



FRANKLIN EAGLE

October 2008

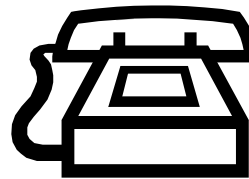
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Important Dates

Oct 9 - Yom Kippur – **NO SCHOOL**
 Oct 13 - Columbus Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 Oct 17 – Picture Day/Dress up Day
 Oct 24 – Relatives Visitation Day/Teddy Bear Day
 Oct 31 - Halloween Parade
 Nov 4 – Election Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 Nov 6,7 - NJEA Convention – **NO SCHOOL**
 Nov 11 – Veterans’ Day
 Nov 16 – 22 -- American Education Week
 Nov 18 – Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse
 Nov 26 - 1:00 Dismissal/Report Cards go home
 Nov - 27, 28 - Happy Thanksgiving – **NO SCHOOL**
 Dec 9 - Holiday Show
 Dec 21 – Winter Begins
 Dec 22 - Happy Hanukkah
 Dec 24 - Jan 4 - Holiday Recess – **NO SCHOOL**
 Dec 25 - Merry Christmas
 Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve



Phone Numbers You Need to Know



Franklin School
Office

851-6450/6451

Mr. Lowery

851-6456

Cafeteria

851-6452

Media Center

851-6453

Mrs. Haliniewski

(School Nurse)

851-6455

Mrs. Osty

(Interventionist)

851-4699



For school information go to
<http://www.twpunionschools.org>

Click on “Franklin School” to find out all the latest school news.

Please be on time!!



Children are expected to arrive on time and be picked up on time each and every day.

Support Franklin’s PTA!



Show your support by helping out and lending a hand at all school events. Parents and teachers working together.

Show you care...be there!

Please cooperate!

School Hours:

PreK am 9:05-11:35

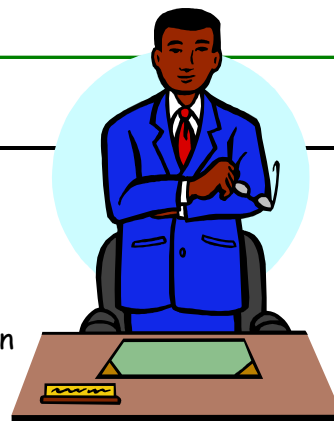
PreK pm 12:35-3:05*

Grades K-2 9:05-3:05*

*(Grades PreK-1 dismiss @ 2:55)

Grades 3-4 8:50-3:05

From the desk of the Principal



Greetings Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to another exciting school year that will be full of challenges, expectations, critical learning, and fun. The opening month of school has been very smooth and I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation.

Allow me to re-emphasize the theme of **P.R.I.D.E** that Franklin Elementary School uses to promote healthy student development: **P for Proud - R for Ready - I for Intelligent - D for Determined - and E for Educated.** It is very important that the parents reinforce these principles at home so the children can infuse these very important lessons into their daily routines.

Parents, I encourage all of you to get involved with the many activities that Franklin School will offer your children. Statistics show that parental involvement is critical to the social and academic development of children. Please make sure you are a member of the P.T.A. The membership fee for the year is only \$5. This \$5 donation helps the P.T.A tremendously with the funding of events for your children; so even if you do not have a lot of time to give; your \$5 gift will help. Lastly, please remember that all P.T.A meetings are open to the public and you are strongly encouraged to come get involved. See the dates of all the P.T.A meetings under the P.T.A section.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOV. 4! IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Stop by the office if you need voter registration papers

School Business:

Parents, please be mindful of the traffic laws on school grounds. Double parking is prohibited and you **will** be ticketed by an officer on foot. Also, Lindy Terrace is a one-way street. I found that out the hard way when I received a ticket in the mail. The Union Police department is serious about enforcing the law on school grounds, so please adhere to them and avoid being ticketed. Remember, it is not about your convenience--- it's about the safety of our children.

Parents, please make sure your children are not dropped off too early for school. If your child does not participate in the morning program, sponsored by the YMCA, or the breakfast program then he/she should not arrive to school before 8:25 A.M. I want every child to be safe, and supervision does not begin until 8:25 A.M. according to the teachers' contract. Also, please make sure your child is picked up on time after school. Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. on full days and 1:00 p.m. on half days. Lastly, please do not allow your children to bring in their personal toys, cards, games, or objects such as balls to play with. The school supplies these items for your children and will not be responsible to replace personal items if they are lost, broken, or stolen. Thank you kindly for adhering to these policies.

Mr. Lowery

From your PTA President

Dear Parents,

What a great start to a new school year. The PTA is very excited about the new activities we have planned for our children, parents and teachers this year. We have started our year with a strong membership drive which will net each class who earns a 100% parent participation with an ice cream party. We have also focused our attention on increased male participation; this can include a father, uncle, male cousin, grandfather. This year we are about family and family involvement for the betterment of our children.

