



FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

3300 Lees Corner Road  
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

August 20, 2011

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Greetings and welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! As your principal, I look forward to a wonderful start for everyone. Beginnings are always refreshing and exciting; that's what makes us look forward to the opening of a new year. I truly enjoy all of the news and activities that middle school brings and this year is no different. Our school community is vibrant and we have so much to offer our families.

The middle school years are some of the most critical and important for a child and emerging adolescent; we love them, and we will work in partnership with you to ensure they have two enriching years here. The opportunities and growth for our students are beyond measure! Our middle school philosophy is to provide students with a well rounded education, both academic and social-emotional, and the chance to experience a variety of curricula.

Here at Franklin our dedicated teachers, counselors, and administrators strive to meet the needs of every student in a caring, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Please know that we encourage your involvement. Our joint commitment will benefit your child. We take this partnership seriously! You are invited to call, visit, and meet with us.

There are several ways to be involved with the school community: attend our annual Back to School Night, principal coffees, drama performances and musical concerts featuring the children. Join and participate in the PTA by attending meetings and volunteering your support. Most recently, our PTA has helped to fund our beautification project for the outside of the building, as well as some of the technology needs, student needs, and other various projects. Additionally, we offer after school programs for students that include academics, recreation, and a wide range of clubs.

At Franklin, we truly believe that we are a school of excellence in the community. We continue to achieve at high levels and enjoyed another successful year of accomplishments for our students, including again making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) under the No Child Left Behind Federal Legislation. This is determined by meeting, and exceeding, the state Standards of Learning (SOL) Test Scores for this past year. Most notably, Franklin was recognized for a fourth year in row by the state of Virginia as a "Governor's School of Educational Excellence," the highest state award in public education. The standards to achieve this honor are rigorous and we are proud of our achievements! Come see our pictures with the Governor in the main office!

Students, as we come closer to the beginning of school, I remind you of your summer assignment to read a minimum of one book. All of the information for the reading assignments are available on Franklin Middle School's website: <http://www.fcps.edu/FranklinMS/> I continue to read a variety of books and take advantage of the summertime pace to read many outstanding books!

Parents please know that you can find all the up to date information about Franklin on our award winning website at <http://www.fcps.edu/FranklinMS/>, including our very important **Back to School Night** on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. This packet includes important information, some of it requiring your attention and return. Additionally, please make sure that when you complete your

emergency care information with your phone numbers, address and other pertinent information, you include your email address. By including your email address you will receive important information through the school and county's **Keep In Touch (KIT)** program. I send a weekly **KIT** to our community with pertinent information including calendar items and often send other **KIT** messages, as needed, to ensure that you are kept informed with everything happening at Franklin.

All of us at Franklin Middle School look forward to seeing each student on September 6, 2011. We know that this school year will be rewarding and enriching, providing achievement opportunities for every child.

Sincerely,

Sharon Eisenberg  
Principal

Enclosures