

News You Can Use 1/19/2023



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2023-2024

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN

You will need:

Birth Certificate

Proof of Residence (ie: warranty deed, title, lease agreement, letter)

Immunizations

Child must be age 5 on or before October 1, 2023.

All forms are on our [registration tab on our home page](#). Please download, complete and email([fte.portal@dcsdk12.org](mailto:fte.portal@dcsdk12.org)), fax (303-387-5301) or drop them off at the school.



### [Choir is Back!](#)

I am excited to invite you all back for another session of Franktown Choir! We will begin on Wednesday, January 18th. We will have approximately 15 days to practice this semester and perform for parents in early May.

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday morning from 8:00 to 8:55. There is a \$30 choir fee. Please log into [My Schoolbucks](#) to register and pay the fee. By registering you agree to be a member of the Franktown Elementary Choir and will arrange transportation to the school on Wednesdays at 8 am.

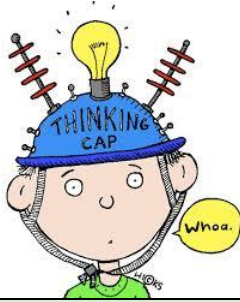
All members are expected to be on time, demonstrate exceptional classroom behavior, follow directions, and work together as a team. We will have some fantastic fun music to sing. All skill levels are welcome. We are also fortunate to have an exceptional volunteer accompanist, Mr. Allen Pack, returning with us. Please send a small snack and water bottle each morning with your child.

I look forward to seeing you!

Mrs. Lora Pack

Franktown Music

[Registration deadline Tuesday Jan 24, 2023](#)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

DCSD is committed to implementing equitable practices to increase access to advanced/gifted learning opportunities. Based on state and national recommendations and requirements, we implement Universal Screening for students in 2nd grade (February).

### **2nd Grade Universal Screen**

As part of this process, **ALL** students in 2nd grade not identified for gifted programming will take the **Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)** the week of February 7th, 2023. This assessment indicates the level and pattern of cognitive development of a student in comparison to grade and age mates. These general reasoning abilities, which start developing at birth and continue through early adulthood, are influenced by experiences gained both in and out of school.

**If your child is already identified for gifted programming, they will not participate in this universal screen testing. Your Gifted Education Facilitator will contact you directly with information about this process.**

### **Kindergarten/ 1st Grade Gifted Identification Referral Testing**

- If your child is in K or 1st grade **and you believe he/she needs evaluation for Gifted Identification and Services**, you may refer your child for testing by initiating the Gifted Identification Process.
- **NOTE: Requesting this assessment automatically initiates the process to evaluate for Gifted Identification.**
- Please request CogAT testing for your child by completing the **Referral for Gifted Identification** linked **[HERE](#)**.
- *Upon receipt of this form the Gifted Education Facilitator will connect with you to discuss next steps in the gifted identification process.*

Spanish Referral linked **[HERE](#)**.



SAVE THE DATE! Sagewood Begins

Incoming 6th Grade Orientation Event - One Night Only

Thursday, January 26th, 2023

6:00 - 7:30 pm

AVID elective information starts at 5:15 pm - Room 137

We highly recommend that all families, including students, attend this informative event.

Families will receive detailed information to ensure your student(s) register for the correct and appropriate number and level of courses.

Learn about Sagewood Middle School's culture, schedules, academics, clubs and athletics.

Families will meet 6th grade teachers, coaches, club sponsors, administrators, counselors, and also tour our 6th grade pods and classrooms.



**WEST MAIN**  
TAPROOM + GRILL

**COMMUNITY NIGHT**  
JANUARY, 23RD

**BENEFITTING  
PONDEROSA  
BOYS BASKETBALL**

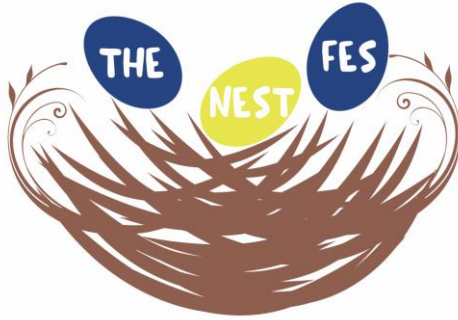
**5-9 P.M. - DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

West Main Taproom & Grill  
18595 Mainstreet Suite 100  
Parker, CO 80134  
(720) 826-3689  
[www.westmaintaproom.com](http://www.westmaintaproom.com)





February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am- PTO Community Meeting! All are invited! Come down and see what it is all about! The meeting usually last about an hour but could go over when we are having fun. Bring your coffee and littles are always welcome.



