



From the Desk of Janice Tierney

“A great person makes a great friend.” Our very own Katie Bachman

I hope that this weekly correspondence finds you and yours in good health! As I am confident you are already aware, Superintendent Hough has announced a shift in the calendar launching our virtual instruction surrounding winter break on Friday, December 18. Please see correspondence from his office sent to our families this afternoon for additional details.

A few points of interest:

- Temporary No Parking signs have been posted across the street from the main entrance of Franklin. These signs have been placed due to the increase in the number of cars parking across the street during dismissal. In all fairness-the permanent signs do not reflect that parking there is illegal at 12:30 PM. We are hopeful that the temporary signs will resolve this safety issue including students/families crossing outside of designated crosswalks.
- THURSDAY, December 17 will be a school wide PJ day. A tradition for the past few years at Franklin, we leave for our “break” comfy and toasty wearing pajamas. Although Thursday is not the day before the instructional break, we still wanted to honor this tradition so are inviting all to come to school in their PJ’s for our last, in-person learning in 2020.
- We are continuing to ask that you do not send in any items that are to be distributed from student to student or from home to home including holiday items. I am sorry that this is the case this year; however, we do believe that this is another practice that is keeping us healthy and safe.
- Today marked our first distribution of virtual report cards. I hope that you found this method easy to navigate while providing you information and insight into your child’s learning and growth.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM. A bedtime read aloud with a surprise guest reader. Ms. Stochaj will share the link. Please join us for this special time.
- Virtual learning expectations have been shared; however, reminders are always helpful. Please be sure that your learner is in an appropriate space for learning, seated at a table or desk, having eaten their meal/snack and is ready to learn. Our instructional day runs from 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM daily with lunch and recess from 12:30 to 1:30 PM every day. Attendance is taken daily, both in the morning and afternoon sessions. Your support in ensuring that your child is following guidelines is appreciated.
- ...and an extremely heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Heil and the Book Fair committee who organized and distributed the book delivery to our students and families. Well done!

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