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THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR FTS

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DR. GOODITIS, PRINCIPAL

• Upcoming • Events

- 1/20- School Closed - MLK Jr. Day
- 1/31- Snowflake Ball
- 1/31- Early Dismissal - Staff In-Service
- 2/12- Cultural Night
- 2/21- PreK Lottery Survey Closes
- 2/21- Middle School Dance
- 3/3-PTA/QEA Read Across America Breakfast
- 3/7- The Masked Reader
- 3/10 Author's Visit
- 3/12-3/14- FTS Theater Club Presents Moana Jr.
- 3/14-Roary's Shop

Hear Our R.O.A.R.S!

Respect, Ownership of Actions, Achieve Personal Best, Responsibility, and Safety

8th graders visited North Hunterdon High School to learn about different programs offered from the guidance staff.



Students in 4th through 8th grade participated in a spelling bee.

Congratulations to 1st place winner Brian Fennell and all of the participants.

Mrs. Simone's 6th grade stretch class began initial installation of the FTS fish tank located in the school foyer.





Board of Education

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Monday, February 10, 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025

Monday, April 14, 2025

Monday, May 12, 2025 Public Budget Hearing and Adoption

Monday, June 23, 2025

Monday, July 21, 2025

Monday, August 18, 2025

Monday, September 15, 2025

Monday, October 27, 2025

Monday, November 24, 2025

Monday, December 22, 2025

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 Organization Meeting

COACHES' CORNER

Girls Basketball

Upcoming Games
(4:00 start time).

Date	Opponent	Location
1/21	Union	FTS, 226 Quakertown Rd., Pittstown, NJ 08867
1/23	Califon	FTS, 226 Quakertown Rd., Pittstown, NJ 08867

Boys Basketball

Upcoming Games
(4:00 start time).

Date	Opponent	Location
1/21	@ Union.	UTMS, 165 Perryville Road, Hampton, NJ 08827
1/23	@Califon	Califon School, 6 School St., Califon, NJ 07830



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Lindsay Gooditis, Principal

January 2, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Franklin Township School will be continuing our preschool program during the 2025-2026 school year. Please complete the survey [here](#) to indicate your interest in the District's free preschool program for the 2025-2026 school year. Please fill out a separate form for each preschool-aged child you are interested in enrolling in the District's preschool program. By completing the survey, you are entering your child into the lottery. Please note, you will not be able to access this survey until tomorrow, January 3, 2025 at 8AM.

Children who are already enrolled in the program during the 2024-2025 school year do not need to submit interest through the survey to enter the lottery. However, families who entered the lottery previously but did not receive a seat, need to re-submit their interest through the 2025-2026 survey.

The lottery survey will close on February 21, 2025. A random lottery will take place. If your child is selected in the lottery, you will be contacted via email by February 28, 2025. Families who do not receive a spot will be automatically placed on a wait list.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gooditis

2 de enero de 2025

Estimados padres/tutores,

Franklin Township School continuará con nuestro programa preescolar durante el año escolar 2025-2026. Complete la encuesta [aquí](#) para indicar su interés en el programa preescolar gratuito del Distrito para el año escolar 2025-2026. Complete un formulario por separado para cada niño en edad preescolar que esté interesado en inscribir en el programa preescolar del Distrito. Al completar la encuesta, usted ingresa a su hijo en la lotería. Tenga en cuenta que no podrá acceder a esta encuesta hasta mañana, 3 de enero de 2025 a las 8 a.m.

Los niños que ya estén inscritos en el programa durante el año escolar 2024-2025 no necesitan presentar interés a través de la encuesta para participar en la lotería. Sin embargo, las familias que participaron en la lotería anteriormente pero no recibieron un asiento deben volver a presentar su interés a través de la encuesta 2025-2026.

La encuesta de lotería se cerrará el 21 de febrero de 2025. Se llevará a cabo una lotería aleatoria. Si su hijo es seleccionado en la lotería, nos comunicaremos con usted por correo electrónico antes del 28 de febrero de 2025. Las familias que no reciban un lugar serán colocadas automáticamente en una lista de espera.

Atentamente,

Lindsay Gooditis



Cultural Night

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025
6:00 PM**

Franklin Township School is seeking families interested in setting up a table to share about their family's culture with our FTS students and families!

