



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**September 3, 2021**

**WELCOME BACK!!**

**We have had an amazing start to the 2021-2022 school year. Our students arrived ready to learn, sharing their summer experiences while reconnecting with old friends and creating connections to new classmates. Energy and excitement are high and we look forward to all that lies ahead.**

A few gentle reminders:

- Drop off and pick up has gone well. We appreciate your patience. PLEASE do not discharge your child across the street from Franklin. You MUST cross Blackburn at the designated crosswalk to ensure the safety of ALL. Park LEGALLY please and be sure to keep the main walkway to the building clear during dismissal to ensure that all students are released to their adult.
- THANK YOU for all of your cooperation, support and donations with masks! Please remember to keep extras in backpacks.
- Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 14, 2021. We anticipate hosting an in-person event with a new schedule but remaining within the traditional 7 PM to 8 PM timeframe. More information on the way but we know that childcare planning is important for this adult only evening.
- Thank you for all of the school supplies and donations to begin the year. Nothing like a fresh box of crayons or markers. Teachers may be reaching out to ask for other items to support the classroom environment throughout the year. As always, appreciate your kindness.
- A HUGE thank you to our PTO for all they did to support our successful launch. We look forward to all that is planned for the year. More on this at Back to School Night as well as on the PTO website. Remember to join the PTO. It is the organization that directly supports and enriches your child's Franklin school experience.
- Remember to send your child with appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor lunch and play each day. Flip flops are dangerous and do not support active participation.
- Outdoor lunch and recess are going amazingly well. Students have displayed increasing independence with this new routine and we are thrilled to have this social time back as part of your child's school day. Keep practicing opening those packets and inserting straws into juice packs independently.

Some of our families were impacted by the storm this week and I heard stories, during lunch, of everything from water in the basement to a floating car. Please know that we are here to support you and your child. Never hesitate to reach out if we can help, provide support or just be sure to keep a watchful eye and ear on your child during the school day following an unusual or challenging experience.

If the weather report is to be believed, we are promised a beautiful, holiday weekend. Whatever you have planned, enjoy. See you Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs. Tierney*