



**From the Desk of Janice Tierney
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Travel & Quarantine

As we approach the spring break, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few reminders regarding district expectations (and Franklin requests) if you anticipate traveling during the spring break.

- *We are asking your kind consideration in letting us know if you anticipate traveling over the break. Although there is no requirement for you to share this information, the ability to support our teachers in allowing them to plan and prepare materials for your students' anticipated quarantine will allow all a smooth transition back into the learning environment on April 5th. Always include both the classroom teacher and Mrs. Napoles on your email.*
- *IF you are planning to travel, please remain aware of the quarantine requirements to keep you and your family healthy and safe. All of the most current guidelines are posted on the Franklin and district website on the Health Office page.*
- *We realize that sometimes this information can shift or be confusing. Never hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Zanelli if you would like to confirm your understanding or benefit from clarification.*
- *If your family/student is required to quarantine following travel, remember that quarantine is defined as:*
 - *Remaining at home.*
 - *Leaving home ONLY to seek medical treatment, for a medical appointment or for a medical test.*
 - *Eliminating any contact with individuals who do not reside in your home.*
- *If you have had a positive COVID test result over break, please make the district aware at the email address provided on the health office webpage. This will support timely contact tracing even when schools are not in session.*

We have been incredibly fortunate at Franklin and the credit goes to you – our families – as well as our staff, faculty and custodial team. All of these individuals have maintained routines, structures and habits that have limited contact reducing the spread. It is truly a “Franklin Family” – one that takes care of themselves and each other. Thank you all for your diligence in keeping us safe and healthy.

...and on a lighter note!

- ⇒ *Compliments and kudos to our Franklin Kindness Crew who coordinated an amazing week of appreciation and gratitude for students and staff.*
- ⇒ *Lots of publicity surrounded the faculty “wear green” initiative celebrating Miss Mortenson and her live kidney donation. See the Summit Public Schools Facebook page for details and photos.*
- ⇒ *Warmer weather is supporting a longer, more social snack and mask break. Fingers crossed that the warm winds will continue to blow this way in the weeks ahead.*
- ⇒ *Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night and that instruction begins promptly at 8:30 AM – even after losing an hour of sleep =0!*
- ⇒ *...I would not be a “Tierney” without wishing you and yours a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day filled with fun and laughter...and perhaps a leprechaun or two. Our first graders have invented some very creative traps and I will be sure to report if any were captured on Wednesday.*

Enjoy what’s left of the weekend!

Mrs. Tierney