Families interested in teaching others about their culture would choose from one of the following:

(A) Provide information on their culture (pictures, clothing, books, art, etc.)

(B) Share a favorite recipe and dish (allowing spectators to try it!)

(C) Teach a game or dance! (Let others enjoy a special pastime or significant game)



**IF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INTERESTED
IN HAVING A TABLE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE
FORM.**

**SIGN UP
HERE**



Noche cultural

**MIÉRCOLES 12 DE FEBRERO DE 2025
6:00 P.M.**

¡La escuela Franklin Township está buscando familias interesadas en montar una mesa para compartir sobre la cultura de su familia con nuestros estudiantes y familias de FTS!

Las familias interesadas en enseñar a otros sobre su cultura elegirían una de las siguientes opciones:

(A) Proporcionar información sobre su cultura (imágenes, ropa, libros, arte, etc.)

(B) Comparte una receta y un plato favoritos (¡permitiendo que los espectadores los prueben!)

(C) ¡Enseñe un juego o baile! (Deje que otros disfruten de un pasatiempo especial o un juego significativo)



**SI USTED Y SU FAMILIA ESTÁN
INTERESADOS EN TENER UNA MESA, POR
FAVOR RELLENE EL FORMULARIO.**

**REGÍSTRATE
AQUÍ**

SEASON 2



CLICK
HERE
FOR A
SNEAK
PEAK



Starting February 3rd, we will be releasing two videos weekly of FTS staff members reading a book with a silly mask on! We will then hold an assembly to reveal the masked readers!

COUNSELOR'S **CORNER**

Franklin Township School

Morning Meetings

January 2025

Monday: Grades K-2

Identifying Feelings

Wednesday: Grades 3-5

Identifying Feelings

Friday: Grades 6-8

Identifying Feelings

Morning meetings will run
from 8:15am-8:35am. Please
RSVP to
avan-spanje@ftschoool.org

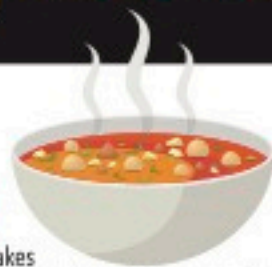
Cafeteria Connection

January 2025

National Soup Month!

With January being one of the coldest months of the year, it makes sense for it to be national soup month! Enjoying a cup of soup is a great way to stay warm in winter. There are so many different types of soup. Here are some tips on how to make your soup healthier and more nutritious:

- Watch out for sodium content. Canned soups are high in sodium, so try making your own soup at home from scratch with low-sodium broth. Eating high-sodium foods regularly can make your body hold on to extra water and puts you at risk of having high blood pressure.
- Substitute cream with starchy vegetables. If you love creamy soups more than broth-based soups, you can substitute the cream for a starchy vegetable such as a potato or butternut squash. When blended with the soup, they act as a thickener and give the soup the creamy consistency you like without needing to add any cream!
- Add an array of vegetables. Adding different vegetables to your soup ensures that you get a mixture of vitamins and minerals that your body needs. Be creative and try different vegetable combinations that you haven't tried before!
- Soups are versatile and diverse, with flavors ranging from sweet to savory. Whatever your preference is, there's a soup crafted just for you!



REFERENCES:

- Is Sodium the same as Salt?
- How to make a Healthier Soup!



Blueberry Crisp Serves 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 cups Blueberries fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons Sugar
- 3 tablespoons Flour
- 1 Lemon

TOPPING:

- 1/4 cup Butter softened
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar
- 1/4 cup All-Purpose Flour
- 3/4 cup Oats Regular or Quick
- 1/4 teaspoon Cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- Grate the rind of the lemon and squeeze the juice of half of the lemon.
- Toss blueberries, with sugar, lemon rind, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 3 tablespoons flour. Place in a 2qt baking dish.
- With a fork, combine the butter, brown sugar, oats, flour, and cinnamon until crumbled. Sprinkle over blueberries.
- Bake 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the fruit is bubbly. Cool slightly and serve warm.



Enjoy!

