



The Franklin Family Connection
April Newsletter 2019
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30

Dear Franklin Township Families,

Greetings from our family to yours! I hope you're doing well and enjoying the more recent sunshine and spring-like weather! I'm an optimist, but I'm not convinced we've seen the last of the snowflakes. The good news is, spring is arriving, slowly but surely!

Kudos to our Fine Arts Team for putting on a memorable performance that featured our students in grades KG-3rd. What a talented group of kids! Great job everyone!

Coming up later this month, our students in grades 3, 4, & 5 will participate in our PA State Assessments. Our students and teachers have been working so hard all year and we consider this time of testing as their chance to shine!

As a way to celebrate and spread good luck cheer, we invite all of our FTE staff and students to participate by wearing specific colors during the actual testing days again this year! Information regarding the colors and the meaning behind the colors will be sent home as we get closer to testing. But for your planning purposes, below is the schedule of days and colors 😊

Tuesday, April 16th- Red

Wednesday, April 17th- Orange

Thursday, April 18th- Yellow

Wednesday, April 24th- Green

Thursday, April 25th- Blue:

Monday, April 29th - Purple

Tuesday, April 30th- Blue/White; Spirit Wear



Be well. Look for the Good. Spring is an opportunity to rejuvenate; take time to look for new beginnings and unexplored opportunities!



Spring's greatest joy
beyond a doubt is
when it brings the
children out.

You are wonderful!

4th Grade ROCKS

Our 4th grade students have been learning a lot this year. They have increased their knowledge on decimals, fractions and mixed numbers. They are also increasing their strategies for multiplication and division. In reading, the students have been using text features to assist with their comprehension of nonfiction texts. They have also been learning about text structure, figurative language, and point of view. The students are starting to become experts at analyzing texts in writing. Writing text-dependent analysis pieces is a new skill for 4th graders, and we are so proud of the growth they have made. In social studies, our students have learned a lot about land forms in Pennsylvania. They studied electricity and the states of matter in science. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Harrisburg.



A friendly reminder, if you choose to join your child for lunch and purchase a lunch, credit cards cannot be accepted in our cafeteria. We kindly ask that you bring exact change or small bills. Parents are not permitted to use student lunch accounts to purchase adult lunches.

Looking ahead to field day lunches, prepayment for lunches will not be accepted. Payment is made on the day your child participates. More detailed information regarding field day and lunches will be sent home closer to the date. Hope you can join us!



Let's Get Ready for PSSAs 😊

Beginning April 16, 2019, the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the PSSA state tests. The best preparation for the PSSA testing has been the quality instruction that our teachers provide our students every day. However, there are things you can also do at home to promote success: 1. Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep. 2. Ensuring your child eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing. As always, please continue to provide your child with words of encouragement. While we don't want our students to feel anxious about any assessment, we do want them to do their best.



PSSA Snack Donations:

As we've done in the past, we would like to offer snacks to our 3rd, 4th, & 5th-grade students during the PSSA testing days. This has worked out so well for our students; we are all very appreciative. Although students in grades KG-2 don't participate in the PSSAs, we would still appreciate your support and donations, if you are able to.

An automated email was sent to families last week that included a list of suggested & approved items (please keep in mind we are tree nut free).

Many, many thanks for your willingness to contribute snacks for the students. Snacks can be delivered to the main office any time **before Wednesday, April 10th**.

We will need time, before testing starts, to organize these for all the classrooms. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to help sort and organize the snacks on **Thursday, April 11th and possibly Friday, April 12th**. Please let Angie or Angie know if you're able to help out. We so much appreciate any support with this! Thanks for considering.



Each year we hold a Career Day for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at Franklin Township Elementary. Linking Schools and the workplace could not be more important to the future of all Americans. Among our young people, the need to create a better awareness of what is available in the workplace and what the expected skills will be to get there, has never been greater. It is so important for students to learn the importance of Reading, Math and Science in every job! For Career Day, students are given the opportunity to choose up to 6 career presentations. From those 6 choices each student visits 3 career sessions. Students learn about the chosen career through the presenter's journey in a hands-on interactive setting.

We are thankful for the support of our parents and our community for their willingness to share their knowledge and help enhance the career education of our students.



- April 5– Book Castle
- April 5 – 5th Grade visits Tech Prep
- April 9 – FLY Fundraiser @ Tommy's Pizza
- April 11 – 4th Grade to Harrisburg
- April 15- School Board Mtg. 7:00pm @ Admin Building
- April 16-18 – PSSA ELA testing Grades 3-5
- April 18 – Snow Make-Up Day # 4 (school is in session)
- April 19-22 – No School – Spring Holiday
- April 23 – All District Orchestra Concert 7:00pm @ GAHS
- April 24-25 – PSSA Math testing Grades 3-5
- April 26 – Career Day Grades 3-5
- April 26 – SOAR 4 Celebration
- April 29-30 – PSSA Science testing Grade 4