We have opened our meetings to include all paid family members to attend the monthly PTA meetings which will be held in the school cafeteria. Let us make informed decisions regarding our children as a whole. As you can see by the calendar of events given out at the open house, this will be an active year and your participation is greatly needed. Without your support we cannot carry out our goals for our children and the school. Without your support, you as the parent pick up the expense for the activities planned by the PTA. If you have not joined as of yet, let me say all it takes is \$5.00 to say I support my child and his/her school.

As your PTA President I look forward to working with every parent in support of all of our children. It is my mission to see that no child is excluded due to lack of parent participation. Let us make this the best year ever. Here are just a few of the events coming up:

Oct. 17th - Family Movie Night

Oct. 23rd - Pumpkin Sale

Oct. 24th - Grandparent/Relative Day

Oct. 28th - Cinderella Cheesecake Sale

Week of Nov. 10th - Scholastic Book Sale

Nov. -18th, 19th, and 20th - Holiday Boutique

Dec. 3rd & 4th - Holiday Pictures

Dec. 11th - Family Movie Night

This is the first half of our school year, and as you can see it's busy. Keep your eyes open for our Spring calendars, we have a couple of new activities which also promote family togetherness (i.e. Franklin Fun Day, Father/Son Sports Day and Franklin Family Picnic). Once again we are offering the students the weekly reader, the 4th graders a free year book, graduation receptions for both kindergarten and 4th grade. Without your membership and participation, these activities become the expense of the parent and will exclude some of our children, Don't Let That Happen!

If you would like to learn more or have questions regarding the PTA, joining or participation in an activity, please join us on Oct. 6th at 7:30 for our October meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Your PTA President

2008-2009

LaTanya D. Everett





Welcome Back!!

We are off to the start of another new year here at Franklin School. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Mrs. Osty and I am the Interventionist here at Franklin School. One of the services that are provided here at Franklin School is the I&RS team.

- The I&RS team coordinates the access to and delivery of school resources to identified students.
- The I&RS team develops intervention plans for students in need.
- The I&RS team assists staff who are having difficulties in addressing a student's learning, behavior, & health needs.
- The I&RS team maintains ongoing contact with parents, staff, and students.

If there is anything that I can do to help make this year a little easier, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at the following:

kosty@twpunionschools.org or (908)851-4699

Franklin School PTA Meetings



All are welcome!!

Please try to attend.

Meetings begin at
7:30 pm in the auditorium.

Come out and show your support!!

Oct 7	Feb 8
Nov 11	Mar 3
Dec 2	Apr 7
Jan 6	May 5

Have you joined the PTA?

\$5.00



Welcome Back!

Third grade students begin school at 8:45 each day. Please get your child to school on time so he/she will not be marked late.

Third graders need to know their basic number facts for addition and subtraction to 18 and multiplication and division to 81. Please practice them each night with your child. Reading each night is also very important for third graders. So Read! Read! Read!

Open House was a great success! Thanks to all who participated. Also, please remember parents, to join P.T.A.

Third grade teachers are looking forward to a very productive year with your children. Remember, all roads lead to New Jersey
Ask and meeting with success!



We are off to a wonderful start in kindergarten. We began our year by meeting our teachers, making new friends, and getting to know our way around Franklin School. Our daily morning routines include discussions about the calendar, special events, holidays, and the daily weather. We are learning to write our letters, numbers, and our names. Coloring in the lines, holding a pencil properly, cutting on the lines, listening, following directions, and using scissors correctly are skills we practice daily. We are responsible for taking care of our folders, backpacks, lunchboxes, desks, and cubbies. Believe it or not... we have homework each night and are learning to read our high frequency words as well as our color words. We know that readers are leaders!

We are looking ahead to a wonderful year filled with fun, learning, exciting activities, and lots of laughs and memories. Our success is only possible with the support and help of teachers, parents, and students working together as a team.



As we start another school year, second graders are looking forward to a "picture perfect year." We have all gotten back into the school routine and are working very hard. In language arts, we are reviewing short and long vowel sounds, consonant blends and diagraphs. We are also learning how to build a sentence using subjects and predicates. In reading we are learning how to predict what will happen next, learning about characters and finding out the author's purpose. In social studies we are learning about the election.

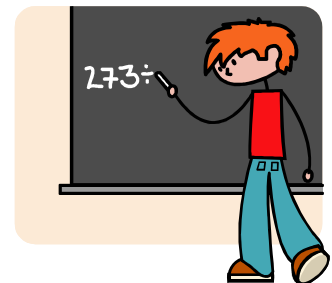
Our days are very busy and filled with fun learning. Please look at your child's homework each evening to see what we are doing.

