



Park Pulse

News from the Frankfort Park District



September 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.

PLAY SCHOOL 3 YEARS

This program will provide time for young children to learn how to interact with their peers. Fun activities help the children learn to share and follow directions. Colors, numbers, and the alphabet are introduced. The child must be 3 years old by September 1, 2025, and MUST be toilet trained. A physical is required.

Location: Puent Educational Building
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Times: 12:15 - 2:45 pm
Tuition: \$1,485/NR \$1,620*
 9 monthly auto-payments of \$165/NR \$180 per month



TODDLERS GET TALKING NEW!

Join our small group to enhance your toddler's speech using research-based strategies. These sessions provide focused, hands-on therapy through language-rich play with a professional speech therapist. Parents will learn practical techniques to support ongoing development at home. Early communication reduces frustration and promotes expression of needs. The focus is on expressive language, early vocabulary, and the first 50-100 words. This class is ideal for children in early intervention and led by a speech therapist with over 25 years of experience.

Instructor: Katherine Ryan M.H.S. CCC-SLPL
Location: Yunker Farm (Harvest Room)
 10824 W. La Porte Rd, Mokena

Day: Wednesday
Session I: September 24 - October 15
Time/Age: 10:00 - 10:40 am/18 - 36 months (with parent)
Day: Thursday
Session I: September 25 - October 16
Time/Age: 9:00 - 9:40 am/12 - 24 months (with parent)
Fee: \$160/NR \$165



ACTING WORKSHOP

At the Do Art Acting workshop, we will learn about the different visual languages we use with our face, emotions, and body posture. From there, we will try different improv scenarios at random and see how easy it is to "get into" characters and tap into our creative expression through the different visual cues.

Instructor: Do Art Productions
Day/Date: Monday/September 22
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Age: 6 - 14 years
Fee: \$41/NR \$46



FALL 2025
Registration is Open

Visit our website at
www.frankfortparks.org to
 download the Fall 2025 brochure.
Sign-up Today!

WICKEDLY AWESOME PARTY NEW!

Get ready for a spellbinding adventure in the magical land of Oz! Join Elphaba and Glinda for a Wicked party filled with fun, friendship, and a little bit of glittery mischief. Play Defy Gravity Relay Races, Toss the Spell, and some Wicked Bingo! Create your own mini sparkling potion bottle necklace. This is a drop-off program.

Instructor: Gina Barrett
Day/Date: Monday/September 22
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Age: 4 - 10 years
Fee: \$35/NR \$40



COMIC BOOK PROGRAM

At the Do Art Productions Comic Book Program, we will explore many different angles and tools of not only comics but also 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: Thursday
Date: October 2 - 16
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Age: 6 - 14 years
Fee: \$118/NR \$123



GLOW IN THE DARK HOLIDAY PAINTING

Use brushes, sponges, and even your own handprints and fluorescent paint to create a colorful holiday scene on canvas. All materials will be supplied. Please dress for a mess!

Instructor: Kim Bennett
Day: Wednesday
Date/Theme: October 8/Halloween - Spiders, Witches & Ghosts
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Age: 5 - 13 years
Fee: \$26/NR \$31



STEAM

This exciting program from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions brings together elements of science and math in a hands-on, action-packed environment! Students will conduct experiments, play educational games, and unlock their creativity through building challenges and projects. No experience is needed.

Instructor: Afterschool Enrichment Solutions
Day: Tuesday
Date: October 14 - November 18
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Age: K - 5th grade
Fee: \$175/NR \$180



Upcoming Events

MOTHER/CHILD SUPERHERO DANCE

Friday • September 26 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Founders Community Center - 140 Oak Street
All Ages • \$18/NR \$23 per person

Registration Deadline: September 18 or until filled

Calling all superheroes! Moms and their little ones are invited to put on their dancing shoes (or capes!) and hit the floor for an unforgettable evening. Whether you come dressed to impress or rock your favorite superhero gear, this will be a night full of fun and memories. Enjoy light refreshments and high-energy entertainment from our live DJ. A professional photographer will be on-site to capture special moments with formal photos available for purchase. **Pre-registration is required; NO TICKETS will be sold at the door.**



