
THE CONNECTION

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PRINCIPAL'S PAD

I hope you all had an enjoyable week. I spent my time enjoying my grandchildren including the newest members of the family, week old twins. What a fabulous week and a true blessing.

Congratulations and many thanks to the family, neighbors and friends who sponsored our students in the all school read-a-thon. Students read books to raise money for **Tsunami Relief and earned an amazing \$8,100.00**. The check was presented at an all school assembly prior to vacation.

Our assembly's theme was **Heroes**: people who make a difference. We began with some of our 1st graders sharing brief biographies of historical and current famous individuals such as Martin Luther King, Yo-Yo Ma, Thomas Edison, and Mae Jemison. A fourth grade class shared their own definitions of a hero. Students noted that each one of us can be heroes or people who make a difference. We then shifted our focus from heroes not personally known to those around us who make a difference such as the staff. At this point, Kindergarten through third grade students honored the staff for making a difference in the students' lives by singing, "We appreciate You". Lastly, we honored the students themselves for participating in the read-a-thon. I noted that the 130 students who participated are heroes and have made a difference for the families devastated by the Tsunami disaster by raising money which will fund staples such as fresh water and medical supplies. All the students were amazed and delighted by the amount of money their collective efforts had raised and the level of relief their efforts will provide.

Just a reminder for you to please keep in mind the **MCAS schedule** as you book appointments and/or vacation days. The schedule follows:

March 28 – April 8

- Grade 3 Reading
- Grade 5 Reading (tryout)
- MEPA (ELL)

April 6

- Grade 4 ELA long composition

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| Mar 7 | 7:30 PTO MEETING |
| Mar 7 | School Budget 7pm Day school |
| Mar 18 | Family Movie Night |

May 16-27

- Grade 3 Math (tryout)
- Grade 4 Language & lit., math
- Grade 5 Science & Technology,
History (tryout), Math (tryout)

Cindy Marchand, Principal

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NEWS FROM THE PTO

Congratulations and a huge thanks to all of the students, parent volunteers and supporters of our Tsunami Read-a-Thon! Franklin School sent an \$8000 check to the US Fund for UNICEF's Tsunami Relief Fund. Approximately 130 students ranging from kindergartners through fifth grade participated. Students calculated their reading by different methods so the conservative estimates are as follows: our children read at least 9,000 pages, and read for 7,100 minutes ultimately finishing hundreds of books! Wow! The families of Franklin continue to be an amazingly generous community!

Staying up way past our bedtime and watching the Oscars made us creatively realize the analogies between our upcoming PTO Board nominations and the Academy Awards. Hollywood has the red carpet we have the blue zone. They have Wolfgang Puck, we have our Hospitality Committee! They have \$10,000 goodie bags, we have door prizes. Most important, they do it for the "Academy" we do it for our children! Please give serious thought to joining the PTO Executive Board for the 2005/2006 school year! A nominating committee is being formed. If you are interested in finding out more about the roles and responsibilities of being an Executive Board Member, please contact Maria Rufo-Bueno or Isabelle Thacker. March is here and September will be here sooner than we know. We've started fall planning and there is quite a bit scheduled. We would like to thank Sandie Wong for volunteering as the coordinator for our Apple Picking Outing scheduled for early October. Once again, we ask the community to **consider volunteering** as chairperson(s) for a number of events/activities being planned for the upcoming school year. One event that **may** come back by popular demand is the **Halloween Party aka Beggar's Bash**. We are still looking for a

chairperson(s) to coordinate, organize and run with this popular family event! If you're the person, please contact Maria or Isabelle.

Please join us in congratulating Cindy Marchand's family on the birth of twins Chloe (6 lbs 14 oz) and Tyler (7 lbs 6oz). The twins were born on Monday, Feb 14th.

Please join us at our next **General PTO Meeting**, scheduled for **Monday, March 7th**. We'll be the gals wearing the Oscar De La Renta gowns.

Maria and Isabelle

The Franklin PTO is happy to present its first annual

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG!

