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APRIL

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JAMES

Greetings,

We have less than forty days of school left. Please continue to make sure our students are in school and on time daily. We begin our end of the year assessments on April 15, 2024. The end of year assessments will help us determine how much our students have learned and areas we need to improve. I am confident that our students will do an amazing job.

We have several field trips and activities planned for the rest of the school year. Our annual family dance will take place on May 10, 2024, and our annual BBQ will take place May 21, 2024. We hope to see you all at both events.

Please continue to encourage our students to Be Safe, Be Respectable and Be Responsible!

“There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.” —Mister Rogers

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 708-201-2083 (office), 708-878-3162 (cell) or jamesm@district148.net (email).

Sincerely,

Martez R. James, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1st–5th Spring Break

April 3rd– Jayera Griffin Day

April 8th Classes Resume

April 18th–Franklin Spring Photos

April 19th–Sip Day 12pm Dismissal

April 23rd–Board of Education Meeting 6pm

April 24th– Administrative Professionals’ Day

April 26th– 4th Qtr. Progress Reports

April 28th–May 2nd 7pm ECC Harriet Tubman School Fine Arts Festival Week

April 30th–Beginner Band/Choir Spring Concert-7pm ECC Harriet Tubman School



FROM THE DESK OF OUR SAFETY AND C.A.R.E FACILITATOR

Greetings Franklin Families,

It seems that what they say is true, “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb”. We had some cold days (lion days) in early March and at the end of March those milder weather days (gentle like a lamb) followed us right here to April! We are in the home stretch of the school year, Franklin Family! We can do this!

During the 3rd quarter of the school year, we enjoyed some school-wide celebrations, The Bear Buck Store, and other PBIS incentives. We have an incentive field trip planned for April, The Bear Buck store and other PBIS incentives for those students that are showing that they can Be Respectful, Responsible and Safe. There is also criteria that students must adhere to, in order to participate in any PBIS incentive activity (behavior, tardies, attendance and grades). Let’s continue to encourage our students to do their best regardless of the extrinsic reward. The motivation should come from wanting to make their families proud, wanting to be a role model to their classmates and peers and being the best that they can be.

For the remainder of the school year, students are continuing with social emotional support through the implementation of Suite 360 lessons, and weekly character-building resources. In the month of April, students will be exploring the character traits of self-control and learning the meaning of effective cooperation. Self-control is the ability to control oneself and can usually require hard work and dedication. Cooperation is the process of working together to the same end. While working to complete a task, friends, family, and peers may offer to assist, working together to reach the common goal. Working together is displaying cooperation. Students will be encouraged to show cooperation while brainstorming what has previously and will continue to drive their ambition and determination to be successful.

Equally, with the cooperation and determination that has been shown by the Franklin community (teachers/staff, students’, and parents’), we have made it to the fourth and final quarter of the school year, PROGRESSION! Our Spring break begins Friday, March 29-April 5th. Please take the week of Spring break to spend time with family, catch up with friends, go on a vacation if you can, go outside and

enjoy the sun, read some good books and most of all REST!

When we return on April 8th, it is with that same cooperation and determination that has held us all together throughout the school year that will help us make it to the end of the school year. All the efforts that our Franklin Families have put forth in ensuring that students’ education is a priority is sincerely appreciated. As always, please stay safe, and know we are here to support you in any way we can.

Best,

Ms.
Lane

CARE Facilitator



MESSAGE FROM OUR M.T.S.S. COORDINATOR

Greetings Franklin Family,

Spring is finally here. It is hard to believe that we have only a few months left in this school year. The students have been working hard this year. We had some challenges this year, but the students have definitely stepped up and met the expectations.

Students have successfully completed the IAR Test. This was an opportunity for the students to show us what they know. We are confident that students did their best on the test.



During Spring Break, I hope that all of you have the opportunity to reflect, refresh and rejuvenate yourselves with family and friends. Take the time to do something you enjoy.

