



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms for Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30-8:00 pm to share grade level curriculum, expectations, and other important information for the exciting year ahead! Our evening's agenda is as follows:

- ❖ **Principal's Welcome Back Presentation:** 6:30-6:40 in gymnasium
- ❖ **PTO Volunteer Stations, Dues Station, and Conference Sign-up Stations:** 6:40-7:00 in cafeteria
- ❖ **Teacher Visit Session #1:** 7:00-7:30 in classroom
- ❖ **Teacher Visit Session #2:** 7:30-8:00 in classroom (for those with siblings)
- ❖ **Principal's Vision Presentation:** 7:30-8:00 in gymnasium (for those who wish to attend)

For families who have siblings and need to attend both Teacher Visit Sessions, I have provided my presentation's Talking Points on the following page. To ensure a successful evening, I respectfully request the following:

- ❖ Please *provide childcare at home*, as this is an evening exclusively for parents/guardians.
- ❖ Please note that this evening is to provide information about the year ahead, and *not individual parent/teacher conference time*. Should you wish to discuss your child's progress thus far, kindly contact the teacher to schedule another time to do so.
- ❖ Please do not arrive to your child's classroom *any time prior to 7:00*, as teachers will be busy preparing for your arrival and will start promptly at that time.
- ❖ Please note that *our second session will end promptly at 8:00*, out of respect for our teachers so they can return home to rest after a 12 hour work day.

Grade level classroom general locations are listed below and each will have a door sign to assist you in finding your way. Non-homeroom staff members will also be available if you have programmatic inquiries.

**Gr 1 & 2:**Main Floor near Main Door ❖ **Gr 3 & 4:**Upper Floor ❖ **Gr 5:**Main Floor past Gym ❖ **Resource Rms:**Lower Level

Looking forward to an informative evening together,

*Mrs. Mirrione*



# Principal's Vision 2015-16 Presentation

## ❖ Brief Professional & Personal Background

## ❖ Enhancements for Opening the School Year:

- **Enrichment Lunch Clubs:** new Spanish, Music, Art, more Coding & Book Clubs; more grades
- **Arrival Week:** Meet & Greets with staff; front lawn school gathering
- **Distribution of Arrival/Dismissal Locations:** greater disbursement & incr. adult supervision
- **Principal Read Alouds:** all classes to meet students
- **BTSN additions:** Volunteer Expo, Dues Station, Conference Signups→add'l teacher present. time
- **New school configuration:** all grade levels together, all specials have their own room
- **Revamped Master Schedule:** built in lunch clubs & more common grade level planning time
- **Monthly Grade Level Mtgs.:** math prof. devt. w/ district coach & follow-up coaching visits
- **Student Agenda Books:** additionally for 2nd & 3rd grade
- **Staff communication:** Franklin Weekly & Shared Google Staff Calendar

## ❖ Longer Range Vision:

- Maintain and nurture a highly academic and enriching school setting
- Establish and nurture relationships with students, staff, & families
- Weekly Newsletter for parents from teachers (starting in October)
- Guest Reader days & other celebratory events to promote literacy
- Ongoing assessment of instructional practices & embedding Prof. Devt. support
- Weekly review of Lesson Plans and providing specific, ongoing feedback
- Active daily presence in classrooms and around the building
- Student Progress Monitoring meetings to track academic growth over time
- Hallway appearance enhancements (room signs, corkstrips, murals, displays)
- Student Awards assemblies: emphasis on Character Development & 21st Century Skills
- *Student Artists of the Month* recognition (starting in October)
- Enhancing curriculum w/ related real-life applications/experiences (Junior Achievement, BizTown, Expert Guest Speakers, Field Trips, possible Artist in Residence-if financing available)
- Sharpen safety training & procedures; take advantage of SPD's community outreach programs
- Collaborate w/ PTO and work alongside Volunteer Committee to beautify the outside