



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mr. Joel Jocelyn
Principal

February 8, 2018

Dear Franklin Families,

It is hard to imagine that we are already into the second week of February and Winter vacation is around the corner. Thank you for your continued support and for your engagement as members of our school community. I am outlining below some important updates for your information:

1. ***Progress Reports*** – As the district announced, progress reports were made available on Skyward to parents and guardians on Monday February 5th. I encourage you to review the progress reports with your children to affirm them in areas in which they are showing progress and to plan with them some steps they can take with your support to make improvements in areas in which they may be struggling.
2. ***Spring Parent Teacher Conferences*** – The window for our formal spring parent teacher conferences will open on March 5th and will close on March 16th. Your children's teachers will reach out to you to begin the process of scheduling conferences. These conferences will provide you with opportunities to meet with your children's teachers to discuss areas of successes and growth. Please do feel free to reach out to your children's teachers before the conferences, if your concerns are immediate or acute.
3. ***Kindergarten Registration and Screenings*** – We are in the process of preparing for the incoming Kindergarten students who will join us in September 2018. If your child will turn five years old prior to September 1, 2018, please contact Mrs. Donna McLoughlin at the office at (617) 559-9500 to schedule your child for a kindergarten screening. We will hold our Kindergarten screenings at Franklin on February 27th.
4. ***Upcoming MCAS Administration for students in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades*** – As you may know, elementary school students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are required to take the state assessment known as the MCAS. I am outlining below the dates of the administration of the ELA, Math and Science MCAS for your information so that you may ensure that your children in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are in school on the days when they are scheduled to take the MCAS. Public schools in Massachusetts are penalized in their state accountability status, if their MCAS participation rates fall below 93%. Thank you for



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your support in helping Franklin to achieve full participation in the MCAS. Please find below the dates when we will administer the ELA, Math and Science MCAS:

- 3rd Grade English Language Arts 4/26 & 4/27 3rd Grade Math 5/16 & 5/18
- 4th Grade English Language Arts 4/23 & 4/25 4th Grade Math 5/9 & 5/11
- 5th Grade English Language Arts 4/30 & 5/2 5th Grade Math 5/14 & 5/17
- 5th Grade Science 5/21 and 5/23

Other Important Dates and Reminders

- February 19th-23rd Winter Vacation
- February 27th Kindergarten Screening at Franklin
- March 2nd Dr. Seuss Day- Reading Day
- March 5th-16th Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 8th Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM
- March 9th PTO Coffee with Principal, Superintendent and School Committee in Library at 8:40 AM
- March 13th Multicultural Dances- Schedule will be posted soon
- March 30th NO SCHOOL
- April 7th Silent Auction PTO Fundraiser 7:00 PM @ the Post 440
- May 22nd Teacher Treat Day (PTO Fundraiser)

Please feel free to contact our school at your convenience with any questions about any of the items listed above or if you need to discuss any issues related to your children's education.

With Warmest Regards,

Joel Jocelyn
Principal