January Holidays

National Soup Month	
National Oatmeal Month	
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 4	National Spaghetti Day
Jan 6	National Bean Day
Jan 11	National Milk Day
Jan 12	National Curried Chicken Day
Jan 14	National Hot Pastrami Day
Jan 15	National Bagel Day
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 18	Winnie the Pooh Day
Jan 20	National Cheese Lover's Day
Jan 21	National Granola Bar Day
Jan 23	National Pie Day
Jan 29	Lunar New Year
Jan 30	National Croissant Day
Jan 31	National Hot Cocoa Day

Dietitian's Pick

In this recipe, blueberries are used along with whole wheat flour and rolled oats. Blueberries are a nutritional powerhouse since they contain more antioxidants than almost any other fruit and vegetable. Antioxidants help our bodies fight disease and keep us healthy overall, while also being the second most popular berry in the United States! As for the oats and whole wheat, they both provide us with fiber which helps us maintain a healthy digestive system, so make sure to include this recipe in your diet for an added boost of antioxidants and fiber!



Who needs a gluten-free diet?

We've all heard the term gluten-free before, but what does it actually mean? In honor of gluten-free month, let's explore what gluten actually is and who needs a gluten-free diet.

Gluten is a protein naturally found in some grains such as wheat, barley and rye. You can expect to find gluten in breads and baked goods, but it is also added to a lot of other food products to change the texture and taste of food. For example, gluten could be used in sauces, soups and even in some seasonings.

For the majority of the people, this isn't a problem. But for those who suffer from celiac disease or gluten-sensitivity, they must follow a gluten-free diet. The good news is, there are a lot of naturally gluten-free foods like most fruits and vegetables. Some examples you will find on our school lunch line are baby carrots, tomatoes and fresh fruits.

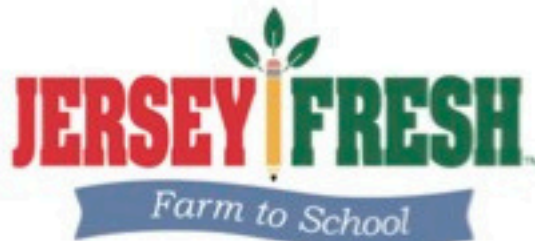
When people with celiac disease or gluten-sensitivity eat foods that contain gluten, they get uncomfortable symptoms such as gas, bloating and diarrhea. The only known way to avoid that is by eating foods that don't contain gluten, and that's why those with celiac or gluten-sensitivity diseases need a gluten-free diet!

REFERENCES:

- Does My Child need a Gluten-Free Diet?

Recipe of the Month

JANUARY



Blueberry Crisp

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 cups Blueberries Fresh or Frozen
- 2 tablespoons Sugar
- 3 tablespoons Flour
- 1 Lemon

TOPPING:

- ¼ cup Butter softened
- ½ cup Brown Sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose Flour
- ¾ cup Oats Regular or Quick
- ¼ teaspoon Cinnamon



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. Grate the rind of the lemon and squeeze the juice of half of the lemon.
3. Toss blueberries, with sugar, lemon rind, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 3 tablespoons flour. Place in a 2qt baking dish.
4. With a fork, combine the butter, brown sugar, oats, flour, and cinnamon until crumbled. Sprinkle over blueberries.
5. Bake 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the fruit is bubbly. Cool slightly and serve warm.

Enjoy!

FTS PTA's 18th Annual Snowflake Ball

A FUN FILLED NIGHT FOR ALL
PRE K - 5TH GRADE FAMILIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

FTS Gymnasium

PHOTO BOOTH
&
FACE PAINTING

DOCTOR D
ENTERTAINMENT

DANCING
&
REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW FOR FOOD DONATIONS AND SET-UP

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/60B084EAF823A5FA7-54407273-SNOWFLAKE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EAF823A5FA7-54407273-SNOWFLAKE)

****THIS IS A FAMILY-FUN NIGHT- NOT A DROP OFF EVENT****

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION VIA HOMEROOM TEACHER ADDRESSED TO: PTA- SNOWFLAKE BALL
ALL PRE-PAID SLIPS WITH PAYMENT INSIDE MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

CHILD'S NAME AND HOMEROOM:

INDIVIDUAL TICKET (AGE 5+)
\$5.00 PER PERSON
(AGES 4 & UNDER ARE FREE)

OR

PRE-PAID SPECIAL FAMILY PACKAGE
\$20.00
(IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY)

Individual Tickets: Qty. _____ x \$5.00 = _____ & # of age 4 and under attending: _____

Prepaid Family Package: \$20.00----Kindly indicate # of family members attending: _____

Circle Payment Options: CASH / CHECK NO. _____ (PLEASE MAKE CHECK TO FTS PTA)

Please provide email for payment confirmation. Tickets will be at the door.

