



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

November 19, 2021

*"The world is **THANKFUL** to have you in it!"* from "Wonder"

A prouder principal would have been difficult to find as Franklin students engaged in our first full evacuation drill moving to an off-site location since before the pandemic. Our students walked calmly, respectfully and quietly as we navigated crosswalks, areas without sidewalks, construction vehicles, parked cars and a mail truck, fed ex van, and the city sanitation team! As I am sure the neighbors would attest, had they not come out/looked out of their window, they never would have known that near 400 people had just walked by! A true testament to our school community.

Vaccines, Travel & Quarantine

Please refer to Mrs. Zanelli's health office page and/or the district webpage regarding specifics but here are a few highlights:

- Vaccine status for our students must be reported to Mrs. Zanelli by presenting a vaccine card. We cannot accept a verbal report regarding vaccination status. Copies, photos, scanned cards and emails are accepted.
- This documentation, when provided, may impact quarantine requirements following travel and or exposure.
- If you are traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday and will require early dismissal or an absence, please report this ASAP to Mrs. Napoles and copy your child's classroom teacher on the email. If there is an absence needed – **PLEASE** include the reason and destination, if traveling. If due to illness – it is required that you report the symptoms/illness when reporting the absence.
- ...and remember, if you are traveling outside of the US, quarantine guidelines will be followed upon your return. Remote instruction will be available for those individuals mandated to quarantine; however, teachers have 24 hours to prepare for this instructional model. IF you are traveling outside of the US, please alert the main office ASAP.

WATER BOTTLES & SNACKS

We have run out of cups! Now, please do not send in cups – we have ordered more – but this reflects how quickly we have depleted an **annual** inventory in just the first few months of school due to forgotten water bottles from home. We have also been going through approximately a case of snacks a week – not the 16 pack at the food store but the case from Costco =0). **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** remind your student to check for these important items each morning. It promotes responsibility and independence! Two foundational skills that will support future success.

PTO & Our Virtual Author Visit! – Thank you to our PTO for making this amazing opportunity available for our students to meet with a famous author and to Ms. Stochaj for all of the coordination and scheduling necessary to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to experience this powerful event.

Have a beautiful weekend! *Mrs. Tierney*