



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Joel Jocelyn, Ed.D.
Principal

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Dear Franklin Families,

I hope you had a relaxing and restful summer vacation. I hope each of you enjoyed some fun time of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation with your loved ones. This time of the year is a gentle reminder that we need to stop, smell the roses and relish the company of the friends and family members who surround us. My family and I had a chance to travel to China on tour and enjoy the slower pace of summer together. I am eager to hear about your children's summer adventures and memories when they return to school next week.

More than any other school year, I look forward to this year with great anticipation. We have done good work together over the last three years. Our school is a much calmer and safer environment for our students. We have put in place structures and processes that resulted in smoother operations. Our students are achieving academically at higher levels than before, and our kindergarten students will be with us full days. Our PTO, through their generosity, has funded a significant upgrade to our technologies, providing the children with laptops, iPads, and other tools that will enhance their learning. The PTO also funded the much-needed upgrades of the document cameras and other equipments that enable our teachers to optimize the high-quality instruction they deliver in their classrooms. We have a dedicated staff who work assiduously daily to provide your students with the highest quality education possible in a safe, nurturing, and loving environment.

We are excited about the opening of school. We look forward to seeing you and our students again. I am happy to report that we are welcoming several new staff members to the Franklin family. We are pleased to welcome Lichelle Bradshaw as our new social worker.



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Lichelle has broad and significant experience both in schools and clinical settings. She comes to us from Boston Children's Hospital, where she worked as an emergency department social worker. She also served as a guidance counselor in the Medford and Boston public schools. We welcome our new library teacher: Monique Airasian, who worked as a library media specialist in the Watertown public schools. Colleen Perry joins us as a 1:1 Aide. Colleen worked at the Windsor school and the Arlington public schools before joining Franklin. Lastly, Cara Murtagh joins Franklin as a behavior therapist from ABACS and the Dedham public schools, where she worked for several years.

Franklin will continue to be a welcoming community for families and a place where we instill in our students a love for lifelong learning and an eagerness to come to school. Our commitment is also to make our school a community where families feel welcome, the staff enjoys coming to work, and our children love coming to school. We look forward to partnering with you to achieve these goals. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,
Joel Jocelyn