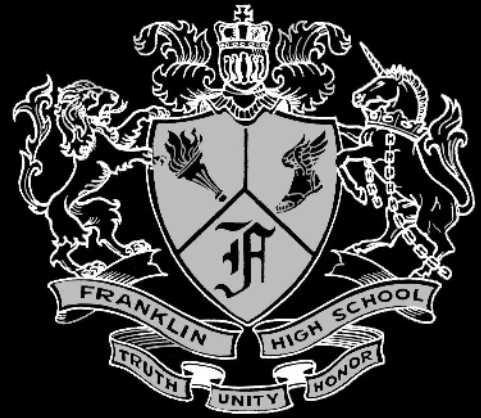


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May/June, 2011

Reflections from a Senior Parent

By Stephanie Ragland

The school year has come to an end much too quickly for me. My oldest son is finishing his junior year of college and my youngest will graduate from Franklin on June 17th.

Our family has been apart of the Franklin community for seven years. In that time, we have met some tremendous people: parents/guardians, students, faculty and staff. Our kids have gotten a good education, with a few bumps of course, but a good education none the less—both in the classroom and on the sports field.

My sons have experienced cultures and languages here at Franklin in a way they would not have at any other school. The Franklin experience will shape and influence their life's journey. I know the experience has made a difference for me...and for that I am grateful.

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Franklin PTSA General Meeting

Thurs. May 26th, 7 p.m.

in the School Library

**Our Seattle Schools Board
Member,
Director Betty Patu
will join us.**

Please come with your observations and questions. This is an opportunity for Franklin parents/guardians, teachers and neighbors to share your observations and opinions with our Seattle School Board rep.

We will also be voting on PTSA officers for the 2011-2012 School Year

For more information, please contact
Jerry Johnsen: 206-409-8964,
cap@qwestoffice.net

All are welcome!

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, May 20th
6:30 AM - 9 AM

Join us for the last Staff Appreciation Breakfast for the year.

We welcome donations of breakfast breads, fruit, juice, pastry, and flowers for the tables. Volunteers are also needed to shop, set up, serve, and clean up.

Contact Jerry Johnsen at 206-409-8964 or e-mail: jcap@qwestoffice.net

Donate to the PTSA on-line at
**[www.franklinquakers.org/
community/ptsa](http://www.franklinquakers.org/community/ptsa)**

JAZZ POLICE GIVES BACK TO FRANKLIN

By Geoff Ogle

A Benefit concert featuring the Jazz Police will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 4 p.m. in the Franklin auditorium. The concert will be followed by a reception and fund-raising activities.

The Jazz Police is one of the most respected and long-lived jazz ensembles in the Seattle area and is led by James Rasmussen, Franklin '74. Rasmussen has been a volunteer in the FHS music department for a number of years. With this concert, his group will perform their own works in addition to compositions by current band director Geoff Ogle.



Franklin Arts Festival to Feature Variety of Art

By Elizabeth Lowry

The yearly Franklin Arts Festival will be from 11am to 3pm May 14, 2011 at the high school, 3013 Mt. Baker Blvd. in Mt. Baker neighborhood. The festival will feature performances by students, including the steel drum band and lion dancers, along with visual, ceramic and wood arts. Student clubs will sell heirloom tomato plants, treats and handmade crafts.

The festival brings together students, their families, teachers, staff, and the Mt. Baker neighbors. The event raises money to benefit art, drama and music programs at Franklin. Go to www.franklinartsfestival.wordpress.com for details and updates.

Non-profit groups are invited to host a table at the festival for just \$25. To sponsor a booth or learn more, contact Elizabeth Lowry, elizabethlowry@comcast.net.

Want to volunteer? Share your talents by helping us promote the festival, working with student clubs or assisting with set-up and take down the day of the festival. Contact Elizabeth at elizabethlowry@comcast.net.

The Franklin Arts Festival is a wonderful way to learn about Franklin and our talented students. Celebrate the arts - and green culture - with Franklin!

PLEASE CONSIDER PTSA LEADERSHIP FOR 2011-2012

Franklin PTSA will be losing officers and leadership through graduation this year. Those serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Mailing Coordinator, and Membership will see their roles at the end of June. Our current treasurer has agreed to stay on.

Franklin PTSA needs those willing to share fresh ideas, vision and energy. New eyes and ears are needed to replace the old warriors who are moving on. There is always challenge and potential of how to bridge the diverse communities within our school community as well reach out to the immediate neighborhood. Already, through the Arts Festival Committee, relationships are being formed with the Mt. Baker Community Club.

