



Happy St. Patrick's Day

The Franklin Family Connection March Newsletter 2019

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30

Dear Franklin Township Families,

Is it really March?!?! February went out like a lamb and March blew in like a lion ☹️ Nonetheless, the good news is that spring sports started this week, so no matter how white it looks outside, we know Spring is definitely coming!! The snow, while pretty to watch, has not been our friend when it comes to schedules and maintaining normalcy at Franklin Township Elementary. Speaking of weather causing school delays, our celebration of "Read Across America" and the birthday of Dr. Seuss had to be rescheduled! Guest Readers from across the GASD will visit our classrooms to read to each of our classes later this week! Our February SOAR 4 Celebration also had to be rescheduled for this coming Friday, March 8.

That said, I think it's safe to say that our Fine Arts program will go on as scheduled at the end of this month. Weather permitting 😊 At that point, winter should be a distant memory. Our Fine Arts features our KG, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students. More information on Fine Arts is included in this newsletter.

Just a reminder, all of us at FTE have **fully transitioned to using GMAIL** as our means of email communication.

For example: slappi@gasd-pa.org

Have an amazing month of March! *Look for the Good* in every day, in every situation. It's there! Thank you for the many ways that you support our teachers, staff, students, and me! It's been an amazing year so far! We are so proud of Franklin Township Elementary School – **Where Every Eagle SOARS!**

Sincerely,



ASAP @ FTE

ASAP, our spring After School Activities Program is coming soon! This program is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, and is held on Thursday's after school until 4:50pm. ASAP will begin on March 21st and will run through May 2nd (no ASAP on April 18th). Permission slips will be coming home mid-March.

If anyone is interested in leading a group, please contact Mrs. Effinger and/or Mrs. Ryder. Volunteer clearances are required.



Kindergarten registration for the Gettysburg Area School District will be held on **Tuesday, March 12 from 12pm-8pm** and **Wednesday, March 13 from 9am-5pm** at the Gettysburg Area School District Administration Building. If your child will be five years of age before September 1, 2019, please bring his/her birth or baptismal certificate, health history including immunization records and proof of residence to registration. For additional information, please call 334-6254, option 5, ext. 1232.



1st & 3rd Fine Arts Show March 27
KG & 2nd Fine Arts Show March 28
Both Shows: 2:15pm & 6:30pm

Fine Arts is coming up! This year we are celebrating children's literature with drama and music! "Literature Comes to Life" will be presented **Wednesday, March 27th by the 1st and 3rd Grade** and **Thursday, March 28 by the Kindergarten and 2nd Grade**. All shows will be held at **2:15pm and 6:00pm** on their respective days.



Special Message from Mrs. Ecker

Square 1 is Coming! All Franklin Township Elementary students will again be participating in the Square 1 art fundraiser to benefit our art program. As in the past, a portion of the profits will be sent to our friends at Xuchialt, the art school in Leon, Nicaragua. As a gesture of our continued friendship, Xuchialt is currently in the process of planning a visit to our school in the fall of 2019. Please be on the lookout for additional information regarding our art fundraiser. You can purchase quality products printed with your child's artwork and feel good about knowing that you helped not just our program, but our friends and fellow artisans in Nicaragua!



Math-A-Thon (MAT) Dinner & Game Show

This past week we had our MAT dinner and games with students who scored a 90% or higher on their grade level assigned math tests. Many students qualified for this event and were in attendance. We also had many teachers and staff come to this event; every grade level was represented and every classroom. The evening started with pizza and ice cream for our students and staff in the cafeteria. Following dinner, we moved to the gymnasium for some fun "Minute-2-Winit" games. Teachers and students participated in a variety of competitions! The belly laughter and big smiles were proof that everyone had a great time!!

Read Across America/Dr. Seuss

Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss were celebrated last week. Many of our teachers showed up in various kinds of attire supporting Dr. Seuss. Some were seen wearing the widely known large red and white hats, others made hats with their students. Some teachers created their own T-shirts in support of Dr. Seuss.... Additionally, we are having a variety of guest readers from around the GASD come to FTE to read to our students. We are excited to have our kids have the chance to meet other professionals who work in the GASD. Our goal is to get at least 1 guest reader for every class!



March 4 – School Board Meeting 7:00PM
(GASD District Office)

March 12 – FLY Meeting 6:30-7:30PM
(FTE Library)

March 12 & 13 – Kindergarten
Registration (GASD District Office)

March 15 – Snow Make Up Day #3
(school in session)

March 18 – School Board Meeting
7:00PM (GASD District Office)

March 20 – Spring Pictures (Note: this is
a date change)

March 27 – Grades 1/3 Fine Arts @
2:15PM & 6:00PM

March 28 – Grades KG/2 Fine Arts @
2:15PM & 6:00PM

April 5 – Book Castle