So...get out your sleeping bags, put on your comfiest pajamas, grab your family and friends, and come on down to Franklin School on Friday, March 18th. Doors open at 6:15, the show starts at 6:45. Free popcorn and drinks will be provided. Take a chance on a raffle ticket for some fun prizes!



Tickets will be sold during the week of the 18th in the morning before school (for a discounted price, yet to be determined), and will also be available at the door. Look for more information in the next issue of the Connection and on the Franklin PTO web page.

Volunteer opportunities: We are looking for some additional volunteers to help with setup, ticket sales, food and raffle tickets and cleanup. If you are interested in helping out, please email:

Jane Malmberg,
Michelle Roover or
Eleanor Boschert

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

As we enter a new year, our thoughts are turned to the incoming kindergarten families and registration. Very soon we will be making appointments to screen the incoming kindergarten children.

If you know of families who have children of kindergarten age (five by August 31, 2005) please contact Maria Vitone, School Secretary at (617) 559- 9500.

Attention 5th grade parents going to Day Middle School

Tuesday, March 8th - Informational meeting at Day Middle School in the auditorium for parents of rising 6th graders at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18th - Parent's Evening at Day for parents of incoming sixth grade students at 7:00 p.m.

NEWTON PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (PAC) 2005 Meetings

All meetings are at 7:30 PM in Room 210 at the Education Center, 100 Walnut St, Newton 02460

Wednesday March 16, 2005 Executive Functioning by Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP Learn methods to help your child get organized at home and to be better prepared for school and homework. Ms Ward is a speech language pathologist and past president of the Massachusetts Brain Injury Association.

Thursday April 14, 2005 Beyond Compensations and Accommodations: Overcoming Learning Difficulties through Cognitive Interventions by David Stevens, Developmental Psychologist Cognitive abilities are the fundamental thinking and problem-solving skills that we use to learn about and navigate our world. Abilities such as logical reasoning, visual-spatial reasoning, auditory processing, and sensorimotor coordination are some of the cognitive tools that we use in the learning process. Some children struggle in school because they have not sufficiently developed these skills. This presentation will provide an overview of the research on successful school-based cognitive intervention programs as well as case studies detailing the cognitive and academic improvements of students participating in individual programs.

Wednesday May 18, 2005 TBD

Thursday June 9, 2005 Central Auditory Processing by Paul Milner, a clinical audiologist who also has a doctorate in speech and hearing sciences.

All parents, teachers and others interested in education are welcome at our meetings. Please contact Leslie Lockhart, PAC Chairperson, for more information - 617-527-5406, leslielockhart46@yahoo.com.

The next Connection will be published on Friday Mar 18th. To submit something, send by email or leave it in the Connection mailbox in the school office. The deadline is noon Monday Mar 14th. Ads are only printed as space allows, so meeting the deadline is not a guarantee of ad placement.

Creative Arts and Sciences Update

February was a big month on the creative arts and sciences front. Check it out!

- Author-illustrator *Brian Lies* presented a wonderful program for kindergarten and first grade students on the process of creating a book. His interactive presentation included lessons on the importance of careful planning, letting your imagination go wild, and never being afraid to make mistakes. He also reminded students that creating wonderful things takes time: In developing his book *Hamlet and the Magnificent Sandcastle*, he re-wrote the story 24 times and spent at least five days per illustration (of which there were more than 20)! Brian ended his presentation by creating three original drawings—inspired by the children’s silly suggestions—currently on display in the kindergarten annex. The students were amazed to see their ideas come to life on paper!
- Third graders enjoyed a visit from Mixashawn, a Native American teacher from *Plimoth Plantation*. Mixashawn painted a vivid picture of Wampanoag life in the 17th century using a combination of slides, artifacts, and music. The students particularly enjoyed his flute playing and trying out “vocables”—a form of Native American singing. The Newton’s social studies department worked closely with Plimoth Plantation to develop the curriculum’s Wampanoag unit, so the presentation went hand-in-hand with what the children are learning
- Fourth graders spent an hour basking in the loveliness of classical Indian dancer *Tara Ahmed*. Tara’s interactive presentation included both performance and a discussion of what the movements symbolized and where they originated. She taught the children several symbolic hand gestures and basic rhythms, and had them use their new knowledge to decipher the stories her dances told. A native of Newton, Tara has performed internationally.

