



# FRANZEN FALCON

## OCTOBER 2016

Dear Franzen Families:

October is “Bully Prevention & Awareness” month. Please remember to talk with your children about the ill effects of bullying and how they can stand up to bullies in a variety of ways. At Franzen, we are making efforts to help educate our students about bullying and what to do when confronted with a bully or when seeing someone else being bullied. As an example we ask students to STOP, WALK, TALK: Ask them to stop, Walk away with a friend, and talk to a trusted adult. On **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> we will be participating with other schools around the country in a “UNITY” day taking a stand against bullying.** On that day students will be invited to wear orange in a show of support. As an added support, Franzen School’s website includes a ‘bully report’ online. By completing this form students and parents can submit anonymous reports on bullying or other harassing behavior. We appreciate your support.

From the beginning of our school year students at Franzen have participated in a digital citizenship curriculum. This curriculum is provided by Common Sense Media and has been delivered by Franzen staff members Barb Wesley, Milissa Riley and Renata Calderon. During these units of instruction students are learning elements of citizenship while also focusing on learning strategies to navigate our lives online. Examples include sharing personal information online, appropriate passwords, and the power of our word choices. **October 16-22<sup>nd</sup> is digital citizenship week.** We’ll be completing some activities here at school to celebrate. We’re inviting all of you to participate as well. We encourage your families to have a #devicefreedinner (device-free dinner or evening) at some point during this week. More information on participating can be found here: <https://www.common sense media.org/device-free-dinner>

Please consider some of our afterschool offerings throughout the school year. Further information will always be either sent home in your child’s backpack or posted online to our website’s virtual backpack. Some upcoming offerings will include chorus (for fourth & fifth graders), Let’s Build It, Chess, Alpha Math Boost, Crossroads Kids Club, Guitar Stars and Young Rembrandts. These clubs will each run after our school day has ended.

Our PBIS (positive behavior interventions & supports) model is off to a flying start. Hopefully your son or daughter has come home telling you about being a recipient of a ‘Franzen Five’. This award ticket was earned for demonstrating characteristics of being respectful, responsible or safe. Classroom drawings have occurred and all-school assembly will be held at the end of our first quarter. You are invited to create your own home expectations! Copies of our expectation matrix can be found in our student/parent handbook located on our website.

In hearing from a few parents this past month I thought it important to update you on PARCC assessments. District #10, like other school districts in the state, have received their scores from last year’s assessments. We will be sharing these scores during parent/teacher conferences this year. In addition, we will also be sharing scores from our iReady assessments which were taken in August of this school year. 2017 PARCC assessments will be scheduled for the months of March & April. Please call if you have any further questions.

In other news, October will bring our first quarter of the year to a conclusion. Students are being grouped for reading & mathematics based on a variety of assessment scores and classroom performance. These groupings can fluctuate based on student performance. Please continue to communicate with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Our groupings are fluid and we will continue to monitor student progress on a weekly basis.

Fly Falcons Fly,

Mr. Taylor  
630-773-0100  
[jtaylor@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:jtaylor@itasca.k12.il.us)

## October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Peacock Hot Lunch Screening for Ages 3-5 @ Benson	5	6 Family Living Program for Parents of 5th grade Students 7:00 PM @ Franzen	7 Benson & Franzen Hot Lunch	8
Benson Assessment Week						
9	10 Columbus Day District Closed No School	11 Franzen Yearbook Candid's Peacock Hot Lunch	12 Family Living Program for 5th grade 12:30 PM @ Franzen	13 5th grade Trip to Robert Crown 9:00 AM	14 Benson & Franzen Hot Lunch	15
16	17 Benson Yearbook Candid's	18 Peacock Hot Lunch	19 2nd Grade Dad & Me Read Benson Picture Retake Day Franzen Retake Day	20 End of 1st qtr.	21 No School Teacher Institute	22
23	24	25 Peacock Hot Lunch	26	27	28 Benson & Franzen Hot Lunch Report Cards Distributed	29
30	31 Benson Parades & Parties Franzen Parade- 12:40-12:55 PM; Room Parties 12:55-1:55 PM					

The following is a summary of some of the events for the upcoming month:

### **No School, Monday, October 10—Columbus Day**

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus** – Chorus will be starting soon. Information will be sent home and announced at school. Practice will be afterschool on Thursdays from 2:15-3:15 pm.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Program** - This program is in full swing with a huge number of students learning instruments. It is great to see the support and involvement being given in the area of Fine Arts.

