



## FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal

August 26, 2019

### Important Dates for Families

- *Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM* – Meet the Teacher/See your classroom open house. Children are welcome to accompany their families and to meet their new teachers during that time. Please note that you must visit during this allotted time since the staff will be busy outside of these 30 minutes preparing for the first day of school.
- *Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>* – First day of school. Students are released at 12:30 PM.
- *Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>* – Primary election voting in Gym – No PE classes in the gym.
- *Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM* – Back to School PTO Picnic.
- *Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*: Coffee with the principal from 8:40 AM – 9:30 AM.
- *Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM* – Back to School PTO Picnic Rain Date.
- *Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM* – Curriculum Night
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM
  - Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 6:45 PM – 7:30 PM
- *Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 PM* – Early Release – Students are out at 12:30 PM
- *Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>* - No School - Rosh Hashanah



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### Important Reminders

- ***School Start Time*** - As you plan your routines for the new school year, please keep in mind that **instruction begins at 8:30 AM**. Doors will open for students at 8:20 AM. Students will be marked tardy after 8:30 AM.
- ***Late Arrival:*** Children who arrive after 8:30 AM must go to the main office to sign in. Children who enter the classroom late consistently miss valuable learning time. We pride ourselves that we start Morning Meeting at 8:30 sharp. We need your help to make sure this happens by ensuring your children are at school on time by 8:20 and are part of the community during morning meetings.
- ***Drop-Off Procedure and Use of the Blue Zone*** - The Franklin Elementary school has adopted a “Blue Zone” to ensure the safety of all students during morning arrivals. Please use the Blue Zone when you are dropping off your students by car. Franklin’s Blue Zone, designated by the blue curb in front of the school, is a **moving lane**. **There is no parking or getting out of your car in the blue zone** a half-hour before school begins and a half-hour following dismissal. We implemented this requirement to ensure the safety of all our students and to keep the traffic moving smoothly.
- ***The yellow marked area*** in front of the Blue Zone is a bus lane. Please do not stop or park in that yellow marked area.
- Lastly, please refrain from dropping off or picking up children behind the school. The parking lot behind the school is for Franklin staff only.
- These guidelines and policies were created to ensure the safety of all our students, your children. Please follow these procedures so that you may serve as role models for your children and to ensure that our dismissals and arrivals remain safe.



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- ***Student Absences*** – Please call **617-559-9509** to report your children absent when they will not be in school.
- ***School Supplies*** – Our school will provide your children with the supplies that they need.
  - Teachers may request additional items as they deem necessary. Teachers will include their supply requests in the letter they send to the families of the children in their classrooms.
  - Please note that beginning September 2020, Franklin will no longer provide your children with school supplies. Families will be required to purchase school supplies for their children. We will maintain a fund to offer confidential subsidies and financial help to families who may not be able to afford school supplies for their children. We will update families on the new process toward the end of this academic year.
- ***Lunch*** - You will find information regarding the new lunch program provided by the Whitsons Culinary Group on the Newton Public School website: <https://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/799>. You may sign up to purchase hot or cold lunches, starting on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Your children may also bring their lunches from home.
- ***Responsive Classroom Approach*** – Franklin is in its fourth year as a Responsive School, and in our second year of implementation of Tiered social-emotional interventions for our students. Franklin teachers have been trained and have been using the Responsive Classroom Approach for several years. To learn about the guiding principles and practices of the Responsive Classroom Approach, go to <http://www.responsiveclassroom.org>.