

Franklin Avenue

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Dear Franklin Families,

There is a festive air at Franklin Avenue, and the main reason for this is we are surrounded by children. Over this past week, we have belted out the music of the season, did a few dance moves, and have been entertained by the fanciful hats and outfits our students have donned. There is nothing like an impromptu fun time. Mrs. Allie has decorated our lobby to welcome the winter season, and teachers are finding creative learning activities to battle the cold.

We embrace the diversity of our families, and this month is a perfect opportunity to express how our differences are honored and celebrated. If you are not familiar with my daily morning message, ask your child about it. This week we are learning more about Hanukkah – its meaning and traditions. In the coming weeks, we will be informed about Kwanzaa and Christmas. No matter what you celebrate or how you celebrate it, there is a rich history of all we believe, accompanied by song, tradition, and love. The holidays are a perfect time to learn about each other and the world around us.

With the season comes the need to dress warmly. All students are expected to wear winter gear, including a warm, winter coat, to play outside at recess. If your child is in need of a coat, hat, or mittens, please let us know. We want our students to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

May your hearts be light and bright. And know that you are able to give your child the best gift of all this season – your time. Take some time to enjoy one another; play, be happy, and be well.

My Best

Mrs. Tolpa

Upcoming Events

Report Cards Available

December 7 - PowerSchool

FA Family Holiday Party

December 9, Drop-in 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Penguin Patch Shopping

December 14

Virtual PTO Meeting

December 14

Winter Concert

December 20 – Gr K-2 @ 10:00; Gr 3 & 4 @ 1:30

Holiday Break

December 26 – January 2

Winter Concert

Our students are ready to entertain your whole family. Come join us on **December 20** to listen to our children sing songs of the season. Please do not double park on the side streets; you can use our back fields for parking.

Grades K – 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

Grades 3 & 4 @ 1:30 p.m.

Counseling Office to Offer Grief Groups

Has your family experienced the loss of a significant person? If someone close to your child has died, a parent, grandparent, sibling, or family-like person, and you would like to have them become a part of an in-school group facilitated by the school counselors, please let us know. We can be reached through email. To reach Kate Fahey please use k.fahey@schoolsofwestfield.org. To reach Katelyn Ladue please use katelyn.ladue@schoolsofwestfield.org. Or you may call the school at 413-572-6424.

PTO Sponsored Events

Franklin Family Holiday Party – December 9 – Drop In 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Our last holiday celebration was in 2019, so we are so excited to welcome back families to our annual Franklin Family Holiday Party. Please drop by between 6:30 – 8 p.m. this Friday, December 9, to enjoy hot cocoa, cookie decorating, crafts, and more.

Penguin Patch Student Shopping – December 14

Our PTO provides all of our students to shop for their loved ones for the holidays. Gifts can range from under \$1 to \$10 or more. We ask that you put any money that you send in into an envelope with your child's name on it, and please limit the amount you send.

WHS Show Choir Had Us Dancing

What a way to ring in the holidays with a special performance from Mrs. Bruno's Westfield High School Show Choir on December 1. By the end of the show, we were all dancing and singing along. Second grade students were able to get a glimpse at what a chorus does, while third and fourth grade students held a question-and-answer session with these high school musicians. All students were given a glimpse in how they can use their talents at the high school level.



Report Cards on Power School – December 7

For instructions on how to access Power School, please visit <https://sites.google.com/schoolsofwestfield.org/powerschool-parentguardian-inf/home%20%20>. If you need login information, please call Mrs. Allie in our main office at 413-572-6424.

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

Thank You

Maple Leaf PTO Fundraiser

Thank you to all who attended our PTO Dine to Donate fundraiser at the Maple Leaf. We raised nearly \$500 to support events for our students.

Family Math Night

Thank you Ms. Pighetti and Ms. Vadnais for coordinating a night where our families could engage in fun and educational math games. And thank you to all the families who attended. We love to see our building busy at night.

Our Franklin Turkey

We know who you are. Thank you for always greeting us before each Thanksgiving break and reminding us of all that we can be grateful for.

