



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

It's hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! Here are some school highlights and important information to share:

- ❖ **Outdoor Learning Garden update:** A committee of dedicated parents and teachers have led the charge with this exciting project and recently partnered with helpful leaders of Summit's Reeves Reed Arboretum for guidance in developing an action plan. They will be of enormous help and we are grateful for their counsel! Our hope is to create a vegetable garden that engages students in real-life earth science applications that reflect our new science curriculum units of study. For anyone interested in joining this endeavor, please reach out to our PTO executive board for contact information.
- ❖ **Introducing Franklin Falcon-writers!** Once again, I thank our dedicated parents and teacher leaders who help to forge community relationships that open up amazing student opportunities! Mrs. Alberico and Ms. Stochaj will lead our first student journalist team, the Franklin Falcon-writers, to compose articles that highlight school events. These articles will be submitted to Greg Nelson, a reporter for *Tap into Summit*, for consideration to share out with a larger authentic audience! Similar to the outdoor garden, we continue to seek real-life applications of our curriculum to keep students excited and engaged as scholars, leaders, and citizens. More information on the selection process is forthcoming.
- ❖ **New district notification system:** Please take a moment to complete your Honeywell account registration in order to receive information about school closings, delayed openings, and possible district emergency information because the previous notification system will no longer be used. Directions can be found here on our district website: <http://www.summit.k12.nj.us/honeywell>
- ❖ **Uptick in lice cases:** This year, we are experiencing a higher rate of lice and repeated cases across our grade levels. Lice is NOT a reflection of a family's lack of cleanliness! Please help us reduce this rate by notifying the school immediately if your child has lice, which we keep confidential, so that we can then initiate a check of his/her classmates and inform families. Also, please do not have your child wear holiday-themed hats, headbands, etc. because children inevitably share them and this spreads lice very quickly to classmates, siblings, and extends to our community's extracurricular settings. Thank you for your assistance.
- ❖ **Musical attendance:** As a friendly reminder, please do not send your child to musical rehearsals if he/she was absent (due to illness) during that school day. Any child who arrives sick will be asked to return home.

Enjoy the holiday season,

*Mrs. Dalia Mirrione*