That’s all for now, but Wingmasters, Ghana, and Harriet Tubman are on deck for March, so stay tuned!

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Frankly Speaking

Frankly Speaking staff members will continue to meet Fridays from 3 to 4:00 p.m. in the Library. We will meet this Friday, March 4. We hope to produce our second edition of "Frankly Speaking" in the coming month. Anu Annaswamy and Cindy Mapes

Holiday & Birthday Gift Book Program Thank you
Thank you to the following families who have donated books to the Franklin Library: the O’Brien, Galbraith, Goodman, Rosenberg, Malieswski, Proskauer, Galvagno, Thacker, Larson, Brusilovsky, Kress, Asaley, Connolly/Bellerose, and Kolaczyk families. Thank you also to the Omni-Pass donation families including the Strayer, Thacker, Freedman, Klaren and Torcasio families. New titles include *Here We All Are*, *Wonderful Words*, *If the World Were a Village*, and *Winners Never Quit*. Thank you also to Maria Galvagno for her help in making the gift program work. Our whole Franklin community is enriched by the generosity of these families.

Online Safety

The online safety of all children continues to be a concern. During the next few months, library classes at all levels will be discussing staying safe online. At a basic level, primary students will discuss safety in their “computer neighborhood”. By the time we get to 5th grade, the emphasis is on “doing the right thing” whether online, in chat rooms, Web pages or in email. Staying safe at this level includes discussions on: citing sources and plagiarism, personal safety in not disclosing personal information, not meeting people, and bullying and harassment. Students are also being reminded of the Newton Public Schools’ Internet policy and that they should not be on the Internet in school without a teacher’s permission and supervision.

Home Access to Research Databases

One safe way for students to research topics at home is to use information databases such as *KidsInfoBits* and *WorldBook Online*, available through Metrowest Libraries’ or Newton Free Library’s Web sites and accessed by using your Newton Free Library Card. To learn more about these valuable information databases, ask Mrs. Matera, Franklin Library

The Pinkneys: Award-Winning Author/Illustrator

Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney will be in Cambridge on March 7 at 6:30 in the Lewis Room at the Central Square Branch Library. This event is free and open to the public, ages 6 years and up. Please call 617-349-4019, TTY 617-349-4421, to register. Books will be available for purchasing and autographing The Pinkneys created together: Dear Benjamin Banneker, Alivin Ailey, Bill Pickett: Rodeo-Ridin’ Cowboy, Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra, and Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa. Pizza will be served!

This program is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library and is federally funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

WORDS OF WELLNESS

During our fitness unit, the 5th graders had the opportunity to learn about strength training. We talked about the proper way to perform several exercises and then we practiced them during class. If you have a fifth grade student, were you wondering what those cans that the kids were asked to bring in were used for? For some of the exercises we used ordinary household items, such as those cans that were sent in, instead of expensive weights. We also talked about how to make some homemade weights out of recyclable materials. If students wanted to continue with these exercises at home it is possible without spending a lot of money to do so. Ask your fifth grader about how to make these weights and maybe it could be a fun family project!!!

The cans were donated after we were done using them to the Newton Food Pantry and this helps our spiritual well-being and to foster our sense community.

For 2nd and 3rd grade we are planning on using pedometers with the students during the class in the Spring, so stay tuned.