Even if you have never been a PTSA officer before, but you have a desire make Franklin a better place for our students, please consider coming aboard.

For more info, contact Jerry Johnsen
206-409-8964, cap@qwestoffice.net



Save the Date: Year End Music Concert, June 7!

By Geoff Ogle

The music department will present its final concert of the year featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Steel Drum Band, Orchestra and Choir on Tuesday, June 7th. The concert will begin at 7pm in the FHS auditorium.

Come hear a great night of music and support your music department and these hard working students. A fun night will be had by all.

Franklin Performing Arts Features Students, June 2

By Tamara E. Burnett

The Franklin Performance Arts presents an evening of Theatrical Acting and Broadway Style Musical Performances featuring the work of Drama 1, Drama 2 and the Choir Classes.

The performance begins in the **FHS Main Stage Auditorium at 7pm on Thursday, June 2, 2011**. Families, friends, alums, staff and community members are all encouraged to come see the great work that the drama and music classes are doing. Hope to see you here.

College / Career News

College Access Now Helps Students Realize Their Dreams

College Access Now (CAN) is dedicated to making college admission possible for talented, motivated and economically disadvantaged students who are in the first generation of their families to attend college. CAN has been operating at high schools in the Seattle area since 2005.

CAN actively recruits economically disadvantaged, college-qualified youth—many of whom do not seek help on their own—and provides them with a proven-effective combination of college access curriculum and intensive individual support. CAN also works to increase the school-wide college-going culture of the schools it serves. CAN utilizes Americorps members to administer its programs and capitalizes on a dedicated core of volunteers to assist students, thus operating in a very economical way.

CAN currently serves junior and senior students at three Seattle high schools: Franklin, Garfield, and West Seattle. At Franklin High School, CAN guides over 30 junior students and 60 senior students through the college admissions process. For the 2010-2011 school year, CAN students from Franklin have, so far, been accepted to:

Bellevue College
Benedict College (South Carolina)
Claflin University (South Carolina)
Eastern Washington University
Edmonds Community College
Hawaii Pacific University
Lincoln University
North Seattle Community College
Occidental College
Pacific Lutheran University
Saint Martin's University
Shoreline Community College
Spellman College
South Seattle Community College
University of Oregon
University of San Francisco
University of Tampa
University of Washington
University of Washington-Bothell
University of Washington-Tacoma
Washington State University
Western Washington University

FRANKLIN COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION DAY MAY 26

College and Career Exploration Day is set for Thursday, May 26th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Franklin High School. Over 40 colleges, businesses and organizations will be there to meet our students and help them see the connection between college and their future career options. For more information please contact: Beth Olsen in the Counseling Office, 206-252-6221, or by e-mail at eaolsen@seattleschools.org

FHS Scholarship Bulletin

New scholarships are being added on an ongoing basis, so be sure to check it often! The FHS Scholarship Bulletin can be found on the Counseling Blog at

<http://franklinquakers.org/blog/counseling/scholarships-2/>

Paper copies are also available at the Counseling Office.

TheWashboard.org Scholarship site!

Franklin students are college bound! And college costs money, so take a look at the new State of Wash. scholarship website created especially for students living in Washington, called theWashboard.org. Log onto the site and set up a profile so you can start finding and applying for scholarships specific to your interests, grades, abilities, etc. It's a great way to narrow down your options and apply for scholarships that really match you!

Financial Aid- Filling out the FAFSA

College priority deadlines for filling out the FAFSA tend to be in February. Our community partner, Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA- near 23rd and Jackson), has financial aid experts available to help seniors and their families complete their FAFSA form online. If you or someone you know still needs help filling out the FAFSA form online (www.fafsa.ed.gov), you can find upcoming FAFSA events at www.collegegoalsundaywa.org, or contact NELA at (206) 461-5300 or at www.nela.net for FAFSA and other free college prep assistance.

Final SAT and ACT test dates for 2010-2011 academic year:

June 4th, SAT (sign up by May 6th) - recommended for juniors (Kaplan SAT Prep sessions @ FHS are focused on this test date)

June 11th, ACT (sign up by May 6th) - recommended for juniors

*Fee waivers (which cover the cost of the SAT or ACT test, are available to students who have free and/or reduced lunch. Please contact the student's counselor.



