



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin Families,

Thank you to our PTO and parent volunteers for planning such an enjoyable Family Barbeque! The weather was glorious and it was great to see so many of our families join in the fun! Highlights and information worth sharing include...

❖ **Articulation Meetings:** This week, our grade level teams met to discuss their current students with last year's grade level teachers, to share support strategies for individual students as well as their particular areas of strength. These valuable insights optimize students' learning environment and maintain the continuity of conditions that set our students up for success. I was impressed to hear these important conversations and am confident that they will continue well past these meetings.

❖ **Beautification efforts update:** Once again, I thank our PTO and very generous parent community for their continued support! The additional 3 reading garden benches have recently been purchased, adding to the generosity of families who purchased the first 3 during our Franklin Fair auction, and 6 dedication plaques are forthcoming. The area is beautified by potted plants, which helps to create a warm and welcoming setting for our young readers to enjoy. In addition, the PTO has adorned our paved archways with new bushes, adding to the beauty of our school's main entrance area. *Please remind your children not to trample on or through these new bushes.*

The new recess blacktop is not only safer, but our students are greatly enjoying the new additions-which includes a large 100 chart, 3 hopscotch games, and an additional four square game. The PTO will help us add a new US map and we are continuing to look into additional playtime enhancements out there.

❖ **US Flags in all Classrooms:** Our PTO has generously purchased 30 new classroom US flags, and they will be mounted shortly. We look forward to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily at 8:30 as a school community, providing every student an opportunity to lead the Pledge over the loudspeaker throughout the year.

❖ **Arrival/Dismissal reminders:** Our arrival lane has been operating more smoothly than ever! I thank our parents for helping us out with educating new families with important related procedures. *As a friendly reminder, please refrain from bringing your dogs on school property, especially during our arrival and dismissal times.* Children have allergies and some are frightened by dogs. Dog waste has increased all over our school grounds, including our field where children play and our newly grassed front lawn. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs. Mirrione