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THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR FTS

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DR. GOODITIS, PRINCIPAL

• Upcoming • Events

- 2/5- 6th Grade QCrew Fundraiser
- 2/10- BOE Meeting
- 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

Students in sixth grade completed a project created by student teacher, Mr. Colucci. They learned about the Egyptian religion to create a poster depicting the strengths, powers, and rituals of the gods. Students volunteered to present and three students wrote and sang songs about their gods.



Thank you to the PTA for arranging the cultural arts assembly. The Alborada Spanish Dance Theater provided an assembly which focused on dancing and education about the Spanish culture.

Second grade and Pre-K students have started a buddy reading program! Our second graders have been working hard on their reading fluency in preparation for their visit to Pre-K. This week, they had their first reading session with their new buddies!





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
2/3	@ Delaware Twp.	501 Rosemont-Ringoes Road Sergeantsville, NJ 08557

Boys Basketball

Upcoming Games
(4:00 start time).

Date	Opponent	Location
2/3	East Amwell	FTS, 226 Quakertown Rd., Pittstown, NJ 08867



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

Franklin Township School

-SPIRIT WEEK-

-February 7th **THROUGH** February 14th-

Show your support for CHD Awareness.

Friday, February 7th: Wear your favorite Sports Gear and Play like Gunnar!

Monday, February 10th: Wear a shirt with a truck or monster truck on it. Gunnar loved monster trucks!

Tuesday, February 11th: Wear anything Star Wars and have a Galactic day!

Wednesday, February 12th: Wear **Blue**. The color for CHD awareness and Gunnar's favorite color.

Thursday, February 13th: Dress up as your favorite Superhero!

Friday, February 14th: Wear **Red** to support CHD awareness and to celebrate Valentine's Day!

- PARTICIPATE **AND** SHOW **YOUR** SUPPORT **FOR THE CAUSE!**-
-**REMEMBER** EVERYTHING **MUST BE SCHOOL**
APPROPRIATE!-





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

February 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



**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2027**

**DINE OUT
FUNDRAISER**

Pick-Up:

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 5**

Deadline to Order:

TUESDAY Feb 1

Pick-Up Location

**FRANKLIN
TOWNSHIP SCHOOL**

Pick-Up Time:

4:30-5:30 PM

**Scan to See
the Menu**



QcrewCares.com

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: _____





Winter Wonderland

Middle School Dance

February 21, 2025 7-9 PM

DJ, dancing, photo booth, and refreshments!



\$5 @ the door

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EAFA823A5FA7-54569407-winter>

Questions? jessica.latanzio.crespo@gmail.com

PTA presents.....

Author Visit

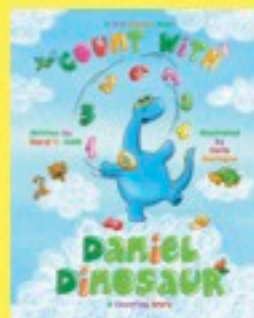


Monday, March 10th
Daryl Cobb
will be visiting our students



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?

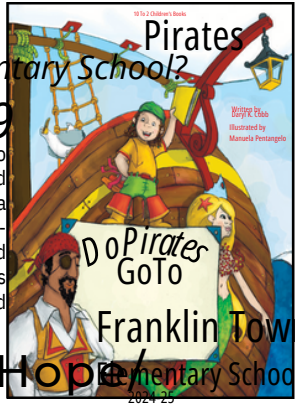
SB ☐ **School Book \$15.99**

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)

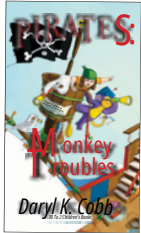
Autograph To: _____

*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

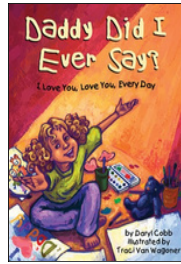
When Monk doesn't return promptly from his mission to find Captain Paul, Peter is sick with worry. And to make matters worse his dreams of a mysterious bottle with a note inside has a message that is deadly and more real than Peter could have imagined. Parents: The Ring of Hope was

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[.]

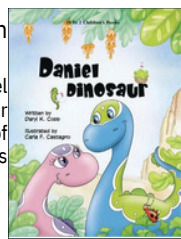
\$13.00



☐ 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



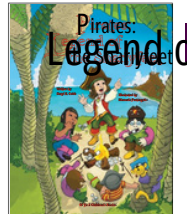
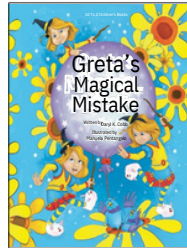
☐ 9 \$10.00

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

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:

- ¼ cup Butter softened
- ½ cup Brown Sugar
- ¼ cup All-Purpose Flour
- ¾ cup Oats Regular or Quick
- ¼ 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.

