

News from the Frankfort Park District

February 2025

For questions call the Park District office at 815-469-9400 or visit www.frankfortparks.org

Youth Programs:

All programs are held at Founders Community Center, 140 Oak Street unless otherwise specified.

COMIC BOOK PROGRAM

At the Do Art Productions Comic Book Program, we will explore the many different angles and tools of not only comics but self-expression. Each week we will explore a different aspect of comics from paneling to character, to plot, as well as learn about the different aspects of inspiration and expressing ourselves. By the end, we will have created many of our own comics, as well as see how to generate our own. Our goal is to always show gratitude for being ourselves and the creativity that can sprout from expressing this. Everyone will receive stickers, bookmarks, and a variety of other materials to further their comic creations.

Instructor: Do Art Productions
Day: Wednesday
Session I: February 12 - 26
Session II: March 12 - 26
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Age: 6 - 14 years
Fee: \$136/NR \$141



SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH COMEDY LAB NEW!

Let's get laughing. Humor really can make the world a better place! Through close observation and lab experimentation, this high-energy comedy class will offer electrifying lessons on humor such as: impersonations, healthy gag humor, slapstick, comic strips, stand-up, ventriloquism and witty situational. Whether your child is naturally funny or not, they will have the opportunity to develop and execute comedic skills, gain a higher sense of self-esteem and perhaps learn to use humor in a social setting to be friendlier. They will also understand when comedy is taken TOO far in life. What is a heckler? What is a laugh track? What is microphone technique and comedic timing? And more humor discoveries and secrets! In a world immersed in technology where everyone is looking down at a phone or tablet, children could benefit from a healthy dose of interaction and comedy! All kids leave with a humor themed souvenir.

Instructor: Lisa Lombardi Coaching Day/Date: Tuesday/February 18

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm Age: 5 - 13 years Fee: \$39/NR \$41



MISS ANGIE'S MIGHTY MUSIC MAKERS

Celebrate your child's growing independence through fun music and movement activities. These classes will work on the child's attention and self-expression and include singing, chanting, moving, focused listening, musical games, exploring musical instruments, creative movement, and storytelling. A variety of musical types will be included to widen your child's exposure and appreciation of different music styles. This class is designed for child and adult participation.

Instructor: Angie Pope Day: Monday

Session II: February 24 - April 7

(No Class March 31)

Time: 9:15 - 10:00 am

Age: 3 - 5 years (with parent)

Fee: \$86/NR \$91

VAMONOS YOUTH SPANISH CLUB

Learning a second language can open a world of possibilities for your child. In this class, students will learn Spanish conversation and some Spanish grammar, reading and writing skills through interactive and engaging activities. Each session covers new and exciting materials!

Instructor: Language in Action, Inc.

Day: Tuesday

Session II: February 25 - April 8 (No Class April 1)

Time: 6:00 - 6:45 pm Age: 7 - 11 years Fee: \$110/NR \$115



DR SEUSS PARTY NEW!

Mark your calendars because Dr. Seuss' Birthday is coming up on March 2nd! We're throwing a fun celebration where the kids can get creative by making their very own delicious snack shaped like Dr. Seuss' iconic hat from "The Cat in the Hat." It's a hands-on activity that's not only fun but also super tasty! We'll also get to enjoy some of his beloved silly stories, like "Green Eggs & Ham" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish." To sweeten the day, the kids will kick back and watch a classic Dr. Seuss movie. We'll have loads of other exciting activities lined up to celebrate this amazing author, so feel free to dress your little ones in their favorite Dr. Seuss outfit!

Instructor: Sharon Koczor
Day/Date: Friday/February 28

Time: 9:00 -10:30 am Age: 3 - 5 years Fee: \$32/NR \$37



JR. CHEF POP TARTS NEW!

Let's pour our hearts into a beautiful morning together, crafting delightful sweet and savory pop tarts that will awaken your spirit and ignite your senses! Imagine the joy of creating a scrumptious breakfast pop tart to fuel your day, paired with a heavenly sweet pop tart that tastes like a divine dessert. This will be a morning filled with fun, laughter, and the irresistible aroma of freshly baked treats! Please list any food allergies at the time of registration.

Instructor: Lesley Shworles
Day/Date: Saturday/March 8
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Age: 8 - 13 years **Fee:** \$56/NR \$61

FAMILY CHESS CLUB: GUARDIAN/CHILD CLASS

Dive into the exciting and timeless game of chess with your child! Whether you are sharing your love of the game with a brand-new player, or you both are interested in learning the game, this parent and child class is for you. Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Learning to play Chess with your child can strengthen your bond and create memories for years to come! Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time.

