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Message from Mrs. Eisenberg, Principal

Dear Franklin Families,

It is the time of year when I include my "Dress for Success" letter in our newsletter. Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy the change of seasons, one which usually brings excitement and thoughts of changing weather that allows us to think of the approaching summer. Most of us really treasure this time of year with the blooming flowers and the greenery of the grass, shrubs and trees. It is also a time to reflect on the school year and ready ourselves for next year. Our seventh grade students made their class selections for eighth grade and our rising ninth grade students have done the same for high school. They also had informational sessions from the prospective high schools and they visit to the high schools this week. So welcome everyone to spring and the last quarter of the school year. Best wishes to all for a successful end of the year!

What should your child wear to school in warm weather? What a major decision!

It may be difficult for your child to understand that not all stylish clothing should be worn to school. I understand that it is tempting to dress lightly in warm weather, but inappropriate clothing for school can be distracting to your child and to other students. At Franklin, we want our students to "dress for success." What does this expression mean?

Girls are reminded that short shorts, see through blouses, tank tops with spaghetti straps and tight short skirts and dresses should not be worn to school. Bra straps are personal and low-cut clothing and midriff-exposing tops are more suitable for the beach. An easy test for appropriate dress is that if girls have their tummies exposed at any time (even if they are merely raising their hand), then the top is perfect for the beach – but not school.

Boys are reminded that mesh tops, see-through tops, sleeveless tank tops with large arm openings, and short shorts are inappropriate for school. Baggy pants and shorts that expose boys' boxer shorts are not allowed. If boys have to hold onto their pants to climb the stairs, or if they run and they are in danger of losing their pants, the pants are too big for school and are more suitable for a barbecue or a cookout.

All Franklin Falcons need to remember that clothes with references to drugs, alcohol, or violence are prohibited in Fairfax County Public Schools. Additionally, page 4 of the **Assignment Book** states that clothes are not permitted which advertise or suggest alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sex, indecent language, inappropriate or illegal behavior, or gang membership. Shoes should be worn at all times. Bandanas are inappropriate, whether worn on the head, arm, or leg. Pajamas and slippers should not be worn at any time. Footwear that gives stability and support are strongly recommended.

Should your child wear inappropriate attire to school as described above, the assistant principal, counselor, or teacher will ask him or her to change into a PE uniform or something else. School officials may also call parents to inform them of the dress code violation.

Please help us keep distractions in the learning environment to a minimum by sharing your expectations for school dress with your child and supporting Franklin's standards for dressing for success. Please read the School Board's Dress Code Regulation at www.fcps.edu/Directives/R2613.pdf. We appreciate you and your children.

~ Sharon Eisenberg

Remember to sign up for your Blackboard Parent View Account at
<http://www.fcps.edu/FranklinMS/>

Franklin MS Attendance Line— Open 24 hours—703.904.5151

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Early Dismissal

Last Day of School

June 18, 2009

Students are
dismissed at
approximately
10:10am

Library News

“April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.”

T.S. Eliot quote

April is National Poetry Month so the library will be celebrating with its' annual Poetry Café on Monday April 27th. Students may sign up to read poems or enjoy frappuccinos with whipped cream, lemonade and pastries. April also has TURN OFF TV WEEK. This is celebrated nationally by teachers encouraging their students to shut down their computer games and their cell phone games and their televisions and pick up a book or go outside and enjoy some sports! The Franklin Library is offering a \$25 gift certificate to Cold Stone Creamery (Yes! \$25 worth of ice cream!!) to the winning student drawn from those who went 24/7 without their television. Also, April is Earth Day and Arbor Day, celebrated on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Franklin Ecology club is offering four free tickets to the opening day of Disney's EARTH film showing at the Fairfax Corner Cinema Deluxe. Students make a commitment to their environmental future by signing a sheet found in the cafeteria. Winners will be drawn from this list. April can be cruel but it is certainly full of hope and fun! Enjoy the month!

SCA (Student Council Association) Upcoming Event: Franklin Has Talent!

The SCA is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Talent Show. The SCA Talent Show will be held on April 22nd at 2:20pm. Come out and see all of the talented Franklin students. If you have questions, please contact SCA sponsors Megan Kokinda, megan.kokinda@fcps.edu, or Melissa Rhoden, melissa.rhoden@fcps.edu.

Cafeteria News

Let's Have a Picnic — Food Safety Tips



Preparing, serving, and eating safe food is important whether we are at home, or on a picnic. We must constantly practice safe food handling to avoid illness.

Keep cold foods cold (below 41°F)

Chill all meats, egg products, starchy salads, and custards to below 41° F before packing for the picnic.

Put cold food into a well insulated, lidded cooler with ice around it.

