



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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The weather has been unpredictable with both temperature and precipitation these last few weeks. As we continue to look at creative solutions to engaging activities during indoor recess, we are asking for your help. If you find that your children are no longer building with or have too many **LEGO's** - we are seeking donations. We anticipate creating a space, where their creations will be stored for a set period of time, supporting student creativity beyond 20 minutes. We appreciate your support!

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!! One of our favorite events of the year will be taking place the end of the week with the annual **FRANKLIN BOOK FAIR**. Please watch for announcements from the PTO as well as your child's teacher. The book fair would not be possible without the wonderful volunteers that support the set up, staffing and break down of the event. **THANK YOU** for your donation of time as we build the reading life of our students.

Third grade will be wrapping up the week on Friday (remember, it is a single session day) with their celebration of **Heritage Day**. I am looking forward to experiencing this traditional event for the first time.

As I look at the calendar and the month ahead, I am excited about both the traditional and new events that are planned for our school community. Again, all of these "happenings" would not be possible without the creative and committed group of students, families, faculty and staff that comprise our Franklin Family. Take a peek at just a few of things we have to look forward to....

- An overarching theme in February of "Franklin has Heart" with outreach efforts to replenish food banks, collect items for St. Hubert's Animal Shelter, coordinate donations of books and pj's for children in shelters, and a few surprises. Stay tuned!
- The performances of Willy Wonka Junior-be sure to reserve your tickets.
- The launch of the Fifth grade DARE program
- An evening event with Mrs. Burr presenting a physical education showcase (more to come)
- Our annual Author's visit with Victoria Jameson
- ...and the launching of our second, PTO sponsored, enrichment program of the year.
...and these are just a few of the highlights.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Enjoy the week =0)!

