



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**TO:** Franklin Families  
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Student report cards were sent home today and there is a lot to celebrate. I had the opportunity to review and read comments for each child. Our teachers spend a significant amount of time writing remarks that reflect not only the academic but emotional growth of each child. The progress of our students is exciting and I am looking forward to the months ahead!

The entire Franklin School Community engaged in creating our "Spotlight on Kindness" board outside of the main office and back entrance. Each student participated in our Take a Stand lesson and wrote a short statement regarding kindness. These statements are posted and illuminate the wonderful, insightful reflections of our students.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students filled the halls with music on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Congratulations to our musicians on a memorable performance for both students and families.

**ATTENTION PLEASE:** There is a designated parking space, in the faculty parking lot, that has been purchased by a Franklin family through the annual Franklin Fair auction. This space is a reserved spot and not for general use. In order to support the on-going tradition of fund raising for this privilege, we ask that you refrain from using this space at any time during the school day, drop off or pick up.

**THANK YOU** to the PTO for a delicious staff holiday luncheon today. The entire faculty enjoyed sitting together to partake in a meal with tablecloths, centerpieces and lovely, relaxing music....and no one had to wait to use the microwave!!

A few safety notes:

- District practice **REQUIRES** that students who arrive late are signed in by the parent/caregiver dropping them off. **PLEASE** respect this practice to ensure the safe arrival of your child.

- Traffic patterns continue to present a challenge here at Franklin. This week, drop off/pick up events included:
  - A student crossing the street, at the direction of the individual picking up, as they remained in the car blocking traffic on Warwick Road.
  - Another incident involved two students crossing without crossing guard assistance, entering the street between two parked cars into on-coming traffic.
  - The third concerning situation involved an individual, parking in the staff parking lot across designated spaces to collect their child blocking others from exiting their space.
  
- These events are of SIGNIFICANT concern and pose a safety risk to every member of the Franklin School community. I am confident that working together we can correct our practice and engage in safe behaviors.

Enjoy the weekend! j