



From the Principal's Desk

March 18, 2022

"The universe is what you illustrate it to be." Rory

Franklin READS

Franklin experienced a busy week including welcoming guests into our classrooms to celebrate reading. These events will continue to happen throughout the month and include a wide range of activities – most coordinated by our own Ms. Stochaj. Ask your children about guest readers (hint: Mayor Radest, Superintendent Hough, Mr. Kosak – to name a few), a virtual author's visit for 1st and 2nd grade which was made possible by PTO, and an upcoming Bedtime Read.

Visitors, with purpose, are welcome!

We continue to welcome an increasing number of visitors into the building to support Art in the Classroom. Volunteer opportunities are being posted for Field Day and I encourage you to stay tuned for additional chances to participate in the weeks ahead. Please remember when you are in the building to report directly to your location and exit the building directly upon completion of your volunteer activity. This is not a time to wander in the building or take a peek into a classroom. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SPRING IS HERE & Standardized Tests are Returning

Just making our families aware that next week CoGAT testing will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday for **3rd grade only**. This is NOT a test that anyone can study or prepare for as it allows students to engage in questions centered in logic and reasoning.

NJSLA testing for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students is scheduled to take place during the weeks of **May 9th** and **May 16th**. I am asking that you remain aware of these dates and attempt to avoid any conflicts that may impact your child's ability to engage in these testing sessions. More on this in the weeks ahead.

Parent Input and Class Placement

We are already receiving inquiries regarding this process. Please be assured that following spring break, I will correspond with all families offering an opportunity to provide input regarding their child's placement for next year. As always, this does not include an option to request a particular teacher. Watch for this announcement and form the week of April 18th.

It's time for Recess

This favorite but sometimes challenging time of the day is presenting challenges that we have not encountered during the past two years. We are in the process of reviewing some of the more common issues and will be collaborating with our lunch/recess staff, School Counselor, teachers, and aides to create support in the weeks ahead with the goal of allowing students to have fun while minimizing the social concerns and conflict.

We will be happy to share some of these strategies once they are developed and implemented.

The weekend is here.

The Tierney's will be glued to the NCAA Tournament! Hope you are able to do something you enjoy too.

Mrs. Tierney