Looking for something really cool to do with your older kids. Located at 186 Brookline Avenue, this sounds like a video game came to life. This is a virtual walk through kind of game – with you as the player. As you walk through the game, you become an explorer on an archaeological dig in Egypt. You will pass through chambers and will need to solve various puzzles and other challenges with the goal of escaping the tomb. This is cooperative in that other explorers will join you. This is targeted for the older child audience (10 and up) and is a little expensive at \$14-\$20 per person. This was designed by a graduate of MIT (of course!!), Matt DuPlessie and he is the founder 5W!TS, which is the entity that runs the experience. For more information call 617-375-9487 or www.5-wits.com

Beth Ann Nohmy & Sharon Foster
Physical Education, Health & Wellness

Paul Janeczko, Poet and Anthologist Visits Newton

As we slowly slog toward spring, let's lift our spirits with a bit of poetry and talk! Paul Janeczko will speak Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM in the Druker Auditorium, Newton Free Library. He will speak about his books which include A Poke in the I, Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing, and Worlds Afire. (Books will be available for sale.)

Mr. Janeczko's presentation is the second in this series brought to Newton by W.I.N.G.S., Writers and Illustrators for Newton engaging Students. Earlier this school year Allen Say, award winning author and illustrator of many picture books, visited Newton. W.I.N.G.S. is a joint effort by Newton Public Schools' library teachers and the children's librarians of Newton Free Library. The series is supported by a grant from the Newton Schools Foundation.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Matera, Franklin's Library Teacher at 617-559-9500.

From The School Nurse Attention: 5th grade parents

Postural Screening (scoliosis) is being done next month. Letter will follow. The purpose of this screening is to detect problems such as scoliosis (curvature of the spine). Scoliosis, which can occur in approximately 3 – 5 % of otherwise healthy children, can be more easily treated if detected early.

The screening will be performed by the school nurse, and consists of observation of the student's back when standing straight and bending forward. Girls are advised to wear bathing suits or halter tops on the day of the screening. If a problem is suspected, the school physician, Dr. Podolsky will rescreen students when indicated.

Girls are advised to wear open back bathing suits that expose their spine. Hair must be pulled up off the neck and shoulders if possible.

Since this is a mandated screening program, no student will be excused from the screening unless I receive a written note from a physician/nurse practitioner stating that the screening has been done this year. Also, please inform me if your child is being followed for postural concerns.

If you have any questions, please call me at 617 559-9485.
Patti Doherty, RN
School Nurse

Franklin Office 617-559-9500
Attendance Line 617-559-9509

CANS FOR COMPUTERS

In four months of the last school year we raised \$460 by collecting redeemable cans and bottles. In the five months of this school year we have raised \$225. Surely our drinking habits have not changed that dramatically!

This is an easy way to get your child involved in helping Franklin. Please have your child bring your redeemable (MA .05) bottles and cans to school and put them in the big blue barrel in the front hall. This money goes towards purchasing computers for our children.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Rufo-Bueno or Isabelle Thacker.

Newton Schools Foundation

Please support the 7th Annual Newton Schools Foundation's "Salsa Into Spring", Friday, March 28, 7-10 pm, Sheraton Newton Hotel. For information/tickets or to make a contribution, please call 617-559-6120. Newton Schools Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhance community support for public education and to provide private funding for innovative and challenging programs to Newton Public Schools. Funds are given to teachers, administrators, and curriculum coordinators through grants, which are applied for and evaluated by the Foundation. The Foundation, established in 1985, has raised over \$3 million. For 2004-2005, \$270,000 was awarded in grants with the average grant being \$6,750 (range was \$500-\$30,000). Over the past few years, money has been directed to Information Technology, English, Social Sciences, Science, Math and Fine Arts. Projects funded at Franklin (** means just at Franklin):

On-Line Balanced Literacy

**Volunteer Math Tutor Program

iCamp 2

**First Grade Model Reading Program

Moving Forward with Math

**Technology Integration

Early Intervention Math Year 2

Cyber Library Resources Year 2

WINGS

Keyboarding

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIZARD'S TALE: The Lizard's Tale, a children's bookstore in Newtonville, presents "A Singing & Reading Series with Cindy Mapes." Music and contemporary children's literature go hand in hand. Authors often create rhythmic and colorful books that lend themselves to musical activity. Come share a story, sing songs, play instruments, and move to music with Cindy Mapes. Cindy is an early childhood music specialist, Franklin parent, and singer/songwriter based in Newton. A wonderful event for all ages (especially ages 2 to 7). Pick up a flyer at the bookstore. All programs are on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Lizard's Tale, 296 Walnut St. in Newtonville.

