Fall 2026 Frankfort Park District

Park Pulse

News from the Frankfort Park District — October 2026

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.

LITTLE LEARNERS LUNCH BUDDIES

If you want your child to get some extra help or just reinforce what they already know, then this is the class for them. We will focus on the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors. This class is for all levels of preschoolers who are just being introduced to worksheets. Tracing will be introduced to children with more advanced fine motor skills. Midway through each class, participants will take a break to eat their lunches/drinks with their friends. Lunches should be nut-free.

Instructor: Sharon Koczor
Day: Monday & Wednesday
Session II: October 26 - December 9 (No Class November 23 & 25)
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Age: 3 - 5 years
Fee: $200/NR $205



I SPEAK SPANISH!

Expand your child's world! Introduce your child to the Spanish language in this Spanish immersion class developed especially for very young learners. Children will be immersed in the Spanish language through fun and educational activities and music. Each session covers new and exciting material!

Instructor: Language in Action
Day: Tuesday
Session II: October 27 - December 8 (No Class November 24)
Time: 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Age: 3 - 6 years
Fee: $128/NR $133



KIDS DRAWING CLUB

If your child already loves to draw, join the weekly club at the Founders Center this school year! ALL NEW LESSONS! Learn how to draw something new and exciting each week, play fun drawing games, and learn all about the ART masters! Inspirational drawing instructors from Young Rembrandts will not only teach kids how to draw different subject matter every week, they will also demonstrate how to properly color with markers, colored pencils, fine-tip markers, watercolor pencils, oil-based pastels, and even put a creative spin on coloring with crayons. Every lesson taught has been kid-tested and kid-approved. All supplies provided. Pictures go home the same day. Come join the drawing fun!

Instructor: Young Rembrandts Staff
Day: Thursday
Session II: October 29 - December 10 (No Class November 26)
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Grade: 1st - 6th Grade
Fee: $110/NR $115



Preschool Registration



2026-2027 Registration
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.

TOTS IN MOTION

This class is perfect for your little one to burn off some energy and have a blast. The room is so spacious that it will inspire them to explore all around. They can run, jump, drive toy cars, and even crawl through a fun tunnel. It's a safe, indoor open-play environment where everyone can relax and enjoy. Plus, parents and caregivers can have a great time connecting with others while playing with their kids. It's a wonderful chance to make new friends and share some laughs!

Instructor: Sharon Koczor
Day: Friday
Session II: October 30 - December 11 (No Class November 27)
Time: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Age: 2 - 5 years (with adult)
Fee: $66/$71



GRAPHIC NOVEL SCHOOL *NEW!*

In Graphic Novel School, 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.

Instructor: Do Art Productions
Day: Wednesday
Date: November 4 - 18
Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Age: 6 - 14 years
Fee: $118/NR $123



ACTING PROGRAM

In this engaging and confidence-building acting program, participants explore new emotion and visual acting skills. Through fun improv games and creative prompts (including pulling ideas from a "mystery hat"), kids learn how to express feelings, think on their feet and work together in imaginative scenes.

Instructor: Do Art Productions
Day: Wednesday
Date: November 4 - 18
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Age: 6 - 14 years
Fee: $118/NR $123



Upcoming Events . . . . . .



Halloween Bash

Friday • October 16 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm • Founders Community Center, 140 Oak St.

$15/child • *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!

33rd Annual Holiday Craft Show - *Free Admission*



Saturday • November 7 • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm • Founders Community Center, 140 Oak St.

Get into the holiday spirit at our annual Holiday Craft Show! Browse a wide variety of unique handmade items, specialty gifts, seasonal décor, jewelry, apparel, home goods, gourmet treats, and much more from talented crafters and vendors. Whether you're searching for the perfect holiday gift or something special for yourself, you're sure to find plenty of festive treasures. For additional information or booth availability, please contact the Frankfort Park District at 815-469-9400 or visit www.frankfortparks.org to download an application.

Athletic Programs:

YOUNG ACES PICKLEBALL *NEW!*

Get in the game and discover one of the fastest-growing sports around! This fun and engaging youth pickleball class helps players build confidence while learning game fundamentals. Participants will learn the rules, improve their technique, practice skill-building drills, and enjoy friendly competition in a supportive environment. Perfect for beginner players looking to develop skills, stay active, and have fun on the court.

Registration Deadline: October 6

Instructor:	Julie Carter
Location:	Founders Center Gym
Day:	Tuesday
Date:	October 13 - November 17
Time:	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Age:	7 - 12 years
Fee:	$98/NR $103

NERF WARS TOURNAMENT

Game On! Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and dodging Nerf bullets! Participants will have the option to sign up as a team of 4, or as an individual…that will be placed on a team. Each player will be required to bring (and wear) safety glasses/goggles for the duration of the event, and they will also need to bring their own *Nerf guns. ***Please note:** All Nerf guns must not exceed a 100-round capacity…to keep it fair, no 1000 Shot NERF Blasters! Players can bring more than one Nerf gun, but only one Nerf gun per game. Please do not bring outside barriers or shields. Additional tournament rules are available at the time of registration.

Registration Deadline: October 26

Location:	Founders Community Center
Day/Date:	Friday/October 30
Time:	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Age:	8 - 13 years
Fee:	$14/NR $19 per participant

FLOOR HOCKEY

Let your athletes hit the floor running in this high-energy, action-packed Floor Hockey class! Over six weeks, kids will learn the basics of the game—stick handling, passing, shooting, teamwork, and movement—all in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Each class combines skill-building activities with age-appropriate games to keep kids engaged and moving. No prior hockey experience is needed. This class is a great way to build confidence, coordination, and a love for the game. Let's play!

Instructor:	Ryan Mitchell
Location:	Founders Community Center
Day:	Monday
Date:	November 2 - December 7 (No Class November 23)
Time:	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Age:	7 - 12 years
Fee:	$55/NR $60



SOCCER SHOTS

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our coaches are the best trained in the business. Our expert-approved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards.

Instructor:	Soccer Shots
Location:	Founders Community Center
Day:	Thursday
Session II:	November 5 - December 17 (No Class November 26)
Age/Time:	2 - 3 years (with parent)/11:15 - 11:45 am
Age/Time:	3.5 - 5 years/11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Age/Time:	3.5 - 5 years/5:00 - 5:45 pm
Age/Time:	6 - 9 years/5:45 - 6:30 pm
Fee:	$118/NR $123

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

December 1 - March 13 (Games will begin January 16)

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

Sponsored by: Phillips Chevrolet Frankfort · Lansing · Bradley

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 parent 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.**

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
1st – 2nd Co-Ed	Grand Prairie	Thursday	Saturday	December 10 – March 13	$150/$155
3rd – 4th Co-Ed	Grand Prairie	Tuesday	Saturday	December 8 – March 13	$150/$155
5th – 6th Co-Ed	Chelsea Intermediate	Tuesday	Saturday	December 1 – March 13	$160/$165
7th – 8th Boys	Chelsea Intermediate	Thursday	Saturday	December 3 – March 13	$160/$165
7th – 8th Girls	Chelsea Intermediate	Thursday	Saturday	December 3 – March 13	$160/$165

Volunteer Coaches - There will be a coaches meeting on Monday, November 16th at the Founders Community Center at 6:30 pm.