



SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To our Franklin Families,

As our year together draws to a close I wanted to reach back and let you know not only how amazed I am but also how grateful I feel. There are far too many events, shifts, changes, challenges, obstacles, accomplishments, celebrations, memories and smiles (yes, even with masks on) to mention; however, there is one suggestion left in me as we wrap up the year.

This year is a year like no other in our global history. This time is now and forever an indelible mark in your child's life and educational journey. I would like to take the liberty to suggest that, in some small or big way, you memorialize the year for them as students during this historical time. As the daughter of depression era parents, my mom and dad often shared stories, photos and trinkets to bring history to life for us in a way that only someone who has lived the experience can. As I think about our students I wonder just how they will find a way to share their stories in the years ahead and how we can support that effort. To have photos, writing samples, drawings and – dare I say – a favorite mask or two – carefully tucked away will ensure that they have artifacts to bring history to life for their loved ones in the generations ahead.

I stand humbled, as your child's principal, by the herculean effort put forth by every single member of the Franklin School community. Our students, our families, our faculty, our staff – all maintained one central focus – the education of our students! I am a very proud principal with what we have accomplished and I am already excited about the 2021-2022 school year.

Please enjoy doing things you love with those that you love during the summer months. Stay safe and healthy.

With heartfelt gratitude

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