



Mustang Message

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Farewell, Ms. Ashburn!

Franconia Elementary School

After 34 years in teaching and 10 years at Franconia Elementary, Jennifer Ashburn will retire this month. While at Franconia, Ms. Ashburn taught grades 3-6 and has been a much loved teacher by many children and Franconia parents.

Ms. Ashburn has many exciting plans for her retirement, most notably, she'd like to write a book for aspiring teachers to share all that she has learned over the years. Please join us in expressing our thanks and admiration to Ms. Ashburn for her years of service to the Franconia Family!

From the Principal

It's hard to believe that it's already the end of the school year. It has gone by in a blink of an eye, and I know that we will all be sad to say goodbye to our students on June 17th, particularly our 6th graders who will be moving on to other schools.

Franconia is a very special place for many of us for many different reasons. For me, it's the people, the students, the parents and the staff. I love seeing the faces of the students each day as they learn and play, and it's a pleasure to work with the parents and staff who work together for one collective purpose.

Franconia wouldn't be the place it is without the support and help from its families. We are very fortunate to have such an active PTA that supports our staff and students each year. The PTA's job is never done and it can always use more help. Please consider volunteering for a PTA event next year as we really need your support and time.

Take a look at the attached PTA Committee Chairperson description. You'll be surprised to find out 80% of the coordination can be done at home, and many of the positions require a commitment of less than 4 hours. Now, that's not a lot of time for all the good it does our children.

So think about volunteering next year and have a wonderful summer. We'll see you in August!

Merrell V. Dade

For Your Information

Last day of school, June 17. Students dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

The end of school is a busy time for all students and their families. Please make note that **Wednesday, June 17** is the last day for Franconia—one day earlier than standard calendar schools. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

School attendance June 17

All students are expected to attend the last day of school. If parents know that their children will not be at school on June 17, the office requests that parents notify the teacher as soon as possible.

Teachers will distribute the final progress reports to their students on the last day of school. If children will be absent on the last day, parents may provide the office with a self-addressed stamped business envelope so the report can be mailed home, or they can pick up the report card from the office after June 17.

Sixth Grader promoted June 15

Families are invited to attend the Sixth Grade Promotion and Awards program at 9:15 a.m. on Monday. The program will be held in the gym.

Awards program June 16

Students in grades K-5 will receive awards to acknowledge their achievements during the 2008-2009 school year. Family members are welcome to attend the program on Tuesday, June 16. The program for grades 4-5 will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program for K-3 will begin at 1:30 p.m.

First day of school, Monday, August 3

The first day of the 2009-2010 school year is August 3. An Open House will take place on Thursday, July 30, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for students to find their classroom and meet classmates.

Please note the new school hours.

Monday	8:55 a.m.—1:05 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	8:55 a.m.—3:35 p.m.

Send your children for breakfast next year!

We are hoping to expand our breakfast program in the 2009-2010 school year. Currently we are providing a limited service because of low participation. To expand breakfast to include some hot selections that would be available by opening our cafeteria service area, we will need to average 30 students a day. So as you begin thinking about the new school year, think breakfast at school. We'd love to expand our service once again.

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