Mrs. Giles,
MTSS Facilitator

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Spring is in the air!

Spring is my favorite season; because I really enjoy the longer days filled with sunshine. Also, hearing the birds singing every morning helps me to welcome a new day! Moreover, seeing the flowers bloom is so refreshing to me.

We hope that each of you had a relaxing and fun filled Spring break. Also, a big thank you to our parents for their participation in our Spring Parent-Teacher Conference.

This year has been a very productive school year. We have seen our students show progress with their classwork, homework, and assessments. They have also shown improvement in their interaction with their peers. We are also happy to report that our students are meeting

their goals and objectives as well.

In conclusion, we are encouraging all our students to remain focused and diligent as the weather gets warmer. Let's finish this school year strong and with much success.

Mrs. S. Costello (K-3rd)

Mr. R. Taylor (4th-6th)



HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF SCHOOL IS IN SESSION?

Ways to know before you go:

Listen for the District's automated phone call. (Call will be made by 6:30 a.m. or earlier, if possible.)

Visit the District's website at www.district148.net

Use the Emergency Closing

Center's resources at www.emergencyclosings.com to

check a specific school. The

ECC also allows visitors to sign up

for e-mail alerts when a school

changes its status.

Watch/listen to the local news media:

WGN-AM 720

WBBM-AM 780

CBS-TV Channel 2

NBC-TV Channel 5

ABC-TV Channel 7

WGN-TV Channel 9

Fox TV Channel 32 CLTV News

*Please do not call the bus companies.

“Children learn more from what you are than what you teach ” - W.E.B. DuBois

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Greetings Kindergarten Families,

We are now in the fourth quarter, nearing the end of the school year! With Spring break fast approaching we are now more than ever putting into practice things we've learned this school year. Along with incorporating more writing and reading we are also reviewing the following skills: Identifying letters/blends, sounding out letters (beginning, middle and end), sight words, adding and subtracting numbers and counting/writing to 100. Please continue working on daily, the homework packets and reading for at least 20 minutes per night with your Kiddo. Don't forget to sign the Read and Respond Logs.

Thank you to all of our Kindergarten fami-

lies that attended the final Parent Teacher conference of the school year. This was a great opportunity for you to see some of the Kiddos work displayed and talk with us about your Kiddos progress. Your continued support is valued and makes a difference.

Lastly, supplies are still being used daily and should be replenished. Please ask your kiddos if they need any crayons, scissors or glue sticks.

Best,

Mrs. Hanno &
Mrs. Spratt



FIRST GRADE NEWS

First Grade News

It seems cliché to say that this school year has absolutely flown by. However, it is now April and we only have two months left of this school year. Even though only a short time is left, we have multiple opportunities for involvement and participation coming up in April and May.

Reading This Month - Not only have we been “learning to read,” but now we will be “reading to learn.” We will be applying all we have learned about reading different genres to learning about a topic across genres. Our students will learn information by paying close attention to the language being used in texts, comparing and contrasting information, and thinking critically about

books.

Math This Month, we will continue working with patterns, addition and subtraction to 20, and place value. Students will be exploring how to express and work with numbers as hundreds, tens, and ones. This will help prepare them for adding and subtracting larger numbers. We will learn how to read picture graphs, bar graphs, and tally charts, and even how to create our own!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Barnett and Ms. Nicks



SECOND GRADE

Greetings Parents!

Happy Spring! Two more months and your child will be in third grade, can you believe it? With that being said, it is imperative that you continue to read daily with your child. Reading logs should be completed on their homework weekly. Students are running low on supplies, make sure to replenish glue



sticks, crayons, scissors, and pencils. Check with your child to see if they are running low. It is also important to talk to

your child daily to develop their vocabulary. Ask them how their day was. Ask them what made their heart happy or sad today. Ask them who they were kind to and what they learned in school. Make it a habit of allowing them to unload the events of their day. As the weather breaks, we will be going outside more frequently. Please speak to them about the importance of keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Thank you again for your partnership with us.