2011 Franklin Mock Trial Team Wins Hearts at State

by Don Eaton

The Franklin Mock Trial Team finished fourth in the State Competition. It is difficult to explain what an amazing result this is for us, particularly this year. This team was a mostly new bunch, and this was supposed to be a transition year! The team went 4-0 at Districts, destroyed the District Champ (U-Prep) in Olympia, and ONLY LOST ONE TRIAL at STATE! That one trial was to the Seattle Prep "A" team, and Andy McArthur (Seattle Prep's coach) was soaking wet from stress at the end of the trial. Quite simply, it was too close to call. The Seattle Prep "A" team went on to win the state championship.

This Franklin team won hearts! Please give a rousing congrats to the following Mock Trial team members when you see them:

Attorneys: Alexandra Ricks, A. J. Savini, Juan Ponce, Bekkah (Maddie) Smither, Malisha Cooper-Suggs, Emma Levy



Witnesses: Angela Pham, Mary Mitchell, Antwon Mitchell, Jenny Pham, Aren Roberson, Jacob Chin, Cato Savannah

FHS Seniors Honored By the Mt. Baker Community Club

By Judy McBroom

In January 2011, five exceptional Franklin students received Martin Luther King Scholarships from the Mt. Baker Community Club. The scholarships are awarded to students who have overcome significant obstacles and succeeded academically and for whom the scholarship may make a difference in whether or not they can attend college.

Each student receiving the scholarship is awarded \$3000, which is renewable in the second year if the student stays in school and maintains his or her grades. Each year the Mt. Baker Community Club raises between 75 and 85 thousand dollars to award the scholarships to students living in eligible Seattle neighborhoods.

The Franklin students receiving the scholarships this year were Fletcher Bailey, Desseria Darrett, Mulki Wardere, Maria Farfan, and Roda Sugulle.

A gifted spoken word artist, Fletcher plans a career in broadcasting or music. He has been accepted at Washington State, Western and the UW at Bothell. Desseria expects to go into the field of accounting, preparing herself at Western, UW at Bothell, or St. Martins University. Mulki wants to work with children as either a pediatric physician or nurse. She has been accepted at Western and UW at Bothell. These students are currently awaiting their financial aid packages before making their college choices. Maria Farfan is undecided on her career plans but will be attending Seattle Central Community College.



Create Academy Students Keep Foodbank on the Move

In 2010 Family Works collected over 522 tons of food through the generous support of the local Wallingford and Seattle community. FamilyWork's dedicated staff and volunteers work hard to ensure that all of the food is carefully sorted, organized, refrigerated, and made ready to distribute to eager customers throughout each week.

As with most food banks, storage capacity and mobility of food can be quite challenging. When Sanjay Rao, food bank volunteer and FamilyWorks board member, first began working in the food bank he witnessed the heavy moving and shifting of the 300-400 pound stacked crates of food. "There's got to be a better way," he thought.

Staff and volunteers began brainstorming ways to improve the mobility of food. After researching costly solutions and testing out three hand-made prototypes, it was decided that a simply designed wood frame with swivel wheels could be a hopeful solution. To help with building the carts, the project became a great community service opportunity for a group willing to help out. Thirteen students from Franklin High School's Woodshop class, one of the few Woodshop programs left in Seattle, stepped up to the challenge.

Mike Lawson, who has been teaching Woodshop at Franklin for the past 16 years, was excited to get his students involved with the project. "It's a big world out there and I

want students to see that they can have a part in it," Lawson said. This is the third community service project the class has done this semester.

Food bank volunteers pooled together to get the necessary supplies



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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL'S TEAM XBOT BOASTS SUCCESSFUL SEASONS

by Kate Thibodeau

Team XBOT sent two teams (Single Ladies – our all-female team - and Syzygy) to the Washington State FTC Championship on January 16, 2011 at Sammamish High School. Syzygy was on the winning alliance for the state championships and won the Inspire Award, which is the most prestigious FTC award and is given to the team that truly embodies the challenge of the FTC program, which is to be a role model for other teams.

Syzygy is on its way to the FTC World Championships in St. Louis in April! Single Ladies was awarded the FIRST Tech Challenge Connect Award, which is given to the team that is most connected with their local community and the engineering community. The team that wins this award is aggressively reaching out to engineers and exploring opportunities in the world of engineering, science and technology.



