



From the Desk of Janice Tierney

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"The only person you are destined to become is the one that you decide to be."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WEEK OF RESPECT

During the week of October 4, 2021, we will celebrate RESPECT. Mrs. Lea Audino, our school counselor, has planned a week that will support awareness about bullying, diversity, friendship, community building and collaboration. Please see the attached flyer which just may help plan the "wardrobe" for the week =0)!

CAREGIVER PICK UP

If your child is being picked up by a care provider/nanny/babysitter - PLEASE review the dismissal procedures with them **as soon as possible**. Today, we had 4 cars parked on the opposite side of Blackburn to collect children from dismissal. Staff reported that they were caregivers. Everyone's safety is at risk. Please speak to them as soon as possible.

....AND ON THAT SAME NOTE

I am not sure if you are aware that a parent reported that two people were struck by a car this week on Blackburn Place during arrival. Neither was hurt and everyone was very, very fortunate to be able to walk away. We have reviewed procedures, asked for cooperation and even policed the area with staff and administration; however, we are still trying to manage illegal traffic behavior, double parking, parking illegally, students and adults crossing outside of the crosswalk, discharging students into the street...well, I think you understand. As you know, my first responsibility is to keep our children safe. These reminders are not working. As I have done in the past, I will begin to include photos of cars that are engaging in illegal behaviors placing all at risk. It is my hope that no photos will be included each week reflecting a commitment by all to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of our students.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT VIDEOS

We received some wonderful feedback on this virtual experience from our parents. The videos will remain active for another week or so and are in your mailbox. Just in case you didn't get a chance during the week - please take a moment to review these informative presentations and learn more about your child's daily experience here at Franklin.

LUNCH ORDERS

Each day your child's classroom teacher asks who is ordering lunch and their selection. We are encountering several students who are changing their mind either with their selection or asking for lunch when they arrive in the cafeteria without placing an order in the morning. We can certainly understand that what they have ordered in the morning may not be what they would like a few hours later; however, we place orders based upon those selections. Just letting you know that we need to begin to follow the orders as submitted in order to ensure that all students receive what they have selected. Any reinforcement of this at home would be helpful. (but no worries if your child forgot - there is always an extra of something)

iREADY & NJ START STRONG

All Franklin students have been completing iReady this week and 4th and 5th graders will be participating in NJ Start Strong on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Please remember that there is nothing like a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast to launch the day. We appreciate your support as we collect data to drive instruction in the months ahead.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather this weekend!

Mrs. Tierney