

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK February 18, 2022

"It is not about whether you get knocked down, it is about how you get back up." Vince Lombardi

The building was buzzing with excitement this week kicking off with Valentine's Day and moving into Book Fair – as well as welcoming back parent volunteers. It was wonderful to hear the doorbell ring and new voices in the office as volunteers signed in to spend time supporting students through both of these experiences. Art in the Classroom is back as well. Thank you all for making Franklin even more special. We have missed your presence and are so very glad to welcome you back!

THE BOOK FAIR WAS A SUCCESS

The library was rearranged and became an engaging and fun bookstore for all of our students this week. Each class had time to explore and shop, sharing recommendations and ideas with each other while teachers also browsed the shelves. Many families donated books to both classrooms as well as other learners in our care to support the home and school literacy connection. Inviting families to return on Wednesday evening to shop as well as read to the dogs was an added bonus. We estimate that approximately 125 students read to the puppies creating another Franklin memory to be cherished. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and supportive families.

<u>Pajamas & Books – Thank you for your kind donations.</u> More on this event in the week ahead.

MASKS & CHOICE

March 7, 2022 will mark the first day for us with masks as a choice. I am fully confident in the understanding and respect that we have as a community of learners to honor individual choice when making this decision for your family. Our faculty and staff will also be making a choice and I trust that we will demonstrate the same understanding and support. As I have shared with several individuals in the past few weeks, none of us know what drives these decisions for members of our community. Our position is not to judge but to respect their decision – and celebrate that we live in a time and place that affords us the privilege of making a choice.

Enjoy the LONG weekend! Mrs. Tierney