**Let's Build It** - This afterschool club has started. This is offered through an outside agency and all instructors have been through background checks and are experts in engineering. Let's Build It is on Monday.

**All School Fieldtrip**- All of our students will attend the production of *The Emperor's New Clothes* on Thursday, October 6 at Lake Park East High School.

**Halloween Parade**- Please see the information attached regarding the times of the Halloween parade and room parties. It is my belief that this is a student-centered activity and I want the focus on the students, thus you will not see staff in costumes. We look forward to seeing the students have fun, as well as to enjoy the parade and room celebrations!! Thanks to all parents who assist with coordinating and making the parties happen!

**No School, Friday, October 21** - The students will not be in attendance on October 21, as our teachers will be in meetings and training all day.

### **Key Information:**

**Absence/Change of Plans**- If you send an email to your child's teacher regarding an absence or a change in your child's after school plans, please email the office as well ([jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us)) The office needs to be aware of the reported absence or change in transportation.

**Franzen Building Hours:** The doors open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 3:30 P.M.

**Forgotten Textbooks** - Both the Itasca Library and the Wood Dale library have a set of each grade level textbooks for student use while at the library.

**When changing dismissal arrangements for students** - Please contact the office no later than 12:00 so that we can be sure your child's teacher gets the information. If you do know in the morning, please send a note with your child and also make them aware of the change.

\*\*As the weather begins to change, and cold weather approaches, I again need to request your patience due to the safety concerns related to student arrival times, drop off in the morning and student pick up in the afternoon. Although accidents can and do happen, here are some ways to keep our children safe:

**Students should not arrive to school prior to 8:10 A.M.** This is a safety issue for your children as adult supervision does not begin until 8:10. Safety is my top priority.

**Morning Drop Off** - Please wait in single file formation on the right on the far driveway in the parking lot across the street from the school. While waiting for an open space at the curb in front of the handicapped spots. Outside supervisors will direct you as you move your car in front of the school to drop off your child.

**Afternoon Pick Up** - Busses must load and leave first, before student pick up by car can start. Cars need to line up in single file formation on the right in the parking lot across the street from the school while waiting. Please follow the directions from the outside supervisor, before moving your car to pick up your child at an open space at the curb in front of the building. Again, whenever possible, park your car in the lot, walk across the street to pick up your child. These same rules apply to after school clubs!

Remembering to do these few things will help keep our children safe and help avoid accidents as the weather gets colder.

Thank you again for a great start to the school year! Your support at home makes the world of difference for your child. We appreciate it greatly!

Sincerely,  
Jason R. Taylor  
Principal



Please make sure your child has their lunch every day. We do not have the personnel, materials or time for making lunch for children that do not have one. If your child forgets their lunch, they can call you from the classroom or office to have you bring them one. When you bring your child their lunch, please make sure you put their name on it as we get many lunches and want to make sure your child gets their lunch.



**Reminder:** *It is the **PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to call the office when your child is going to be absent or late. You can call the absent line from 4:30 p.m. until 7:50 a.m. at 630-773-1232 press 5, extension 1525. After 7:50 call the school office and give the information to the secretary. If you leave a message or talk to the secretary, please give your child's name, reason for absence, teacher, and if you would like to pick up homework. Requests for homework must be made by 9:00 a.m. so the teacher can get it ready. If you ask for homework, please come and pick it up. It can be picked up after 2:30 and before 3:30. You must call the office every day your child will be out. **School code states we must have contact with a parent/guardian within two hours of school starting. If no contact is made we will call all emergency number listed and the police if necessary for a well-being check.** If you send an e-mail to your child's teacher regarding an absence or change in their after school plans, please e-mail the office as well. Please e-mail [jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us). Requests for homework in advance of a scheduled absence will not be honored.*