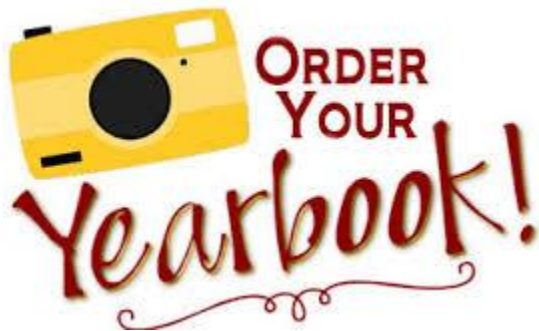
The FES Nest is open this Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. They accept Cash, Check, and Credit Cards. Make checks payable to Franktown PTO. Please see our flyer in the attachments or in your Thursday Folder.

You'll have a  
**ROARING**  
good time!!

**2023**  
**Franktown**  
*Great Gatsby*  
**Dinner & Auction**

*Saturday, March 25th*  
*6:00 PM*  
*The Oaks at Plum Creek*  
*321 Players Club Dr.*  
*Castle Rock, CO*

Enjoy an evening full of friends, fun, games, live and silent auction items as well as dinner. A course of select appetizers, Steak, potato & salad will be served. Each guest receives 1 adult beverage with admission.



Yearbooks are on sale now.

Order at [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)  
Our school code is 101282565829318  
Contact Tawnya Toland at [tawnyapto@gmail.com](mailto:tawnyapto@gmail.com)



If you have captured amazing moments of your kids at Field Trips or any classroom events please upload them to our TreeRing page or send them to Tawnya Toland at [tawnyapto@gmail.com](mailto:tawnyapto@gmail.com)



[Application](#) FRANKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

OPEN TO ALL FRANKTOWN STUDENTS (GRADES K - 5)

Projects Due: Morning, Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Classroom Viewing: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Family & Public Viewing (and judging for grades 4 & 5):

Thursday evening, February 23, 2023

#### **Minimum Project Requirements:**

K –1: Each participating student and his/her parents investigate a science topic together.

A simple experiment should be done as part of the investigation. Together, each participating student and his/her parents make a display showing what they learned. Each participant will receive a Participation Ribbon.

2 – 3: Each participating student investigates a science topic with parental assistance (meaning parental involvement is appropriate; however, students should do as much of the work as is both possible and practical).

It is preferred that an experiment be done as part of the investigation, though an experiment is not required. With parental assistance, each participating student makes a display showing what he/she did and learned. Each participant will receive a Participation Ribbon.

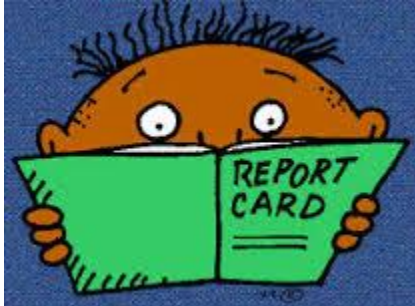
4 –5: Each participating student investigates a science topic. An experiment must be done as part of the investigation. Each participating student must follow directions for completing his/her investigation. Each participating student makes a display showing what he/she did and learned. A bibliography of two or more resources that tells from where each participating student found information that helped

him/her design the experiment and make a hypothesis **MUST** be included as part of an abstract or display board. The participating student MAY submit a written research paper that summarizes the research done for the project or on a topic related to his/her investigation. (*Parental involvement, for fourth and fifth grade investigations should be minimal. Fourth and fifth grade students must plan and complete their own investigations, displays, and reports. A parent may only supervise and critique his/her child's work for safety; age appropriateness; validity and accuracy of process, results, and conclusions; and timely completion.*) Each participant will receive a Participation Ribbon. Medals will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade- 4th and 5th.

