



Dear Franklin Township Families,

Happy New Year ☺



I hope your holidays and time off work were fulfilling and restful. I certainly enjoyed spending time with family and friends and I trust you did too... Here's to 2019 being your best year yet!

December was fast and furious, as it usually is. But, I hope it also provided some time for you and your families to pause and remember all that is good!

Speaking of good, I want to say thank you to you – our FTE families— for being simply wonderful in more ways than I can name. You and your kids are among my greatest blessings! I sincerely value each of you, your role in my life as a person and in my role as principal!

I always enjoy the feel of the holiday season and the time afforded to reflect and rejuvenate. I appreciate the chance to step back from the busyness of work and the everyday life. But, it sure is great to be back!

Thank you for all you do to make Franklin Township Elementary a great place to learn, where Every Eagle SOARS!

Warmest Regards,



**ATTENTION: FRANKLIN STAFF EMAIL CHANGES**

Effective February 2019 all staff emails will change to [@gasd-pa.org](mailto:gasd-pa.org)

For example, to email Shelly Lappi the following change will occur:

**Previous Email:** [slappi@gettysburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:slappi@gettysburg.k12.pa.us)

**New Email:** [slappi@gasd-pa.org](mailto:slappi@gasd-pa.org)

The name portion of the email will stay the same however, the characters after the @ will change as indicated above.

**The Franklin Family Connection**

**January Newsletter 2019**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30**

**Health Room Tips**

**Brrrr, It's Cold Outside!**

**Dressing for Chilly Climates**



Wearing the appropriate winter clothing is a good idea if you are planning to venture out in cold weather. First, make sure to dress in several different layers of clothing. This will help you to keep warm and dry as you play outdoors. These layers can easily be removed should you get too hot.

**LAYER IT ON!**

For long exposure to cold weather and for extreme cold, the innermost layers (next to skin) should be made of material that can “wick” away moisture. Long underwear made of non-absorbent synthetic materials works well. Cotton retains moisture and if wet, can result in loss of body heat no matter how well your outer layers fend off the rain and snow. The middle layers should insulate - polar fleece, down, or wool (bibs, pants, sweaters, down vests, etc.) are good insulating materials. Finally, the outermost layer (shell) should protect from wind and water. Finish by dressing in thick socks with waterproof boots that have good treads on the bottom---this will provide more traction in the snow and prevent you from falling.

**CAP IT OFF!**

Just before going outside, make sure you put on earmuffs, thick gloves, and especially a hat. Much of a person's body heat is lost through the top of their head, so by helping your child to follow these simple steps will keep you warm and prevent you from getting too cold.

**DRINK UP!**

Did you know that drinking liquids is important even in colder weather? It's true! As people breathe in and out, the body loses a large volume of water. Drinking soup or cider will not only help to warm you up from the inside out, but will keep you well hydrated.

**TEETH-CHATTERING...**

The human body is designed to protect us from any perceived threat or danger. Visible shivering or chattering of the teeth is an indication that the body's internal temperature is beginning to drop. Feeling dizzy or weak is another sign of this. If you are beginning to exhibit these symptoms, go inside and take a break for a while by doing some type of indoor activity until you are ready to start again.

Wintertime can be an exciting time to play outside, but make sure you are well-prepared and well-dressed for the occasion.

## 2nd Grade Scoop



### Spotlight on Education Features Second Grade:

Second graders have been working hard! In math we have been working on addition strategies. We have read a variety of fiction and informational texts in our Journeys series. We have worked on story structure, cause and effect, and text features, to name a few. In Grammar, we have practiced subject and predicate, types of sentences, and singular and plural nouns. In Foundations we have been learning about closed syllables, glued sounds, and closed exceptions. Some groups have added suffixes to words. In Science, Health, and Social Studies we are learning about weather, food groups, and citizenship and civics.

## 2nd Annual Math-A-Thon



This is FLY's annual fundraiser and has been a tradition at Franklin Township for over two decades. Students will be working towards mastery of math facts. Each grade level will be provided with math flashcards to practice what the grade level teachers have chosen. Students will have a few weeks to practice these at home and then will be tested on these facts during school. All students are expected to participate; however, fundraising is voluntary. Any student who achieves 90%-100% on the MAT test will be invited to a special show and dinner to take place on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.

If the school-wide-goal is reached through this fundraiser (specific goal TBD), all students will be able to join in the celebration. Look for MAT information to come home with your child on **Take-Home Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**! More information will be included in that packet. Let's get excited to learn and master our math facts!



There were a few umbrellas left behind after the SOAR 4 Celebration on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>. If one of these is yours please stop by or call the office 717-334-6254 option 6.



### The NED Show:

Just before the holiday break, we had an amazing assembly called The NED Show. The theme was "Finding your Mindset" and it was awesome. Megan and NED taught us to:

**N**-Never give up;

**E**- Encourage others so they have the courage to continue;

**D**-Do your best, stop saying "I know" and give your brain the opportunity to grow.

The presenter used yo-yos and magic to tell NED's adventure of finding his mindset (growth). The bonus is the assembly was the result of a 'Pay-it-forward' method of payment. We received the assembly at no cost because the school before us sold enough yo-yos. Similarly, our goal was to sell enough yo-yos so that another school could also receive the assembly at no cost. After the assembly, the presenter complimented our students on being one of the best audiences she has ever experienced. Megan (the presenter) said our students were very respectful, great listeners, and well behaved!! Kudos to our families for allowing us to educate such a special group of boys and girls! They make us proud every day!!

**This Just In:** We sold over \$2300.00 worth of Yo-Yos. As a result, our school was awarded some gift certificates. We more than exceeded the goal and now we've helped pay it forward to allow another school to participate in this assembly.



January 8 – FLY meeting @ 6:30-730pm (library)

January 15 – MAT information sent home

January 18 – End of Marking Period

January 18 – SCHOOL IS IN SESSION (Snow Make-up Day #1)

January 21 – NO SCHOOL Staff/Students

January 25 – MAT T-Shirt entries due

February 1 – SOAR 4 Celebration

