



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

I hope that you enjoyed a restful and fun-filled break! Here are some school highlights and information to share:

- ❖ **PARCC testing:** We begin PARCC testing today and it will continue across four weeks, starting with 5th grade then 4th grade and followed by 3rd grade. The last week of May 8th will provide make-up testing as needed. Kindly help ensure that your child gets a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast throughout his/her testing week.
- ❖ **Another chess team win!** Congratulations to our chess team who won a challenging competition against Chatham Day School! Friendly competitions provide a wonderful opportunity to hone their skills and meet other children with a similar love for the game.
- ❖ **Playground enhancements:** A huge thank you to our PTO for advancing the purchase of replacement swing sets that will provide many more swings for our students. Swings are widely popular during recess and these will be safe, at a standard uniform height off the ground, and offer plenty more enjoyment! Also, I thank our PTO for ordering two replacement benches in our school colors with Franklin inscriptions. The blacktop and playground continue to make gains as brighter, more enjoyable recreational areas over time.
- ❖ **School grounds enhancements:** We are excited to partner with two Boy Scouts who have chosen our school for their Eagle Scout projects. One project involves beautiful plantings within the Peace Rose Garden and around our Franklin School sign, along with handmade planters to add to our reading garden area. The other involves the addition of varied handmade bird houses and plantings near the Character Counts benches. Both of these projects are planned for the spring and we look forward to seeing how beautifully they will brighten up those areas.

Have a wonderful week,

*Mrs. Dalia Mirrione*