E-mail: _____





Author Visit

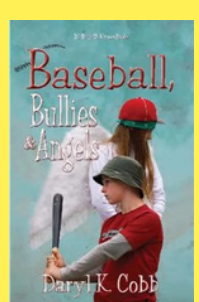
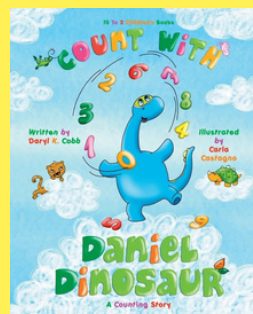
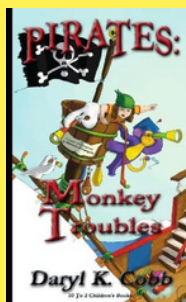
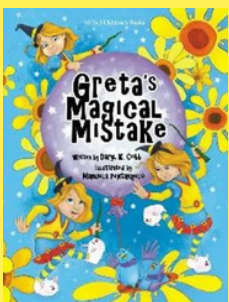
Monday, March 10th

Daryl Cobb

will be visiting our students

Local children's author, Daryl Cobb, will be putting on a literacy based show for the entire school! Pre-K thru 4th will be engaged with his music and story telling while 5th thru 8th will be compelled by his writing workshop. The day is going to be filled with music ,laughter, meet and greets and more!

To continue the reading fun at home Daryl Cobb is offering FTS autographed copies of his books. The attached form along with payment is Due by Feb 14th. On time book orders will be received the day of visit. These books make great keepsakes for this wonderful visit!



Attention parents:
Franklin Township Elementary School
 Presents Author's Day 2024-25 with
"Children's Author Daryl Cobb"

To pre-order for the book signing send full payment with this form back to school in a sealed envelope marked "Attn: Authors Day" on or before February 14th.

*Chapter Books #1 and #2 are intended for boys and girls ages 10-15 or strong younger readers / Chapter Book #3 is for ages 7-11

- ☐ 1-\$10 ☐ 1-\$13 Hard Cover / Pirates: The Ring of Hope ☐ 1
- ☐ Soft ☐ 2-\$13 Hard Cover / Baseball, Bullies & Angels
- ☐ #3-\$10.00 Soft Cover / Pirates: Monkey Troubles
- ☐ 4-\$13.00 Daddy Did I Ever Say? (Books 4-8 Hard Covers)
- ☐ I Love You, Love You Every Day / (Sentimental ages 0 & up)
- ☐ 5 -\$13.00 Daniel Dinosaur / ages 0-8
- ☐ 6 -\$13.00 Will the Bat Love Halloween / ages
- ☐ 7 -\$13.00 Will the Bat Babysits Bella / ages 0-10
- ☐ 8 -\$13.00 Will the Bat Finds His Way Home / ages 0-8
- ☐ 9-\$10.00 / Mr. Moon / ages 0-10
- ☐ 10 -\$10.00 / Greta Magical Mistake / ages 0-10
- ☐ 11-\$10.00/ Pirates: Legend of the Snarlyfeet / ages 0-10
- ☐ 12 -\$10.00 / Henry Hare's Floppy Socks / ages 0-8
- ☐ 13 -\$10.00 / BOO! Are You Afraid of the Dark? / ages 0-8
- ☐ 14 -\$10.00 / Barnyard Buddies / ages
- ☐ 15 -\$10.00 / The Frogs: A Happy Life! / ages 0-6
- ☐ 16 -\$10.00 / Boy on the Hill / ages 0-6
- ☐ 17-\$10.00/ Count with Daniel Dinosaur / ages 0-6
- ☐ SB-\$15.00 / Personalized School Book

Special! 2024 -25 Personalized School Book
Do Pirates Go To Franklin Township Elementary School?

