

Mustang Message

Franconia Elementary School
May 18, 2011



These second grade students in Ms. Yortzidis class got a chance to show off their artistic side as they created animal portraits in art class this week.

From the Principal

Today's schedules are filled not only with school, but also with many extra-curricular activities for children. Sometimes, in all the hustle and bustle, disorganization can plague children. They may forget about homework, lose assignments, leave lunches and materials at home, or forget to tell you about a field trip or class project. Sound familiar? Well, it's never too late to help your child develop good organization skills that will benefit him forever. Here are a few tips:

- **Talk with the teacher.** Teachers work hard on developing students' organization skills. See what skills the teacher teaches in school and what you can do to follow up at home.
- **Efforts in the evening pay off in the morning.** Pack backpacks and lunches, lay out clothes, and get the "must haves" together before your child goes to bed. This will reduce the chance of forgetting items on chaotic mornings.
- **Clean the backpack.** Everyday, your child should empty his backpack of school work and notes from teachers. This will help remind your child of items he may need to give you.
- **"To dos" are "must dos."** If your child is old enough to read and write, a "to do" list should become part of his school life. Show him how to make a list of assignments and activities and keep track of everything he has completed. Knowing what needs to be done is a big step in getting organized

No doubt about it, organization can lead to less stress and better grades. So, try the steps above to help your child be a little more organized!

Merrell V. Dade

Principal

At Franconia, we're building tomorrow!

For Your Information

Early release on Friday, May 27

There will be a 2-hour early dismissal on Friday, May 27. On that day, Franconia students will be released at **1:35 p.m.** There will be no school on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

Become a member of the PTA Board

Elections will take place in June for PTA Board members for the 2011-2012 school year. Being a board member is a great way to participate in developing the parent and teacher partnership. Board members are elected each year. The PTA Board offices are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in a position, please contact the PTA Nomination Committee: Cheye-Anne Salyards at cheyeannel6@yahoo.com or Cory O'Meara at ctomeara@gmail.com.

Field Day is a Health, Wellness and Safety Day for students

With limited space due to renovation, the physical education team had to make some adjustments to our annual Field Day festivities. This year, students will have an opportunity to take part in a Health, Wellness and Safety Day on:

June 7 — Grades K-2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 13 — Grades 3-4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 20 — Grades 5-6, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help out. Each classroom teacher will need two volunteers to assist community guests who will be presenting lessons on the big Field Day. Volunteers will help setup and greet classes as they rotate from station to station. They will also help the classroom teacher organize a class picnic. Volunteers will need to arrive by 9:15 a.m. and stay until 12:30 p.m. If you can help on this fun day, please contact your child's teacher by Friday, May 27.