



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

This year continues to be off to an incredibly positive, productive start with so many initiatives and enhancements coming to fruition! A few items that I would like to share include:

- ❖ **Halloween festivities:** We hope that you can join us for our Halloween parade and for photo opportunities afterwards on our recess blacktop. The staff looks forward to surprising our students with our costume theme of the year! The Summit Police Department will be presenting assemblies about Halloween Safety on Friday, October 28th. Please review the attached letter and permission slip regarding our plans for the afternoon: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xFuljEx-pnnnTcrS_tbrj2Z6cjLCu57ipvT_NrUV-NI/edit?usp=sharing
- ❖ **Awesome new U.S. map:** Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who created a large, vibrantly colored U.S. colored map on our recess blacktop for our students to enjoy as learners and for fun exploration! Soon enough, the recess blacktop play areas will have even more lively pops of color to enhance an inviting, engaging recess setting. Our children are so fortunate to have such an active parent community who contribute in ways that make their experiences that much richer for years to come!
- ❖ **Todd Parr Assembly:** Our amazing Ms. Stochaj won a contest and the prize is a special visit from Todd Parr, a very well known children's author! She has made all of the arrangements for his visit on Monday, October 24th and our art teachers are providing an introduction to his signature illustrative style! Take a look at his website, and you will probably realize that you already have a book or two by him: <http://www.toddparr.com/> We are so fortunate to not only have this very special opportunity, but to have an awesome librarian!
- ❖ **Franklin's patriotic students:** Now that our PTO-funded flags are proudly displayed in our classrooms, we have scheduled 2-3 students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance as a school community every morning at 8:30 over the loudspeaker. EVERY student will have the opportunity to lead the Pledge, as we look to take advantage of opportunities to be inclusive and provide a "moment to shine and lead" wherever possible.
- ❖ **Sharpening up students' vocal skills along with their love for music:** Should any student be interested, please reach out via email to Mrs. Silvester or Ms. Chang so they can carve out available time between 8:00-8:15 on the mornings that they are with us. With the musical around the corner, or simply for those who love music and want to spend some time with our wonderful teachers, this is an open invitation for recreational, informal enrichment!

I continue to be so inspired and excited by all that is growing at Franklin,

Mrs. Mirrione