



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mr. Joel Jocelyn
Principal

September 25, 2017

Dear Franklin Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now facing the last week of September. We are grateful that our students settled in nicely. So far, we have had a very smooth September. This is a testament to the incredible work that our educators at Franklin are doing with your children every day. In addition to the regular updates that I will continue to send you, we have subscribed to a Home School Connection newsletter that is customized to the needs of Franklin that I hope to publish along with my updates to you every month. The newsletter will include very practical tips on ways you can help and support your children. I hope you will find it helpful and an easy read. Please find below some important updates:

1. ***Snacks and home lunch for the children*** – We have been notified from Sodexo, our lunch provider that they are not able to supply sporks to students for snacks. The sporks are given with lunches but not provided for snacks from home. Please send utensils with snacks, if needed.
2. ***Updates on New Arrival Procedures*** – Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for your support and cooperation. The new arrival procedure is working very well. Starting on Monday, September 25th, we will allow older siblings to enter the building via the same doors as their youngest siblings. We hope this change will streamline the arrival process for you and will be an added comfort to the younger children since they will be accompanied by their older siblings as they make their way to their classrooms.
3. ***Our annual curriculum night*** - will be held on Tuesday, September 26th from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to hear about the academic and behavioral expectations they have for your children. Your children's teachers will send you a schedule with the time and location of the presentations for each grade level, if they have not done so already. As a reminder, the purpose of curriculum night is to provide general information to families. Please schedule an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any specific concerns or issues that you may have. Families will have an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their children's progress during our mid-year formal parent teacher conferences.



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4. **Franklin's Upcoming Flu Clinic** - The **Franklin School** clinic will be on **Wednesday October 18th**. Each student to be vaccinated must have a parent/guardian complete two forms:
 - Consent/Screening form
 - Vaccine administration record/Insurance form.

Forms are available in the school nurse's office, or may be downloaded at www.newtonma.gov/flu. Forms are due to the School Nurse **Monday October 16th**

5. **Early Release Day**. Wednesday, September 27th will be a half day for students to allow our staff the opportunity to engage in professional development. The children will be released at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, September 27^t

Notable Dates for September and October

- *Thursday, September 28th* – First full day for Kindergarten Group B
- *Monday, October 2nd* – First full day for Kindergarten Group A
- *Wednesday, October 4th* – First PTO meeting from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM.
- *Friday, October 6th* – Coffee with the Principal from 8:40 AM – 9:30 AM.
- 6. *Saturday, October 14th* – School Appreciation Day, from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.
- 7. *Tuesday, October 18* – Flu clinic (Permission slips to go out the week of September 18th.)

Sincerely,

Joel

When we become a really mature, grown-up, wise society, we will put teachers at the center of the community, where they belong. We don't honor them enough; we don't pay them enough. ~ Charles Kuralt