

# **Franklin Township School**

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Dear Parents/Students,

Electives are back! In our plan to provide a diverse and enriched educational experience to our students, we are excited to announce the continuation of "elective" classes. This program is one of many exciting opportunities at Franklin Township School. It is with great pleasure that we offer electives; they are available from 8:10-8:38 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, according to each marking period's schedule. Class sizes are limited, and are assigned on a first come/first served basis, so please sign up promptly. Sign-ups will occur from Monday, September 8, 2014, through Thursday, September 11, 2014. Assignments will be made on Friday, September 12, 2014, and elective classes will begin on Monday, September 15, 2014.

It is important that both parents and students understand that these classes operate based upon your commitment to participate. Parents are responsible for transporting students to elective classes. As a result, with parent approval, participating students will not miss any regular academic classes, with the exception of instrumental music lessons that must occur during the school day (scheduled to start in early October).

Included in this informational packet, please find a course schedule and a course description page detailing all course offerings and the grades and times available. Also included in this packet is an enrollment form that both parent and student must fill out to be officially considered for any course. We hope that you enjoy the new elective format.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Fredericks, Ed. D. Superintendent

#### Franklin Township School 2014-2015 Elective Enrollment Form

Please review the *list of 1<sup>st</sup> marking period* electives. Both parent and student must agree and initial \_\_\_\_\_\_ where indicated to participate in the program.

*Expectations and guidelines:* Choice menus are appropriate strategies for learners who are currently achieving at high levels in core subjects. Increasing course loads in a subject/subjects per week for enrichment will increase the learning pace for the participating student. Parents and students must discuss and agree on continued learning responsibilities. Participation is voluntary, and is on a quarterly basis. Tutoring does not require a minimum grade level for participation.

#### Students must:

-for enrichment, student must maintain passing grades in core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science) as determined each semester.

-demonstrate appropriate school behavior at all times.

-regular class work supersedes any and all elective work. \_\_\_\_(parent) \_\_\_\_\_(student)

#### Parents and students understand that:

-failure to keep a passing grade in core subjects (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science) will result in the ineligibility and removal from enrichment class electives for the next marking period. -courses are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Attempts will be made to accommodate first choices but students may be assigned a second choice based on availability. -courses are assigned for one marking period only.

-courses are not graded and will not affect overall GPA. \_\_\_\_(parent) \_\_\_\_\_(student)

#### Elective Course Selection: See attached course descriptions and schedule.

First Monday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
Second Monday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
First Tuesday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
Second Tuesday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
First Wednesday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
Second Wednesday Choice: Course	Grade Level	Teacher
Student Name:	Grade:	
Student Signature:		
Parent / Guardian Name:		
Parent / Guardian Signature:		

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Monday Grades K-3 Percussion ensemble-Limit 20 Start Date is October 7, 2014-Mr. StoneMusic Room Monday - Art and Music - Grades K-2 - Maxwell - Limit 10-Art Room	Students will develop a kinesthetic response to music through structured play. They will also learn the basic elements of music including: high and low notes verses loud and soft (dynamics), keeping a steady beat, rhythm and melody. Percussion instruments will be provided for ensemble playing In this class, students will explore different ways to create musical instruments. Using household items, students will build, decorate, and then play their musical instruments. During each class, students will make a different musical instrument.
Tuesday Grades 4-5 Band-Limit 40Mr. Stone Music Room	Students will learn proper care and positioning of musical instruments. Students will also learn basic performance techniques including solo and ensemble playing. Students may choose from a variety of instruments including: Flute, Clarinet, alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, and Percussion. The ensemble will be given the opportunity to perform in the winter, and spring concerts.
Wednesday Grades 6-8 Band –Limit 40Mr. StoneMusic Room	Students will develop Basic to Intermediate performance techniques including solo and ensemble playing. Students may choose from a variety of instruments including: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn and Percussion. The ensemble will be given the opportunity to perform in the winter, and spring concerts and school spirit events.
Monday: Middle School Community Service Project-Dr Petersen and Mrs Brokaw-limit 5 per homeroom GRADES 6-8 Room:153	This program is designed for middle school students who would like to engage in supporting the Kindergarten program. They will assist with crafts and will create games that support core curricular areas as well as participate in the creation of literature enrichment tasks. This time can be applied toward mandated community service hours.
Tuesday: Kindergarten iPad enrichment for Math-Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Brokaw- grade K Room:152 Limit:10 per homeroom	During this time children will learn the fundamentals of iPad usage while reinforcing essential early Math skills.
Wednesday: Kindergarten iPad enrichment for Phonemic Awareness-Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Brokaw Grade K Room:152 Limit:10 per homeroom	During this time children will learn the fundamentals of iPad usage while reinforcing essential early language arts skills.
Monday - Handwriting Enhancement - Ms. Browning and Mrs. Yancey - Grade 1 - Limit 6 students per homeroom	Students will be given the opportunity to reinforce and strengthen fine motor skills through practicing proper handwriting skills.

