



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin families,

We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful weekend! As we already look forward to May and June, there continues to be amazing happenings here at Franklin! Here are a some highlights:

- ❖ **Franklin Fair was a big hit once again!** Thank you so much to Melissa Madden, Maddie Greene, our PTO, parent volunteers, staff volunteers, and our entire parent community for another amazing Franklin Fair! It was a ton of fun and continues to be our biggest, most enjoyable fundraiser of the year!
- ❖ **Outdoor Garden Classroom Update:** Hopefully, you have been able to see how our fifth graders have planted a bounty of goodies outside in our new garden! This could not have come together without the tremendous help of Patty Avelino, Adrian Tricker, Rodrigo Palomo, Marty Napoles, our fifth grade teachers, and many other parent volunteers. I also want to thank our PTO for helping to fund this endeavor and our parent community for donating literally EVERYTHING on our Amazon wishlist! This SEF grant allowed our fifth grade teachers to partner up with wonderful leaders at the Arboretum for teacher/parent training, lesson plans to complement the science curriculum, a student visit to the Arboretum's model of a square foot garden, and support with this project from beginning to end.
- ❖ **Yoga in the PARCC:** Once again, we can count on Mrs. Burr to make arrangements to help de-stress our students on the eve of PARCC testing! We thank her along with the PTO for funding the relaxing yoga classes led by our wonderful parent instructors Grier Hynes, Patrice Sala, and Caroline Cumming. Students loved it!
- ❖ **PARCC update:** Our first week of PARCC testing went very smoothly! We will begin fourth grade testing and fifth grade makeup testing during the week to come, followed by third grade during the week of May 7th, and then makeups for third and fourth grade during the week of May 14th. Please help your child to do his/her very best by getting a good night's rest, eating a healthy breakfast, and arriving to school on time. Thank you!
- ❖ **Important Date Changes:** Please take note that we will now have two half days to end the school year on June 20th and June 21st due to the additional snow day needed. Therefore, the Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony has been moved the new last day of school, June 21st. Please also note the newly approved school calendar, which reflects some changes: [https://www.summit.k12.nj.us/uploaded/revised\\_boe1819.pdf](https://www.summit.k12.nj.us/uploaded/revised_boe1819.pdf)
- ❖ **Class Placements for 2018-19 school year:** Please read the attached letter about our class placement process: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qh8S6NDMvJIaJynhoB74TUCyrmoZ4gkgrF9ZEjOjWvg/edit?usp=sharing>

Warmly Yours,

*Mrs. Mirrione*

