



# FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

Are we already close to wrapping up the month of October?! Here are some Franklin highlights worth sharing...

- ❖ **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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xFuljEx-pnnnTcrS_tbrj2Z6cjLCu57ipvT_NrUV-NI/edit?usp=sharing)
- ❖ **Four square game grids pop with color!** Thanks to our amazing Rodrigo, the four square game grids now pop with vibrant colors to enhance an inviting, engaging recess setting. Our children are so fortunate to have such an active community of caring adults 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 today 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 new staff lead enrichment clubs:** I am thrilled and thankful that our PTO has budgeted for 4 teacher stipends to lead enrichment clubs as a way for our staff to share their talents with our children! These four offerings will include scrapbooking, iMovie-making, cheerleading, and a running club! Each club will run for 10 sessions, and the last session will be a showcase to share with parents. Two will run in the fall and the other two will be offered in the winter/spring. This will be in addition to Crazy 8s (enrichment math clubs) and enrichment club offerings that are provided by outside vendors. More information forthcoming...
- ❖ **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*