Instructor: Chess Scholars

 Day:
 Wednesday

 Date:
 March 12 - April 23 (No Class April 2)

 Time:
 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Age: K - 8th grade with adult
Fee: \$170/NR \$175 (adult/child pair)



Upcoming Events . .

Saturday March 1

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

FREE Admission 🐧



Founders Community Center, 140 Oak Street

Easter & Spring decorations, note cards / tags, doll clothes, blankets, hair accessories, handmade candles, scarves, ceramics, handmade jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Avon, Origami Owl, Tupperware, and much more!

For additional information or booth availability, please contact the Frankfort Park District office at 815-469-9400 or visit our website at www.FrankfortParks.org to download an application.

Preschool Registration



2025-2026 Resident Registration begins Monday, February 3

Non-Resident Registration begins Monday, February 10

Wee Works - 2.5 years, Play School - 3 years, Prep School - 4 years, & Stepping Stones - 4 years

Registration can only be done IN PERSON at the Founders Community Center at 140 Oak Street.

A copy of the child's birth certificate is required at the time of registration for new participants.

Athletic Programs:

DODGEBALL & PIZZA

Get ready to rock your sweatband and gym shoes cause we're playing some dodgeball! This is a drop-off party so please bring your teen in for check-in and return for pick-up. After the big games, we will enjoy some pizza...so come ready to dodge, duck, and dive!

Location: Founders Community Center Gym

Day/Date: Monday / February 17 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Time: Age: 10 - 14 years

\$15/NR \$20 Fee:



BADMINTON CLINIC

Let's play Badminton! Come and join instructor Steven Evenhouse for this one-day clinic. You will learn the basics of badminton and skill development and we will even add in some friendly

competition! No experience is necessary...

so come and join the fun! **Instructor:** Steve Evenhouse

Founders Community Center Location:

Day/Date: Monday/February 17 Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Age: 6 - 12 years Fee: \$34/NR\$39

VICTORY MMA CLASSES

Our classes provide a safe environment where students can learn the most effective styles of martial arts while developing valuable life skills. This is done through our structured curriculum. In each class, students train techniques in Boxing, Kickboxing, Wrestling, and Jujitsu. At the end of each class is the "Mat Chat", where we discuss topics like Focus, Confidence, Discipline, Bully Awareness, etc. The goal is for students to learn the moves taught for that session and be able to apply the mat chat in their lives. Check out our website @ www.victorymmaacademy.com to learn more about our kids' classes. We look forward to helping your child get the edge in life... see you on the mats!

Instructor: MMA Instructor Location: **Founders Center**

Day: Friday

March 7 - April 11 Session I:

(No Class April 4)

Age/Time: 5 - 11 years/4:30 - 5:15 pm Age/Time: 12 years & older/5:30 - 6:15 pm

Fee: \$81/NR \$86

FIRE STARTERS & SOCCER &

FIRE STARTERS SPRING OUTDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Please be sure to take a League Welcome Letter at your time of reaistration.

The Fire Starters Staff will conduct an instructional outdoor soccer program focusing on the basic skills for the beginning and novice players ages 4 years through 6th grade. This program will consist of a weekday training session and games on Saturdays. The training curriculum will be age appropriately designed to create a fun and exciting environment for maximum participation for each player. As always, volunteer parent coaches are required to ensure the successful operation of this program. Each player will receive a jersey to wear for games. All players are required to wear shin guards and bring a soccer ball and water to all training sessions and games. Registration Deadline: February 24 or until filled - A \$15 late fee will be added if registered after February 24. No refunds after registration deadline.

Volunteer Coaches Meeting: March 18 at 6:30 pm at the Founders Community Center, 140 Oak Street.

Instructor: Fire Starters Staff

Location: Commissioners Park Soccer Fields

April 8 - May 17 Date:

> Please note: All Makeup games will take place during the week, either on Tuesday or Thursday unless noted.

4 years - Kindergarten Age: Session I: Tuesday/5:00 - 5:45 pm Saturday/9:00 am - 12:00 pm* Session II: Thursday/5:00 - 5:45 pm

Saturday/9:00 am - 12:00 pm*

1st - 3rd grade Age:

Tuesday/6:00 - 7:00 pm Session III: Saturday/9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Session IV: Thursday/6:00 - 7:00 pm Saturday/9:00 am - 12:00 pm*

4th - 6th grade Age:

Session V: Saturday/9:00 am - 12:00 pm FRANK Thursday/6:00 - 7:00 pm

\$119/NR \$124 (\$5 off for additional siblings) *Your child will play 1 game scheduled anytime between 9 am - 12 pm on Saturdays. Please note: Due to a scheduled event at Commissioners Park on Saturday, May 3, game times will start after 1:00 pm. This Saturday only. Game schedules will be released on or before the first practice.