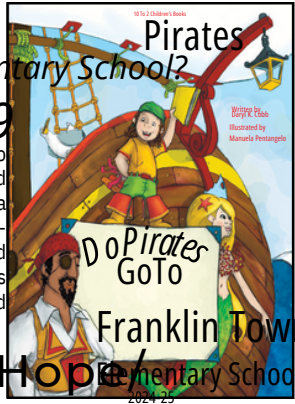
SB ☐ **School Book \$15.99**

This is a customized school version of Daryl's "Do Pirates Go To School?" with your school name added to the title. It includes a special dedication page with a dedication made directly to your students. Throughout the book, one can find the names of teachers and staff members on plaques, signs, the pirate rosters and mailboxes, to name a few of the personalized illustrations. This is a great keepsake!



*Pirates: The Ring of Hope / Franklin Township Elementary School?

Kirkus Reviews says that "Pirates: The Ring of Hope is ... [A] spirited swashbuckling tale of mystery and magic. The characters are rich and beautifully rendered, and the story is sprinkled with humor. . . . Twelve year old Peter Nichols steps out of the modern world and right into the middle of this funny fun pirate mystery that has him struggling with right and wrong and the meaning of friendship and family.



Kirkus Reviews -- Calls BOO! Are You Afraid of the Dark? "A heartwarming story to help children overcome their bedtime fears." Come and see how one mom helps her son ease his fear of the dark!

☐ 2 *Baseball, Bullies & Angels/276pgs



-- Kirkus Reviews "This [award winning children's] novel by Cobb ... introduces Stephen, whose skill in baseball helps him cope with bullies and a learning disability. ... * Stephen is a talented baseball player, but as his flame grows brighter, one particular competitor and classmate doesn't like getting overshadowed. He and his friends, "The Bully Gang", set a plan in motion to get Stephen kicked off the baseball team. As the bullying gets worse, Stephen's friends Charlie and Megan try to fill his world with hope, happiness and laughter.



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School Contact: Sylvia Naughton / sylvia_rose@yahoo.com

_____/_____/_____
 (Student First and Last Name) / (Teacher Last Name) / (Grade)

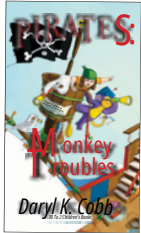
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*CLEARLY PRINT names (first names only) here. For multiple books put book number next to name, use separate paper if necessary and attach to order form.

**Make Checks Payable to:
 Daryl Cobb Productions**

Author info at www.darylcobb.com

Qty. _____ X \$ 15.99 = _____
 _____ X \$ 13.00 = _____
 _____ X \$ 10.00 = _____
 Total _____



☐ **3** *Chapter Book #3 is for ages 7-11
Pirates: Monkey Troubles/129pgs

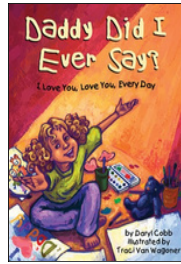
When Monk doesn't return promptly from his mission to find Captain Paul, Peter is sick with worry. And to make matters worse his dreams of a mysterious bottle with a note inside has a message that is deadly and more real than Peter could have imagined. Parents: The Ring of Hope was

adapted into a novel from this short story. \$10.00

☐ **4** Daddy Did I Ever Say?
I Love You, Love You Every Day

Kirkus Reviews calls Daddy Did I Ever Say? I Love You, Love You, Every Day "[a] charming tale. A cute, curly-haired, kindergarten-aged girl opens the story by asking her father if she's ever told him how much she loves him. She loves him, she explains, because of how he plays, tickles, squeezes, chases, even roughhouses with her. She loves him because whenever she's afraid at night, she knows she can always find him, and he'll make her feel better. The verse Cobb has penned is appealing and... [t]he idea behind the story of the little girl and her doting father is charming[.]

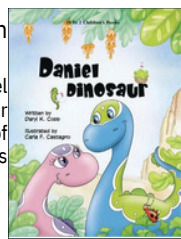
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☐ **5** Daniel Dinosaur "A sweet story told in simple

rhymes that young children will likely enjoy. Daniel has just turned 4... his parents ask him to watch over [his sister Sue] while their away, and he loses track of her. Danny's search for Sue is humorous, and it is rendered with lively drawings."