March 13 Bears theme

March 27 Vehicles

April 10 Under the Sea

April 24 Dinosaurs

May 8 Spring

Franklin Friends is returning for its fifth year of fun and fundraising in *Relay For Life*. "Relay" is a fundraising and support program for cancer patients. Loved family, survivors, friends and neighbors are honored at this all-night event held on Newton North's athletic field. This year's all-night party starts May 21 at 6:00pm. Call Allan Cohen & Lynne Georgian-Cohen 617-243-0264 or Alison & Mark McCarty 617-969-8930 for details including FA Day Middle School's team.

Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Rimsky-Korsakov will be performed by the Newton Symphony Orchestra, featuring Aiman Muzakhodzhaeva, who is called "The First violin of Kazakhstan" in her mother country. The concert is on **March 20, 2005** at 7:30 pm at the Rashi Auditorium, 15 Walnut Park in Newton Corner. Tickets are \$20-\$30, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more. The ticket includes a free pre-concert lecture at 6:30 pm and a post-concert reception to visit with the conductor, soloist and orchestra members. For information call the NSO at 617-965-2555 or visit the NSO website at www.newtonsymphony.org.

Early Release Explorers, 19th-Century Life Tuesday, March 8, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. For students in grades 3 through 5, learn about life in the 1800s by handling and identifying a container of 19th century artifacts. Have you ever seen spats, short gaiters worn over dressy clothes to prevent mud and water from splashing on pants? Or boots from a hundred years ago? Make a 19th-century style basket to take home, and enjoy a nice snack. Reservations are required. Admission is \$10.00 and parents need not accompany children. *Newton History Museum at The Jackson Homestead 527 Washington Street, Newton (617) 796-1450* www.newtonhistorymuseum.org

Music and Art

WoodCut Relief Printing Classes: Additional Sessions

Learn the ancient art of woodcut relief printing. This class is for beginners as well as experienced students. We will review technique and safety guidelines. Students will be guided to work at their own level with more experienced students tackling more challenging compositions. 11 to 14 year olds in small group instruction. Two sessions: Mon 4:30 to 6:00 March 14 through April 11 & Wed 4:30 to 6:00 March 16 through April 13, \$85 includes materials. Taught by Susan Axe-Bronk, certified art teacher and exhibiting artist with years of experience teaching all ages. Classes take place at my home studio in West Newton. Contact Susan Axe-Bronk, 617-558-7071 or axebronk@aol.com

Uniting Boston's neighborhoods in song, Boston City Singers, "Boston's Acclaimed Youth Chorus", is pleased to announce the formation of our new Jamaica Plain

Children's Chorus. This new program, designed for singers in elementary and middle school, will begin on Saturday, March 19th and culminate with a concert on May 21st. We will resume with a fall session in September. Rehearsals will be held at First Church located at the corner of Center and Eliot Streets, from 10 to 11am. Singers don't need any previous experience, but should love to sing and be able to attend Saturday morning rehearsals. The tuition is \$80 for this initial 9-week session and scholarships are available. Boston City Singers is based in Dorchester, and currently has over 120 members, ranging in age from 6 to 18. With frequent requests for performances from around the globe, BCS is known for its dynamic multicultural programming, as well as collaborative work with other youth and adult choruses. For more information, contact the JP Program Director, Tom Morris at 617.697.5621, by e-mail: tmorris@bostoncitisingers.org and check out our website www.bostoncitisingers.org

Sports & Dance

AUSTRALIAN YOGA COMES TO NEWTON There's a new teacher in town... Official yoga teacher to the US Supreme Court and described as "one of the most talented, delightful and sought after teachers in Washington DC", Justine Wiltshire is moving to Newton and is teaching 6.15 + 8pm classes Thurs at the Green Planet (Newton Highlands). Her classes cultivate deep flexibility and strength, alignment, core strength and deep relaxation, taught with her characteristic Aussie warmth and humor. All levels: Intro to Yoga; Iyengar Yoga, Teens Yoga and for February free classes/info call (617) 566 6665

