



Monthly Newsletter

FRANKLIN RECREATION
CENTER

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OUTSIDE GAMES!

Happy September from Franklin Rec!

September has been a blast! We had so many fun activities and we are so excited to share them with you!

This month has been full of learning, creativity, and hands-on fun in our after-school program! As we settled into the new school year, our days were packed with exciting activities across science, art, and cooking.

In science, we experimented with self-inflating balloons to explore chemical reactions, and we got messy with oobleck while learning about the different states of matter and how they work together.

Over in art, we tapped into our creative side by making sparkly clay sculptures and studying the work of the famous artist Georgia O'Keeffe, especially her beautiful flower paintings.

In cooking, we took a tasty adventure by creating our very own homemade Taco Bell. And to top it all off, we had a blast celebrating Pirate Day with a super fun themed scavenger hunt that had everyone hunting for treasure!

September was a wonderful start to the year, and we can't wait to see what October brings!

We are excited to share some more pictures of some happy highlights from this month! We got a ton of cute pictures that we wanted to include this month so page 3 is nothing but pictures of all the fun we had so far!

Franklin Staff x



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Community News: Pirate Day and Flag Football

Arrrg Matey! We had a blast with Pirate Day this month! We've been hiding precious jewels and dabloons for the kids to find and trade in for exciting treasures! They could earn stickers, treats, or camp dollars to spend at the monthly store!

We got into the pirate spirit with some fun eye patches, pretend hooks and hopping on one leg for an imaginary pirate peg leg! The fun pirate impairments made it more challenging to find our treasures and loads of fun for the kids and staff!

Our Flag Football program for 3rd through 5th graders started this month and its been going strong so far!

It started on September 8th and goes until November 22nd. The Franklin team won their first game this past Saturday and that was awesome!

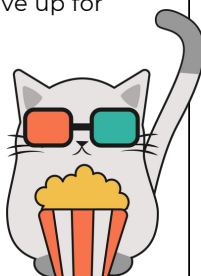
Coach Aaron is coaching our Youth Flag Football team every Monday and Thursday, helping players develop skills, character and teamwork.

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 also had our monthly Store Day! Throughout the month, participants can earn points for positive behaviors such as helping others, 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:
Despicable Me 4
You can stream it here:
Netflix



Cooking Classes

Cooking classes are back and loads of fun already! This month, we recreated our favorite Taco Bell treats! The kids got to choose between a soft shell taco, a mini burrito, or a crunch wrap supreme!

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

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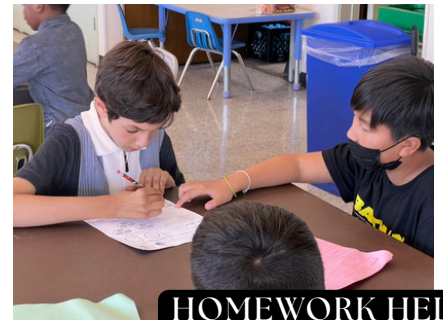
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SELF INFLATING BALLOONS



FUNNY FACES



HOMEWORK HELP



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SELF INFLATING BALLOONS



GEORGIA AND YASLI'S NAIL SALON



HAPPY FACES



Whats coming up next at Franklin Rec!

We are looking forward to an October full of spooky fun! We have some super fun science projects coming up, like Ghost Rockets, Thaumathropes, and Pumpkin Volcanoes! As well as some great opportunities to get creative in a Halloween-y way, like Spider web cupcakes, Skeleton Hands, and Mummy Marshmallow Towers!

We are also looking forward to a Halloween Community event on October 31st hosted by Trybe at Clinton Park! We had the opportunity to go last year, and the kids had a ton of fun, so we are excited to go again this year!

Here is a link to some other events hosted by Trybe: <https://www.oaklandtrybe.org/events>

We are looking forward to finding new ways to incorporate more cooking projects into our program and are excited to try some pumpkin themed recipes and some halloween themed treats!

Below you can find a link to our Facebook page! There you can find more pictures of your little ones having a blast at the Rec Center!



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