

Franklin Avenue

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Dear Franklin Families,

It may seem like a lifetime ago, but I am still embracing the love and excitement from Open House. How lucky we are to have families who want to be a part of their child's school experience, and there is no better way to do it than get a first-hand tour from your student to learn more about her classroom and school. We hope you enjoyed your time at Franklin and felt the love and excitement that we all create together each and every day.

Throughout the year we will be offering plenty of opportunities for students and families to enjoy. For the next eight weeks, we are hosting a before school ST Math Club for grades 1-4 and an after school Science Club for 2nd graders. Our K-Kids meet once a month so our 3rd and 4th grade student ambassadors can plan activities on behalf of our school and community. We plan to offer other opportunities in the coming months for student enrichment. Our PTO is planning a Maple Leaf Dine-Out Fundraiser for November 15, and we hope all families will join us to support this great cause.

It is hard to believe we are nearing the holiday season. We are excited for our Family Holiday Celebration and our winter concerts. However, with this time comes an increased chance to contract the various health risks that abound. The flu, COVID, and RSV are prevalent. Please follow safety guidelines during this family time. Wash hands, stay home if you feel sick, and take preventative measures to avoid getting sick.

We are definitely in the swing of things and into our routines. Ask your child about HEART behavior, Zones of Regulation, Jiji, and our HEART celebrations. As we near Thanksgiving, we give thanks to you for sharing your most precious gift with us. May you have much to be grateful for.

My Best

Mrs. Tolpa



Upcoming Events

Teacher PD – No School

November 8

PTO Meeting

November 9 – See details

Maple Leaf – Dine to Donate

November 15, 5-9:30 p.m.

Picture Retake

Rescheduled to Nov 22

Thanksgiving Break

November 23 – 25

Math Game Night @ FA

November 29, 6 – 7 p.m.

Donations Needed

With the cold season coming, we are looking for donations of Kleenex and disinfectant wipes. We want to ensure that our classrooms are healthy places to be, especially during flu season. Please drop off any of these items to Mrs. Allie in the main office. We appreciate your support.

News and Happenings

Math Game Night at Franklin Avenue

Come join Ms. Vadnais and Ms. Pighetti as they teach families some fun games to play using numbers. Families will have the opportunity to make games and walk away with a goodie bag to take home so you can play these games with family and friends. This is a great way to hone your math skills at any level and have fun doing it. Game Night will take place in our cafeteria on Tuesday, November 29 at 6 p.m. Hope you can join us.

Fourth Grade and Westfield State Partner for Science



On Friday, Westfield State University professor Tarin Weiss and college students joined fourth grade classes to conduct an experiment on the effects of erosion. Small groups built miniature communities which were then exposed to heavy rains. Most students' "homes and landscapes" were washed

away. Our fourth grade classrooms will be working with WSU throughout the year on animal structures and adaptations and exploring our Westfield River. Many thanks WSU for Adopting a Franklin Classroom.



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PTO Events

Our PTO is always busy planning ways for families to engage with Franklin Avenue and one another. **November 8 is our Election Day Bake Sale.** Many thanks to our families who donated delicious baked goods. Our next event is a dine-in event at the **Maple Leaf on November 15** where we invite families to come and dine with us to raise funds to support school events throughout the year from 5-9:30 p.m. One of the events our fundraising supports is our **Franklin Family Holiday Party. On December 9 from 6:30 – 8**, families can drop by Franklin to decorate cookies, play holiday games, and enjoy some holiday snacks. Hope to see you at all of our events.

Upcoming Franklin Enrichment

We are hoping to receive a generous grant that will allow Jay Mankita, our Playful Engineer, to work with our second and third grade students on a hands-on STEM project. We are also arranging a "Birds of Prey" presentation for the spring for all students.

HEART

Honor

Build a good reputation

Effort

Give your personal best

Attitude

Be positive and kind

Responsibility

Do your part

Teamwork

Be reliable and help others

Project Lead the Way

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Some call it science; we call it fun! We know that reading, writing, and math are the foundations of learning, but at Franklin Avenue, we utilize all of these skills in the area of science. Whether we are learning about pushes and pulls through a game of tug-of-war in the kindergarten classroom, or building machines using Vex kits to assist a tiger to escape from a hole, students are challenged to think about every day phenomena. Project Lead the Way piques children's curiosity and encourages critical thinking about relevant problems. The opportunities for careers in the science fields is expansive, and although our students may be in the single digits in life, we want to grab their curiosity and imagination and turn them on to science. Encourage your child to think about their future. You never know which Franklin Scholar will lead the next generation.