-7) Wednesday, February 12 Hot Lunch order due by 6pm www.cestmoncafe.com Thursday, February 13 Performance - Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble Hot Lunch Day (remember to pack utensils!) Friday, February 14 Pro-D Day – no school for students Monday, February 17 Family Day holiday – school is closed Dental Screening for K's – 9:30am Tuesday, February 25 Pink Shirt Day Assembly – wear pink! Wednesday, February 26 Thursday, February 27 PAC Meeting – 6pm Tuesday, March 4 Hearing Screening for K's – 9:15am Wednesday, March 5 Div 6/7 Field Trip Friday, March 14 Fancy Dancy Day! March 17 – 28 (M-F) SPRING BREAK - School is Closed

INTENT TO RETURN 2025-2026:

To prepare for the 2025-2026 school year we need to know if your child(ren) is returning to Franklin next September. For students <u>currently in Grades K-6</u>, if you haven't done so yet please take a moment to fill out the form <u>HERE</u> by Friday, February 14th. Please fill out one form per family. *Thank you to those who have already submitted their form.*

SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:

We still need a few more volunteer shifts filled for **February** and **March**. Snack shack is open Monday, Wednesday, Fridays during recess. Volunteers work from 10:15-11:00 am.

Duties: Volunteers arrive by 10:15 am *(to organize & prepare).* Ms. Paula will unlock the snack shack and provide you with the float. We ask volunteers to cash out and tally up the day's revenue and return cash box to the office when the shift is over. Please refer to the <u>Instructions Tab</u> in the link below for more details.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE

The Snack Shack helps raise money to support PAC initiatives at the school. Please send your loonies and toonies to school with your kids to help raise funds!

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Black History Month provides an opportunity for students across the country to explore and learn about many contributions of people of African descent and honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. At school. Ms. Durward has organized a school wide presentation "People You May Know", and student council has set up a display in the main hallway highlighting Black Canadians.

Canadian Heritage Black History Month

<u>Black History Society</u> Black History Month for Kids

<u>History Channel - Black History</u> <u>Black History</u> <u>Who were the Freedom Riders?</u> The Civil Rights Movement

<u>Black Strathcona</u> - Profiles, the little-known black community that lived in the Strathcona neighbourhood of Vancouver from the late 1800s to approximately the 1960s. Click on the numbers on the map to screen the short films:

<u>CBC Canada - Being Black in Canada Stories</u> – Grade 8-12

365 Days and Ways to Celebrate Remarkable Black Canadians - Intermediate/Secondary









FLU SEASON IS STILL HERE:

A reminder that we are still in Flu season and many children have been exposed to influenza ("the flu"). Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus.



Symptoms of the flu begin suddenly and include fever,

headache, chills, body/muscle aches, extreme tiredness, dry cough, and sore throat. Young children may also have nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Please keep your child home during the first few days of illness when symptoms are most severe, and the infection is most contagious.

Children should remain at home until they are "fever-free" for at least 24 hours.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- 2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- 4. The protection of other children.

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms, as per the school's call back procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available. <u>Inform</u> your school of these arrangements.

PAC MEETING DATES:

Mark your calendars to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, February 27th at 6pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend. Childminding is available for <u>school age children</u> only. PAC meetings for the remainder of the school year are <u>April 10th</u> and <u>May 29th</u> (AGM).

For more information, please check the PAC website: <u>https://franklinpac.weebly.com/</u> or the Parent Info Board located in the school lobby!

PAC TREASURER NEEDED FOR 2025-2026

The next school year will be here soon, and we will need a <u>new PAC treasurer</u>. To plan the succession smoothly we are asking now if anyone is interested in taking on this role. The new treasurer will have the opportunity to shadow our current treasurer for several months. There will be time to learn the role along with a chance to observe the gaming grant application process as well as learn how to complete the Gaming Account Summary Report.

Please reach out to Luisa Rino at luisa.rino@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

MITCHELL SOUP COMPANY PAC FUNDRAISER:

A healthy and delicious way to <u>support</u> Franklin School! Order (and re-order) anytime, this fundraiser will be open until **March 14th**. ORDER NOW —><u>HERE</u>.

When placing your order, **please include your child's name and teacher in the** <u>additional notes section</u>. All orders will be shipped to the school and sent home with families/students.

Please share the above link with family and friends! 35% of sales from this fundraiser come back to us to support all Franklin students.

Mitchell's Soup Co. is a family-owned, Canadian business that has been hand-making high quality dried soup, stew, chili and rice dish mixes since 2008. Their artisan products offer delicious, easy to prepare, healthy meals the whole family will love.