Put the cooler in the passenger area of your car rather than in the hot trunk.

Keep your cooler in the shade and avoid opening and shutting the lid too often.

Don't spread the bacteria, which may infect the food and ultimately you.

Wash your hands before working with food.

Wash your hands again after working with raw meat or poultry.

Put the cooked meat onto a clean place for service.

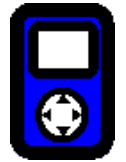
Cook meat thoroughly to an internal temperature of 160° F and serve immediately.

Put leftovers in the refrigerator immediately when you get home if you have not been gone more than 4 hours.

Providing you have practiced all the above safety tips, your food should be safe to keep and eat the next day.

Pack your picnic basket and cooler and enjoy a safe picnic.

Franklin Middle School Tunes into Positive Behavior Support!



“Franklin Middle School students choose respect, can be responsible, and care about safety”...PBS is a researched backed system for reducing discipline problems and increasing positive attitudes and actions. It has been embraced around the county as an effective way to teach expectations by using a common language and focusing on the positive. Stay tuned in as Franklin focuses on the values of responsibility, respect, and citizenship and recognizes students who show these qualities during the months of April, May and June.

Kiss and Ride Alert!

All students who are driven to/from school should be dropped off at the Kiss and Ride lot only! Cars should not drive through the bus loop, which is the road directly in front of the school. Please do not drop-off students in the main parking lot and do not have them cross the bus loop road. Be aware that buses drive through during the morning and at afternoon dismissal and after-school dismissal. Kiss and Ride is one way. Cars should pull up to the sidewalk to meet students. Please do not direct your students to meet you in the parking lot or to cross the parking lot to meet you on Lees Corner Road. Students' safety is most important! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bryan Holland, Assistant Principal, bryan.holland@fcps.edu, or Officer Carl Jenkins, School Resource Officer, carl.jenkins@fcps.edu.

Yearbook Distribution Procedures

The Yearbook distribution date will be Wednesday, June 17th. Distribution will be at the beginning of 2nd period. Students will be called down to the cafeteria by PA announcement and directed to the appropriate table (alphabetically by last name) to receive their book.

If a student has a library and/or textbook fine, the yearbook will be pulled ahead of time and given to Mrs. Stern, our finance technician. Once all fines are paid, the student will be directed to Mrs. Stern to pick up their yearbook. They cannot get their yearbook until all fines are cleared.

There will be last minute sales. We anticipate having extra yearbooks and will have a "lottery" for those students who did not purchase a yearbook. The students who did not purchase a yearbook and have placed their name into the lottery will be reminded that they are to bring money on the day of yearbook distribution in case their name is drawn.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

Information about **7th grade NJHS** inductions is as follows:

Invitations to join will be given to students by May 1, and all applications will be due by May 8th. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on May 18th from 2:20 to 3:25pm and the Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday May 28th from 2:20 to 3:30. All necessary information will be included in the application packet.

8th Grade NJHS Pinning:

The NJHS Pinning Ceremony for eighth grade inductees and current members is Monday, June 1, 2009 at 2:30-3:30 in the Franklin Gym. Parents and relatives may attend and should arrive at 2:15pm. Students attending the ceremony should dress appropriately for this prestigious ceremony. More information regarding the pinning ceremony and membership status is forthcoming and will be mailed to all NJHS members' homes.

Clinic News

WATCH FOR THE BULL'S EYE: The small black tick that causes Lyme disease is around again. They emerge in the spring each and every year. Lyme disease can infect several parts of the body and can produce different symptoms at different times. The first sign is usually a circular rash resembling a bull's eye. It can appear anytime, but usually 3-30 days after being bitten. Other symptoms are fatigue, chills, headache, muscle and joint aches and swollen lymph nodes. If you see the bull's eye or notice these other symptoms, please contact your doctor immediately.

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to remind parents/guardians that **all medications MUST be picked up by the last day of school, no later than the student dismissal time of approximately 10:00AM on Thursday, June 18, 2009.** All medications left in the clinic after student dismissal will be disposed of. The clinic is open each school day from 7:15am through 2:15pm.

*Administrative Professionals
(Secretary) Appreciation Week
April 20th—24th, 2009*

*Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4th—8th, 2009*

*National Educational Bosses Week
May 17th—22nd, 2009*

Franklin Mission Statement

The mission of Franklin Middle School, in collaboration with the school community, is to provide each student with challenging instructional programs in a safe and nurturing climate. At Franklin, students develop communication skills, confidence, competence, creativity, and compassion while gaining enthusiasm for learning as a life-long endeavor.

Franklin Middle School celebrates the following students who have been chosen by their team of teachers as **Student of the Month**. These students have exemplified good character by demonstrating Respect, Responsibility, and Safety, as citizens of Franklin.

