

# Frank Talk

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"Kids Come First at Frank"

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## Special Dates to Remember:

- September 1 – No School / Labor Day
- September 9 – Frank Parents' Club Meeting – 6:30pm
- September 11 – Market Day Pick Up – 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- September 12 – Movie Night at Frank – 6:30pm
- September 15 – Board Meeting @ Perrysburg Junior High – 7:00pm
- September 16-18 – Scholastic Book Fair
- September 16 – Ice Cream Social / Book Fair
- September 17 – Family Fun / Book Fair
- September 22 – Frank Elementary Magazine & Music Fundraiser Begins

## *Principal's Message*

We have had a fantastic start to the 2008-2009 school year. There has been a positive energy in our building this week strengthening our excitement in joining you as partners in your child's education. As partners, we look forward to the joys and challenges we will face in helping your child reach his/her full potential. Working together, our children have the best opportunity to reach their full potentials. With mutual respect and open lines of communication, your child's learning possibilities are endless! Together, we CAN and WILL make a difference.

We will exert extra efforts this school year in strengthening home-school communication. *Frank Talk* will be printed more often in an effort to keep you informed. If you have specific questions, concerns or simply want to share your insights, please do not hesitate to contact our school. Our goal is to improve daily which can only happen with your support, confidence and wisdom.

## *Arrival / Dismissal Procedures*

The staff of Frank Elementary will spend the first seven days of the 2008-2009 school year examining our current arrival/dismissal procedures. Careful review and reflection will allow us to modify practices to insure student safety. Our findings will be communicated to you in our next *Frank Talk*. Until then, please be advised of the following:

- Student pick-up should occur in the parking lot off of Mulberry Street.
- Students should be picked up in vehicles only from the lane closest to the curb.
- No student should be waved to enter the parking lot. If parents have parked their vehicle, they should walk to the sidewalk to escort their son/daughter to their vehicle.
- The circle drive in front of our school is designated for buses only.
- Remember we are an elementary school. Your patience with arrival and most especially, dismissal is encouraged.



## Two Sculptors

I dreamed I saw a studio  
And watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a child's mind  
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools he used  
Were books, music and art.  
The other; a parent, worked with a guiding hand,  
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled with a touch  
That was careful, deft and sure,  
While the parent labored by his side  
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their task was done,  
They were proud of what they had wrought.  
For the things they had molded into the child  
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed  
If either had worked alone.  
For behind the parent stood the school  
And behind the teacher, the home.

*Anonymous*



## *From The Frank Clinic:*

It's an exciting time of year getting back into the routine of school! I have a few reminders for parents to maximize your child's chances of success this year:

- Try to ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep each night.
- Make sure to "Fuel before School", and have your child eat a good breakfast. Many times when students do not eat breakfast they begin to feel ill with an upset stomach or headache in mid-

morning. This can obviously affect a student's ability to pay attention and complete their school work.

--Although flip-flops and open-toed sandals may be "fun" footwear, they are often the cause of playground injuries such as cuts, slivers, banged up toenails, etc. For active play, tennis shoes are the best choice. These are just a few suggestions to start the year off right. I look forward to serving your children this year!

- Cindy Beeley, LPN/Health Aide

## *From Our Counselor:*

I hope all of you had a nice summer break and I want to welcome you to Frank School and the new school year. We held our "New Kids on the Block" program on August 20<sup>th</sup> with our "Big Buddies", so we are off and running with 27 new students and wonderful support from our Big Buddies and several fifth grade helpers. I want to thank these students for giving their time and being ambassadors of Frank School. Within the first few weeks I will have the opportunity to visit every classroom to see how the kids are transitioning to the new school year and to teach a developmental guidance lesson. I will also be checking in on the new students and meeting with them once a week at lunch for several weeks.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with the following information regarding the Guidance Counseling Program. The Guidance Program consists of working with students to help them academically, personally and socially. Our goal is to provide prevention, as well as intervention. We address prevention by classroom developmental guidance units at each grade level and small support groups. We also provide intervention for support to students on an individual basis, as well as small support groups.

How do students see the counselor?

1. Self-referral
2. Teacher, administrator, and other staff referral
3. Parent referral (phone contact or conference at school)

What does an Elementary Guidance Counselor Do?

- Helps students build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Helps students relate to others
- Helps students recognize and make the best use of their capabilities
- Promotes positive attitudes among students
- Gives students an opportunity to talk about their education and social concerns
- Aids teachers and parents in helping children
- Helps students better adjust to their school and home environments
- Helps students consider alternatives in their own decision-making process
- Coordinates efforts with other school specialists
- Coordinates referrals to community resources and agencies
- Facilitates parent discussion groups
- Maintains student confidences
- Consults with teachers, parents, and other professionals

If I can be of help or assistance to you this year, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at: 419-874-8721, ext. 27016, or by e-mail at: [mcollins@perrysburgschools.net](mailto:mcollins@perrysburgschools.net). We hope it's a successful year for you and your children.

- Maggie Collins

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## Frank Parents' Club

Please join us for our first meeting of the school year on **Tuesday, Sept. 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Frank Elementary Library. Childcare is provided.**

Superintendent Tom Hosler will be presenting information regarding the upcoming school levy. In addition, we will begin discussing Frank Parents' Club goals for the 2008-2009 school year and Mr. Swartzmiller will be giving an update on school events.

Most Parents' Club e-mail addresses were accidentally deleted from the list serve when the system was upgraded this summer. **If you are wishing to receive/continue to receive FPC e-mails, you will need to sign up on the Frank Elementary School website.** To sign up, log onto the Frank School website at [www.perrysburgschools.net/buildings/frank](http://www.perrysburgschools.net/buildings/frank), then choose the "Subscribe to the Parents' Club Emailing List" to complete the form.

### Upcoming FPC events:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9, Frank Parents' Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Frank Elementary Library
- Friday, Sept. 12, Movie Night 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m. until the ice cream runs out, Free Ice Cream Social (to be held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair)
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Family Fun (to be held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair)
- Tuesday, Sept. 30, Collection for Heroes in Action due

See you at the meeting September 9th!



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