Tuesday - Ipad app exploration (math) - Ms. Browning and Mrs. Yancey - Grade 1 - Limit 6 students per homeroom	Students will be given the opportunity to enhance and reinforce math skills with a focus on addition and subtraction through exposure to various apps.
Wednesday - Ipad app exploration (phonemic awareness) - Ms. Browning and Mrs. Yancey- Grade 1 - Limit 6 students per homeroom	Students will be given the opportunity to enhance and reinforce phonemic awareness skills through exposure to various apps
<i>Monday Math Mechanics</i> –Grade 2 Kot-Limit 15	Review of basic math facts and concepts.
<i>TuesdayFun with Phonics</i> – Grade 2Kot-Limit 15	Review and practice of phonemic sounds and blends to support reading success.
<b>WednesdayHandy Handwriting –</b> Grade 2 Kot-Limit 15	Review of letter formation and spacing and applying skills to note, letter, and card writing.
<i>Monday Math Mechanics</i> –Grade 2 Nombre-Limit 15	Review of basic math facts and concepts.
<i>Tuesday Fun with Phonics</i> – Grade 2 Nombre-Limit 15	Review and practice of phonemic sounds and blends to support reading success.
<b>Wednesday Handy Handwriting</b> – Grade 2 Nombre-Limit 15	Review of letter formation and spacing and applying skills to note, letter, and card writing.
Main Role Theatre Practice-Wednesday Limit 8-Ms. Gooditis- Performing Arts Center	Students who have lead roles in Annie will come to practice their parts. Theater Club will also meet after school.
<b>1-4 Grade Theatre Practice</b> -Monday Limit 15-Ms. Gooditis-Performing Arts Center	Students will participate in theatre practice for the current production, Annie. Not only will students practice their lines and songs, but they will also work on the set design. Theater Club will also meet after school.
<b>5-8 Grade Theatre Practice</b> -Tuesday Limit 15-Ms. Gooditis-Performing Arts Center	Theatre Practice- Students will participate in theatre practice for the current production, Annie. Not only will students practice their lines and songs, but they will also work on the set design. Theater Club will also meet after school.
Wednesday Grade 3-5 Sewing Club. Rainaldi. Limit 15	Do you know how to sew? If you have already made something or you are brand new to sewing come and learn some new techniques and build your skills. This course will teach you the basics of hand sewing and embroidery necessary to complete projects. Students will learn how to thread a needle, follow a pattern and learn stitches such as running stitch, backstitch, star stitch, blanket stitch and many more. Using these basic sewing skills, students will create and sew projects. Class size: 15 students