January 2009

Team 7A	Team 7B	Team 7C	Team 7D
Victoria Marquis	Katie Scoggins	Billy Petrakes	Jonathan Ng
Ramanan Ramesh	Erik Escobar	Aripra Mohan	Onjoli Landsdowne
	Nate Hellman	Patrick Loeza	
Team 8A	Team 8B	Team 8C	Team 8D
Brianna Ellis	Alexa Reed	Chinwe Nwosu	Lauren Crafton
James Hodges	Ashlee Olsen	Elaine Li	Josh Wolf
	Matthew Liebl	Andrew Falter	

February 2009

Team 7A	Team 7B	Team 7C	Team 7D
Victoria Zimmerman	Kiren Ajrawat	Emily Schmitt	Kendall Lawhorn
Micheael Nikolich	Kirsten Hemrich	Mary Madeleine Caumeil	Paul Lilley
	Koo Hwangbo	Carter Lawhorn	
Team 8A	Team 8B	Team 8C	Team 8D
Jessica Shyy	Rachel Pearson	Brooks Henne	Emily Lewis
Matt Tillman	Julia Euerle	Sarah Audritsh	Daniel Roepe
	Grady Moran	Astha Naral	

Calendar of Events

April 2008

- 22 SCA Talent Show, 2:30 pm
24 High School Activities Fair
(8th Grade Students visit OHS, CHS or WHS)
27 Poetry Café, 2:30pm, Library
29 All "A" Honor Roll Reception, 1:15pm, Cafeteria

May 2008

- 01 Music Department—Busch Gardens Trip
11 Interims sent home with students
12 PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Library
27 Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:00pm, Gym
28 NJHS 7th Grade Induction Ceremony, 2:20pm, Gym

June 2008

- 01 NJHS 8th Grade Pinning Ceremony, 2:20pm, Gym
03 7th Grade Awards Program, 2:15pm, Cafeteria
9 PTA Meeting, 9:30am, Library
9 Choral Concert, 7:00pm, Gym
10 8th Grade Awards Program, 2:15pm, Cafeteria
11 Band Concert, 7:00pm, Gym
12 Science Career Day
16 8th Grade Event/Party, 1:00-4:00pm
17 End of Year Picnic—Yearbook Signing
18 Last Day of School, Dismissal approximately 10:10am

Spring Standards of Learning (SOL) Testing Schedule

The spring round of the Standards of Learning tests will be administered at Franklin Middle School from May 18 through June 5. This will include tests in English, Mathematics/Algebra, and History for all 7th grade students, and English, Mathematics/Algebra, Civics, and Science for all 8th grade students. It is very important that your child is present on testing days, and it would be helpful if you would avoid appointments that may take your child out of school during this time period. Students should get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast to prepare for these SOL tests. Here is a detailed testing schedule, for your planning purposes:

AM Session: 7:30—10:00 **PM Session: 11:40—2:10**

May 18	Science 8 (AM/PM)
May 19	Science 8 (AM) - History 7 (PM)
May 20	History 7 (AM/PM)
May 21	History 7 (AM) - Civics 8 (AM/PM)
May 22	Civics 8 and Makeups (AM/PM)
May 26	Civics 8 (AM) - English 7 (PM)
May 27	English 7 (AM/PM)
May 28	English 7 & 8 (AM) - English 8 (PM)
May 29	English 8 (AM/PM)
June 1	Math 7 (AM/PM)
June 2	Math 8 (Honor Math 7 students) & Makeups (AM) - Math 8 (Honor Math 7 students) & Geometry (PM)
June 3	Math 8 (AM) - Algebra & Math 8 (PM)
June 4	Algebra (AM/PM)
June 5	Makeups & Accommodations

Here are some test-taking tips for students:

- Read and listen very carefully to all directions. Don't begin answering questions until you are told to do so by your teacher.
- When you begin a test, quickly scan all the questions. This will help you see what the test is about and how many questions you will have to answer.
- In reading the text provided in the test, read slowly, re-read complex and important sentences, and ask yourself often, "What does this sentence, paragraph, or stanza mean?"
- Try to answer all of the test questions. When you come to a hard question, don't spend too much time trying to figure it out. Work on the easier questions, then go back to the more difficult ones.
- Try to answer multiple choice questions before looking at the choices. This will increase your concentration and help you read the question more clearly.
- All tests have some difficult questions. It is best to make a good guess at the answer. First, eliminate any choices that you know are wrong. Then look at the leftover choices and make your best guess.
- Mark your answers by filling in the circle with a dark pencil mark. If you make a mistake, erase thoroughly. Then fill in the circle next to the correct answer.
- When you have finished the test, go back and work on any questions you skipped, or go back and check your answers.