4th Grade

The fourth graders are off to a great start and working very hard. We began our writing skills by preparing a four paragraph autobiography about our lives. Now we have moved on to using S.P.A.C.E format to write stories about picture prompts.

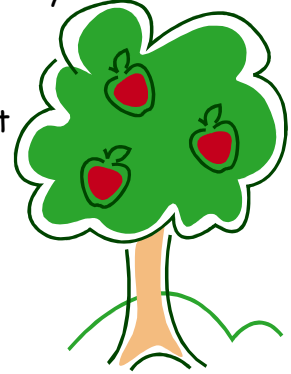
Thursday is also NJASK Day where all work is geared to prepare the fourth graders for the test. In preparation for NJASK, each class has two periods a week using Success Maker on Math and Reading skills in the computer lab.

Every class has been working on graphing and incorporating hands on activities for test preparation and enhanced understanding.



Pre-K

The school year is off to a great start! Both classes have adjusted well to our classroom routines and are having lots of fun. During September we have learned each other's names, practiced good manners and learned about colors. The students enjoyed listening to stories by Mo Willems, including Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus. We have also begun to learn about Fall including leaves and apples. Both classes had an apple taste test where they voted for their favorite colored apple - red, green, or yellow. The winner in the AM class was the sweet yellow apple. The winner for the PM class was the sour green apple. For the remainder of the month we will continue the Fall theme with pumpkins, and learn about fire safety and shapes. As the weather gets colder please help your child practice putting their coats on as well as buttoning and zipping. This helps our dismissal go smoothly. Healthy snack donations as well as Lysol wipes and tissues are always greatly appreciated. Don't forget to read to your child everyday!

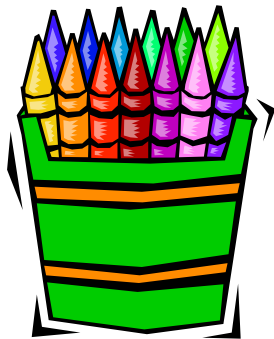


News from the ART ROOM...

All of our Franklin students are busy at work in the art room. Each grade level is learning new skills and showing what they learned through their projects. I hope you get to hang up the art work at home!

So far we have studied shapes, lines and how to show movement in a drawing. We are using a CD ROM program which is animated with sound and is very colorful. Come check out our hallway art shows to see what's new in our department.

This year 3rd and 4th graders brought home class descriptions known as "boiler plates" to be read, signed by parents and guardians and returned to me. This paper tells you what your student will be learning in art and how their grades will be determined. It is a new policy in the art department to keep you informed in this way.



Thanks always for supporting your children to appreciate & enjoy art.

Mariann Chinsky
Art Teacher

Recycle your ink jet cartridges at Franklin. Send to Mr. Pfeifer or drop off at the Main Office. apfeifer@twpunionschools.org



November 2, 2008
Daylight Savings Ends
Remember to turn your
clocks back 1 hour.



Dear First Grade Parents,

We would like to welcome you to our fabulous first grade.

We appreciate all the parents that joined us at Franklin School's Open House. An informed parent can help us to succeed. By supporting our academic, discipline, and homework efforts we will achieve. We are confident that we will work as a team.

We are learning short vowel sounds and beginning to read.

Please help us practice sight words with the high frequency word flash cards we brought home. These are the spelling words we will be tested on each Friday. They are also listed in the study pads along with the sounds and spellings that we have learned. Help us to blend our little readers until we are fluent. Keep them in a safe place and revisit them often.

In math we need to practice counting to 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. We also need to practice our math facts for addition and subtraction. In science we are learning about our five senses and in social studies we have learned the importance of teamwork. We enjoy reading our Weekly Reader newspaper given to us by the PTA.

We especially would like to thank you for sending in healthy snacks each day along with a napkin. We are learning all about nutrition. Also please remember that dismissal time is 2:55. This is especially important on inclement weather days.

Thank you,

Your Friends in First Grade



What Are We Doing in Physical Education?

The new school year got off to a great start in Physical Education. The students have been very active in a variety of skills and games. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students are learning Field Hockey. They have learned the basic skills of how to dribble, shoot on goal, pass, reverse, and stop the ball. They are also learning how to be goalies.

The kindergarten and 1st grade classes are working on locomotive, non-locomotive skills, general space, self-space, identifying large and small body parts and direction. We have applied these skills to a variety of songs such as the "Hokey Pokey", "Chicken Dance", and "Tony Chestnut". We have worked with beanbags and are beginning to work with hula-hoops.

Just a small thought to think about--It is not called "**GYM**". **GYM IS THE ROOM WHERE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TAKES PLACE.** We are excited to be working with your children and we look forward to a very productive year.

Thank you!

From Your Physical Education Staff

Ms. V, Mr. Wyckoff, Miss Zurka

