

Franklin Avenue

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Upcoming Events

Ignite! Read – Grade 1

To launch March 13

Playful Engineers – Gr 2 & 3

March 13-17 & 27 - 30

FA on Superintendent's Radio Show

March 23 @ 9 a.m.

FA School Committee

April 3 @ 7 p.m.

MCAS ELA

Grade 3: April 5 & 12

Grade 4: April 4 & 11

Hello Franklin Families,

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner, and just as we get rejuvenated from its new blooms, we get rejuvenated from seeing our students' academic growth abound. This is the time of year that learning begins to solidify. Letter sounds and words begin to flow for early readers. Fractions start to make sense. Learning is a step-by-step process, and as long as students remain present and attentive, their growth is amazing.

Our focus continues to be on STEM and literacy, and this month we have two new exciting initiatives we are introducing to students. Ignite! Reading is a new intervention program that will be available to our first grade students who need greater support in reading. They will receive 1-1 direct instruction virtually for 15 minutes each day in foundational reading skills. They will be assigned a virtual tutor and work with this trained instructor for the remainder of the school year. We are pleased Franklin was selected to pilot this DESE grant funded program.

We also welcome back Jay Mankita, our Playful Engineer, who will work with our second and third graders in understanding the workings of small machines and inspiring students to build their own creations. Through a MA Cultural STARS grant, Mr. Mankita will be a teacher in residence with us for eight days engaging our scholars in engineering practices.

We are so grateful that we are able to offer so many wonderful opportunities to all of our students. From before/after school programs to field trips. Many of these opportunities would not be possible without funding through grants and our PTO; most would not be possible without the dedication of our staff. We are so blessed with amazing educators.

My Best

Mrs. Tolpa

Report Cards

Trimester 2 report cards will be available to parents on Saturday, March 18. If you have not created an account or have forgotten your password to log onto PowerSchool, you should contact Mrs. Allie in our main office at 413-572-6424 for assistance.

MCAS – English Language Arts

For those parents interested in learning more about the MCAS, you can take a practice test with your child to understand the types of reading and questions your child will be asked to respond to during the first two weeks of April.

<http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/student/practice-tests-ela/>

On the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website, you can find a great deal of information to answer your questions about this test and to better support your student in taking this test. MCAS ELA assesses students' comprehension and writing skills based on the standards they have been taught all year long.

3rd Annual Franklin Avenue Virtual Auction is Back!

IT'S HERE! Get ready to bid and help Franklin Avenue raise funds for our student/teacher events. Our PTO will be collecting some awesome donations to auction off this year, from designer purses to gift cards galore. The fun begins on April 27 and closes April 30. More information and how you can help will be sent home with your child. Thanks for supporting Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day, and other fun-filled events by bidding at our auction.

Before and After School Programs

Thanks to Title One funding, dedicated teachers, and collaborative partnerships, we are able to offer our students some awesome before and after school activities.

- Grades 1 & 2: Math Academy, 8-9 a.m. – Monday
- Grades 3 & 4: Math Academy, 8-9 a.m. - Friday
- Grades 3 & 4: Girls on the Run, 3:30–5 p.m. –Monday & Wednesday
- Grades 3 & 4: Crazy Eights Club, 8-9 a.m. - Thursday
- Grades K, 1 & 3: SEL Learning Group, 8-9 a.m. – Wednesday
- Grades 3 & 4: Medical Professionals Club 10 a.m. on Wednesday
- Grade 2: YMCA Swimming Lessons 4–6 p.m. – Tuesdays at the YMCA

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

Community Events

Read Across America

March 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Westfield State University

Scanlon Hall

Come participate in some fun activities that celebrate reading!

Date with Someone Special

March 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Amelia Park Children's

Museum

Join us for a free event for fathers, uncles, grandfathers or friends and their children to spend time together exploring dinosaur themed activities.

Call 568-5242 to register by

March 21 – space is limited

Movie Night: Lyle, Lyle

Crocodile

March 31 @ 5:30

First Congregational Church

Come for free pizza and a movie. All children must be chaperoned by an adult. Call 568-2833 to register.