



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin families,

We hope that you enjoyed a warm and toasty weekend! Here are a few bits of information to share:

- ❖ **Franklin's Teacher of the Year:** I am excited to share the wonderful news that Ms. Alana Albanese is our Teacher of the Year! Thank you to all of our parents who wrote such kind, heartfelt nomination letters on behalf of not only Ms. Albanese, but other teachers as well. She has been an exceptional addition to our second grade team this year, leading a wonderfully cohesive community of learners in her classroom and remaining actively engaged in meeting the needs of all of her students. Ms. Albanese is warm-hearted, caring, and continually enhances our professional learning with her valuable insights. We are proud to have her represent Franklin!

- ❖ **Outdoor Garden Classroom update:** Our fifth grade team has created an amazing partnership with leaders at the Arboretum, working closely together to plan a Spring planting in conjunction with the new science curriculum unit. An SEF grant crafted by parent Mrs. Patty Avelino and fifth grade teacher Mrs. Polles, will fund garden supplies, a shed, and teacher training at the Arboretum. Our PTO has generously offered to help finance our needs as well. Students will plant and tend to the garden, yielding a plentiful and varied bounty that will be used for an enjoyable culminating activity. Our hope is to begin with fifth grade and steadily integrate the other grades in the years to come. Thank you to Mr. Adrian Tricker, former Franklin parent, for building the raised beds and creating the actual garden base. Thank you in advance to all of our parent volunteers who have offered to be part of this immersive, experiential learning endeavor. Should anyone wish to make donations to enhance this learning experience, please see our Amazon wish list:
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WQJ8S4004WNH>

- ❖ **Story Pirates:** We wrapped up our second grade series of creative writing workshops with the Story Pirates team and they performed many of our students' stories as an exciting final assembly! The students greatly enjoyed this experience and watching our very own Franklin students' stories come to life was the perfect finale!

- ❖ **Friendly reminder:** Kindly refrain from bringing dogs onto school property, especially during our arrival and dismissal periods. Some students are afraid of dogs and conversely, we do not want to risk a dog misinterpreting an excited child or group of children approaching it which can then result in an aggressive defensive response. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Warmly Yours,

Mrs. Mirrione

