



Welcome to Town After School at Franklin Rec!

We are so excited to kick off another fantastic school year with our after-school program. Whether you've been with us for years or this is your very first time joining, we're thrilled to have your child as part of our community.

This monthly newsletter will give you a peek into all the fun and learning happening at Franklin After School, with pictures, activity highlights, and a look ahead at what's coming next. We can't wait to share the joy, creativity, and energy that fills our afternoons together.

August was a month of building connections and settling into the rhythm of the new school year. We started off strong with fun get-to-know-you activities like our colorful caterpillar project and friendship webs with Ms. Evelyn, which helped students learn more about one another and make new friends. Out on the field, we had plenty of active fun too—running through the sprinklers, having a water balloon fight, and even sharpening our baseball skills with Coach Aaron. It was the perfect way to beat the heat and kick off the year with lots of smiles and laughter.

Inside, our creativity shined with exciting art projects. Ms. Grace guided us in making clay pinch pot critters, where each student created a one-of-a-kind creature, and we also explored painting in fun and expressive ways.

In this very first issue of the 2025–26 Franklin After School Newsletter, we're also shining a spotlight on our incredible staff! You'll find a special page introducing each of our staff members, along with a fun fact to help you get to know the people who make this program so special. We're lucky to have such a caring, energetic, and creative group of leaders supporting your children each day.

We're looking forward to many more adventures in the months ahead—new games, exciting art projects, science experiments, and community activities that will help our students learn, grow, and have fun together. Thank you for being part of our Franklin After School family. Here's to a wonderful year ahead filled with laughter, friendship, and unforgettable memories!

Franklin Staff x

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Community News

We have lots of fun and exciting things coming to the Rec Center! We are excited to share a partnership with the Community Gardens Unit for the Parks and Rec Department to bring gardening programs to Franklin Rec! We look forward to collaborating with them to grow our very own Franklin garden!

We are also so excited to announce that we have 6 amazing high school volunteers that are coming for a few hours after school to help out at the Rec Center! They are from Bishop O'Dowd, Oakland High and Skyline High School!

We have a Flag Football program opening up for kids in 3rd through 5th grade! It starts on September 8th and goes until November 22nd.

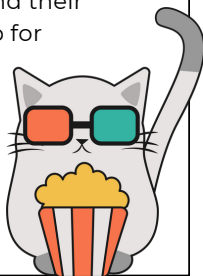
Parents, please create an account online at <https://cityofoakland.perfectmind.com/> to register your child and have them join us on the field! [Direct link to Register Online: Activity # 229607](#)

Monthly Movie and Store Day!

We celebrate with a special movie day at the end of each month! The kids get to relax in the big room, enjoy fresh popcorn, and have a sweet treat like ice cream, cookies, or brownies while watching a fun film together.

We're also introducing a new monthly Store Day! Throughout the month, participants can earn points for positive behaviors such as helping friends, sharing, and cleaning up after themselves. On Store Day, they'll have the chance to "spend" their points on prizes. The store is designed to help kids practice saving and making thoughtful choices—whether they spend their points right away or save up for something bigger.

This month, we watched:
K - Pop Demon Hunters
You can stream it here:
Netflix



Cooking Classes

Coming in September 2025

Last year, the children loved learning new skills, trying recipes, and exploring new foods together. We are excited to share that our after-school program will be incorporating cooking classes for the kids again this year!

To help us continue and grow this activity, we are asking each family to contribute **\$5 per participant, per month.**

Introducing Franklin Staff & Fun Facts



Ms. Rebecca

Recreation Center Director

"I love the outdoors!
Trees, trails, lakes,
rivers and oceans!"

Rebecca has been at Franklin Rec for 19 years, starting as a Program Director and now a Center Director. She handles all things Franklin, manages the center and programs, and is responsible for creating and maintaining a safe environment for our students, staff, and community.

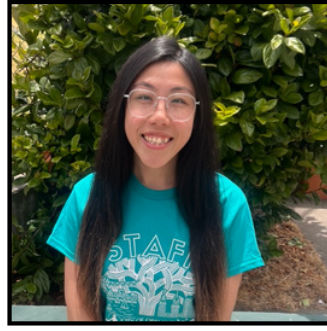


Ms. Grace

Recreation Leader II, PPT

"I love ceramics! I
teach a teen class
every Thursday night!"

Grace is the PPT at Franklin Rec! She has been working with the city for the past 10 years at Studio One Art Center as an art teacher, and last year she made the transition to Franklin Rec as a PPT to coordinate the After School Program.



Ms. Evelyn

Recreation Leader

"I have had my hair
every color of the
rainbow!"

Evelyn has been at Franklin Rec for 9 years and is so talented in so many ways! She leads a variety of different activities with the kids including but not limited to: cooking, art, science, and more!



Coach Aaron

Recreation Leader

"I like to play golf and
attend sporting
events!"

Coach Aaron is our Sports Leader! He has been working with the City of Oakland for the last 15 years at Franklin Rec. He leads fun and interactive games, teaches kids different sports and skills, and helps kids develop coordination and teamwork.

Seasonal Staff

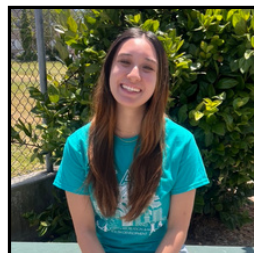
We have some wonderful individuals that help us out when they have time away from their studies! Each of these students bring joy and a unique set of skills that make the Rec Center such a wonderful place to be! Below is a photo of each of them as well as a fun fact they shared about themselves!



Ms. Vanessa

Recreation Aide

"I like soccer!"



Ms. Sophie

Recreation Aide

"I go to school in
Boston for Health
Science and Finance!"



Mr. Abraham

Recreation Aide

"I like soccer!"



Ms. Mandy

Recreation Aide

"I play badmitten!"



Whats coming up next at Franklin Rec!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the coming weeks! Our cooking classes will be starting in September, giving kids the chance to try out new recipes and learn fun kitchen skills. We're also putting together a 3rd-5th-grade flag football team, so get ready for some friendly competition and teamwork on the field!

Every Thursday afternoon, we'll be introducing new science projects that let kids experiment, explore, and discover in hands-on ways. Looking ahead, we're excited to plan some fun fall field trips and are hoping to coordinate a visit to the golf course so the kids can try out golfing again this year.

There's a lot to look forward to, and we can't wait to share these new experiences with our after-school community!

Below you can find a link to our Google Drive for this school year! There you can find more pictures of your little ones having a blast at the Rec Center!



Thank you for reading!

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