

Franklin Avenue

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Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting – Google Meet

October 12 @ 6 pm

Open House

October 13 – See details

Butterbraid Order Due

October 17

Parent Conferences

October 26

Dear Franklin Families,

Fall is definitely in the air, and it is usually this time of year that students begin adjusting to their new classroom routines and teachers become more familiar with their students' abilities, needs, and likes. We are lucky at Franklin because positive classroom relationships tend to forge quickly.

Ask your child about Zones of Regulation, a new social/emotional program we have implemented this year to help students identify their feelings. Students can be in one of four color zones:

- BLUE – “I may not be able to concentrate because I am sad, bored, or tired.”
- GREEN – “I am ready to learn!”
- YELLOW – “I may not be able to focus because I am too excited, frustrated, or irritated!”
- RED – “I am so angry, excited, or out of control, that learning is impossible.”

Throughout the year, teachers will also teach strategies that students feel comfortable putting in their toolbox to use when needed. Parents are finding it helpful to use this language at home, too.

As we get into the colder months, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the proper clothing. Jackets, socks, sneakers, and even hats will be necessary during these days of fall so students are comfortable playing outside at recess and during physical education.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents and caregivers who have given ample notice to the office for dismissals and/or gave us a phone call when your child was sick. Your simple actions make our days go much smoother.

Enjoy these beautiful autumn days!

My Best,

Mrs. Tolpa

Franklin Open House

On Thursday, 10/13, Franklin will host our Open House. We ask that all families who have a student with the last name beginning with A-L visit classrooms from 6-6:30. All students with the last name beginning M-Z should visit from 6:45 – 7:15. We want to ensure that there is enough time to explore and enough space to park. This will also help to ensure the lines for our Scholastic Book Fair are not extremely long. We can't wait to invite you and your family in!

ST Math, Jiji, and Franklin – A Perfect Combination

You may have heard about our penguin friend Jiji who helps our students build their math skills. Jiji is everywhere in our building



celebrating the accomplishments of our Franklin Scholars. We have a class board that highlights the percentages of each classroom. We have a school progress board that monitors how we are doing as a school. And we have a "ST Math Shout Out" board where students are

acknowledged for their personal accomplishments with ST Math.

Franklin Avenue Open House

We are ready and waiting for you to explore our classrooms, meet our teachers and friends, browse our Scholastic Book Fair, and visit our many community-partner tables in the gym. We will divide the night into two segments (A-L: M-Z) to better accommodate all families with space and parking. Bringing our entire Franklin Family for one night is definitely a highlight of the year. We look forward to welcoming you.

PTO Invites YOU to Join

Want to help out Franklin Avenue, but not sure how? Attend our first virtual meeting on Google Meet, Wednesday, 10/12 at 6 p.m. to learn more. We have opportunities to fit anyone's schedule. Learn more about the events we have planned for our school this year by joining us this Wednesday, 10/12, at 6 p.m. on Google Meet. You can find the link on our website.

Reading Every Day

The only way to get better at a skill is to practice, and reading is no different. We ask that families read together on a daily basis in order to strengthen our skills, brain, and stamina. Select books that students enjoy, whether it be picture books, fiction, magazines, or non-fiction. Have conversations about what you read. This is a great way to not only build life-long skills, but to spend time together learning about new people, places and things.

Parking on Franklin Avenue

Just a reminder. Please do not park on Franklin Avenue in the morning, as our buses have a difficult time maneuvering around parked cars on both sides of the street. Thank you.

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

Come Visit the Gym Open House

School Groups

Scholastic Book Fair – Help your child pick out a book to buy.

Franklin PTO – Find out how you can support your school

Volunteers in Public Schools – Get your CORI completed so you can volunteer for Field Day and class field trips.

School Staff

- Special Education, Ms. Pighetti
- Math Interventionist, Ms. Vadnais
- Reading Specialist, Ms. Waskiewicz
- Adjustment Counselors, Ms. Fahey and Mrs. Ladue
- School Nurse, Mrs. Dudas
- Music Teacher, Ms. Carvalho
- PE/Health Teacher, Ms. Fettig

Community Organizations

- Boys & Girls Club
- YMCA
- Westfield Kiwanis
- Westfield Bank
- Valley Opportunity Council
- Girls Scouts of Westfield