



## FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mr. Joel Jocelyn  
Principal

December 19, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end this calendar year, I would like to thank you for trusting us with the education and care of your child. We take very seriously this privilege and commit to working with you as full partners in educating our children. We have completed a successful first half of the year. Thank you for the support, cooperation and commitment you have demonstrated through your phone calls, your meetings with us, your involvement with the PTO, and through the many other ways that you contribute to the success of our school. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to the PTO, on behalf of our staff and our students, for the tremendous support they have provided to our school.

After half a year of hard work, our entire school community will engage in some well-deserved fun activities this week, beginning on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. I am outlining below some brief information relating to the activities that will occur each day:

1. *Activities for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> –*

- a. *Beaded Snowflakes* – The children will be making beaded snowflakes in the gym on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:00 AM. Our gratitude to our PE teachers Sharon and Nick as well as our PTO president Nora who are spearheading this effort. Here is the link that describes the activity: <http://www.naturallyeducational.com/2010/12/beaded-snowflake-ornaments/>

2. *Activities for Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> –*

- a. *Schoolwide Movie Day*. Students in grades K – 2 will watch the movie *Horton Hears a Who!*, rated G in the gym. Students in grades 3 – 5 will watch the movie *Inside Out*, rated PG in the cafeteria. The schoolwide movie time will run from 9:15 AM to approximately 11:00 AM. Both movies are age appropriate and innocuous. Nonetheless, please do reach out to your child's teacher if you have any issue with them watching the movie selected for their grade span.

3. *Activities for Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> –*



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- a. *Pajama Day* – We will hold a schoolwide Pajama Day on Friday. Students and staff may wear “appropriate and presentable” pajamas to school on Friday.
- b. *Musical Winter Celebration* – Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will host a winter celebration for the entire school on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria. They will lead us in singing along some memorable holiday songs under the direction of our music teacher Deanna. The children will sing along the following songs: Let it Snow, Jingle Bells, Frosty the Snowman and Winter Wonderland.

Please note that even as we focus on embedding some fun into our school programming this week, in joyful anticipation of the holiday break, we will continue to hold ourselves and our students accountable for the consistency and the rigor of the instruction that occurs in our classrooms for the remainder of the week. We cognizant of the fact that although we are having fun this week, we are not yet on vacation, so learning must continue to occur in our classrooms. We will remind our children that class work must be completed when they are not busy making beaded snowflakes, watching a movie, feeling extra comfortable in their pajamas or enjoying our musical winter celebration.

We wish you a wonderful holiday vacation with families and friends. Our best wishes of peace, health and prosperity to you and yours for 2017. Thank you again for the privilege to play such an important role in your child’s life. As always, please feel free to contact our school at your convenience with any questions or issues surrounding your child’s progress in school.

Sincerely,

Joel