

**October 2005 - Franklin Elementary School:
Report of Instructional Activities and Other Activities at School
for Mr. Lambert and the School Board**

Instructional, FES continued to work toward the following mandates:

Guided Reading, Collaboration for Special Education Students and a beginning phase-in for Standards Based Math. FES also established nine-week benchmarks and nine-week assessments. Based on the benchmarks, the phase-in on Standards Based Math is causing concerns, but we are dialoging in a positive manner.

Specific activities for the month of October were as follows:

October 4t Janice Heavener, 4-H Extension Agent, conducted an assembly for third through sixth graders.

October 10, the FES Student Council met to finalize their goals for the year.

October 12, yearbook candid pictures were taken throughout the school.

October 13, the FES Curriculum Committee met and made two recommendations:

- 1) First, second and third grade marking changed to number grades. This will be recommended to the County Curriculum Team
- 2) Accelerated Reader points will be carried over from the previous grading period thus, enabling more students to have an opportunity to achieve their grade level goal.

Also, on October 13, a special math night meeting was held by Mrs. Thompson, fourth grade, and Mrs. Yokum, third grade, to explain Standards Based Math. Twenty-five to 30 parents attended.

October 14, the Gifted Students took a field trip to Mt. Storm Power Station.

The Super Faculty Senate met on October 18.

The PTO met on October 20, and two PTO fundraising assemblies were held on October 24.

Mr. Lou Emgee, a Co-teaching Specialists, visited FES on October 24 and 25. The fifth and sixth grade chorus sang downtown to businesses.

County elementary teachers attended Standards Based Math training at FES on October 28.

The Walk-a-thon sponsored by Mrs. Lambert was held on October 31, and finally, Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 24 through October 28.

Athletically, the girls completed their basketball season on October 26. The records for the girls basketball teams were as follows:

Franklin Blue	10 wins 2 losses	First Place
Franklin Gold	9 wins 3 losses	Second Place
North Fork	8 wins 4 losses	Third Place
Brandywine	0 wins 12 losses	Fourth Place

In closing, the first two months have begun very hectic. Overall, the teachers and students are working diligently. Also, there have been very few major behavior incidents

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