The First FRC Seattle Regional was held March 18-19, 2011 at Qwest Event Center. After robot inspections, a day of practicing and qualifying matches, Team XBOT #488 and alliance partners #2122 and #2850 reached the finals and came in second place! The robot won the Innovation in Control Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation, an award given for an innovative control system or application of control components to provide unique machine functions. We are proud to announce that Executive Director of Team XBOT Donna Y. Lew won the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award also, for the work she does in organizing the Franklin High School robotics team of 30 students, organizing travel throughout Seattle and beyond, spreading the word of FIRST, and starting/mentoring FLL, FTC and FRC programs throughout Seattle.

On March 25th the team traveled to Portland, Oregon for the Autodesk FRC Oregon Regional Competition. Team XBOT #488 made it to the semi finals but was crippled by a broken arm and had difficulty delivering tubes to the scoring grid. However, the team did win the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors, given to the team who celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge.

Team XBOT #488 is focusing on sending its FTC team Syzygy to World Championships and will be providing summer workshops for Seattle youth. Look for upcoming opportunities at www.xbotrobotics.org.

Support Student Body Officers As They Host All Day 'Inter High Workshop', Thursday May 12

Once again, Franklin PTSA will host a continental breakfast prior to this all city meeting of High School student body officers. We are asking parents to donate breakfast breads, egg dishes, fruit salad and juice.

If you can support this event by setting up, hosting, and/or providing food, please contact: Stephanie Ragland, 206-723-5114 or e-mail at sragjohn@aol.com

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for students to make the carts. Just over a week after the materials were delivered, students had all 25 carts complete.

Reflecting on the project, Junior Angela Ma says, "It was very fun. Like an assembly line, everyone put in effort to help make each cart."

The building of the carts required that the students use a combination of skills including math, reading, following detailed directions, precision cutting and drilling, as well as a great deal of collaborative problem solving and communication.

Lawson described the learning process, "It was pretty cool watching [the students]. You could really see their gears turning. In this class every kid has a chance to be a rock star. They don't necessarily have that chance in other parts of their life."

Many students expressed excitement about helping the food bank through their class work.

"It's nice to be able to put something to use. We can go out in the community and say 'oh wow' I made this'," Senior Maddy Williams said. Junior Jonathan Chac agreed, "It felt good because it's not just for a grade. I'm actually helping people."

The students are hoping to be able take a field trip to Family Works to see their hard work in action. Some students even expressed the desire to volunteer after school. In the mean time, the carts will help keep thousands of pounds of nutritious food moving more efficiently throughout the food bank each week. The benefits of this collaborative project will help to better serve the individuals and families who need it most.

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FamilyWorks volunteers Sanjay Rao and David Tate testing the new carts in the food bank. "Honestly, I feel really good about this project," Sanjay explained. "All it takes is to bring people together and they'll help each other out."

Celebrate Franklin's 100th Birthday with a Personalized Tile.

We encourage Franklin families to purchase tiles in honor of your student, a favorite teacher or staff person. Tiles will be placed in the main floor lobby and hall of the school.

The commemorative tiles are 8" square and personally engraved. Copy is centered, italic, all 1/2" capitals. You may have up to three lines of copy per tile, 20 characters per line. One line of copy is \$50.00, two lines-\$60.00, and three lines-\$70.00. Accepted punctuation: . , ; : ? / ! () & %. Each mark counts as a block. Please see the form in this newsletter.

Megan Walters Class of 1995 will be taking the orders. Her email address is mew206@yahoo.com and phone number is 206.399.3607. Please contact Megan with questions or for more information. You will be informed when it is placed. Thank you for your order.

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YEARS!**

SUPPORT YOUR FHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION BY BUYING A TILE

1) BECOME A MEMBER!

Annual Membership:

- Regular \$15
- Patron \$50
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- Donation: \$ _____

2) BUY A TILE!

The Tile Project that began during the renovation of Franklin is available once again. These Commemorative tiles are 8" square, personally engraved. Copy is centered, italic, all 1/2" capitals. You may have up to three lines of copy per tile, 20 characters per line. One line of copy is \$50, two lines—\$60 and three lines—\$70. Print one character per block. Accepted punctuation marks are , . " ; : ? / ! () & %. Each mark counts as a block.

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Please make check or money order payable to Franklin Alumni Association and send to FHS Alumni Association and Foundation PO Box 28276, Seattle, WA 98118-8276

Franklin High School Public Service Academy (PSA) Fundraiser

Wednesday, June 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Baker Community Club.

Join the Public Service Academy supporters invite you to attend their fundraiser, Wednesday, June 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Baker Community Club.