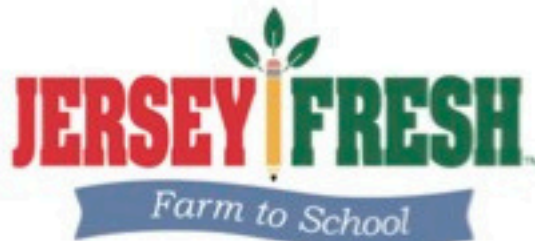
When people with celiac disease or gluten-sensitivity eat foods that contain gluten, they get uncomfortable symptoms such as gas, bloating and diarrhea. The only known way to avoid that is by eating foods that don't contain gluten, and that's why those with celiac or gluten-sensitivity diseases need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

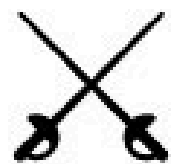
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Butter softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Brown Sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup all-purpose Flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Oats Regular or Quick
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon Cinnamon



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!



ATTENTION PARENTS!!

The Union Township Recreation Committee is excited to announce that registration for **Spring Soccer, Martial Arts, Baseball and Jr Lions Fencing** will be open from February 1st – February 28th. Please note, late registration is available March 1st – 7th, subject to a late fee. No registrations after March 7th will be accepted.

Spring Soccer:

- The program is for children in Pre-K through 8th grade and runs from early April through mid-June.
- Practices will be held at Finn Road Park during the week for 2nd – 8th grade, based on our volunteer coach's availability. Please note, our Pre-K and K/1 groups do not practice.
- Games are typically held at Finn Road Park Saturdays between 8am – 12pm. The Spring 2024 season will be played mostly within our own league/groupings. Spring Soccer games will run from April 5th – June 14th (though note, we'll be off for Spring Break 4/19 & 4/26, and Memorial Day weekend 5/24).
- Coaches - mark your calendar for our Coaches Meeting which will be held on Friday, March 21st at Finn Park at 6pm.
- Questions? Please contact Soccer Commissioner Syed Jafri at UnionTwpRecSoccer@gmail.com.

Martial Arts:

UTREC is proud to bring back its newest program for 2025 – Martial Arts! Brought forward in partnership with Impact Martial Arts of Clinton, UTREC will be offering a 6-week introductory Kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu & Adult Brazilian Jiu Jitsu or Kickboxing this Spring. Please note, each class will be capped at 12 participants, so please register early.

- Kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu:
 - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ) classes for kids will be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 5:45-6:30pm, and Saturdays from 11:30am-12:15pm starting April 28th and running through June 6th.
 - Classes are offered for kids in 1st – 8th grades.
 - A UTREC t-shirt will be provided for all kids BJJ participants.

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- Adult Brazilian Jiu Jitsu:
 - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes for adults will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm, and Saturdays from 11am-12:30pm starting April 29th and running through June 6th.
 - Impact Martial Arts will provide a uniform for all participants.
- Adult Kickboxing:
 - Kickboxing classes for adults will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, Tuesdays from 7:30 - 8:30pm and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am starting 4/28 and running through 6/6.
 - Impact Martial Arts will provide gloves for all participants.
- Please note, class attendance is based on your schedule and not required (i.e., if you can make Tuesday & Thursday but not Saturday, that's OK).
- Questions? Please contact our Martial Arts lead Warren Ferdinand at utrecmartialarts@gmail.com

Coach Pitch Baseball:

- This is an introductory league for children in Pre-K through 4th grade that runs from early April through mid-June. The program focus is on having fun while learning baseball basic skills and rules, while having FUN!
- The final breakdown for how the group is divided up will be set after registration closes, based on enrollment numbers.
- Practices and games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Finn Park after school.
- Questions? Please contact Baseball Commissioner Warren Ferdinand at UTRECBaseball@gmail.com.

Jr Lions Fencing:

- Jr Lions Fencing program is back for 2025 with both *Intro to Fencing* and *Fencing with Experience* courses, both for kids in 5th – 8th grade. The classes will run from April 2nd – May 28th (excluding 4/23, when NHHS is closed for Spring break).
 - *Intro/Beginner Fencing (101/102)*: This is an introductory program to teach your child fencing basics while also hopefully sparking in them a love for the sport. No equipment is needed to participate. All sessions will be held from 6:15 – 7:15pm on Wednesdays.
 - *Fencing with Experience (201)*: This is a 201-level course for kids who have taken our Fencing with Experience class before. All sessions will be held from 7:30 – 8:30pm on Wednesdays.
- Questions? Please email Fencing Commissioner Richard Millhiser at JuniorLionsFencing@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit the UTREC website at: www.UTRECREATION.com

****Registrations for other UTREC Spring sports, including Tennis and Volleyball, will open later this Spring****

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