



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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"Kindness is so hard to give away when it just keeps coming back to you."

This past Tuesday was a memorable day for both students and staff at Franklin. First, we had the announcement that Chromebooks were here and would be delivered to Franklin in the morning. By 11 AM, all students in our 1st and 2nd grade classrooms were working on their new device navigating through the "how to's" of virtual learning. I am actually not sure who was more excited - the students or the faculty. A true celebration of a collaborative effort across all district levels made this happen for our students.

Then another delivery but this time cakes. Yes, cakes - the one, the only Summit Famous Philly Fluff. Our amazing PTO, in lieu of the annual holiday luncheon, provided each staff member with their own Philly Fluff to bring home to share with their loved ones this holiday season. Creative, thoughtful with just the right touch of "sweetness."

I only wish that our families could have experienced the excitement, smiles, and joy that filled our hallways and, just when I did not think it could get any better, the next day we were able to announce a SNOW DAY during school hours! Truly, every principal's dream. The roar of cheers that rang through the building demonstrated just how much we needed this blanket of white to provide a break from these past months. I hope that you found time to enjoy sledding, a walk, or even baking a few cookies. It certainly was a welcome reprieve.

A few important reminders and announcements:

- In a virtual environment, we still follow the school schedule and district calendar. Students may log on from 8:15; however, are expected to be logged on and ready to learn by 8:30AM. The morning sessions run until 12:30PM. From 12:30PM to 1:30PM - lunch and recess with instruction resuming at 12:30PM to 3:00PM. We are in school Monday, Tuesday with a half-day session on Wednesday.
 - Students will be marked tardy/absent if they are not in their virtual classroom
 - Please remind your child that assignments must still be completed
- If your child is going to be absent, please report that absence to the main office (Mrs. Napoles) and your child's teacher. As a district we are still required, regardless of an in-person or virtual environment, to account for our students. Your attention to this important task is appreciated.
- Should your child become ill with COVID symptoms during the break, please report this information to the district at COVIDreporting@summit.k12.nj.us
- You may not be able to go into the Summit Free Public Library right now but they have many free resources for all who have a library card. Please check out what is available for children in this cool new bitmoji library page: <https://www.summitlibrary.org/kids-bitmoji/>
- The newest addition is Comics Plus. It is amazing. Everyone can put books on hold and do curbside pick-up. If you need a library card just call and you can get one. The number is 908-273-0350.

Enjoy the weekend!

