



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

April 16, 2021

*"Remember what is given from the heart, reaches the heart."* Patricia McKissack

Our hallways and classrooms have continued to grow as many students are returning from both break and virtual learning environments. It is wonderful to see our classrooms filled with students and the energy that their presence creates in the building. Please be confident in our commitment to continuing to do all we can to keep everyone safe and healthy. It has truly been a partnership between home and school and our families are a significant factor in reinforcing safe habits while observing recommendations both at home and within the community.

### **FRANKLIN FAIR is COMING!**

Today, our classes viewed a very exciting video that included several Franklin friends who shared all of the wonderful events and details about the Franklin Fair. PLEASE take a few minutes and view the items that are available as well as the planned events and schedule. The committee has done an exceptional job creating this exciting, engaging and fun experience for students and families. Remember, this is our only fundraiser and directly benefits the students by providing many programs, assemblies, presentations and resources to support learning activities. The virtual environment allows everyone to participate; however, has some **firm deadlines so be sure to check closing dates/times** to ensure that you and your child have been able to take full advantage of the activities and auctions.

### **SPRING INTO EXCELLENCE**

The students and staff of Franklin benefit daily from the commitment of SEF to enhance and enrich the educational experiences of our students. Whether a book in their book bag, a chrome book, a unique seat or chair...well, you get the idea...the SEF has provided these supports. Franklin faculty actively engages in the grant writing process and has received -just in recent years – over \$100,000.00 in grant awards.

Please consider supporting their annual fundraising effort. It matters =0)!

### **STANDARDIZED TESTING & ASSESSMENTS**

The governor has officially announced that the NJ SLA has been cancelled for the spring. We anticipate, based upon current guidelines, conducting assessments in the fall. The district has maintained a comprehensive data base and our teachers continue to monitor student assessment and growth. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

GENERAL PTO MEETING on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us. The link will be shared on Sunday evening in the PTO blast.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Mrs. Tierney