



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Joel Jocelyn, Ed.D.
Principal

May 28, 2021

Dear Franklin Families,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last month of the school year. Although this was a very challenging year, the children were resilient. They rose to the occasion and made significant progress. I outline below some updates that include next year’s teaching roster and other miscellaneous items.

1. *Welcoming our New Front Office Staff* – It is my pleasure to welcome Ms. Siobhan Wheeler to her new role as our school’s Executive Administrative Assistant. We also welcome Ms. Jill Palamidis to Franklin as our new building aide. She assists Ms. Wheeler in the office.
2. *Next Year’s Kindergarten Cohort* – Like many other schools, we have seen a significant drop in the number of incoming kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 academic year, resulting in the need to decrease the number of Kindergarten classrooms from three to two next year. Please spread the word if you know any parent who have a kindergarten-age child and inform them to begin the registration process as soon as possible.
3. *Honoring Last Year’s 5th Grade Students* – Will honor Franklin’s graduating class of 2020 at our Franklin School Picnic on Thursday, June 3rd (rain date: June 8th). The picnic is from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, and the announcements for the 6th graders will be at 6:30pm. Please invite students from last year’s 5th grade cohort to attend the June 3rd picnic.
4. *Roster of General Education Classroom Teachers for 2021-2022* - Franklin will go from 19 classrooms to 18 next year due to the low number of incoming Kindergarten students to date. The changes in the grade configurations resulted in some teacher movements between grades. As is customary from previous years, you will know who your children’s teachers are at the end of August. The new classroom configurations with assigned teachers are as follows:

Grade	Classroom Teachers
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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angie Downing • Melissa Joseph • Cheryl Stamp
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsea Burke • Melissa Chiozzi • Stephanie Lefever
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Castrovillari • Margaret Merrell • Molly Norris/Michelle Beatrice
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Clark • Samantha Rautenberg • Kara Temple
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Champagne • Casey Dolan/Alyssa Accorsini • Miki Leong • Erica Terk

5. *Upcoming events and dates.* I outline below the dates and times of some upcoming events in June:
- Wednesday, June 2 @ 1:45 pm: Kindergarten Visiting Day
 - Thursday, June 3 @ 2:30 pm: Rainbow Pride gathering
 - Thursday, June 3 @ 6:30 pm: Franklin family picnic
 - Monday, June 14 @ 7:00 pm – PTO meeting
 - Wednesday, June 16 @ 11:15 pm – 5th grade Step Up day at Day Middle School
 - Thursday, June 17 @ 9:00 am – 5th Grade in-person Moving On ceremony

Enjoy the long weekend. I will be in touch with a final message at the end of June.

Sincerely,
Joel Jocelyn