Monday - Math Enrichment 3rd Grade Rainaldi. Límit 15	Exciting extension of core topics using the In Focus Enrichment Book, Math Cartooning, Art in Math, Flash Cards, and other relevant games,
Tuesday - Extra Help / Tutorial 3rd Grade- Rainaldi. Limit 15	topics differentiated as per student needs / requests
<b>Tuesday - Book Arts - Grades 3-5 -</b> Maxwell - Limit 10-Art Room	In this class, students will create a variety of different books using folded paper techniques and traditional hand sewn binding methods. Some types of books that will be made include origami, somersault, lotus, and stick, to name a few. When each book is complete, students will also decorate and illustrate their books to personalize them.
Monday - Math Enrichment 3rd Grade – Weinhold. Limit 15	Exciting extension of core topics using the In Focus Enrichment Book, Math Cartooning, Art in Math, Flash Cards, and other relevant games,
<b>Wednesday – Grade 3-5 Game Club</b> . Weinhold. Limit 15	Games: Peg board dice sports leagues (multiple grade levels) Students create leagues and schedules, keep standings and make play-off brackets to decide a champion
Tuesday - ELA Extra Help / Tutorial 3rd Grade- Winhold. Limit 15	topics differentiated as per student needs / requests
Monday Grade 4 ELA EnrichmentPrassl /Strysky Maximum students 10 per homeroom	Description: Providing enrichment activities to enhance the ELA concepts and vocabulary for unit of study.
Wednesday Grade 4 Math EnrichmentPrassl /Strysky Maximum students 10 per homeroom	Description: Providing enrichment activities to enhance the math concepts and vocabulary for unit of study.
Tuesday Grade 4 EnrichmentPrassl Strysky Maximum students 10 per homeroom	Description: Providing enrichment activities to enhance skills.
Monday Jr. Teachers: Grades 5-8. Mrs. Gerth. Limit 2	Do you enjoy playing with youngsters? Do you pretend to play school or maybe you used to? Perhaps becoming a Jr. Teacher is for you. Come join Pre-k as you assist the teacher with planning and setting up specific learning centers. Time spent as a Jr. Teacher may fit Community service hours requirements.
Tuesday Jr. Teachers: Grades 5-8. Mrs. Gerth. Limit 2	Do you enjoy playing with youngsters? Do you pretend to play school or maybe you used to? Perhaps becoming a Jr. Teacher is for you. Come join Pre-k as you assist the teacher with planning and setting up specific learning centers. Time spent

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Monday Fit for Fun Grades 6-8. Nosker. Limit 15.	<b>Fitness</b> : Students will have the opportunity to develop muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular endurance, agility, flexibility as well as work on "core" strength. When the weather is nice, some of the activities will be outside, so students will need to bring a change of shoes & socks (required) as the grass is quite dewy in the morning.
Tuesday Fit for Fun Grades 3-5. Nosker. Limit 15.	<b>Fitness</b> : Students will have the opportunity to develop muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular endurance, agility, flexibility as well as work on "core" strength. When the weather is nice, some of the activities will be outside, so students will need to bring a change of shoes & socks (required) as the grass is quite dewy in the morning.
Wednesday Fit for Fun Grades K-2. Nosker. Limit 15.	<b>Fitness:</b> Students will have the opportunity to develop muscular strength and endurance, cardiovascular endurance, agility, flexibility as well as work on "core" strength. When the weather is nice, some of the activities will be outside, so students will need to bring a change of shoes & socks (required) as the grass is quite dewy in the morning.
Monday Math Tutoring Grades K-2 Pinkerton Limit 15	Tutoring: Students will have the opportunity to receive extra help on grade level content depending on the needs of the student.
Tuesday Language Arts Tutoring Grades K-2 Pinkerton Limit 15	<b>Tutoring:</b> Students will have the opportunity to receive extra help on grade level content depending on the needs of the students.
Wednesday Art Enrichment: Nature Crafts Grades K-2 Pinkerton Limit 15	Nature Crafts: Do you like to craft? Do you like the outdoors? Here is a great opportunity to bring your two hobbies together. Join me every Wednesday to use nature items to create fun and colorful crafts!
MondayTutoring/Enrichment Language Arts- 6-8 Shelofsky/ St Laurent. Room 156 Limit 25	Students may receive tutoring in Fast for Words (students and families will be notified in advance)) Students will receive Vocabulary enrichment and review.
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Monday - Grade 5 - Global Learning Circles - Dr. Kramer Maximum students 15 Tuesday - Grade 5- Global Learning Circles - Dr. Kramer Maximum students 15 Wednesday - Grade 5 - Global Learning Circles -	iEARN Global Learning Circles is an interactive online project-based learning experience that connects classrooms with other classrooms throughout North America and the world. Grade 5 students will share cultural information, develop projects, and exchange work with other students while working together to build a common group
Dr. Kramer Maximum students 15	project. Students will work together to create projects that will involve the use of writing, graphics, digital photography, and video. Global Learning Circles runs from September 2014 through January 2015.
Middle School Science Tutoring - Mr. Lembo - Room 228 - Maximum Students 15	Monday - Grade 8 Tuesday - Grade 6 Wedneday - Grade 7
Wednesday - Fiber and Textile Arts Basics - Grades 6-8 - Maxwell - Limit 10Art Room	In this class, students will learn basic techniques for making and using various textiles and fibers. Some projects will include basic weaving and loom making, finger knitting, fabric printing and dying, and basic felting.
<u>Middle School Math Tutoring</u> - Mrs. Nace & Mrs. Tigue - Room 209 or 225 - Limit 10 per homeroom teacher	Monday - Grade 7 Tuesday - Grade 8 Wednesday - Grade 6
<u>Middle School Social Studies Tutoring</u> - Mr. Steele - Limit 15	Monday - Grade 6 Tuesday - Grade 7 Wedneday - Grade 8
<b>Monday: Spanish grade 6 tutorial.</b> Bradlee. Limit 10, room 201	Sixth grade Spanish tutorial provides an emphasis on study skills and the approach to world language study at the novice level.
<b>Tuesday: Spanish grade 7 tutorial</b> , Bradlee, Limit 10, room 201	Seventh grade Spanish tutorial is a continuation of the program offered in grade 6. It is designed to support the strong foundation necessary for increased Spanish language proficiency.
Wednesday: Spanish grade 8 enrichment. Bradlee. Limit 15, room 201	Eighth grade enrichment is designed to support and expand the thematic units with conversation and discussion work. This elective is highly recommended for those students who wish to continue Spanish level II at the high school next September.
Monday- Grade 5: iEARN Project Mrs. Johnson Room 205- Maximum 15 students Tuesday- Grade 5: iEARN Project Mrs. Johnson Room 205- Maximum 15 Project	Students in grade 5 will be given an opportunity to share ideas with children from different countries. The focus of the project will be on how to make the world a better place and will be facilitated by