### Registration Deadline:

To participate in the Franktown Elementary School Science Fair, students must complete and submit a **PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM** by February 10. A copy of the registration form is attached to this packet.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Projects that involve humans and/or vertebrate animals will **NOT** be permitted unless a "Human/Vertebrate Animal Protocol Form" is completed and approved **prior** to beginning the experiment. Please contact Mrs. Markel to secure "Human/Vertebrate Animal Protocol Form," if needed. [Application](#)



The Fall 2022 Elementary Progress Report (EPR) are available via the EngagED Parent Portal. These credentials are the same username and password that you use for accessing the Express Check In process.

Should you encounter any log in issues, please visit [www.dcsdk12.org/elementary-progress-report](http://www.dcsdk12.org/elementary-progress-report) for detailed instructions. You may also contact the IT Support Center by email ([parenthelp@dcsdk12.org](mailto:parenthelp@dcsdk12.org)) or phone 303-387-0001.



# ATTENTION

Dear Franktown Families,

We wanted to send a quick communication out on the importance of school attendance. As school is back in session, it is important to have a strong understanding of how daily attendance is essential to student success at all grade levels. Colorado State law requires students to attend school regularly. We monitor weekly attendance reports, which communicate if students are falling in the chronic absenteeism category of being absent 10 percent or more of the days enrolled in school during the year. These do include all absences- unexcused and excused. We understand that children get sick and we definitely want them to stay home and get healthy. We also understand that different circumstances arise where your child may need to come late, leave early or miss a day here or there. Please continue to work with us to ensure that your child is at school so they are able to experience the highest success possible.



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**School Hours!!!**

**9:05 am to 3:55 pm is our school day. Please make sure you have your student dropped by 9:05 at the latest, or they will be tardy. Thanks!**



## Borrowed clothes from the Health Room?

If by chance, your child came home in a different outfit one day after school sponsored by the health room. Would you please make sure you wash it and return it to the school as soon as possible. We have a very limited supply. **TIP: If all Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade families would please put a change of clothes in your child's backpack for emergencies (accidents) that would be very helpful.**



[Parent Resources from Mrs. Knoll](#)

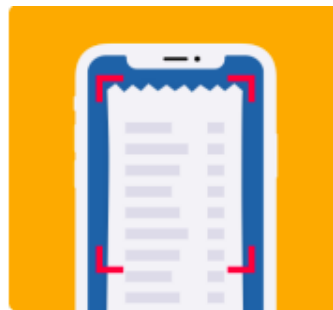
[Mrs. Knoll's website](#)

The mission of the Franktown Elementary School Counseling Program is to empower students to reach their full potential by providing a comprehensive program that provides support to all students' kindergarten through fifth grade in social/emotional, academic, and career development. The counseling program will help remediate barriers to help each student become successful. The comprehensive program consists of bimonthly classroom lessons and prevention programs. It also includes short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, and small group counseling as needed.



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Participants can now submit digital receipts right from the Box Tops app home screen by tapping “Scan” and choosing “digital receipt.” A compatible OS (iPhone 14+ or Android 7+) and the latest version of the Box Tops app downloaded on your device are required.

An overview of the program can be found on their website at [Box Tops for Education: Home](#). The app used for scanning is available from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or their site. For special promotions and sweepstakes, please visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn> and [Box Tops Products](#) for the list of over 350 qualifying products.

Your efforts benefiting our involvement in this program are greatly appreciated!



**AM drop off procedures:** Pull along the curb to let students out, please use the entire length of the curb. We have staff along the curb that will help your student if needed. Alternatively, park in a parking spot and walk your student from the parking lot using the crosswalk. Please do not allow your student to walk from a parking spot into school without you present.

**PM pick up procedures:** Pull along the curb as far forward or north as possible. If there is not enough room at the curb, form a line and wait to pull forward. We will help load your student from the curbside only. Please do not use the second lane of through traffic for loading. Or Park in a parking spot and **walk to the sidewalk** and take your child back to the car with you using the crosswalk.

We encourage all families that can, ride the school bus. This will help with our long lines during drop off and pick up. If you need assistance with getting a bus route set up, please contact the front office. Please ride the bus!

## **Mark Your Calendars for Up Coming Events:**

The FES Nest: School store January 20, 8:30 am

PTO Community Meeting February 3, 9:00 am

No School February 17<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Presidents Weekend.

Spring Break March 13-17

No School April 21<sup>st</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade continuation May 24, 2pm

Last day of school May 25 K-4<sup>th</sup> grades