



The Franklin Family Connection
May/June Newsletter 2019
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30

Dear Franklin Township Families ☺

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and grateful! How in the world is it May?!?! This school year was fast and furious, but what a remarkable and memorable year it has been for all of us at FTE!

April was busy as usual, but more recently we faced our annual state assessments. Our Champion Testers in grades 3, 4, & 5 were simply amazing!! The kids worked so hard; additionally, attendance during testing this year broke all prior records. Parents, thank you so much for your support with getting our kids to school, especially parents of our students in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades!

As we begin to close out another school year, I am reminded of just how grateful I am, for you, our FTE families!! These past 3 years have been the best years of my professional career! You and your kids mean so much to me and it's truly an honor to get to serve our Franklin Township Community in this capacity.

I wish for each of you to have your best summer yet! I encourage all of us to continue to **Look for the Good** in our daily lives, no matter what our circumstances may bring.

I am so grateful for you and your children and I'm so proud and honored to be a part of Franklin Township Elementary School, "*Where Every Eagle SOARS!*"

"Start Each Day With A Grateful Heart"

Sincerely,

(VAB) Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast ☺

Thursday, May 30th - 8:00am

If you are a parent/guardian or other family member who has helped out or volunteered at our school, **in any way**, this invite is for you! VAB will be held **Thursday, May 30th - 8:00-9:00am**. After we know how many people are coming, we'll determine the specific location. I know schedules are busy, but I would love the chance to personally thank you! Even if you can't stay long - come when you can, leave when you must! **Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 22nd**, by contacting our office @ 717-334-6254 opt. 6 x 3262.

We really hope to see you there ☺

5th Grade Spotlight: Goodbye Elementary, Hello Middle School

The end of elementary school is quickly approaching for our fifth-grade students. The teachers have been working hard all year preparing our students for their transition to the middle school. In addition to academics, we have been focusing on organization, time management, and accountability. These are essential skills needed in order to be successful at the middle school level. We are proud of the effort and progress the students have made this year, and we look forward to their continued success beyond elementary school. We sure will miss them!



Reminder: If you plan on attending a spring field trip with your child's class, you must have completed clearances and a TB test done at the High School Health Room. **Please note:** for field trips we can only send epi-pens and inhalers along with the teacher. Any daily medications at school require an alternative plan, as they are not allowed on the field trip. Please contact the nurse for alternative arrangements.

Families of fifth-grade students now is the time to start scheduling the required 6th-grade physical exam. All physicals are required before attendance at 6th-grade camp in October. Please also consider getting the required 7th-grade immunizations, Tdap and MCV, at this time. Please do not wait until the end of the summer as the doctor offices are overloaded with appointments for physicals at that time. If your child will be entering Kindergarten in August, now is a good time to schedule the required physical and immunizations. PA laws state that the child must have received all required immunizations to enter school and the grace period is only 5 days from the start of school to get all of these completed. Also, if your child received a vision referral this year from a failed vision screening, please do not delay in getting vision checked as this can significantly impacts your child's education.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me. My office number is 717-334-6254, option 6, ext. 3284.

Cortney Suerdieck, RN, BSN



FTE's FIELD DAY Schedule ☺

4th & 5th Grade:

Tuesday, May 14 @ 10:00am
(Picnic @ 12:00; Rain Date is Tues. 5/21)

2nd & 3rd Grade:

Thursday, May 16 @ 10:00am
(Picnic @ 12:00; Rain Date is Wed. 5/22)

KG & 1st Grade:

Friday, May 17 at 1:30pm
(Picnic @ 12:30; Rain Date is Thurs. 5/23)

We hope you are able to join your child for lunch on field day! If you choose to purchase a school lunch the menu will be: **Hotdog or Cheeseburger, Individual bag of carrots, Individual bag of apples, 100% grape juice cup and choice of milk.** Lunches cannot be pre-purchased before field day. Family and friends will be able purchase their lunch ticket from 10am-12pm. Lunch prices are: Adult \$3.60 Student \$2.25; small bills and exact change are appreciated! **No credit or bank cards** can be accepted and student **lunch accounts can not be charged for family and friends.** Thank you for understanding!



May 6-10 is Staff Appreciation Week (SAW). I love this time of year when we have cause for pause and intentionally appreciate our teachers and staff at Franklin Township Elementary. I'm thankful for the opportunity to publicly and sincerely recognize them.

We are immeasurably blessed to have such thoughtful, kind, caring, dedicated people teaching and leading our kids. Our teachers and staff are incredibly devoted to your kids and to the profession of teaching. Please take some time during Staff Appreciation Week to join me in saying thank you to our amazing teachers and staff.

Sincerely,
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Our FLY CO-Presidents ROCK ☺

A big **THANK YOU** to Danielle Shull and Lindsay Knouse for stepping in and stepping up to lead the charge for our FLY Team this year! You both did a remarkable job; we are so blessed and grateful for everything you've done and the many ways you helped to make this school year a great one! Already looking forward to next year!!

You Girls Nailed It!



- May 2 – 3rd Grade to Maryland Science Center
- May 3 – Book Castle
- May 6 – Ag Day
- May 6-10 –Staff Appreciation Week (SAW)
- May 7 – Energizer Guy Assembly
- May 7 – Mrs. Roberts to Mud College
- May 8 – Ms. Asper to Mud College
- May 8 – Mrs. Ryder to Battlefield
- May 9 – Mrs. Robison to Mud College
- May 9 – Mrs. Masenheimer to Battlefield
- May 9 – KG screening
- May 10 – 5th Grade GAMS Visit
- May 14 – 4/5 Field Day
- May 15- 1st Grade to Indian Echo Caverns
- May 15 – 4/5 Chorus Concert Rehearsal @ GAMS
- May 15 – 7:00pm 4/5 Spring Chorus Concert @ GAMS
- May 16 – 2/3 Field Day
- May 16 – 4th Grade Band/Orchestra rehearsal GAMS
- May 16 – Beg. Band/Orchestra Concert 7:00pm GAMS
- May 17 – 3rd Grade to Harrisburg Symphony
- May 17 – KG/1 Field Day
- May 21 – 4/5 Field Day RAINDATE
- May 22 – 2/3 Field Day RAINDATE
- May 23 – K/1 Field Day RAINDATE
- May 24 – KG to Zoo America
- May 24 – Mr. Haffey to Battlefield
- May 27 – NO SCHOOL Students & Teachers Memorial Day
- May 30 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – 8:00am-9:00am: FTE (Specific Location TBD)
- May 31 – SOAR 4 Celebration
- June 4 – 5th Grade Farewell
- June 5 – Early Dismissal 12:00pm; **Last Day**

August 21– First Day of School for 2019-2020 School Year.

**From Our Family to Yours...
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER ☺**