Highlights of this year's program and student performances will make it an interesting evening. This event is replacing the breakfast traditionally held in the spring. Come join other PSA enthusiasts for a lively evening of good eats, good conversation, and good efforts to support this worthwhile program.

The Public Service Academy was founded in 2000, as a college preparatory small learning community that offers students a rigorous three-year academic program that meets

and exceeds state standards for Language Arts and Social Studies. State standards in LA and Social Studies are overlaid with an emphasis on the role of the public sector in societies, past and present. PSA students are challenged to develop their critical thinking skills and to develop their own vision of the role that they and their government should take in confronting the opportunities and problems of their local, national, and international communities.

The PSA combines Public Service (service learning, civic engagement, and volunteerism) and Political Science (the study of law, government, history, and political systems) in a way that empowers students to make meaningful change in their communities.

Service Learning Makes us Greater!

By Luzviminda 'Ms. Lulu' Uzuri Carpenter

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You do not have to have a college degree to serve. You do not have to make your subject and verb agree--to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love," stated Martin Luther King, Jr. King was correct; anyone can serve at any moment. What we attempt to do within our classrooms is to use "service" as a tool towards college and education. We call this service learning.

What is Service Learning? It is 'all the buzz' these days and there are dollars earmarked for it, but rarely do people fully understand the essence of what it is. Anne Frank once said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Frank is correct, at any moment our students and we can make a choice to give, but too often, we are limited scope and options. What if we expand options to students and give them a chance to give?

Recently, through the John Stanford Public Service and Political Science Academy (PSA) of Franklin High School, students were given opportunities to expand their mind through understanding politics and providing options to serve. Over 110 junior students went to Olympia on March 10, 2011, to learn about how to access their government officials with Mr. Webster Hutchins, American Government Teacher. This trip is an annual trip that closes the gap between legislators and students. When given the tools, from what number to dial to how to create a petition, students begin to understand their power to change the course of a bill becoming a law that serves their community or harms their community.

On March 24, 2011, Franklin had their 2nd Annual Service Learning Fair. Over 25 service-learning providers came to the hallways of our beloved high school. Students interacted at both lunches by asking questions about how to serve their community and eventually even become a paid intern or

fellow at some places. "We know that helping others is the best way—probably the only way to achieve a better future for ourselves," commented Harry S. Truman. I would add that not only ourselves, but others as well. By bringing organizations to the place where students feel comfortable and are able to put a human face to a potential volunteer spot, then it is more likely for them to volunteer and connect how they can achieve a better future for themselves and others.

The year is not over and our students are generously giving of their time and energy. Some like Njeri Mburu are speaking for organizations like the Children's Alliance to advocate for better healthcare for kids and families. Even others are taking it further in further. I hope to continue to support these efforts of greatness and future creating with my presence at Franklin High School as a Community Projects Manager. I hope you can volunteer for our next event on May 3, 2011 at Seattle University with the Institute for Public Service and the Office of Multicultural Affairs for the Annual Sophomore Public Service Career Conference.

For more information, contact me at lucarpenter@seattleschools.org or 206-252-6254.

Neighborhood Events

ORCA K-8 Plant and Garden Sale - Sat. May 14th

Tomatoes! Veggies! Native plants! Flowers! Most grown by students at Orca school. Our legendary sale is back with more fun, crafts, live music, and the most amazing plant starts ever! ORCA is located at 5215 46th Ave South in the Columbia City neighborhood

Mt. Baker Comm. Club Rummage Sale Sat. - May 14th

Join the Mount Baker CC for its annual Rummage Sale. Explore the bargains to be had in our Franklin neighborhood. Rummage sales will take place at various homes in the neighborhood. Signs along South McClellan Street will guide you.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

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7 PM, School Library

Dates to remember

May 1 Benefit Concert for Music
Dept., Franklin HS

May 6 3 on 3 Staff vs. Student Bball

May 1-13 AP Testing

May 12 Inter-high Breakfast

May 13 Progress Reports

May 14 Arts Festival

May 18 Early Dismissal

May 20 Staff Appreciation Breakfast

May 26 PTSA Meeting with Sch. Brd.
Rep. Betty Patu

May 30 No School/Mem. Day Holiday

June 1 Early Dismissal

June 2 Performing Arts Production,
Franklin Theatre

June 7 Year End Music Concert,
Franklin Theatre

June 9 Senior Awards/National
Honor Society Ceremony

June 10 Quaker Day

June 13/14 Senior Finals

June 17 Graduation

June 23 Last Day of School



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