-- *Kirkus Reviews* \$13.00



☐ **6** "Bill the Bat Loves Halloween"

Kirkus Reviews-- Bill is a curious bat who loves Halloween

and watching trick-or-treaters. The little ghouls and goblins run away when he swoops in for a closer look, but Bill is undaunted. He keeps following them until he takes a broom to the head.... Colorful illustrations fill the pages with movement and detail [in this] fast-moving, fun rhyming picture book

\$13.00



☐ **7** *Kirkus Reviews* calls Bill the Bat Baby-sits Bella "[a] sweet book celebrating brother

sister bonds. The illustrations are rich with color and detail and full of little quirks to discuss."

\$13.00



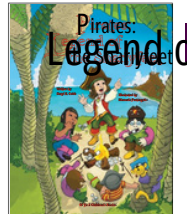
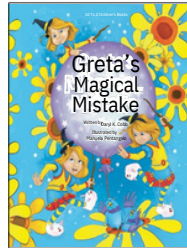
☐ **9** \$10.00

Kirkus Reviews calls *Mr. Moon* "[a] pleasing children's

narrative with a relevant message." When the moon over stays his welcome he gets a little heat from his friend the sun. We all must learn at some point to appreciate the things that make us individuals and what makes each of our own lives special as Mr. Moon does in this unique and fun story.

"*Kirkus Reviews* says that ☐ **10** \$10.00

Greta Magical Mistake is told "With simple rhymes and a gentle spirit, veteran children's author Cobb offers an enjoyable story of a witch-in-training whose good intentions go awry." Greta Grohm, a student at Wilhelm's Magic Academy, quickly discovers how good intentions can go wrong. When Greta finds a stray cat on the way home from magic school she immediately thinks he would make a great new friend for her two pet birds, Dew and Ray. She takes the cat home, a wild chase ensues and a magic spell goes bad to set this tale in motion.



☐ **11** *Pirates: Legend of the Snarlyfeet* is a follow up to Daryl K. Cobb's "Do Pirates Go To School?" This is a fun adventure that follows Pirate Pete and his friends to the mysterious land of Hoganthal in a search for buried treasure. Readers will be introduced to the most feared animal on the island, the dreaded Snarlyfeet, and . . . they will just love them. The pirates in this tale learn a very important life lesson about judging others, one that your children will certainly take with them as well.

\$10.00

☐ **12** *Kirkus Reviews* says that *Henry Hare's Floppy Socks* is a fun romp with uniquely illustrated characters and a simple solution to an amusingly silly dilemma." When Henry Hare can't keep his socks from falling down, all of his friends come together to try to help Henry find a solution to this problem. Margot Miller creates colorful illustrations from household textures and helps makes this story fun to read and look at. \$10.00



☐ **13** "BOO! Are You Afraid of the Dark?" is a heartwarming story about being afraid of the dark. When a child's mom notices this fear in her son at bedtime, she decides to turn the tables and becomes fearful too. "You say you are brave, and I know that it's true. But what if I'm scared, what should I do?" Boo tries to ease his Mom's fears, by identifying all the things in the room his mom becomes afraid of. \$10.00 *New for 2024!*



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LIONS DISCOUNT CARD

Save Money! Support our students and local businesses!

This reusable discount card provides terrific savings at over 130+ area businesses across Hunterdon and Somerset counties.

*Please help make this fundraiser a huge success!! Our goal is to sell at least 2 cards per student.
The more we sell, the more money we raise to support our 8th graders graduating in 2025!*

 <p>FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>LIONS</p> <p>8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2025</p> <p><small>*Cards are valid through December 31, 2025*</small></p>	<p>MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS! CHECK OUT ALL THE SAVINGS AVAILABLE HERE!</p> 
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Please return this form and payment in a sealed envelope labeled “PTA Discount Card, Attention: Michelle Wronski” to your child’s teacher. Make checks payable to Franklin Township School or email michellewronski@gmail.com if you prefer to pay with Venmo. All cards ordered will be placed in your child’s homeroom teacher’s mailbox.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Home Room/Teacher _____

Name	Phone/Email	# of Cards Ordered @ \$20 each	\$ Paid
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
		Total cards ordered:	Total \$:

For any questions, please email: michellewronski@gmail.com