



From the Desk of Janice Tierney
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"When you get tired, rest, don't quit"

As we continue to strive to return to as much "normal" as possible, our PTO hosted a wonderful assembly this week, on the blacktop, employing appropriate distancing. It was wonderful to see grade levels sharing an experience that was both entertaining and supported social/emotional awareness as we build community at Franklin School.

REQUESTS FOR CHANGE IN DISMISSAL We cannot ensure that an email request received during school hours will be communicated to appropriate staff for many reasons; therefore, we will NOT be accepting change of dismissal emails after the start of the school day (8 AM). If there is an EMERGENCY change that must be made during the school day, you must call the main office. We are enforcing this procedure consistently beginning Monday, September 27. **Staff has also been informed of these expectations and will NOT make exceptions.** Please respect this procedure which ensures the safe dismissal of our students.

This one is worth repeating as we have had several situations in the past week!

CAR LINE, ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- Your child **MUST** exit on the passenger side of the car **ONLY** - you may not exit the car. If your child cannot exit independently, please park **LEGALLY** and walk up.
- This is a "kiss & go" line. Your child should be ready to leave the car, masked, when you pull to a stop.
- **PLEASE** pull **ALL THE WAY UP** before allowing your child to leave the car.
- This is a **SINGLE STOP LINE**. You may not stop at multiple points to have children leave the car. They are safe to walk to their designated door from anywhere in the drop off lane.
- **PLEASE** obey all traffic laws including:
 - a. **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK on Warwick and exit your car!**
This creates an extremely dangerous situation for drivers, adults and students. If this behavior continues, we will have no choice but to contact and ask for police enforcement.
 - b. The crossing guard ensures **EVERYONE'S** safety. Respect and courtesy are not only an expectation but set the example for your child if this individual needs to direct them safely across the street or in the case of an emergency.
 - c. Remain in the crosswalks on Blackburn and on Warwick! Cars come along quickly - especially during rush hour.
 - d. There are many, many blind spots around the school during arrival and dismissal. Please guide your child with an awareness that a car may not see you - especially if distracted.

- **DROP OFF is 8:15 with a window until 8:25 when the building doors close. PLEASE REMEMBER, students will NOT be entering the building prior to 8:15 (unless it is raining sideways). We do not have the ability to supervise students in smaller groups between 8:05 and 8:15 while maintaining appropriate distance.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Virtual Back to School Night** – Video’s released at 3 PM on Monday, September 27, 2021
- **iReady Assessments** – We anticipate Wednesday, September 29, Thursday, September 30 and, if necessary, Friday, October 1. These assessments will be administered during the course of the instructional day. Remember, there is no test prep for these assessments. Results will be communicated to families and I will share how that information will be communicated as soon as the district receives results for analysis. Also, please keep in mind that this is an assessment to let us know “where we go next” with instruction, if adjustments need to be made.
- **NJ START STRONG** – for grades 4 and 5 only in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. These assessments will be administered digitally and be of a significantly shorter duration than standardized spring testing. The scheduled dates are October 5 and 6 for approximately 1 hour each morning.
- **Outdoor Halloween Parade** – Friday, October 29 at 1:45 PM
 - *This is a sunshine event only. There is no rain date but students will be permitted to wear costumes.*
 - *Students will return to their classrooms for a celebration. This is a staff and student event. No parent volunteers will be included at this time.*
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** – Will be held in person this year. Anticipate appointment scheduling information from your child’s teacher shortly. You may request accommodation from your child’s teacher for a virtual meeting; however, within the scheduling window. PLEASE do not request a conference outside of the designated dates of November 1, 2, and 3.

*Happy Autumn
Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs. Tierney*