

"Franklin is a collaborative community that empowers, engages and challenges all learners."

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK Janice H. Tierney May 10, 2019

The staff was truly overwhelmed with the kindness, generosity and thoughtful acknowledgements of their professional commitment to both your children and the teaching profession during Teacher Appreciation Week. Daily celebrations welcomed the teachers into school each day including "A Wall of Appreciation" filled with notes from the students, breakfast, lunch, sweet treats, movies and popcorn....along with the expressed appreciation from too many of you to capture in this weekly correspondence. I am an extremely thankful principal for not only the events of the past week, but for a parent community that honors and respects the efforts of our amazing staff.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade wrapped up their NJ SLA testing today and we are extremely proud of their efforts. Our success is also predicated on you – the families – and your commitment to our students arriving well rested and ready to go. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring their success! We will host 3<sup>th</sup> grade testing next week and are ready to go!

Field trips are occurring on almost a weekly basis at this time of year at Franklin. We are excited to be able to offer this authentic learning experience to students creating shared experiences which supports instruction across all curricula areas.

SEF announced the recipients of the Spring grant cycle and the Franklin School community was awarded over \$63,000.00 in additional funding to support creative and exciting learning initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year. We will look forward to sharing additional details as we begin to plan the purchasing and implementation of these extremely generous awards.

....and a happy and memorable Mother's Day to all special people who nurture, protect and love our children.