HOWL-A-WOOF

Saturday • October 18
@ 10:00 am

Gate will open at 9:50 am • FREE
Bark Park at Commissioners Park

Trick or Treat!!! Bring your dog all dressed up for this costume competition, bone yard hunt, and trick-or-treating event. Dogs will have the opportunity to "Trick or Treat" with the vendors at the Bark Park so remember to bring a bag to collect all their goodies. Dogs will also have a chance to enter the costume contest to be judged on Best Overall, Funniest, and Scariest. All friendly dogs are welcome at this FREE, on-leash event. An adult must accompany dog owners under the age of 12. While you are enjoying this event, please remember to pick up a membership packet for the Bark Park.



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Halloween Bash

Friday • October 17 • 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Founders Community Center, 140 Oak Street

\$15/child (Register by October 10) • \$20/child (Register after October 10 - based on availability)

Registration Deadline: October 10 or until filled

Join us for a family-friendly Halloween event at the Founders Center. There will be a DJ dance party, balloon artist,

inflatables, spooky games, a hayride, kid crafts, a small pumpkin patch, and more. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume! If you register after the deadline, the fee will increase, so don't delay!

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Athletic Programs:

FLAG FOOTBALL

Give your child the perfect introduction to America's favorite game with Skyhawks Flag Football Fueled by USA Football. Participants learn fundamentals like passing, receiving, kicking, and flag-pulling in a fun, positive environment.

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 22

Instructor: Skyhawks Staff

Location: Founders Center Gym

Day: Tuesday

Date: October 7 - 28

Age/Time: 4 - 6 years/5:00 pm - 5:50 pm

Age/Time: 7 - 12 years/6:00 - 7:00 pm

Fee: \$101/NR \$106



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

December 2 - March 7 (Games will begin January 17)

Co-Ed, Boys & Girls Leagues • 1st - 8th Grades

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 6th (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)

A late fee of \$15 will be added if registered after the registration deadline of November 6th

Our Youth Basketball League is created for boys and girls entering 1st-8th grades. This League is designed for participants to learn and utilize the fundamental skills of basketball in game situations. Each team will be led by a volunteer coach, who will provide instruction on basic basketball fundamentals while creating a fun and positive teaching environment. In addition to the focus on basketball skills development, our program offers children the opportunity to interact with both peers and coaches, learn good sportsmanship, and how to work as part of a team. **Please bring a basketball to each practice. Each player will receive a jersey.**

PLEASE NOTE: Player requests (aside from siblings) will **NOT** be honored, in our efforts to keep teams random.

Grades 1st-2nd and 3rd-4th will have no scorekeeping or playoffs. Grades 5th-6th and 7th-8th will keep score and will have playoffs.

All grade levels will prioritize player/skill development over winning games in this league.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 6th (Based on availability). A \$15 late fee will be charged if registered after November 6th.

Grade	Location	Practice Day	Game Day*	Dates	Fee
1 st - 2 nd Co-Ed	Grand Prairie	Thursday	Saturday	December 4 - March 7	\$150/\$155
3 rd - 4 th Co-Ed	Grand Prairie	Tuesday	Saturday	December 2 - March 7	\$150/\$155
5 th - 6 th Co-Ed	Chelsea Intermediate	Tuesday	Saturday	December 2 - March 14	\$160/\$165
7 th - 8 th Boys	Chelsea Intermediate	Thursday	Saturday	December 4 - March 14	\$160/\$165
7 th - 8 th Girls	Chelsea Intermediate	Thursday	Saturday	December 4 - March 14	\$160/\$165

Games will begin on Saturday, January 17. Game locations will vary and will be noted on the schedule that will be available after the first practice. Please note: No basketball practice will be held over the holiday break.

Volunteer Coaches

Volunteer parent coaches are required to ensure the successful operation of this program. If interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer coach registration online at www.teamsideline.com/sites/frankfort/home.

There will be a coaches meeting on Monday, November 17th at the Founders Community Center at 6:30 pm.



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