Gear Up for Golf Session I Mar 8, 15, 22, 29; Session II Apr 5. 12. 18. 26. Tue 6-7 or 7-8 pm. \$65 at the Lower Falls Community Center, 545 Grove St, Newton Lower Falls. Susan DiRocco PT, OCS is an orthopedic physical therapist who has worked with golfers of all ages and abilities in designing individualized exercise programs to enhance golf performance. Participants will learn how to stretch the muscles that can interfere with your mechanics, strengthen the key muscles needed to generate power and learn a pre-practice and pre-round routines. Bring an exercise mat and wear comfortable clothes. The class consists of 4 1 hr sessions that will cover different aspects of fitness needed for golf. No need to bring clubs. Sign up by calling Newton Parks & Rec Dept at 617-796-1525 Judy Dore.

Waltham Track Club 2 registrations, Mar 3&9 in auditorium of the Waltham Government Center, corner of Lexington & School streets. Mandatory parent meeting at 7:15 on both nights, registration to follow. Directed by Joe Tranchita the head girls' track coach at Newton North. The youth program annually attracts more than 300 boys

& girls who train & compete in 6 age group divisions (8-10, 11-12, 13-14), participating in 10 track and field events. There are NO tryouts of cuts-all abilities welcome. Practices & competitions are held twice a week from 6-8 pm from April through June. All sessions are held at the J. Lee Gould Track and Field facility at Leary Field, Bacon St, Waltham. Each member chooses the events and the meets he/she wish to compete in. Ribbons are presented to all participants in all events. Gold, silver and bronze certificates are awarded based on the number of personal improvements achieved during the program. Dues are \$75 for one child, \$85 for 2, and \$95 for 3 or more from the same family. 781-893-3828.

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Oak Bluffs House for Rent: Family friendly house with 3+ BR (1 king , 4 twins & a double futon), 2BA , wonderful outdoor shower and fully fenced in yard on quiet road. Weekends in June plus some summer weeks still available. Visit www.stay-at-the-vineyard.com or call Rich @ 781-647-0062.

Avon Calling... If you would like a brochure contact Jennifer Conte (Jason's mom in Mrs Sheehys class) 617 965 2750

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| 27  | 28 | 29 Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm | 30 | 31 | 1 PARENT VACATION DAY – Just kidding (April Fools!!) | 2 |
| 3 DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS (SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR) | 4 Scholastic Book Fair and Celebrity Readers Week. Support the school by buying books for your children and/or their classrooms. Surprise children's authors will be visiting classrooms the whole week. | 5 Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm Scholastic Book Fair and Celebrity Readers Week | 6 Scholastic Book Fair and Celebrity Readers Week | 7 Scholastic Book Fair and Celebrity Readers Week | 8 Scholastic Book Fair and Celebrity Readers Week Monte Carlo Night: 7:30 – 11:00 pm. Enjoy an adult-only evening of eating, bidding or just plain socializing with other Franklin families while raising money for the school! | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm | 13 Creative Arts and Sciences Program: Mr. Magnet/Science: Grades K-5 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL | 19 Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL | 20 Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL | 21 Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL | 22 EARTH DAY Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL | 23 PASSOVER BEGINS Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Communication Sources: For year-long calendar and other Franklin news, please visit the Franklin PTO web site at www.franklinpto.org and the Franklin Connection!

Ongoing needs: Cans For Computers: Bring in redeemable cans and bottles (MA-5¢ or 10¢) to raise money for Franklin technology such as computers and mobile carts.

Box Tops: Clip & bring in General Mills and Betty Crocker box tops to raise money for Franklin (each top worth 10¢). Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more ideas on easy ways to support Franklin. Also bring in recyclable ink jet cartridges and cell phones to raise more money for Franklin – box across from main office.