It takes a village!

Mrs. Radcliffe & Ms. Taff

THIRD GRADE

Dear Parents,

We are entering the last quarter of your students' 3rd grade year. Our students have done outstanding in returning to the traditional learning environment. Here is an overview of what will happen in the month of April.

Spring break ends April 5th with students returning April 8th.

Students will be going to see the stage play, 'They keeping Talking about Me' at The Black Ensemble Theater April 26th.

Reading Readers are fully immersed in our Connecting Character, Culture and Community unit.

Writing- Writers are continuing to work on realistic fiction. Writers will learn how to use information and ideas about the weather to create and engaging news re-



port.

Math Mathematicians have begun measurements. Your student should continue to work on memorizing the multiplication tables. It is important that they know them backwards and forwards. Multiplication is key in understanding division. This will help make solving problems much easier, especially as they head into 4th grade.

Please encourage your child to complete their weekly MyPath goals in Reading and Math. Talk to them about the skills that they are learning. Thank you once again to all the parents that came to parent-teacher conference. A strong relationship between parent and teacher has proven to have a great impact of the student's learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Team 3rd Grade

Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Williams

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Welcome Spring but where has the time gone?

It is amazing how quickly this school year has gone, and it is still true that time flies when things are fun! We remain steadfast in our collective efforts to do the best we can. We appreciate you and all that you do. As we are near the end of another school year, it is important to reflect upon all that we have accomplished in 4th grade. You will notice that we will be reviewing many of the math and reading strategies that were covered this year. As we continue to prepare for the future, we will begin exposing the fourth grade to the fifth-grade curriculum to prepare them for next year. During this time, you may notice that your child may

have homework that appears more challenging than before. Lastly, we have many exciting events planned for the end of the year, so please keep watch for information as it is posted. We also want to thank our parents and family members for your support and hard work. We appreciate your commitment this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wiatrowski
and Ms. Vasser



FIFTH GRADE

Hello 5th grade families,

Happy Spring! We are so proud of the wonderful effort our students put forth on the IAR assessment in Reading, Math, and Science. It was so great to witness our students using strategies and skills that have been taught and practiced all year.

We are looking forward to meeting with all of you at Parent/Teacher Conferences on 3/28/24. If you have not signed up for a Conference time yet, please reach out.

As we start moving through 4th quarter, we have a few field trips planned and end of the year activities. Please be sure that your child is at school by 8:40 each morning,

dressed in school uniform (navy bottoms, white collared shirt, Franklin sweatshirt or navy sweater). Also, please remind your student that in order to participate in these activities they need to practice being RE-SPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE each and every day.

Have a wonderful Spring Break with your families.

Mrs. Mikolainis

Mr. Banks



Greetings Families,

Sixth grade students and teachers, alike, are so happy that we have completed IAR Testing. Students had the opportunity to show what they know on this state test. Although both the third quarter and testing have come to an end, we'd like to ask that you help remind students that the school year has not. It is still highly important that students continue to practice multiplication/division facts at home. Having a clear understanding of these basic facts helps us prepare them with the skills that they need to be ready for seventh grade. Likewise students should be reading for at least twenty minutes every night. Students self-select a book from the school's library each week and they are expected to take and pass AR tests on those books. We can not stress enough the importance of completing assignments and studying. Please look for notes, homework, and graded work to come home, as these are key in students' retention of information.

We want this last quarter at Franklin to be a memorable one for all of our students. As we prepare to say farewell to our students, we have a lot of exciting things planned. We would hate to see inappropriate behavior get in the way of students' participation in the upcoming activities.

-K. Joe

-T. Ware



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Hello Franklin Families,

We've finally made it into spring! I love this time of year as the weather warming up and days being longer always brings some extra energy and happiness to everybody. We are also getting close to the end of the year with some fun events on the way. The first is the return of our Game On fundraiser that we began last year. Students loved the prizes and we did a great job fundraising with it. Be on the lookout for information coming home.