# PICTURE RETAKES OCTOBER 19, 2016 AT 8:35 A.M.

**If you need a retake, you must bring your original pictures back on that day. If you need pictures taken because your child was absent or forgot their money the first time, you need an envelope from the office to have their picture taken.**

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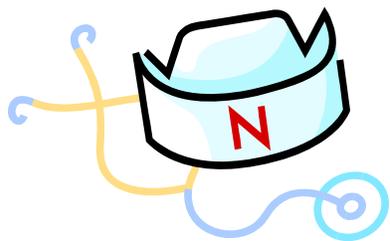


The following students will be saying the Pledge for the next month:

Week of 10/11/16  
Week of 10/17/16  
Week of 10/24/16  
Week of 10/31/16

Mrs. Stines' Class  
Mrs. Cook's Class  
Mrs. Cook's Class and Mrs. Hanczar's Class  
Mrs. Hanczar's Class

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# HELP WANTED!!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VISION & HEARING TESTING**

**On November 14, 2016, some of the students will be having their vision and hearing tested at Franzen School.**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**If you could assist with getting students from the classroom, help watch them in the hallway or help the screeners chart, it would be appreciated. Morning and afternoon helpers are needed. Please complete the form below and return it by 10/28/16. Morning shift is from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. and the afternoon shift is from 12:15 to 2:20 p.m.**

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**YES, I CAN HELP.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shift:**      **AM** \_\_\_\_\_      **PM** \_\_\_\_\_



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

October 31, 2016

Parade goes from approximately 12:40-12:55  
Room parties begin immediately following the parade until 1:45

Please remember costumes and masks should **NOT** be worn to school. Students will be given time to dress and put make-up on following lunch. Children will need to be able to put on their own make-up and costumes. Children **ARE NOT TO** wear masks home, but may wear their costumes home unless there is a safety concern.

WE DISCOURAGE COSTUMES AT SCHOOL THAT ARE SCARY,  
VIOLENT, OR BLOODY IN APPEARANCE.

PLEASE REMEMBER **NO** AEROSOL CANS.

**NO FOOD OR CANDY IS TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FOR THE PARTY.**

See Page 38 in the Student/Parent Handbook or the District 10 website for treat guidelines. Any food or candy brought to school **will not** be distributed and sent back home with the student who brought them.

**TRICK OR  
TREAT!**

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ON  
OCTOBER 31, 2016 ARE  
3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**  
**PLEASE READ:**

1. **Please make sure your child brings their lunch every day.** We cannot provide your child a lunch if they forget it. We do not have the personnel, materials or time for making your child a lunch. If you need to drop off your child's lunch, please put their name on it. We get many lunches and want to make sure your child gets their lunch.
2. When dropping off your child's instrument, please bring it directly to the front hallway under the bulletin board.
3. It is the **PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to call the office when your child is going to be absent or late. You can call the absent line from 4:30 p.m. until 7:50 a.m. at 630-773-1232 press 5, extension 1525. After 7:50 call the school office and give the information to the secretary. If you leave a message or talk to the secretary, please give your child's name, reason for absence, teacher, and if you would like to pick up homework. Requests for homework must be made by 9:00 a.m. so the teacher can get it ready. If you ask for homework, please come and pick it up. It can be picked up after 2:30 and before 3:30. You must call the office every day your child will be out. If you send an e-mail to your child's teacher regarding an absence or change in their after school plans, please e-mail the office as well. Please e-mail [jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:jrobertson@itasca.k12.il.us). Requests for homework in advance of a scheduled absence will not be honored.
4. If you are picking your child/children up early from school, please write a note. This way the teacher can have them ready along with their homework and you will not have to wait.
5. If you need to make a bus change or sign up as a new rider, please note it will take **minimum of 5 school days** to make the change. Please plan accordingly. You will have to fill out a transportation form before any changes can be made. PARENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FIRST **BEFORE MAKING ANY DAY CARE ARRANGEMENTS. A TRANSPORTATION CHANGE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT BEFORE ANY CHANGES ARE MADE.**
6. Franzen School closes at 3:30. The doors are locked at 3:30 and the office is closed. The Itasca Library and Wood Dale Library have copies of all Franzen's textbooks.
7. Please send an extra set of clothes to school with your child. They will be going out during the winter and if they do get wet they can change their clothes without having to disturb you at work or home.
8. If you have a new cell phone, work or emergency numbers, please send a note to the office so we can updated our records. **We need current and working phone numbers for all students in case of an emergency.**
9. Parents please note the following regarding after school plans:
  - a. If your child rides the bus some days and walks other days unless we get a note from you or a phone call from you, your child will do what they are scheduled to do on those days. No changes will be made to their normal routine unless we hear from you.
  - b. If your child is normally a walker and they are going home with another student, you will need to write a note telling us that they are going home with another student. We need notes from both parents even if your child walks home.
  - c. Children who do not normally ride the bus cannot ride the bus to go to a friend's house. You will have to pick them up and drive them to the friend's house.
  - d. **Please call to make any after school changes BEFORE 12:00.** The office gets very busy at dismissal time and there is only 1 secretary in the building at that time.
10. **Treats for Special Occasions -** Non-food items such as stickers or pencils are preferred. Please see page 38 in the Student/Parent Handbook for a list of approved birthday treat guidelines or look in the district 10 website for the list under the virtual backpack. No other treats will be accepted.

