



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
September 5, 2020

In awe. Humbled. Amazed. Grateful! It was that kind of week at Franklin. Thank you for all of your support, kind words, powerful messages, smiles, waves and confidence as you returned your children to a learning environment that was not only ready, but excited to welcome them back!

Lots of information below so please read carefully and thoroughly =0)!

- **Birthdays** will now be celebrated virtually on a Google Meet. If you would like to do a read aloud “in” your child’s classroom to celebrate their special day, please contact your child’s teacher to schedule a day/time. You may do this either live or in a recorded presentation. As always – no gifts or favors please.
- **Mask Break Updates** – as our instructional schedule continues to evolve, we are sharing that masks breaks will be 1, 15 minute or 1, 30 break each day. The shift is due to launching our world language period. Classes will have 2 days of 15-minute breaks and 3 of 30 minutes breaks.
- The selection of either **remote or live learning** cannot be adjusted for travel. The only exception to switching from live to remote is illness or quarantine mandated by current health guidelines. Illness accommodations will be allowed if the student is feeling well enough to participate but not well enough to be in school.
- Remember, you **MUST** complete a **student health questionnaire** if your child has been absent from school due to illness. This document can be found in the Franklin Parent Handbook and on the district website.
- Our families have, once again, demonstrated kindness and patience as we experienced some **technical glitches** during our first week. As we launch our virtual instruction in the afternoons next week, I am confident we may experience additional challenges. Hang in there – our tech team is hard at work ensuring that all goes well. If something remains a concern, reach out and we will do what we can to remedy the problem

A new approach to inclement weather and mask breaks..... SIP & STROLL!!! We are asking families, on inclement weather days, to please send their child to school with

an UMBRELLA and dressed appropriately for rainy weather. Unless, as one staff member stated “it is raining sideways” we are going to get outside for a mask break with our umbrellas and a drink. No snack with Sip & Stroll ...would be difficult to manage. We have a route and all classes will be escorted by staff as we loop the building for movement, mask removal and a drink. *Think appropriate footwear, jacket, etc.*

PLEASE label the umbrella with your child’s name and class.

Have a wonderful long weekend! See you Tuesday.