Students in third through sixth grade will be completing their fitness testing to show their abilities with flexibility, speed, agility, and strength. No worries, this is not a graded test, just one of our yearly benchmark measurements.

I'm looking forward to a great fourth quarter, strong finish to the year, and wrapping up with quite a lot of fun.

Mr. Brannigan



ART BUZZ

Greetings Franklin Students and Families!

Below, please enjoy the artwork students created for Black History Month. Students learned about different art, folktales, and stories created by African Americans. I hope you were able to enjoy the artwork in person during the Black History Fair!



Artwork by 6th grade, inspired by artist Kimmy Cantrell



Artwork by 5th grade, inspired by artist Charles McGee



Artwork by 1st Grade, inspired by the book *Beautiful Black Bird*



Artwork by Kindergarten, inspired by the book *Anansi the Spider*



Artwork by 4th Grade, inspired by the quilters of Gee's Bend



Artwork by Second Grade, inspired by artist Alma Thomas

Artwork by 3rd Grade, inspired by artist Jessi Raulet





March Student of the Month

Kindergarten Mrs. Spratt ~ Malayah Jones

Kindergarten Mrs. Hanno ~ Quisingo Pruitt

1st Grade Ms. Barnett ~ Harlee Thompson

1st Grade Ms. Nicks ~ Keniya Gilbert

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Jordan Wiggins

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Andraya Kyles-Davis

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Malani Taylor

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Storm Keys

4th Grade Mrs. Vasser ~ Legacy Williams

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Madison Lacy

5th Grade Mr. Banks ~ Hayden Milton

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Loriona Ellis

6th Grade Mrs. Joe ~ Zaron Graham

6th Grade Mrs. Ware ~ Kashmir Hobson

Greetings from the Library,

It's the best time of the year! Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to our library Monday April 15th-Friday April 19th! More information will be coming home with the children.

We're in the last quarter of the year. Where did the time go? Let's not lose our reading momentum! Your children should be reading 15 minutes every night. It's so important that they practice- no matter what grade they're in. If your child is missing a book, a letter will come home to you with the title and cost of the book. All fines need to be paid before the year ends. If you find the book over the summer, you'll get your money back. I tell the kids all the time that I don't want their money, I just want my books back.

Have a great spring break!

**Yours in Reading,
Sarah Donnelly**



April

bring

Showers

May

flowers





Second Quarter Principal Scholars Award

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Nasir Lovelace

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Domovlo McDonald

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliff ~ Ahmiyah Norris

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Analy Rivera

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Amara Redwood

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Brielle Scott

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Prynce Moore

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Navarion Lovelace

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Braelyn Stewart

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Ikee Wade

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Makya Watson



Second Quarter High Honor Roll

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Camilla Martinez

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Jordan Wiggins

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Wa'Quis Anderson

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ A'Neylah Barnes

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Taylinn Rubin

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Wynter Sanders

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Julian Selders

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Serenity Thomas

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Jori White

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Alonso Barraza

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Elijah Bell

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Tyler Deshazer

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Alannah Perry

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Isabelle Anderson

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Tyler Bond

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Jayda Dotson

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Mackenzie Forbish

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Dylan Smith

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Daequean Taylor

4th Grade Ms. Vasser ~ Kylie Obaroghedo

4th Grade Ms. Vasser ~ Legacy Williams

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Zoe Graham

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Olivia Kroger

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Madison Lacy

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Derrick Somerville

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Legend Williams

5th Grade Mr. Banks ~ Jakeese Dudley

5th Grade Mr. Banks ~ Andre Fourte

5th Grade Mr. Banks ~ Marissa Lacy

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Krysten Cotton

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Kimaya Fourte

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Kairon Greene

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Jalil Jackson

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Cali Stokes