## Outdoor Education - Huge Success!

Thanks to all parents who supported Outdoor Education 2016! It was a great learning experience for the students, one of which they will never forget! As always, we appreciate your partnership with our school.

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## OUTDOOR ED CONTEST



Marina D.



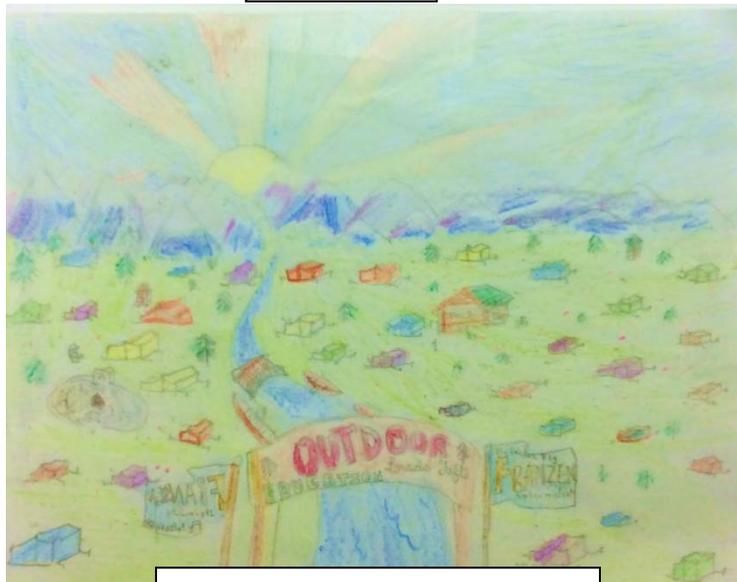
Raquel S.



Ryan M.



Eric D.



Sophie M. - Overall Winner



Aashna B.



Maya P.



Jimmy K.



Sara M.

**Devorah Heitner**  
**Presents:**  
**Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive and Survive**  
**in the Digital Age**

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Lake Park High School East Campus Auditorium  
600 South Medinah Road, Roselle, IL

6:30-7:30pm



Supporting Partners:

Lake Park High School District 108, Itasca School District 10, Medinah School District 11,  
Roselle School District 12, Bloomingdale School District 13, Keeneyville District 20  
Roselle Police Department  
Bloomingdale Police Department



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September 13, 2016

Dear Superintendent, Principal, or Head of School:

Each year the Golden Apple Foundation selects ten outstanding teachers to be recipients of the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. This year we are looking for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers currently teaching in any public or non-public school in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry or Will counties. We honor teachers on a three-year grade level cycle. We will honor Pre-K-3rd grade teachers in 2018, and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in 2019. Because of your direct contact with many excellent teachers, we are asking for your assistance.

