

**Leadership Franklin  
Education Day  
November 12, 2008**

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**Purpose:** Educational opportunities in the Franklin area are numerous and diverse. The purpose of today's activities is to provide insight into Williamson County's distinct educational landscape.

**Program:**

6:45 AM Meet at City Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

7:00 – 7:15 Travel to Oak View Elementary School  
Bus activity: Review the agenda and purpose of the day

7:15 – 7:45 Breakfast at Oak View Elementary, provided by the Oak View Parent Teacher Association. The group will be greeted by Mrs. Denise Goodwin, Principal.

Introduction by Vona Wilson

7:45 – 8:20 Participants will meet with Poplar Grove Principals Lee Kirkpatrick (elementary) and Vanessa Garcia (middle), who will introduce participants to the balanced calendar and highlight school programs. Time for questions will be included.

8:20 – 8:30 Break

8:30 – 9:30 Participants will meet with Dr. Becky Sharber (Williamson County Schools Director) and Dr. David Snowden (Franklin Special School District Director). "Challenges in the Education System: Security, Diversity, and Violence".

Moderator: Tom Lawrence

9:30 – 9:50 Question and Answer Session with Drs. Sharber and Snowden, LFA

9:50 – 10:00 Travel to New Hope Academy

10:00 – 10:10 Break

10:10 – 10:50 Tour New Hope and visit classrooms at the school. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about an elementary independent school with a unique mission and curriculum. Members will hear from Stuart Tutler (LFA), New Hope's Headmaster, as well as visit with some of the students.

10:50 – 11:00 Travel to BrightStone, an occupational therapy and support center for adults with special needs.

11:00 – 11:40 Participants will meet with BrightStone Director Brenda Hauk and tour the facility to learn about what a special program they provide in our community.

11:40 – 11:55 Travel to Sol

11:55 – 12:25 Lunch provided by Sol

12:25 – 1:10 Participants will participate in a panel discussion regarding some alternative educational options in Franklin and Williamson, including home-schooling, that serve the needs of students.

Harold Ford, President, Middle College  
Kathy Rayburn, President, Currey Ingram Academy  
Hugh Harris, Headmaster, Franklin Christian Academy  
Andy Welch, Headmaster, Franklin Classical School

Moderator: Vona Wilson (LFA)

1:05 – 1:15 Break

1:15 – 1:30 Travel to Franklin High School

1:30 – 2:00 Participants will meet with students and faculty from the International Baccalaureate Program and hear about the structure and goals of the curriculum.

Moderator: John Griffith, (LFA)

2:00 – 2:10 Question and answer session with panelists.

2:10 – 2:20 Travel to Battle Ground Academy

- 2:20 – 3:15 Participants will hear about several higher education opportunities in Williamson County. The focus of the discussion will be on the diversity of offerings, the plans for future growth of the programs, etc. Panel members: Dr. Janet F. Smith, President, Columbia State Community College, Dr. Mark Hilliard, President and C.E.O., O’More College of Design, Dr. Kenneth Oosting, President, Williamson Christian College, and Sara Gibson, Jimmy Davis might be a better speaker Cool Springs Services Coordinator, University College, Belmont University.
- Moderator: Dr. Bill Mott (LFA), President, Battle Ground Academy
- 3:15 – 3:30 Question and Answer Session with Panel
- 3:30 – 3:50 Members of BGA’s Honor Council will speak about the role of an honor system in an independent school and their own experiences with the Honor Code.
- Moderator: Doug Langston, Upper School Dean of Students, BGA
- 3:50 – 4:00 Break
- 4:00 – 4:40 Discussion of the increasing importance of technology in schools, with a panel and a hands-on demonstration of the tablet p.c.’s and laptops in use at Battle Ground Academy, as well as educational technology initiatives the Williamson County Schools. Panelists: Demetri Orlando, Director of Technology, Battle Ground Academy and Belinda Moss, Instructional Technology Coordinator, Williamson County Schools.
- Moderator: Dr. Andy Graham, Lower School Head, Battle Ground Academy
- 4:40 – 4:50 Break
- 4:50 – 5:40 Participants will meet with Terry Whitehill, Director of College Counseling at BGA. This session will focus on current trends and issues related to the college admissions process. As a part of this discussion, Terry will lead the group in an interactive exercise that demonstrates the numerous factors involved for both colleges and high schools.
- 5:40 – 5:50 Travel to Fleming House, Home of BGA President & Mrs. Bill Mott for dinner. Review of day and submission of evaluation forms.
- Moderator: Vona Wilson (LFA)
- 5:50-6:50 Dinner
- 6:50 PM Bus departs for City Hall garage.