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Monday ~ Beginning Illustration ~ Fantasy Art/Graphic Novels. Grades 6-8 Mr. Smith Media Center Limit 15 students	Students will learn the concepts of character design and story telling through the use of imagery while exploring a variety of drawing materials and techniques.
Tuesday ~ Fun with Photoshop ~ Grades 3-5 Mr. Smith Media Center Limit 10 students	Students will learn the fundamentals to this cutting edge graphic arts computer program.
Intro to ComputersWednesday~Getting to Know CPU ~ Grades K~2, Media Center Limit 8 Students Mr. Smith	Students will become familiarized with the computer and it's educational capabilities. This class is designed to enhance essential early technology skills.
Monday-Study Skills- Grades 6-8 Mrs. McVerry, Room 158 Limit 6 Students	Students will acquire the attitude, knowledge and skill that contribute to effective learning in school. Topics covered will be, Getting Your Act Together, Where Does the Time Go?, Where Are We Know? Checking Out Your Study Habits and more.
Tuesday-Study Skills- Grades 3-5 Mrs. McVerry, Room 158 Limit 6 Students	Study Skills Grades 3-5/Students will acquire the attitude, knowledge and skill that contribute to effective learning in school. Topics covered will be, Studying for Tests, The Keys to Learning, Investigate for Understanding, Finding the Facts, Organization.
RAK/Random Acts of Kindness Grades 4-8 Mrs. McVerry, Room 158 Limit 10 Students	<ul> <li>RAK Club Goals:</li> <li>To constantly remind every person in our school to perform at least one Random Act of Kindness every day.</li> <li>To build self-esteem and raise school morale by showing every person at our school that he or she really can make a difference.</li> <li>To bring everyone at our school together in a cooperative, caring way.</li> <li>To remind everyone to look for the good in people and praise it — all the time!</li> </ul>
Monday ELA Tutoring Gr. 3-5. Watkinson. Limit 5	Help will be available for students in reading, and language arts, according to their needs.
Tuesday Community Service Club Gr. 3-5. Watkinson. Limit 12	Would you like to brighten someone's day? Make cards, write letters, draw pictures for senior citizens and those in the military. We may help with other needs, as they become available.

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Study Skills Grades 6-8.Monday Mrs. Cullen Limit 5	Strengthen your organizational and study skills for academic success!
SPHERO Club-Grades 6-8. Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Cullen Limit 10 per day	SPHERO-cutting edge computer programming game will amaze you. Program your sphere to do tricks and puzzles, change colors and move around as you direct
Master Mask Making Monday PK-2 Ms. de los Santos. Limit 6	Work with papier mache and other materials to create your own unique personification and act out your own drama
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Master Mask Making WEdnesday 6-8 Ms. de los Santos. Limit 6	Work with papier mache and other materials to create your own unique personification and act out your own drama
CPR Middle School Monday Gr 6-8. Ms. Findley	This life skill will equip each student with the training and knowledge to receive CPR certification. Will require 4 total hours of training over the course of 8-10 weeks.
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