Please note the following:

- Nominations are accepted only for **full-time** classroom teachers who spend the majority of their time teaching grades **4th-8th** in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry or Will counties.
- Only one nomination per teacher is necessary. Nominations may be made by anyone however, a teacher may not nominate him/herself.
- Nominations must be received by the Foundation no later than December 31, 2016.

Since 1985, the Foundation has honored 320 outstanding Pre-K-12th grade teachers from Chicago and the surrounding areas. In addition to being featured in an hour-long television special, recipients receive a \$5000 cash award, and a Spring quarter sabbatical to study tuition-free at Northwestern University. Recipients also become members of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, comprised of past recipients that are dedicated to transforming teachers and teaching.

Nominations may be completed online at [www.goldenapple.org](http://www.goldenapple.org). Please share this information with students, faculty, parent-teacher organizations, student councils, local and school newspapers or other community members with whom you are in contact, as they may know eligible teachers deserving of this award. Thank you for helping us honor outstanding teachers.

**If you have any further questions regarding the process, please contact me at [Quintana@goldenapple.org](mailto:Quintana@goldenapple.org) or 312-407-0006 x121.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Quintana".

Nellie Quintana  
Awards Program Assistant Director: Selection

*Transforming teachers and teaching*



# Pumpkin Collection

## Why compost pumpkins?

- They are full of nutrients that are good for the soil
- They are 90% water
- Most of the pumpkins processed in the US are grown in Illinois – keep the water and nutrients here!
- Compostables in landfills are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producers of methane

**Don't Let Your Waste Haunt You!**

## Drop-off Pumpkin Composting

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Itasca Water Park East parking lot**

Or one of these communities:

Addison • Carol Stream • Downers Grove

Elmhurst • Glen Ellyn • Lisle

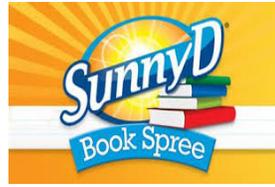
Naperville • Villa Park • Westmont • Wheaton



*Pumpkins only*

Visit [scarce.org](http://scarce.org) for the latest details & locations





We are thrilled to remind you about our simple fundraiser programs:

**Box Tops for Education:** Collecting Box Tops is an easy way for parents to get involved in their child's education. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them into school, we earn cash that can be used to buy anything we need. Each Box Top label is worth \$0.10 for our school. You can find Box Tops on thousands of your favorite products, from Big G® cereals to Avery® office supplies to Hanes® T-shirts to Boise® printer paper. The first deadline is 11/1 so send in what you have!

