

FRMA families,

Welcome back! We are off to a terrific start to the school year. Students have done a great job of meeting our expectations for being to class on time, having all of their necessary supplies, and being ready to learn.

Here are a few important announcements for the upcoming week:

Mark Your Calendars:

- FRMA Curriculum Night Tuesday, September 9th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Picture Day Wednesday, September 17th

EA PAWS

Our school is looking forward to welcoming our comfort dog, Ranger, in the coming weeks. A letter was sent home with students on Wednesday, August 20th, and a parent email also was sent with information about the program. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation, please contact principal Brian Valek at 630-299-7175.

All Youth Leadership Project

LCFS is partnering with the district once again to offer the All Youth Leadership Project. This is a daily program offered Monday through Thursday after school at the district's Resilience Education Center and provides a variety of activities to grow students' leadership skills. Transportation is provided. Space is limited, and families must fill out an application that is available through the QR code on the attached flyer. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Fall Sports

If your student is interested in participating in either Co-Ed Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball or if he or she wants to join Waldo Middle School's team for Co-Ed Flag Football, please make sure your student has a current sports physical on file with our school nurse so the student can participate. Delayed physicals may result in students not being able to play this season. Families can register their students on <https://il.8to18.com/FredRodgers> If you have any questions about your student's sports physical, please contact our school Nurse Wonzey at (630) 299-7187 or wcarlson@d131.org

Parent Volunteers

All 6th-8th grade parents are welcome to volunteer at school events and field trips throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our

Parent Liaison, Leslie Hernandez to fill out a volunteer application at: (630) 299-7177 or lhernandez@d131.org or stop by the main office.

Counselor Corner (From Mr. Thompson)

Welcome back students! I am so excited to have started the 2025-2026 school year. I am looking forward to working with all of our students and families. If you are new to FRMA or a returning student and need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me, Mr. Thompson at: bthompson@d131.org. Things I can help with: Academic Support, Social/Emotional Support, College/Career Information and Community Resources. Let's make it a great year!

Have a wonderful weekend,

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