



From the Desk of Janice Tierney

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"Kindness is difficult to give away because it just keeps coming back." Marcel Proust

Our students shared a wonderful experience today with a virtual author visit from Scott Magoon. This visit was made possible by you, our families, through the PTO. Scott is an author/illustrator who not only read aloud but also demonstrated how he creates his illustrations employing digital technology to design his drawings while also sharing his thinking about character development and the creative process. Thank you for making this powerful learning experience possible for our students.

As many of you may know, Ms. Stochaj has been an active volunteer with The Seeing Eye for many years. She is currently raising a puppy – a black lab named Harry – who just celebrated his 1st birthday. Harry will, on occasion, be walking our hallways as a component of his training. Please be assured that, at no time, will Harry greet a student nor be out of Ms. Stochaj's care and control as he occasionally "works" the building when students are in their classrooms.

CRAZY SOCK DAY ON MONDAY, March 22, 2021

Building Awareness and Understanding

National Down Syndrome Day

Mrs. Karpinski's class is sponsoring an awareness day for our Franklin students. We are asking students to wear "crazy socks" on Monday to support building awareness and understanding about individuals with Down Syndrome. Students will view a brief video and share a personal uniqueness by writing their trait on a "sock." We will share out and celebrate the wide range of diverse traits that we possess as a Franklin community. **The class is also asking for donations of new socks.** The socks will be donated to Bridges and collected from Monday, 3/22 through Wednesday, 3/24. Thank you in advance for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24 = Third Grade CogAT testing (Make up - 3/25)

Wednesday, March 24 = Bedtime Read Aloud

Friday, March 26 = Single Session Day - No PM Instruction

Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2 = Spring Break

TRAVELING AND QUARANTINE

Thank you to all of our families that have been kind enough to share their travel plans with the teachers and office. This information allows us to plan for both next week and the weeks following spring break.

The district has maintained current, up to the minute information on the district Virtual Health Office page at www.summit.k12.nj.us regarding travel and quarantine requirements. These requirements are developed based on the most current CDC guidelines issued at the federal, state and county level and reviewed regularly by the district in collaboration with our county health officials. Local control is necessary as guidelines also reflect the most current data regarding the virus in our region of the State.

Please see the attached document, prepared by our school nursing staff, for step by step guidelines as you plan your return from travel to school. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Zanelli.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs. Tierney