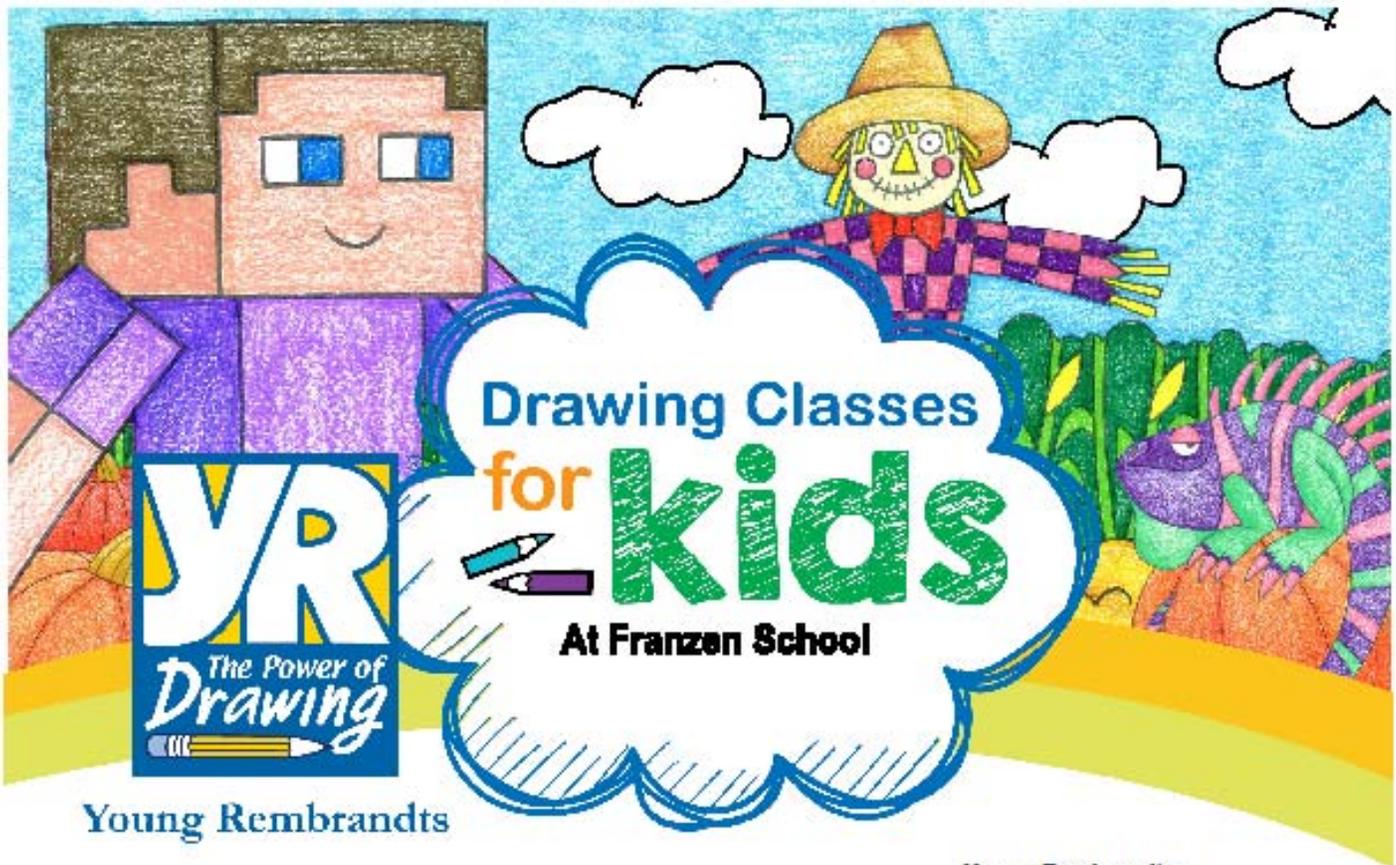
**Campbell's Labels for Education:** Send in your trimmed Campbell's labels. Each label earns points. Those points are accumulated and redeemed for educational resources, even sports equipment. Look for the labels on many products, not just soup. (This program will be phasing out this year.)

**Sunny D Book Spree:** Save the labels from your SunnyD drinks to earn books for our classrooms. 20 labels = 20 books. Last year we collected enough labels to give new books to all of our classroom teachers. Collection boxes are at the schools.

**Tyson Project A+:** Look for the labels on all kids of Tyson frozen food products. For every label Tyson receives, they will give us \$0.24. We can use that money for whatever our schools need! Tyson A+ labels are clearly marked and easy to trim and send to school.

Our first submission to earn money for this year is at the end of October so please keep clipping and send in what you have as they do expire! Remind your friends and family to collect as well; the more labels we can collect means more money for our schools!!

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[krisnjeff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krisnjeff@sbcglobal.net) Kristen Gunnlaugson



## Young Rembrandts

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Gurnee, IL, 60031  
Ph: 224-545-7047  
Fax: 224-293-0505



classes

Tuesday  
2:35 - 3:35 p.m.  
10/25/16 - 12/13/16  
Nc 11/22



tuition

\$70  
(7 Week Session)  
Split pay option available



enrollment

MAIL IN ENROLLMENT or  
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[www.youngrembrandts.com](http://www.youngrembrandts.com)

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enter school zip code and find your school and click the enroll button!  
Call 224-545-7047 and enroll over the phone

YOUNG REMBRANDTS provides all classroom supplies and a trained instructor. Classes are held immediately after school. Parents are responsible for transportation at class end.

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