



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is hard to believe that I am writing for the first time in the new year with our Family Newsletter. District health and safety communication has been important and remained the focus as we launched the new calendar year.

I would also like to send along a reminder that although some may experience disappointment and frustration with COVID restrictions, quarantine requirements and close contact notification, we are the messengers attempting to maintain the health and safety of all in our care. Your kindness, courtesy and understanding is appreciated when we are communicating these messages - even when receiving unexpected notification.

REMINDER...Drop off and waiting outside...

Just a reminder that school doors do not open until 8:15 AM daily. If you drop your student off earlier – please be sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

MEET MULLIGAN

I am sure that some of you may have heard the exciting news that we have a fully certified, in house therapy dog as a member of the Franklin School Community. Thanks to a grant award by the Summit Educational Foundation, Mulligan – a 3 year old Bernadoodle – is in our building almost every day.

He greets the students as they arrive, sits proudly during the Pledge of Allegiance and provides comfort and support to anyone who needs it. Mulligan is also a guest, when invited, in our classrooms and maintains a busy schedule with students choosing to read aloud to him practicing fluency, intonation and expression. In the weeks ahead, Mulligan will be “a guest reader” visiting classrooms supporting a read aloud that explains all of the requirements and training he had to complete before he was awarded certification. This certification allows him to go into schools, libraries, and hospital settings. We are confident that he will continue to find ways to support our students’ social, emotional and academic growth in the months ahead.

Mulligan is owned, trained and handled by the Tierney family. While at school, he spends his days in the office and, as the students will share, does not greet them unless they want him to say hello. During these challenging times, it has been a warm, friendly, and somewhat “goofy” addition to our faculty at Franklin. If you see him out and about, please do not hesitate to say hello. He is always open to a pet and it just might be returned with a gentle hug (actually a lean into you to let you know just how special you are).

Enjoy the long weekend. Stay warm and remember

Please take care of yourself and each other.

Mrs. Tierney